

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 3 May 2022

Opening of Parliament

The Fifty-Fourth Parliament of South Australia, having been prorogued until 3 May 2022, and the House of Assembly having been dissolved on 19 February 2022, general elections were held on 19 March 2022. By proclamation dated 14 April 2022, the new parliament was summoned to meet on 3 May 2022 and the First Session of the Fifty-Fifth Parliament of South Australia began on that date.

The house met at 11:00, pursuant to proclamation. The Clerk (Mr R.J. Crump) read the proclamation summoning parliament.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION

At 11:05, in compliance with summons, the house proceeded to the Legislative Council chamber, where a commission was read appointing the Hon. Christopher John Kourakis, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Australia, and the Hon. Mark Christopher Livesey, President of the Court of Appeal, to be commissioners for the opening of parliament.

MEMBERS, SWEARING IN

The house being again in its own chamber, at 11:12 His Honour Justice Kourakis (Chief Justice) attended and produced a commission from Her Excellency the Governor appointing him to be a commissioner to administer to members of the House of Assembly the oath of allegiance or the affirmation in lieu thereof required by the Constitution Act. The commission was read by the Clerk, who then produced writs for the election of 47 members of the House of Assembly.

The oath of allegiance required by law (or the affirmation) was administered and subscribed to by members.

The commissioner retired.

SPEAKER, ELECTION

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (11:35): I remind the House of Assembly that it is now necessary to proceed to the election of a Speaker. I move:

That the member for Kavel take the chair of this house as Speaker.

The CLERK: Is the motion seconded?

Mr Tarzia: Yes, sir.

The Hon. D.R. CREGAN (Kavel) (11:35): I accept the nomination.

The CLERK: Further nominations?

The Hon. D.R. CREGAN: In compliance with the standing orders and in accordance with the traditions of parliament, I humbly submit myself to the will of the house.

The CLERK: There being no further nominations, I declare the member for Kavel the elected Speaker.

Honourable members: Hear, hear!

Mr Cregan was escorted to the dais by the mover and the seconder of the motion.

The SPEAKER (11:36): Members, I will well and truly serve this parliament and hope to bring dignity to the proceedings here. I acknowledge the important step the government has taken to institute and preserve the principle of an independent Speakership. As I said at an earlier time, it

is my sincere belief that the Westminster tradition of having an independent Speakership is an important step and one drawn from traditions in another—in fact, the original—place. The Premier.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (11:37): Mr Speaker, on behalf of Her Majesty's government, we would like to congratulate you on your election and elevation to Speaker. Of course, Mr Speaker, this is not the first time that you, as the member for Kavel, have occupied the chair. In the first instance, you held that position and executed the position with great acclaim, grace and poise. I very much hope that under your stewardship this house performs its most primary and purposeful function of demonstrating its commitment to the interests of the people of South Australia and its progress.

Mr TARZIA (Hartley) (11:38): Mr Speaker, congratulations on behalf of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition on your elevation, on your re-election, to the role of Speaker. Mr Speaker, since 2018, you have made an enormous contribution in this place and you have demonstrated a thorough understanding of parliamentary procedure and also composure in the role. I also note that you have been re-elected with an increased majority in your own seat, sir, which is a testament to the hard work and dedication of your own work in your own electorate. Sir, we hope as Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition that we can depend upon your impartiality and your objectivity that will enable us to make sure that we hold the government to account. Congratulations, good luck and go well.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, member for Hartley.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (11:39): I inform the house that Her Excellency the Governor will be prepared to receive the house for the purposes of presenting the Speaker at 12.15pm today. I move:

That the sitting of the house be suspended until 12.05pm.

Motion carried.

Sitting suspended from 11:40 to 12:05.

PRESENTATION TO GOVERNOR

The SPEAKER (12:05): Members, it is now my intention to proceed to Government House to present myself as Speaker to the Governor, and I invite all members to accompany me.

At 12:05, accompanied by a deputation of members, the Speaker proceeded to Government House.

On the house reassembling at 12:23:

The SPEAKER: Accompanied by a deputation of members, I proceeded to Government House for the purpose of presenting myself to Her Excellency the Governor and informed Her Excellency that, in pursuance of the powers conferred on the assembly by section 34 of the Constitution Act, the House of Assembly had this day proceeded to the election of Speaker and had done me the honour of election to that high office. In compliance with the other provisions of that same section, I presented myself to Her Excellency as the Speaker and in the name of and on behalf of the assembly laid claim to our undoubted rights and privileges and prayed that the most favourable construction be put on all our proceedings.

Her Excellency has been pleased to reply:

To the honourable the Speaker and members of the House of Assembly, I congratulate the members of the house on your choice of a Speaker. I readily assure you, Mr Speaker, of my confirmation of all the constitutional rights and privileges of the House of Assembly, the proceedings of which will always receive most favourable consideration.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (12:24): I inform the house that the Governor will attend in the Legislative Council at 2.30pm to make a speech setting out the reasons for calling the parliament together. I move:

That the sitting of the house be suspended until 2.30pm.

Motion carried.

Sitting suspended from 12:25 to 14:30.

SUMMONS TO COUNCIL CHAMBER

A summons was received from Her Excellency the Governor desiring the attendance of the house in the Legislative Council chamber, whither the Speaker and honourable members proceeded.

The house having returned to its own chamber, the Speaker resumed the chair at 15:13 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.

COMMISSION OF OATHS

The SPEAKER: I have to report that I have received from the Governor a commission under the hand of Her Excellency and the public seal of the state empowering me to administer the oath of allegiance or to receive the affirmation necessary to be taken by members of the House of Assembly.

Bills

SUPPLY BILL 2022

Message from Governor

Her Excellency the Governor, by message, recommended to the house the appropriation of such amounts of money as might be required for the purposes mentioned in the bill.

Opening of Parliament

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES, ELECTION

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:16): I move:

That the member for Light be appointed Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

The SPEAKER: Is the motion seconded?

Honourable members: Yes, sir.

The SPEAKER: Are there any other nominations? There being none, I will put the question.

Motion carried.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

The SPEAKER (15:16): I have to report that, in accordance with a summons from Her Excellency the Governor, the house attended this day in the Legislative Council, where Her Excellency was pleased to make a speech to both houses of parliament. I have obtained a copy, which I now lay on the table.

Ordered to be published.

Parliamentary Procedure

SITTINGS AND BUSINESS

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:17): I move without notice:

That standing orders be and remain so far suspended as to enable me to move a motion for the adoption of sessional orders relating to the time of meeting of the house and for the consideration of private members' business.

The SPEAKER: I am reminded that we need an absolute majority, but I am satisfied that one is present.

Motion carried.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I move, pursuant to order:

That for the remainder of the session, sessional orders be adopted so as to provide for the time of meeting of the house and for the consideration of private members' business as detailed in the sessional orders circulated to members.

The SPEAKER: I have counted the house and there are more than 24 members present.

Motion carried.

PAPERS

The following papers were laid on the table:

By the Speaker—

Auditor-General—

Report 1 of 2022—Update to the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2021
[Ordered to be published]

Report 2 of 2022—SA Health's Management of Personal Protective Equipment
[Ordered to be published]

Report 3 of 2022—Consolidated Financial Report Review
[Ordered to be published]

Ombudsman SA—Investigation of a Referral by the Select Committee on the conduct of the Hon Vickie Chapman MP
[Ordered to be published]

Environment and Water, Department for—Water Security Statement 2022

The following reports have been received and published pursuant to section 17(7) of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991—

8th Report of the Environment, Resources and Development Committee—An inquiry into the Disposal of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Contaminated Waste in South Australia—Interim Report

Public Works Committee—

208th Report—Flinders Chase Visitor Centre Project

209th Report—Gifford Hill Facility Upgrade—Murray Bridge Racing Club Project

217th Report—Prospect Residential Development Project

218th Report—Regional Non-Drinking Water Quality Upgrade

219th Report—Women's and Children's Hospital (New WCH) Enabling Works Package 1

220th Report—Gawler Health Service Emergency Department Redevelopment

By the Deputy Premier (Hon. S.E. Close)—

Government Response to Standing Committees—

Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee: Aboriginal Governance Inquiry—Interim Report

Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee: Legislation Pertaining to Serious and Organised Crime—Final Report

Summary Offences Act 1953—

Dangerous Area Declarations return pursuant to section 83B—Report for Period 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021

Road Block Authorisations return pursuant to section 74B—Report for Period 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021

Regulations made under the following Acts—

Criminal Law Consolidation—

Criminal Organisations—Prescribed Place—Thebarton

Criminal Organisations—Prescribed Place—Thebarton (No 2)

Criminal Organisations—Prescribed Place—Thebarton (No 3)

Criminal Organisations—Prescribed Place—Thebarton (No 4)

General—Driving at Extreme Speed

Electoral—Miscellaneous

Freedom of Information—Exempt Agency—Public Advocate
Guardianship and Administration—
 Fee Notices
 Fees Notice
Land Acquisition—Miscellaneous
Legislation Interpretation—General
Legislation Revision and Publication—Legislation Interpretation
Magistrates Court—Fees Notice
Summary Offences—Vehicle Immobilisation Device
Victims of Crime—Fund and Levy—Young Offenders
Youth Court—Fees Notice
Rules made under the following Acts—
 Legal Practitioners—Legal Practitioners Education and Admission Council—
 Miscellaneous
 South Australian Employment Tribunal—Rules (Other)
 Supreme Court Act 1935, District Court Act 1991, Magistrates Court—Uniform Civil
 (No 6)
 Youth Court—General

By the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water (Hon. S.E. Close)—

Green Adelaide—Annual Report 2020-21
Landscape Board—
 Alinytjara Wilurara Annual Report 2020-21
 Eyre Peninsula Annual Report 2020-21
 Hills and Fleurieu Annual Report 2020-21
 Kangaroo Island Annual Report 2020-21
 Limestone Coast Annual Report 2020-21
 Murraylands and Riverland Annual Report 2020-21
 Northern and Yorke Annual Report 2020-21
 South Australian Arid Lands Annual Report 2020-21
Regulations made under the following Acts—
 Marine Parks—Authorised Management Plan Amendments
 National Parks and Wildlife—Co-Management Boards—Gawler Ranges Parks
 Native Vegetation—Prescribed Areas

By the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (Hon. A. Koutsantonis)—

Regulations made under the following Acts—
 Harbors and Navigation—Miscellaneous
 Passenger Transport—Definition of Metropolitan Adelaide and Other Matters
 Road Traffic—Miscellaneous—Road Closing and Exemptions for Events

By the Minister for Energy and Mining (Hon. A. Koutsantonis)—

Regulations made under the following Acts—
 Electricity—
 General—Technical Requirements for Electrical Equipment
 Payment Condition
 National Electricity (South Australia)—Local Provisions

By the Treasurer (Hon. S.C. Mullighan)—

Forestry Corporation, South Australian—Charter 2021-22
Primary Industries and Regions, Department of—Management Plan for the South
 Australian Commercial Lakes and Coorong Fishery
Regulations made under the following Acts—

Public Corporations—Australian Childrens Performing Arts Company—Dissolution and Revocation

Southern State Superannuation—Fund Selection and Other Matters
Superannuation—Prescribed Authority and Exclusion of Payment

By the Minister for Health and Wellbeing (Hon. C.J. Picton)—

Regulations made under the following Acts—

Controlled Substances—Poisons—Miscellaneous

Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (South Australia)—Telepharmacy

