

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 22 September 2021

The **SPEAKER** (Hon. J.B. Teague) took the chair at 10:30 and read prayers.

**The SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of this land upon which this parliament is assembled and the custodians of the sacred lands of our state.

### *Bills*

#### **COORONG ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST BILL**

##### *Introduction*

**Mr BELL (Mount Gambier) (10:33):** I move:

That the bill be restored to the *Notice Paper* as a lapsed bill pursuant to section 57 of the Constitution Act 1934.

Motion carried.

#### **FAIR TRADING (MOTOR VEHICLE INSURERS AND REPAIRERS) AMENDMENT BILL**

##### *Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 25 August 2021.)

**Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (10:36):** I rise to speak to the Fair Trading (Motor Vehicle Insurers and Repairers) Amendment Bill. This is an issue that goes back many years in the vehicle repair industry. Back in the day, after meeting with some of my local crash repairers in the last term of parliament, I remember that the former member for Goyder, Steven Griffiths, and I met with insurers, not just local representatives but their lead company men from Sydney, I believe. They flew in for the meeting. As we know, there are only a few—maybe as limited as two or three, but I am not sure—main insurance companies that cover a whole raft of smaller companies for car insurance.

It is interesting that it has become a closed shop, so to speak, where if you have an accident the recommendation will be to go to a certain crash repairer. In a democratic society, I do not believe that to be right. What really alarmed me during that meeting was that when I asked these insurance bosses from Sydney what their script was—because they said they read a script over the phone to people when they put in a claim—and if they could play me the script or read it to me, that was denied. That proved the exact point and that is why the member for Waite has brought this bill.

The Economic and Finance Committee also investigated this, and rightly so. It did alarm me when I could not even get either a written portrayal of the script or hear it played to me, so the question was answered without being answered. One of my local repairers has had to spend many thousands of dollars making sure that people acknowledge their business. Especially over the years as an MP, and with multiple kangaroo hits over time, I have been a reasonably regular customer of this crash repair company and they do a magnificent job. But, again, even I have had to make a point that that is where I wanted to get my car repaired.

I remember one such incident. We were down at an event at the former member for MacKillop's home and left at night to go to Mount Gambier—we had a seminar there—and I just took off down the road—

##### *Members interjecting:*

**Mr PEDERICK:** I won't even listen to those comments. I did not get very far down the road, which is supposedly a shortcut to Mount Gambier, and soon found it littered with kangaroos. Well, guess what? The Hon. John Dawkins was in the passenger seat at the time and, next thing, we were looking at this six foot, close to two-metre high kangaroo buck looking at us out of one eye. I thought, 'It's just a matter of motion that we are going to hit you.' I hit him doing about 100 km/h, threw him

about eight or 10 metres and caused about \$14,000 damage to a Prado with a bull bar: it crunched in all the front end.

The bull bar was written off, the front end was written off and the bonnet and I think both side front panels were written off. Then the tail of that big roo, that big buck, came around and slapped the passenger door and wrote that off as well. We went back, and I witnessed the former member for Schubert, Ivan Venning—

**The Hon. D.C. van Holst Pellekaan:** The plot thickens.

**Mr PEDERICK:** Well, I don't think there was much mystery. I do not know whether the former member for Schubert thought he was a supersleuth, but he was taking photographs at the scene. I made sure the kangaroo was dead because you do not want an animal to be in pain, and he was definitely dead from getting hit at that speed.

I had a look at what had happened, and a bit of bull bar was scraping a tyre, so we did what we could with the few tools we had. We levered the bull bar off the tyre and limped into Mount Gambier. I found a crash repair shop the next morning, and I said, 'Just get an angle grinder and cut that bit off and I will trundle home.' They wanted to fix it, but I said, 'No, I've got my own repairer,' and they did a fantastic job.

I had to do a similar thing with my Holden ute many years ago now. I used to buy machinery in Western Australia and, between Kalgoorlie and Norseman, you would come over the crest of a hill. One day, there was an emu, and I thought the same thing: he went underneath and put the bull bar into a tyre. I had to be picked up with that one, as that was not driveable because the radiator had gone. Anyway, we got home after the appropriate pick-up by a truck that came out of Norseman. It took us down to Esperance, where I had actually organised to buy an air seeder, of all things.

With the work vehicle, the LeasePlan vehicle I had at the time, I went through the process, and I just had to make sure that I could get the repairer that I could get. It is interesting to note that out of the Economic and Finance Committee inquiry there is a broad range of 11 recommendations, including whether they are non-original equipment in parts. The one recommendation I am concentrating on here, as you have heard from my contribution, is recommendation 5:

5. The South Australian Government require motor vehicle insurers to disclose any direct or indirect ownership or contractual arrangements in place when directing policy space holders to specific crash repairers or providing crash repair options.

There is a whole raft of other recommendations, including recommendation 6:

6. The South Australian Government introduce legislation to ensure all South Australian motor vehicle insurance policies allow for, at the customer's discretion, the motor vehicle to be repaired by a crash repairer located within a reasonable distance of a regional customer's home address.

As I indicated, I found it quite concerning when I asked senior people with one of the main oversight insurance companies, one of the lead insurers, about the script people hear down the line when they put in a claim, and it would be very coercive. As we have seen through COVID, South Australians are a pretty compliant lot, which is good—unlike Melbourne, but that is another story. It is not unreasonable to think that people get a message down the line, 'You have to get your vehicle repaired by such and such an insurer and this and that,' and I am sure there would be extra dialogue, 'If you go elsewhere, this is the issue with that.'

I must stress that even now people do have a choice of crash repairer. They do not have to listen to that script, whatever it is. I have not had to listen to it because if we send a kangaroo to a better place we go through LeasePlan. I must admit they have been very effective in getting our vehicles fixed, and I get them fixed at the local crash repairer that I choose in Murray Bridge.

I think this a fair piece of legislation to support. I know there are some moves nationally, but I congratulate the member for Waite on bringing this to the parliament because we need to find better equity for motor vehicle operators in this state.

**Ms MICHAELS (Enfield) (10:46):** I rise to indicate our support on this side of the chamber to the member for Waite's Fair Trading (Motor Vehicle Insurers and Repairers) Amendment Bill 2021. As a member of the Economic and Finance Committee responsible for the report that forms the basis of the bill, I have to commend the member for Waite for bringing the bill to the house.

The final report of the Economic and Finance Committee into the motor vehicle insurance and repair industry received 53 written submissions, with a significant proportion of small businesses in the vehicle repair industry participating. This included small businesses that were so concerned about the repercussions from insurers that they made their submissions to the committee confidentially. The committee also heard from 35 witnesses across seven public hearings and two in camera hearings, from October 2019 until July 2020.

The committee's findings are of great concern not just for small businesses but also for our motoring consumers. It found:

- difficulties for consumers accessing their repairer of choice;
- claims of insurers steering consumers towards a preferred network of repairers;
- the use of second-hand or non-original parts for repairs and related safety, warranty and liability concerns when using those parts;
- insurers cash settling consumers instead of repairing their vehicles, often leaving them worse off;
- a lack of transparency of information, with consumers often not being made fully aware by insurers of all the details related to their repairs and/or their policies; and
- disagreements over the methodology used by crash repairers and insurers to assess the repairs needed, and the cost of those repairs, to restore the motor vehicle back to its pre-accident condition.

Small businesses, not only in my electorate but more broadly across the automotive industry, have spoken to me and expressed their concern for what is happening in the crash repair industry at the moment. They have said to me that they would highly support the bill being passed by this parliament. No doubt there are many others in this house who have also received similar submissions from representatives of the crash repair industry.

The Fair Trading (Motor Vehicle Insurers and Repairers) Amendment Bill, brought forward by the member for Waite, in its present form represents a straightforward, uncomplicated and workable solution to achieving the first of the recommendations in our Economic and Finance Committee report. In this bill, the national code is simply referred to by regulation and, as such, any updates can be gazetted by the responsible minister to ensure national consistency—something that both repairers and insurers have told us they want.

Most importantly, however, the bill gives teeth to the voluntary national code by compelling parties to sort out their disputes and, very importantly, by introducing penalties for breaches. Currently, that is not happening in South Australia in the crash repair industry. Right now, consumers with a choice of repair policies who disagree with the repair method or value of repairs insisted on by their insurers are often left high and dry without their vehicle, while insurers use their market power to pressure small family-run businesses in the industry.

The findings and recommendations from the committee's report were not merely a push by one side of politics. In fact, there was bipartisan support and that was clear. I call on at least the committee members from that Economic and Finance Committee to make their votes count during this debate. I wholeheartedly support the member for Waite in his push for this bill, hoping that our parliament will indicate their support for small family-run businesses in the automotive industry and for the safety, quality and transparency of repairs for our motoring consumers. I commend the bill to the house.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (10:50):** I rise today to speak on the Fair Trading (Motor Vehicle Insurers and Repairers) Amendment Bill 2021. The government will be supporting this bill introduced by the member for Waite. The bill allows for the applicable industry code to be declared by regulation in relation to the conduct of the business of insurers and repairers. As has already been identified, the member for Waite has taken a keen interest in this, following the Economic and Finance Committee inquiry into the motor vehicle insurance and repair industry in South Australia of which he was a Chair.

There were 11 recommendations made by that committee. I note that a rather large number of people in this house at one time actually served on that committee, and I acknowledge all of them, but particularly the member for Colton, who was the final Chair for the committee of inquiry. In that regard, I also appreciate his advice in relation to how we progress this matter.

The government has provided in-principle support for the recommendations, noting that there is a number of associated issues that need to be considered in further detail. The recommendation to mandate the voluntary commonwealth Motor Vehicle Insurance and Repair Industry Code of Conduct in SA has attracted the most interest. It is fair to say that there had been a working group established to look at how this could be progressed at a national level. Everyone agrees that this would be a sensible way to go, but it is very clear to me, our office having made regular inquiry with the office of the relevant federal ministers.

The Hon. Bruce Billson, during his role as the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman, has attempted to support the ACCC coming into this process and looking at how a national program would be developed. It is under the purview, I am advised, of the Hon. Michael Sukkar, who is the minister for consumer matters—I cannot remember his full title. It is clear on that inquiry that there has not yet been a bill prepared or advanced for this national movement.

This is not the first time the South Australian parliament has been asked to consider matters ahead of the federal parliament, and from time to time I think we need to do that. I therefore indicate the importance of us progressing this—South Australia and any other state that might advance it, but South Australia at the very least; I think Western Australia is also considering this—to try to bring some national attention to this matter so that it might be finally put to bed.

In the meantime, the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs—that is Mr Dini Soulio, who is our commissioner here in South Australia—together with advisers from his department, has been looking at this issue, and I acknowledge Ms Nerissa Kilvert, who is, I think, the deputy. In any event, I think she is the second or third most senior person in the department of consumer affairs and is also appointed as the Acting Small Business Commissioner. They have all been involved.

There has been a task force established to consider various options in relation to mandating a code in South Australia, and I thank all members of that working group for doing that. The options they looked at were maintaining the status quo; mandating the code in SA, similar to New South Wales; mandating the code in SA with the inclusion of financial penalties for specified provisions; establishing a new industry code broadly consistent with the national voluntary code; and utilising the existing Fair Trading (Motor Vehicle Industry Dispute Resolution Code) Regulations 2014.

Advice provided to me by the commissioner indicates that although the working group is unable to reach complete agreement, both the insurance and repair sectors generally supported mandating the code in South Australia. It remains the government's view, as I have said, that a national approach whereby the code is mandated nationally by the commonwealth is preferable to ensure consistency over the jurisdictions; however, in the absence of this and in light of the findings of the working group presented to me by the commissioner, the government supports this bill and it has been put to the house but, in doing so, proposes a number of amendments to address some issues relating to the administration of the code.

In this bill, we are proposing a change to the Fair Trading Act. That piece of legislation implements Australian Consumer Law. It also has a direct role here in South Australia to make provision for industry codes and otherwise regulate unfair and undesirable practices affecting business and other consumers. So we have a means by which we can deal with that. As the bill assumes that responsibility for the administration of the code would sit with the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, an amendment to this is proposed to provide the option for certain provisions of the code to be administered by the Small Business Commissioner in a manner similar to which currently exists for those industry codes under the Fair Trading Act.

The government also proposes amendments to the bill to replace the criminal penalties with civil penalties and expiation fees, consistent with penalties that apply to existing industry codes under the act. I interrupt myself to indicate that I have not had an opportunity to confer with the mover of this bill, but I have had a number of conversations, or my office has, with parliamentary counsel to try to work out how we should be progressing this. It appears as though the bill had been prepared

on instructions that it be criminal code but all other industry codes in the Fair Trading Act have a civil penalty, so we just need to be able to sort that out and have some consistency.

Secondly, the government proposes to enable fees to be prescribed in relation to the dispute resolution procedures undertaken under the applicable industry code of conduct. Again, I interrupt myself to say what has been a concern I think from members of the committee during its inquiry and others is that there appears to be no dispute resolution procedure and that has been one of the other weaknesses that needs to be addressed, and so obviously we need to have a process to be able to facilitate that. Thirdly, we propose to require industry consultation on regulations declaring an applicable code of conduct, again for consistency, with a similar requirement applying to industry codes under the conduct.

We are at one with the mover as to the need for this. We would have liked to see the commonwealth advance it. They have not. We are here, we will support the mover's motion but with the explanation which I am happy to provide further to the mover as we progress through this debate to try to make sure that it is consistent with other Fair Trading Act applications.

I understand that Ms Nerissa Kilvert will be coming down to the parliament this morning and will be available to answer any questions in relation to those aspects in relation to the amendments that have been tabled. As I have indicated, they are a facilitation of the process consistent with the merits of the bill. I therefore confirm our government support for the bill.

#### *Parliamentary Procedure*

### **SITTINGS AND BUSINESS**

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (10:58):** Before I commence my contribution on this bill, I move:

That Private Members Business, Order of the Day No. 1 take precedence over all other private members' business until 12.30pm.

**The SPEAKER:** I take that as a motion to extend Private Members Business, Bills, as opposed to simply Order of the Day No. 1 in respect of this particular bill?

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Yes.

Motion carried.

#### *Bills*

### **FAIR TRADING (MOTOR VEHICLE INSURERS AND REPAIRERS) AMENDMENT BILL**

#### *Second Reading*

Debate resumed.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (10:59):** I rise to lend my support to this bill. I was a member of the Economic and Finance Committee that considered this industry in the inquiry when the member for Waite was Chair of the Economics and Finance Committee, and the evidence regarding what is going on in the local industry is overwhelming—absolutely overwhelming.

Basically, the industry is largely comprised of independently owned, South Australian-owned motor vehicle repairers here in South Australia. They have a relationship with a small number of insurance companies, from which motor vehicle owners obtain insurance and then seek to have their vehicles repaired if they come to some sort of grief on the roads.

It is a difficult operating environment for these small locally owned South Australian businesses, because there has been a growing practice, not amongst all insurers but amongst some insurers, where a vehicle is presented to a repair shop for repair, a quote is given based on the repairer's expertise and knowledge of an adequate repair of that vehicle back to original specification, back to a standard which renders that vehicle fit for purpose and safe on our roads. That quote is then provided to the insurance company so that they can approve the repair and authorise those costs being incurred by the repairer to give effect to that repair, and almost without exception that quote is rejected by an insurance company.

There used to be a practice in the industry where an insurance company would send down one of their inspectors to view the vehicle and provide their own assessment about the extent of the

repairs that were required and how much it would cost to provide an adequate, appropriate and safe repair. There would perhaps be some negotiation between the insurance company and the motor vehicle repairer if there was any difference of opinion about what the motor vehicle repairer had estimated as the cost and the extent of the necessary repairs and what the insurance company had estimated.

Largely, that does not even happen anymore. Instead, there are inspectors who sit in a corporate office somewhere, who request photos from the motor vehicle repairer and who look at those photos on their desktop computer and try to ascertain how much they can cut down that quote by the motor vehicle repairer. It places the repairer in an invidious position because, if they are not able to reach agreement with that insurance company, then the insurance company will not approve the repair and that motor vehicle repair shop will not be able to conduct its business in effecting the repairs on that vehicle.

Inevitably what happens is that these small family-owned South Australian businesses are forced to accept what the insurance company deems from this remote incomplete inspection of the vehicle as a much reduced cost for those repairs. That gives rise to what is commonly referred to in the industry as 'funny time, funny money', where the insurer then has to reduce the amount of time they will commit to giving effect to the repairs and reduce the cost of the repairs on each level.

That means that for a current model vehicle, a modern vehicle that might have safety sensors incorporated within its front bumper bar, front grill, windscreen or other part of the vehicle, corners are cut. Non-original equipment is installed on that vehicle because it is cheaper, more readily available and more efficiently installed, rather than the genuine part from the automotive manufacturer.

That means, according to the evidence the committee was given, that in many cases modern cars are being repaired to a standard where they are not at the original manufacturer's standard or, to put it more simply, are unsafe to be on our roads. If you had a front-end collision, perhaps in the context or at the speed that the member for Hammond was indicating, then I am flabbergasted that \$14,000 would be enough to repair a modern-day Toyota Prado that had hit a two-metre high kangaroo at 110 km/h.

Allow me to digress at this point: this is a story often told by the member for Hammond, and it has varied slightly from when I first heard it. Rather than being an accident that happened recently in a Toyota Prado with a two-metre high kangaroo, my recollection from first hearing this was that it happened many years ago in a KE20 Corolla and that it was a small wallaby that was hit and a headlight was broken. Such has been the effluxion of time and the number of times that story has been told, we are at the current state of facts as they are now recalled by the member for Hammond. But, as I said, I digress.

It is a good point that when such a significant accident happens in such a large, modern vehicle like a Toyota Prado it is almost inconceivable that that vehicle could be repaired for \$14,000, bull bar or no bull bar. Maybe that is a reflection that the cost of effecting the repair was not truly represented in how much that motor vehicle repairer was paid by the insurance company. It has got to the point now where the insurance companies are wanting to cut costs further for their shareholders and for their profit margins.

I should say that not all insurance companies but some insurance companies are now choosing to bypass local motor vehicle repairers altogether and they are establishing their own crash shops around the nation. In fact, the Economic and Finance Committee visited one of these crash shops, and it was a vastly different experience from a locally owned South Australian small business crash repairer, which we also visited.

These insurance company owned crash shops operate on the basis of fixed cost and high volume. Regardless almost of the actual level of damage and the actual need to repair and replace specific parts on that vehicle, there is a fixed price that the insurer pays for the repair of that vehicle. It would not matter if I had a front-end collision in my particular vehicle or if the member for Enfield or the member for Finniss had a front-end collision in their particular type of vehicle, when presenting at this crash shop, that crash shop is remunerated the same amount by the insurance company to give effect to that repair—an absolutely remarkable circumstance.

That is why it is so important that the member for Waite has brought this to the house. Of course this report from the Economic and Finance Committee was provided to the government and of course nothing happened in response, which is why we have had to have a private member's bill introduced. I am a little alarmed that the Attorney would say, 'Well, we waited for the federal government to act here and they haven't, so that's why we have to act.'

Let's be clear: South Australia is the home of consumer protection law. We were the first jurisdiction to legislate not only a trade practices act but a fair trading act, so we should not brook any sort of argument from the Attorney that this is something best done by the commonwealth. In the Attorney's mind, it might be more conveniently done, but it is not best done, because we are the people who are elected by our constituents to represent their needs, including consumer protection, and this is an area where we do need some consumer protection.

I could have spent the brief time allocated complaining about the number of occasions I have become involved in the repair of a motor vehicle and how frustrating that is, including having to do it on behalf of elderly relatives, who are particularly at a disadvantage with how some of these policies are worded.

I understand that the Attorney moved some amendments and there is some level of agreement and acceptance of some of those amendments, which is encouraging. But there was one thing that was not canvassed in the member for Waite's bill, which I am still passionate about, and that is consumer should know up-front whether they get choice of repairer on their insurance policy, whether it is a quote for insurance—

*The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:*

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** —whether it is an offer of insurance for the policy being taken up for the first time or whether it is a renewal notice. I will be moving that amendment. I heard the Deputy Premier say, 'Hear, hear!' I am glad that she agrees.

I know that we have a proudly South Australian company, the RAA, that does act well in this area and does provide choice of repairer, but if you do not go with that South Australian company and you want to go with one of these national insurers, whose behaviour on occasion in this regard can be questionable, then consumers have the right to know whether they have this included in their policy.

**Mr COWDREY (Colton) (11:09):** As the chair of the Economic and Finance Committee who tabled the report to this parliament into motor vehicle insurers and repairers, I rise to make some brief remarks, noting that I have spoken previously at the tabling of that report in detail and to the guts of the 11 recommendations that were made by the committee.

It is important to reflect on the fact that, at the centre of the recommendations and the work the committee undertook, our focus was always on delivering greater transparency for customers in the car repair industry here in South Australia. Other members so far this morning, and previously, have canvassed the behaviour that can be described in no other terms than as being unacceptable, as well as the practices that have gone on in the industry for a period of time. As the chair of the Economic and Finance Committee, I was certainly proud to table this report and put forward the 11 recommendations to government.

Of course, it is a preference that these matters be dealt with at a national level to ensure consistency across the country; I think everyone here understands that insurers operate across jurisdictions. In only the last few months we have had a further example of just how important our cross-border communities are, and the issues involved with them, so ensuring national consistency across these issues is very important, but—and there is always a but—in the absence of the federal government taking this up in any sort of manner that could be described as quick, as the South Australian parliament I believe we have an obligation to consumer protection within South Australia to take action on this matter.

In essence, the bill seeks to put forth a number of the recommendations made by the committee, in particular the mandating of the currently voluntary code of conduct within the industry and, of course, the disclosure of interests by insurers into repair shops prior to shifting that business, in essence, to one of those repair shops. This is a practice known as 'steering' within the industry, and it is something many Australian consumers, many South Australian consumers, are probably unaware of when they are pointed towards a crash repair shop after having crashed their car. At the

best of times, in those circumstances I think it would be very rare that somebody was thinking clearly and concisely. To not necessarily have that drawn to their attention is not something that, at first blush, they would look into.

There are a number of other recommendations that have been made by the committee, and it is very clear that a number of those will need to be addressed at the federal level, particularly the issue around non-OEM or second-hand parts. That clearly falls within the federal jurisdiction, and there are issues of importation, quality and standards that this parliament will need to see the federal government take up over time—we certainly hope that is the case.

As has already been noted by the Attorney, the government has filed nine amendments to the bill. Most of those are technical in nature, but the crux of them, as has been mentioned, is to replace the criminal penalties with civil penalties and expiation fees. This will bring the bill into consistency with penalties applied in the industry codes of conduct under the act, as well as enabling fees to be prescribed in relation to dispute resolution procedures undertaken under the applicable industry code of conduct.

There also is an amendment that requires industry consultation on the regulations declaring an applicable code of conduct. Again, this is consistent with similar requirements applied through the Fair Trading Act. There are further amendments, which I have ready noted.

It is also incumbent on us to ensure that this piece of legislation is as good as it can be. Effectively, we are taking the lead nationally on this issue. With that being said, I am sure there will be further examination of the bill between the two houses. Let that not be a reflection on the member for Waite and his preparation of this bill, but we need to ensure this is as good as it possibly can be so that we do not have to address this in short order and also so that we set a precedent, a standard, an example, for other parliaments across the country to potentially look at implementing down the track.

Again, I would like to thank the many small businesses, the crash repair shops, that provided full and frank evidence to the committee through the inquiry. It was certainly something that we appreciated. To the MTA, to the other stakeholders, to the members of the committee and to the secretariat who prepared the report for this parliament, I thank them again for their efforts over a long period of time.

We as a government certainly hope that the passage of this bill, in tandem with the work that has already been undertaken in WA and New South Wales, provides a level of impetus to the federal government to get on with this and deal with this issue. But in the absence of the lead being taken by the federal government, as we have done previously with gift cards and ticket scalping, when there is an area where we see the need to protect consumers' rights and consumers' needs, we will do that. That has been proven. I am glad to see bipartisan support across the parliament for this bill.

**Mr DULUK (Waite) (11:15):** I quickly thank everyone who participated in the debate this morning: the member for Hammond, the member for Enfield, the opposition support of this legislation and the Deputy Premier for her contributions. I have not had a chance to mull over all the proposed amendments from the government. Some I am happy to take at face value this morning and support and some I think may be things we can negotiate between the houses.

I also thank the member for Lee, and I foreshadow that I will support his amendment, and the member for Colton for his contribution and for overseeing the tail end of this report through the Economic and Finance Committee. I also thank the members of the Motor Trade Association—and there are quite a few in the gallery today—for their support and their legal guidance through this process. They have been great advocates for their members. I know that a lot of the work we are doing in the house is through the good work of the MTA.

During the committee stage, when we support the amendments or do not support the amendments before us, we will be much guided by the MTA, as they know what is best for their members.

Bill read a second time.

**Mr COWDREY:** Sir, I draw your attention to the state of the house.

*A quorum having been formed:*



*Committee Stage*

In committee.

Clauses 1 and 2 passed.

New clause 2A.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I move:

Amendment No 1 [AG-1]—

Page 2, after line 9—Insert:

2A—Amendment of section 4B—Administration of Act

- (1) Section 4B(2)—after paragraph (b) insert:  
and
- (c) Part 3B in relation to an applicable industry code of conduct or a provision of that Part if the regulations made for the purposes of that Part declare that the Commissioner is to have that responsibility.
- (2) Section 4B(3)—delete 'or Part 3A in relation to an industry code or provisions of an industry code' and substitute:  
Part 3A in relation to an industry code or provisions of an industry code or Part 3B in relation to an applicable industry code of conduct or a provision of that Part

Essentially, this is to insert paragraph (c), which reads:

Part 3B in relation to an applicable industry code of conduct or a provision of that Part if the regulations made for the purposes of that Part declare that the Commissioner is to have that responsibility.

And, furthermore, to delete some reference to the industry code or provisions of the industry code and insert:

Part 3A in relation to an industry code or provisions of an industry code or Part 3B in relation to an applicable industry code of conduct or a provision of that Part

As outlined in the second reading contribution, I indicate that the Fair Trading Act is one which makes provision for the appointment and functions of the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs to be the body which is responsible for the administration of the act, together with the provision for the administration of certain aspects of the act to be by the Small Business Commissioner. The industry codes of conduct in relation to this matter have been reviewed by the Commissioner for Business Services, both as the Commissioner for Business Services, Mr Soulio, and his deputy as the Acting Small Business Commissioner to take responsibility in this area.

All industry codes in relation to mandatory codes of conduct are in this category and accordingly on his advice it doesn't deter from the principle of the act but makes provision as to who is to attend to the responsibility of this.

New clause inserted.

Clause 3.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I move:

Amendment No 2 [AG-1]—

Page 3, line 2 [clause 3, inserted section 28H]—After 'Part' insert:

, unless the contrary intention appears

This amendment is consistent with the matter I have just submitted.

Amendment carried.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I move:

Amendment No 3 [AG-1]—

Page 3, after line 4 [clause 3, inserted section 28H]—After the definition of *applicable industry code of conduct* insert '*Commissioner* means—'

- (a) the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs; or

(b) the Small Business Commissioner;

This amendment is consistent with the submissions I have already put on amendment No. 1.

Amendment carried.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I move:

Amendment No 4 [AG-1]—

Page 3, lines 28 to 30 [clause 3, inserted section 28J(1), penalty provision]—Delete the penalty provision

This amendment relates to clause 3, page 3, lines 28 to 30 in relation to the penalty provision. The amendment again foreshadows the recognition of the transfer from criminal to civil remedy, consistent with other Fair Trading Act enforcement.

I am also trying to read the member for Lee's amendment on the run, which appears to be adding a new provision for a penalty for conduct in failing to disclose certain information that is held by the insurer—that is the way I am quickly reading it. I will have a look at that in due course. I do not want to confuse my argument. It may have some merit, but I am not sure how it might affect it yet.

**The CHAIR:** The member for Waite has a question.

**Mr DULUK:** It is not so much a question. I indicate that I will not be supporting amendment No. 4 on the main basis that the Economic and Finance Committee's inquiry into this whole industry made some very clear recommendations, including the need for penalties to go with breaches of the code. We have seen a code of practice be in place for some time in New South Wales—I think almost some 20 years—and there are no penalties for breaches of that code. To coin a phrase, it is a toothless tiger.

What has been proposed in the bill very much has the support of the Motor Trade Association. I am happy to further consider this between the houses and consult further with the MTA and industry. I am not aware if they have had any chance for consultation on the proposed amendments by the Attorney. This might be something that we discuss between the houses, but for right now I indicate that I will not be supporting amendment No. 4. To help the committee, I also indicate that I will not be supporting amendments Nos 5, 6 and 7 as proposed by the Attorney when we get to those stages.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I note and agree with the statements made by the mover of the bill in response to the amendments and agree that the foreshadowed amendments are relating to the same matter. I want to reassure the house and the member that the advice I have received from the Commissioner for Consumer and Business Services and his team is that—and I have had a review of course of the Fair Trading Act—the industry codes, for which they are responsible, all have civil penalties.

I have noticed that there are some interesting anomalies in the act. The last time I think we opened it was for the fuel notification obligations. Ticket scalping was the other one in the time I have been here. There seems to be some inconsistency in relation to the drafting of these and even that is supposed to be, according to parliamentary counsel, consistent with the decision about whoever is drafting them. It seems a rather odd thing to me. There is inconsistency in the bill because, for example, we have the provision for the obligation for retailers of fuel as describing it as 'is guilty of an offence'. That wording does not appear in the mover's bill in this instance, yet it purports to be consistent with instructions to have a criminal sanction.

I really have not got to the bottom of that, frankly, but I hear what the questioner is raising in relation to my amendment and it will be a matter that will continue to be pursued with parliamentary counsel. But I am advised by the people who actually implement all these things at Consumer and Business Services that he operates on the basis, for most of these industry codes, of being the recipient of a complaint and that their body provides a dispute resolution process or mediation.

Sometimes that is mandated, as we know. There are certain procedures where that occurs. In fact, even during COVID we have mandated for disputes relating to rental of commercial properties, for example. There is a mandated process, which we have given directly to the Small Business Commissioner. So there are circumstances where the mandated dispute resolution processes are there. Building contract disputes are also in that category where we have a special

law to deal with that. But the contravention of these is in relation to civil penalty, I am advised. Therefore, consistent with that, I am moving this amendment to provide for that.

I do agree with the commentary made by the mover of the bill and the questioner of this amendment as to the toothless tiger. At the moment, there is no provision. There is a voluntary code of conduct and there is no penalty, so I agree with him. If there is to be a capacity to enforce this—that is the whole model of this bill—my amendment is simply to be consistent under the Fair Trading Act with the model that exists in relation to the enforcement of codes of conduct. I am happy to further discuss it with the mover of the bill in relation to the matter and, indeed, the MTA to answer any question they have in relation to this and the application of that.

I just remind the house and the questioner of the amendment that Mr Soulio is the person in charge of these matters and, as I say, his second in charge is actually the Acting Small Business Commissioner as well. I am told by my office that she is at some other forum right at the moment and is not here, but if she is not here, others will be available to answer questions in relation to that.

At this stage, I am trying to assure the house that we are not moving this tranche of amendments to undermine in any way the effectiveness or enforceability of an obligation and exactly the same penalties will prevail. It is simply within the format of what is there and exactly the same penalties apply.

**Ms MICHAELS:** Can I ask the Attorney, in relation to the new section 28J(1) and your amendment, was there consideration given to amending 28J(1) to make it a civil penalty and still having the \$100,000 and \$20,000 penalties, because it seems on your amendments that would be substantially reduced?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I do not believe it has, but I will make some inquiry about that. Certainly, we have had a lot of conversations about whether it is a criminal penalty or a civil penalty.

**Ms MICHAELS:** This may come up in further debate with all your amendments, but from my reading of it the expiation fee would not exceed \$6,000 for a body corporate; therefore, that would be substantially reduced.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** No, we are adding an expiation fee. We are adding a provision that is consistent with other industry codes, but we have an expiation fee. I will give you an example: in the fuel app arrangement—that is the mandatory obligation for retailers to record their fuel; I think it is a \$10,000 fine—we also, as a parliament, at the request of the commissioner added into that the capacity for him to do basically a summary offence or on-the-spot fine for that to occur for trivial matters and also power not to proceed with a minor matter. So we have given that in other areas of reform on the Fair Trading Act.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I also indicate that I will not be supporting the Attorney's amendment here for many of the same reasons as the member for Waite has articulated. There is a great frustration in the industry, particularly amongst those South Australian-owned small businesses that comprise the bulk of the motor vehicle repair industry, that we currently only have a voluntary code. It is not signed up to by the entire industry. But even if you have a mandatory code and the penalties are either non-existent or grossly insufficient, then they have not really advanced their cause much at all.

As the member for Enfield said, section 28F of the Fair Trading Act does outline a maximum expiation fee under the industry code section of only \$6,000. Even if there is a successful action taken in the Magistrates Court, in the further penalty provisions articulated in part 7, division 3A of the Fair Trading Act they do not exceed \$50,000, which is no more than half of what is being sought by the member for Waite and indeed the broader industry to better represent their interests.

So we do not support this. There needs to be teeth—and very sharp teeth—instilled into this part of consumer protection law and that is why we are not supportive of the amendment. The committee divided on the amendment:

Ayes ..... 21  
 Noes ..... 23  
 Majority ..... 2

## AYES

Basham, D.K.B.	Chapman, V.A.	Cowdrey, M.J.
Cregan, D.	Gardner, J.A.W.	Harvey, R.M. (teller)
Luethen, P.	Marshall, S.S.	McBride, N.
Murray, S.	Patterson, S.J.R.	Pederick, A.S.
Pisoni, D.G.	Power, C.	Sanderson, R.
Speirs, D.J.	Tarzia, V.A.	Teague, J.B.
van Holst Pellekaan, D.C.	Whetstone, T.J.	Wingard, C.L.

## NOES

Bedford, F.E.	Bell, T.S.	Bettison, Z.L.
Bignell, L.W.K.	Boyer, B.I.	Brock, G.G.
Brown, M.E.	Close, S.E.	Cook, N.F.
Duluk, S. (teller)	Ellis, F.J.	Hildyard, K.A.
Hughes, E.J.	Koutsantonis, A.	Malinauskas, P.
Michaels, A.	Mullighan, S.C.	Odenwalder, L.K.
Piccolo, A.	Picton, C.J.	Stinson, J.M.
Szakacs, J.K.	Wortley, D.	

## PAIRS

Knoll, S.K.	Gee, J.P.
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Amendment thus negated.

**The CHAIR:** While I have the attention of the committee, I am going to remind all members that it is out of order to take photographs within—

*Members interjecting:*

**The CHAIR:** Order! I have been made aware that a member has taken a photograph, and I ask that member to delete any photograph.

**An honourable member:** Which member?

**The CHAIR:** I don't know. I didn't see.

*An honourable member interjecting:*

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I move:

Amendment No 5 [AG-1]—

Page 3, line 35 [clause 3, inserted section 28J(2)(a)]—Delete 'the Commissioner has attempted to resolve the dispute' and substitute 'an attempt has been made to resolve the dispute by conciliation'.

This is consequential to amendment No. 3, which the parliament has previously approved today.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I indicate that along with, in my understanding, the member for Waite, we will be opposing amendment No. 5. There is a specific reason that we would like any disputes escalated to a level of commissioner, whether it be for consumer affairs or for a commissioner for small business, and that is to have a senior level of conciliation or arbitration involved in these sorts of disputes.

To remove that and say that an attempt has been made to resolve the dispute by conciliation could mean anything and could mean an arrangement which is weighted against the crash repairer in favour of the insurer, for example, or contrived in a manner where no solution can be reached and so an attempt, yes, has been made but nothing further needs to be done. It is a poor amendment for what the member for Waite is trying to achieve in his bill and we do not support it.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I will speak briefly in response to that. This is a consequential amendment to amendment No. 3, so this is not any new substantive role. I just remind members that amendment No. 3, which has been endorsed, was to provide a definition of commissioner to allow for the provision of a commissioner of consumer affairs or small business commissioner, as the case required, and that is for the industry code of conduct for the definition of commissioner. This is consequential to that; this is not any new process at all. It is purely consequential and which the parliament has already approved.

**Mr DULUK:** I have a question to the Attorney moving this. Attorney, you are proposing to delete the words 'commissioner' or 'the Commissioner has attempted to resolve the dispute', but I assume that if we were to leave the words 'the Commissioner has attempted to resolve the dispute' it will mean, by virtue of our passing the previous amendment, the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs and/or the Small Business Commissioner?

**The Hon. V.A. Chapman:** Correct. Yes, it is consequential, clearly consequential.

**The CHAIR:** Member for Waite, have you finished?

**Mr DULUK:** Yes, sir.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** For the committee's benefit, in amendment No. 3 we defined the commissioner as being either the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs or the Small Business Commissioner, essentially to deal them into this arrangement so that they would have a role here.

In the member for Waite's bill, he included the words 'the Commissioner has attempted to resolve the dispute', putting a specific requirement or task on the commissioner in the event that disputes arise and they need to be resolved. What the Attorney seeks to do is, despite our having dealt the commissioner in and defining who the commissioner is, get them out of that dispute resolution or conciliation arrangement. That is why we do not support it.

The Attorney tries to say that this is consequential on clause 3 passing to give us the impression that the member for Waite's bill would be a nonsense, literally, if we were to reject her amendment No. 5. I just do not accept that at all. What we are trying to do is make sure it is the commissioner who is involved in resolving disputes and not that there is some other attempt, ill-defined or not defined at all, at conciliation, satisfactory or unsatisfactory.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I note the conspiracy theories of the member for Lee, but I just want to assure him, again, and the house that amendment No. 3, which provided a definition of 'commissioner'—and we have been through that—now makes it superfluous to need any reference to 'the commissioner' at all. I think the mover of the bill actually fully understands that. He seems to be across it. I am not sure why the member for Lee is not.

I just want to reassure the house: there is no sinister change in process here. The fact is that we have defined it to allow for who is to be in the process here. It is completely superfluous now to the provision that has already been passed by the parliament. I do not know how much more I can reassure the parliament of that. It seems the member for Lee has some other sort of sinister expectation. I want to assure him that is not the case.