Mental Health—

Fee Notices

Fees Notice

By the Minister for Child Protection (Hon. K.A. Hildyard)—

Regulations made under the following Acts—

Children and Young People (Safety)—General

By the Minister for Human Services (Hon. N.F. Cook)—

Regulations made under the following Acts—

Child Safety (Prohibited Persons)—Prohibited Persons

Youth Justice Administration—Miscellaneous

By the Minister for Local Government (Hon. G.G. Brock)—

Regulations made under the following Act—

Local Government—

Amendment of Schedule 4 of Act

Financial Management—Review

General—Annual Reports

Transitional Provisions—Stage 2

Local Council By-Laws—

District Council of Franklin Harbour—

No. 1—Permits and Penalties

No. 2—Local Government Land

No. 3—Dogs

District Council of Karoonda East Murray—

No. 1—Permits and Penalties

No. 2—Moveable Signs

No. 3—Local Government Land

No. 4—Roads

No. 5—Dogs

No. 6—Cats

Flinders Ranges Council—

No. 1—Permits and Penalties

No. 2—Local Government Land

No. 3—Roads

No. 4—Moveable Signs

No. 5—Dogs

No. 6—Cats

No. 7—Waste Management

By the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport on behalf of the Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs (Hon. A. Michaels)—

Consumer and Business Services—Review of the Approved Trading System Report

Regulations made under the following Acts—
Gaming Machines—Miscellaneous
Lotteries—Miscellaneous

By the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services (Hon. J.K. Szakacs)—

Regulations made under the following Act—
Fire and Emergency Services—General

By the Minister for Planning (Hon. N.D. Champion)—

Regulations made under the following Acts—
Planning, Development and Infrastructure—
General—Miscellaneous
Transitional Provisions—Major Development

Members

MEMBER FOR BRAGG, SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The SPEAKER (16:12): There being no further statements, I wish to make a statement of my own before calling questions without notice. On 26 April 2022, I received a letter from the member for Bragg in relation to her resignation from the House of Assembly. As members will be aware, section 30 of the Constitution Act 1934 (SA) provides:

Any member of the House of Assembly may resign his or her seat in the House by writing under his or her hand, addressed to the Speaker of the House, and delivered to the Speaker forthwith after the signing thereof, and upon the receipt of such resignation by the Speaker, the seat of the member shall become vacant.

The Clerk advised me that the letter might well raise a constitutional question as to the effective date of the member's resignation. I immediately sought Crown law advice. That advice, dated Friday 29 April 2022, provides in part:

The words of [section] 30 leave little room for doubt; the seat becomes vacant as soon as the Speaker receives the resignation letter. Section 30 does not allow for the member to propose a date in the future at which the resignation will take effect.

As well, the advice provides, in part:

An argument could possibly be made on the basis of the language used in the letter that it constitutes merely a notice of an intention to resign at a later date. The alternative to this is that the proper construction of the letter is that the 'notice' to which Ms Chapman refers is simply of the purported effective date of her resignation.

While finely balanced, I think this alternative construction is to be preferred.

I do not consider that either of the above factors, namely the identity of the Speaker and the wording of the letter, alters my conclusion that Ms Chapman's seat was likely vacated on 26 April by the operation of [section] 30 of the Constitution Act.

The advice ends, in part:

I hope this advice is of assistance.

It certainly caused difficulties for me.

Acting on this advice, I wrote to Ms Chapman the next day, Saturday 30 April 2022, and provided a copy of my letter to members of the house, as members were not at that time sitting. I telephoned Ms Chapman and also received an email from her. On Monday 2 May 2022, I received correspondence from a solicitor acting for a client named as Ms Vickie Chapman. I then instructed the Clerk to obtain further advice in relation to the matters Ms Chapman's solicitor had raised. Yesterday evening, I received further Crown law advice. That advice provides in part:

While it would be open to you to issue a writ for the by-election if the matter were not in dispute—and if nothing needed to be determined by the house—that is clearly not the case here.

That being so, I recommend that you table the correspondence between you and Ms Chapman and her lawyers, asking the house to hear and determine the matter.

The timing of the tabling is of course a procedural matter for you to determine.

However, it would be prudent for the Chief Justice not to swear Ms Chapman in with the other members tomorrow while a question remains over her entitlement to take her place as a member of parliament.

You may therefore wish to table the correspondence as soon as the opportunity arises.

The house need not deal with the matter immediately but Ms Chapman should not sit as a member or vote on any matter before the house has determined the issue.

I recommend that you respond to Ms Chapman's lawyers to advise that this is the action you will take in light of their letter and that you will not issue a writ in the meantime.

For completeness, I draw the attention of the house to section 43 of the Constitution Act, which provides:

Whenever any question arises respecting any vacancy in either House of Parliament it shall be heard and determined by the house in which the vacancy occurred.

I also refer members to the course adopted in the matter of the member for the electoral district of Ridley. In those circumstances, the Deputy Speaker indicated it was the duty of the house to finally determine whether a vacancy existed. It cannot go unremarked that on 26 April 1939—there must be something about 26 April—the Full Court of the Supreme Court resolved the matter of Stott v Parker and reasoned that section 43 of the Constitution Act leaves the question of vacancy in the hands of the house.

I lay on the table relevant correspondence and advice earlier mentioned.

Question Time

ELECTION COMMITMENTS

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (16:17): My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier commit to deliver on every policy promise he and his party made in the lead-up to this year's election and during the campaign itself?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (16:17): I thank the member for Colton for his important question because the member's question implies, of course, that we did have a very substantial policy agenda that we took to the people of South Australia at the election. The answer to the member's question is that of course it is our intention—indeed, it is our commitment—to deliver on each and every one of those policies.

The thing that is not lost on us—and I certainly don't think it is lost on the people of South Australia—is that each of our policies has an element to it that seeks to tie into the next because what we took to the election wasn't just a policy but a vision for the future of our state. It was underpinned by a sense of ambition and optimism, I think, that exists within the South Australian community and an appetite for a policy to reflect that, to actually deliver us a better society in the long term.

There were other elements of our policy, as well, that were fundamentally important, and that was the long-term nature of them. Coming up with election policies to serve an immediate political end is one thing, something that has been for time immemorial, but what we did that I think is unique—if you don't mind me saying, Mr Speaker—was to actually come up with a set of policies that also sought to address long-term challenges, indeed structural challenges, that exist within the South Australian state and within our economy.

Take, for instance, a structural challenge that we have within our labour market. It is true that in 2018, when the state government changed, we didn't have the worst unemployment rate in the nation. It is also true that at the change of this government, of course, we do again inherit the worst unemployment rate in the nation. But it is also true that South Australia has on more than one occasion found ourselves not necessarily at the top of the pack when it comes to labour market statistics, whether it be the unemployment rate or whether it be the participation rate.

If we are going to take on the challenge of a structural failing within the South Australian labour market, then we have to think long term. That's why we have taken to the election a comprehensive policy regarding education, training and skills, because we believe in the power of

education to not just empower South Australians to move up the value chain of the labour market, and be able to enjoy the benefits of a long-term job and secure employment with an adequate rate of pay, but also to see education as a tool to increase our participation rate in South Australia.

Mr TARZIA: Point of order, Mr Speaker. I have given the Premier a couple of minutes to warm up. The question was very specific. I draw your attention to standing order 98, sir.

The SPEAKER: I will listen carefully. I believe the answer is germane to the question, but I will be listening carefully. The Premier has the call.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I invite the member for Hartley to go back to the beginning of my answer where I made it abundantly clear that we will be delivering on our election policies and commitments. Nonetheless, it was the long-term nature of some of our policies that makes us so determined to ensure that we deliver on each and every one of them, and that's not just true for the education policies. It's true for the health policy, it's true for the environmental policy, it's true for the industry policy—a comprehensive vision for the future of our state.

It certainly filled each and every one of us with a degree of pride that we earned the trust of South Australians at the election and that we earned their endorsement. But make no mistake I say to the member for Colton that this will bring with it challenges. When you have a big policy platform, when you have an ambitious agenda, there will be challenges and bumps in the road. It would be foolhardy not to acknowledge that. But that shouldn't be confused with an absolute and resolute determination to deliver on our ambition because our state has no choice.

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (16:22): My question is to the Premier. What is South Australia's current unemployment rate as a percentage? What was it when Labor lost office in 2018 and what will it be in 2026, Premier?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Premier has the call.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (16:22): Our state's unemployment rate, of course, is 4.9 per cent. But it is also true that 4.9 per cent does represent the worst unemployment rate in the country, which, of course, is not the status that we want to find ourselves having to endure. The member for Colton asked about the historical context. Well, in 2018, when the former Liberal government was elected, we didn't have the worst unemployment rate in the nation, a status we—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —now have. As I enunciated throughout a significant component of my previous answer, we have a structural challenge here when it comes to South Australia's labour market. We are determined to address it. It's not just the unemployment rate. It's the participation rate, it's the youth unemployment rate, and they of course have a degree of complexity that underpins them, particularly when it comes to the participation rate, so we are determined to address them and we have a policy to do that.

REGIONAL SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Mr BELL (Mount Gambier) (16:23): My question is also to the Premier. Can the Premier inform the house how this state government will seek to better understand issues facing South Australians who live in the regional parts of South Australia?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (16:23): It's a good question because the nature of the question in the way the member for Mount Gambier has structured it—and I congratulate the member for Mount Gambier on his emphatic victory only a few short weeks ago—is that it doesn't presuppose that we know everything on this side of the chamber. We understand that our effort to engage with the regions must be an ongoing one.

We know that the former government were elected thinking they knew it all when it came to the regions and that they don't need to get out there and do country cabinets as a result. We take a different view. We say, on this side of the house, that engagement with regional communities has to be an ongoing and maintained exercise, and we believe that country cabinets can be an important tool to achieve that. That's why I take this opportunity today to announce that our first country cabinet will be in the state's second largest city, the city of Mount Gambier.

The entirety of the cabinet, each and every member, along with the chief executives of my government, will be travelling to Mount Gambier on 8 and 9 June this year. We will use that exercise not just to have a cabinet meeting but, more importantly, to get out and talk to members of industry, not-for-profit leaders within the community, local government, individual businesses and sole traders to learn what more this government can do to benefit people in and around the Limestone Coast.

I have taken a particular interest in the Limestone Coast, and there are a few reasons for that. Each of our regions has a lot to offer our state, but there is an extraordinary amount of opportunity—there is profound economic opportunity—in and around the Limestone Coast. There is a degree of industry know-how, whether it be in the forestry industry or in the agriculture sector, that is particularly unique, that makes it highly productive and serves our state's interests well.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: Of course, there are a few interjections, which probably is an opportune time to point to the difference in policy that was taken to the election regarding the Limestone Coast.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Hammond!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr Tarzia interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Hartley!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: Here we had a comprehensive \$100 million-plus—

Mr Tarzia interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Hartley is called to order.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —commitment on this side of the house to the Limestone Coast—everything from health to education to industry policy—and we are going to deliver on each and every one of those commitments.

Take, for instance, health. One of the things that is always topical when you travel to our regions is concern around country health. We decided that we are not going to proceed with a \$662 million basketball stadium. We are going to take that money and we are going to spend it in health, including \$100 million of that which in no small part the community around the Limestone Coast will be the beneficiaries of.