**Ms MICHAELS:** Can I clarify with the Attorney: in new clause 28J(2) we are talking about:

If an alleged contravention of an applicable industry code of conduct is the subject of a dispute between an insurer and repairer, the provisions of Part 7 for enforcement or remedies in respect of the contravention do not apply unless—

in the Attorney's amendment, 'an attempt has been made to resolve the dispute by conciliation'. Where, in those words, does it require the commission to be involved?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Because that process is what we are actually setting up here. The purpose of this bill is twofold. One is to have a mandatory code of conduct and also have a process by which there can be some opportunity to adjudicate through that and/or resolve the matter. If it does not, then, of course, there is a responsibility of the commissioner to actually implement a penalty, if there has been a determination that there has been a breach of that mandatory code of conduct.

Again, all I am indicating at this point is that, having provided a definition, we no longer need to have that provision in there that 'the commissioner has attempted to resolve the dispute'. It simply

needs a provision where 'an attempt has been made to resolve the dispute by conciliation'. It may be by either of the commissioners.

The committee divided on the amendment:

Ayes ..... 19  
Noes ..... 23  
Majority ..... 4

#### AYES

Basham, D.K.B.	Chapman, V.A.	Cowdrey, M.J.
Cregan, D.	Gardner, J.A.W.	Harvey, R.M. (teller)
Luethen, P.	Marshall, S.S.	McBride, N.
Patterson, S.J.R.	Pederick, A.S.	Pisoni, D.G.
Power, C.	Sanderson, R.	Speirs, D.J.
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Amendment thus negatived.

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

**The CHAIR:** Order! Member for West Torrens, you have been called to order already this morning during a division.

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

**The CHAIR:** The member for West Torrens is warned.

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The CHAIR:** The leader is called to order. We come now to amendment No. 6.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I move:

Amendment No 6 [AG-1]—

Page 4, lines 5 to 9 [clause 3, inserted section 28J(4)]—Delete subsection (4) and substitute:

- (4) The annual report required to be submitted by the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs under section 12 must include the following information in relation to the financial year to which the report relates:
- (a) the number of proceedings commenced by the Commissioner under section 86B for an alleged civil penalty contravention against section 28J(1) and the outcome of those proceedings;
  - (b) the number of civil expiation notices issued under section 86D in respect of an alleged civil penalty contravention against section 28J(1).

This amendment is to delete subsection (4) and substitute provisions there for the annual report. I will not repeat them all; I think they are fairly clear. It is an amendment consequential to the indication of the proposal to change to civil penalties and expiation fees. I note the will of the house in relation to the latter, and the indication of the mover of the bill in relation to his objection to changing to civil penalties from criminal penalties, and his desire to retain some criminal sanction.

I do remind all of the house, including the mover of the bill, that the consistency remains with recommendation 3 of the inquiry, which he chaired, which states:

3. The South Australian Government report yearly on insurance companies found either in breach of the Code of Conduct or with adverse findings against them.

I therefore recommend that this amendment be accepted.

**The CHAIR:** Any questions for the Attorney? Member for Waite.

**Mr DULUK:** Not so much a question but, as I indicated before, I will not be supporting this one because of the changes re civil and criminal provisions. Of course, the original bill proposes the reporting. As I said to the Attorney, I am happy to consider these between the houses as we progress.

Amendment negated.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I move:

Amendment No 7 [AG-1]—

Page 4, lines 17 to 19 [clause 3, inserted section 28K(1), penalty provision]—Delete the penalty provision

Again, this amendment deletes this provision, noting the government amendment is to replace it with civil penalties and expiation fees, consistent with all of the other provisions for existing industry codes under the Fair Trading Act 1987.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I indicate that it is opposed.

Amendment negated.

**The CHAIR:** We now come to the member for Lee, who has an amendment standing in his name.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** One of the greatest frustrations for—

*Members interjecting:*

**The CHAIR:** Order!

*Members interjecting:*

**The CHAIR:** No, leader! Order from everyone! Before I call the member for Lee, I am going to remind the leader that I have called him to order once during this committee stage and I am now warning him. Given that there are divisions going on—

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The CHAIR:** Don't laugh. I am warning you.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I would just like it noted for the record that I was the best behaved out of all of us in that rare interlude.

**The CHAIR:** Uncharacteristically, member for Lee.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** It has been a day of surprises, sir. I move:

Amendment No 1 [Mullighan-1]—

Page 4, after line 19 [clause 3, inserted section 28K]—After subsection (1) insert:

- (1a) An insurer must, at the prescribed times and in the prescribed manner, disclose to the holder of an insurance policy issued by the insurer whether or not the insurance policy contains a provision allowing the holder of the insurance policy to make a choice as to which repairer may be engaged to undertake repairs under the insurance policy.

Maximum penalty:

- (a) in the case of a body corporate—\$100,000;

(b) in the case of a natural person—\$20,000.

Basically it is to reflect the great frustration that a lot of motor vehicle insurance policyholders have when they have a collision and they set about trying to get the damage to their vehicle fixed, but they may not realise that they have a policy which does not afford them a choice of repairer. It is often not disclosed when the policy is first taken out, or if there is a change in the policy that is offered to an insurance holder it may not be declared that that change in policy has happened. That is the basis—I will not say for the majority of frustrations in this area, but a great deal of the frustrations in this area.

We raised this in a couple of the hearings of the committee about whether it would be beneficial for the entire industry, for example, when you got a quote for insurance or you got your first offer for an insurance policy or you got your renewal notice for your insurance policy, if it was declared up-front on the front page of that document whether this policy had a choice of repairer or not.

This will not affect that South Australian company the RAA, for example, because they offer choice of repairer. But, unfortunately, some of the nationally owned and multinationally owned insurance companies—not all, but some of whose behaviour has led us to having this debate today whose behaviour is not so great—do not offer choice of repairer.

Even when they have a discretion to enable a policyholder to have their car repaired at somewhere other than their own crash repair shops, the behaviour is usually belligerent in refusing the policyholder that opportunity, even when, for example, a regional member of our community maybe forced to take their damaged vehicle—sometimes undriveable—hundreds of kilometres away from where the vehicle had its accident or remains in a damaged state to a repairer elsewhere around the state. Let's try to put South Australian consumers on a more level playing field with the insurers that they are sometimes in dispute with, and have this very simple change.

I should say that it has actually been an initiative of this place under the former Labor government's reforms to the compulsory third-party insurance scheme that on the front page of your registration renewal notice you are told which of the insurers are available and how much it costs. That is a great initiative and basically what we are trying to do is the same thing here.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** There may be merit in this proposal if it was apparently raised at the committee. It did not translate into a recommendation of the committee, I note. However, there may well be some merit in it. We will consider it between the houses, obviously, and we will consult with the insurers. I would not put it exactly the same as the government's flogging off of the motor vehicle insurance provisions, which they did under their regime, because of course you do have some choice. You have to pick one of the three. That is some choice. Often, that is not Labor Party policy. We are the party of choice, so it has some merit.

I was very unhappy when we had health insurers coming in to start telling us who we can use to do our teeth and dental work. They introduced this provision where they say, 'From here on in you have to have some of our nominated dentists.' I do not agree with that. I never have, and I think that there should be some choice.

Unfortunately, the example the member has used does not really persuade me, because of course they gave a very controlled choice of only the three that they pick. Nevertheless, it may have some merit. We will certainly consider it between the houses. I cannot agree with it today, obviously, as it has just been put before us, but we will consider it between the houses.

**Mr DULUK:** I indicate that I will be supporting the amendment by the member for Lee. I have had some discussions with the MTA on this matter this morning and they are very supportive of this amendment.

Amendment carried.

**The CHAIR:** Attorney, we are back to amendment No. 8 standing in your name.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I move:

Amendment No 8 [AG-1]—

Page 4, after line 26—After inserted section 28K insert:

28L—Regulations



- (1) Regulations made for the purposes of this Part may—
  - (a) declare (subject to section 4B(3)) whether the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs or the Small Business Commissioner is to be responsible for the administration of this Part or a provision of this Part; and
  - (b) declare that a contravention of section 28J(1) of a particular class (constituted of a contravention of the whole or any specified part of an applicable industry code of conduct) is to be subject to a civil penalty under Part 7 Division 3A; and
  - (c) declare that a contravention of section 28K(1) is to be subject to a civil penalty under Part 7 Division 3A; and
  - (d) fix expiation fees (not exceeding \$6,000 in the case of a body corporate and \$1 200 in the case of a natural person) for alleged civil penalty contraventions within the meaning of Part 7 Division 3A; and
  - (e) prescribe fees payable in relation to dispute resolution procedures undertaken under an applicable industry code of conduct.
- (2) A proposal for regulations for the purposes of this Part or a provision of this Part may be initiated by—
  - (a) if the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs is to be responsible for the administration of this Part or a provision of this Part—the Minister responsible for the administration of this Act; and
  - (b) if the Small Business Commissioner is to be responsible for the administration of this Part or a provision of this Part—the Minister responsible for the administration of the *Small Business Commissioner Act 2011*.
- (3) If a Minister initiates a proposal for regulations in relation to an applicable industry code of conduct or another provision under this Part, the Minister must, before the regulations are made, consult with each organisation that the Minister considers to be representative of an industry likely to be affected by the applicable industry code of conduct or provision (as the case requires).
- (4) For the purposes of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1978*, the Minister responsible for the administration of the *Small Business Commissioner Act 2011* is to be taken to be the Minister responsible for the administration of this Act in respect of regulations that declare the Small Business Commissioner to be responsible for the administration of this Part or a provision of this Part.

Again, amendment No. 8 is quite extensive. It is really consistency with the largely mirroring of the provision of a possible section 25F of the Fair Trading Act, which allows regulations to implement these things. The commissioner is to be responsible for the whole or parts, declaration of contraventions, enable fees to be prescribed and require industry consultation.

**Mr DULUK:** This is not so much a question but just to help me with process. I support 28L(1)(a) but would like to move an amendment to the Attorney's amendment to delete (b), (c), (d) and (e).

**The CHAIR:** So, member for Waite, you are actually moving an amendment to the amendment; is that correct?

**Mr DULUK:** Yes, sir.

**The CHAIR:** Just so that we are all clear with what you are moving, would you mind repeating that, please?

**Mr DULUK:** I move an amendment to the Attorney's amendment No. 8:

Section 28L(1)—Delete paragraphs (b), (c), (d) and (e).

So 28L(1) will read as 'Regulations made for the purposes of this Part may be' and paragraph (a) only.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I indicate that I do not accept the amendment. I withdraw amendment No. 8 and indicate I will not progress with amendment No. 9.

**The CHAIR:** The Attorney has indicated to the committee that she will be withdrawing amendment No. 8 standing in her name. The member for Waite has moved an amendment to that, so he could, by way of process, withdraw his amendment to the amendment.

**Mr DULUK:** By leave of the committee, I withdraw my amendment to amendment No. 8.

Leave granted; amendment withdrawn.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I notice this is not perhaps best practice, but I think it would be helpful to the bill to enable regulations to be made. So, in my name, could I move an amendment to the bill that would insert, from the Attorney's amendment No. 8, proposed new section 28L(1)(a) only.

**The CHAIR:** We probably need to do that after. Just in conversation with the committee, we have a couple of options here. Member for Lee, your amendment would ensure that 28L(1)(a) remains and all else would be disregarded?

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** On reflection, sir, I would also seek to include from the Attorney's withdrawn amendment No. 8, subsections (2) (3) and (4) as well, so my amendment would comprise 28L(1)(a) and then subsections (2) (3) and (4). I move to amend the amendment as follows:

Subsection (1)—after paragraph (a) delete:

- (b) declare that a contravention of section 28J(1) of a particular class (constituted of a contravention of the whole or any specified part of an applicable industry code of conduct) is to be subject to a civil penalty under Part 7 Division 3A; and
- (c) declare that a contravention of section 28K(1) is to be subject to a civil penalty under Part 7 Division 3A; and
- (d) fix expiation fees (not exceeding \$6,000 in the case of a body corporate and \$1 200 in the case of a natural person) for alleged civil penalty contraventions within the meaning of Part 7 Division 3A; and

**The CHAIR:** We have a few options here and we are on the fly.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I am happy to second that.

**The CHAIR:** You are happy to second that. Given that, Attorney, although you indicated to the committee that you would withdraw, we did not get to the point where you had the leave of the committee to do that. So your amendment remains, that is okay, and the member for Lee can move his amendment to the amendment which is that 28L(1)(a) remain and—

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Subsections (2) (3) and (4). I am sure that is clear for all the viewers at home, sir.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** If my motion is still there as amendment No. 8, because leave has not been granted to withdraw it, then I will accept an amendment from the member for Lee to delete the proposed new section 28L(1)(b), (c), (d) and (e).

**The CHAIR:** Yes, that is correct. We are all clear and all in agreeance? The question before the Chair is that the amendment to the amendment moved by the member for Lee be agreed to.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Before you put the motion, I indicate that I have just had a last-minute request from the commissioner. Given that he is having this regulation power and has this role, he would seek to leave in 28L(1)(e), which is the capacity to charge a fee for the dispute resolution. If the mover of the amendment to the amendment is prepared to accept that, I will note the same.

**The CHAIR:** I will just give the mover of the amendment to the amendment a moment to consider that.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I hope this is not some shakedown by the commissioner, prescribing fees payable to access his valuable services, but knowing the commissioner as we all do we are grateful for his advice and I would be happy to accept that change.

Amendment to the amendment carried; amendment as amended carried; clause as amended passed.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I will not proceed with my proposed new clauses 4, 5 and 6 on file.

Title passed.

Bill reported with amendment.

*Third Reading*

**Mr DULUK (Waite) (12:12):** I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

It has clearly been a collaboration this morning, and I thank the house for that and I thank the Attorney for her considered proposal. I think there will be some debate between the two houses, but I think we have seen a very productive morning for consumer protection law in South Australia, and I thank the crossbench for its invaluable support on these issues, the opposition and the government.

Bill read a third time and passed.

*Motions*

**PORT PIRIE**

**The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Frome) (12:14):** I move:

That this house recognises the history of Port Pirie and the great benefits that Port Pirie has contributed to—

- (a) the state of South Australia;
- (b) multicultural communities living in South Australia;
- (c) the defence services during the previous two world wars;
- (d) the success of the railway network in South Australia over many years;
- (e) various sporting and cultural activities across South Australia and internationally;

and acknowledges the determination, pride and patience of these communities.

Port Pirie was established in 1845 due to the establishment of the lead discovery at Broken Hill. Port Pirie was the nearest port, which was required to ship the concentrates after the processing into the required metals by the plant. The township was proclaimed the first provincial city in South Australia in 1953.

Port Pirie is a very multicultural city with numerous nationalities living within the city. The earliest group settlement of Italians in South Australia occurred in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century when a small number of fishermen from the town of Molfetta in the region of Puglia made their home in Port Pirie. By the 1930s, the number of Italians had grown to about 300. Being very skilled fishermen, they moved between the ports of Port Adelaide and Port Pirie. In the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Italian wives and children arrived in Port Pirie from Italy to join the original settlers. From the survey in 1991, the number of Italian people had grown to over 1,100.

On 9 September 2000, the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency Sir Eric Neal AC, CVO unveiled the monument in honour of the Italian migrants who settled in Port Pirie, which was mentioned yesterday by the member for Stuart. He and I were at the Blessing of the Fleet just recently, and the monument is in great condition.

Another early settlement of migrants was the Greeks, with the first settlers arriving in 1875. Other Greek settlers arrived from 1889, the year the smelters commenced operation. The Greek population increased in the years after the First World War, with many of those finding work at the smelters then known as BHP. By the mid-1920s, there were approximately 500 Greeks living in Port Pirie.

South Australia's first Greek Orthodox Church, the Church of St George, was established in Port Pirie in 1924. By 1927, there were over 600 Greeks living in Port Pirie. I can remember as a child working for pocket money picking peas at Nelshaby at the foothills of Port Pirie, which at that time was a flourishing market garden area supplying markets in Adelaide and interstate. The pea picking was really hard, and you certainly earned every shilling, which it was in those days before decimal currency. You went home at the end of the night and might have a couple of shillings in your pocket, which was worth a lot of money in those days.

During the First World War, there was a ban on the export of metals to ensure that they did not make their way into enemy hands and to meet the demands of the smelting works at Port Pirie as they expanded. The smelter was taken over at that stage by the Broken Hill Associated Smelters

in 1915. The lead output from Port Pirie, which was then purchased by the British government, was dispatched to Russia and Britain for conversion into munitions. This expansion in production led to Port Pirie becoming the world's largest smelting works.

In 1941, munitions parts were being manufactured on a small scale in Port Pirie. By late 1942, approximately 250 people were employed in forging and machining shell casings at the smelter. In the Second World War, the Port Pirie smelter was contracted to sell 13,875 tonnes of lead per month to the British government for the period of the war. Within a year, production of munitions had expanded to the Eastern States, Adelaide and Whyalla. The civic leaders in Port Pirie demanded to be involved in munition manufacturing because Port Pirie stood alone in industrial performance.

During the war, the 14 Australian Personnel Staging Camp was located at Port Pirie to accommodate troops joining or leaving trains at Port Pirie Railway Station. The Red Cross frequently met at Port Pirie, assisting any sick and wounded servicemen who were passing through the camp. The Port Pirie rail marshalling yards were further utilised to hold military trucks, tanks, armoured cars and other military pieces ready to be deployed to various war locations. Port Pirie played host to thousands of Australian and American troops bound for Western Australia on their way to the war in the Pacific.

The Port Pirie aerodrome, which is not being fully utilised as a commercial operation at the moment and is under the council's jurisdiction, was extensively utilised during the Second World War not only for training of aircraft pilots but as an airplane gunnery school. At various times, in excess of 2,000 personnel were trained before being sent to war zones not only across Australia but overseas. This site was ideal due to the prevailing winds, the vast land, the surrounding mountains and also the surrounding seas, which helped the trainee pilots to experience all aspects that may prevail during combat.

With the collapse of the Italian economy after the Second World War, the Italian government again began promoting immigration, and from 1945 to 1972 approximately 30,000 Italians settled in South Australia with quite a few of those coming into Port Pirie. This, plus the migration of the Italian fishermen from Molfetta and the Greek migration, started the story of a great multicultural community at Port Pirie, which now includes numerous nationalities from many cultures. Port Pirie can be and should be seen as a model of how communities can work and live in harmony despite religion, culture and other concerns.

Port Pirie has many valuable traditions, as well as the great foods that other nationalities have brought to our community. I can remember very vividly having a cheeseburger lunch with my late wife, Arlene. Might I mention also that the cheeseburger was invented in Port Pirie. Also, we were discussing the arrival of Rocky's Pizza Bar. Rocky is still there. Rocky had the best pizzas, as well as lasagne and other things like that. We did not think it was going—

*The Hon. D.C. van Holst Pellekaan interjecting:*

**The Hon. G.G. BROCK:** —I knew it was going to happen—to take off, but it really took off. After a night at the Central Hotel across the road, you just could not get in there. I also must mention that Port Pirie, as I said, was the home not only of the original cheeseburger but also the pie floater was invented in Port Pirie.

With inadequate road networks impeding the passage of wheat to the port, in November 1873 the South Australian Legislative Council elected a committee to discuss the Port Pirie Railway Bill. Around six months later, in May 1874, work began on a narrow gauge railway from Port Pirie to Gladstone, and that expansion of the railway network saw the expansion of Port Pirie.

Soon after the construction of the railway, four jetties were built in 1874 to meet the expected increase in trade. The railway from Port Pirie was part of the 1870s public works program, and in June 1879 the first railway station opened in Port Pirie at the southern end of Ellen Street. The train line used to go down the main street, pick up the passenger service at that particular point and then go down to the smelters.

This building was weatherboard, but a new building was then commenced in 1900 by railway staff with a new station built in 1902. That building is still there but it is not used as a railway station anymore: it is used as a National Trust museum. It is in an iconic location with the post office alongside. It is one of the original buildings in the main street. Also, right alongside that is the original

bond store. When ships came in they would have to pay the bond and taxes, etc., which was all done in Port Pirie.

Advances in sea transport saw the arrival of the first steamers in Port Pirie in 1875. I have seen photographs of up to 15 to 20 schooners berthed at Port Pirie, which at one stage was one of the busiest ports in Australia—not only South Australia but Australia. Photographs of the windjammers are absolutely magnificent. The river itself runs in the same direction parallel to the main street, Ellen Street, Port Pirie. The main street has the same curve as the river, and when you look at it from above, from the air, it is a magnificent looking site.

In 1937, a standard gauge railway connected Port Augusta to Port Pirie, and in 1955 it stretched up to Marree. In 1970, the narrow gauge travelled from Port Pirie to Cockburn, and the 56 kilometre privately run link through to Broken Hill was replaced by a standard gauge line, thus linking the east and the west coast of Australia with a single uninterrupted standard gauge.

In those days, every train had to go through Port Pirie. The three different gauges were in place. One train would come in on a certain gauge and stop at the railway station, which is now part of the tourism and art centre on the southern side of Ellen Street. They would then have to change the bogies on the engines to transfer to another gauge, as well as transfer all the goods from the vans across into other vans on the other side of the platform.

At that particular point there were 300 to 400 people working, not only in the South Australian railways but also the commonwealth railways. Workshops were there. At that particular stage we had yard masters in the main street, Ellen Street, as well as at Solomontown, Bungama and Coonamia. We had four different railway stations, four different railway superintendents and also the yardmasters.

For many years, Port Pirie had a thriving railway system. The Coca-Cola factory was there; it was the Moyles factory to start off with, soft drinks, and then we had the opportunity to have the Coca-Cola facility there, manufacturing and bottling Coca-Cola. The Condon brothers were the instigators of that, Brian and John (Brian is still alive); the Condon family were the pioneers of getting that there.

We had various bread factories there, such as Goldcut and Buttercup. We had three cake manufacturers there. We had very large waterside workers operations—three or four different waterside consortiums there with about 1,000 workers—and various engineering opportunities. We had three large oil installation facilities: Mobil, Shell and BP.

I worked for BP for 10 years, and the fact is that each company would have other companies like Amoco and Ampol come in and get their fuel from there. The tankers would come in and unload right in the main street, basically opposite where the silos are now; all off the one ship. They would put it down to BP and, once they were finished with theirs, they would put a plug in there and it would go to Shell or Mobil or whatever it might be. In the old days everyone used to only use BP, Shell or Mobil, but they all came from the same place, all from the same tanker.

We had many other activities there that have either disappeared or have substantially reduced in size. One thing that is there is the multimetals facility on the northern end of the main street of Port Pirie, Nyrstar. Nyrstar has been there for over 100 years; it has been the backbone of our community for many, many years. Trafigura are the owners of that at the moment.

The smelter has been the backbone and a lifeline, and I spoke about this in a grievance yesterday, that there were some families there for 50 years. Without the smelter being there, and the transformation back in 2014, I would hate to think what would have happened to our community as well as to regional South Australia, in particular. A lot of people depend on that not only in terms of Port Pirie but also in terms of the value-adding down the line.

Over many years, Port Pirie has been served by very dedicated state and federal members of parliament from both political persuasions, and our community has always been very grateful for those people. In the political arena, Port Pirie and Crystal Brook have produced not only members of parliament but also Speakers of the house and a President of the Legislative Council, as well as a Premier of this state, which some communities cannot boast.

The negative coverage of Port Pirie by outsiders is well and truly unjustified with the city's past, and we are going through a transition at the moment, as are other areas such as Port Adelaide.

We have a great past, we have a great history, and we have a great future, but there are negative comments that come in from people who have not been there and who do not know the issues, and we are in a transition period at the moment. Port Pirie and the surrounding areas have contributed to both the state and commonwealth governments, and the negativity it gets, as well as other communities in regional South Australia, is not warranted.

I am very, very proud of the history of Port Pirie. As I have said, I came from Wandearah, and my dad was a rabbit trapper. We used to come into Port Pirie for our groceries, and I came in to do my primary and secondary schooling; my primary school was one classroom, with seven grades and one teacher. I am forever grateful to Port Pirie and what it has offered me personally, as well as my family, relatives and the community. Again, I hope the house will endorse this notice of motion.

**Mr HUGHES (Giles) (12:28):** It is with great pleasure that I get up to support this motion from the member for Frome. It is a great motion. Port Pirie is a community that has, over many, many years, made a very significant contribution to our state. It was—I think it still is—the largest lead smelter in the southern hemisphere; at one stage it was the largest lead smelter in the world.

That has not been without its problems, both the legacy issues surrounding that and ongoing issues. My community of Whyalla—and indeed, before Whyalla, Hummock Hill—had a very close relationship with Port Pirie. Across the water, it is in a sense our closest neighbour. It is 22 kilometres approximately from Whyalla to Port Pirie—

**The Hon. G.G. Brock:** Straight across.

**Mr HUGHES:** Straight across. People often talk about a bridge. That is not going to happen. If ever did happen, if it could ever be justified, it will happen further north of Spencer Gulf, but I do not think I will be seeing that any time soon.

That early relationship is an interesting one. When iron ore was discovered and eventually mined at Iron Knob—which was the richest iron mine in the world at the time—the initial iron ore did not go to the Eastern States; it actually went to Port Pirie and was used as a flux in the smelting process. In that early relationship, Pirie was the first customer for the iron ore from Iron Knob, which went through what was then Hummock Hill.

In return, we got something that was incredibly crucial in those early days in Hummock Hill—later Whyalla—which was water from Port Pirie. The water from Port Pirie came over on a barge. That sustained the small population of Hummock Hill for a number of years until eventually a desalination plant was built and then, ultimately, in the 1940s the first of the Morgan to Whyalla pipelines. Pirie did play an important role also in the development of what was Hummock Hill and what became Whyalla.

There were other linkages between the two communities. As I said, the distance between Whyalla and Port Pirie by water is 22 kilometres, but there is another area very close to Whyalla—Point Lowly—which also formed part of Port Pirie's history. For those people who do not know Point Lowly, it is on the Lowly peninsula. It had a lighthouse dating back to the 1800s and it had beautiful beaches, one of which was in a bay we can no longer access because of Santos, but there is still a beautiful beach at Point Lowly. In those days, the only thing at Point Lowly was essentially the lighthouse. This links into the story about lead exposure.

Workers and their families from Pirie would be boated over to Point Lowly to recuperate in an environment that was pristine. In those days and indeed today, the Point Lowly peninsula is a beautiful part of our state, famous now for the cuttlefish aggregation. One of the best beaches in Spencer Gulf is the beach at Weeroona Bay. As I said, there are other beaches at Point Lowly as well.

That played an important role in the working and recreational life of people from Port Pirie. Indeed, the BHAS built what looks like a fine stone building at Point Lowly as accommodation for those workers and families that came over. I think it is a real tragedy that that building was lost to time and demolished many years ago—I suspect back in the 1950s—but it looks like it was quite a magnificent building at Point Lowly that was lost.

We know that Port Pirie has made a number of contributions, but it always gets back to the smelter. Whyalla and Pirie have that in common. Ultimately, Whyalla added value both in terms of intermediate products and finished products when it came to iron ore. Because of that amazing

discovery in the 1800s at Broken Hill of that incredibly rich deposit of lead, gold, silver, zinc, that became the underpinning of the development of Port Pirie and it was, as the member for Frome indicated, for a whole period of time, a booming town.

I came in on the tail end of the speech and the reference to its stronger multicultural base, with the Italians and others coming after the end of the Second World War. It is interesting, when you look at the history of Port Pirie, that before the First World War there were over 500 Russians in Port Pirie and there was a Russian language school and a Russian library. They came from one particular area of Russia. There were 500 people from Russia in Port Pirie back before the First World War. That is an interesting piece of history.

Like Whyalla, Pirie has gone through its ups and downs. When you are heavily dependent upon a major industry, you are subject to all sorts of variables, potential external shocks and what have you. Both cities have deep connections going back to the distant past and not so distant past with Whyalla with BHP and what happened at Broken Hill. There is that strong linkage there.

The Broken Hill Associated Smelters (BHAS) was there for many years. It was a bit of a consortium originally and then it became Pasmenco, Zinifex, and then Nyrstar. It has changed hands. During those periods of changing hands, there is always uncertainty at different times. Workers have been laid off. Every now and again there is that feeling of almost an existential threat to something that has become such a fundamental part of the economy and the community. Like Whyalla, Port Pirie has managed to get through those changes and may it continue to do so into the future, along with Whyalla.

It is sometimes said by those opposite that we just ignore the regions. But when the heavy lifting needed to be done, Labor was there for Port Pirie and was there for the member for Frome. Manufacturing is part of our DNA and we were not going to see the smelter at Pirie close. There was incredibly strong advocacy on the part of the member for Frome and it was very clear that this was something incredibly close to his heart. It was also close to Labor's heart as well, that, as a state, we could not afford to lose the smelter in Pirie. When the heavy lifting was needed, we were there. There was some criticism of the \$290-odd million underwriting that we provided for Port Pirie.

I now reflect upon what happened in those days. It is somewhat similar with the steelworks: the federal Liberal government were missing in action. They were not there wanting to be party to this underwriting. They were missing in action. They were prepared to see yet another part of our sovereign manufacturing capacity go to the wall, but Labor in this state was not prepared to see that happen.

Port Pirie has had a proud history. Those linkages still exist between Whyalla and Pirie and, indeed, Port Augusta. Those Upper Spencer Gulf communities once upon a time used to be referred to as the Iron Triangle. All those Upper Spencer Gulf communities have great potential, some of it unrealised. Let's realise that potential.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (12:39):** It is a pleasure to rise on behalf of Stuart to support the motion:

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and acknowledges the determination, pride and patience of these communities.

I support this motion absolutely wholeheartedly. We have an outstanding and very practical tradition in the Upper Spencer Gulf with regard to the members of parliament representing Port Augusta, Port Pirie and Whyalla working very collaboratively together for the common good of the Upper Spencer Gulf. In some ways, we are like that stereotypical family: we can compete together and we can argue and work on things in a competitive way internally, but if anybody from outside tries to give any one of us a hard time the three Upper Spencer Gulf cities always stick together.

It is not surprising that I have had a long association with Port Pirie as well as the Upper Spencer Gulf cities. I have been going there for decades and the name often attributed to the city of Port Pirie, 'the friendly city', could not be more apt. It is an incredibly friendly city. In some ways, Port Pirie is disadvantaged by being five to six kilometres off national Highway 1 but, in some ways, Port Pirie is actually advantaged by that as well. It is a very cohesive, intact, friendly and collaborative regional centre.

I remember, almost exactly 20 years ago, spending a lot of time in Port Pirie when I did my flying lessons down there with Mr Neil Davis at the Port Pirie airstrip. He was a fantastic instructor, I was an average student, but we got on very well. I thoroughly enjoyed it and spent a lot of time in Port Pirie. Prior to that I had just made visits, but at that stage I spent a lot of time there. Of course in 2007, 2008 and 2009 I worked full time with what was then the Southern Flinders Ranges Development Board, the precursor to Yorke and Mid North RDA as it is at the moment.

I could not agree more strongly: the Upper Spencer Gulf cities—and this motion is particularly about Port Pirie—are absolutely outstanding. I was not aware until a little while ago of what the member for Frome shared with the house, that the cheeseburger was invented in Port Pirie. I did not know that and I am sure that must be true because otherwise McDonald's and many other purveyors of cheeseburgers would have had something to do with it. But if the member for Frome says that the cheeseburger was invented in Port Pirie, then so be it.

There are a lot of other fantastic things about Port Pirie. The sporting community is absolutely wonderful, and the arts community in Port Pirie and the surrounding Southern Flinders Ranges is also very cohesive and very positive. When I was running roadhouses in the outback, quite a few of our suppliers came from Port Pirie, with regular visits and regular engagement. The Coke distributor was in Port Pirie, and PFD, a very important food distributor to roadhouses, shops and service stations and the like, was in Port Pirie.

A terrific recent development is Days Eggs, a very well-known egg producer statewide. The work that they have done recently with both their free range and other style of egg production near Port Germein, just near Port Pirie, has been absolutely fantastic to see going ahead in leaps and bounds. Of course, the surrounding farming district is incredibly important and the closest regional centre to that part of the Southern Flinders Ranges where I live myself is Wilmington, as it happens, between Port Pirie and Port Augusta.

It is a fantastic community, and it was wonderful to be with Minister Speirs at the brand-new Bluff lookout on Friday last week with other colleagues from the South Australian parliament and Rowan Ramsey, the federal member. When you look down across the plains on the western side of the Southern Flinders Ranges out across the gulf and look at Weeroona Island, look at Port Germein, look at Port Pirie, it is just a stunningly beautiful part of the world. It is a very productive part of the world and it is an incredibly friendly and collaborative part of the world.

It would not be right for anybody to speak about Port Pirie without referring to Nyrstar and the operation that has gone on there for, I believe, nearly 130 years. Currently, Nyrstar is owned by Trafigura. Our government has developed an incredibly close working relationship with Trafigura and Nyrstar over the last few years, in fact, managing the payment back to state government—or probably it is more accurate to say the removal of the guarantees that the state government had with Trafigura. It is a fantastic working relationship.

I heard the member for Giles talk about Whyalla and, yes, it is 100 per cent true that our government is fully there for these incredibly important enterprises, Nyrstar and GFG in Whyalla. The employment, productivity and social fabric cohesion that they offer our Upper Spencer Gulf communities are absolutely fundamental to who we are and what we do in Port Augusta, Port Pirie, Whyalla and the Southern Flinders Ranges, and that extends also into the closer parts of the outback communities.

It is an incredibly important part of the world and an important shipping port. In some ways, it is a little bit like being off the highway. In some ways, draft at Port Pirie is an advantage and a disadvantage. It is a disadvantage because larger ships cannot get in, so there is a certain curtailment of the industry that is available to develop there, but it is also an opportunity because it has kept Port Pirie a smaller regional city. By South Australian standards it is large, but it is smaller by broader Australian standards, which I am sure has benefited Port Pirie in many ways.



I would also like to share with the house a fantastic visit I had to the Federal Hotel. Mr Mark Phillips and his wife run that establishment and those familiar with Port Pirie would know the outstanding history of the Federal Hotel. I strongly recommend all members of this chamber to take the opportunity—and there are tours available—to go to the very top lookout at the top of the Federal Hotel, which was originally the place for spotting ships way out in the gulf that had the fairly long and slow trip to navigate the river into the port of Port Pirie. It was the lookout to see that there was a ship coming in.

If you go back 100 years, without the technology that we have at the moment, when it was clear that a ship was coming in a signal would go all around town, whether it was the official duty of the harbour masters, the customs officers or whether it was the hotels and taverns that were going to support the crew. I am reliably informed by Mr Phillips that there was even a bit of a red-light operation going on—and I am sure, knowing what a wonderful city Port Pirie is, this would have been just a tiny operation. It was a surprise to me. I would never have guessed that that was actually possible.

Of course, there were people receiving goods off those ships or putting goods onto those ships. For example, we think about the Port Germein gorge and wool and wheat coming down in oxen drays to unload, often at Port Germein but often at Port Pirie as well.

There is a lot of history that is still alive in Port Pirie and there is a lot of brand-new modern technology working really well. Our government's upgrade to the John Pirie Secondary School is absolutely outstanding, with regard to both allowing the transition of year 7s from primary school to high school and also the fantastic upgrade to the powerhouse art, music and entertainment facilities and many others.

Port Pirie is a fantastic city, as are Port Augusta and Whyalla, just as much as the Southern Flinders Ranges district and the outback are absolutely outstanding. On behalf of the government, I wholeheartedly support this motion.

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay) (12:49):** I rise to support this motion. I would like to note that occasionally we find people who go above and beyond to represent their communities. I have to say that this is the experience that I have had with the member for Frome. On the occasions that I have been able to visit Port Pirie, he has not bought me a pizza. We have not shared a pizza but we have enjoyed a Chinese dinner a few times.

Mostly, I have been to Pirie in my capacity as shadow minister for tourism, having conversations about how we could increase tourism within Port Pirie and about some of the history of Port Pirie that most South Australians probably do not know but would like to understand. There is a bit of a frightening shark at the tourism and culture centre that does not lose—

**The Hon. D.C. van Holst Pellekaan:** Shakka the shark.

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON:** —Shakka the shark, and it is still memorable. Today, I want to speak predominantly about the multicultural community of Port Pirie. Not only have we seen a diversity of multicultural communities but we have seen a very rich Indigenous culture as well. What we have seen, particularly through the time, passion and hard work of the different communities, is tremendous economic growth and prosperity over the regions.

Port Pirie promotes six core values: respect, collaboration, integrity, innovation, inclusion and responsiveness. I think these six values can be seen quite strongly in the different elements of the community. Prior to European settlement in 1854, Port Pirie was home to Aboriginal communities, such as the Nukunu people. The land that we know today as Port Pirie was called Tarparrie, which was named by the Nukunu people and translates to 'muddy creek'.

We know that the Tarnanthi Festival event is held in Port Pirie and showcases the work of seven Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women artists from across regional and remote areas, where they focus on the strength of women and highlight the importance they have had in their past and in the life that they are living now. The intention of that event is to nurture and encourage tomorrow's leaders in our Indigenous community.

I would like to touch on the rich history of the many different migrant communities that helped build and shape the region, in particular the Italian community. In 1991, a survey was conducted, which showed that there were 1,055 people living in Port Pirie of Italian descent. The first Italian

people arrived from Molfetta. The Molfettesi people are known for their fishing skills. Once they arrived in Port Pirie, their skills were evident as they drifted between two ports so they could stay in contact with their family members while they worked along the coastline of South Australia.

Broken Hill was discovered in 1883, with its rich ore, silver, zinc and lead. Then, in 1888, a railway was built that connected Port Pirie to Broken Hill, which resulted in increased employment opportunities for the area. It was not long after that that the first lead smelter was built and there was a need for workers. Some themes within Australia do not change; we still have a need for workers and we ask for people to come from overseas. Workers from different countries collaborated on this project, including 500 people from Russia. Because they comprised a significant number of the population, a Russian language school was established and a library as well.

Greek migrants began arriving in 1889, the year the smelters commenced operation. Of course, we cannot forget there is a Muslim cameleer history in the region. In the late 1800s, we saw a wave of Muslim cameleers from many different countries, including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Egypt, Syria and Turkey. They migrated to the region to assist British settlers navigating the country's hostile interior.

When we look at Port Pirie today—and the 2016 census is the latest data that we have—the languages other than English spoken in Port Pirie include Italian, Greek and Filipino and 30.6 per cent of people in Port Pirie had both their parents born overseas. The city prides itself on being the city of friendly people and this has been shaped by the vibrant cultural communities that are residing there.