Take, for instance, just one element of our country health policy: 24 additional ambulance officers in the Limestone Coast, the vast bulk of them in Mount Gambier. But then, of course, take the Keith hospital. This has been a long-running saga. It existed in the former Labor government. It carried through the former Liberal government.

We are going to solve this problem once and for all by having a seven-year funding agreement with the Keith hospital to ensure that that community has a degree of certainty and confidence, a policy I welcome the Liberal Party's support for because of course the member for MacKillop, who enjoyed an increased vote at this election, endorsed our policy, which acted as a de facto element of increased support for the Labor Party. So we look forward to the opportunity on the Limestone Coast and getting out with our community.

Mr Cowdrey interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Are you calling my attention to a point of order, member for Colton?

Mr COWDREY: My question is—

The SPEAKER: Well, in fact, I haven't called you yet, but I understood that you were raising a point of order. The member for Colton has the call.

JOB CREATION

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (16:28): My question is to the Premier. How many jobs will the Premier's government create over the next four years?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (16:28): Our intention is to create as many jobs as we possibly can. We don't want to—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Premier has the call.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: It's not just the number of jobs we want to create, it's the types of jobs we want to create that really matters to us as well because what we saw throughout the course of the last term of government was job numbers change, but lots of the jobs were insecure ones. We saw a growth in casualisation. We saw a decline in the degree—

Mr Pisoni interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Unley!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —of security of many, many jobs in certain sectors of the economy, and we don't want to see that. What we want to see is a growth in secure, well-paid jobs, which is why skills training and industry policy are so fundamentally important to the platform we took to the people of South Australia at the election.

The SPEAKER: A supplementary question from the member for Colton.

JOB CREATION

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (16:29): If the Premier's vision and agenda are so strong, does he not have a target?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (16:29): As many as possible, and what we would like to achieve is to relinquish the burden that the former government left the people of South Australia with in terms of having the worst unemployment rate in the nation.

FLINDERS MEDICAL CENTRE

Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (16:29): My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Can the minister inform the house about any recent reviews undertaken on the emergency department at Flinders Medical Centre?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (16:30): Thank you very much to the member for Badcoe, and I note her strong interest in improving the health services for the inner southern suburbs and particularly Flinders Medical Centre. You will be surprised to know that there has been a review undertaken in regard to the Flinders Medical Centre. We know that the Flinders Medical Centre has been absolutely under the pump in the past few years, and we have seen a deterioration of the situation, particularly in terms of ambulance ramping and emergency department delays at that emergency department in the past few years.

What we had under the previous government and the member for Dunstan was a proposal that was put up; it was called the Southern Health Expansion Plan. It sounded really nice. It was floated, there were lots of glossy brochures, etc., and \$86 million was invested in that. What the former Premier, the member for Dunstan, said was, 'Well, this is going to fix ramping.' In fact, I think when he was asked about it he said that it would happen almost immediately—almost immediately.

What happened was that the upgraded emergency department opened and ramping didn't decrease; in fact, ramping increased. The reason, very clearly, was because the former government,

in expanding the emergency department, actually closed beds in the hospital to do so. So there was a complete misunderstanding—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —of the reasons behind the ramping happening, in that we saw people being stuck in the emergency department, waiting for a bed because they couldn't get a bed in the hospital, because beds were closed in the hospital under that proposal.

A review was undertaken by the very esteemed Dr Mark Monaghan, who is regarded as a nation-leading expert in terms of emergency departments. This is not something that I requested to say how bad the previous government was, this was requested under the previous government. What this report says very clearly is what an absolute failure that policy was and how it made the situation worse. In fact, it says:

...despite a reduction in average ED presentations of approximately 10% and a reduction in admissions of approximately 20%, there had been a deterioration in:

- ED length of stay...for both admitted and non admitted patients,
- the average number of patients waiting for a bed at 8am each day,
- the average time between admission request and ED departure,
- inpatient [length of stay].

He goes on to say:

It is worth commenting that the suggestion that a larger ED would eliminate ramping demonstrates a lack of appreciation of both the causative factors and the whole of hospital ownership of ramping. Ramping remains a consequence and a marker of access block to inpatient beds.

So here we have a report which says that clearly the former government—

The SPEAKER: Minister, there is a point of order.

Mr TARZIA: The minister is very clearly—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I will hear the point of order.

Mr TARZIA: —reading the report, as he said himself, so I ask that he table the report in its entirety.

The SPEAKER: I understand that the minister may be referring to notes, as he is permitted to do. In any event, I am listening carefully.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I will hear the minister.

Mr TARZIA: With all respect, Mr Speaker, I ask you to consult the *Hansard* and, if the minister did say he was reading from the report, that he be encouraged to table that report.

The SPEAKER: I will review *Hansard*.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I think we have had our first clanger. I am very happy to table this report that says what a complete failure we had under the previous government. Perhaps the member for Hartley and perhaps the member for Dunstan will be able to read this report and see the issues very clearly in this report of the failure of what their proposals were that has led to increased ramping, worse length of stay and worse emergency waiting times for people at the Flinders Medical Centre.

In response, we have accepted the recommendations either fully or in principle. The board is now implementing those recommendations, working with the department. In addition, of course, we have election commitments of 300 additional beds across the system, including 48 in the southern region, between Flinders and Noarlunga, to address the situation that we see in here of the lack of

beds which is causing ramping, which got worse—so much worse—under the previous government. I table this report.

The SPEAKER: Very well.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Hartley, I think that the question you raised with me has now been resolved by the tabling of the report.

ELECTRICITY PRICES

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (16:34): My question is to the Premier. What is the average South Australian family currently paying per year for electricity? What were they paying when Labor lost office in 2018, and what will they be paying in 2026, Premier?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (16:35): It gives me great pleasure to rise to answer my first question as the Minister for Energy. It just saddens me that the former minister is not here to hear my answer—perhaps he is watching on television, although it is probably impolite and unparliamentary to talk of those who have departed this parliament.

It is true that energy prices in the March quarter increased dramatically under the last three months of the Marshall government through wholesale power prices increasing dramatically. It is also true that the Marshall government promised to lower power prices by, I think, \$303 or \$302 over the life of their government. Unfortunately, they were not able to achieve those reductions.

I think it really does get to the point where members opposite haven't learnt the lesson of the last election that these types of questions don't go to what the people of South Australia are looking for. What they want is a coherent policy. What they want is an energy policy that is actually going to serve them not only to lower power prices but also to decarbonise our economy to actually make the planet livable.

Instead, members opposite continued to the bitter end to support a commonwealth government that are addicted to coal. Indeed, their one policy—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Minister, please be seated, there is a point of order. The member for Colton on a point of order.

Mr COWDREY: Debate, sir.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Colton will be heard.

Mr COWDREY: Debate, sir: I don't believe that the views of the federal parliamentary party are relevant at all to discussion here in this house.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! A point of order has been raised. With due consideration—I am listening carefully—a degree of compare and contrast, as one former Speaker liked to emphasise, is important.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: As I was saying, the people of South Australia are looking for a coherent climate energy policy that will allow the transition to occur in a stable and sensible way to make sure that we can go to a green future. They are not interested in being addicted to coal. They are not interested in being addicted to fossil fuel. What they want to see is new innovations and new technologies like green hydrogen.

South Australia is a unique jurisdiction in the world for the amount of solar energy we produce each and every day. We produce so much solar energy that we produce more than we require. For some, that's an opportunity to use that overabundance of solar energy to do things with. Members opposite had a different vision: their vision was to shut those solar panels down. So, rather than—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Minister, there is a point of order.

Mr COWDREY: Point of order, sir: debate. The question was directly to the cost to South Australian families in 2018, now and in 2026.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, member for Colton. As earlier mentioned, a degree of compare and contrast might be relevant. Minister, I do draw you back to the substance of the question—the substance of the question, minister.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: For the majority of the time under the former Marshall government power prices were higher than they were for the last four years of the Weatherill government, and that is a badge of dishonour that all members opposite will have to wear, and all they have to do is to check the ESCOSA annual reports.

Mr Patterson interjecting:

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Sorry, I can't hear you? Sorry?

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister will not respond to interjections. The member for Morphett is called to order.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: The member for Morphett, the only member we fear on this side of the chamber—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: —is right in saying that from January to March—

The Hon. B.I. Boyer interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Wright!

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: —South Australia experienced dramatically increased prices.

The Hon. B.I. Boyer interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Wright is called to order.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: To be fair to the members opposite, not all of it was of their own doing. A lot of that had to do, of course, with the conflict in Europe and the dramatic escalation of energy costs. But wholesale power prices are surging across the nation and the Prime Minister's and the Liberal Party's response across the nation was to dive deeper into coal. That's not going to lower power prices.

The Liberal Party's policy of energy, quite frankly, for the last four years was, by and large by their own initiatives, a failure.

The SPEAKER: Order, minister! There is a point of order.

Mr COWDREY: Point of order: debate, again. The minister drew it to our attention on multiple occasions that the opposition's policy at the time was not relevant.

The SPEAKER: I have listened carefully. It's a point well made. I do observe that there are seconds remaining.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Can I just say to members opposite that I really enjoyed this exchange and I look forward to more questions.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

HYDROGEN SECTOR

Mr HUGHES (Giles) (16:40): My question is to the Minister for Energy and Mining. Can the minister inform the house about the work of the government to implement its election commitment to develop the state's hydrogen sector?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (16:40): As a matter of fact I can. I thank the member for Giles for his question and congratulate him on his amazing election victory. I do point out to the house that both the member for Stuart and the member for Giles now both cohabit in the great city of Port Augusta, which they can both boast won numerous booths in that city, which was a remarkable result, not only for the Australian Labor Party but for an Independent. Congratulations to both of them.

During the election campaign, the then opposition, the now government, decided that we will be investing \$593 million within the great City of Whyalla to build our Hydrogen Jobs Plan. It is an ambitious undertaking. Former national Chief Scientist, Professor Alan Finkel, said that 'clean hydrogen as a fuel is now poised to become a reality'. Five years ago, Professor Finkel predicted hydrogen will make an essential contribution to Australia's future as a high-density zero emissions fuel.

We have an abundance of wind and solar energy in this state. While members opposite had a policy of exporting that renewable energy to the east coast through an interconnector and to Victoria through another interconnector, we would not be producing enough energy, which would limit the number of renewables we would be building because those markets are saturated, at the same time as the New South Wales energy minister is subsidising, to the tune of billions of dollars, renewable resources to be built in New South Wales. We are competing against a state that is pouring massive amounts of taxpayers' dollars into renewable energy.

We need to find new markets for our renewable energy. That means export, and the way to export our sun and our wind is through green hydrogen. I say again that the policy of those opposite to turn solar panels off rather than to use that oversupply of solar energy for good still baffles us to this day. Why you wouldn't build your demand at a time when you've got an oversupply of solar energy boggles. Members opposite thought the solution was to turn those solar panels off.

Just think of this: nearly one-third of all South Australians have solar panels on their roof. The messages that our candidates had throughout suburbia about the policy of the former Premier to turn solar panels off at a time of oversupply and how that went down and what they thought about that policy go a long way to understanding why the Marshall government was a one-term government.

We promised that we would do everything we can to fulfil our vision as quickly as possible. We promised that we would be building an electrolyser, a generator and a storage facility. To facilitate that, we said that we would form an expert panel. I can inform the house that expert panel has already been formed and we are moving at pace to identify a site. We are working with experts and councils—

Mr Tarzia: Who's on it?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Resign?

Mr Tarzia: Who's on it?

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Who's on it? I thought it was a bit early to be calling on me to resign. There's a certain politeness: you wait two or three weeks—you build up to this.

We've got on there the Indigenous groups, the council, experts from the EPA and the relevant departments to make sure that we can find an appropriate site that can either (a) co-locate—and I give credit to the former government on this matter on their expression of interest that they had. Time expired, sir?

The SPEAKER: Yes.

TAX POLICY

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (16:44): My question is to the Treasurer. Does the Treasurer stand by his comment and commitment on 17 March that there will be no new taxes, that there will be no tax increases?

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer) (16:45): It gives me great pleasure to rise and answer this question. I congratulate the member for Colton on his re-election as the local member. He will have plenty of time on his hands to consult abs.gov.au for all sorts of statistical information which he might otherwise seek during question time because he won't have to put up with the hordes of protesters concerned about a sand pipeline being built through the sand dunes in his electorate.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Morphett is called to order, the member for Colton and the member for Hartley.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: We listened very closely to the community over the last four years, we listened very closely to the business community over the last four years, and what we heard from them was a message loud and clear: they didn't want to be misled once again by a government here in South Australia on the issue of taxation, because the previous Liberal government told the community that they would, amongst their commitments, lower costs.

Mr COWDREY: Point of order, sir: debate again. The previous government is irrelevant to the Treasurer's commitment—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I am hearing the member for Colton in relation to a point of order. There is some force in what the member for Colton says. I will listen carefully.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: A commitment had been given about lowering costs. Of course, what we saw in 2019 was the breaking of a convention more than decades long to massively escalate household taxes—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: —fees and charges imposed by government.

Mr COWDREY: Point of order: again, debate, sir. Historical context has no relevance to the Treasurer's commitment. Does he stand by it or does he not?

The SPEAKER: Very well. Treasurer, I draw your attention to the question. I will listen carefully.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: I am just providing a bit of background as to why we made the commitment that of course we stand behind, and that's when a government go to the people and say that they are going to lower costs but they do the exact opposite. They increased taxes, fees and charges by a combined \$500 million over four years, including the most egregious increase to land taxes—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: —this state has ever seen.

The SPEAKER: The member for Colton on a point of order. I understand you are maintaining your point of order, member for Colton?

Mr COWDREY: Debate, besides being irrelevant.

The SPEAKER: Very well. The question of relevance, of course, is to some extent subjective and I find myself in the position where I have to decide. The member for Colton, of course, has raised

a point of order with some force. Treasurer, I appreciate you are seeking to offer the house a degree of context. There has been some context so far, and I draw you back to the question.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: Listening to the complaints of the community, including the business community over recent years, we made the decision that we were going to be honest and up-front with the community when it came to tax policy. We weren't going to say one thing and then do something else after an election, like a government that had come before us. We were going to keep our commitments, just as the Premier has already confirmed to this house.

We won't be doing what's happened in the recent past by a different political party when they were on the treasury bench. We will be maintaining our commitments and we will be maintaining our commitments in particular when it comes to tax policy.

WATER RATES

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (16:48): My question is to the Treasurer. Will the Treasurer commit to not increasing water bills?

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer) (16:48): I had an interesting exchange with the member for Colton on ABC talkback radio last week, where we went through the process of how government taxes, fees and charges are incrementally increased year by year, because, of course, I think the ABC radio station, as was I, was alarmed to see the opening lines of a press release that had been issued by the member for Colton raising the fear that state government taxes, fees and charges, and the annual fees and charges setting process, were now set to increase substantially because of the recent increase in Adelaide's CPI.

The SPEAKER: Treasurer, I will hear the point of order.

Mr COWDREY: Point of order, sir: despite how much fun it was, I'm not sure that the ABC radio interview has any relevance to the Treasurer's commitment to not increasing water bills in South Australia.

The SPEAKER: I will listen carefully, as I understand that the Treasurer is seeking to provide an answer to the house.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: I was at pains to explain to listeners how these fees and charges are set each year: that there is a process, and that process is conducted to an agreed formula. That is well established. In fact, for those of us—and I think it's the majority of us—that do read the budget papers each year it's set out pretty clearly in Budget Paper 3; in fact, I think it was on page 54 of the most recent budget papers, about how these rates are set each year. The process is clear. It doesn't matter whether it's a motor vehicle registration fee, it doesn't matter whether it's a Metrocard ticket or, in the case that the member for Colton raises, about water bills. There is a process that is outlined in the budget papers.

The way in which that is determined is set out clearly. In fact, if I was in the member for Colton's shoes and I was putting a question together about water prices, I would consult the previous Minister for Water about how water prices were set. He would know that there is a process, and a way in which it's gone about, about increasing each year those water prices. The homework tonight is not just abs.gov.au, it's calling the member for Black and asking him some basic information about the administration of government in this state.

CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (16:51): My question is to the Treasurer again. Has the Treasurer received any Treasury or any other advice that there wasn't \$2 billion of unallocated capital works funding over the forward estimates?

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer) (16:51): There was some advice provided to the community in mid-March. I'm not quite sure whether it was the advice that was provided on North Terrace when counterfeit money was being thrown onto the ground by a retiring politician or whether it was the exasperations and expressions which were put to the media, once again bogusly, by that same retiring member of parliament. There was that information which was put out to the

community, but of course, as the member for Colton is at pains to remind us, it's irrelevant, isn't it? It's irrelevant. I won't divulge too much more about those contributions to public debate.

If the member for Colton wants to know how much money is available for capital spending, then he will have to do what I just recommended he do in the previous response, and that is have a look at the budget papers. Those budget papers will be handed down on 2 June. I know that it grieves the member for Colton. He said it was an early budget. An early budget? Really? We have a habit in South Australia of handing down budgets in June, and I realise that may not be convenient for those opposite—

Mr Cowdrey: Oh, yes—post election, every four years, they come down in June, don't they Mullers?

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: —who are thinking of a languid six months after the recent state election—

Ms Stinson interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Badcoe!

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: —but we are a government getting on with the job.

Mr Cowdrey: What happened in 2006? What happened in 2010?

The SPEAKER: The member for Colton is called to order.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: We've got an agenda that we want to deliver, as the Premier set out, and we will be getting on with it.

AMBULANCE RAMPING

Ms WORTLEY (Torrens) (16:53): My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Can the minister inform the house of the Malinauskas Labor government's plan to address ambulance ramping at our hospitals?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (16:53): I thank the member for Torrens and congratulate her on her re-election and thank her for her passionate advocacy on behalf of health in the north-eastern suburbs, in particular at Modbury Hospital.

Everyone on our side of the house has spent a significant amount of time over the past year meeting with our frontline healthcare workers, whether it's ambulance officers, doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, admin people, cleaners, you name it: people who work in our health system who are overstretched, who have clearly reached the end of their tether in terms of the pressure on the system. We have also spent a lot of time speaking to patients, speaking to patients about the waits that they have in emergency departments, the waits that they have on the ambulance ramp and, very worryingly, the waits that they have calling 000 when they need an ambulance.

You can't come away from those conversations, from those sometimes heart-wrenching stories, without deciding that you need to do something about it, and that's exactly what we did. That's why we committed to a very significant health policy at the past election, which I am very delighted the people of South Australia have endorsed, and now we are getting on with the job of delivering it. That is a very significant investment—

Mr Tarzia interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Hartley!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: That's a very—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —significant investment.

Mr Tarzia interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The acting leader is called to order.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: It is a very significant investment in making sure that we open 300 extra beds—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —in our hospital system, that we hire 350—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —extra paramedics, that we—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Hartley is warned.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —hire—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Wright!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —300 extra nurses in our health system—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Wright!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —that we hire and recruit 100 extra doctors in a health system. They don't want to hear this—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Hurtle Vale!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —because they were not doing this plan. We saw ambulance ramping under their watch—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Hartley!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —increase by 485 per cent. Under the leadership of the member for Dunstan, ambulance ramping increased from 2017 to 2021 by 485 per cent. We had to scratch and scrape to get those figures, but it painted a bleak picture of how bad the situation was for patients across South Australia.

So, very importantly, we are now getting on with the job. Importantly, not only did we know the pressure the health system was under before the election but upon forming government we were clearly briefed by the health department, by the Chief Public Health Officer, of what the modelling was showing in terms of the increasing number of COVID hospitalisations over coming weeks, so we immediately took action to increase the number of beds over the past few weeks as well.

We have now made available to the system over 150 extra beds: extra beds at Modbury Hospital, extra beds in the Royal Adelaide Hospital, extra beds in The QEH, extra beds at Lyell McEwin, extra beds at the Women's and Children's Hospital. Very clearly, we are now making those very rapid investments to make sure that the health system has the capacity it needs.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Hartley!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: Importantly, a very critical element, though, is that we need to increase the mental health capacity of our health system. Day after day, what we have seen under the previous government is people with mental health conditions stuck not for hours but for days in

our emergency departments, waiting for a bed elsewhere in the health system. That is absolutely unacceptable.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: We have a plan to invest 120 additional beds—

The Hon. B.I. Boyer interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Wright!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —across the mental health system.

The Hon. B.I. Boyer interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Wright!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: This is a generational investment in mental health, to make sure that those patients can get the care that they need because being stuck in an emergency department for those patients is the worst place they can be. It leads to ramping, it leads to the delays in people getting a 000 case and, ultimately, that puts lives at risk across South Australia.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

AMBULANCE RAMPING

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (16:57): Supplementary on that question to the health minister: when is the Malinauskas Labor government going to end ramping, like they promised during the recent state election?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Hammond, you have asked your question; now we turn to the minister.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurana—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (16:58): I am only more happy to answer this question because we made a very clear commitment to fix the ramping crisis in South Australia. We have a plan to do that—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —over the course of four years.

Mr Pederick interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Hammond!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —because we have to invest in these mental health beds and we have to invest in these subacute beds. We have to open them and we have to recruit the doctors and nurses to staff them, and that's clearly what was not happening under the previous government—

Mr Pederick interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Hammond is warned.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —and that's what we are starting work on immediately. It's just absolutely staggering the gall of those opposite to come here crowing when you just have to look at their record—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: Some members opposite.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: Some members opposite. Just look at the first nine months of this financial year what those stats show. We actually had 2½ thousand fewer presentations—

Mr Tarzia interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Hartley is on one warning.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —in our hospital system, yet we had 6,200 more hours of ambulances ramped. It is absolutely disgraceful what has been happening in our health system, and that's why—

Mr PEDERICK: Point of order, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Minister, there's a point of order. I will hear the member for Hammond on a point of order.

Mr PEDERICK: Point of order: the—

The Hon. L.W.K. Bignell: He wants to withdraw his supplementary.

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Mawson!

Mr PEDERICK: No, not at all.

The SPEAKER: Member for Mawson, your attempt at levity is in breach of the standing orders.

Mr PEDERICK: The question was very clear, Mr Speaker. It was about a promise the Malinauskas opposition made during the campaign that they would end ramping. It's very simple: when are you going to end it?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I have in mind—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Hammond, I'm not certain as to which standing order you are drawing my attention. Nevertheless, I have in mind standing order 98 and it may be that is what you contemplated.