I always enjoy my time visiting the local member, the member for Frome, and I am always welcomed. They are an energetic bunch and I look forward to visiting again in the near future. I support the motion.

**Mr SZAKACS (Cheltenham) (12:54):** I want to support this motion moved by the member and to speak very briefly about the connection the Molfettese community have with and their strong links and history to the entire Italian migration through South Australia. Very few non-Italian migrants fully appreciate the pillar of Italian migration to Pirie for the rest of South Australia. I know the Leader of the House spoke yesterday briefly about his participation in the Blessing of the Fleet. Sadly, the local Adelaide Molfettese community could not proceed with theirs this year.

The extent of the Molfettese footprint in Port Pirie is quite profound, going back to the 1880s and that first chain of familial migration into South Australia through the fishermen, through the workers at the docks, the wharves, the captains of the fishing fleets as well as the builders themselves. We owe a great debt of gratitude to both the Molfettese community for their footprint in Pirie and to the Port Pirie community itself for their ongoing support and recognition of the Molfettese community. I know that in 2016—I am not sure who opened it—the *Elizabeth*, I think it is, the boat—

**The Hon. G.G. Brock:** Yes, it would be the *Elizabeth*.

**Mr SZAKACS:** —the *Elizabeth* memorial in Pirie itself is a fitting and important recognition to the contribution that the Molfettese community have made in Pirie. My oldest and dearest friend in the world, Angelo, is a child of two Molfettesi immigrants. As I have spoken a lot in this house in the past, growing up in the western suburbs we had a pretty rich and lucky tapestry of multiculturalism, but the flavour of Molfettese Italianism multiculturalism is very dear to me.

The Adelaide contingent of Molfettesi continue to call Albert Park their home, which is in my electorate as well. Thank you to the Italian community. Pirie itself is famous for its pizzas—in no way less thanks to the member himself—but certainly the connection the Molfettesi have had with Pirie and their legacy through the rest of Italian migration into South Australia is quite profound and worth noting today.

**The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Frome) (12:58):** I would like to thank all the speakers: the member for Giles, the Minister for Energy and Mining, member for Ramsay and the member for Cheltenham. I am very, very proud of our community, its history and, as I just mentioned to the member for Cheltenham, the multiculturalism and what our community has done for the state of South Australia during the First and Second World Wars and others, and to speak for 15 minutes does not do justice to any community with the history of Port Pirie.

It has been a privilege to represent that community for the last 13 years, not only as the local member but for 20 years on council. I thank every person in this house for speaking today and endorse the motion to the house.

Motion carried.

**The SPEAKER:** I just take this opportunity, speaking personally, to recognise my grandfather, Colin Teague, who was born in Napperby in 1911 and brought up in Port Pirie. He was the grandson of Cornish migrants to the Mid North in 1879 and 1880, Simon and Martha. His father, Arch, and those before him were stonemasons. Colin followed in that path and did his apprenticeship at Arch's building firm in Pirie. I was very proud to have the opportunity just a few weeks ago to be in Pirie and to have a look over at the memorial gates at the Pirie oval that Arch had a significant hand in building. One thing about stonemasonry work: it lasts.

*Sitting suspended from 13:00 until 14:00.*

#### *Petitions*

### **ALDINGA SUBURBAN NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson):** Presented a petition signed by 1,454 residents of southern Adelaide, requesting the house to urge the government to take the necessary steps to guarantee that the Aldinga Suburban Neighbourhood Development meets the requirements of a sustainable, climate resilient suburb.

### **SELLICKS BEACH AND ALDINGA**

**The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson):** Presented a petition signed by 1,226 members of the Sellicks Woodlands and Wetlands Action Network, and residents of greater South Australia, requesting the house to urge the government to establish a Willunga Basin Coast Conservation Park to stop the urbanisation of Sellicks Beach and Aldinga and provide essential infrastructure upgrades for the Sellicks community.

#### *Parliamentary Procedure*

### **ANSWERS TABLED**

**The SPEAKER:** I direct that the written answers to questions be distributed and printed in *Hansard*.

#### *Parliamentary Committees*

### **LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (14:03):** I bring up the 44<sup>th</sup> report of the committee, entitled Subordinate Legislation.

Report received.

**Mr TRELOAR:** I bring up the 45<sup>th</sup> report of the committee, entitled Subordinate Legislation.

Report received and read.

#### *Question Time*

### **DATA HARVESTING**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:05):** My question is to the Premier. Was the Premier's office subject to an Ombudsman's investigation into the misuse of data?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:05):** That would be a matter for the Ombudsman. He has—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** I think we all appreciate that the Ombudsman—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —was before a parliamentary inquiry this morning and these would have been good questions to direct to the Ombudsman this morning.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** I presume that there's been some sort of investigation because he concluded and put out a statement later today saying that there had been no finding.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, member for Lee!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** So I think that that's reasonably clear, and it's consistent with the work that the Privacy Committee had found earlier this year.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. L.W.K. Bignell:** You're a crook leading a bunch of crooks.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, the Premier will resume his seat. The member for Mawson will leave for an hour in accordance with standing order 137A.

*Members interjecting:*

*Members*

#### **MEMBER FOR MAWSON, NAMING**

**The SPEAKER:** I name the member for Mawson.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I move that the apology be accepted once the member makes it.

**The SPEAKER:** Does the member for Mawson wish to be heard?

**The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL:** I would like to apologise, sir.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:07):** I move:

That the apology be accepted.

**The SPEAKER:** Is there any further debate? The Minister for Energy and Mining.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:07):** The government is absolutely appalled by the behaviour of the member for Mawson. To yell out from his seat to the Premier that he is 'a crook leading a bunch of crooks' is—

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** And somebody opposite just repeated it, just agreed.

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** This is disgraceful behaviour. We would have been prepared to leave it as it was when you asked the member for Mawson to leave the chamber for an hour but, when he was walking out towards the door and he repeated the same comment, you were entirely within your rights, in the government's opinion, and entirely appropriate to name the member for Mawson. That is behaviour that in my 11 years—there are others who have been here longer—in this chamber I have not seen.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, member for Cheltenham!

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my left! The member for Cheltenham is called to order. The Minister for Energy and Mining has the call.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** For a member to be suspended from the chamber for an hour and then to walk right past the Premier, look right at the Premier and repeat 'you're a crook leading a bunch of crooks' is absolutely disgraceful—absolutely disgraceful. I could not hear what the member for Mawson said when he returned to his seat. Through his mask, it just wasn't possible to hear what he said, so I would like you to tell me what it was that he said at that point in time, please.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The minister has the call.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** Mr Speaker, when you had the member for Mawson return you asked him to explain himself. I just could not hear what he said from—

**The SPEAKER:** I heard the member for Mawson apologise.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, the member for West Torrens! The minister has the call.

*Mr Whetstone interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Chaffey!

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** So, Mr Speaker, thank you for that—

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for West Torrens will cease interjecting.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** Thank you for that clarification, but, no, on behalf of the government we do not accept that apology. We do not accept that apology from a member after being asked to leave the chamber and in doing so faces the Premier again and says, 'You're a crook leading a bunch of crooks.' It offends the government, Mr Speaker.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:10):** Sir, it has been a long tradition in this house that once a member is named the member provides an explanation. The member offered an apology. The opposition moved that the apology be accepted. It is usual practice for the government to accept that.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my right!

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The Minister for Innovation and Skills is called to order.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Strangely, we have the government arguing that the member hadn't apologised while we're debating the motion about the apology being—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Wright is called to order. The member for West Torrens has the call. He will be heard in silence.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Strangely, sir, we had the government arguing that the member had not apologised, despite us debating a motion that the apology be accepted, which speaks volumes about the government's state of mind right now, given the accusations against the Premier of misconduct, maladministration and potential corruption in his office and the Liberal Party. I see this no more than an attempt by the government to clear the chamber of any dissent into the awful and groundbreaking allegations against the Premier.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I ask that the house to get back to the questions—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members on my right!

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for West Torrens will resume his seat. The Deputy Premier will cease interjecting. The Minister for Energy and Mining on a point of order.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** The member for West Torrens is not debating the matter at hand. He is moving onto other things in his own mind, but he is not debating the matter at hand, and I ask you to bring him back to the substance that we are actually debating at the moment.

**The SPEAKER:** I am listening carefully to the member for West Torrens. The member for West Torrens will address the matter before the house.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I won't take up too much of the house's time, other than to say that the member has apologised. He has been excluded by the Speaker under sessional orders for an hour. Now the government want the member excluded from the parliament for 24 hours because of a remark that he has apologised for. He has apologised to the house. It is good practice to allow that apology to be accepted. Anything else is about something else that the government are worried about—and they should be.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, Minister for Education! The member for West Torrens has moved that the member for Mawson's apology be accepted.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes ..... 23

Noes ..... 23

Majority ..... 0

#### AYES

Bedford, F.E.  
Bignell, L.W.K.  
Brown, M.E.  
Duluk, S.  
Hughes, E.J.  
Michaels, A.  
Piccolo, A.  
Szakacs, J.K.

Bell, T.S.  
Boyer, B.I.  
Close, S.E.  
Gee, J.P.  
Koutsantonis, A. (teller)  
Mullighan, S.C.  
Picton, C.J.  
Wortley, D.

Bettison, Z.L.  
Brock, G.G.  
Cook, N.F.  
Hildyard, K.A.  
Malinauskas, P.  
Odenwalder, L.K.  
Stinson, J.M.

#### NOES

Basham, D.K.B.  
Cregan, D.  
Harvey, R.M. (teller)  
Marshall, S.S.  
Patterson, S.J.R.  
Power, C.  
Tarzia, V.A.  
Whetstone, T.J.

Chapman, V.A.  
Ellis, F.J.  
Knoll, S.K.  
McBride, N.  
Pederick, A.S.  
Sanderson, R.  
Treloar, P.A.  
Wingard, C.L.

Cowdrey, M.J.  
Gardner, J.A.W.  
Luethen, P.  
Murray, S.  
Pisoni, D.G.  
Speirs, D.J.  
van Holst Pellekaan, D.C.

**The SPEAKER:** There being 23 ayes and 23 noes, the Speaker exercises a casting vote. I exercise that casting vote with the noes.

Motion thus negatived.

*The honourable member for Mawson having withdrawn from the chamber:*

**MEMBER FOR MAWSON, SUSPENSION**

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:17):** I move:

That the honourable member for Mawson be suspended from the service of the house.

Motion carried.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! In the circumstances, the leader might repeat the question.

*Question Time*

**DATA HARVESTING**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:18):** I am happy to repeat the question, sir. My question is to the Premier. Was the Premier's office subject to an Ombudsman's investigation into the misuse of data?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:18):** Sorry, as I was saying—

*The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:*

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —that's right, quite some time ago—that wasn't something that we were aware of. There was an inquiry by the Privacy Committee. That report was tabled and, of course, I think there was the potential for that to be referred to the Ombudsman.

The Ombudsman appeared before a parliamentary inquiry today. He has subsequently issued a statement clarifying statements that he made today. As part of that clarifying statement, he made it very clear that, firstly, he hadn't informed my office as he had stated in the committee today and, secondly, there were no findings that he found with regard to this matter. What I was saying—and I recall it now—was that at the heart of this issue were allegations by those opposite, repeated in the media, that there was a grand scandal underway where there was data harvesting by the NationBuilder program. The NationBuilder program—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

*Mr Brown interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, member for Playford!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** Try to keep some of you in the chamber today. It would be terrible if you all had to leave.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Kaurna!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** The reality is that we used the NationBuilder program when in opposition to distribute our press releases to people who wanted to receive those press releases, mainly the media. On coming into government we continued to use the NationBuilder system to distribute those media releases.

**Mr Odenwalder:** Are you defending this? Are you really defending this?

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Elizabeth!

**Mr Odenwalder:** You are going to defend this here?

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Elizabeth is called to order.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** Of course, sir, as you would be more than aware, on coming to government we continued to use the NationBuilder program to distribute those media releases.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Kurna!

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for West Torrens is warned for a second time.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** It is quite incredible, the fantasy that goes on in the collective minds of the opposition here in South Australia.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Playford is called to order.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** We've heard this before from the opposition. They made outrageous claims against the—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —Keolis Downer contract. That was one of the other great scandals of monumental proportions that the member for West Torrens came in here spouting on about. Of course, there was no issue there whatsoever; in fact, the Ombudsman found it was conducted perfectly in accordance—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Wright!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —with the way it was meant to be conducted—

*Mr Boyer interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Wright is warned.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** Sir, I just direct those opposite to read the Ombudsman's clarifying publication that he made subsequent to appearing at the parliamentary committee earlier today.

**The SPEAKER:** Before I call the leader—and I am conscious that I'm playing a bit of catch-up here myself—I call to order the member for Chaffey, I call to order the Minister for Education, I warn the member for Playford, I call to order the member for Kurna and the member for Lee, and I call to order the Deputy Premier.

#### DATA HARVESTING

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:22):** My question is to the Premier. Has the Premier received any correspondence from the Ombudsman regarding any investigation into the misuse of data?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:22):** I have answered that over the last 10 minutes since we have been in here and I'm happy to do it again. As was stated this morning at the committee, the Ombudsman said that my office had been informed, today I think he sort of suggested. He has put out a clarifying statement and said, no, he hadn't. He also made it clear that there was no finding. I know there are a lot of allegations from those opposite. They love making allegations, they love throwing mud—

*Mr Brown interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Playford is warned for a second time.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —but in reality, at the heart of this—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, the leader!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** The Leader of the Opposition—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members on my left!



**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** The Leader of the Opposition has been hanging around with the member for West Torrens a bit too much lately, I think, and he's getting things a little bit confused. There are no allegations made by the Ombudsman—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** There is a statement that has come out from the Ombudsman subsequent to his appearance at the parliamentary committee today and, to be quite honest, it couldn't be any clearer. At the heart of this matter, we used a program, NationBuilder, to distribute media releases. We came into government and we continued to use it. We also know that there were some departments that used to copy and paste some of those press releases, and these basically also went through the NationBuilder system.

There was an investigation, which found that there was no data harvesting, there was no data collection, there was no data retention whatsoever. This was the finding of the Privacy Committee of South Australia. Of course, the Ombudsman has appeared today and has clarified his situation where he has no finding with regard to this matter whatsoever. But it doesn't surprise me—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Playford will cease interjecting.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —one bit that those opposite would come in here, because they love muddying the waters. In this situation, there is no basis—

*Ms Cook interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, member for Hurtle Vale!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —for this whatsoever, because the Ombudsman has made it very clear that there was no finding. There has been no data harvested—

**Mr Brown:** Why has it gone to the OPI?

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Playford will cease interjecting.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —and there has been no data retention. This was clarified by NationBuilder. It was clarified by the Privacy Committee. It has now been very plainly put into black and white by the Ombudsman. There is no finding against the government, against my office, whatsoever with regard to this. I can't be any clearer on this. I just direct those opposite: rather than coming in here and making allegations—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —why don't they just take a look at what the Ombudsman had to say? They had the Ombudsman in the parliament earlier today. In fact, the Ombudsman appeared before the crime and public integrity committee today. They had every opportunity to ask the Ombudsman any question that they liked.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Leader!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** The reality is there is a very clear public statement made by the Ombudsman, and I think that that clarifies the situation for those opposite.

**The SPEAKER:** Before I call the leader, the member for Playford will leave for 15 minutes in accordance with standing order 137A.

*The honourable member for Playford having withdrawn from the chamber:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Wright is warned for a second time. The member for Lee is warned.

**DATA HARVESTING**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:25):** My question is to the Premier. Is the Premier aware of the evidence given to the CPIP Committee today by the Ombudsman? With your leave, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** Today in the CPIP Committee, the Ombudsman was questioned about the misuse of data and whether he had found corruption, maladministration or misconduct and referred it to the Office for Public Integrity. His response was, 'Yes.' He was then asked if that was on behalf of a political party, the Liberal Party. His response was, 'Yes.'

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (14:26):** I have been briefed on the evidence given this morning and I have also been provided with a copy of the statement issued by the Ombudsman today in which he has corrected the record in relation to the evidence he gave this morning.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. A. Koutsantonis:** Point of order, sir.

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The Deputy Premier will resume her seat. The Member for West Torrens rises on a point of order.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Standing order 96: the Attorney-General is not responsible to the house for the office of the Premier.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! There's no point of order.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my right!

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members on my left!

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Ramsay! There is no point of order. It's within the capacity of the government to answer the question. The Deputy Premier has the call.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I just repeat that I have received a briefing in respect of the evidence that was given this morning at the CPIP Committee and that included the ICAC commissioner, Ann Vanstone, and also the Ombudsman, Mr Wayne Lines. In relation to Mr Lines' evidence, I have subsequently been provided with a copy of a statement he has made under the heading of a media release with the Ombudsman in which he corrected his evidence from the morning. It really covers two matters in relation to findings, and which he confirmed that he hadn't, and that he had referred the matter to OPI for assessment. Secondly—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The Deputy Premier will resume her seat for a moment. Members on my right and members on my left, the Deputy Premier—indeed any minister answering a question—is entitled to be heard in silence, and that's, apart from any other purpose, for the benefit of all members having the capacity to hear the answer. I have difficulty hearing the answer, given the volume and extent of interjections. They will cease. The Deputy Premier has the call.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** The second matter that the Ombudsman made a public statement on is to say that he had made a statement to the committee about the Premier's office being informed, and he says, 'However, that is not the case,' and goes on to explain that the Department of the Premier and Cabinet were the only ones that had been informed. This statement is critical, of course, to be taken into account in the errors that have been brought to the attention

and made publicly by the Ombudsman in respect of the statements that he made to the committee. I just remind the members that—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —I made a statement to the parliament back in May identifying that the Privacy Committee had—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members on my left! The member for Reynell!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I hear an interjection about being handpicked. The chair of the Privacy Committee is someone who was appointed way before my time—I think done by the previous government. In any event, Mr Simon Froude, who is the chair of the committee and also in charge of the State Records Act in South Australia, has undertaken an inquiry.

I have reported that to the parliament, and their findings in relation to that, and that he confirmed that he would be forwarding a copy of that report to the Ombudsman. It's unsurprising to me that the Ombudsman would be asked questions about that and/or that he would give evidence or make public statements on it. He has and I think he has cleared the matter.

**The SPEAKER:** The Deputy Premier will resume her seat. The leader rises on a point of order.

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** A point of order: standing order 98. My question was specifically as to whether or not the Premier is aware that an investigation regarding misuse of data has been referred to OPI. That was the question asked of the Premier.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! On the point of order, the Minister for Energy and Mining.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** On the point of order—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my right! Members on my right, the Premier! The Premier will cease interjecting. The Minister for Energy and Mining has the call.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** Contrary to what the Leader of the Opposition just said, the original question was actually asking about the Premier's knowledge or otherwise about the evidence provided to the committee, and that is exactly what the Deputy Premier is talking about.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The leader has raised a point of order, as he is entitled to do. I don't uphold the point of order insofar as it raises a point of order in contravention of standing order 98. The question asked as to the Premier's knowledge of evidence given at the committee hearing this morning. The Deputy Premier in answering the question is addressing that subject matter and what I anticipate is bringing the house up to date in relation to matters subsequent that bear on that question. The Deputy Premier remains in order. The Deputy Premier has the call.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I have concluded my answer.

**The SPEAKER:** The Deputy Premier has concluded her answer.

#### DATA HARVESTING

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:31):** My question is to the Premier. Is the Premier's office, the Premier's department or the South Australian Liberal Party subject to an investigation from OPI?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (14:32):** I think the Ombudsman has made it very clear, crystal clear, in relation to the reference—

**Mr Malinauskas:** Why isn't the Premier answering these questions?

**The SPEAKER:** Order, the leader!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** If the Leader of the Opposition—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The leader will cease interjecting.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** The Leader of the Opposition can refresh his memory perhaps on the statement made to the parliament in May this year, but in addition to that the Ombudsman's own statement that he has made only an hour or so ago—

*Ms Cook interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Hurtle Vale is called to order.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —in which he confirms that he has referred the matter to the OPI for assessment. They can make up the rest, but that's what he says.

### STUART ELECTORATE

**Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (14:32):** My question is for the Minister for Energy and Mining. Can the minister update the house on how the Marshall Liberal government's commitment to 100 per cent net renewable energy is creating jobs in his own electorate of Stuart?

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:33):** Thank you very much to the member for Flinders. I really appreciate the question. While of course we are creating jobs across the entire state through our work in energy, certainly in the seat of Stuart we have a fantastic example.

As this house knows, the Upper Spencer Gulf is the engine room of the state's renewable energy industry. This week, the Marshall Liberal government's commitment to 100 per cent net renewables became another step closer with 50 wind turbines at Port Augusta Renewal Energy Park (PAREP) installed and ready for commissioning. Completion of the turbines at the \$500 million hybrid wind and solar project will increase South Australia's wind generation capacity by 210 megawatts, bringing the total statewide capacity to 2,351 megawatts.

With the additional 210 megawatts of power generation from PAREP's solar farm, South Australia's total utility scale solar farm will grow by around 30 per cent. DP Energy and Iberdrola's investment at Port Augusta are creating 200 full-time jobs during construction and a further 20 ongoing jobs after completion.

The Marshall government is making our grid secure, low cost and clean to underpin our strong economic and jobs growth as we deal with the impact of COVID-19. The 50 wind turbines will take advantage of the Port Augusta area's high wind resources, and this investment can mean that renewables make up more than two-thirds of our power generation.

The project will pair well with the South Australia-New South Wales interconnector, which will soon start construction, allowing South Australia to host more renewable projects and export excess wind and solar interstate, creating another 200 jobs during construction. The interconnector, a project opposed by the Labor opposition, is going to drive increased investment in renewable energy projects, like that of Iberdrola's. The Marshall Liberal government is making power cheaper, clean and more secure and creating valuable jobs in the process.

Let me highlight that it is not actually just about wind on its own, not actually just about solar on its own and not just about batteries on their own. It's actually about the smart combination of all of those assets, along with voluntary demand management, which provides financial benefits to those who choose to participate, along with world-leading smart technology—software and hardware—that allows us to mix and to integrate variable supply and variable demand so that we can get the most of all those things for everybody.

There are times in South Australia when people actually get paid to consume electricity, they get paid to store electricity and they get paid to take electricity out of the grid. There are other times when you actually pay to get that electricity. We are using all this technology, all these resources, in a very deliberate and coordinated way to make sure consumers in South Australia get the best.

Unlike the former Labor government, which just had renewable energy targets for the sake of targets for politics, forgot about consumers, drove prices up through the roof and gave us a statewide blackout and many other blackouts, we are working on behalf of consumers. We are working productively and responsibly with the supply side, with transmission, with distribution and with smart tech, but we are doing all of that in partnership with industry for consumers.

Since coming to government, we have seen a \$303 decrease per year for the average household bill for electricity in South Australia and there are more savings for our South Australian households on the way.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! Before I call the leader, it has been brought to my attention that the Deputy Premier might have been quoting from a public document in her previous answer. If that's the case, I invite the Deputy Premier to table the document.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** It's already public.

**The SPEAKER:** It's already public?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** To be clear, I have referred to the media release by the Ombudsman's office published today. If the parliament must have a copy of it, I'm happy for it to be provided. I have also referred to a ministerial statement made by me on 5 May 2021.

**The SPEAKER:** Those two documents are sufficiently identified.

#### PREMIER AND CABINET DEPARTMENT

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:37):** My question is to the Premier. Has anyone within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet informed the Premier that his department is under an investigation from the Ombudsman?

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The member for Elizabeth is warned. The Deputy Premier will resume her seat.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The leader is warned for a second time. I remind—in this case, particularly members on my left—that the question having been asked it is entirely within the discretion of the government for a minister to answer the question and, if given the call, the minister is entitled to be heard in silence. If it's a member's desire to raise a point of order, that's orderly. Interjections are disorderly and interjections by way of cacophony on the conclusion of a question are particularly disorderly. The Deputy Premier sought the call. The Deputy Premier has the call.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (14:39):** As advised by the Ombudsman himself, he has in fact confirmed that he has referred the matter to the OPI for assessment. Those are his words from his statement. That is what has occurred.

The parliament have already been informed as of May this year, when we had a report from the Privacy Committee of their assessment. Indeed, they had reported their request to all government chief executives as to whether there were any links in relation to NationBuilder and other material, because this was an inquiry into whether there had been any collection or misuse of private information. The Privacy Committee themselves confirmed in that report that they had made those consultations.

**The SPEAKER:** The Deputy Premier will resume her seat. The leader rises on a point of order.

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** Point of order: standing order 98. Notwithstanding the Attorney-General being an expert on everything, my question—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The member for Chaffey is warned. The leader rises on a point of order. It's not an opportunity for debate. I will hear the point of order.

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** My question was to the Premier, sir. I asked the Premier whether or not any member of his department, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, had informed the Premier that their department was under investigation. That was a specific question. It doesn't bear any relevance to the Ombudsman's statement. It only goes to whether or not the Premier was informed—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my right!

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** —by his own department.

**The SPEAKER:** I have the point of order. For the time being, I draw the Deputy Premier to the substance of the question. The Deputy Premier has the call.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** In May, as was advised to the parliament, the request for information had been sought from all—

**Ms Hildyard:** Was he informed? That is the question.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Reynell is called to order.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —state government chief executives. Obviously, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet is included in 'all'.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** As to whether there had been any links and the information was provided, I am advised, if the members want to refresh their memories on the Privacy Committee's report, that all agencies advised the Privacy Committee that they had deleted the relevant documentation links, etc. All of that had been conveyed to the parliament in May. The Privacy Committee confirmed that they had provided that report to the parliament here. It was tabled in the parliament, plus they had provided it to the Ombudsman.

The Ombudsman has now referred the matter, as he says in his statement, to the OPI for assessment. He has made no final conclusions himself—he makes that very clear—and he has sent it over to the OPI for assessment. That is an agency that members are all familiar with. We understand it is the independent body in relation to this. He has sent it there for assessment, so we will of course await that assessment.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The member for Ramsay will cease interjecting. Before I call the leader, I warn for a second time the member for Elizabeth, I warn the member for Reynell and I call to order the member for Ramsay.

#### DATA HARVESTING

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:42):** My question is to the Premier of South Australia, the member for Dunstan. At any time was the Premier advised by his own department that his department was being investigated by the Ombudsman?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:43):** The answer to that is no. As the Deputy Premier has just outlined, there is no evidence of any investigation whatsoever. The Ombudsman made a statement this morning saying that he had conducted some inquiries following a referral of the report from the Privacy Committee, where there were no findings, and then he forwarded the matter on to the OPI for assessment. I think those opposite are trying to draw too many tenuous links that there is some type of investigation underway.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my left!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** With regard to any inquiry whatsoever the Ombudsman has made, he has made his clarification in his public statement, made subsequent to his appearance this morning at the crime and public integrity committee. The answer to the leader's question is no.

**FLEURIEU CONNECTIONS PROJECT**

**Mrs POWER (Elder) (14:44):** My question is to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. Can the minister update the house on the Marshall Liberal government's joint Fleurieu connections upgrade with the federal government?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:44):** I thank the member for Elder for her question. Nothing gives me greater pleasure than to stand up in this house and inform the house of how we are continuing to fix Labor's mess. The Main South Road project is in the same boat as the Goodwood-Springbank-Daws project, the final stages of the north-south corridor and the Gawler line electrification: it's a project that Labor never delivered. They just put it in the too-hard basket. Well, we are getting on with it and we are delivering it.

I might first say that I am very proud that our government is investing to fix Main South Road and Victor Harbor Road. I would like to compare and contrast that with what the Labor Party had planned for the sake of this context here. The two key factors here are financial investment and jobs; that was our focus.

The Marshall government in conjunction with the Morrison federal government has delivered \$560 million for a Fleurieu Connections package. That will see the duplication of Main South Road between Seaford and Aldinga include two grade separations, see a two-plus-one configuration of Main South Road between Aldinga and Sellicks, which means basically alternating lanes all the way down—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my left!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** It will see the duplication of Victor Harbor Road, which they didn't want, between—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Kaurna is warned.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —Main South Road and McLaren Vale, and the icing on the cake will be another overtaking lane further down Victor Harbor Road.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, Minister for Trade and Investment!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** If we do compare with what those opposite were going to deliver, in 2017 Labor built a roundabout. They built a roundabout at Main South Road that the locals hate and the Marshall Liberal government is replacing that—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Kaurna!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —with a grade separation. Those opposite had \$305 million—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Kaurna will cease interjecting.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —on the table. They won't like to hear this, but let's put the facts out there: \$305 million they committed to it and only \$100 million of that was in the last two years of the forward estimates. So really it was a little bit of phoney money—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Reynell!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —from the Labor Party the last two years of the forward estimates to duplicate Main South Road. As we know, based on the costings—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Badcoe!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —their commitment would have only given three roundabouts.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Point of order, sir.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** Three roundabouts is what they would have delivered. We are doing two grade separations.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport will resume his seat.

**Mr Boyer:** Wow! That went well.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Wright will cease interjecting. The member for West Torrens rises on a point of order. He is entitled to be heard in silence.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Thank you, sir: two points of order. The first one is standing order 98. The minister was debating the question by talking about the Labor Party and the former government, and he doesn't have any responsibility to the house for the former government.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The Minister for Innovation and Skills is warned.

**Mr Odenwalder:** Resign!

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Elizabeth will cease interjecting. I uphold the point of order insofar as it relates to the first one. I didn't really detect a second limb. Insofar as it's a point of order pursuant to standing order 98, I uphold it. The minister is directed to the substance of the question. The minister has the call.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** Yes, they don't like the facts and they should hang their head in shame because in this compare and contrast—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The minister will just pause there for a moment. Having ruled on the point of order and having upheld the point of order, I don't and the house doesn't require editorial in relation to the matter. The minister will direct his answer to the substance of the question. The minister has the call.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** I am very happy to direct my answer to the substance of the question and that is what we are delivering for the people of the southern suburbs on Main South Road and on Victor Harbor Road as well. We are delivering two grade separations, which wasn't on the table with what Labor had. In fact, we are fixing their mess and that's important. It was a weak funding commitment from those opposite. The \$305 million they had for the project would have delivered three roundabouts; we are doing the grade separations. What I can say is along with the \$560 million we are committing in partnership with the federal government to get the solution that the community needs and wants down there, after excessive consultation, is this: 770 full-time jobs—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Reynell!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —across a year for the life of this project is absolutely outstanding. That is families in South Australia being fed, that is people getting jobs, hard hats on the ground, people in steel cap boots doing work here in South Australia—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Reynell is warned for a second time.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —and the local community is loving it. I was down there with the Liberal candidate for Mawson, Ms Amy Williams, and she has fought hard for this project. She knows what it means to the people of that region, and she has delivered. In fact, I would say she has delivered more in three months than the member down there has delivered in 16 years.

*Members interjecting:*



**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** He was part of the cabinet that couldn't get this done, and here we are rolling out this project. Community consultation: 92 per cent of the community—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members on my left!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —support the stage 1 duplication, which will improve road safety and boost productivity. The survey of local residents showed 86 per cent of respondents supported the grade separation at the intersection with Tatachilla Road. They know how important that is. We consulted, we listened and we have gone with the second grade separation. We are getting rid of the rubbish roundabout they built.

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** They don't like it, but they delivered a roundabout that the people of Aldinga don't like. We are doing a grade separation. We are building what matters for the people of the south and creating jobs in the process.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! Before I call the leader, I warn the member for Hurtle Vale, I call to order the Minister for Trade and Investment, I call to order the member for Badcoe, I warn for a second time the member for Kaurna and I call to order the deputy leader.

#### DATA HARVESTING

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:50):** My question is to the Premier. Has the Premier had any conversations with the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet regarding the Ombudsman's inquiries into the misuse of data?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:50):** I am just trying to determine when this issue was raised first which chief executive it was. Obviously, this was a matter of much interest in the public domain and so there quite possibly were conversations. The reality is that we have now had a report by the Privacy Committee into the matters raised—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —of the allegations made by those opposite and, I must say, also people within the media. So we now have a Privacy Committee report with findings. We know that that was going to the Ombudsman, because guess what? That was actually included in the report which was tabled. So I am not quite sure why this was such an incredible revelation. The revelation—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Kaurna will cease interjecting.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** The fantasy world going on opposite is quite extraordinary, and I am quite sure the media won't fall for it.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** We have had lots of cry wolf type allegations from those opposite before. Let's not forget the allegations—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The Premier will resume his seat just for one moment. I have indicated now a number of times to the house that the minister, in answering the question, is entitled to be heard in silence. If a member considers that the minister is not answering the question, or is not otherwise complying with standing orders, a member is entitled to raise a point of order in the

usual way. There is no occasion for sustained interjection by way of commentary or otherwise. That conduct is disorderly, on my right or my left, and it will cease. The Premier has the call.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** So the question, just for everybody's refresher, was really about whether or not I had had any discussions with the chief executive of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet with regard to any Ombudsman's inquiry into this matter. The answer to that is no.

I did inform the house that there were probably conversations, and I am not sure whether it was with this chief executive or the previous chief executive because it was a matter of great public interest, because there were some very serious allegations raised by those opposite and others. They were investigated. There was a report which was published. It did mention that it would be going to the Ombudsman, so it's no great revelation that of course the Ombudsman has had a look at it. What is of great interest quite frankly today is that the Ombudsman says 'no findings'. In fact, he has been very clear about this matter.

**Mr Malinauskas:** He's referred it to the OPI.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, the leader!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** As to why the Ombudsman referred it to the OPI is a matter for the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman, as most members of this parliament would know, has very limited jurisdiction. So there may be issues raised within the Privacy Committee's report that was made available that are well beyond his scope. That would be something for the Ombudsman to make comment on, not me. He appeared before the Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee.

Those opposite are asserting there is some inquiry underway. Well, there is no evidence of that whatsoever. The Ombudsman has clarified this, probably in response to some of the inane claims made by those opposite. So he has actually put out a clarifying statement which makes it very clear it is being sent there for assessment—no inquiry—by the OPI. But he also goes further because—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —he did make a comment this morning that there had been findings and he made, I think, a very quick response to that being reported but, no, in fact there were no findings whatsoever by the Ombudsman.

#### DATA HARVESTING

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:55):** My question is to the Premier. Is the Premier concerned that his chief executive, Nick Reade, is deliberately withholding information regarding Ombudsman inquiries into the Premier? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

**The SPEAKER:** The leader might just resume his seat for a moment. The Minister for Energy and Mining rises on a point of order.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** Standing order 97: regardless of what explanation might be about to come, it is no excuse for the argument that was just put by the leader.

**The SPEAKER:** It was a relatively colourful argument. The leader might take an opportunity to rephrase the question and, as I anticipate, seek any necessary leave.

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** My question is to the Premier. Is the Premier concerned that his chief executive of his department is deliberately withholding information from the Premier? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** Today, during the course of the CPIPC hearing, the Ombudsman, Mr Wayne Lines, was asked questions regarding information that the Department of the Premier and Cabinet had regarding the Ombudsman's inquiries into the misuse of data. The member for West Torrens asked, 'Have they responded to those inquiries?'—they being the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. Mr Lines' response was, 'Yes.' The member for West Torrens then asked, 'Have they

given you submissions?' Mr Lines said, 'Yes.' Then the member for West Torrens asked, 'Was that by Nick Reade or by—' Mr Lines said, 'Yes, the chief executive.'

Then the member for West Torrens asked, 'Denying the allegations or further investigating them?' The Ombudsman then said, 'Denying any involvement by the department,' to which the member for West Torrens said:

So the department has said, 'We are not involved in this at all. This is all coming out of a political party and the Premier's office.'

The Ombudsman replied, 'That's my understanding, yes.'

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (14:57):** I think it has been very clear—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —that there has been an invitation via the original inquiry by the Privacy Committee with all government departments, of which they then made a finding that there had been no evidence of private data being harvested and no breach of the privacy rules. But consistent with his indication at the time, that he would refer the matter—his report, that is—to the Ombudsman's office, who by that stage had indicated that he would await the consideration of the Privacy Committee.

That was the process that happened earlier this year and, on all the information that was available at that time, that was the position. Mr Lines has, as the Ombudsman, given evidence this morning at the committee. He has outlined his position on a number of things and, in response to questioning, he identified in relation to the question of the NationBuilder data what were hysterical claims, frankly, at that stage by the opposition, that that was a matter on which he answered questions, consistent with what we all know, and that is that department heads were asked to provide information, etc.—and that is all completely in the public arena.

That indeed is a matter on which, as I am briefed, there were some jurisdictional question marks in his mind—which the Leader of the Opposition clearly knows about because he is quoting from the transcript—and he has referred the matter for assessment to the OPI. I remind members, and I remind members on the opposite side, that they were in government at the time that they amended the ICAC Act in South Australia to make provision for the OPI, that is, the Office for Public Integrity—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —to be the gatekeeper in relation to these matters for assessment. So, we will—

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for West Torrens!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —as we have always through this matter, notwithstanding hysterical claims by the opposition, await the outcome of the inquiry.

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The Deputy Premier will resume her seat for a moment. Interactions between members across the floor are a form of interjection that I have previously referred to as being particularly disorderly. The exchange in this case between the leader and the Premier distracts from the minister who is endeavouring to answer the question. I just highlight that. That form of interjection on my right and on my left will cease. The Deputy Premier is entitled to be heard in silence. The Deputy Premier has the call. Has the Deputy Premier concluded her answer?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** We will await the assessment of OPI, which is the gatekeeper on these matters.

*Parliamentary Procedure***VISITORS**

**The SPEAKER:** Before I call the leader, I recognise the presence in the chamber this afternoon of my predecessor as the member for Heysen and also the member for Murray between 1975 and 2002, the Hon. David Wotton AM and his guest. I welcome you back to this chamber. I am glad that you here.

*Question Time***DATA HARVESTING**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (15:00):** My question is to the Premier. Has anyone within the Premier's department informed the Premier that there is now a referral to the Office for Public Integrity regarding inquiries into misuse of data?