Mr Pederick interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Hammond says, 'That'll do.' Of course, in answering a question a minister or other member replies to the substance of the question. They may not debate the matter to which the question refers. I'm listening carefully.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I think the member for Hammond may be confused because the member of this house who said, very clearly, that he was going to end ramping almost immediately was the member for Dunstan, and under his watch—

Mr Cowdrey interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Colton!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —ramping increased. It didn't increase by 10 per cent, it didn't increase by 20 per cent: it increased by 485 per cent. It is absolutely disgraceful, and it's had an impact on patients across South Australia, and this government—

Mr TARZIA: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: Order! Minister, there is a point of order. I will hear—

Mr TARZIA: Sir, 98: the minister is now deviating from the substance of the question.

The SPEAKER: Very well. I hear the member for Hartley in relation to standing order 98. There is some force in what the member says. I draw the minister's attention to the substance of the question.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: We made a very clear commitment to the people of South Australia to end the ramping crisis over this term by investing in those beds, investing in those doctors, investing in those nurses, investing in mental health capacity to make sure that South Australians can get out of the emergency department, that we can address that access block, that people can

get off the ambulance ramp into the emergency department and that people who are calling 000 can get an ambulance to arrive on time.

You only have to look at what has happened in terms of 000 ambulance responses. Before the 2018 election, in 2017-18—

An honourable member interjecting:

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I am about to tell you the data, just you hang on. In 2017-18—

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Hartley!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —the ambulance response times for priority 2 lights and sirens cases was 85 per cent of the time; 85 per cent of the time the ambulance rolled up on time.

Mr PISONI: Point of order, sir.

The SPEAKER: Order! There is a point of order.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: That reduced the last—

The SPEAKER: Order! Minister, please be seated; there is a point of order.

Mr PISONI: The minister is introducing debate. I ask that you call the minister to order.

The SPEAKER: The member for Unley on a point of order in relation to debate. I earlier mentioned to members the provisions of standing order 98. Minister, I draw your attention to the question.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: This is absolutely critical to the ramping crisis, when you see the ambulance response times significantly deteriorate. We have gone from 98 per cent responding on time with an ambulance four years ago, in 2017-18, and then in January this year that was 33 per cent of people who got an ambulance to respond on time.

Mr PISONI: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: Minister, please be seated. I will hear the member for Unley on a point of order.

Mr PISONI: The debate is continuing from the minister, and I ask you to bring him to the substance of the question, which is when ramping is going to stop.

The SPEAKER: There is some force in the member for Unley's submission. I do observe, though, that there were interjections in relation to this matter and it may be that the minister has been encouraged to digress arising from those interjections. Minister, I draw your attention to the substance of the question.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I can only state once again that the member for Dunstan was the one who made that commitment. It increased significantly under his watch. We have made a very clear commitment to end the ramping crisis. We are investing in 300 additional beds, 300 additional nurses, 350 extra ambos, 100 extra doctors, 120 extra—

An honourable member interjecting:

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: Slogans?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for West Torrens, member for Wright!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: These are real investments that will make a difference for those South Australians who need an ambulance, for those South Australians who need to get into an emergency department who haven't been able to do so because we have seen ambulance ramping increase by 485 per cent over the past four years.

ELECTION COMMITMENTS

Ms PRATT (Frome) (17:03): My question is to the Premier. When will the Premier deliver on all his election commitments on health?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (17:04): Many of the commitments we took to the election we anticipate will be fully completed and honoured by the next election, due in March 2026. There are other elements of the policy that we took to the election that we don't anticipate will be completed until after four years' time. Take, for instance, the election commitment we made regarding the Mount Barker hospital. We made it very clear at the time that this was a project we anticipate would be finished by 2027.

Clearly, and as the member for Frome would understand—and I take this opportunity to congratulate the member for Frome on her election as a new member of the parliament and I applaud her on her achievement to be working in this place with extraordinary privileges. As the member for Frome would well understand, things such as large-scale hospital infrastructure take time to build, but the vast bulk of the health policy that we took to the election we anticipate we can deliver in the next four years.

Take, for instance, the policy commitments that we made around health staffing. Our commitment to deliver 350 additional ambulance officers will come online progressively throughout the course of this term. From memory—and I am looking to the Minister for Health for confirmation—99 of those ambulance officers we will have employed by 1 July next year and a similar number in respect of the nurses. In respect of the 100 additional doctors, we have committed that 24 of them will be online by 1 July next year.

So what the member for Frome can reasonably expect is that those policies with time lines that were enunciated as part of our policy will be honoured. Thus far we are on track to meet them. In fact, we are in advance of where we anticipated we would be at this relative point in time upon forming office.

The health minister and I, along with the newly formed subcommittee of cabinet to deal with COVID measures, the EMC subcommittee of cabinet, received advice upon being elected, advice that presumably the former government had in its possession, that the number of COVID cases as a result of a wave that was being endured by the end of the election campaign was going to be a significant challenge for our health system to deal with.

We decided to immediately act. We didn't engage in a political exercise in terms of asking the question why nothing happened over the course of the Omicron wave to gear up hospital capacity rapidly. What we have done since then is put on in excess of 150 additional hospital beds into our system in the space of weeks. The member for Frome, I am sure, would appreciate just how substantial an effort is required to achieve such a significant milestone.

I took particular pride in the extraordinary hard work that had been put in by South Australian public servants in and around Modbury Hospital where, from memory, an additional 24 beds were put online from what was largely a disused ward. It was almost like a backyard blitz exercise, people working around the clock, completely refurbishing a whole section of Modbury Hospital to put on an additional 24 beds.

We made that funding commitment, we made it urgently, and we got action in place to put those beds online to deal with the challenge that our health system is currently enduring. But we have a big challenge ahead, a big policy to deliver upon, and we will honour the time lines that we enunciated in the lead-up to the election.

COST OF LIVING

Mr BROWN (Florey) (17:08): My question is to the Minister for Human Services. How is the government supporting those on low incomes to cope with cost-of-living pressures?

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services) (17:08): I would like to thank the member for Florey, who is a fierce advocate for his community and really does understand, because he gets out and about, the pressures that the community is under with an increased cost of living, particularly with the current pressures here in South Australia, influenced by local matters but also by global issues.

There really is no hiding that the cost of living has increased on a range of measures. It has a great influence on people's capacity to afford just their weekly groceries and their general costs.

The household pressures are enormous. As we emerge from the pandemic, but also are influenced by current global crises such as those in Ukraine, we know that the price of petrol, food and other household items has gone up significantly.

During the COVID pandemic, we know what relief was gained for people by increasing JobKeeper payments into the pockets of South Australians who were really hit hard. We know that that money then translated into the purchasing of groceries and essential items, so that's why the Malinauskas opposition made the commitment to double cost-of-living concessions for this year.

The current pressures that people are facing will be relieved to some degree when they receive an additional \$40 million collectively into their pockets across the state. The commitment in the election period was a little bit less than that. I think from memory the calculations were around \$37.7 million, but we know from the numbers that there are significantly more people now under stress from cost-of-living pressures from day to day, so there are more people who are going to require and will be applying for concessions, and we estimate that an extra \$40 million will go into the pockets of South Australians.

We, the Labor government, are proud to assist all of them, and I would encourage all members to make sure they offer assistance to their constituents in order to be able to apply for these concessions over the next few months before the end of this year. In particular, think about what people on very low incomes will receive, such as those people who are eligible homeowners, for example. Their payments go from \$217.20 up to \$438.80. That is a significant amount of money for people on very low incomes that they will then translate into purchasing fresh food—fresh vegetables and fruit—and items for their families, including their children. It makes a big difference.

Eligible renters and Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders will also see a doubling of their payment in the next financial year, and the payments will be on top of that well-timed \$250 payment that people will receive from the commonwealth government, so they are getting some money now and they will get more money later this year.

Our payment will ensure that households get significant relief over the course of this year at a time when they really are experiencing significant pressure with cost of living, particularly around petrol and fresh food and vegetables, so I'm really proud to be able to deliver on this election commitment because it's what good governments do.

CHILD PROTECTION

Mr J.B. TEAGUE (Heysen) (17:12): My question is to the Premier. Will the review to be undertaken following the Deputy Coroner's findings from his inquest into the deaths of Adeline Rigney and her children, Amber Rigney and Korey Mitchell, consider whether any ministerial inaction at the time, including with respect to part 9 of the inquest findings, contribute to what the Premier has, in my respectful view, rightly described as these tragic, horrific murders?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (17:13): I thank the honourable member for the question, and I congratulate him on his re-election in the seat of Heysen. Regarding the tragedies that we have seen take place in child protection at various points over the course of the last decade, we have seen a large number of reviews and inquiries. In fact, we have had nothing less than a royal commission into the performance of Child Protection and what the state can do to help prevent the sorts of tragedies that we saw occur in respect to the Rigney matter.

The essence of the Coroner's recommendations seemed to us to make a lot of sense, in that the recommendations say, 'Go back and look at other previous coronial inquiries and the royal commission and make sure that the various recommendations have been implemented,' and that is the commitment that we are undertaking. We have accepted all the recommendations of the coronial report into the Rigney matter, which of course is particularly horrific. No doubt the member has had the time to read the coronial report, being a learned individual, and it's not easy reading. It's rather confronting in parts.

We are committed to honouring our commitment to complete that review. It's an exercise that has already been undertaken. Naturally, I have been speaking to the Minister for Child Protection about it and the Chief Executive Officer of Child Protection and we will get that done as expeditiously as possible and release its findings accordingly.

ARDROSSAN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Ms PRATT (Frome) (17:14): My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Is the government going to continue state government funding to the Ardrossan hospital, given recent comments about and commitments to the Keith hospital, where the Ardrossan hospital is the only other private community hospital in regional South Australia?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Karna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (17:15): Thank you very much to the member for Frome for her question and her elevation as the shadow minister for regional health. I am aware of the issues in terms of the Ardrossan hospital. I was lucky enough, I believe last year if not the year before, to visit the Ardrossan hospital and to meet the hardworking staff who work there.

This is another example of one of these hospitals that is a hospital in the community but is a privately run hospital rather than a hospital that is in the ownership and management of SA Health. Largely, I suspect, it is for historical reasons that that has been the case. I understand that there was a time-limited grant that was provided to the Ardrossan hospital, which they indicated to me was not sufficient in terms of what they needed to provide services at the Ardrossan hospital. I heard out their issues.

They also have issues in terms of GP workforce on Yorke Peninsula, which is clearly an issue not just in Ardrossan but right across regional South Australia. This is an area where I look forward to meeting with the Ardrossan hospital staff and board, hearing their concerns and looking at how we can address those concerns. They clearly provide excellent services. They are not part of SA Health. The funding grant that they were provided previously they have indicated was not sufficient.

I am keen to work with them, and also the local board for Yorke Peninsula, in terms of how we may be able to work through the issues as well as, critically, the workforce issues that they have in terms of the availability of general practitioners in the local area.

NGANAMPA HEALTH COUNCIL

Ms PRATT (Frome) (17:17): My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. During the election campaign, the Labor Party promised to provide \$5.2 million to the Nganampa Health Council to cover the cost of implementation of Gayle's Law. How much will be provided to other Aboriginal community-controlled health organisations and other health providers who face increased costs to implement this law?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Karna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (17:17): Thank you once again to the member for Frome. This is a really important commitment that we made. Last year, the now Premier, the now Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, myself, the member for Giles and the Minister for Education all visited the APY lands, met with Nganampa Health as part of that visit and heard issues that they have in terms of the implementation of Gayle's Law, which is something that we on this side, and hopefully the whole parliament, agree is vitally important in terms of making sure that we can protect our nurses in remote areas of South Australia.

They put a proposal to us, which I understand that they put to the previous government as well but hadn't heard back on, in terms of providing funding support to hire and train up additional staff to make sure that they could fully enact the protections for nurses on the APY lands. This was something I have to say—and much disappointment perhaps to the Treasurer—that the Premier was very keen and eager to make sure that we made a commitment to this because it is so important for providing those services.

I really thank Nganampa Health for the work they do but also the fact that they had clearly put the work in to develop this plan and proposal, to put it before the government and the then opposition at the time, and certainly we as the opposition were very eager to make sure that we could implement this because it is so important. Thankfully, we are now in a position where we will be able to do so.

As part of my new role, I will be eager to hear from, as well as working with the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and to work with other Aboriginal communities in terms of issues that they have in

terms of not only Gayle's Law but other issues as well. There clearly are a multitude of issues that people are having right across the community. One of those that we also made a commitment for in the election was in relation to Yadu Health at Ceduna, in terms of the facilities they had which were literally crumbling and where people had been electrocuted in the facilities that are available to them at the moment.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: Who owned that building?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: This is an SA Health building, so this is something they have been raising with the government repeatedly, under the previous government.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: Yes, somebody was saying that, I seem to recall, but in fact it's an SA Health facility. We actually have a commitment from federal Labor to upgrade that facility, and we made a commitment of \$2.5 million to invest in additional housing for workers to come into that area to make sure that we can provide the health services that local communities need. This absolutely needs to be a priority in terms of investment and work in terms of Aboriginal health.

I look forward to working with all the Aboriginal-controlled health organisations across South Australia. I would particularly like to thank Nganampa and Yadu for raising these issues with us, and we look forward to implementing the very clear election commitments that we made in those areas.

Grievance Debate

BATTLE OF THE CORAL SEA ANNIVERSARY

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (17:21): I rise to speak about a very important event I attended on Sunday with the member for Taylor hosted by the Australian American Association—the 80th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea, which was a significant event in our history during World War II and essentially changed the tide of the war.

This battle raged from 4 May to 8 May 1942 and was a major naval battle between the Imperial Japanese Navy and the naval and air forces of the United States and Australia. It took place in the Pacific Ocean and it was the first action where aircraft carriers engaged each other and the first in which opposing ships neither sighted nor fired directly upon each other. These fleets were based about 130 kilometres apart and it was basically an air battle, each of their fleets of aircraft attacking the others' ships.

The Japanese decided to invade New Guinea at Port Moresby. The United States had learned of the plan through signal intelligence and the United States Navy sent two carrier task forces and a joint United States-Australian cruiser force. The US fleet suffered great losses in the battle, including one carrier destroyed, one damaged, one oiler and one destroyer sunk, 66 aircraft lost, and 543 men killed or wounded. The Japanese losses included one small carrier destroyed, one carrier severely damaged, one destroyer and three small naval ships sunk, 77 carrier aircraft lost, and 1,074 men killed or wounded.

The battle was significant for two main reasons: it was the first time in World War II that the Japanese experienced failure in a major operation and the battle stopped the Japanese seaborne invasion of Port Moresby. The Battle of the Coral Sea resulted in Australia being released from the immediate threat of invasion by the Japanese and prevented Australia from being isolated from its American allies. It also resulted in the Americans maintaining naval superiority of the Pacific region.

It was a significant battle and, even though there were major allied losses, it forced the Japanese fleet to withdraw and it forced them to rethink their attacks on both New Guinea and Australia and where they took up their ill-fated attacks across land up the Kokoda Track, which obviously failed for the Japanese. It was great to have the Governor, Her Excellency Frances Adamson, in attendance at this event, along with people from all the services.

I would like to note that my Uncle Les served on the *HMS Shropshire*, which became the *HMAS Shropshire* when it came over to the Australian Navy. He served on that ship with a neighbour of mine, Maurice Williams. He signed up when he was 16 and served in the Battle of the Coral Sea. He was also in attendance at the signing of the Japanese surrender at the end of the war.

It is interesting to note—and I learned this information only the other day, and I am very proud of my uncle's commitment—that not only did he fight in World War II in the Navy but he also joined the Army for the Korean War, and when he passed away the Navy took his ashes and had quite a ceremony and deployed them at sea off the Philippines in recognition of his service.

To all the service men and women, and especially to the memories of those who were lost at sea from both sides, I commend the 80th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea and reflect on the changing point of the war at that time.

LIGHT ELECTORATE

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (17:26): Today, on behalf of the constituents in my electorate, I would like to raise some issues of deep concern to them and that affect them greatly. The issues I am going to talk about are not issues that are under the purview of the state government but ones that are covered by federal legislation in the federal government. I raise these not in the capacity of a federal member but as a local member who, I believe, has a duty to advocate on behalf of my constituents, whether local, state or federal.

I am probably not an orphan when I say that the number of issues that come to my electorate office that deal with the National Disability Insurance Scheme, that deal with Centrelink and that deal with aged care has actually increased by an incredible number over the last few years. I raise these issues because on 21 November the people in my electorate, who belong to the federal seat of Spence, will have an opportunity to have their say on how this federal government is actually dealing with those issues and how it is impacting on them. As I said, I am sure that every MP in this chamber is getting complaints from constituents in those areas.

The first one I would like to provide some detail about is the operation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme. In fact, things are so bad in my electorate that my office is assisting some constituents to bring their cases before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal because in some cases there are young children who need support to ensure they get a fair go in life, get a fair go to learn, get a fair go in therapy and get a fair go to be the best people they can be and this is not happening. It is not happening because this federal Liberal government is arbitrarily cutting the plans available to people living with disability.

When they renew their plan for whatever reason, the parents often do not even know that their plans are cut by 50 per cent. In other words, half their support services are cut and removed from them. These sorts of cuts are putting incredible pressure on families to ensure that their children actually get the support services and the therapy services that enable them to be the best people they can be.

Behind the National Disability Insurance Scheme was the philosophy that each person would actually be able to pick the services they need and require to ensure that the impact of their disability is minimised and they can grow as human beings. That is the philosophy behind it. When governments, and in particular this federal government, cut the value of these plans by 50 per cent, you can tell it has a massive impact on those people. We have people whose psychological services have been cut, people whose speech therapy support has been cut and people whose transport to get services has been cut.

We have a government that is indifferent to the actual suffering imposed on these families and their children. If there is one reason alone why people in my electorate should be voting for our wonderful Labor candidate Matt Burnell it is that a future Labor government will redress this problem and ensure that people living with a disability get a fair go in our community, get a fair go to grow, get a fair go to prosper and thrive.

When it comes to aged care in my community, we have some wonderful providers, but they only have limited resources. Basically, we do not have a vision for aged care in our community. What we have, again, is a federal government whose aim is just to reduce costs to the federal government and not actually provide the services that people in our aged-care system need to live in dignity, the people who work in the sector—who are not being paid reasonable and meaningful salaries for the work they do, which is very important—and also the people, the consumers, who receive the care.

We have now established a system of aged care in this country where once you get old you are essentially institutionalised. The care you get is not the individual care that you should be receiving in the way the National Disability Insurance Scheme was set up years ago by a Labor government to ensure each person is given the care they require to live in dignity. The only way people in this community are going to live in dignity is if we vote Scott Morrison out at the federal election.

COLTON ELECTORATE

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (17:31): I begin by thanking the people of Colton for continuing to put their trust in me. It is an honour and a privilege to represent our community and one that I certainly do not take lightly. Can I also put on record my appreciation for the way the campaign was conducted in Colton and thank Paul Alexandrides and Deb Cashel for putting their hands up and playing a critically important part in the democratic process.

It goes without saying that we live in one of the most amazing parts of Adelaide and that we are blessed to have such a connected and passionate community. Today, I want to provide a quick update on some local issues and events that have taken place in the area over recent times.

The first I want to bring to locals' attention, particularly those who live in Lockleys, Fulham, West Beach or Henley Beach South, or anybody for that matter who frequently uses Linear Park, is that there is a temporary closure to the southern Linear Park path for works being undertaken as part of the Breakout Creek project. That project brings to an end a redevelopment that has taken over 30 years in rejuvenating the River Torrens. It is a \$12 million project, stretching from Tapleys Hill Road to the Torrens outlet at West Beach, invested in by the previous Marshall Liberal government. It will see the artificial channel transformed into a natural, flowing and healthy river system.

There is a lot of work being undertaken there, and I am certainly very excited about seeing the end result, with increased amenity, cycling paths and lighting. I think the two river crossings are going to be a huge enabler to our community to access Apex Park. It was also made sure that the horses are being looked after through the transition period. I know there are so many in my local community who are very passionate about the horses down at Breakout Creek.

The second event that took place just recently, as everybody is well aware, was the ANZAC Day dawn service on 25 April. I was lucky enough to go down to the service and to place a wreath on behalf of our community. I want to extend, on behalf of our community, thanks to Malcolm Whitford, the RSL president at the Henley & Grange RSL, and also to Rod Hill at the Henley Football Club. This was the first time that the Henley dawn service was held at the Henley Memorial Oval rather than on Seaview Road.

One of the best parts of ANZAC Day at Henley, particularly at the dawn service, is that during the minute's silence you can hear the waves literally crashing onto the beach. It was a little bit different this year to be at Memorial Oval due to upgrades happening at the RSL, but there was a fantastic turnout. It was great to see so many people there, supporting our diggers and paying their respects for the service that they have undertaken.

A couple of nights ago, I got along to the West Beach surf club presentation dinner. It was fantastic to see Briny McArthur recognised for her contribution to that surf club over many years and for her work encouraging pool lifesaving. It is not necessarily the thing that lifesaving clubs are known for, but her passion in that area and getting people involved was well recognised on the night. Can I also say thank you to all the surf lifesavers who have just wrapped up the summer season: those at West Beach, Henley and at Grange for their work and volunteer hours in patrolling our beaches over the summer. It goes without saying that everybody in this place extends that gratitude to them.

We also had a rather unusual art installation undertaken not too long ago, in early April, at Ozone Reserve at Henley South. One of our local Henley legends, Andrew Baines, had been coaxed into getting involved with the UN Association of South Australia to take a picture to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Human Space Flight, which was a fantastic thing. We took a picture at the outlet in Ozone Reserve, as was mentioned. It is one place at Henley that has coped pretty well in terms of coastal erosion, given the natural groyne at the River Torrens. I cannot say the same for the rest of West Beach or Henley South more generally; I will probably put a few more things on record in regard to those issues in the coming weeks.

There were reps from the Andy Thomas Foundation, the Space Discovery Centre and Hamilton College. We also had the Deputy Premier there, and we were both scared of the term 'space cadet' coming out, but it was a fantastic day. I also put on record my congratulations to the West Torrens Cricket Club on their dual premierships season, in both the short one-day format and the long format.

There are so many things happening in the local area, and I look forward to getting out and continuing to enjoy, to foster, to grow and to bring together groups in my local community over the coming four years.

BADCOE ELECTORATE

Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (17:36): Mr Deputy Speaker, can I congratulate you on your elevation to the role of Deputy Speaker. It is lovely to see you in that chair.

I would like to start by thanking the people of Badcoe. It is no small honour to be able to stand in this place on behalf of the people of the inner south-west suburbs, and I am so grateful for their confidence in me at the last election. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last four years, working so closely with my community, so I could not even express in words just how privileged I feel to be able to stand here on behalf of the community that I love.