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my left! The Deputy Premier has the call.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (15:00):** Yes, thank you, Mr Speaker. I just want to make this absolutely clear: I would encourage the Leader of the Opposition and other members to read the statement of Mr Lines, which he published today publicly, outlining confirmation and clarification of his evidence this morning. But he has made it clear today that he has referred this matter to the OPI for assessment, so—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —we accept—

*Ms Cook interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, member for Hurtle Vale!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —that these are the processes that are being undertaken. We completely accept that. Our government has completely cooperated throughout the inquiry by the Privacy Committee and the referral to the Ombudsman—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —to make all the heads of departments available so that they can clarify a number of things. I just remind the house that NationBuilder have also given their report. They made it very clear that they had not only not collected data—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The leader—

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —but they didn't have the technical capacity to even do it. I know that doesn't fit in with the agenda and allegations from the opposition—

*Dr Close interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The deputy leader!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —but I can't answer for their incompetence in that regard.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! Before I call the leader, I remind the leader that he has been warned now for a second time. Interjections, and particularly interjections on my left, will cease.

**DATA HARVESTING**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (15:02):** My question is to the Premier. When was the Premier first aware of the fact that his department or his office is subject to

a referral to the Office for Public Integrity regarding inquiries made by the Ombudsman on the misuse of data?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (15:03):** It's a bizarre question because we—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —have a document which has actually been published by the Ombudsman's office, Ombudsman SA. This is known by every single person in the state who has taken the time to read it. The reality is that this was of course the first time that I heard about it. It was the first time anybody heard about it whatsoever.

#### HAMMOND ELECTORATE

**Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:03):** My question is to the Minister for Innovation and Skills. Can the minister update the house on how increased skills funding is creating jobs in Hammond?

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills) (15:03):** I thank the member for Hammond not just for his question but for the evening we spent at the Murraylands Training and Employment Awards.

The member for Hammond and I attended the Murraylands Training and Employment Awards just recently, a couple of Fridays ago. It was terrific to celebrate the achievements of local apprentices and trainees and acknowledge the local businesses that employ and train them.

Murraylands Training and Employment is an integral part of the region, supporting 79 apprentices and trainees who are currently earning while they are learning in a variety of vocations, including engineering trades, heavy commercial vehicle technicians, carpenters, joiners and cabinetmakers, air-conditioning and refrigeration trades, horticultural workers, electricians, plumbers, clerical officers and much more. The major employers include Jordan Plumbing, BHP (Olympic Dam), the Housing Industry Association, Maxima Training Group and Hindmarsh Plumbing Services.

Murraylands Training and Employment have a strong commitment to employ and train new generations of skilled workers, and they have been doing this as a group training organisation for more than 20 years, a commitment that goes hand in hand with the Marshall government's skills-led COVID jobs recovery. South Australia has rebounded strongly, with business confidence at a record high, a record number of South Australians in jobs, unemployment at 5 per cent (the lowest level it has been for more than a decade), a record number of South Australians in the state's history working full-time and the lowest youth unemployment in the country.

Our industries continue to demand skilled staff, and we know that training and upskilling are key to building a competitive workforce. Since we launched our \$200 million Skilling South Australia program three years ago, the Marshall government, together with business and industry, has achieved more than 48,000 new apprentice and trainee commencements, and more than 2,850 businesses have employed an apprentice or trainee for the first time. These are incredible numbers.

Many of these businesses have been in business for decades, never taking the plunge to employ an apprentice or trainee but, because of the measures of the Marshall government, they have employed an apprentice or trainee for the first time—and they have enjoyed the experience. We are partnered with industry across the state to co-design more than 200 skills projects to boost apprenticeships and traineeships in a range of sectors. These have been bespoke designed with those businesses and industries to remove barriers and bring in enablers to support those employees with their on-the-job training.

After years of decline under the previous Labor government—in fact, the biggest decline in the nation—South Australia is now leading the nation in the growth of apprenticeships and traineeships. According to the latest figures from the NCVER, South Australia recorded the highest percentage increase in the country—21.5 per cent compared with the previous year, which was twice the national increase—and the largest percentage increase in the nation of apprentices and trainees

in training at 22.5 per cent. Regional and remote apprenticeship and traineeship commencements grew by the largest percentage in the nation, at 25.3 per cent in a single year.

As we emerge from COVID-19, it has never been more important to continue investing in training talented South Australians just like those acknowledged at the awards night. The Marshall government again thanks employers who employ and train these amazing apprentices and trainees. While we were in the region, the member for Hammond and I also visited the Bridgeport Hotel, where we met a whole lot of trainees who were employed by the Bridgeport Hotel to start new careers in the hospitality sector.

**The SPEAKER:** Before I call the member for West Torrens, the member for Wright will leave for 15 minutes according to standing order 137A.

*The honourable member for Wright having withdrawn from the chamber:*

#### STATE LIBERAL PARTY

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:08):** My question is to the Premier. Is Sascha Meldrum, the State Director of the South Australian Liberal Party, a public officer for the purposes of the ICAC Act?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (15:08):** I will make inquiry in relation to that. I wouldn't expect so, but she may be. There may be some technical reason why directors or secretaries of political parties would be. It would be the same situation to identify whether Reggie Martin of the Labor Party is, or any other person in that category. But I will make the inquiry.

#### STATE LIBERAL PARTY

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:08):** My question is to the Premier. Who has the authority to investigate the South Australian Liberal Party, given the Ombudsman's referral to the OPI for the conduct of the Liberal Party?

**The SPEAKER:** That question is wholly within bounds that have been addressed actually as recently as yesterday in relation to the bounds of standing order 96. I rule the question out of order. If the member for West Torrens would like to seek the call to ask another question, I will give him that opportunity.

#### STATE LIBERAL PARTY

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:09):** My question is to the Premier. Has the Premier referred Sascha Meldrum and the South Australian Liberal Party to the Anti-Corruption Branch of South Australia Police?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (15:09):** No.

#### DATA HARVESTING

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:09):** My question is to the Premier. Has the Premier requested or received a government indemnity for legal representation as a result of the Ombudsman's evidence to the Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee for the misuse of data?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (15:09):** In relation to the process that was to occur in relation to members of the public sector—and that includes members of parliament, ministers—and their entitlement to have reimbursement for legal representation or legal fees incurred in relation to certain inquiries, that is a matter which is referred to and has all its rules around a matter that goes before the Crown Solicitor. It's not a matter for the Premier.

#### DATA HARVESTING

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:10):** My question is to the Premier. I ask the Premier again: has he requested or received a government indemnity for legal representation as a result of the Ombudsman's evidence to the Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee today of the Crown Solicitor?

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** Point of order, sir.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for West Torrens will resume his seat. The Minister for Energy and Mining rises on a point of order.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** By the minister's own admission, he has asked the same question two times in a row and that's outside standing orders.

**The SPEAKER:** The question, although it might be described as repetitive, is being allowed and I will give the Deputy Premier the opportunity to answer the question.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (15:11):** The way this works—and I think the member for West Torrens amongst most of us should understand this process because he seems to be fairly au fait with it—is that an application goes in by the party in question. Often it has to be at the commencement of a matter; that is, you can't just simply say, 'I've gone off and I've appointed X QC and I want you to reimburse all my expenses when it's all over.' There is a process that has to be done. An application has to be made by the party—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Kaurna!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —who is seeking some reimbursement for expenses incurred in relation to work usually associated with that; I generalise it, but it's in the course of their duties as a member of parliament or a public servant or minister.

That is a process that then goes to the Crown Solicitor. It's not one of which you have applications by other parties. It is a matter for the Crown Solicitor. It has to comply with a number of rules in relation to it, but that is the application. As the member has asked on previous occasions whether certain persons have actually got benefits, as I have indicated, I would provide the information as I was allowed, and I have: I have provided that information to the member for West Torrens on a question on notice.

I think, from memory, there were six that he asked for in relation to members of parliament applications, and I indicated that I wouldn't be identifying whether they were Liberal or Labor or any other political party but that that information had been provided. It's been in the question on notice answers.

#### **AUTOMATIC VEHICLE LOCATION TECHNOLOGY**

**Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey) (15:12):** My question is to the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services. Can the minister update the house on the rollout of automatic vehicle location technology for our emergency services agencies?

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services) (15:12):** I thank the member for Chaffey for the question. I acknowledge his very strong interest in the emergency services. It's been a real pleasure to visit the Riverland in recent times, areas like Paringa, Renmark and Berri, and visit some of these emergency services volunteers who do an outstanding job protecting our state.

As we know, today has been a game-changing day with the announcement of this new contract to unveil automatic vehicle location right across the state. We know that South Australia's dedicated CFS volunteers are certainly ramping up their preparations for the season ahead. Although we hope that the hours and hours of firefighting training they do don't have to be put into practice necessarily, we know that they will be very well prepared to protect lives and property come this bushfire season.

Some exciting news we have heard this week is that the vendor has now been selected for the rollout of this AVL technology, the company being Netstar. This is a very significant step forward in the rollout of this technology.

**Mr ODENWALDER:** Point of order, sir.

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** Notably, this technology has been around—

**The SPEAKER:** The minister will resume his seat. The member for Elizabeth rises on a point of order.

**Mr ODENWALDER:** All of this information the minister is providing to the house is publicly available on the Premier's website.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The member for Lee rises on the point of order.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I do. Further to the member for Elizabeth's point of order, it was indeed the member for Hartley who repeatedly raised this point of order, and former Speaker Mr Atkinson ruled in his favour.

**The SPEAKER:** Order! There's no point of order and the member for Lee is warned for a second time. On the point of order, the minister will, in addressing the house, provide information to the house that is appropriately updating the house, and I expect that that will go beyond what information is already in the public domain. The minister has the call.

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** It's worth noting that this technology has been around since 2012. However, former ministers, former governments, haven't seen fit to apply this technology to our CFS, which is absolutely outrageous because we know that it is absolutely essential technology for our CFS. There was a very successful trial for this technology. It was run in myriad locations right across our state—Kangaroo Island, the West Coast, the Adelaide Hills, the South-East. It is very important that we battle-test this technology. It's really important that we test this technology to make sure that it can withstand the toughest of conditions in our state, especially in areas where service isn't the best.

I am proud to say that Netstar are going to deliver an absolutely outstanding capability and we are really looking forward to rolling that out. We know that this will be unveiled in over 1,400 vehicles right across the state—the MFS, CFS, SES—through DEW and the forestry area as well. AVL was put to the test in the trial and, as I said, it's going to be—

**Mr Odenwalder:** Point of order, sir.

**The SPEAKER:** The minister will resume his seat for a moment. The member for Elizabeth rises.

**Mr ODENWALDER:** Point of order, sir: the minister is deliberately ignoring your ruling. He is continually referring to information which is on the public record. I haven't heard anything new. I am reading along.

**The SPEAKER:** I might say, I was both listening carefully to the minister and watching carefully and, to a substantial extent, I was impressed by the extent of the minister providing his answer without reference to notes. If there is any particular matter that the member for Elizabeth complains of in this regard—he has brought to attention one particular source of information in the public domain—I again remind the minister of the need to address the house in accordance with standing orders. The minister has the call.

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** I am mindful of the Independents' time here. I will wrap up by saying that it is a significant step forward and we are looking forward to unveiling and rolling out this technology in the lead-up to the next bushfire season.

### COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS

**Mr BELL (Mount Gambier) (15:17):** My question is to the Minister for Education. Can the minister confirm that the closest vaccination clinic for Mount Gambier students aged 12 to 15 is Murray Bridge? With your leave, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr BELL:** Over the last week and a half, I have had principals ring me saying that they have been informed that the closest vaccination clinic for their students is actually at Murray Bridge.

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (15:18):** I thank the member for the question. I think that it's really important that all South Australian students aged 12 and over—indeed all South Australians aged 12 and over—take the opportunity to get vaccinated. That's why SA Health has been expanding its vaccination clinic network over recent months. With the capacity we have in South Australia to provide Pfizer to all people, including the over-60s, I



believe SA Health and this state government have demonstrated a will and a capacity to rapidly increase the rate of vaccinations in our state that is exceptional.

That obviously involves an iterative process, where the program is expanding. Some people are in a situation where they are able to use GPs. I was really pleased with the announcement a few days ago that we are providing priority vaccination for teachers in the school holidays. They can just walk up to some of those clinics, especially if they are in town. But obviously that iterative process requires further work to be done and SA Health are responding to community need as it comes about.

In relation to what resources and particular supports are available in Mount Gambier, I think this will be of interest through the school holidays, but particularly when school goes back in 2½ weeks' time we will be wanting to make sure that all those schools have up-to-date advice for where SA Health are providing opportunities for those schools to direct their students at that time. I will make sure that all the member's local schools have that up-to-date information when schools go back.

To give them the information now would not be providing up-to-date information, because I am certain that there will be further opportunities spread out across the state that we can advise them of in 2½ weeks' time that we are not in a position to advise them of now.

#### **ARDROSSAN MEN'S SHED**

**Mr ELLIS (Narungga) (15:20):** My question is to the Minister for Environment and Water. Can the minister update the house on the work that the excellent people of the wonderful Ardrossan Men's Shed are doing in the area of conservation around Yorke Peninsula?

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water) (15:20):** I thank the member for Narungga for his question. There is no doubt in my mind that the member for Narungga is correct when he refers to the Ardrossan Community Association Men's Shed as a wonderful organisation. I actually had the pleasure of visiting that organisation last week, last Tuesday, when I was on a trip to Yorke Peninsula.

I headed over there particularly to meet the Men's Shed because they have been involved in a very special, a very critical conservation project in partnership with the Department for Environment and Water, in partnership with volunteers from Birds SA and other environmental groups, including the Southern Yorke Peninsula Landcare Group, which was represented during my visit by Ann Williams, the vice president of that group.

The project that the Ardrossan Men's Shed has been focused on has been assisting with the construction of artificial nesting platforms for osprey. We know that osprey are a particularly endangered raptor, a fish-eating eagle, found around coastal South Australia. They are increasingly rare. There are only between 50 and 70 nesting pairs in the state and they are very susceptible to disturbance when they are nesting and also to their eggs being taken from the nest by predators such as foxes.

Having raised offshore platforms has been undertaken right across the world as a way to encourage this species, this quite amazing and very stunning species of raptor, to be able to fledge young in a much more successful way.

A passionate Birds SA volunteer Ian Falkenburg actually approached the Ardrossan Men's Shed knowing that the Northern Yorke Peninsula was an area where we really wanted to see the recovery of this species pioneered, and the Men's Shed agreed to take part in the construction of these very large offshore platforms.

They are created using a fibreglass composite with a very strong platform on top. It is possible for existing nests to be moved from more vulnerable spots and placed on these platforms. One of the platforms built, the first one built by the Men's Shed, has been put out at Wills Creek, near the township of Price and already there is a nest of eggs on there. The birds moved immediately from their much more vulnerable nest to nest on top of this offshore platform, where they felt much safer.

It was great to meet the Men's Shed volunteers, in particular Kevin Betterman, Brian Brook, Dieter Hentschel, John Vermuelen, Roger Lewis, Bruce Cock, Kevin Braid and Richard Carruthers, people who have been working on this great conservation project that will actually give this unique species a fighting chance into the future. We have seen this process of using offshore platforms work

so well overseas. We know it can work here. To be able to have the social benefit of the Men's Shed being involved is just an incredible bonus.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Ardrossan Men's Shed for their contribution to conservation in the state. I look forward to catching up with them soon. I also thank them for the box of kindling for my wood burner that I was able to get for a bargain of \$10 when I was there as well.

#### **MITCHAM HILLS ROAD UPGRADE**

**Mr DULUK (Waite) (15:24):** My question is to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. Minister, can you please update the house on when the government will release concept designs for the intersection of Shepherds Hill Road, Brighton Parade and Waite Street in Blackwood? Sir, with your leave, and that of the house, I will further explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr DULUK:** Many residents in my local area are eagerly awaiting the next stage of the Mitcham Hills road corridor project. The department's own website says that the concept plan for this intersection will be released by mid-2021. That is now past due. When will the date and the concept design be released for my constituents?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (15:25):** The Mitcham Hills project that we have been working on with that local community with heavy consultation is going along wonderfully well. I will get the finer detail for the member and come back to him because I know there has been extensive consultation. The first part is progressing incredibly well. In the second part, even more consultation is happening with the community, and that's the way we like to do it.

I was talking about the Main South Road project before and the solution we came up with that, again, around heavy consultation. All of this is part of our \$17.9 billion infrastructure spend and, as we know, \$8.8 billion of that is on roads and public transport infrastructure, which is vitally important, especially when you consider the fact that, in coming into government, we had a \$750 million road maintenance backlog. We have done an incredible amount of work and we have worked closely with a number of communities along the process to make sure we get the best outcomes.

I know that when we do these projects and you drive around South Australia at the moment, you will see roadwork signs, you will see hard hats and you will see the fluorescent vests of people working on these projects. Just recently, I was down in the South-East on the Riddoch Highway. I have been on the Horrocks Highway also and the Barrier Highway. I'm heading to Eyre Peninsula very shortly and I know there is a lot of work happening over there too, so there is work happening right around the state. That is just in the regions and we know our regions were neglected for a long period of time.

Over the next four years, we have some \$2.8 billion of roadworks going on in regional South Australia because, again, of the neglect they were left in when we came to government. There are 4,800 kilometres worth of works being done in the regions. That equates to Adelaide to Brisbane, back to Adelaide and then shooting across to Melbourne—that is how much work is being done across South Australia. It is significant. It is important.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Point of order, Mr Speaker.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** I know those on that side don't like to hear it, but we are getting on with the job.

**The SPEAKER:** The minister will resume his seat for a moment. The member for Lee rises on a point of order.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Standing order 98: debate. It was a specific question about a specific section of road in the Mitcham corridor. This is a time for Independent MPs to raise questions in question time.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! I have the point of order. The member raises a point of order as to relevance. The question was quite specific. It was directed to a particular process of assessment and

a particular time frame. The minister will address his answer to the question. The minister has the call.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** To further flesh out that section of the Mitcham Hills corridor, it is all part of that 4,800 kilometres of roadworks that we are doing and every kilometre—the Mitcham Hills and right across South Australia—is incredibly important.

As far as community consultation is concerned, it is very thorough. We are reaching out to the people of his community. We are listening to what they have to say. We want to make sure we get the best outcome because we know we need these road and transport improvements within metropolitan Adelaide, the Hills area and also in regional South Australia. That engagement is incredibly important and we will continue to do that work. I will get back to the member with an answer very shortly, but I'm expecting something in the next few weeks.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my left!

### MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

**Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (15:28):** My question is to the Minister for Trade and Investment. What is the Marshall Liberal government strategy to increase South Australia's capabilities to produce manufactured goods here on South Australian soil for the use and consumption of South Australians and, more broadly, nationwide?

**The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON (Morphett—Minister for Trade and Investment) (15:28):** Can I get you to repeat that question?

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, the leader! The member for Florey might repeat the question.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**Ms BEDFORD:** Maybe another minister can answer.

**The SPEAKER:** When interjections on both sides cease, perhaps the member for Florey will be accorded the respect of the house that she deserves and be heard in silence.

**Ms BEDFORD:** Thank you, sir, for your protection. What is the Marshall Liberal government's strategy to increase South Australia's capabilities to produce manufactured goods on South Australian soil for use and consumption in South Australia and more broadly nationwide?

**The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON:** I thank the member for the question. Of course, manufacturing is very important to this state. Just last week, we were at the Premier's Export Awards, One of those awards was for manufacturing and advanced manufacturing, and it was awarded to a great company here in South Australia, Lightforce. What was interesting about talking to their manager, AJ, was that he basically said their aim at this point in time is that there is a great opportunity to bring manufacturing back to Australia—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Elizabeth will cease interjecting.

**The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON:** —because they are finding that if they invest in their capital, if they invest in their plant and equipment—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Leader!

**The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON:** —it allows them to reduce the percentage of labour costs and they can therefore compete against low labour cost countries. It is a great example of what can be done. In terms of what the Marshall government is doing to assist bringing advanced manufacturing back here into Australia—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Kaurna!

**The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON:** —there are many facets to what we can do. One, of course, is a trade office network throughout the world in some key markets because to invest into your plant and equipment—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Leader!

**The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON:** —requires investment. We can help companies in terms of attracting investments into their company. Another great initiative we have done since coming to government—many times, coming to the election and going to these companies, they were saying the cost of electricity was crippling them. The cost of producing goods and the electricity component of that made them uncompetitive. When coming to government, we were faced at the time with South Australia having some of the highest electricity prices in the world.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Cheltenham is warned.

**The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON:** I commend the Minister for Energy and Mining for the diligent work he has done in bringing down electricity costs here in South Australia. He has championed the interconnector between South Australia and New South Wales, and that has brought a massive amount of investment into the state of South Australia, which has helped drive costs down. We heard the price has reduced by \$303 on average.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON:** For residents, that is great news. Those opposite don't like it—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Lee!

**The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON:** —but I will tell you what: the businesses I speak to, they notice it because they rely on electricity to be able to (a) be cost effective but also (b) be reliable. There has been massive work by this government to make sure the electricity is also reliable through demand management and through initiatives such as that, to make sure it is reliable and there is the capacity in our electricity system to make sure the lights are always on. These are some of the ways we are helping.

Of course, we talk about advanced manufacturing, but it doesn't mean that there are not skilled jobs required to look after that capital and that equipment. Just recently, I was out at Pope at Woodville. They explained that they have invested massively in fantastic new equipment, but what they need is skilled staff to be able to operate that.

The Minister for Skills has really been working hard to grow that skilled workforce here in South Australia to supplement that advanced manufacturing. I am confident that here in South Australia advanced manufacturing is moving forward. It is going to create jobs here in South Australia for South Australians.

#### *Grievance Debate*

#### **DATA HARVESTING**

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:33):** The stench of corruption has reached the very top of this government. The stench of corruption has reached the Premier's office. The stench of maladministration and misconduct has finally now been revealed.

This government in its first term has lost a minister to misconduct, a minister to a travel rort scheme, the President of the Legislative Council, the Government Whip and a backbencher. Now we see that the Ombudsman has conducted an assessment of the data misuse scandal gripping the government, and he has found that it warrants referral to the Office for Public Integrity because he considers there is the potential for maladministration, misconduct and corruption.

Members might ask, 'Why isn't the Ombudsman reporting on that himself?' He told us today. He does not have the authority to do so. Why? The Ombudsman cannot inquire off his own motion into a minister. So I asked him who is it that he suspects this has occurred. What did he say? The Office of the Premier and the South Australian Liberal Party—a crime family.

Members might laugh and think it is funny. Isn't it amazing the number of South Australians who are receiving emails unprompted from the Premier's smiling face telling them how great they are, how good the government is—unsolicited emails, unsolicited messages on Facebook, coming out of nowhere. Where has this information come from? How does the Premier know who to send an email to? Whose Facebook sites were sent a message? How is it that the algorithm knows exactly what message to pop up when?

Well, we had our suspicions and now our suspicions have been confirmed because the Ombudsman has found a prima facie case and he said so today in the committee. He said it relies on a conspiracy between the Liberal Party and the Office of the Premier. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet denied the allegations. Mr Nick Reade said, 'Don't look at us. It wasn't us. It is the Office of the Premier or the Liberal Party.' To be clear, Mr Reade is not accusing the Office of the Premier of wrongdoing, just that they are innocent and any inquiry should be directed towards the Office of the Premier. Well, with friends like that who needs enemies?

What we do know is that the OPI is an independent body that triages complaints regarding corruption, maladministration and misconduct. The ICAC commissioner told us today that they also do a verification process. That is, what is the intent and motive of the person making the complaint? For example, when I complain about the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, there is political motive. But when an independent statutory officer makes a referral to the OPI, that is a different case altogether.

While the Ombudsman has put out a press release clarifying his exact statements, it is important what he has not corrected. He did say he has made an assessment, and his assessment stands, and his referral to the OPI stands. A public officer who has made a referral to the OPI does so because they have established a prima facie case and a suspicion of (a) corruption, (b) misconduct or (c) maladministration. Into whom? The Office of the Premier and the Liberal Party of South Australia.

We were told and assured by the government there was nothing to see here, that they had investigated themselves and cleared themselves and everything was fine. Now we find that those assurances meant nothing. In fact, the Premier today even refused to answer most of the questions. You would think if you were innocent you would get up and answer all these questions. Instead, the Premier chose to remain silent. Of course, the right to silence is a right of those accused.

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** A point of order, sir.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for West Torrens will resume his seat for a moment and the clock might be paused at that point. The Minister for Education rises on a point of order.

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** The member for West Torrens is clearly imputing improper motive to another member.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** Sorry, it could not be clearer.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my left!

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** Further, I would raise the further point of order that there were significant interjections by a number of those opposite after you had warned them multiple times.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! Members on my left and on my right are perfectly entitled to raise a point of order. It is incumbent upon the Speaker to rule, a point of order having been raised. What

has been made clear, including in the course of question time today, is that it is within the capacity of the government to determine any minister to answer a question, and that has taken place.

There is no occasion to impute motives the result of one minister determining to answer a question rather than another one. The member for West Torrens will not draw any imputation from that matter in the course of question time. The member for West Torrens has the call.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I asked the Ombudsman, 'You are covered by privilege here, and it is the parliament asking you.' He responded:

Yes. What I can say is that I have completed my assessment, and the information that is available to me is that the error or the problem has not arisen from within a government agency over which I have jurisdiction.

I asked, 'Where has the error arisen?' He said, 'With a political party.' I said, 'Like the Liberal Party?' He said, 'Yes, that's my assessment.' I said, 'You have found corruption, maladministration or misconduct and referred it to the OPI?' He replied, 'Yes.' That is damning.

### PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (15:40):** The Marshall Liberal government is investing significant funds in lifting public education facilities across South Australia, and I was very keen to see that Jordan Dodd, the Liberal candidate for Badcoe, has been out and about in her community. I know that in that community people have expressed great appreciation for some of the things the government has done over and above any government previously to support schools and preschools in her electorate of Badcoe.

Indeed, last year in the budget this government put in place not just one but two rounds of stimulus grants for every single preschool in South Australia's government education system. That means that the Forbes Children's Centre, the Glandore Community Kindergarten, the Kurralta Park Community Kindergarten, the Netley Kindergarten and the Plympton South Kindergarten have all received, first, a grant of \$20,000 and then a further grant of \$30,000.

That will enable those outstanding early education sites to undertake important maintenance works, whether that be in relation to landscaping, as has been the case at the Forbes Children's Centre and Netley Kindergarten; new playgrounds or improved nature play areas, as Netley has also done; whether it is in relation to outdoor shade structures, as have been put in place at Kurralta Park; or whether it is in relation to painting jobs, kitchen renovations or roofing—whatever the tasks may need to be. Some of them have been in relation to replacing floor coverings at some preschools and children's centres I have been to, and \$50,000 is a significant boost to any preschool budget.

As I have been going around South Australia, I have been really encouraged by the warm reception I have received from early childhood educators, who have really appreciated what this has done. It has also meant jobs for local tradies and small businesses in communities right around South Australia. Tradies and small businesses in Badcoe and other regions in metropolitan and regional South Australia have benefited from some of this work.

Those grants did not just go to our preschools. They also went to every public school in South Australia at a rate between \$20,000 and \$100,000, depending on the circumstances of the school—whether they are undergoing capital works right now or in recent times for primary schools.

In Badcoe as well, the grants of between \$20,000 and \$100,000 have enabled the replacement of flooring, toilet upgrades, a range of shade structures, storage replacements, new playgrounds and the like across schools such as Richmond Primary School, Plympton Primary School, Forbes Primary School, Black Forest Primary School and, on the edge of the electorate, the Plympton International College and the Errington Special Education Centre.

It is also worth noting the fantastic work being done at Plympton International College, following on from some other important works recently: the \$3 million capital works project, which has been underway for a couple of years and is now complete. That is going to be an outstanding facility that will support that school going forward. There has been a significant growth in the number of students, and the confidence that the community has in supporting the work at Plympton International College has grown significantly in recent years to the point where it is now a school of choice for many families.

I note that the member for Badcoe was among those Labor members who were willing to talk down the offering at Plympton International College when there was some rezoning underway in 2019, and I hope that she has reflected on that in the years since. The important thing is that every public school in South Australia is doing a tremendous job, and there are many people who are working so hard to do work for our students and children across public education.

I have had conversations with people who have chosen Plympton International College. I know one family who moved into the area because they were so keen for their child to have access to the Chinese bilingual program, a world-class program. They moved into that zone, and they are so pleased with the decisions this government has made to ensure that that was more feasible than it was before.

Jordan Dodd has done great work in terms of advocating for these schools and also the Black Forest Primary School, which is in round 3 of the capital works program. That \$5 million program will be rolled out very soon.

*Ms Stinson interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Badcoe!

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** The Marshall Liberal government has dramatically increased capital works funding for our public education system over the last three years. The Labor Party often talks about their \$600-something million program; we have a \$1.4 billion program of works—five new schools, more than a hundred projects—

*Ms Stinson interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Badcoe is warned.

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** —and indeed 18 of those projects are now completed, including the Plympton International College, serving constituents in the south-west of Adelaide, including in the electorate of Badcoe. I congratulate Jordan Dodd on her strong work and advocacy on behalf of all of these sites.

**Mr BROWN:** Mr Speaker, I draw your attention to the state of the house.

*A quorum having been formed:*

#### KING ELECTORATE

**Ms LUETHEN (King) (15:46):** I rise to speak about the amazing people living in the suburb of Hillbank in my electorate of King. Hillbank is right in the middle of the King electorate and is a lovely combination of kind and ambitious people, parks, reserves, family homes, small businesses and so many really huge trees that attract an abundance of birds. Hillbank is still growing, with a lovely new area being expanded in the bush up on top of the hill overlooking Gould Creek.

In the middle of Hillbank, there is a strip of local businesses along Bogan Road. On Bogan Road we have Fresh Essence Hair, Mario's Barber Shop, Bogan Road Cellars, and Emma Lehman's massage studio, the base for Pamper and Parties of Adelaide.

Bogan Road Cellars is managed by Rob and has been a family-owned independent bottle shop since 1996. It was formerly Graeme's Hillbank Liquor. On the Bogan Road Cellars Facebook page, there is a saying, 'It is time now we all embraced the Bogan inside us.' Jump onto their Facebook page and see inside their store and some great pictures of mullets.

A couple of doors down there is Fresh Essence Hair. The owner, Karen, is incredibly welcoming and a joy to be around, as well as an excellent hairdresser. Karen grows a colourful, happy garden in front of her salon and is an inspirational person who finds joy in nature. Her salon is filled with sunflowers. Karen, your joy and enjoyment from the beauty of a sunflower popping up in the middle of winter have stayed with me as a happy memory. Fresh Essence Hair had their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday in July, and I held my coffee catch-ups there, which was really good fun.

Next door to Karen, you can get a luxurious massage at Emma Lehman's salon or she will come to you at home or wherever you are having a function. Check out what Emma offers on Instagram or Facebook @pamperandpartiesofadelaide.

Next door to Emma is Mario the barber, who has created an old-world barber shop complete with old barber chairs and memorabilia. When I visited recently, Mario was creating a safe place for a young boy who did not really like haircuts. Thank you for your kindness, Mario.

Another Hillbank business I cross paths with frequently at events is One Perfect Circle, a mobile coffee van. Matt and Ash have just celebrated three years on launching their business, and I look forward to continuing to cross paths with One Perfect Circle at local events. I love sharing and supporting our local businesses, so let me know if you have a local King business that we should put the spotlight on.

My favourite Hillbank childcare centre is Hillbank Community Children's Centre. You just need to follow their Facebook page to see what a wonderful centre this is and how much fun they have. Most recently when I visited, we all went for a stroll down to Jo Gapper and enjoyed this beautiful setting and had a delicious barbecue, and Rebecca, Sam, Max and I had great fun in the park.

I really am proud to see that on Friday 1 October the Hillbank Community Children's Centre will be holding a Big Freeze event to raise money to help fight MND. They will be doing this in honour of Annette, who very recently lost her battle with this debilitating disease. Our thoughts are with her family and friends. The wonderful educators there will be braving the cold with an ice slide. The staff will be taking cash donations on the day, and there is also a link to donate on their Facebook site.

Over the past few years, concerns about safety and crime have been raised to me, and the community continues to work together to look out for one another. When I was doorknocking the other day, a resident came to check why I had come up on his camera on someone's doorstep. It is fantastic that they look out for their neighbours.

At the beginning of the year, this group in Hillbank were successful in providing leads to SAPOL, and this achieved a number of arrests of road dirt bike riders. The community is certainly stronger when we are working together and alongside SAPOL. I am pleased to hear that the Hillbank locals are establishing a local Neighbourhood Watch group to strengthen this relationship with police.

Every time I doorknock in Hillbank I am received mostly with amazing generosity and friendliness. Recently, Maden invited me into her beautiful home and wonderful garden, and I left with a massive bag of spinach.

In Hillbank, we are working together to get things done. We have improved some road safety with the installation of a dedicated left-hand turn slip lane from Black Top Road into Skyline Drive. If people keep telling me what to fight for, we will achieve even more together.

Time expired.

### **SA POWER NETWORKS**

**Mr SZAKACS (Cheltenham) (15:52):** I rise to speak of my own personal concerns regarding recent developments with respect to South Australia Power Networks and the potential acquisition of its 49 per cent owner, Spark Infrastructure, by foreign equity owners KKR.

Of course, none of this would be even discussed today, none of this would be even considered today if it were not for the privatisation of the Electricity Trust of South Australia back in 1998, some 23 years ago. You would think that this legacy would have shifted or changed, but it is with some confusion that I know that even the fiscal conservatives on those government benches see the Hon. Rob Lucas in the other place still occupying the treasury bench.

He has had a massively different approach to fiscal responsibility in this term of government, but back when he was the Treasurer in the late 1990s, at the cost of an estimated \$2 billion to \$3 billion a year for a decade and a half afterwards in lost state revenue, he sold ETSA. The Liberals sold ETSA. When I am doorknocking down in the western suburbs no-one forgets that. There are some things that are etched in the psyche of this state, and the sale of ETSA by the Liberal government at the time is absolutely etched in the western suburbs.

In the years since, SA Power Networks has been an admirable corporate citizen in South Australia. However, there have been reasons for the public to be concerned in recent years about what exactly the plans have been for the stripping of assets, the investing in infrastructure of this monopoly owner of assets and its core corporate responsibility to invest in its infrastructure.



When we learnt, a couple of weeks back now, that private equity company KKR, based out of Texas, had unanimous board approval to take over, at about \$2.49 a share, the 49 per cent shareholder of SA Power Networks, Spark Infrastructure, we had reason to be worried. KKR Private Equity has a track record of coming in, stripping assets, devolving corporate structures and then flipping and selling. This is not dissimilar to many other private equity investors. It is a business model; it is what they do.

From top to bottom we are now hearing case studies of why the South Australian public should be incredibly concerned about the proposal, which will be a matter for federal decision-makers some time very soon. We already know that SA Power Networks is one of the most profitable entities for Spark and Cheung Kong (Holdings) anywhere across the globe. The hundreds of millions of dollars of profits every year because of the privatised sale of this asset, are quite remarkable—especially when you consider that you could not always accuse SA Power Networks of being a good corporate citizen or a good community provider.

Just in my two years in this place, I have had a couple of instances where SA Power Networks have been anything but leading by example. For example, in response to my advocacy on behalf of wheelchair and scooter mobility-limited residents in my local area, they let me know that they would not be willing to spend \$5,000 on investigation of moving a light pole to enable scooters to get through to get to a bus. They have also shirked their responsibility when it comes to hundreds of thousands of dollars' damage to Findon residents because of failed transformer infrastructure that only SA Power Networks are responsible for.

To now learn that KKR are coming in, potentially to own 49 per cent of this company, with a track record of being anything but supportive of their workforce, anything but community minded, should send shivers down spines of all South Australians—and the Liberals are the ones to blame.

Time expired.

### **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES**

**Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (15:57):** I welcome the opportunity to speak in this grievance debate. Nearly two years ago now, we were all shocked by the extent and ferocity of the 2019-20 bushfires. There were many even in this place who were affected by them; I know the member for Mawson, in particular, and the member for Kavel were both out there every day in their communities fighting the good fight for the people fighting the fires.

As we know, these were devastating fires. They were subsequently overshadowed a bit in the news cycles by COVID, which is a shame. Throughout 2020 they did not receive quite the public attention they should have, and the goodwill and attitude of South Australians towards the firefighters near the end of that fire season was naturally diverted by concerns about COVID. The rest is history.

What did come out of that bushfire season was a renewed focus at the highest level about our bushfire preparedness, about the impact of climate change, and it led directly to two very significant inquiries. The first was the royal commission into natural disasters, which was not confined to bushfires but had a lot to say, particularly about the South Australian experience.

The second, of course, was the inquiry conducted by the former commissioner of the Federal Police, Mick Keelty. Mick Keelty, with his entourage, travelled as far as he could in South Australia, COVID allowing, seeking submissions, seeking information from the public regarding our bushfire preparedness. He then prepared his report.

There has been some legitimate criticism of the process. There are people, particularly on Kangaroo Island, who feel to this day that they were not properly consulted in the process around either the royal commission or the Keelty review, but I will put that to one side for a moment, as that is a matter for another day.

What did come out of the Keelty review, though, was some very strong recommendations. There were recommendations, as the minister re-announced today, around automatic vehicle locations for CFS trucks and other emergency service vehicles. It is a very good initiative, probably long overdue, and I think Keelty pointed that out. But Keelty made a whole series of other recommendations and observations about our bushfire preparedness.

One of those was about fire trucks, and not just fire trucks in the CFS, I should add, but fire trucks for the MFS and also other emergency services vehicles. He made the observation that there

was a severely ageing fleet and that they were not being replaced at anywhere near the rate they should be. That continues to this day. The government did respond with a series of actions, some of which were immediate, some of which were purported to be done by September, which is upon us today—it will not have escaped the house's notice—and some extend into the future.

That is only natural; there are some things that cannot be done overnight. The CFS in particular was promised an upgrade of CFS trucks. I will not reflect right now on whether or not that was sufficient but, suffice to say, some trucks have been provided. I want to focus on six trucks in particular. I am not an expert on fire engines, but I am reliably informed that the 34P is a fire and rescue truck that has been provided to, among other brigades, the Mount Compass brigade.

It turns out that the 34P is not compliant with our road regulations. It is not compliant with our heavy vehicle regulations. The captain of the Mount Compass CFS brigade, Anthony Baker, made a series of complaints about the provision of these 34Ps, which have not been technically fully in-service but are operating at limited capacity. He made a series of complaints to the CFS hierarchy. He made a series of requests to meet with the minister, all of which, so far as he and I are aware, have been denied or ignored. So he took to Facebook.

His is a story I want to expand upon in this place as soon as I get the next opportunity but, suffice to say, he is at the moment suspended due to his activities on Facebook. He is not happy about it. He tells us that the Mount Compass CFS brigade are severely under-resourced as a result of the truck debacle and his own suspension. I think this is a matter that has to be investigated far more thoroughly by this house and by the minister.

Time expired.

#### **TEA TREE GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR**

**Dr HARVEY (Newland) (16:02):** One of my favourite things I get to do as a local MP is to visit local schools and, in particular, see the sorts of things they are doing in the area of science and STEM more broadly. A particular highlight is the Tea Tree Gully Primary School's annual science fair. This is where students from reception all the way up to year 7 prepare either a display or do some sort of science experiment. It is an opt-in thing, so it is something they do in their own time.

I would like to especially acknowledge their science teacher, Ms O, who does a wonderful job really driving this initiative, which has been a fixture of the school's calendar for a number of years now. She also has extraordinary patience, as part of that endless slime and food colouring, which certainly makes me feel very anxious, seeing school uniforms and food colouring. Also, I think it is worth acknowledging that this is her last science fair at the primary school, as she is about to move to the Banksia Park International High School.

Also, importantly, one of the great things about this fair is that parents often spend countless hours with their children working on this project at home, for them to bring in for the fair. This year's fair was my third as guest judge. It is always thoroughly enjoyable and certainly very difficult to determine who the winners and runners-up are and also where the encouragement award should go for each year level.

There were so many great projects, but I just want to highlight a few. There was a fantastic solar system display by a reception student, where each planet was hung in its order from the sun, and they were beautifully coloured. He also did a fantastic job answering the questions I had for him about which planets were which and certain characteristics of them.

Another fantastic display was a beautiful poster from which you could learn everything you would ever need to know about bees. A fantastic experiment, from I think a reception or year 1 student, was where she had two sweet potatoes that were half submerged in separate jugs of water and had been there for about a couple of weeks. One of them was an organic sweet potato and one of them was not an organic sweet potato. I think the plan was that the one that was organic would start to sprout something and grow when the other would not.

Unfortunately, as is so often the case, science experiments do not go the way you intend and she seemed a little bit disappointed about that. What was interesting was that the organic one had black mould growing on it, and so I asked her some questions about it: 'What is the difference between organic and the non-organic ones?' She said, 'Well, they've got chemicals on the

non-organic ones.' I said, 'Why do you think they might put the chemicals on there?' and she had a bit of a think about it and I said, 'Possibly to stop fungus from growing.'

Then you could see her face just suddenly lit up when she realised and then said 'Well, that's really interesting.' She had suddenly realised that even though the experiment did not go as she thought she still learned something as a result of that. I am certainly not going to jump into an argument over organic sweet potatoes versus non-organic sweet potatoes, but the point is that she was so passionate and enthusiastic about learning, even from something that did not go quite the way she had intended.

There was another group of three older students who did some fantastic models on the liver, the lungs and the brain. They were very detailed and impressive models, with a lot of detail about what those organs do. In particular, they also described what those organs do when you are asleep. Another actually quite incredible one was where they had made a home-made electrolyser.

It was powered by a battery and they used a large metal scourer to increase the surface area in the water to split the hydrogen and oxygen out of the water molecules, which they then collected as a gas and ignited, which is of course quite exciting—not only because it is one of those science experiments that literally goes 'bang' but also because they genuinely understood what they were actually doing as part of that process.

In closing, I would really like to congratulate Ms O, the teacher; Ms Scott, the principal; and all the teachers, students and parents on their part in the science fair. This is a really fantastic initiative. Teachers in our schools have a very important role when it comes to science, not only because of the many job opportunities that we are going to see, particularly in South Australia with space, the defence industry, health and medical research, cyber, all those sorts of things that we often talk about but also because of the importance science literacy will play in the future and understanding and being able to decipher complex issues. I would like to very much thank the teachers for what they do. Our world certainly is and will be a better place for it.

### **MOBILITY SCOOTERS**

**Mr BELL (Mount Gambier) (16:07):** I rise to give thanks to a local resident Laurie Mann, who has certainly opened my eyes to a few issues around mobility and some of the barriers he has been facing. Laurie is a returned serviceman. He has Department of Veterans' Affairs assistance and he has a mobility scooter.

The problem is that Laurie moved to Mount Gambier. Where he came from, they did not have the 110 kilogram unladen rule for his mobility scooter, so he was able to receive one through Department of Veterans' Affairs. Having come to South Australia, we have a 110 kilogram unladen limit and this is causing difficulty because the 110 kilo scooters are so small and cramped.

He has had a hip issue as a result of his service, and getting in and out of that smaller scooter provides great difficulty. Laurie was also very generous to work with me and our local council—Barbara Cernovskis, who is a wonderful member of our community and also council—and do a tour of Mount Gambier to point out dangerous gutters and ramps up onto gutters, something you do not even think about as a person just walking the streets, as I have done for 48 years. Actually, probably not 48 years, because I was not walking from birth, but for a fair period of time.

When Laurie pointed out gutter inclines that are out of spec or certainly not wide enough, you can see the difficulty that people have. He was telling stories of little kids having fallen out of their prams because of the gradient, as well as the extreme narrowness of some of the ramps from the gutters because they have been there for probably 50 or 60 years and have not been looked at.

The council are certainly on board and they are putting together a plan to upgrade those footpaths and ramps, as well as greater services for our vision-impaired. He pointed out the tactile markings on the footpaths and how people with vision-assistance canes or implements can use that to determine where bus stops are and a whole range of things that I found incredibly enlightening, and I thank him for that.

That led me on a bit of a journey on how we get this 110 kilogram unladen piece of legislation changed. I thank the Minister for Transport, and we have had a discussion around this. What I thought might have been an easy fix turns out to be a much harder one, but we will commit to work together to make that happen.

One of the things I came across was the 'National Transport Commission's discussion paper on barriers to the safe use of motorised mobility devices'. This has now led me to put in a private member's motion, which I have tabled. I think it is really important for people to understand that the 110 kilogram unladen mass is a barrier for people and disadvantages certain people in our community. The Executive Summary of the National Transport Commission's own document talks about the issues around the need to change the maximum unladen mass requirement for motorised mobility devices, and this would lead to certain benefits going forward.

Their recommendation, and it is in a discussion form, is 170 kilos, and that needs to be put through the Australian Road Rules committee or agreements. Another important thing they highlight is that if you do change the maximum unladen mass it may result in cheaper scooters because the manufacturers are not determined by that requirement.

### NARUNGGGA ELECTORATE

**Mr ELLIS (Narungga) (16:12):** Winter sport grand final season has just wrapped up in Narungga and I thought I might take this opportunity today to rise and put on the record the wonderful successful teams and pay them the respect they deserve for a wonderful season, as well as all the other teams around the electorate that have participated in finals and the season at large.

We know the 2020 season was a difficult one, with a number of different competitions cancelling their season as a result of the COVID pandemic and the difficulties that came along with that. Most were back up and running this year, albeit with some different restrictions in place. It is a real credit to the leagues around the electorate of Narungga for pushing ahead, finding ways to solve problems and making sure that everyone had their opportunity to participate in sport and to access their outlet on the weekend so that they could enjoy their weekends once again.

I would like to start with the Yorke Peninsula league and what was a cracking game at Yorketown last Saturday between Moonta and the CMS Crows (Curramulka, Minlaton, Stansbury), which saw the Crows win the A-grade flag by one point. It was a fantastic game of footy, with a really good crowd there, and Moonta kicked 11 goals 13 points and the Crows kicked 13 goals 2 points to win by one point. It was a tremendous effort by the Crows.

The Crows also took out the B-grade flag, with a late goal in that game as well, so a wonderful effort by the Crows with the Maitland Cougars, and a wonderful result for Wallaroo with the Wallaroo Junior Colts taking out the junior grades.

I would like to run through the netball quickly and to start by saying that the Crows won the A and D-grade netball, so it was a wonderful year for a strong club down there at Curramulka, Minlaton and Stansbury. I know they have some great work going on trying to build a new clubroom at Minlaton Oval, which will solidify the community spirit they have going on in that club and, hopefully for them, lead to some more sustained success going forward.

The Crows won those two grades in the netball as well, with Leah McDonnell getting best on court in the A-grade netball. Moonta won the B-grade, while the Southern Eagles won the C-grade. There were a few different winners in the junior grades, so it was a wonderful day down there.

I would like to take the opportunity to mention that the size of the crowd necessitated the Yorketown community—the YPFL and the Southern Eagles Football Club, that sort of group—putting in a COVID management plan, which really is a difficult thing. One of the unfortunate realities of the restrictions with which we live at the moment is the impost placed on volunteer organisations trying to adhere to those restrictions and trying to enforce those restrictions upon their guests.

It really was difficult and that group of people did a wonderful job getting their COVID management plan organised. I think they had 2,500 people at capacity. I note that they met with a couple of the organisers over the day and they had managed to find an app that had a live counter so that at any one time they knew exactly how many people were in the oval precinct, how many more they could have and how many more had left. It was a real credit to that group.

They did a great job trying to enforce those rules, in what can be quite a difficult set of restrictions, and having to defend them sometimes when they might not necessarily believe in their utility, so congratulations to the Southern Eagles Football Club and the Yorke Peninsula football and netball leagues on making sure the grand final went ahead and so many people were able to view it.

I would also like to touch on the Northern Areas football and netball. Their grand finals were held at Crystal Brook. The Port Broughton football club had all four grades represented in the grand final on Saturday and managed to win three out of four, going down in just the A-grade football. They were shooting for a clean sweep on the day and managed to fall just one game short, unfortunately. They won the A-grade netball against Jamestown, so it was another strong showing by a really strong community club.

They have had some wonderful work going on building new change rooms for their facility, which will complement their clubrooms really nicely. They have a brand-new facility there in what is a really strong club that has done some really good work over the past couple of seasons, so congratulations to the Port Broughton football and netball clubs on their successful grand final teams.

In the Adelaide Plains league, Mallala had a wonderful season going through undefeated, but unfortunately they were not able to get through to the grand final and had to settle for a terrific regular season. That is another really strong club, in addition to Long Plains in that same league. Unfortunately, after the election, if I am lucky enough to be re-elected, those clubs will move into Frome, but it has been a pleasure getting to know the people at those two clubs. Congratulations to Blyth in the North Eastern league, who have had a good year, and BSR who I will pick up next election if I am lucky enough to be re-elected.

I do not have time to mention every sport, but the hockey was on at Kadina over the weekend as well. In the men's game, the Kadina Rebels won 9-0 against the Moonta Lions, with Tim Millard being best on ground. In the women's, the Kadina Bears beat the YP Tigers 2-0, with Mel Harris being best on ground.

Congratulations to everyone who has participated in winter sport across Narungga. It is really good to see it back up and running after a hiatus for some leagues the year prior. I am looking forward to getting stuck into summer sport around the electorate.

#### *Bills*

### **BURIAL AND CREMATION (INTERMENT RIGHTS) AMENDMENT BILL**

#### *Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 21 September 2021.)

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (16:18):** When I commenced making my remarks, I said that I agreed with this bill and that it was important that the government had brought it before the house to try to rectify what has been emerging in more recent times as a bit of a growing problem across South Australia. But in the remainder of my remarks, I want to talk about one thing in particular, which I had not previously been aware of but which has been drawn to my attention only in the course of the last 18 months, and indeed perhaps this might also be the case for some other members in this place.

Back in April or May last year, while we were in the midst of the first round of restrictions in response to COVID, I received a phone call in my electorate office from someone from an organisation called the Headstone Project, which I had not heard of before. After some contact—a phone call and emails back and forth—I agreed to meet with the gentleman who had contacted me from the project to understand what his request was all about and how I fit into it.

Some members might be aware of the Headstone Project; in fact, I learned that in 2019 the Premier provided the South Australian branch, if I can call it that, of the Headstone Project a small grant of \$10,000 to assist it in its efforts. Basically, the Headstone Project was formed in 2010 by a Tasmanian historian, John Trethewey, who in researching World War I veterans discovered that some were in unmarked graves.

That led to the families and friends of the First AIF in Tasmania starting the Headstone Project. As you can probably gather from my earlier comments, it has expanded into other states and territories since. It was brought to South Australia by John Brownlie and Neil Rossiter and they have started establishing their activities here.

Basically, people—volunteers, I should be specific in saying—who work with the Headstone Project identify former World War I veterans who are believed to be in unmarked graves. They try to

accurately identify the bona fides of their war service but also the location of their graves and, with the modest funds that are available to them, try to provide some form of headstone with a recognition of their First World War service.

I find this generally interesting, but I could not understand what it had to do with me. I thought perhaps they were making approaches to political parties and so on about better funding, but it was nothing to do with that. It was to do with somebody who was being researched, Frederick Thomas Laurence Parkins, who was born in Warooka on 1 September 1874 and who served in the First World War.

That in itself you might find remarkable, in that it would make him about 40 or 41 years old during that first stage of the First World War, serving in Europe as he did in 1914 and 1915. Even for whom he served gives a pretty decent indication of how dire the fighting conditions were over there: the unit he was allocated to was the 15<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, 31<sup>st</sup> Battalion. It is extraordinary to think how often those forces needed to be reinforced in the battles over on the Western Front.

I still did not really understand how that related to me, because Parkins is not a name I remember from my family history or even my electorate having a direct connection, given that he was born and lived as a miner on Yorke Peninsula. His sister was Emily Frances Picton Parkins, who then went on to marry Henry Hincks. Their son was Cecil Stephen Hincks, known to this chamber as Sir Cecil Hincks, a minister in the Playford government and, perhaps much to the surprise of those opposite, my great-uncle. It goes to show that sometimes the apple can fall some distance from the tree when it comes to political allegiances.

I never met Sir Cecil, as he passed away in 1963. Despite representing Yorke Peninsula from 1946 until his death in 1963, I was told by my grandmother, who passed away some years ago, that he lived on Alexander Street in Largs Bay, being one street over from Anthony Street, where my grandparents lived and my father and his brother and sister grew up in Largs Bay. When parliament was not sitting, he would regularly drop past the next street over for a cup of tea with my grandparents.

But this was relevant to the Headstone Project because they were trying to establish whether there were any family members related to Frederick Parkins who might have some information or control over his affairs to the extent of being able to provide an approval or otherwise for a headstone to be created and placed at the grave that was hitherto unmarked. So I put him in contact with some of my relatives, and for those of you wondering where my occasional verbosity comes from in this place, poor Mr Hopley from the Headstone Project was subjected to many a long conversation with some of my elderly relatives about family history, some of which was even relevant to his investigations.

It occurred to me when this bill was introduced to this place by the Attorney that, in addition to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, there are also these independent not-for-profit efforts being conducted around Australia, including South Australia, to try to make sure that in unmarked grave locations, and also in cemeteries where headstones may have been provided but perhaps have been eroded over time or lost for some other reason, there is a need to recognise and annotate those First World War veterans for their war service.

As it turned out, Mr Hopley who introduced himself to me when we finally met and had a really enjoyable lunch together—at La Vita on Grange Road, if you are that interested. Unfortunately, it is not in my electorate but actually in the member for Colton's electorate because it is just on the other side of Grange Road, but nonetheless a good eatery in the western suburbs. Mr Hopley introduced himself as a retired police detective and I understand that it is people from those sorts of professions, particularly police officers and other investigative services, who often find themselves attracted to doing work on behalf of the Headstone Project.

Mr Hopley was good enough to give me a copy of the report that he had done into Frederick Parkins for the purposes of establishing his correct identity and details of his war service, but let alone the location of where he believed his grave to be so that it could be adequately marked. It is quite an effort to establish where these graves are including looking at cemetery records; doing cursory internet searches on Google, etc., but ascertaining a date of death and burial; next of kin; looking at newspaper reports, particularly on the Trove website which is a website managed by the National Archives; local newspaper reports for death or funeral notices; South Australian Births,

Deaths and Marriages records; Australian War Memorial inquiries; National Archives inquiries; genealogy investigations and so on.

So it is extremely thorough. In fact, there was a further page indicating historical electoral rolls, Sands and McDougall guides—something that I do not remember. Perhaps others—

**Mr Picton:** The Sands and McDougall showbag.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** The Sands and McDougall showbag—the most expensive showbag, as I recall. It went for \$50, I think—approximately 25 Bertie Beetle showbags that makes it. But it included discovering ANZAC websites and so on, so it is very thorough.

In the end, it was drawn to my attention that the grave was in the Cheltenham Cemetery and they found the grave location or the plot number and so on. As I said earlier, from the quite modest resources of the Headstone Project, with the consent of the next of kin they could find, they were able to install a new headstone with recognition of that person's war service, which is a terrific thing.

As I was about to mention before, he found through investigations that the headstone of Sir Cecil Hincks, which marks his grave at Centennial Park, does not record his war service during the First World War, when he was wounded at Gallipoli and lost part of the leg, or his service as a recruiting officer for the Second World War. Soon afterwards, he stood for parliament in 1946 and was elected to represent Yorke Peninsula. That was helpful to the broader family because on that side of my family the next of kin was able to arrange something in that respect.

It occurs to me that, in the Attorney bringing this bill forward, there are likely to be in some of these smaller churches and cemeteries around South Australia a number of graves that may or may not be marked and probably would not have a recognition of someone's war service. As regional members would perhaps appreciate just as well if not more than me, it was quite often regional communities that sent large proportions of the adult male population at the time overseas to fight in the First World War.

I can remember that when I first became a member I was asked to speak at the Semaphore ANZAC Day service, when Semaphore was part of the Lee electorate. The story of a family in Rosewater was recounted to me of where all five sons of that family were killed in action in the First World War. I cannot imagine what their mother, or father for that matter, must have suffered as a response to losing all their children, and I know that in regional communities many men and families of adult men were lost in the First World War.

If they were buried in their local communities, or they had graves recognising their deaths in their local cemeteries, after 100 or so years beyond the end of the First World War it is not unreasonable to think that we may stand to lose the opportunity of being able to mark those graves appropriately, particularly with the service these men gave to their country. So I am glad that the Attorney has brought the bill forward generally, but I am also particularly glad for that reason because it was not something until recently that I was aware of. It is something that I think we need to do more about.

I am grateful that the Premier provided a grant to the Headstone Project back in 2019. In fact, I do not actually recall the Premier saying much about that grant, which perhaps also goes to the fact that the Premier, like others, recognises the importance of this and the need for this and did not feel the need to make a song and dance about the generosity of his government in supporting that effort.

So it is a good thing, and hopefully supporting the Attorney's bill will mean that the greater requirements on people who find themselves as the owners, or the caretakers in the legal sense, of these cemeteries not only will have greater obligations placed upon them more generally but will provide the community in that regard a greater capacity to try to reflect people's past war service. For that reason, I am glad to commend the Attorney for bringing it to the house and again indicate my support for the bill.

Debate adjourned on motion of Dr Harvey.

## **ELECTORAL (REGULATION OF CORFLUTES) AMENDMENT BILL**

*Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 21 September 2021.)

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (16:35):** I rise to continue my contribution in regard to the Electoral (Regulation of Corflutes) Amendment Bill 2021. The interruption of time since I last raised my contribution has given me time to reflect upon what perhaps is an embarrassing collection that I have but perhaps is shared by many people in this house: I have a collection of corflutes.

*Members interjecting:*

**Mr PICTON:** I certainly have a collection of corflutes with my head on them.

**Mr Pederick:** Burn them!

**Mr PICTON:** The member for Hammond suggests I burn my corflutes. I think that might create more environmental damage than at least what you, in supporting this legislation, are trying to address.

**An honourable member:** Have you got a Bob Hawke?

**Mr PICTON:** I don't have a Bob Hawke, unfortunately, which would be very valuable now I have to say, but I do have a variety of other corflutes, some of which are probably valuable in hindsight and some of which are only of sentimental value to me.

*An honourable member interjecting:*

**Mr PICTON:** I've definitely got a Kevin Rudd and a Julia Gillard. It is the leader before them that I hate to reflect previously was a member and leader of the federal Australian Labor Party I would not want to do anything with. I suspect probably everybody here has a variety of different corflutes of various candidates and some maybe that you have picked up of opponents over the years. It certainly has been part of our political campaigning in South Australia and indeed around the country. While this proposition has been put that this will ban corflutes, that there will be no more corflutes and that supposedly other states do not have corflutes, actually that is not true.

There are corflutes in other states, there are corflutes that are used around the country and, if this legislation happens, there will still be corflutes that political parties will be making and producing and distributing. This legislation just limits where they can be put. The environmental argument that has been put by the Attorney-General and by others, that somehow this is going to lead to this dramatic reduction in waste and output, is not true because all of us here know very well that if this legislation is passed we are all going to still make our corflutes; we are just going to transition from using Stobie poles to using private residences to put up those corflutes.

Some people regard that as very worthwhile. I know the former member for Croydon, the Hon. Michael Atkinson, certainly used that technique in his electorate to get the dizzying heights of local support he often did by having the corflutes on private property. No doubt we will all be doing that, and all our opponents will be doing that, and all the Legislative Council candidates will be doing that as well.

We will all be using the same corflute material because my understanding of corflute material from having interacted with it a lot over the past how many years—20-odd years—is that it is very sturdy, relatively inexpensive and can withstand significant weather events. It makes it an ideal use for these purposes, and so we will use them and manufacture them in the same way that it happens at the moment

I do not see that there will be any environmental benefit whatsoever because they will still be produced and distributed, but they will be in different locations. People will be ringing all their local supporters to suss out where the best spots are in terms of people's houses that will have the best visibility, and they will be plastering them with corflutes—perhaps more than we have ever seen before—along some of these fence lines that people have across different electorates right across the state. That is a completely spurious argument in terms of corflutes and environmental impact.

I think it is fair to say that many of us recycle our corflutes. I have to say that this will be the third time that my corflutes get a run in the forthcoming election. Having been manufactured back in 2013, they will be getting a run in 2022. Perhaps there are some members who will be replicating them more than that. Perhaps the member for Hammond, who I know has some very prominent corflutes on his own—



**Mr Pederick:** I've got 700 of them.

**Mr PICTON:** He's got 700 of them, he says. He has probably never had a challenger, so I am not sure why he would have 700 corflutes.

**Mr Pederick:** You've got to remind people who you are.

**Mr PICTON:** That's right—and that's what we are trying to help you to do, member for Hammond: remind people who you are. I know that whenever you are driving down to the South-East there is a local landmark when you are going to the good people of the member for MacKillop's electorate. The landmark you pass is the member for Hammond's property, where his corflutes are on permanent historical museum display.

**Mr McBride:** They need to be upgraded to the member for MacKillop.

**Mr PICTON:** That's true. I understand that that property will soon be in the electorate of MacKillop, so the big question becomes: do the corflutes supporting the member for Hammond go down and do they get put up with the member for MacKillop's electorate posters?

**Mr Pederick:** He will have to speak to me nicely.

**Mr PICTON:** Yes, the member for Hammond says that he will have to speak to him nicely. For all I know, this has been part of the debates and considerations in crisis meetings that have been held over the past week with the Premier, about where those corflutes will be in the electorate of MacKillop on the member for Hammond's property.

*Mr Pederick interjecting:*

**Mr PICTON:** That's right. My point in raising the member for Hammond's corflutes is that I suspect that those 700 corflutes have been used a number of times and have been recycled—

**Mr Pederick:** Recycled and recycled.

**Mr PICTON:** Exactly. 'Recycled and recycled,' he says—absolutely re-used.

**Mr Pederick:** Very youthful.

**Mr PICTON:** Very youthful, that's right. You keep looking better and better on those corflutes in comparison to how you appear to us here in the chamber.

**Mr Pederick:** Just be careful now.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Hammond, I understand that you are appreciating all this attention, but it is actually the member for Kaurana's speech, so interjections will cease.

**Mr PICTON:** As I said, these are some of the most famous corflutes, I think, in South Australia—

*An honourable member interjecting:*

**Mr PICTON:** —that's right—down there on the Dukes Highway. I think that it is a sure sign not only of the durability of that material that they are still there but also that, as he has outlined, the member for Hammond recycles his corflutes election after election after election. Certainly, I will be doing that again, as I am sure other members will. Perhaps in the electorate of Bragg there will be corflutes from when the member for Bragg was first elected back in the 2002 election. Those corflutes perhaps will be getting their 20-year anniversary across suburbs such as Burnside and the like in the electorate of Bragg.

Very clearly, these corflutes are valuable. While they are affordable, they are not cheap. We all know that. They are a significant campaign investment, of course, though it is a lot cheaper than other types of advertising available, such as television or radio advertising.

However, you do not want to waste that material, and the benefit of the corflute is that it can be used again and again and again. I know that many members, when they have retired or have not been successful in elections, have found various ways to make sure they are able to recycle or re-use them in various ways. Kindergartens and childcare centres have been the worthy recipients of many corflutes over time for use in those centres.

It is something we have actually taken the lead in, making sure we no longer put electorate names on corflutes. This was a leading cause of wastage of corflutes for many people, such as the now member for Hurtle Vale who was previously the member for Fisher. If she had produced a whole lot of corflutes with the name Fisher on them, they would have automatically been wasted and would have had to be replaced with Hurtle Vale ones to reflect the new name of her electorate.

Similarly, other members have had their electorates changed probably at least three times. This is something people can make sensible decisions about, in terms of what they put on their corflutes, that minimises the risk that they will need to be thrown out and replaced by new ones in the future.

Another telling factor about the environmental issue is that one of the staunchest opponents of this legislation was one of the staunchest proponents of environmental protection—probably the staunchest advocate for environmental protection—the Parliament of South Australia has ever had, and that was the Hon. Mark Parnell MLC. Mr Parnell, who has recently retired from the parliament, was an opponent of this legislation, when it was considered in the other place, in relation to the elements around corflutes.

Very clearly, he did not see that any supposed environmental benefit was outweighed by the impacts it would have in relation to our democracy, particularly the impact it would have on small parties and Independents having the ability to have their say. The importance of that significantly outweighed the importance in relation to making sure there was supposedly some environmental benefit—although as I have said, I am very doubtful that is actually the case.

I invite members to look at the contribution made by the Hon. Mark Parnell in the other place, and reflect upon how important it is for members of minor parties or Independents to be able to have their say through the use of corflutes. That would be a real evening out of our democracy in terms of the ability of people who are not in major parties, or not backed up by significantly wealthy donors who can contribute significantly in relation to television advertisements, newspaper advertisements, radio advertisements and the like.

This is worth reflecting on, particularly in relation to what we have seen in Australia with the advent of Clive Palmer and the United Australia Party, or whatever it is called: that a very, very rich person—supposedly a billionaire—can dump a huge amount of money into advertising. We have seen that, and we are seeing that right at the moment.

You can almost open up *The Advertiser* every single day and it has a front page advertisement from Clive Palmer and his former Liberal Party MP, now the head of the party, Craig Kelly. They spout all sorts of things about COVID and the evilness of COVID restrictions on the front page of daily newspapers right around the country. In the last federal election we also saw blanketing of the airwaves by Clive Palmer in relation to all sorts of advertisements, largely getting stuck into the Labor Party.

There was one thing you did not see from Clive Palmer, and that was corflutes. You did not see a significant number of corflutes put up compared with the number of his television advertisements. I think there is a clear reason for this. Corflutes are an evening-out factor because you need people on the ground who can put them up. All of us here have been elected not because we are only one person but because we have a range of supporters in our own electorates who have been able to help us.

Clearly, if you are running a ticket, where you are just bombarding advertisements out from wherever your Queensland base is into different states around the country, you do not have people on the ground to do that quite significant job that we all in this chamber probably know quite well. You get your ladder, you get your corflutes, you get your wire or your cable ties—and there is a great debate about whether wire or cable ties are the preferred method of corflute construction. I prefer a combination of cable tie and wire to ensure that it is securely fastened.

This is a ritual we all know in this parliament, as do supporters of both major and minor parties in South Australia. If you are a very wealthy person, you can bombard the airwaves but you cannot have people out putting up these posters on Stobie poles unless you have a proper network of support out in the community.

By removing the ability for people power at a relatively lower cost to contribute to that debate and advertise at a local level, we are really shifting the balance in terms of who can get their ads on

TV, who can get their ads in the paper, who can get their ads on YouTube and social media. It becomes more about who has the bigger bucks to contribute to the debate rather than who has people on the ground. The ability to have advertising on the ground will be a significant factor.

That is a key reason why you see the likes of Mark Parnell, who you think would be opposed to any potential production of something that might be waste, saying that it is really important for parties that are not backed by millionaires and billionaires to have their say—or Independents, for that matter.

There are a few other matters I would like to touch on in relation to this legislation. One is that this is another piece of legislation that the Attorney is bringing in to change our electoral laws, as I have said, at the last minute. Another matter is that we see regulation-making powers being put in the bill that will give the Attorney, via cabinet, via Executive Council, via the Governor, the ability to introduce regulations after parliament rises, which looks more likely than not to be the middle of November. So somewhere in late November, December, January, February, we could see regulations put in that the parliament would not be able to review.

We would not have the ability to have proper scrutiny via the Legislative Review Committee or by either chamber of parliament being able to disallow the regulations that have been put in because we will not be here because there are no more sittings scheduled by the government. There is an optional week I think at the end of November or December, and maybe that will happen and maybe it will not and, if not, that is it.

So we have a huge amount of time when the government could introduce their own regulations without the scrutiny of this parliament and change the laws yet again through those regulations. We have seen that the intent of the government is to change the laws to best suit their chances of retaining government at the next election. I suspect we will see that play out again through any regulations that are put through if this legislation passes.

There is one thing that I will draw particular attention to that members may have overlooked in relation to this legislation, and that is the drafting that is being done by the Attorney-General in relation to new section 125 under (1c).

- (1c) If an electoral advertising poster is exhibited by or on behalf of a candidate in contravention of...(1a) or (1b), the candidate is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: \$5,000.

Everybody in this chamber should be very clear on what that means, except for you, Deputy Speaker, who will not be a candidate, to my knowledge—not a Liberal candidate at least—at the next election.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I will not be a candidate.

**Mr PICTON:** You are not going to be a candidate at all; that is a shame. You would get in at a canter as an Independent, I am sure. It is all the rage to be an Independent these days, I hear, so do not rule out your options too early. On that side of the house, it is all the rage.

*The Hon. D.C. van Holst Pellekaan interjecting:*

**Mr PICTON:** No, just a little nod to people in the country, if you want to oppose the basketball stadium, then they might want to support Independent candidates. If you look at the drafting of (1c):

- (1c) If an electoral advertising poster is exhibited by or on behalf of a candidate in contravention of subsection (1a) or (1b), the candidate is guilty of an offence.

That is not the party director, that is not anybody else, it is the candidate. The drafting of this is such that the candidate does not need to be involved in putting up the poster. The candidate does not need to have knowledge of the poster being put up. If a poster is exhibited by or on behalf of a candidate in contravention of the section, the candidate is guilty of an offence.

If somebody were to put up in the seat of Bragg posters with the Attorney-General's picture and name on them saying, 'Vote Liberal,' or, 'Vote for the Basketball Stadium,' and those posters were on Stobie poles throughout the Bragg electorate, then under this section that the Attorney-General is moving the Attorney-General, the member for Bragg, would be guilty of an offence as a candidate. She might not have had any knowledge that this was going to occur. This might not have been done necessarily by her own party, supporters, staff or anything like that.

Who is to say who has done it? There is no test as to the knowledge of it and there is no test as to whether it was done by a supporter of yours. There is no test as to whether it was done by somebody involved in the campaign, authorised or unauthorised. It is a pretty clear test. If this happens, if the poster goes up, then the candidate is guilty of an offence.

Each one of us who is a candidate is going to have a pretty significant time making sure that there is no poster that goes up in contravention of this law. If somebody puts up five posters for you rather than four at a polling booth, if one of your volunteers does that, if an enthusiastic young Liberal volunteer in the electorate of Stuart wants to put up a fifth poster telling people to vote for the member for Stuart to support the basketball stadium, then that fifth poster will lead to the member for Stuart being guilty of an offence under this proposal. Even if he had no knowledge of it, did not authorise it, would not have supported it, he would be guilty of an offence and subject to a maximum penalty of \$5,000.

That is a very significant way that this legislation has been drafted. It is really putting candidates in line for things they might not have had any knowledge about, had not supported and did not want to have happen or could have been done for malicious purposes by somebody else and the candidate could be liable and guilty of an offence in contravention of that section. Similarly, the case occurs in (1d) in relation to the Legislative Council:

- (1d) If an electoral advertising poster is exhibited by or on behalf of a group in contravention of subsection (1a) or (1b), the candidate whose name on the ballot paper is at the top of the group is guilty of an offence.

I have to check who the top of the group who has been nominated for the Legislative Council is. I believe it might be the Hon. Michelle Lensink, so let's just say it is the Hon. Michelle Lensink. If somebody in Adelaide, or somebody in Booleroo Centre, or somebody in Ceduna puts up posters for voting for the Legislative Council for the Liberal Party, Michelle Lensink is guilty of an offence under this, even if she had no knowledge of it, would not have supported it, even if it was not by a volunteer or supporter of the Liberal Party at all.

That candidate who is the top of the ballot paper for that group—in this case, for the Liberal Party, as my understanding would be, the Hon. Michelle Lensink—bang, guilty of an offence, \$5,000. I think all of us should think very carefully about what the Attorney-General is putting us all up for in terms of the potential for this to be used maliciously. I do not think people have really considered the implications—

*Sitting extended beyond 18:00 on motion of Hon. D.C. van Holst Pellekaan.*

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** I move:

That the time allotted for the remainder of the second reading speech of this bill be nine minutes; the time allotted for each clause and schedule in the committee be five minutes each, with the committee stage of the bill lasting no longer than 6.45pm this evening; and the time allotted for the third reading being a maximum of five minutes.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** It is moved that, in relation to standing order 114—

**Mr PICTON:** Is there a debate? Can we debate that?

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** No.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** It has been moved, there is no debate and it is not amendable either, the Clerk advises me.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes ..... 24  
Noes ..... 20  
Majority ..... 4

AYES

Basham, D.K.B.  
Cregan, D.  
Gardner, J.A.W.  
Luethen, P.  
Murray, S.

Chapman, V.A.  
Duluk, S.  
Harvey, R.M. (teller)  
Marshall, S.S.  
Patterson, S.J.R.

Cowdrey, M.J.  
Ellis, F.J.  
Knoll, S.K.  
McBride, N.  
Pederick, A.S.

## AYES

Pisoni, D.G.	Power, C.	Sanderson, R.
Speirs, D.J.	Tarzia, V.A.	Treloar, P.A.
van Holst Pellekaan, D.C.	Whetstone, T.J.	Wingard, C.L.

## NOES

Bedford, F.E.	Bettison, Z.L.	Boyer, B.I.
Brock, G.G.	Brown, M.E. (teller)	Close, S.E.
Cook, N.F.	Gee, J.P.	Hildyard, K.A.
Hughes, E.J.	Koutsantonis, A.	Malinauskas, P.
Michaels, A.	Mullighan, S.C.	Odenwalder, L.K.
Piccolo, A.	Picton, C.J.	Stinson, J.M.
Szakacs, J.K.	Wortley, D.	

Motion thus carried.

**Mr PICTON:** This is a disgraceful display by a government mired in scandal that are trying to guillotine this debate to change the electoral laws on the eve of an election because they think they can get a better chance of winning this election by stitching up the laws at the last minute, one minute to midnight, on the same day that the Ombudsman has referred this government's corruption to the OPI for investigation and assessment.

It is an outrageous display by an absolutely corrupt government in the way that they are treating this parliament with contempt by not allowing a proper consideration and proper debate in relation to our electoral laws in relation to the rules that this election will be fought on before the next election, so we oppose this legislation in the strongest possible terms. I will allow one of my colleagues to make a contribution before they cut off debate on this entirely.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for West Torrens, before you begin, the motion that was passed was that the debate should last for nine minutes. I have that on my book as 5.18pm. I will not deprive you of any time; I am just reminding you.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (17:09):** I know you will not, sir. Why would a government that has been referred to ICAC want to ban election posters? I will tell you why: because we might put it on election posters and plaster it across South Australia. We might want to put on election posters that the Premier is involved in a scandal. We might want to put that staff are being moved around electorate offices because of a scandal. What are this government afraid of? They are afraid of scrutiny, they are afraid of transparency and they want to change the rules of an election campaign at one minute to midnight.

**The Hon. V.A. Chapman:** That's what you did.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** No, that is not what we did: it is the opposite. Whatever changes we made applied to the election after, not the one we were about to face. I have to say that it speaks volumes about the integrity of this government and how mired they are in corruption—because the fish rots from the head. If only there was an aspirate to the job who had an inch of integrity and who might want to say that it is impossible to have a fair and democratic contest by changing the electoral rules this late, especially when a Premier is mired in scandal.

I have to say that today's revelations have done a lot to change the political mood of this parliament. It is a government that is frightened of scrutiny. It is a government that is frightened of being held to account. It is a government that is fearful of debate.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Point of order: the member has already raised all these issues in his grievance and we are now on a corflutes bill. The member has—

*Members interjecting:*

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order on my left! I cannot hear the Attorney-General.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I would suggest relevance, sir, rather than rehashing the member for Torrens' failed cross-examination this morning.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I am sure the member for Torrens will come back to corflutes.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Thank you, sir—West Torrens. Far be it from me to have corflutes printed up and plastered across the seat of Bragg saying that the Deputy Premier is running a protection racket for a Premier being investigated for corruption. I will not be able to do that. I will not be able to say in the seat of, let's say, Newland that staff are being moved out. Why are those staff being moved out? Why are they being relocated? We could put that on the corflute, but again the government do not want the scrutiny. Why? They are fearful of the public seeing who they really are.