Obviously, not everyone voted for me, but I can commit to the fact that, whether or not I was supported by individuals in my community, I will be working for the betterment of everyone I represent in the seat of Badcoe and I look forward to doing so in the coming four years. Obviously, it was not achieved without quite a lot of support from any other people, including those here in this chamber today, also my brilliant staff and some fabulous volunteers. It is my joy to look up and see the ladies in pink who are among my volunteer team. I thank Erin and Ellie, and many more members of the volunteer team, who I will thank at some later date.

I would also like to congratulate all those on their re-election, especially new members on our side, on the crossbench and, of course, on the Labor side. I want to mention a few people (which may be dangerous) I particularly want to congratulate; one is my very good friend Nadia Clancy, who is taking up the position of member for Elder and who is a long-time friend of mine. It is a true delight to see her fight and fight for people in her community and to see her sitting here on the benches alongside me. I wish her every good fortune. Olivia Savvas, now to be referred to as the member for Newland, was a member of my volunteer team many years ago and helped me get elected that first time around. I will be forever grateful for her support at that time, and I look forward to supporting her in kind in this place.

Lucy Hood, the new member for Adelaide, is another close friend of mine, a comrade-in-arms in the media and then in the media unit. It is wonderful to see her here. Nick Champion is an old friend from Canberra days, who now finds himself in our illustrious state parliament having upgraded, I think, from the federal parliament.

I also want to make mention that we have the brilliant Susan Close as our deputy leader. She is the first female Deputy Premier of our party, and we are thrilled to see her taking her rightful place on this side of the chamber. It is worth noting that for the first time in this chamber on our side of the benches 52 per cent of the members are women. That is something to be celebrated: that through our approach on the Labor side of engaging women right from the grassroots, engaging women through our party system and through our staffing systems as well, we now can boast brilliant, talented, passionate and hardworking women on this side, every one of whom will be making their communities better and our state better. I could not be more thrilled to be sitting here with them to enjoy their support and, of course, to offer my support to them as well.

Of course the election is just the start. It is not the ultimate goal. The ultimate goal is good government, and we are here at this time kicking off as a good government. I look forward to the amazing things we are going to achieve—particularly those we are going to achieve in Badcoe and also right across the state. We unashamedly have big plans. We have heard the word 'ambitious' many times today, but it is great to be ambitious, to have lofty goals and to deliver on those.

In Badcoe, there are a few wrongs to be righted. I look forward to delivering on the school zone and further consultation on the South Road project to get that right, as well as some bright new

ideas, some big ideas, for the people in the inner south-west. I thank this house for the opportunity to continue and I thank my community.

HARTLEY ELECTORATE

Mr TARZIA (Hartley) (17:42): Thank you, Deputy Speaker, and congratulations on your ascension today. It is obviously the highest honour to serve in this place as a member of parliament. I would like to thank the people of Hartley for once again re-electing me for another four years. I would like to reflect on some of our achievements as a community together supporting each other.

I begin with the Campbelltown City Soccer Club, where \$1½ million was delivered for the installation of an FFA quality certified synthetic soccer pitch and to build female change rooms and provide new fencing, which is being utilised by the community as we speak and fantastic to see.

One of the most recent achievements was to amend the Campbelltown planning guidelines. One of the major promises was to alter the development plan amendment at the time, which came into effect in 2019. That resulted in several key outcomes for people in Campbelltown, especially to increase the minimum allotment size for residential flat buildings, from an average of 150 square metres to 250 square metres.

There was also the intersection of Newton Road and Graves Street, an intersection that is used by thousands of motorists every single day. There we were able to deliver the upgrade of traffic lights to the Newton Road-Graves Street intersection, which was completed in about March 2020 for just over \$3 million. As to the Paradise Interchange park-and-ride, I have to say that I have been using public transport a bit more in recent times—

An honourable member: There was public transport before.

Mr TARZIA: I am using it a bit more. It has always been good, but I am using it a bit more. We increased the car parking capacity at the Paradise Interchange park-and-ride to a total of 818 car parks, including nine Disability Discrimination Act 1992-compliant car parks, to exceed the election commitment of 775 car spaces, and provided 20 motorcycle and 32 bicycle parking spaces. It has been really enjoyable to see the community taking to that particular upgrade and utilising it.

Not only is there the park-and-ride but there is also better lighting and better asphaltting, facade framing and installation, and footpath works around the car parks. The local works have also done a great job in beautifying the area, with things like painting and better shrubbery. It is looking good, and it is great to see the community using that.

The Silkes Road and Gorge Road intersection was a much-needed upgrade and what the government of the day was able to do, with the help of the community, was include the installation of traffic signals. With the project a major election promise, over \$3 million in funding was secured for the redevelopment of that intersection, which is resulting in much better safety outcomes, especially for the residents of Paradise. We know that in the five-year period between 2016 and 2020 there were 18 crashes across the two junctions, with the majority involving vehicles turning right from Silkes Road into Gorge Road. If you are in that pocket of Paradise, we are really happy that we have been able to improve the amenity with the support of the community.

A number of upgrades have been happening. We know that Norwood International High School, formerly known as Norwood Morialta High School, has undergone an over \$50 million upgrade. That will upgrade the capacity of that campus to 1,700 students, in order to co-locate all year levels on one site. The work continues: Charles Campbell College also received an \$8 million facility upgrade, and Morialta Secondary College is an exciting one for the future. Over \$80 million was obtained for the much-needed Morialta Secondary College in the east that is going to provide a world-class new school for students, including those, for example, in my electorate in the suburb of Hectorville.

If you ever travel up there, Magill Village is seeing millions of dollars of investment in collaboration with both the City of Burnside council and Campbelltown City Council. With the local federal member, the member for Sturt, we have been able to secure funding to the tune, collectively, of over \$15 million to enhance that Magill Village area. There is lots happening in my community. I want to thank residents for their support and will continue to work hard every day for the residents of Hartley to make sure that it is the best that it can be.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member for Mawson.

HISTORY MONTH

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (17:47): Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker, and I congratulate you on your appointment to this very important role in the parliament of South Australia.

May is History Month in South Australia, which is one of my favourite times of the year, when we get out and learn more about our local area and really do the deep dive into why we are what we are in our local area. History Month and the History Festival celebrate Indigenous history around South Australia as well as the history that has been forged since European settlement in the 1830s.

On Sunday 1 May, I was lucky enough to be at Myponga for a History Month special occasion organised by the Yankalilla historical society about the dairy industry around Myponga. Anyone who likes good milk knows the best milk in the world is Fleurieu Milk. That, of course, is based in Myponga. It was started by some very well-known local families and has grown from strength to strength under the stewardship of general manager Nick Hutchinson, who has done a great job.

I got to open the festival, which had as its guest speaker Peter Whitford, a long-time farmer in the area, who gave a magnificent speech about farming over the past seven or eight decades. He remembers from being a young fella hand milking right through to building his stud and going overseas to look at dairy cattle operations over there. Of course, Peter went on to be the Mayor of Yankalilla and one of the absolute highest standard citizens that we have in the Yankalilla council area.

I got to talk about my dad's role as a stock agent for buying and selling dairy cattle on the Fleurieu Peninsula, which is what he did from 1976, when we moved up to Adelaide from our own dairy farm town in Glencoe in the South-East, in between Millicent and Mount Gambier.

It was great because we had moved to the city, myself and mum and dad and my two sisters, yet we still had this great connection with farming communities that were not too far away. I remember as an 11 year old going down to Myponga and Hindmarsh Tiers and the one family who really stood out, and I mentioned this on Sunday, was the Mignanelli family.

I came from a place where multiculturalism meant that you were either Irish, Scottish, Welsh or English, and coming across Italian families for the first time in the mid-seventies was a real eye-opener for me. We got invited along to baptisms, first communions, confirmations and weddings. Putting ham next to rockmelon, you were thinking, 'This is a crazy idea,' and then you ate it and said, 'This makes sense.' I remember the first time I ate ravioli. I said, 'What are these little things?' I was 11 and I was hooked. I have loved Italian food since those days. They were very formative days for me and for so many other people who benefited from the migration of people who fled post World War II Europe and the conflicts they had, like the Mignanelli family who came here from Italy.

I want to thank Marilyn McLaren who organised the display and the speakers for Sunday because it was a tremendous tribute to the dairy community in Myponga. But it is one of just 34 events that are going to be rolled out over the next month by the Yankalilla historical society. Every second year they have a history festival in the Yankalilla District Council area. There are events on from Myponga all the way down to Cape Jervis. They missed out two years ago because of COVID, when so many things were cancelled.

In 2018 when they had it, I went to Delamere, Inman Valley, Cape Jervis, Yankalilla, Normanville and Myponga to all these different events and I learnt so much about an area that had just come into my electorate at that 2018 election. I encourage everyone to get online and find out what is happening, or get your hands on the South Australia's History Festival guide. If you go through it, there is a special section on the Fleurieu Peninsula events. There are 34 events that I have counted.

We also have some in the Onkaparinga council area around Willunga. Willunga is one of the most important historical towns in South Australia and they have a lot of great talks there as well. Of course, we look at the Slate Museum and other wonderful historical sites in Willunga. I encourage

everyone to get out, get connected with the history of your local area and enjoy the South Australian history festival and all that is great about South Australia.

Sitting extended beyond 18:00 on motion of Hon. A. Koutsantonis.

Parliamentary Procedure

SITTINGS AND BUSINESS

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (17:52): I move:

That standing orders be and remain so far suspended as to enable the introduction of government bills prior to the Address in Reply being adopted.

The ACTING SPEAKER (The Hon. A. Piccolo): I need to count the house to make sure there is an absolute majority. There is not an absolute majority, please ring the bells.

An absolute majority of the whole number of members being present:

The SPEAKER: I have counted the house. There being present an absolute majority of the whole number of members of the house, I accept the motion. Is the motion seconded?

Honourable members: Yes, sir.

The SPEAKER: The question is that the motion be agreed to.

Motion carried.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (17:55): I move, without notice:

That standing orders be and remain so far suspended as to enable me to move a motion for the adoption of sessional orders relating to eligible petitions, leave of absence and no stranger admitted to the body of the house.

The SPEAKER: I have counted the house and, there being present an absolute majority of the whole number of members of the house, I accept the motion.

Mr J.B. TEAGUE (Heysen) (17:55): Apart from the meritorious subject matter of the motion, I will move an amendment in due course.

The SPEAKER: Is the motion seconded?

An honourable member: Yes, sir.

Motion carried.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (17:55): I move, pursuant to order:

That for the remainder of the session sessional orders be adopted for eligible persons, leave of absence and no stranger admitted to the body of the house, as detailed in the sessional orders circulated to members.

Mr J.B. TEAGUE (Heysen) (17:56): I move to amend the motion by adding the following paragraph, which will be numbered 6, as I understand it:

6. Once a notice of the question has been given and placed on the *Notice Paper* pursuant to standing order 102, an answer to the question shall be delivered to the Clerk pursuant to standing order 103 not more than 30 days after the date on which it had first been printed on the *Notice Paper*.

Those words will be familiar to those members who were present as members of the house during the Fifty-Fourth Parliament. It was a sessional order introduced by the Marshall Liberal government, and an effective reform it was too.