For example, perhaps the member for Stuart would not like plastered throughout the seat of Port Augusta and Port Pirie his devotion to a brand-new basketball stadium in the city—or perhaps that ramping is out of control, or perhaps that this government has mismanaged our finances, or perhaps that there has been minister after minister who has had to resign because of scandal, or that there are members facing corruption allegations, or that the Office of the Premier and the South Australian Liberal Party have had a prima facie investigation or assessment of their conduct plastered on billboards across South Australia.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** There is a point of order. Member for West Torrens, please be seated.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I would hope, Mr Deputy Speaker, that you would resent that threat he just made to you.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Well, I assume from that, Attorney, you are picking up on the fact that the member for West Torrens referred to 'you', being me; is that correct? We will direct our comments through the Chair rather than at them, member for West Torrens.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Sir, you know the regard I have for you and your career. I have to say that whenever a government attempts to limit democratic debate, limit expressions of political will, limit the discourse in and amongst communities—let's face it, sometimes the only way you can get a message across is by putting it on a pole. It is the only way sometimes you can get a message across, because the government has this massive microphone and now we know they also have our data. With our data, they use it probably corruptly. That is why we need this democratic—

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Point of order: I would ask for an apology and a withdrawal.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I uphold the point of order. Member for West Torrens, I understand you are making a contribution on corflutes. Be careful with the language you use.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I will, sir. I will not be using any expletives.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Well, that's good. I am pleased.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Thank you, sir.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Because that would be unparliamentary.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Because the only thing we have left in this parliament is our free speech. It is all we have left because the government control the numbers in the house and they are guillotining us from debating a bill. They control a massive amount of money for government advertising and we understand there is going to be an avalanche of government advertising and we understand that they are misusing data collected on government websites, people looking after COVID information.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Point of order.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** So all we have are election posters.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Yes, member for West Torrens, there is a point of order. Member for West Torrens, could you take your seat, please. Attorney-General, you raised a point of order.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Yes. I am offended at the allegation in relation to this that has just been made by the member for West Torrens—

*Members interjecting:*

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** No, member for West Torrens.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —and I would ask him to withdraw and apologise.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** So the Attorney has taken offence to your suggestion, member for West Torrens.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I don't care, sir. I am not withdrawing it.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** No, before you go on, she has taken offence. We all know that triggers an apology from a member—a withdrawal; I do not need you to apologise but you could withdraw it.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** What am I withdrawing, sir?

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** You are withdrawing the allegation of—you were discussing corruption—

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Yes, sir, I was.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** —in relation to—

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** The government. Yes, sir.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The government, yes.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** The allegation was that the government was collating data and that it was corrupt.

**Mr Szakacs:** You're not the government.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I beg your pardon?

**Mr Szakacs:** You're not the government.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I am part of the government.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for West Torrens, you only have four or five minutes left. I am going to ask that you withdraw the words, whatever they might be, which the Attorney finds offensive. Just do it and get on with it.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Sir, no, I will not, unless I know what the term is. What is it I am meant to withdraw? What have I said that is unparliamentary, sir?

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** No, it is not unparliamentary.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Well, then I am not required to withdraw under standing orders, sir.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** It is just that the Attorney-General found—

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I don't care.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** —it offensive. Well, perhaps you take your seat, member for West Torrens. Attorney, could you remind us what was offensive and then we can deal with it.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** The member indicated words to the effect that the government were collecting data that was corrupt and I take offence to that allegation.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Deputy Speaker, I presume, given that we have not had the benefit of the Deputy Premier being able to refer to a specific standing order, let me do it on her behalf. I take it she is referring to standing order 125, 'Offensive words against Member'. The words which she takes offence to were about the government. Is it seriously going to be the ruling of this place that we cannot speak against the government?

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Attorney-General is part of the government.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** But she is not the government. She is not a sovereign. She is not the Crown.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** So the plot thickens as time ticks by. Before I go to the Minister for Energy and Mining, the Clerk advises me that the standing order that you refer to, member for Lee, is quite correct and the interpretation is that it has to be offence taken by a member specifically and deliberately to a member.

**The Hon. S.C. Mullighan:** Yes, and he did not refer to a member.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** No. So, member for Torrens—

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** West Torrens.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** —back on your feet. I will give you one minute.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** One minute, sir. I will speak for 30 of those and hand over to my colleague the member for Lee and say this: any government that is afraid of free expression has serious questions to answer of itself. What we have seen today is a government that is terrified of free expression and, in a democratic society, governments that fear their citizens do not deserve re-election, especially ones that steal data and misuse it inappropriately. That is why we need corflutes to go out there and expose that corruption. I yield to my friend.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Lee, you have 30 seconds.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I move:

That the debate be adjourned.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes ..... 20

Noes ..... 25

Majority ..... 5

#### AYES

Bedford, F.E.  
Brock, G.G.  
Cook, N.F.  
Hughes, E.J.  
Michaels, A.  
Piccolo, A.  
Szakacs, J.K.

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Basham, D.K.B.  
Cowdrey, M.J.  
Ellis, F.J.  
Knoll, S.K.  
McBride, N.  
Pederick, A.S.  
Sanderson, R.  
Treloar, P.A.  
Wingard, C.L.

Bell, T.S.  
Cregan, D.  
Gardner, J.A.W.  
Luethen, P.  
Murray, S.  
Pisoni, D.G.  
Speirs, D.J.  
van Holst Pellekaan, D.C.

Chapman, V.A.  
Duluk, S.  
Harvey, R.M. (teller)  
Marshall, S.S.  
Patterson, S.J.R.  
Power, C.  
Tarzia, V.A.  
Whetstone, T.J.

Motion thus negatived.

**The SPEAKER:** The question before the house is that the bill be now read a second time.

The house divided on the second reading:

Ayes ..... 25

Noes ..... 19

Majority ..... 6



## AYES

Basham, D.K.B.	Bell, T.S.	Chapman, V.A.
Cowdrey, M.J.	Cregan, D.	Duluk, S.
Ellis, F.J.	Gardner, J.A.W.	Harvey, R.M. (teller)
Knoll, S.K.	Luethen, P.	Marshall, S.S.
McBride, N.	Murray, S.	Patterson, S.J.R.
Pederick, A.S.	Pisoni, D.G.	Power, C.
Sanderson, R.	Speirs, D.J.	Tarzia, V.A.
Treloar, P.A.	van Holst Pellekaan, D.C.	Whetstone, T.J.
Wingard, C.L.		

## NOES

Bettison, Z.L.	Boyer, B.I.	Brock, G.G.
Brown, M.E. (teller)	Close, S.E.	Cook, N.F.
Gee, J.P.	Hildyard, K.A.	Hughes, E.J.
Koutsantonis, A.	Malinauskas, P.	Michaels, A.
Mullighan, S.C.	Odenwalder, L.K.	Piccolo, A.
Picton, C.J.	Stinson, J.M.	Szakacs, J.K.
Wortley, D.		

Second reading thus carried; bill read a second time.

*Committee Stage*

In committee.

Clause 1.

**Mr PICTON:** I think it is fair to say that we will be speaking in relation to each clause. This has been an absolutely shocking display of the arrogance and the lack of transparency and accountability that this government has for the people of South Australia to put this legislation through five minutes to midnight before the next election.

We are already in the campaign period, according to the electoral funding laws. We are months well into that. We are in the shadow of the election. We have a couple of sitting weeks to go of this whole parliamentary term, and now on top of that the government uses the guillotine to force this legislation through without proper discussion and debate of these clauses of legislation. Five minutes for each clause is nowhere near going to examine the length and breadth of the importance of this legislation and for the consideration of the electoral system that it is going to have.

My first question to the Attorney-General is: what consideration have you given in introducing this legislation to the detrimental impact this will have on minor parties and Independents? That impact was summed up excellently by your predecessor as Liberal spokesperson for A-G, Robert Lawson, when he outlined to the parliament the impact this legislation would have on Independents and minor parties?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Each of the political parties has been consulted, as I have indicated. If we are looking back into the history of the 2009 debate, I just refer to the contribution by the member for West Torrens.

**Mr PICTON:** Wow! Really scintillating stuff. When is it intended that this legislation will come into effect and that this will be enacted?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** In clause 2, you will see that it is a date to be fixed by proclamation. In the event that it is the will of the parliament that this be passed, then we will work with the Electoral Commissioner as to the commencement arrangements for that.

**Mr PICTON:** What analysis has the government done to support its supposed claims of some environmental benefit out of this, given, as I outlined before the guillotine cut me off in relation to my debate, that we will see time and time again people using corflutes particularly for private residences? They will still be able to use corflutes and there may be zero environmental benefit at

all from what I can see, despite the fact that the Attorney-General has been going out there claiming that this will have some significant benefit when there seems to be little evidence of that whatsoever.

Have you done any modelling or had any expert opinion on that, or is that just some line you are coming out with to try to sell this bill to, in your view, try to stay in government?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I think it has been very clear for some time, and again I refer to the member for West Torrens and the former member for Enfield, who gave a very powerful speech about the environmental carnage and the blight on the environment. There are plenty there to recognise that. Unquestionably, the public want it. The Local Government Association wrote to me and asked for it. This parliament has already passed the abolition of corflutes for their election, so I think there is a certainly very great appetite in the community for it.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I risk offending the Deputy Premier in asking this question. Will all corflutes be banned or just ones that refer to the Premier's department being referred to an integrity agency for potential corruption of the misuse of data?

**The CHAIR:** No, member for Lee that is out of order. 'Disorderly' I will call it.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Why, sir?

**The CHAIR:** Well, you are making assertions in this place—

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** That corflutes will be banned? It is the purpose of the bill, sir.

**The CHAIR:** No. Would you like to rephrase it? You have 40 seconds to go.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Will all corflutes be banned or merely the ones that refer to the Premier's department being referred—

**The CHAIR:** Thank you, we will all—

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** —to the Office of Public Integrity for the potential misuse of South Australians' data?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** All the advertising that is identified under the definition of electoral advertisement under corflutes on public places will be banned, save and except the provision for four corflutes or other advertising material, per candidate, displayed within the precinct of a polling booth during the election campaign.

Time expired.

Clause passed.

Clause 2.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Have discussions commenced within the government or with the Electoral Commissioner about when this bill may come into effect? It was a surprise to the opposition that the Attorney was unable to give any advice to the parliament about when this bill may come into effect. Very basically speaking, will it take effect for the purposes of the coming election campaign if it is passed by the parliament?

**The Hon. V.A. Chapman:** Yes.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** The Deputy Premier says yes, so when will it come into effect? Will it be immediately—firstly, when we have a Governor and, secondly, when the Governor provides assent to the bill—or is it envisaged that it will occur sometime perhaps late in this year or early next year? I am absolutely flabbergasted that this bill seems to be so important to the government but that no thought appears to have been given to when this bill may come into effect.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I just remind the member that I have had meetings with Mr Reggie Martin—who, in case he has forgotten, is your secretary of the Australian Labor Party—to discuss a number of electoral reforms. We discussed the provision of the draft regulations in relation to this bill as well.

Ms Franks was also interested on behalf of the Greens because they were interested in looking at a different number of corflutes that might be able to be displayed per candidate on polling day or in the polling period that is allowed for display. I think draft regulations were sent to the Labor

Party on 8 September. If Mr Martin has not shared that with you, I am sorry; I cannot do any more than that.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I am grateful for the Deputy Premier's apology. She would be comforted to know that I do know who Reggie Martin is, and I am aware of his preselection for the Legislative Council. So intent are we on campaigning effectively to get him elected, we have ensured that we have preselected him on a pretty winnable position on the Labor Party ticket for the Legislative Council.

That is unlike, for example, the approach of the Liberal Party at the last election only preselecting the Hon. Jing Lee MLC on a fairly lowly position on the election ticket and presumably having a change of mind after she campaigned so effectively, via the use of corflutes, to get herself elected against the will of the Liberal Party. Then, of course, there was the awful situation, the unpleasantness in the other place, where the Liberal Party split and some people supported her candidacy for presidency. The President did not.

I do not want to digress any further because I know how delicate the Deputy Premier's constitution is when it comes to being offended in this place —

**The CHAIR:** And also time is of the essence.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Time is of the essence, sir.

**The CHAIR:** I am simply reminding you.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Thank you. Is it envisaged by the Deputy Premier that the bill will come into effect before 1 January?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I would expect so. Incidentally, the draft regulations that were provided were actually forwarded to the Hon. Kyam Maher, not directly to Mr Martin, but I know I had discussions with him. I think we have also prepared a draft, which may have been promulgated already, in relation to another pending bill on electronic and miscellaneous matters, which has also been canvassed.

As I have indicated, although we do not want to presume what parliament will do, in relation to electoral matters it has been historical that we do provide information and discuss where that will go once there is some determination by the parliament. In the event that this is successful, as soon as practicable we will move for it.

As we are coming up to an amendment, which has been tabled by the Independent member here for a 200 cap, I have also canvassed that with the Electoral Commissioner, who would find that very difficult and onerous to undertake, for his officers during election campaigns to be rigorously running around every electorate—for example in the electorate of Lee, trying to check whether you have 199 or 210 photographs of yourself. He was really concerned about that aspect, that if we had some kind of cap it would make it very difficult for his officers during an election campaign.

Clause passed.

Clause 3.

**Mr PICTON:** From my understanding, there have been 1,285 days since the last election. Why are we only debating this legislation on the eve of the next election, and you have not seen fit to promote this earlier in the parliamentary term, if you so significantly believe that it is important to do so?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** It seems to have missed the attention of the member that this was part of a significantly greater bill that was introduced and dealt with last year and ultimately voted down in the upper house I think in March or April this year.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Point of order: it is disorderly to reflect on a vote of the house.

**The Hon. V.A. Chapman:** I am not reflecting on a vote of the house at all. I am simply noting—

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** You just reflected on it. In fact, it was a perfect reflection because you correctly said exactly what it was.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I was confirming that this issue was canvassed in another bill a year ago.

**The CHAIR:** Let's leave it at that. Member for Lee, you have the call, but you are also interrupting your own time with points of order. There are four minutes to go.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I can enlighten the member for Kaurua on why this is only now coming up: because there was important business to be dealt with beforehand. We had the reform of gift cards. That consumed nearly two weeks of sitting. Then, of course, something close to the Deputy Premier's heart was the restoration of Queen's Counsel as a postnominal for those—

**The Hon. V.A. Chapman:** You voted for it.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I thought I opposed it, didn't I? I remember asking the Deputy Premier whether, after QCs, we were going to proceed to knighthoods in South Australia, such is her appetite for anachronisms. But I did actually rise to ask something different, and that was with regard to clause 3 and the amendment provisions. I am interested that the Deputy Premier was countenancing an amendment of up to 200 corflutes per candidate.

*The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:*

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** But you were countenancing it. You took it and thought, 'This is worth investigating. I'll take it over to the Electoral Commissioner and see what they think,' not, 'What's that? You would like 200 corflutes? I'm sorry, I'm not interested. I'm against corflutes altogether.' You are up for it. It is extraordinary. I have to say that, when it comes to these sorts of amendments, despite the rhetoric that we get from the Deputy Premier, it is pretty clear that there is business to be done here when it comes to amendments. So when it comes to an Independent—2,000 corflutes. That might be okay. What other proposals were put to you that you then took to the Electoral Commissioner on behalf of Independent and crossbench MPs?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** To my knowledge, on this bill the only amendment was the amendment tabled by the member for Florey to have a cap on corflutes. So in the course of the regular meetings I have with the Electoral Commissioner, including to have funding for the management plans, the COVID preparations, all the things he has to do for all his electoral work, which, of course, in this next 12 months will include a state and a federal election and a number of other elections that he is responsible for—yes, I did.

Whether I raised it or he asked me, I cannot remember which way it was, but there was the indication that there had been a proposal for the 200 cap. He indicated to me in the course of one of the last meetings I had with him, 'Please don't consider supporting that,' I think words to that effect, 'because that would be a nightmare for my staff, during an election campaign, to have to go out and actually monitor the numbers of corflutes'. Whether or not it was picked up from an article in the paper, I cannot recall specifically, but I remember it being asked and I remember indicating to him that I would make sure that his views were expressed to the parliament, if it was pursued by the member for Florey, and I have done so.

Clause passed.

**Mr PICTON:** Chair, I draw your attention to the state of the committee.

*A quorum having been formed:*

Clause 4.

**Ms BEDFORD:** I move:

Amendment No 1 [Bedford-1]—

Page 2, lines 14 to 17 [clause 4(1), inserted subsection (2a)]—Delete inserted subsection (2a) and substitute:

(2a) A person must not, within any electoral district relating to a House of Assembly election, exhibit more than 200 electoral advertising posters on public roads (including structures or fixtures on public roads).

Maximum penalty: \$5,000.

(2b) For the purposes of this section, an electoral advertisement will—

- (a) if it relates to a particular registered political party, or to a candidate endorsed by a particular registered political party—be taken to be exhibited by the registered officer of the party; and
- (b) if it relates to a candidate who is not a member of a registered political party—be taken to be exhibited by the candidate.

In the face of what is obvious huge adversary to what we are trying to do here today, my thought in moving this motion is that the ability of Independents—although it is not a problem for me but for any following me—or any candidates to raise their profile is going to be severely hampered by not having corflutes.

No matter how much you hate them, they obviously have some impact on people. For many people, it is the only indication that there is actually an election happening. In moving a number, I thought it was better to have a few more than the scant amount being proposed here, so I leave it at that.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I thank the member for Florey for her explanation. I indicate that the government will oppose this amendment as it is simply not practical or workable. To explain that, I refer to a response from the Electoral Commissioner in which he raised the fact that the enforcement of such a cap on numbers of corflutes across the entire electoral district would be very difficult and extremely resource intensive.

In fact, he wrote to me on 20 October 2020 when this was canvassed in the previous bill, which as we now know has lapsed and we are reintroducing it in this bill.

*Ms Bedford interjecting:*

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** No, I understand that, but he said, and I quote:

The issue of 'Corflute' signs has previously been debated in the Parliament at various stages in the past. During such debates, discussions had proposed various solutions including placing limits on the maximum number of signs able to be displayed by any candidate within a district.

I would bring to your attention my desire that such options are fiercely opposed as they will give rise to significant challenges in the administration of the election. The Commission is not resourced to police limits on signs and should not have its resources diverted away from the proper administration and conduct of the election.

That is the contribution provided by the Electoral Commissioner. I was saying a little earlier on another clause that, in a conversation I had with the Electoral Commissioner in a more recent meeting, he reconfirmed that that would be a practical impost on his staff that would make that extremely difficult during an election campaign and therefore requested that I oppose such a move.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I have a question for the Attorney-General. Attorney-General—

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** It is not my amendment.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I know, but you have read out an answer. I am entitled to ask her a question, am I not, sir?

**The CHAIR:** I am happy to take it.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Given the Attorney-General has written to the independent statutory officer, who is the Electoral Commissioner, about an amendment by a private member and received advice—

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I did not say that.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** You said you contacted him and he wrote to you—that is advice.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** You are not listening.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** The way I read it is that you received an amendment from an Independent member. You took that to the Electoral Commissioner for advice. He responded to you with advice saying that it would be impractical for the Electoral Commissioner to implement this amendment.

*The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:*

**The CHAIR:** Let's hear the question.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** You have gone to a lot of effort to get advice about a private member's amendment from an independent statutory officer. Why have you not done the same for the ICAC bill being discussed in the upper house?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I think the member misunderstood the statement I just read out. I reiterate that the Electoral Commissioner is consulted on all electoral bills, so when this bill and the one prior to it were prepared a copy of it went to the Electoral Commissioner. Last year, we gave last year's copy, which had a number of issues in it.

He responded by including this provision—not specifically the member for Florey's motion because it was not before the house at that point—and I repeat the reference. I have the letter. He said, 'I would bring to your attention my desire that such options,' which he had set out during such debates in previous iterations of this bill.

So this is not something I have written to him saying, 'Please give me an idea about what you think about restrictions on the number of corflutes.' Our bill included an abolition of corflutes provision and he wrote back with that information. In the course of a subsequent conversation I had with him, he reconfirmed that any limitation on that would be impractical for his officers.

**The CHAIR:** Attorney, I am going to confirm that you were quoting from that?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I am happy for you to have the letter.

**The CHAIR:** I might ask that you table it, please, given that you quoted from it.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I am happy to do that.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Point of order, sir: the Attorney has just separated the document.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** It is a cover sheet.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** The whole thing.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** 'See attached'.

**The CHAIR:** I am sure the Attorney will table it. It is now tabled.

**Ms BEDFORD:** Following on from what the Attorney said, my problem with all of this—

**The Hon. D.C. van Holst Pellekaan:** Time has expired.

**Ms BEDFORD:** What is wrong now?

**The CHAIR:** The time has expired, member for Florey, but the upside of that is that we get to vote on your amendment.

The committee divided on the amendment:

Ayes ..... 20

Noes ..... 25

Majority ..... 5

#### AYES

Bedford, F.E. (teller)  
Brock, G.G.  
Cook, N.F.  
Hughes, E.J.  
Michaels, A.  
Piccolo, A.  
Szakacs, J.K.

Bettison, Z.L.  
Brown, M.E.  
Gee, J.P.  
Koutsantonis, A.  
Mullighan, S.C.  
Picton, C.J.  
Wortley, D.

Boyer, B.I.  
Close, S.E.  
Hildyard, K.A.  
Malinauskas, P.  
Odenwalder, L.K.  
Stinson, J.M.

#### NOES

Basham, D.K.B.

Bell, T.S.

Chapman, V.A.

## NOES

Cowdrey, M.J.	Cregan, D.	Duluk, S.
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Knoll, S.K.	Luethen, P.	Marshall, S.S.
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Amendment thus negatived.

**Mr PICTON:** Clause 4 as it stands outlaws plastic, corflute or any other materials defined by regulations, and I understand the Attorney is considering a regulation that would say metal, glass, wood, cardboard or paper. My question to the Attorney is: what happens in the instance where somebody uses a type of material other than what you have prescribed in either the law or the regulation? A few come to mind that have not been included in either one.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I am happy to receive any indication from the member as to any other product or material that might be able to be utilised in this way—it may be cloth or something of another nature. I am happy to receive anything else. These are in draft form. I have not had anything from Mr Maher yet but, if the member has further additions, they can always be added by regulation.

**Mr PICTON:** I think that there would be questions if it were in the caretaker period in terms of how that would work.

*The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:*

**Mr PICTON:** Well, that would be when people would be using them before the election, if suddenly people started using materials other than that in the election—but since you did not really answer that one, I will move on to my second question. This says that you cannot have posters on public roads. Does that mean if I have a street corner meeting on a public road it is illegal for me to have an A-frame with a poster on it?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Again, that would be a matter that we could consider in regulations, but on the face of it: correct. There would be no advertising material on public roads. Obviously, the member could have a display on any private property and that would be open for him or her to do that.

**Mr PICTON:** You have spoken about how you have consulted the Electoral Commissioner in relation to the amendment that was moved by the member for Florey and that the Electoral Commissioner gave you advice that that would be difficult to implement because of the impact upon the regulatory function of the Electoral Commissioner and having to drive around to check for signs.

Have you received similar advice about your actual legislation? Surely the Electoral Commissioner now is going to have to be a cop on the beat—every poster, every street corner meeting, every sign, considering whether it is on a public road, whether it meets this definition, is it plastic, is it cardboard, is it some other type of textile, etc. This is going to be a huge regulatory function for the Electoral Commissioner to implement this legislation. Have you received advice from the Electoral Commissioner, and is there going to be additional funding for the commissioner to undertake that work?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** He has not raised any concern with me on the matter.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** What resources will be made available to the Electoral Commissioner to allow him to communicate the changes that are contained in this bill, in the event that it passes, to candidates who have already lodged their candidacy for the next state election?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** There are proposed modifications in this bill and another two bills that are before the parliament. In anticipation of any movement in relation to these bills, including things such as telephone-assisted voting, all those matters have been prepared in a costing

arrangement that has been put. As you will have seen in the state budget, there is significant provision for those as contingency funding available.

Recently, the commissioner has put to me an extra proposal for funding relating to a circumstance where there may need to be a COVID management plan that might include a delayed election in the event that there was a federal election in the month of March. So there is some extra funding that has been proposed and that is going through the normal process, but there has also been funding as the commissioner has requested in the budget that was announced earlier this year.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** How much has been sought from the commissioner specifically for communicating legislative changes about the conduct of elections?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I do not have that information as to the breakdown exactly. He has given me his proposal in relation to a number of aspects, including communications, but whether that is just in relation to this or for the whole month, for example, in proposing his usual campaign which he has indicated from 22 January to encourage people to enrol to vote, that is all within the same umbrella.

Clause passed.

Clause 5.

**Mr PICTON:** New subsections (1c) and (1d) introduce new offences against candidates if they have posters that are put up, not by them but by anybody promoting their causes. So my question to the Attorney-General is: why has she decided to propose that the candidate themselves would be guilty of an offence when it is not actually the candidate who might have been responsible for the erection of such a sign? In fact, it might not even be somebody on their campaign or they might not have any knowledge of such a fact.

You are now seeking to impose an offence against that candidate which could be any one of us for any sign being established with or without the knowledge of that particular candidate.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Largely, firstly you will see, notwithstanding the concern you had raised, that this would somehow or other be providing responsibility for a candidate for something they have no control over. The provision here under (1d), as you will see, very specifically requires 'if an electoral advertising poster is exhibited by or on behalf of a group in contravention of subsection (1a) or (1b)', and previously of (1c), or on behalf of a candidate in contravention. So we are dealing with both, but it must be within the envelope of 'by or on behalf of' and that is part of the—

**Mr Picton:** But anybody could do that.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Well, I am just suggesting to the member that it is not a question of simply saying that, just because somebody comes along and puts up a poster that says, 'I love Chris Picton. He's a great bloke to vote for,' or, 'Chris Picton is an idiot. Don't anyone vote for him,' in some way this is something that you are responsible for. I would suggest not because I think the clause is very clear. Part of the proof of the contravention would have to be that it has been done by the candidate or on behalf of the candidate, so either authorised by them to do that.

**Mr PICTON:** So there would have to be some sort of investigation as to whether a particular volunteer or other person did it on the candidate's behalf, and that would have to be the test that you are saying?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Proof that it was by the candidate or on behalf of the candidate. That is an evidentiary matter, and so absolutely. Usually what happens in any contravention in relation to corflutes—whether they are too big, if they are on a public place, they are obscuring traffic, all the other things that currently apply to corflutes—is somebody, frequently from the opposing side or other candidate, reports it and complains about it.

Sometimes they go to the local council and the council says, 'This is a matter for the Electoral Commission,' etc. That is a matter of enforcement that would require a level of threshold evidence to be able to prove the case. It is the same as any other compliance matter.

**Mr PICTON:** If we all woke up one morning and we found throughout the streets of Bragg a huge series of posters that had been erected overnight supporting Vickie Chapman's, 'Liberal for Bragg,' and there was not any evidence that somebody had established them on your behalf as the



candidate, then you are saying that there would be no way there would be any prosecution or action taken under such an offence and effectively they could continue?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Not necessarily. There may be a prosecution in relation to a group, on behalf of a group. If it has 'Written and authorised by Sascha Meldrum of the Liberal Party of Australia, SA division' written on the bottom of it, it may be that new subsection (1d) would apply; nevertheless, there has to be a threshold obligation there.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I take the wording of amendment No. 5, a prohibition on anyone putting greater than four corflutes within 50 metres. Does that apply to the Electoral Commission itself?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Is the member suggesting the address of the Electoral Commission here in the city as being the place that is a polling booth?

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** No. For example, for those of us who have polling booths in our electorates which are schools, where the entrance to the booth may not be in direct sight of the road, where directions might need to be given, within 50 metres of the entrance to that polling booth is the commission itself also restricted to only placing four corflutes within 50 metres of the entrance to that polling booth?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** The Electoral Commissioner material—

**The CHAIR:** There is a point of order.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** It is not a point of order.

**The CHAIR:** You are pointing out. You actually have raised a point of order, and that is that time has expired, but I am going to suggest that the Attorney answer this question and keep it to 30 seconds.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Absolutely. Information about the booth and where the entrance point is and all the things that normally are the Electoral Commission are not advertising material under the definition.

Clause passed.

Schedule 1.

**Mr PICTON:** As we have discussed in relation to other legislation, we are likely to have a federal election and a state election simultaneously occurring. Is there any prohibition upon federal candidates putting up posters? If so, would we not have a scenario if we have election periods that are close or overlapping where we end up with corflutes which say, 'Vote Labor,' 'Vote Liberal,' 'Vote Independent,' 'Vote Greens,' or whatever party, and which are said to be for the federal election but have a dual use for the state election as well? If that is the case, how could that possibly be policed; that is, what is going to be a federal sign and what is a state sign?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Firstly, can I say there are no size restrictions in relation to federal elections. I have already said during this debate that I have had about 20 years of looking at life-size and half-size posters of Christopher Pyne walking towards me in the seat of Sturt, which has overlapped my area. I am glad that era is over.

Nevertheless, from the point of view of differences, there are differences between the commonwealth and the state electoral laws. In fact, our own funding laws are very different thanks to the Australian Labor Party here in South Australia wanting to have its own bespoke-type system and the resistance to have anything to do with having something similar to the federal system. So this does happen. We raised with the Hon. John Rau at the time how impractical that was going to be for implementation, the lack of consistency in relation to—

*Mr Picton interjecting:*

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** No, I am talking about funding. There are differences in our rules in relation to those matters. We have faced circumstances before where there is close proximity of a federal election and a local government election to us, and in the next 12 months we are expecting all three. So I suspect there will be a bit of election fatigue amongst South Australians by the time we get to the end of next year.

That is a circumstance we do face from time to time, and the Electoral Commissioner is already looking at this question of how he manages the advertising message and the rules that apply to each of the election campaigns—state, federal and local government—assuming for the moment they are in that order. They may not be, but I am expecting at the very least that it is either that or it will be federal, state and then local government. He will continue to manage this as expertly as he has in the past.

**Mr PICTON:** Through that haze of an answer I think we got confirmation that there is no prohibition upon federal corflutes—so corflutes will be continuing—and that there will be the ability for parties, Independents or others who have both federal and state candidates to have signs that may well cross over both.

**Mr Brown:** How convenient.

**Mr PICTON:** That is very convenient, as the member for Playford says. I also think that this is going to be another significant task the Attorney is adding to the Electoral Commissioner's job because they are going to have to interpret whether or not something is a state or a federal poster and interpret its use. In the remaining time, I ask the Attorney: if somebody is doing a protest on a public street and they want to have a sign, is that prohibited under this legislation?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I am advised that that depends entirely in relation to what it says and also the display of those, and whether they contravene the proposed definition. That is a matter to be determined and can be added to if there is some proposal you want to put to us in relation to the draft regulations. Mr Maher already has a copy of them but, if there is anything else the member for Kaurana would like to put, I am happy to receive them.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Those are two clouds of uncertainty that have been cast over this. One is that a corflute from the Electoral Commission advising the fact that there is an election on and that this is the place to go to have a vote apparently is held somehow differently in this bill as opposed to political candidates, and now we do not have any certainty whether people can carry placards during protests on local roads. How badly drafted has this bill been?

**The CHAIR:** Time has expired.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I am happy to answer, sir, if you wish.

**The CHAIR:** No, I think we will take that as a comment rather than a question.

*Members interjecting:*

**The CHAIR:** Order!

Schedule passed.

Title.

**The CHAIR:** The final question before the Chair is that the title of the bill be an act to amend the Electoral Act 1985 and to make a related amendment to the Local Government Act 1999. Are there any questions on the title?

**Mr PICTON:** Following up on what we have just heard, which I think is absolutely extraordinary, that the Attorney cannot even commit to this house that her legislation is not going to outlaw somebody going to a peaceful, public protest, which should be allowed in a free democratic society, to be able to make whatever sign they want, whatever funny, witty thing they want to put on a sign. This may be outlawed. We asked the very simple question, 'Is this going to be allowed?' and the Attorney's response is, 'It depends.'

**The Hon. S.C. Mullighan:** On what she puts in regulations.

**Mr PICTON:** On what she puts in regulations, and then she blames us for not doing her work drafting her regulations. It is just extraordinary the overreach in terms of people's democratic rights that you are seeking to infringe by this amendment. What actual thinking has gone into this legislation that could get us to this point where we have a couple of minutes left in this debate and now it emerges that you may well be outlawing people having placards at peaceful protests that should be allowed to happen in a free democratic society.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** In short, the Electoral Commissioner is aware of the bill. The Electoral Commissioner has not raised a concern about this. The Electoral Commissioner has not raised any concern about the definition of 'electoral matter'.

*Mr Picton interjecting:*

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Well, this may assist. The definition which is in the bill means 'matter calculated to affect the result of an election'. Those are matters that have been viewed by the commissioner. He has not raised any objection to this or suggested some incapacity—

**An honourable member:** You're supposed to preserve free speech. What are you doing?

**The CHAIR:** Order!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —to be able to raise the concern about that. So that is a matter which we have accepted, that he has accepted.

**Mr PICTON:** Everyone has agreed to ban protest signs, have they? Everyone is happy with that?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Remember that this is electoral advertising which is around the provisions that we are setting for polling day—no—I just invite the member to have a look at the definitions. I will not take up all of his time.

**Mr PICTON:** Thank you. I have read the definition of 'electoral advertisement' and, from memory, as I do not have it in front of me, it is clearly things that are done to influence the outcome of an election. Most protests, you could argue, would fit that definition. If you have a protest against the government and their \$662 million basketball stadium, you could argue that that fits that definition.

*The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:*

**Mr PICTON:** That's right. If you have a protest against this government's work to data harvest from South Australians, and the fact that they have been reported from the Ombudsman to the OPI for potential corruption, well that would meet that definition of electoral advertising.

The way that this bill has been drafted says that you cannot have such a sign on a public road and, of course, most protests happen on public roads. So there is no protection that has been put in here for protests whatsoever and we are likely to see a situation in which this bill has been legislated in such a way that would ban people having the vast majority of signs that would be used in a protest.

The Attorney's only defence to that is to say, 'Well, I asked the Electoral Commissioner and he was okay.' There is no definition as to whether protest signs will be able to happen or not. Are we now sleepwalking to where we are banning people using their democratic right, as they want to do, to have signs at a protest in a free and democratic society?

**The CHAIR:** That is a comment rather than a question.

Title passed.

Bill reported without amendment.

*Third Reading*

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (18:20):** I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (18:20):** This is a disappointing day for South Australians. Not only has this bill been brought before the house by the government with the express intention of making it harder for Independents and minor party candidates to be elected to parliament, but it has been done in a way to curtail the capacity of MPs to adequately voice their concerns about this bill.

It is obvious to anyone what is going on here. This government, after 16 years of manifest incompetence, finally fell over the line and was able to form government at the 2018 state election. If you want an understanding of why the Liberal Party was unsuccessful for 16 years, that is the precise term for which the member for Bragg had been elected to the parliament, between 2002 and

2018, including in senior leadership positions. Of course, no-one could forget her late contribution to the 2010 election campaign, which derailed former member for Heysen Isobel Redmond's tilt at becoming Premier then.

We finally have a Liberal Party that has been able to form government here in South Australia, and what do they set about doing? They set about making it more difficult for Independent South Australians and minor party candidates to seek election to parliament.

We are all used to the two-party political system here in Australia, but our parliaments were not established like that at all. They were established well before the formation of the Australian Labor Party, and certainly well before the current iteration of the Liberal Party, to seek election as members of the community representing their local areas who may or may not join together in the parliament to reach a common view on particular things.

Regardless of the fact that we have a two-party system dominating here in South Australia, as we do elsewhere in the country, Independents and minor party MPs play an incredibly important role in our parliamentary process. For the best part of the last 30 years we have not had either of the major parties, Labor or Liberal, command a majority in the Legislative Council, which has meant that the party that formed government down here was not able to ram legislation through both houses of the parliament. There had to be consultation and there had to be compromise.

At the first taste of power, what does this Liberal government do: it seeks to snuff out the chances of Independents getting elected—and not just to this place but to the other place as well. In one of the points I made earlier on a clause, I made reference to the fact that the Liberal Party obviously did not prioritise the candidacy of the Hon. Jing Lee too much because they put her fourth on the Legislative Council ticket.

That was despite her doing more work than all the other Liberal members put together to engage with multicultural communities, let alone probably more work to fundraise for members of the Liberal Party as well. They did not think she was a priority, and they put her at number 4 on the ticket. How did she get herself elected? She campaigned on her own behalf. She was nearly the only Legislative Council candidate who put up corflutes.

She put them all over Chinatown, around Gouger Street, in the middle of Adelaide and around key communities around metropolitan Adelaide where she thought she could attract votes. And now what do we get from the Liberal government? Those sorts of candidates, even major party candidates, should not have the capacity to better their chances of getting elected to the Parliament of South Australia. It is just outrageous.

As the member for Kaurana said, even the Greens, the political party that holds themselves up to be the most environmentally conscious, do not want plastic-fluted posters—or corflutes, as we know them—banned here in South Australia. The Hon. Mark Parnell did not want them banned because he knew how important it was that members like himself, members of minor parties like the Greens, are given the best possible opportunity to get elected to parliament. Whether the current iteration of the Greens thinks that this bill is a good idea or not, I take the word of Mark Parnell over many when it comes to considering these sorts of issues.

This government is not only unable to govern in its own right, because it is so mired in scandal and ministerial resignation, but it seems to have become so addicted and drunk on power that it wants to minimise the chances of other people getting elected to office. That is an outrage and that is why we do not support this bill.

Bill read a third time and passed.

At 18:27 the house adjourned until Thursday 23 September 2021 at 11:00.

*Answers to Questions***SOUTH EASTERN FREEWAY**

**507 Ms BEDFORD (Florey)** (26 May 2021). In relation to the South Eastern Freeway truck and bus laws, how many people were subject to wrongly applied first, second and subsequent offence penalties, and how many of these have been corrected?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised:

I confirm that licence disqualifications imposed by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles since 6 December 2019 have taken into account the changes to disqualification periods introduced by the Statutes Amendment (South Eastern Freeway Offences) Act 2019, including that no disqualification applies for a first offence.

**FEDERAL BUDGET**

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD (Florey)** (12 May 2021).

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** The Minister for Health and Wellbeing has been advised:

The number of packages attributed to each jurisdiction has not yet been released by the commonwealth government.

**FEDERAL BUDGET**

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD (Florey)** (12 May 2021).

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** The Minister for Health and Wellbeing has been advised:

Aged care and the implementation of the federal budget are federal government responsibilities. Aged care workers in state-run facilities are supported by enterprise bargaining arrangements.

*Estimates Replies***CITY OF PLAYFORD**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**  
No.

**MEMBERS' CORRESPONDENCE**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**

1. Approximately 50.
2. The correspondence is registered by my ministerial office. A copy of the correspondence is then provided to the Commissioner of Police's office requesting advice. Once received, the advice is considered and informs the response provided to the relevant member of parliament.
3. Yes.

**COVID-19 LOCKDOWN ARRESTS**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**  
I have been advised:

39 arrests/reports were made. 15 were for Emergency Management Act 2004 (EMA) offences. 24 were other offences which also resulted in an offence against the EMA.

**COVID-19 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**  
I have been advised:

1. This is a matter for SA Health.
2. This is a matter for SA Health.

**APY LANDS**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**  
I have been advised:

No.

**SCHOOLS, DRUG DETECTION OPERATIONS**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**  
I have been advised:

No prior notice was given to students.

**SES RECRUITMENT**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**

The post budget announcement on 26 June 2021, was arranged by my office in collaboration with the SES.

**NEW FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**  
I have been advised:

The Department for Correctional Services (DCS) was unable to make sufficient progress to establish a trial. DCS is committed to continued exploration of opportunities for housing solutions for offenders.

**PRISONER NUMBERS**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**  
I have been advised:

Yes.

**OFFICE FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**  
I have been advised:

There are a number of variables that have likely impacted on the rise in reports and complaints, including, but not limited to the:

- increase in the workforce over that same period;
- changes in the prisoner / offender population over that same period;
- introduction of direct access to the Office for Public Integrity under the common access numbers on the prisoner telephone system;
- advancements in the reporting processes between agencies;
- introduction of policy and procedure highlighting corruption prevention strategies; and
- advancements in the training of staff regarding their obligations under the *Correctional Services Act 1982* (SA).

**PRISON ESCAPEES**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**  
I have been advised:

\$50,000.

**COVID-19 PRISON TESTING**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**  
I have been advised:

2.45 per cent.

#### INVESTING EXPENDITURE PROJECTS

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**  
I have been advised the following:

For South Australia Police the budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2021-22 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services*	156,452	146,514	149,603	152,382	155,923

\*Excludes grants & subsidies and intra government transfers

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the cost for these goods and services were as follows:

Supplier	Total Value
Department for Infrastructure and Transport	\$33,900,000
Attorney Generals Department	\$10,000,000
Leaseplan Australia Ltd	\$7,200,000
Prixcar Services Pty Ltd	\$4,800,000
Randstad P/L	\$4,700,000
AP Fleet Management Pty Ltd	\$3,300,000
Telstra Corporation Ltd	\$3,000,000
NEC Australia P/L	\$2,900,000
Hoban Recruitment Pty Ltd	\$2,800,000
Zen Energy Retail Pty Ltd	\$2,600,000

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the description of these goods and services is as follows:

Supplier	Description
Department for Infrastructure and Transport	Occupancy rent, Government Employee Housing and building repairs & maintenance.
Attorney Generals Department	Mainframe system costs and GRN (Government Radio Network) rental services.
Leaseplan Australia Ltd	Fuel and operating leases.
Prixcar Services Pty Ltd	Vehicle fit & strip costs.
Randstad P/L	Agency temporary staffing costs.
AP Fleet Management Pty Ltd	Service & repair contract fees and tyres.
Telstra Corporation Ltd	Mobile & satellite phone calls, telephone rental, fixed & land line costs.
NEC Australia P/L	Software subscriptions, network & telephone related costs.
Hoban Recruitment Pty Ltd	Agency temporary staffing costs.
Zen Energy Retail Pty Ltd	Electricity costs.

The Department for Correctional Services has advised that, the budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2021-20 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	130,621	128,190	128,659	128,876	132,086

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the cost for these goods and services were as follows:

Provider / Supplier name	\$ Value (GST exc)
G4S Custodial Services Pty Ltd	\$ 43,704,612
Serco Australia Pty Ltd	\$16,702,873
Zen Energy Retail Pty Ltd	\$2,480,990
Anglicare Sa Inc	\$2,233,787
Optus Billing Services Pty Ltd	\$2,194,973
Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Services of SA Inc (OARS)	\$2,032,289
Bidfood Adelaide Ltd	\$1,874,819
Leaseplan Australia Ltd	\$1,865,374
Holco/Thomas Foods	\$1,829,357
PFD Food Services P/L	\$1,510,612

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the description of these goods and services is as follows:

Supplier	Description
G4S Custodial Services Pty Ltd	Prison Operations.
Serco Australia Pty Ltd	Prison Operations.
ZEN Energy Retail Pty Ltd	Electricity supply for SA prisons.
Anglicare Sa Inc	Bail Accommodation Services.
Optus Billing Services Pty Ltd	Prisoner Telephone Services.
Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Services of SA Inc (OARS)	Contract for the provision of the Home Detention Integrated Support Services Program (HISSP); Grant for the operation of the Cadell Training Centre Bus service; Grant for Provision of Alcohol/Other Drug Services.
Bidfood Adelaide Ltd	Food Provisions for SA prisons.
LeasePlan Australia Ltd	Vehicle Leasing Services.
Holco/Thomas Foods	Food Provisions for SA prisons.
PFD Food Services P/L	Food Provisions for SA prisons.



The South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service has advised that the budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2021-22 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	10,520	8,610	8,813	8,894	9,117

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the cost for these goods and services were as follows:

Supplier	Total Value
Babcock Pty Ltd	\$2,766,887
MSA (Aust.) Pty Ltd	\$1,733,600
Stewart & Heaton Clothing Co	\$594,677
LHD Group Australia Pty Ltd	\$532,545
SIMEC Zen Energy Retail Pty Ltd	\$530,480
Data 3 Limited	\$458,846
Telstra	\$435,940
Ranstad Pty Ltd	\$243,892
Hays Specialist Recruitment	\$240,716
Fire Rescue Safety Australia	\$213,452

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the description of these goods and services is as follows:

Supplier	Description
Babcock Pty Ltd	Vehicle servicing, repairs and maintenance.
MSA (Aust.) Pty Ltd	Breathing apparatus equipment.
Stewart & Heaton Clothing Co	Uniforms.
LHD Group Australia Pty Ltd	Personal protective equipment.
SIMEC Zen Energy Retail Pty Ltd	Electricity.
Data 3 Limited	Software licencing (Microsoft products).
Telstra	Telephone and internet services.
Ranstad Pty Ltd	Contract staffing costs.
Hays Specialist Recruitment	Contract staffing costs.
Fire Rescue Safety Australia	Fire safety equipment.

Please note that these amounts exclude supplies and services of an intragovernment nature. For the South Australian State Emergency Service, the budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2021-22 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	5,008	5,011	5,026	5,068	5,194

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the cost for these goods and services were as follows:

Supplier	Total Value
Acropol Constructions Pty Ltd	\$406,393
Telstra	\$394,863
Stewart & Heaton Clothing Co	\$308,442
PT Hydraulics Australia	\$266,723
Hays	\$252,116
Dell Australia	\$234,012
Juvare Asia Pacific Ltd	\$165,379
Esri Australia Pty Ltd	\$134,717
T&C Distributors Australia	\$107,597
DFP Recruitment	\$100,934

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the description of these goods and services is as follows:

Supplier	Description
Acropol Constructions Pty Ltd	Property repairs and maintenance.
Telstra	Telephone and internet costs.
Stewart & Heaton Clothing Co	Uniforms and personal protective equipment.
PT Hydraulics Australia	Truck servicing, repairs and maintenance.
Hays Specialist Recruitment	Contractor staffing costs.
Dell Australia	Computer hardware and consumables.
Juvare Asia Pacific Ltd	Software licencing agreement.
Esri Australia Pty Ltd	Software licencing agreement.
T&C Distributors Australia	Personal protective equipment including surgical masks, gloves, hand sanitiser and sanitising wipes.
DFP Recruitment	Contractor staffing costs.

Please note that these amounts exclude supplies and services of an intragovernment nature. For the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission, the budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2021-22 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	5,146	4,883	4,893	4,903	5,026

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the cost for these goods and services were as follows:

Supplier	Total Value
Victorian Department of Justice and Community Safety	\$4,366,110
Excel Recruitment	\$1,539,917
Telstra	\$638,236
Arq Group Enterprise Pty Ltd	\$442,133
Modis Staffing Pty Ltd	\$419,139
NTT Australia	\$242,371
Data 3 Limited	\$215,896

Supplier	Total Value
Talent International (SA) Pty Ltd	\$176,630
Digital Transformation Agency (Australian Government)	\$128,225
Catalyst IT Australia Pty Ltd	\$124,538

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the description of these goods and services is as follows:

Supplier	Description
Victorian Department of Justice and Community Safety	Facility fees for national Emergency Alert telephone warning system.
Excel Recruitment	Contract staffing costs.
Telstra	Telephone and internet services.
Arq Group Enterprise Pty Ltd	Software development and support/maintenance.
Modis Staffing Pty Ltd	Contract staffing costs.
NTT Australia	Software support and maintenance.
Data 3 Limited	Software licencing (Microsoft products).
Talent International (SA) Pty Ltd	Contract staffing costs.
Digital Transformation Agency (Australian Government)	Web hosting services for Alert SA and emergency services websites.
Catalyst IT Australia Pty Ltd	Software licencing for learning management system.

Please note that these amounts exclude supplies and services of an intragovernment nature. For the Country Fire Service, the budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2021-22 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	38,472	34,795	35,465	36,166	37,070

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the cost for these goods and services were as follows:

Supplier	Total Value
Aerotech First Response Pty Ltd	\$7,438,705
Kestrel Aviation Pty Ltd	\$2,034,708
Aerotech Helicopters Pty Ltd	\$1,650,979
Telstra	\$1,610,969
Stewart & Heaton Clothing Co	\$1,139,192
Moore Engineering	\$963,641
Draeger Australia Pty Ltd	\$806,130
Hays Specialist Recruitment	\$704,227
Komatsu Forklift Australia	\$697,017
CSE Crosscom Pty Ltd	\$607,760

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the description of these goods and services is as follows:



Title	Total Employment Cost (\$)
PROSECUTING SOLICITOR	114,306
PROSECUTING SOLICITOR	114,306
COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT OFFICER	106,384

\*SAES contracts do not support disclosure of total employment costs for SAES position. Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, there were 7 positions abolished within the Department for Correctional Services.

Title	Total Estimated costs (\$)
Principal Auditor	110,000
Principal Project Officer	110,000
Director Office for Correctional Services Review (OSCR)	120,000
Executive Director Better Prisons	175,000
Regional Director, Southern Region	120,000
Regional Director, Northern Region	120,000
Director, Aboriginal Services	120,000

Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, there were 6 positions created within the Department for Correctional Services.

Title	Total Estimated Cost (\$)
Executive Director Office for Correctional Services Review (OSCR)	166,000
Team Leader Mandatory Programs, Learning Academy	110,000
Information Technology Security Advisor (KISB)	110,000
Executive Director, Southern Region	181,000
Executive Director, Northern Region	181,000
Executive Director, Aboriginal Services	160,000

Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, there were two roles abolished within the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service.

Title	Total Employment Cost (\$)
Assistant Chief Fire Officer Special Operations	161,378.11
Commander Metropolitan Planner (Northern)	142,850.07

Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, there were two roles created within the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service.

Title	Total Employment Cost (\$)
Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Corporate Services	161,378.11
Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Metropolitan Services Outer	153,961.57

Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, there were no roles abolished and there was one new role created with a total estimated cost greater than \$100,000 for the South Australian Country Fire Service .

Title	Total Employment Cost (\$)
Manager, Bushfire Management Planning Unit	101,859

Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, there were no positions abolished or created with a total estimated cost of \$100,000 or more within the South Australian State Emergency Service or the South Australian Fire and Emergency Commission

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):** I have been advised the following:

The South Australia Police total FTE, actual and budgeted, to provide communication and promotion activities for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25:

		2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget
Marketing (part operational)	FTE	5.6	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
	\$m	0.612	0.635	0.645	0.655	0.664
Communication (operational)	FTE	21.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0
	\$m	2.885	2.968	3.022	3.067	3.113
Total Media and Marketing Section	FTE	26.6	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0
	\$m	3.497	3.603	3.667	3.722	3.777

The total cost of government-paid advertising, including campaigns, across all mediums in 2020-21 is \$6.277 million (GST exclusive). The budgeted cost of government-paid advertising, including campaigns for 2021-22 is \$6.809 million, primarily related to road safety campaigns. The Department for Correctional Services' total FTE, actual and budgeted, to provide communication and promotion activities for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25:

		2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget
Branch	FTE	2.6	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Office of the Chief Executive	\$m	0.245	0.391	0.396	0.402	0.408
Total	FTE	2.6	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
	\$m	0.245	0.391	0.396	0.402	0.408

The total cost of government-paid advertising, including campaigns, across all mediums in 2020-21 and budgeted cost for 2021-22 – Nil The South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service's total FTE, actual and budgeted, to provide communication and promotion activities for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25:

		2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget
Branch	FTE	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
	\$m	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088
Total	FTE	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
	\$m	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088

At 30 June 2021, 0.7 FTE was allocated to communication and promotion functions, with an employee expense of \$88 250 including on costs. 0.7 FTE is budgeted to provide communication and promotion activities in 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 and the estimated employment expense is \$88 250 including on costs (pending EB indexation). For the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service, the total cost of government paid advertising, including campaigns, across all mediums in 2020-21 is \$82 758, and the budgeted amount for 2021-22 is \$115 000. The South Australian State Emergency Service total FTE, actual and budgeted, to provide communication and promotion activities for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25:

		2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget
	FTE	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
SES	\$m	0.217	0.320	0.325	0.330	0.335
Total	FTE	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
	\$m	0.296	0.440	0.447	0.454	0.461

The South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission total FTE, actual and budgeted, to provide communication and promotion activities for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25:

		2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget
Total	FTE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	\$m	\$0.081m	\$0.104m	\$0.106m	\$0.108m	\$0.110m

The South Australian Country Fire Service total FTE, actual and budgeted, to provide marketing communication and promotion activities for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25:

		2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget
CFS	FTE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	\$'000	104	104	104	104	104
Total	FTE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	\$'000	104	104	104	104	104

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and are disclosed on the DPC website:

<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

#### ATTRACTION AND RETENTION ALLOWANCES

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**  
South Australia Police has advised:

Employee Title	Branch	Allowance Type	Date Range paid for	Actual Amount paid to employee between 1/7/2020 and 30/6/2021
Manager Architecture And Planning	IS&T Architecture & Planning	Retention	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$24,093
Manager Media Road Safety	Media & Public Engage Section	Attraction	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$7,774
Senior Digital Communications Officer	Media & Public Engage Section	Attraction	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$9,634

Employee Title	Branch	Allowance Type	Date Range paid for	Actual Amount paid to employee between 1/7/2020 and 30/6/2021
Manager IS&T Security	IS&T Security	Retention	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$24,093
Project Manager	IS&T Business Systems Portfolio	Attraction	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$23,683
Project Manager	IS&T Innovation & Solution	Attraction	01/07/2020 to 30/04/2021	\$11,841
Project Manager	IS&T Architecture & Business Consultancy	Attraction	01/07/2020 to 30/09/2020	\$17,762
Senior Systems Engineer	IS&T Infrastructure	Attraction	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$11,011
Strategy & Performance Transformation Lead	IS&T Support & Executive	Attraction	10/08/2020 to 23/10/2020	\$36,140
Manager Customer Service	IS&T Customer Service	Attraction	31/08/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$21,684
Manager Application Services	IS&T Application Services	Retention	07/12/2020 to 16/04/2021	\$24,093
Integration Technical Lead	IS&T Application Services	Attraction	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$14,864
Analyst Programmer	IS&T Application Services	Attraction	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$5,889
Systems Analyst	IS&T Application Services	Attraction	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$7,531
Manager Performance & Governance	Commissioner's Support	Attraction	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$23,683
Senior Analyst Programmer	IS&T Application Services	Retention	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$22,021
Analyst Programmer	IS&T Application Services	Attraction	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$4,907
Business Engagement & Innovation Lead	IS&T Business Engagement & Innovation	Retention	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$17,762
Senior Analyst Programmer	IS&T Application Services	Retention	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$6,606



Employee Title	Branch	Allowance Type	Date Range paid for	Actual Amount paid to employee between 1/7/2020 and 30/6/2021
Chief Psychologist	Psychology Section	Attraction	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$29,314
Manager Injury Management	Injury Management Section	Attraction	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$19,819
Fingerprint Investigator	Forensic Services Branch	Retention	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$28,976
Fingerprint Investigator	Forensic Services Branch	Retention	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$23,181
Fingerprint Investigator	Forensic Services Branch	Retention	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$23,181
Fingerprint Investigator	Forensic Services Branch	Retention	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$28,976
Fingerprint Investigator	Forensic Services Branch	Retention	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$11,128
Fingerprint Investigator	Forensic Services Branch	Retention	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$11,590
Fingerprint Investigator	Forensic Services Branch	Retention	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$11,590
Fingerprint Investigator	Forensic Services Branch	Retention	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021	\$28,976

Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, \$0 of non-salary benefits was paid to public servants. The Department for Correctional Services has advised that:

Employee Title	Branch	Allowance Type	Date Range paid for	Actual Amount paid to employee between 1/7/2020 and 30/6/2021
Regional Director, Northern	Northern Regional Area	Occupation and/or skills shortage	1/7/2020 to 31/8/2020	\$2,396
Regional Director, Southern	Southern Regional Area	Occupation and/or skills shortage	1/7/2020 to 14/9/2020	\$2,875

Employee Title	Branch	Allowance Type	Date Range paid for	Actual Amount paid to employee between 1/7/2020 and 30/6/2021
Director, Workforce Management	Workforce Management	Occupation and/or skills shortage	1/7/2020 to 30/6/2021	\$12,842
Director, Offender Rehabilitation Services	Offender Rehabilitation Services	Occupation and/or skills shortage	1/7/2020 to 30/6/2021	\$25,956
Director, Finance	Finance	Occupation and/or skills shortage	1/7/2020 to 30/6/2021	\$12,460
End-to-End Case Management Project Lead	iSafe	Occupation and/or skills shortage	15/8/2020 to 30/6/2021	\$1,572
Assistant General Manager YLP	Yatala Labour Prison	Occupation and/or skills shortage	1/7/2020 to 14/8/2020	\$1,334
Director Knowledge and Information Services	Knowledge and Information Services	Occupation and/or skills shortage	1/7/2020 to 16/8/2020	\$1,917
Manager Industries, MOB	Mobilong Prison Industries	Occupation and/or skills shortage	1/7/2020 to 30/6/2021	\$3,987
Director Operational Support and Performance	Operational Support and Performance	Occupation and/or skills shortage	1/7/2020 to 30/6/2021	\$12,220
Director Office for Correctional Services Review	Office for Correctional Services Review	Occupation and/or skills shortage	1/7/2020 to 7/7/2020	\$335
Manager Industries, PAP	Port Augusta Prison Industries	Occupation and/or skills shortage	1/7/2020 to 30/6/2021	\$3,987
Director, Workforce Management	Workforce Management	Occupation and/or skills shortage	1/7/2020 to 30/8/2020	\$2,396
Principal Advisor Offender Services	Statewide Services	Occupation and/or skills shortage	1/7/2020 to 31/12/2020	\$2,664
Manager Strategic Communications	Office of the Chief Executive	Occupation and/or skills shortage	1/7/2020 to 9/4/2021	\$109

Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, \$151,189 of non-salary benefits were paid to public servants. This figure includes payment of individual membership fees for a professional body or association consistent with departmental policy:

Position Title	Classification	Allowance Type	Amount
Exec Director Aboriginal Services	SAES1	Vehicle	\$ 4,004

Position Title	Classification	Allowance Type	Amount
Deputy Chief Executive	SAES2	Vehicle	\$ 8,954
Executive Director People and Business Services	SAES1	Vehicle	\$ 6,569
General Manager YLP	SAES1	Vehicle	\$ 9,035
Director Operational Support and Performance	MAS3	Vehicle	\$ 2,477
Executive Director Community Corrections and Specialist Prisons	SAES1	Vehicle	\$ 6,644
Director Security and Emergency Management	MAS3	Vehicle	\$2,784
Executive Director Office for Correctional Services Review	SAES1	Vehicle	\$ 4,826
General manager Mobilong Prison	SAES1	Vehicle	\$ 6,444
Executive Director Offender Development	SAES1	Vehicle	\$ 6,221
Executive Director of Offender Development	SAES1	Car Parking	\$ 2,046
Executive Director People and Business Services	SAES1	Car Parking	\$ 2,046
Chief Executive	EXEC	Car Parking	\$ 2,046
Executive Director Community Corrections and Specialist Prisons	SAES1	Car Parking	\$ 2,046
Director Operational Support and Performance	MAS3	Car Parking	\$ 2,046
Director Information and Communications Technology	MAS3	Car Parking	\$ 2,046
Director Security and Emergency Management	MAS3	Car Parking	\$ 2,046
Executive Director Office for Correctional Services Review	SAES1	Car Parking	\$ 2,046
Executive Director Aboriginal Services	SAES1	Car Parking	\$ 2,046
Deputy Chief Executive	SAES2	Car Parking	\$ 2,046
Case Manager CCO—SMR Adelaide	CO2	Regional Incentive Payment	\$ 8,085
Manager Security PAP	CO7	Regional Incentive Payment	\$ 7,305
Case Management Coordinator PAP	CO4	Regional Incentive Payment	\$ 4,225
Advanced Correctional Officer PAP	CO3	Regional Incentive Payment	\$ 6,922
CTC	CO4	LAHFA	\$ 1,500
General Manager CTC	MAS3	LAHFA	\$ 300
Manager Custodial Operations PLP	CO6	LAHFA	\$ 5,000
General Manager Port Lincoln Prison	MAS3	LAHFA	\$ 3,300
Manager Offender Services Case Management PLP	AHP3	LAFH—Port Lincoln	\$ 5,390
Correctional Services Officer PAP	OPS3	LAFH—Port Lincoln	\$ 14,750
General Manager PAP	SAES1	LAFH—Port Augusta	\$ 10,803
Assistant General manager Port Lincoln Prison	MAS2	Phone Reimbursement	\$ 1,086
Team Leader Financial Reporting and Compliance	ASO7	CPA Membership	\$ 720
Director of Finance	MAS3	CPA Membership	\$ 720
Senior Financial Analyst	ASO7	CPA Membership	\$ 360
Team Leader Management Accounting	ASO7	CPA Membership	\$ 720
Assistant Accountant	ASO3	CPA Membership	\$ 505
Management Accountant	ASO6	CPA Membership	\$ 360

Position Title	Classification	Allowance Type	Amount
Management Accountant	ASO6	CPA Membership	\$ 720

The South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service has advised that:

Employee Title	Branch	Allowance Type	Date Range paid for	Actual Amount paid to employee between 1/7/2020 and 30/6/2021
Manager SACAD	Regional Operations / Communications	Attraction Allowance	01/07/2020 – 30/06/2021	\$48,187
Senior Analyst Programmer	Corporate Services	Attraction Allowance	01/07/2020 – 30/06/2021	\$11,745
Senior Analyst Programmer	Corporate Services	Attraction Allowance	01/07/2020 – 30/06/2021	\$11,745
Workshop Supervisor	Infrastructure and Logistics	Vehicle Allowance	01/07/2020 – 30/06/2021	\$6,129.58

Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, \$0 of non-salary benefits were paid to public servants. This figure relates exclusively to the part payment of individual membership fees for a professional body or association, up to the value of \$300 per person, consistent with Departmental policy. The South Australian State Emergency Service has advised that:

Employee Title	Branch	Allowance Type	Date Range paid for	Actual Amount paid to employee between 1/7/2020 and 30/6/2021
CHIEF OFFICER	Executive	Retention	28/12/16 ongoing	\$30,000
PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT, GOVERNANCE & STRATEGY	Corporate	Retention	10/8/2018-9/8/2022	\$25,000

Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, \$0 of non-salary benefits were paid to public servants. This figure relates exclusively to the part payment of individual membership fees for a professional body or association, up to the value of \$300 per person, consistent with departmental policy.

The South Australian Emergency Services Commission has advised that:

Employee Title	Branch	Allowance Type	Date Range paid for	Actual Amount paid to employee between 1/7/2020 and 30/6/2021
MGR INFORMATION MGMT SERV	ICT	Retention	1/7/2020-30/6/2022	\$5,500.00
PRINCIPAL INDUST RELATIONS ADV	Human Resources	Retention	1/7/2020-7/10/2022	\$11,010.70
MANAGER PROJECTS	Executive Management	Retention	29/6/2020-28/1/2022	\$31,533.00

The South Australian Country Fire Service did not pay any retention allowances or non-salary benefits to public servants for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

**MINISTERIAL STAFF**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**  
I have been advised the following in relation to staff employed within my office:

Information on ministerial staff employed as at 16 July 2021 was published in the *Government Gazette* on 22 July 2021. The following table lists public sector staff employed as at 30 June 2021:

Title	ASO Classification	Non-salary benefits
Office Manager	ASO7	Nil
Ministerial Liaison Officer	ASO6	Nil
Ministerial Liaison Officer	ASO6	Nil
Ministerial Liaison Officer (0.6FTE)	ASO6	Nil
Personal Assistant to the Minister	ASO5	Nil
Digital Communications Officer (0.6FTE)	ASO4	Nil
Senior Business Support Officer	ASO4	Nil
Administration Officer (Casual)	ASO2	Nil

No staff were seconded from the department to my office as at 30 June 2021.

**EXECUTIVE TERMINATIONS**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**

South Australia Police has advised that one executive termination (retirement) has occurred since 1 July 2020. The value of termination payments made was Nil. The South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission has advised that one executive termination has occurred since 1 July 2020. The value of the termination payment made was a gross amount of \$14,508.95 plus the value of accrued leave entitlements. The South Australian Country Fire Service has advised that two executive terminations occurred since 1 July 2020. The value of termination payments made was a gross amount of \$112,723.80. The Department for Correctional Services, the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service and the South Australian State Emergency Service has advised that no executive terminations have occurred since 1 July 2020.

**EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**  
I have been advised the following:

Since 1 July 2020 the following new executive appointments were made within South Australia Police. Some appointments were made to existing vacated roles.

Agency	Role Title *
SA Police	Director HR Service
SA Police	Head of Finance & Procurement

\*SAES contracts do not support disclosure of total employment costs for SAES position. Since 1 July 2020 the following new executive appointments were made within the Department for Correctional Services. Some appointments were made to existing vacated roles.

Agency	Role Title	TRPV
DCS	*Executive Director Aboriginal Services	\$178,422
DCS	General Manager Adelaide Pre Release Centre and Adelaide Women's Prison	\$179,257
DCS	*Executive Director Southern Region	\$193,365
DCS	*Executive Director Northern Region	\$210,416
DCS	*Executive Director Office for Correctional Services Review	\$199,373

\* Four of the positions listed were reclassified from roles being moved from the MAS3 pay scale to a SAES contract. Between 1 July 2020 and 6 August 2021, one new executive appointment was made within the South Australian Country Fire Service.

Agency	Role Title	TRPV
CFS	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FRONTLINE SERVICES DELIVERY SUPPLY	\$192,472

Since 1 July 2020 to 6 August 2021, no new executive appointments were made within the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service, the South Australian State Emergency Service and the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission.

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**

In response to Questions 14 and 15 I have been advised the following:

South Australia Police: The following table provides the allocation of grant program/funds for 2020-21 and across the forward estimates for SA Police—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2020-21 Actual result \$000	2021-22 Estimate \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000
National Motor Theft Reduction Council Inc (NMVTRC)	Annual funding contribution as specified in the Inter-Governmental and Insurance Industry MOU (2018).  NMVTRC's work program includes - reducing short-term theft; - reducing profit-motivated theft; - building stakeholder capacity and promoting innovation; and - better data	98	99	99	99	101

Regarding NMVTRC, SAPOL pays the total SA contribution on behalf of all in-scope agencies (SAPOL, AGD and DIT). SAPOL invoices AGD and DIT for their one-third share of \$33,000 each. The following table provides the allocation of grant program/funds for 2020-21 and across the forward estimates for SA Police—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2020-21 Actual result \$000	2021-22 Estimate \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000
Community Service Obligation—South Australian Water Corporation	Community Service obligation to cover the cost of water and sewage rates forgone on emergency service related properties	71	73	75	77	79

The carryover of grants from 2020-21 into 2021-22 for SA Police – Nil

Department for Correctional Services

The following table provides the allocation of grant program/funds for 2020-21 and across the forward estimates for the Department for Correctional Services—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2020-21 Actual result \$000	2021-22 Estimate \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000
Integrated Housing Exits	Provide support for offenders who require accommodation on re-entry to the community	100	-	-	-	-
Keeping Victims Informed	Provide services to high risk victims of family and domestic violence. Informing victims of perpetrators custody status, parole conditions and supervision.	28	340	153	-	-
Community Transition and Learning Centre (Commonwealth Funded)	Provision of accommodation and support for Aboriginal offenders transitioning to community at end of sentence.	-	2,374	-	-	-
Remote Areas Program (Commonwealth Funded)	Provision of Domestic violence support for aboriginal communities in Cross Border region of the state	717	853	185	-	-

The allocation of grant program/funds for 2020-21 and across the forward estimates for the Department for Correctional Services – Administered – Nil The following table details the carryover of grants from 2020-21 into 2021-22 for the Department for Correctional Services:

Grant/program name	2020-21 \$000	2021-22 \$000
Community Transition and Learning Centre (Commonwealth Funded)	-2,374	2,374
Remote Areas Program (Commonwealth Funded)	-230	230
Keeping Victims Informed	-82	82

South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service

The allocation of grant program/funds for 2020-21 and across the forward estimates for the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service – Controlled – Nil The allocation of grant program/funds for 2020-21 and across the forward estimates for the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service – Administered – Nil The carryover of grants from 2020-21 into 2021-22 for the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service – Nil

South Australian State Emergency Service

The following table provides the allocation of grant program/funds for 2020-21 and across the forward estimates for the South Australian State Emergency Service:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2020-21 Actual result \$000	2021-22 Estimate \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000
SES Volunteer Association	To assist with funding the SASESVA Executive Officer position and for a range of volunteer support related project activities.	83	85	87	89	92

The carryover of grants from 2020-21 into 2021-22 for the South Australian State Emergency Service – Nil  
 South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission Purpose of the grant program or fund

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund
Community Emergency Services Fund	Established to manage the Emergency Services Levy and disbursement of funds to support the Emergency Services Sector.
Disaster Risk Reduction Program (DRRP)	The Disaster Risk Reduction Program objective is to proactively reduce the risk and limit the impact of disasters associated with natural hazards on Australian communities and economies.
Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP)	The Natural Disaster Resilience Program supports projects that have: primary regard for the public interest; key benefits being the improvement of emergency management capability and/or community resilience; and consistency with the national resilience agenda.
Prepared Communities Fund	The Prepared Communities Fund supports projects to improve community preparedness for, and resilience to, disaster.
Surf Life Saving Club Grants	Grant of \$5,000 to 22 Surf Life Saving Clubs in South Australia to enable the clubs to upgrade key rescue and emergency response equipment.

## Balance of the grant program or fund

Grant program/fund name	2020-21 Actual \$000	2021-22 Budget \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000
Community Emergency Services Fund	\$12.7m	\$9.9m	\$9.9m	\$9.9m	\$9.8m
Disaster Risk Reduction Program (DRRP)	\$3.9m	\$3.0m	\$1.7m	\$1.7m	–
Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP)	\$2.1m	–	–	–	–
Prepared Communities Fund	–	–	–	–	–
Surf Life Saving Club Grants	–	–	–	–	–

## Budgeted (or Actual) Expenditure from the Program or Fund

Grant program/fund name	2020-21 Actual \$000	2021-22 Budget \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000
Community Emergency Services Fund	\$340.0m	\$353.4m	\$369.8m	\$374.5m	\$379.2m
Disaster Risk Reduction Program (DRRP)	\$0.7m	\$3.0m	\$1.7m	\$1.7m	–
Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP)	\$1.2m	–	–	–	–
Prepared Communities Fund	\$0.1m	–	–	–	–
Surf Life Saving Club Grants	\$0.1m	\$0.1m	\$0.1m	\$0.1m	\$0.1m

## Budgeted (or actual) payments into the program or fund



Grant program/fund name	2020-21 Actual \$000	2021-22 Budget \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000
Community Emergency Services Fund	\$340.2m	\$352.4m	\$369.8m	\$374.5m	\$379.1m
Disaster Risk Reduction Program (DRRP)	\$3.0m	\$1.7m	\$1.7m	\$1.7m	–
Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP)	–	–	–	–	–
Prepared Communities Fund	–	–	–	–	–
Surf Life Saving Club Grants	\$0.1m	\$0.1m	\$0.1m	\$0.1m	\$0.1m

## Carryovers into or from the program or fund

Grant program/fund name	2020-21 Actual \$000	2021-22 Budget \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000
Community Emergency Services Fund	+\$3.7m -\$1.0m	+\$1.0m	-	-	-
Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP)	+\$3.4m -\$2.1m	+\$2.1m	-	-	-
Disaster Risk Reduction Program (DRRP)	-\$3.9m	+\$3.9m	-	-	-

The following table details the commitment of grants in 2021-22 for the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission:

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Value \$000
Community Emergency Services Fund	As per State Budget Papers and report to the Economic and Finance Committee	As per budgeted payments
Disaster Risk Reduction Program (DRRP)	State and local governments, not-for-profit, non-government organisations, research institutions and business and community groups.	4,612
Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP)	State and local governments, not-for-profit, non-government organisations, research institutions and business and community groups.	3,432
Surf Life Saving Club Grants	22 Surf Life Saving Clubs	110

## South Australian Country Fire Service

The following tables provide the allocation of grant income and expenditure program/funds for 2020-21 and across the forward estimates for the SA Country Fire Service. Noting there were no carryovers in 2020-21 and there are no funding commitments.

Grant name	Purpose	2020-21 Actual \$000	2021-22 Estimate \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000
Grant Income						

Grant name	Purpose	2020-21 Actual \$000	2021-22 Estimate \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000
National Aerial Firefighting Centre	Annual funding	2 131	1 992	2 042	2 275	2 332
<b>Grant Expenditure</b>						
CFS Volunteer Association	Annual Grant payment	389	389	389	389	389
SA Volunteer Fire Fighters Museum	Grant Payment to assist conserving SA volunteer firefighting equipment, memorabilia and history.	12	12	12	12	12

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**

I have been advised the following:

The government has provided a list of grant programs administered by South Australia Police, the Department for Correctional Services, the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission, the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service, the South Australian Country Fire Service and the South Australian State Emergency Service during 2020-21 in omnibus question 14.

#### PRISON OFFICES

In reply to **Ms WORTLEY (Torrens)** (30 July 2021). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):**

I have been advised:

Three in 2019, zero in 2020 and two in 2021.

#### CARRYOVER EXPENDITURE

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (3 August 2021). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised the following:

For the Department for Environment and Water, the budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2021-22 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	85,132	49,983	47,026	45,805	46,994

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the cost for these goods and services were as follows:

Supplier	Total Value
Department for Infrastructure and Transport	\$ 10,696,211
SA Water Corporation	\$ 5,173,212
University of Adelaide	\$ 2,006,903
McConnell Dowell Construction Pty Ltd	\$ 1,806,935
Crown Solicitor's Office (CSO)	\$ 1,469,580
Data#3 Limited	\$ 1,306,129
DELL Australia Pty Ltd	\$ 1,141,503
SA Government Financing Authority (SAFA)	\$ 1,082,459
Department of Primary Industries & Regions (PIRSA)	\$ 1,062,595

Supplier	Total Value
Zen Energy Retail Pty Ltd	\$ 1,034,785
TOTAL	\$ 26,780,312

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the description of these goods and services is as follows:

Supplier	Description
Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)	Accommodation, cleaning services and property repairs & maintenance
SA Water Corporation	Service provision relating to South Australian Riverland Floodplains Integrated Infrastructure Program (SARFIIP); Opening of Reservoirs election commitment and water and sewerage charges across the department
University of Adelaide	Monitoring and research services
McConnell Dowell Construction Pty Ltd	Adelaide Living Beaches—sand replenishment services
Crown Solicitor's Office (CSO)	Legal Services, land settlements and advice
Data#3 Limited	Information and Technology Infrastructure
DELL Australia Pty Ltd	Computers, laptops and IT equipment
SA Government Financing Authority (SAFA)	Insurance Premiums
Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA)	Monitoring and scientific services—South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI)
Zen Energy Retail Pty Ltd	Electricity supply across the department

For the Environment Protection Authority, the budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2021-22 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	7,619	7,671	7,851	8,111	8,315

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the cost for these goods and services were as follows:

Supplier	Total Value
Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure	\$2,281,378
Crown Solicitors Office—AGD	\$909,337
Open office Holdings	\$556,500
Lear Siegler Australasia Pty Ltd	\$505,510
AECOM Australia Pty Ltd	\$308,198
Land and Water Consulting	\$287,563
Leaseplan Australia Ltd	\$205,087
JBS & G Australia Pty Ltd	\$173,095
Kerr Environmental	\$147,437
Oracle CMS	\$145,861

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the description of these goods and services is as follows:

Supplier	Description
Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure	Rental and Accommodation Services
Crown Solicitors Office—AGD	Legal fees and payments
Open Office Holdings	Capital enhancements & software maintenance
Lear Siegler Australasia Pty Ltd	Capital equipment; Particulate monitoring
AECOM Australia Pty Ltd	Contaminated site assessment
Land and Water Consulting	Environmental Assessment work
Leaseplan Australia Ltd	Vehicle lease and maintenance
JBS & G Australia Pty Ltd	Contaminated site assessment
Kerr Environmental	Soil vapour mitigation work- various locations
Oracle CMS	Call centre services for the public and regulated community and an employee safety system

For Green Industries SA (GISA), the budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2021-22 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	4,676	4,063	4,473	4,553	4,668

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the cost for these goods and services were as follows:

Supplier	Total Value
Adelaide Hills Council	\$2,532,451
Kangaroo Island Council	\$895,796
Royal Park Salvage (Asbestos)	\$495,000
KESAB	\$466,099
Cleanaway Operations Pty Ltd	\$432,545
Mechanical Vegetation Solutions Pty Ltd	\$289,796
Circular Economy Alliance	\$272,320
Beatwave Pty Ltd	\$259,944
Wavemaker Australia Pty Ltd	\$191,244
Rawtec Pty Ltd	\$167,326

The top 10 providers of goods and services for the financial year 2020-21 and the description of these goods and services is as follows:

Supplier	Description
Adelaide Hills Council	Provision of services for clean-up, management and resource recovery of waste and debris, resulting from the 2019-20 bushfires in South Australia
Kangaroo Island Council	Provision of services for clean-up, management and resource recovery of waste and debris, resulting from the 2019-20 bushfires in South Australia
Royal Park Salvage (Asbestos)	Provision of services for clean-up, management and resource recovery of waste and debris, resulting from the 2019-20 bushfires in South Australia
KESAB	Litter Data and Research and Branded Litter Monitoring; Which bin?@1300 information line and website, and WOW & community litter education schools program under a Service Level Agreement

Supplier	Description
Cleanaway Operations Pty Ltd	Monthly collection of hazardous materials at the household chemical and paint drop-off facilities
Mechanical Vegetation Solutions Pty Ltd	Provision of services for clean-up, management and resource recovery of tree debris, resulting from the 2019-20 bushfires in Kangaroo Island
Circular Economy Alliance	Development, marketing and delivery of the Global Leadership Program on the Circular Economy (extension)
Beatwave Pty Ltd	Single-use plastics legislation communication and education campaign; Which Bin and Wipe Out Waste web maintenance, single-use plastics planning and social media campaign, and GISA web maintenance
Wavemaker Australia Pty Ltd	Media placement / advertising planning
Rawtec Pty Ltd	SA organics sector analysis, Recycling Activity Survey, Development of tools and materials for the commercial and industry sector for the GISA website, and Review of waste and resource options at Osborne shipyard.