I might just indicate that the introduction of the sessional order was the subject of some surprise to me, that it was not simply an oversight by the Malinauskas Labor government on coming to power and that it was not then extended without further ado. I checked on my question with the

Manager of Government Business earlier today to be sure it was not something the government wanted to take the chance to introduce. The indication was that, no, the government did not want to introduce it, so it was a conscious omission rather than an unconscious omission.

What we have seen is that on the first day of the Fifty-Fifth Parliament, on the return to power of Labor, what do they do? They move to remove accountability and transparency in government that we saw so effectively introduced by the Marshall Liberal government in 2018. The statistics bear it out. In the Fifty-Third Parliament, 2014 to 2018, I am advised that the total number of questions on notice was 939—and, I am sure, meritorious questions they were too. Of those 939 questions in the house in the course of the 2014 to 2018, the Fifty-Third Parliament, 287 were answered and 652 of them were not answered. That is 30.6 per cent.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

Mr J.B. TEAGUE: The member for West Torrens interjects and makes light of the topic. Bear in mind this is the first day of the Fifty-Fifth Parliament.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr J.B. TEAGUE: This is the first day of the Malinauskas Labor government, and I have indicated that the last time Labor was in power we saw 30 per cent of questions on notice answered. One might say that is a problem begging for reform, that is a problem seeking an accountability answer, that is a problem looking for an improvement. One might have thought, 'Well, a good government following on that kind of low level of performance might look towards measures to improve.'

I can tell you that very shortly after the commencement of the Fifty-Fourth Parliament in May 2018 the Marshall Liberal government introduced a sessional order in precisely these terms with the result was that—and wait for it—over the course of the Fifty-Fourth Parliament there were, and I have to hand it to the opposition, 2,394 questions were asked, 2,365 of them were answered, 29 were not, for a total of 98.7 per cent response.

Those of us who are interested in the performance of this house, in good governance, in transparency, would say that it is as clear as day that on the coming to power of the Malinauskas Labor government, on day one, when we introduced all the arrangements that are going to apply for the Fifty-Fifth Parliament ahead, they would be quick to carry this on.

As I said at the outset of my remarks, I am surprised that they were not made standing orders of the parliament so successful was the outcome from the Fifty-Third to Fifty-Fourth Parliament. I have not heard anybody make the case for, 'Oh, well, you couldn't possibly apply that again,' but, no, they have been omitted. This has come as no surprise to anyone here: they have been omitted consciously.

Those members opposite who are new to the place might just have a think not only about what we have heard in question time about, where the government is at and what the agenda is all about, but also about when the rubber really hits the road on government accountability where is the government, where is the Malinauskas Labor government on truly wishing to provide prompt, thorough, transparent, good government. It is not interested. It is clearly not interested.

Ms Stinson interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Badcoe is called to order. The member for Heysen has the call.

Mr J.B. TEAGUE: I am loath to use colourful language, but one might say that what we see on this first day of the Fifty-Fifth Parliament, this first day of the Malinauskas Labor government, is really nothing short of the display of a contempt for those opposite, those who would ask questions of the government and seek to hold it to account. More broadly, it is a conscious hit to government transparency and I sit here and ask the question why.

I would be delighted to hear from anyone on the other side if there is a reason for the Malinauskas Labor government consciously tearing up this very successful sessional order

procedure for ensuring that questions on notice are answered promptly. Remember, for the Fifty-Third Parliament, 30 per cent of questions on notice were answered and for the Fifty-Fourth Parliament, 98.7 per cent of questions on notice were answered and answered promptly.

Does the Malinauskas Labor government have something to hide? Is the Malinauskas Labor government in these early days already not confident in its capacity to answer questions on notice on time?

Ms Stinson interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Badcoe! Interjections are disorderly.

Mr J.B. TEAGUE: Is it not able to go about answering questions from the opposition? I am a bit astounded that it would leave itself open to these sorts of questions on day one of the Fifty-Fifth Parliament. So we do not know. We have not been given any explanation. We sought one out. We gave the Leader of Government Business plenty of opportunity to explain, 'Well, no, no, we've got a better idea: we are going to answer in 15 days,' or, 'We are going to answer in 10 days,' or, 'We are going to have a brand-new system that will keep it online and make sure that we improve even more'—no. It is simple: they have just jettisoned it altogether. So the people of South Australia will be asked, 'Well, let's see if it is unnecessary.'

Mr Brown interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Florey!

Mr J.B. TEAGUE: Let's see if it is unnecessary, because the record of the government in the Fifty-Third Parliament, the last time Labor was in power, was 30 per cent. It might be easy to do better than 30 per cent. Let's see 98.7 per cent. Let's see it unnecessary. Clearly, the Malinauskas Labor government does not have the courage of its convictions to hold itself to the same level of accountability that the Marshall Liberal government did when it came to answering questions, so those questions will just stay out there. Do they have the confidence? Clearly not. Do they have the capacity? We will see. They clearly have not got the confidence to project it.

There is some indication that this is a conscious omission. To those on the other side and particularly those who are new to this place, I urge you to support the amendment. I urge you to continue what was uncontroversially productive reform introduced in the last parliament and support this amendment, together with those other meritorious sessional orders that have been proposed by the Leader of Government Business.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (18:06): It gives me great pleasure to rise and discuss this. The government will not be supporting the amendment. There is an old saying: do not look at the quantity; look at the quality of those answers.

I was here for the Fifty-Third and Fifty-Fourth Parliament. There was a very short gap in between the two governments. In the Fifty-Fourth Parliament, the government brought in a sessional order for a change to have questions answered on notice within 30 days. Interestingly, for the brief time that they held a majority in this house—a constitutional majority in this house in the Fifty-Fourth Parliament—they did not amend standing orders to entrench it.

It is pretty clear to anyone who was paying attention that they had baked in that second term. They were thinking that in the next term it is just a sessional order; it is not a standing order where you need an absolute majority to change it. So I will not be lectured by people who brought in a sessional order and are then saying this should be a permanent change but, when they had an opportunity, they never made it a standing order change.

If the principle is so important to members opposite, why did they not amend standing orders? The truth is the Malinauskas Labor government aspires to answering many questions. We look forward to answering as many questions as we can for a long, long period of time. We enjoy answering the questions, and members opposite like asking them. This is the natural state of things—where we are now—and I think it is important we remember that the parliament will be judged on its merits. Every government will be judged on its merits. As the last government was judged on its merits, we will be judged on ours.

I am more than happy to commit to my shadow ministers that I will get back to them as quickly as possible. I am not going to meet some arbitrary time line. I want to get them the facts. I want to get them the answers that they are looking for. I actually think we have an opportunity in this parliament that we did not have in the last parliament to get some constructive bipartisan work going.

The member for Hartley is someone for whom I have a great deal of regard. I think he is actually a very good parliamentarian and a very decent person. I would not have voted for him and I do not like his policies, but I think he is someone who is prepared to work hard for the people of South Australia, so I want to work collaboratively with him. When he asks me questions, it will not just be formal ones, the ones that are political, to be on notice. There will be questions that he will ask me by SMS, that he will ask me over the telephone. We will get the answers to them and that is the type of relationship I think we need to have between shadow ministers and their counterparts.

There is a role for the parliament, but the best outcomes are brought together when we work collaboratively. This type of adversarial process you are trying to put in—I do not like adversarial politics. I have never liked—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Flinders!

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I also point out to the member for Flinders that it is unbecoming to interject before you have done your inaugural speech, hence how silent we were when the member for Frome was asking her questions. There were no interjections from government members, and there will not be until you have made your inaugural address and then—

An honourable member: We won't be adversarial.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: —but we will not be adversarial. Like the Premier said on election night, members opposite are not our enemies. You are not our enemies, you are just our opponents, so if you have questions, ask them and we will answer them as quickly as we possibly can.

Amendment negated; motion carried.

Bills

SUPPLY BILL 2022

Introduction and First Reading

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer) (18:11): Obtained leave and introduced a bill for an act for the appropriation of money from the Consolidated Account for the financial year ending 30 June 2023. Read a first time.

Second Reading

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer) (18:11): I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

I seek leave to have the second reading explanation and explanation of clauses inserted in *Hansard* without my reading them.

Leave granted.

A Supply Bill is necessary until the Budget has passed through the parliamentary stages and the Appropriation Bill 2022 receives assent.

In the absence of special arrangements in the form of the Supply Acts, there would be no parliamentary authority for expenditure between the commencement of the new financial year and the date on which assent is given to the Appropriation Bill.

The amount being sought under this Bill is \$6,628 million.

EXPLANATION OF CLAUSES

1—Short title

This clause is formal.

2—Interpretation

This clause provides a definition of *agency*. An agency is a Minister, an administrative unit, or part of an administrative unit, of the Public Service of the State or any other instrumentality or agency of the Crown.

3—Appropriation

This clause provides for the appropriation of up to \$6,628 million from the Consolidated Account for the Public Service of the State for the financial year ending on 30 June 2023.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Cowdrey.

*Parliamentary Committees***STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (18:12): I move:

That Mr Odenwalder, Mr Hughes, Mr Pisoni and Ms Hurn be appointed to act with the Speaker on the committee.

Motion carried.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (18:13): I move:

That a Publishing Committee be appointed, consisting of Ms Hood, Mrs Wortley, Ms Thompson, Ms Pratt and Mr Telfer.

Motion carried.

JOINT PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (18:13): I move:

That Mr Odenwalder and Mr Pisoni be appointed to act with the Speaker on the committee, and that the Hon. A. Piccolo be appointed the alternate member of the committee to the Speaker, Ms Hurn the alternate member to Mr Pisoni, Mr Brown the alternate member to Mr Odenwalder, and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

ECONOMIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (18:13): I move:

That Mr Hughes, the Hon. A. Piccolo, Ms Hood, Ms Clancy, Mr Cowdrey, Mr Patterson and Mr Telfer be appointed to the Economic and Finance Committee.

Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (18:14): I move:

That Ms Stinson, Ms Thompson and Mr McBride be appointed to the Environment, Resources and Development Committee and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (18:14): I move:

That the Hon. L. Bignell, S. Andrews, Ms Hutchesson and Mr Basham be appointed to the Natural Resources Committee and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (18:14): I move:

That Ms Savvas, Mrs Pearce and Mr Cowdrey be appointed to the Parliamentary Committee on Occupational Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (18:15): I move:

That Mr Brown, Ms Clancy, Mrs Pearce, Mr Tarzia and Mrs Hurn be appointed to the all-powerful Public Works Committee.

Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (18:15): I move:

That Mr Fulbrook, S. Andrews and Mr Telfer be appointed to the Legislative Review Committee and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (18:15): I move:

That Ms Wortley, Ms Pratt and the Hon. T. Whetstone be appointed to the Social Development Committee and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

STATUTORY OFFICERS COMMITTEE

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (18:16): I move:

That Mr Brown, Mr Odenwalder and the Hon. T. Whetstone be appointed to the Statutory Officers Committee and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

ABORIGINAL LANDS PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (18:16): I move:

That Mr Hughes and Ms Savvas, nominated by the minister, and Mr Teague, nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, be appointed to the Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

CRIME AND PUBLIC INTEGRITY POLICY COMMITTEE

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (18:16): I move:

That Mr Odenwalder, Ms Thompson and Mr Teague be appointed to the Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

Address in Reply

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (18:17): I nominate the member for Adelaide to move an Address in Reply to the Governor's opening speech and move:

That consideration of the Address in Reply be an order of the day for the next day of sitting.

Motion carried.

At 18:17 the house adjourned until Wednesday 4 May 2022 at 10:30.