For SA Water, operational expenses and capital expenses over SA Water's current forward estimates period is outlined in the table below.

\$'000	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
Expenses	595,517	613,151	608,259	625,976
Capital (excluding Contributed Assets)	573,523	586,847	557,399	509,421

The top ten providers for 2020-21 by value and a description of their services are as follows:

Supplier	Description of Services
Allwater Joint Venture	Metropolitan Adelaide Service Delivery
Enerven	Zero Cost Energy Future
Fulton Hogan	Capital Works and Services
Trility Pty Ltd	Operate and maintain Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) schemes including Victor Harbor Wastewater Treatment Plant and various Water Treatment Plants
John Holland Guidera O'Conner JV	Water South Major Framework
McConnell Dowell Diona JV	Water North Major Framework
Kellogg Brown & Root and Aurecon	Client organisation partner delivery contract
SA Power Networks	Electricity network charges
SEM Group Of Companies Pty Ltd	Metropolitan Water Main Reticulation Program Framework Agreement
Adelaide Aqua Pty Ltd	Operational and maintenance services – Adelaide Desalination Plant

Due to the commercial nature of these agreements, SA Water considers the value of these agreements to be commercial-in-confidence.

#### PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (3 August 2021). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised the following:

For the Department for Environment and Water, the following two tables relate to the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, there were 66 roles abolished within the Department for Environment and Water.

Title	Total Employment Cost (\$)
SAES1 bandwidth	
REGIONAL NRM MANAGER	\$167,239—\$257,291*
REGIONAL NRM MANAGER	\$167,239—\$257,291*
PO4 plus superannuation	
MANAGER PLANNING & PROGRAMS	\$124,288
TEAM LEADER, WATER POLICY & PLA	\$124,288
WATER RESOURCES MANAGER	\$124,288
PO3 plus superannuation	
COORD ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION	\$110,471
SENIOR ECOLOGIST	\$110,471
SPO CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT	\$110,471
TL, HABITAT CONSERVATION	\$110,471
MAS3 plus superannuation	
MANAGER PLANNING & EVALUATION	\$131,911
MANAGER PLANNING & EVALUATION	\$131,911
MGR PARTNER & COMM ENGAGEMENT	\$131,911
MAS2 plus superannuation	
MANAGER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	\$123,151

Title	Total Employment Cost (\$)
ASO8 plus superannuation	
COMMERCIAL ADVISOR	\$129,662
DISTRICT MNGR ADEL & CNT HILL	\$129,662
LANDSCAPE SA LEGISLATION LEAD	\$129,662
MANAGER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	\$129,662
PRGRM LEAD MAJOR WATER ASSETS	\$129,662
PRINCIPAL POLICY OFFICER	\$129,662
SENIOR TECHNICAL LEAD	\$129,662
ASO7 plus superannuation	
DISTRICT MANAGER	\$120,567
DISTRICT MANAGER, MURRAYLANDS	\$120,567
DISTRICT MANAGER, RIVERLAND	\$120,567
MANAGER PLANNING & ENGAGEMENT	\$120,567
MANAGER, LAND & BIODIVERSITY	\$120,567
MANAGER, LANDSCAPE OPERATIONS	\$120,567
MANAGER, LANDSCAPES OPERATIONS	\$120,567
MGR ENVIR PATHWAYS RRP/SARFIIP	\$120,567
NRM OPERATIONS MANAGER	\$120,567
OPERATIONS MANAGER	\$120,567
ASO7 plus superannuation continued	
PRINCIPAL POLICY OFFICER	\$120,567

Title	Total Employment Cost (\$)
PRINCIPAL POLICY OFFICER	\$120,567
PROGRAM MANAGER	\$120,567
PROJCT MANAGER SECURING LOW FLOWS	\$120,567
STRATEGY & FUNDING COORDINATOR	\$120,567
TEAM LDR LANSCAPE OPS & PROJ	\$120,567
TEAM LEADER—LANDSCAPE	\$120,567
TEAM LEADER COMMUNIC & ENGAGE	\$120,567
TEAM LEADER SUSTAINABLE WATER USE	\$120,567
TEAM LEADER, PARTNERSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENT	\$120,567
TEAM LEADER-LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY	\$120,567
TM LDR WETLAND&FLOODPLAIN MGT	\$120,567

Title	Total Employment Cost (\$)
ASO6 plus superannuation	
COMMONWEALTH PROGRAMS MANAGER	\$107,467
DISTRICT MANAGER MURRAYLANDS	\$107,467
DISTRICT MANAGER RIVERLAND	\$107,467
MGR BUSINESS SUPPORT	\$107,467
PLANNING MONITORING & EVA OFF	\$107,467
PRGM COORD & REPORT OFF	\$107,467
PRINCIPAL PRJ OFFICR ENV WATER	\$107,467
PROJECTS MANAGER	\$107,467
REGIONAL PLANNING COORDINATOR	\$107,467
SENIOR NRM OFFICER EAST	\$107,467
SENIOR POLICY & PRJ OFFICER	\$107,467
ASO6 plus superannuation continued	
SENIOR POLICY OFFICER	\$107,467
SNR PROJECTOFFICERRIV MURR WAP	\$107,467
SNR WATER RESOURCE OFFICER	\$107,467
TEAM LEADER LANDSCAPES	\$107,467
TEAM LEADER LANDSCAPES	\$107,467
TEAM LEADER INVESTMENT & INFOR	\$107,467
TEAM LEADER PLANNING & MERI	\$107,467
TEAM LEADER SUSTAINABLE AG	\$107,467
TEAM LEADER SUSTAINABLE AG	\$107,467
TEAM LEADER SUSTAINABLE AGRIC	\$107,467
TEAM LEADER VISITOR SERVICES	\$107,467
TEAM LEADER, ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS	\$107,467
TL LANDSCAPES ADEL&CENTRAL HIL	\$107,467

\* SAES Level 1 and 2 remuneration bandwidth is provided as details of an individual's executive total remuneration package value will not be released as it is considered an unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs. The total annual

employment cost for these appointments is \$7,897,136 (excluding on costs). Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, there were 54 roles created within the Department for Environment and Water.

Title	Total Employment Cost (\$)
SAES1 bandwidth	
DIRECTOR, INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY	\$167,239—\$257,291*
DIRECTOR, LANDSCAPE SA REGIONAL SUPPORT	\$167,239—\$257,291*
PO4 plus superannuation	
PRINCIPAL WATER PLANNER, GROUNDWATER	\$124,288
PROJECT MANAGER GAWLER RIVER	\$124,288
RESEARCH LEADER (BOTANIST)	\$124,288
PO3 plus superannuation	
BUSHFIRE RECOVERY PROJECT MANAGER	\$110,471
HCHB CIIP ECOLOGICAL COORDINATOR	\$110,471
KI BUSHFIRE RECOVERY PROJECT COORDINATOR	\$110,471
SENIOR HYDROLOGIST	\$110,471
SENIOR POLICY OFFICER	\$110,471
SENIOR PROJECT ENGINEER	\$110,471
SENIOR REGIONAL FIRE MANAGEMENT OFFICER	\$110,471
TEAM LEADER, BURNING ON PRIVATE LAND	\$110,471
TEAM LEADER, BURNING ON PRIVATE LAND	\$110,471
ASO8 plus superannuation	
COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER	\$129,662
MANAGER PROCUREMENT SERVICES	\$129,662
PROGRAMME LEAD	\$129,662
ASO7 plus superannuation	
BUSINESS & SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT ANALYST	\$120,567
GOVERNANCE LEADER	\$120,567
PROGRAM LEADER, COORONG INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTIGATIONS	\$120,567
PROGRAM LEADER, SUSTAINING RIVERLAND ENVIRONMENTS	\$120,567
PROGRAM LEADER, WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS	\$120,567
ASO7 plus superannuation continued	
PROJECT MANAGER	\$120,567
SENIOR ACCOUNTANT, BUDGET STRATEGY	\$120,567
STRATEGIC ADVISER, RIVER MURRAY	\$120,567
STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT LEADER	\$120,567
TEAM LEADER STATEWIDE PROGRAMS	\$120,567
TEAM LEADER, POLICY AND ADVICE	\$120,567

Title	Total Employment Cost (\$)
ASO6 plus superannuation	
ADVISER, WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS	\$107,467
PROGRAM ACCOUNTANT	\$107,467



Title	Total Employment Cost (\$)
PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR FIELD RIVER	\$107,467
PROJECT MANAGER	\$107,467
PROJECT MANAGER	\$107,467
PROJECT MANAGER	\$107,467
PROJECT MANAGER	\$107,467
PROJECT MANAGER	\$107,467
PROJECT MANAGER (SOUTHERN FLINDERS)	\$107,467
PROJECT MANAGER, TRAILS	\$107,467
PROJECT OFF NAT PARKS & PROTECTED AREA PROGRAM	\$107,467
SENIOR APPROVALS & AGREEMENTS OFFICER	\$107,467
SENIOR ASSET MANAGEMENT OFFICER	\$107,467
SENIOR FLOODPLAIN OFFICER	\$107,467
SENIOR FLOODPLAIN OFFICER	\$107,467
SENIOR OPERATIONS OFFICER, INFRASTRUCTURE OPS	\$107,467
SENIOR OPERATIONS OFFICER, WETLANDS & BASINS	\$107,467
ASO6 plus superannuation continued	
SENIOR PROJECT AND POLICY OFFICER	\$107,467
SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER	\$107,467
SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER	\$107,467
SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER	\$107,467
SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER	\$107,467
SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER	\$107,467
SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER	\$107,467
SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER	\$107,467
SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER, BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT	\$107,467
SITE MANAGER, NARACOORTE & TANTANOOLA CAVES	\$107,467

\* SAES Level 1 and 2 remuneration bandwidth is provided as details of an individual's executive total remuneration package value will not be released as it is considered an unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$6,300,998 (excluding on costs).

For the Environment Protection Authority, the following relates to the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, there were no roles abolished within the Environment Protection Authority. Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, there was one role created within the Environment Protection Authority.

Title	Total Employment Cost (\$)
Emergency Responses Coordinator, ASO7	\$133,819.00

The total annual employment cost for this appointment is \$133,819.00 (excluding on costs). For Green Industries SA, the following relates to the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, there were no roles abolished within Green Industries SA with a total employment cost of \$100,000 or more. Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, there was one role created within Green Industries SA with a total employment cost of \$100,000 or more.

Title	Total Employment Cost (\$)
Principal Disaster Waste and Circular Economics	\$114,105.00

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$114,105.00 (excluding on costs). For SA Water, Section 17 of the South Australian Water Corporation Act 1994 allows the Corporation to appoint the employees it

thinks necessary or desirable and on terms and conditions fixed by the Corporation. Given this, SA Water uses its own industrial framework for employing staff and no positions at SA Water fall within the SA Executive Service.

SA Water's Executive structure consists of its Senior Leadership Team (SLT), which comprises its chief executive, a chief financial officer and five general managers. During the period of 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, the position of General Manager Operations was created, and the position of General Manager Governance and Risk was abolished and was replaced with Head of Governance and Integrity, which sits outside of the SLT. As a public corporation, SA Water operates in a commercial environment and competes with other private and public sector entities within South Australia and interstate. As such, SA Water considers the details of executive remuneration by specific role function to be commercially sensitive. Salary bands of staff are included in SA Water's annual report.

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (3 August 2021). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised the following:

For the Department for Environment and Water, table 1 shows the total FTE, actual and budgeted, to provide communication and promotion activities for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

		2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget
DEW	FTE	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6
	\$m	1.05	1.30	1.32	1.34	1.36

\*Salary calculations include on-costs for payroll tax (4.95 per cent), long service leave (3 per cent), Workcover (1 per cent) and superannuation (based on the individual employee's chosen rate). From 2022-23 onwards an estimated 1.5 per cent (DTF rate) has been applied to each of the out-years as the future EB increase is unknown.

At 1 July 2020, former NRM board staff moved out of the department to join new landscape board teams. This resulted in an overall reduction in DEW communication and promotion FTE from 16.03 FTE in 2019-20 to 10.6 FTE in 2020-21. As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media Expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns (when analysis is complete) over the cost of \$50,000 and are disclosed on the DPC website:

<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

For the Environment Protection Authority, table 2 shows the total FTE, actual and budgeted, to provide communication and promotion activities for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25:

Table 2: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

		2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget
EPA	FTE	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
	\$m	0.434	0.497	0.504	0.511	0.518

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and are disclosed on the DPC website:

<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

For Green Industries SA, table 3 shows total FTE, actual and budgeted, to provide communication and promotion activities for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25:

Table 3: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

		2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget
GISA	FTE	2.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
	\$m	0.28	0.31	0.32	0.32	0.33

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and are disclosed on the DPC website:

[https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure.](https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure)

For SA Water, table 4 shows total FTE, actual and budgeted, to provide communication and promotion activities for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25:

Table 4: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

		2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24* Budget	2024-25* Budget
SA Water	FTE	16.3	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9
	\$m	\$2.080	\$1.953	\$2.002	\$2.051	\$2.103

\*The 2023-2025 figures are based on an indicative CPI rate of 2.5 per cent which is subject to change.

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and are disclosed on the DPC website:

[https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure.](https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure)

**PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES**

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (3 August 2021). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised the following:

For the Department for Environment and Water:

Employee Title	Branch	Allowance Type	Date Range paid for	Actual Amount paid to employee between 1/7/2020 – 30/6/2021
General Manager, Governance and Performance	Corporate Services	Retention	7 June 2021 – 27 June 2021	\$1029
General Manager, Water Licensing	Water Licensing	Retention	1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021	\$5,000
General Manager, Human Resources	Corporate Services	Retention	1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021	\$8172

Further, between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, no non-salary benefits were paid to public servants. For the Environment Protection Authority:

Employee Title	Branch	Allowance Type	Date Range paid for	Actual Amount paid to employee between 1/7/2020 – 30/6/2021
Manager, Site Contamination	Site Contamination	Retention	01/07/2020 – 30/06/2021	\$23,525

Further, between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, \$6,960.00 of non-salary benefits were paid to public servants.

Position Title	Classification	Allowance Type	Amount
Chief Executive	CEO099	Non-salary benefit	\$3,480.00
Director, Science and Information	SAES1	Non-salary benefit	\$3,480.00

For Green Industries SA:

Employee Title	Branch	Allowance Type	Date paid for	Actual Amount paid to employee between 1/7/2020 – 30/6/2021
Manager Policy and Projects	Strategy and Policy	Retention Allowance	1 July 2020	\$90.80

Further, between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, no non-salary benefits were paid to public servants in Green Industries SA.

For SA Water: Attraction allowances, retention allowances and non-salary benefits paid to public servants and contractors between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021:

Classification	Branch	Allowance Type	Date Range paid for	Actual Amount paid to employee between 1/7/2020 – 30/6/2021
SAW5	SA Water	Market Allowance	20/06/2020 – 18/06/2021	\$9,261.20
SAW5	SA Water	Market Allowance	11 July 2020 – 17 July 2020	\$133.57
SAW4	SA Water	Market Allowance	1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021	\$6,347.13
SAW5	SA Water	Market Allowance	1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021	\$9,261.20
SAW5	SA Water	Market Allowance	12 August 2020 – 30 June 2021	\$11,961.56
SAW6	SA Water	Retention Allowance	20 June 2020 – 18 June 2021	\$1,993.67
SAW2	SA Water	Attraction and Retention Allowance	1 March 2021 – 18 June 2021	\$1,437.68
SAW2	SA Water	Attraction and Retention Allowance	1 March 2021 – 18 June 2021	\$1,533.52
SAW3	SA Water	Attraction and Retention Allowance	1 March 2021 – 18 June 2021	\$1533.53

Further, between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, \$56,987 of non-salary benefits were paid to public servants.

#### MINISTERIAL STAFF

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (3 August 2021). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised the following in relation to staff employed within my office: Information on ministerial staff employed as at 16 July 2021 was published in the *Government Gazette* on 22 July 2021. The following table lists public sector staff employed as at 30 June 2021:

Title	ASO Class	Non- salary benefits
Office Manager	ASO7	Car park
Principal Ministerial Liaison Officer	ASO7	
Ministerial Liaison Officer	ASO6	
Ministerial Liaison Officer	SAW6	
Executive Officer to the Minister & COS	ASO6	Car park
Parliamentary & Cabinet Officer	ASO5	
Communications Officer	ASO4	

Title	ASO Class	Non- salary benefits
Senior Correspondence Officer	ASO3	
Correspondence Officer	ASO2	
Correspondence Officer	ASO2	

A seconded employee is an employee who is paid for by the department and not the minister's office budget. No staff were seconded from the department to my office as at 30 June 2021.

#### EXECUTIVE TERMINATIONS

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (3 August 2021). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised the following:

For the Department for Environment and Water, there have been no Executive terminations since 1 July 2020, for all agencies reporting to the Minister for Environment and Water. For the Environment Protection Authority, no executive level employees have been terminated since 1 July 2020.

For Green Industries SA, two Executive terminations (retirements) have occurred between 1 July 2020 and 6 August 2021. The value of termination payments was a gross amount of \$218,252 made up of accrued leave entitlements. For SA Water, Section 17 of the South Australian Water Corporation Act 1994 allows the corporation to appoint the employees it thinks necessary or desirable and on terms and conditions fixed by the corporation. Given this, SA Water uses its own industrial framework for employing staff and no positions at SA Water fall within the SA Executive Service. SA Water's executive structure consists of its senior leadership team (SLT), which comprises its chief executive, a chief financial officer and five general managers. There were no terminations made to SA Water's SLT between 1 July 2020 to 6 August 2021.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (3 August 2021). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised the following:

For the Department for Environment and Water, the following new executive appointments were made since 1 July 2020. Some appointments were made to existing vacated roles.

Agency	Role Title	TRPV
DEW	Director, Communication and Engagement	SAES1
DEW	Director, Information and Communication Technology / Chief Information Officer	SAES1
DEW	Director, Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium	SAES1
DEW	Director, Landscape SA Regional Support	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$824,449 (excluding on costs). Individual executive total remuneration package values as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs. For the Environment Protection Authority, no new executive appointments were made since 1 July 2020. For Green Industries SA, the following new executive appointment was made between 1 July 2020 and 6 August 2021:

Agency	Role Title	TRPV
Green Industries SA	Chief Executive	\$270,203

The total annual employment cost for this appointment is \$270,203 (excluding on costs). For SA Water, Section 17 of the South Australian Water Corporation Act 1994 allows the corporation to appoint the employees it thinks necessary or desirable and on terms and conditions fixed by the Corporation. Given this, SA Water uses its own industrial framework for employing staff and no positions at SA Water fall within the SA Executive Service. SA Water's executive structure consists of its senior leadership team (SLT), which comprises its chief executive, its chief financial officer and five general managers. Since 1 July 2020, SA Water has appointed Mr Chris Young as General Manager Operations and Ms Kylie Johnson as General Manager of People and Safety to its SLT. As a public corporation, SA Water operates in a commercial environment and competes with other private and public sector entities within South Australia and interstate. As such, SA Water considers the details of executive remuneration by specific role function to be commercially sensitive. Salary bands of staff are included in SA Water's annual report.

**GRANT PROGRAMS**

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (3 August 2021). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** In response to questions 14 and 15 I have been advised the following:

Department for Environment and Water The following table provides the allocation of grant program/funds for 2020-21 and across the forward estimates for the Department for Environment and Water—Controlled:

Grant program/ fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2020-21 Actual \$000	2021-22 Budget \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$'000
National Parks and Wildlife	The sustainable management of South Australia's nature, parks, places, wildlife and cultural assets ensures the social, environmental and economic prosperity of the state.	2,979	1,780	1,819	1,860	1,871
Water and the River Murray	Water is managed sustainably for the benefit of the environment, community and economy.	23,665	29,830	30,614	31,617	32,815
Environment, Heritage and Sustainability	Develop and deliver policies that support sustainable development and protect and conserve the state's environment and heritage, in partnership with key bodies in the face of a changing climate.	4,352	3,900	2,000	2,000	1,500

The following table provides the allocation of grant program/funds for 2020-21 and across the forward estimates for the Department for Environment and Water – Administered Items:

Grant program/ fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2020-21 Actual \$000	2021-22 Budget \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$'000
Administered Items	Financial support grant for Zoos SA, Stormwater Management Authority, Regional Landscape Boards, Adelaide City Council Parklands, South Australian Council of Social Service, and Qualco-Sunlands Ground Water Control Trust.	20,078	19,399	19,463	19,925	19,480

The following table details the commitment of grants in 2020-21 for the Department for Environment and Water – Controlled:

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$'000
Water and the River Murray	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Annual contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority	19,715
Water and the River Murray	University of Adelaide	Healthy Coorong Healthy Basin	2,274
National Parks and Wildlife	RSPCA	Grant for the administration of the Animal Welfare Act 1985	1,188

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$'000
Environment, Heritage and Sustainability	Nature Foundation	Heritage Agreement Program	1,000
Environment, Heritage and Sustainability	Various Local Government Councils	Greener Neighbourhoods	857
Environment, Heritage and Sustainability	University of Adelaide	New Life for Coastal Environment	485
Water and the River Murray	Gurra Downs Date Company Pty Ltd	Grant for Gurra Water Supply Scheme, and water supply infrastructure (Loxton irrigation)	360
National Parks and Wildlife	Coober Pedy District Council	Anta Matu Yanka Co-Management	336
Environment, Heritage and Sustainability	National Trust of SA	Moonta Historic Mine Site	241
Environment, Heritage and Sustainability	Regional Council of Goyder	Burra Historic Mine Site	207
National Parks and Wildlife	Nature Play Inc.	National Parks Initiatives	200
Environment, Heritage and Sustainability	Melrose Districts History Society Inc.	Melrose Courthouse & Police Station Site	110
Water and the River Murray	University of Adelaide	International engagement: South Australian Water Ambassador	105
Water and the River Murray	University of Adelaide	SA Riverland Floodplain Infrastructure Program	100
National Parks and Wildlife	Mamungari Conservation Park Co-Management Board	Mamungari Conservation Park Co-Management	100
Various programs	Other grants	Various other smaller grants	3,718

The following table details the commitment of grants in 2020-21 for the Department for Environment and Water – Administered Items:

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$'000
Administered-Support grants	Royal Zoological Society	Financial support grant for Zoos SA.	6,734
Administered-Support grants	Stormwater Management Authority (SMA)	Includes the Annual grant paid to support the authority (\$5.651m) and a grant provided to the SMA to deliver the Gawler River Flood Mitigation Program (\$2.8m).	8,451
Administered—Landscape Priority Fund (LPF)	Regional Landscape Boards	Awarded to regional landscape boards, working in partnership with other organisations, groups and individuals, to invest in large-scale integrated landscape management projects that address sub-regional, cross-regional and state-wide priorities.	3,121
Administered-Support grants	Adelaide City Council	Grant provided for parklands related activities such as watering the parklands, ongoing management and enhancement of the parklands and operation of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority	1,613
Administered—Consumer Advocacy Research Fund (CARF)	South Australian Council of Social Service (SACOSS)	A services agreement with the SACOSS to undertake research and advocacy on behalf of the consumer cohorts outlined in Section 87 of the Water Industry Act 2012; to identify potential priority projects through consultation and engagement with the community sector.	119

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$'000
Administered- Support grants	Qualco-Sunlands Ground Water Control Trust	Temporary grant to the Trust in accordance with Part 7 of the Ground Water (Qualco-Sunlands) Control Act 2000	40

The following table details the *new*<sup>1</sup> commitment of grants across the forward estimates for the Department for Environment and Water – Controlled:

Grant program/ fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2021-22 Budget \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000
Environment, Heritage and Sustainability	Greener Neighbourhoods program	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
Environment, Heritage and Sustainability	Heritage grants	500	500	500	—

1. New grants defined as those committed from or after the 2021-22 state budget

Environment Protection Authority The following table provides the allocation of grant program/funds for 2020-21 and across the forward estimates for the Environment Protection Authority—Controlled:

Grant program/ fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2020-21 Actual result \$000	2021-22 Estimate \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000
Green Industries Charities Waste Levy transfer	Transfers funding for the Charities waste levy rebate program	105	121	121	122	123
National Environmental Protection Council	The Grant comprises of an annual amount for the operational costs of the council and SA's contribution to projects decided upon by the NEPC on an Ad hoc basis.	17	17	17	18	18
New Life for Our Coastal Environment, Water Quality Nearshore	Environmental project Contribution to Flinders University	5	0	0	0	0
Wave observation system for Gulf Saint Vincent to promote evidence based coastal Management	Environmental project contribution to Flinders University	5	0	0	0	0
The Australasian Environmental Law Enforcement and Regulators Network	South Australian contribution to the AELERT Secretariat operational costs	10	3	3	3	3

The following table provides the allocation of grant program/funds for 2020-21 and across the forward estimates for the Environment Protection Authority—Administered:

Grant program/ fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2020-21 Actual result \$000	2021-22 Estimate \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000
Nil						



The following table details the carryover of grants from 2020-21 into 2021-22 for the Environment Protection Authority:

Grant/program name	2020-21 \$000	2021-22 \$000
Nil		

Green Industries SA The following table provides the allocation of grant program/funds for 2020-21 and across the forward estimates for Green Industries SA—Controlled:

Grant program/ fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2020-21 Actual result \$000	2021-22 Estimate \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000
Recycling Infrastructure Grants (including Recycling Modernisation Fund Grants*)	Funding towards the construction of new and upgraded materials recovery and processing facilities, including to assist the resource recovery sector respond to challenges and opportunities presented by international market conditions	5,891	10,702	13,737	4,929	3,132
Kerbside Performance (Food Waste) Incentives	Funding to Local Government towards the implementation and maintenance of food waste recycling systems via kerbside organics bins	1,231	1,473	1,662	412	838
Regional Transport Subsidies	Funding to provide regional councils with temporary relief to subsidise the transport of kerbside collected recyclables to recovery / processing facilities	781	850	850	850	850
Council Modernisation Grants	Funding to support modernisation and innovation of Local Government waste management systems	388	100	100	-	-
Circular Economy Market Development Grants	Funding to support South Australian businesses to further their market development efforts for recycled and recyclable materials	289	300	300	300	300
Business Support Program	Funding for businesses and industry associations to engage third party technical advisers to identify, prioritise and implement improvements in resource/material efficiency, and other circular economy practices	271	335	335	335	335
Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program	Funding to provide charitable recycling organisations with partial relief from the costs of the solid waste levy	106	242	242	244	246
Fight Food Waste Cooperative Research Centre	Funding for reducing food waste throughout the supply chain, transform unavoidable waste into innovative high-value co-products and engage with industry and consumers to deliver behavioural change	31	-	-	-	-

Grant program/ fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2020-21 Actual result \$000	2021-22 Estimate \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000
Trade Waste Initiative	Funding towards reducing trade waste load and volume for South Australian food and beverage businesses	423	-	-	-	-
Women in Circular Economy Leadership Award	Funding for South Australian women who are emerging or established leaders working in the area of the circular economy to pursue investigative projects	10	10	10	10	10
Innovation Commercialisation Grant Program	Funding towards commercialisation of waste, recycling and circular economy technologies and innovations	-	-	500	500	500
Minor other grant payments (under \$5,000 each)		5	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>9,426</b>	<b>14,012</b>	<b>17,736</b>	<b>7,580</b>	<b>6,211</b>

\* includes contribution from the Australian government The following table details the estimated carryover of grants from 2020-21 into 2021-22 for Green Industries SA:

Grant/program name	Estimated carryover from 2020-21 to 2021-22 \$000
Recycling Infrastructure Grants	4,007
Recycling Modernisation Fund Grants*	2,345
Regional Transport Subsidies	427
Circular Economy Market Development Grants	246
Council Modernisation Grants	135
Business Support Program	113
Kerbside Performance (Food Waste) Incentives	101
Trade Waste Initiative	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,404</b>

\* includes contribution from the Australian government SA – Controlled: The following table details the commitment of grants in 2020-21 for Green Industries SA – Controlled:

Program	Recipient	Purpose / Project	Value \$000 (GST exclusive)	Approval Date
Recycling Infrastructure Grants (including Recycling Modernisation Fund Grants*)	Orora Group	Glass beneficiation plant	6,000	6/05/2021
	Advanced Plastics Recycling	Increase plastics manufacturing capacity	1,222	6/05/2021
	Southern Region Waste Resource Authority	Materials Recovery Facility equipment	3,140	6/05/2021
	Recycling Plastics Australia	Mixed plastics sorting, grinding, washing and pelletising plant	8,888	6/05/2021
	ResourceCo	Glass fine processing plant	1,078	6/05/2021

Program	Recipient	Purpose / Project	Value \$000 (GST exclusive)	Approval Date
	Central Adelaide Waste and Recycling Authority	Materials Recovery Facility equipment (plastics and glass)	4,110	6/05/2021
	TyreCycle	Tyre cutting / shredding plant	962	6/05/2021
	Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority	Paper and cardboard processing plant	7,920	6/05/2021
	Van Schaiks Organic Soils	Organics processing equipment	497	3/06/2021
	Peats Group	Riverland organics processing facility	450	3/06/2021
	SA Composters	Vegetation shredder	300	3/06/2021
	Jeffries Group	Compost contamination removal equipment	214	3/06/2021
	Peak Fresh (BioBag)	Increasing capacity of local compostable bag production	385	3/06/2021
	Central Adelaide Waste and Recycling Authority	Materials Recovery Facility equipment (paper and cardboard)	250	3/06/2021
	Ecoplas Australia	Upgrade of plastics processing equipment	44	3/06/2021
	District Council of Streaky Bay	Glass crusher and mobile storage cages	68	3/06/2021
	District Council of Karoonda East Murray	Transfer station equipment	119	3/06/2021
	Adelaide Hills Recycling	Shredder	300	3/06/2021
	Hackham Recyclers (Durable Resource)	Plastics balers	97	3/06/2021
	Sustaining Endeavours	Poly winders to enable recycling of irrigation pipe	29	3/06/2021
	Eyre Peninsula Recycling Specialists	Excavator, shears, forklift	180	3/06/2021

Program	Recipient	Purpose / Project	Value \$000 (GST exclusive)	Approval Date
Kerbside Performance (Food Waste) Incentives	City of Marion	Kerbside Performance (Food Waste) Incentives	806	3/12/2020
	Mount Barker District Council	Kerbside Performance (Food Waste) Incentives	11	3/12/2020
	Rural City of Murray Bridge	Kerbside Performance (Food Waste) Incentives	11	3/12/2020

Program	Recipient	Purpose / Project	Value \$000 (GST exclusive)	Approval Date
	Copper Coast Council	Kerbside Performance (Food Waste) Incentives	202	3/12/2020
	Wattle Range Council	Kerbside Performance (Food Waste) Incentives	15	3/12/2021
	City of Salisbury	Kerbside Performance (Food Waste) Incentives	677	1/04/2021
	Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority	Kerbside Performance (Food Waste) Incentives	8	1/04/2021
	City of West Torrens	Kerbside Performance (Food Waste) Incentives	6	1/04/2021

Program	Recipient	Purpose / Project	Value \$000 (GST exclusive)	Approval Date
Council Modernisation Grants	City of Holdfast Bay	Phase two of food waste collection trial	46	1/04/2021
	City of Mount Gambier	Commercial food waste collection trial	23	1/04/2021
	East Waste	Behaviour change phone app	55	1/04/2021
	City of Onkaparinga	Collection vehicle monitoring systems	74	1/04/2021
	East Waste	Multi-unit dwellings collection pilot	80	1/04/2021
	City of Port Adelaide Enfield	Cost analysis of bin standardisation	12	1/04/2021
	City of West Torrens	Waste strategy research and development	31	1/04/2021
	Mount Barker District Council	Strategic review of Windmill Hill transfer station	15	1/04/2021
	Copper Coast Council	Event bins, signage and trailer	12	1/04/2021
	City of Adelaide	Organics bins public place trial	72	1/04/2021

Program	Recipient	Purpose / Project	Value \$000 (GST exclusive)	Approval Date
Regional Transport Subsidies	Barunga West Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	6	10/05/2021
	Berri Barmera Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	29	10/05/2021
	City of Mount Gambier	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	94	14/05/2021

Program	Recipient	Purpose / Project	Value \$000 (GST exclusive)	Approval Date
	City of Port Lincoln	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	74	10/05/2021
	Coorong District Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	7	10/05/2021
	Copper Coast Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	35	10/05/2021
	District Council of Elliston	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	6	10/05/2021
	District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	3	10/05/2021
	District Council of Robe	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	10	10/05/2021
	Light Regional Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	13	10/05/2021
	Mid Murray Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	7	10/05/2021
	Mount Barker District Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	72	10/05/2021
	Municipal Council of Roxby Downs	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	12	10/05/2021
	Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	26	10/05/2021
	Port Augusta City Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	34	10/05/2021
	Port Pirie Regional Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	41	10/05/2021
	Renmark Paringa Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	23	10/05/2021
	Rural City of Murray Bridge	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	36	10/05/2021
	The Barossa Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	25	10/05/2021
	Wakefield Regional Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	8	10/05/2021
	Wattle Range Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	42	10/05/2021

Program	Recipient	Purpose / Project	Value \$000 (GST exclusive)	Approval Date
	Whyalla City Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	70	10/05/2021
	Yorke Peninsula Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	29	10/05/2021
	Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority	Transport of recyclable materials 2020-21	154	10/05/2021

Program	Recipient	Purpose / Project	Value \$000 (GST exclusive)	Approval Date
Circular Economy Market Development Grants	Bridgestone Australia Ltd	Waste Tyre Circular Economy Project	94	3/03/2021
	ARRB Group (SA)	Development of an assessment and implementation framework for the use of recycled materials in South Australia	100	1/06/2021
	Recyclers of South Australia Inc	Integrating Circular Economy Market Development into SA's Recycling Depot Network Project	21	1/06/2021
	Kimberly-Clark ANZ	Feasibility Study on Nappy Recycling for South Australia	45	29/06/2021
	Detmold Packaging Pty Ltd / Detpak	Circular Solutions for the Grocery Sector	100	28/06/2021

Program	Recipient	Purpose / Project	Value \$000 (GST exclusive)	Approval Date
Circular Economy Business Support Program	Metcash	Metcash & Food For Change Food Rescue Program	50	2/11/2020
	Sturt Football Club Inc.	Sturt Football Club waste assessment: Double Blues Go Green	15	17/09/2020
	City of Marion / Marion Council	Valuing Marion's Waste	14	23/09/2020
	Nando's Australia	Operational Waste Management Strategy Development	15	21/07/2020
	Grundfos Pumps	Grundfos resource recovery and waste reduction investigation	15	21/06/2021
	Foamex South Australia	Energy and productivity	18	19/11/2020

Program	Recipient	Purpose / Project	Value \$000 (GST exclusive)	Approval Date
		improvement assessment		
	Drake Supermarkets Pty Ltd	Beverly Fresh Food Facility Sustainability project	20	11/02/2021
	Westside Housing Company Ltd	Valuing Waste in Community Housing	15	10/08/2020
	Flat Bread Bakery	Level 2 energy audit	18	18/08/2020
	AUSVEG SA	Advanced Horticultural Waste Management Program	48	27/07/2020
	South Australian Independent Retailers	SAIR Food Waste & Recycling Strategy Project	50	2/02/2021
	Chapel Hill Winery	Energy and Water Efficiency Assessment	18	24/11/2020

Program	Recipient	Purpose / Project	Value \$000 (GST exclusive)	Approval Date
Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program	Adventist Development and Relief Agency Australia Mount Barker	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2020-21	161	21/06/2021
	Adventist Development and Relief Agency Australia Victor Harbor	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2020-21	395	23/06/2021
	Australian Red Cross Society	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2020-21	4	21/06/2021
	Foodbank of SA	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2020-21	3	21/06/2021
	Lutheran Community Care	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2020-21	473	21/06/2021
	RSPCA (SA) Inc	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2020-21	3	23/06/2021
	Save the Children Australia	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2020-21	5	24/05/2021
	St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) Inc	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2020-21	30	29/06/2021
	The Salvation Army	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2020-21	60	28/06/2021

Program	Recipient	Purpose / Project	Value \$000 (GST exclusive)	Approval Date
	United Country SA Limited	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2020-21	.483	4/06/2021

Program	Recipient	Purpose / Project	Value \$000 (GST exclusive)	Approval Date
Women in Waste Leadership Award Study Program	East Waste	Women in Circular Economy Leadership Award 2020-21 (Megan Bekesi)	5	23/07/2020
	KESAB Environmental Solutions	Women in Circular Economy Leadership Award 2020-21 (Grace Barila)	5	23/07/2020
			40,034	Total

\*includes contribution from the Australian government

SA Water does not manage a grant program or fund for which the minister is responsible.

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (3 August 2021). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised the following:

For the Department for Environment and Water, the government has provided a list of grant programs administered during 2020-21 in omnibus question 14.

For the Environment Protection Authority, the government has provided a list of grant programs administered during 2020-21 in omnibus question 14.

For the Green Industries SA, the government has provided a list of grant programs administered during 2020-21 in Omnibus Question 14.

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