

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 5 May 2022

The **SPEAKER (Hon. D.R. Cregan)** took the chair at 10:59 and read prayers.

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

Matter of Privilege

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Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (11:00): Mr Speaker, I raise a matter of privilege. Yesterday in question time the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport stated, in answer to a question from me regarding the Ombudsman's report tabled on Tuesday as to whether he would withdraw his allegation of corruption, that:

I don't think I ever made an accusation of corruption. I might have asked the question, but I don't think I ever said the member was corrupt. I would not do that, even with privilege.

This is in contrast to *Hansard* on 25 August 2021, when the member for West Torrens raised, himself, a matter of privilege in which he alleged corruption against the Deputy Premier. Again, I quote:

Sir, I ask you to examine the questions and the explanations inserted into *Hansard* by the member for Enfield and the answers given to questions by the Deputy Premier to the estimates committee to determine whether a prima facie case exists to establish a privileges committee to investigate whether the Attorney-General deliberately and intentionally misled the Parliament of South Australia to cover up her corruption.

The then Deputy Premier asked the Deputy Speaker—I was absent: I had had a mishap a couple of days prior—to ask the member for West Torrens to withdraw and apologise. The member for West Torrens interjected, saying:

You've been caught out red-handed.

He did not withdraw and apologise.

It is clear, in my submission, that the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport has misled the house by denying he ever alleged that the former Deputy Premier was guilty of corruption. I now ask that you examine the *Hansard* to determine whether a prima facie case exists to establish a privileges committee to investigate whether the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport deliberately and intentionally misled the Parliament of South Australia.

The SPEAKER: The member for Heysen has raised a matter of privilege. If the member for Heysen wishes to furnish me with materials, I will consider those, and also other members may wish to furnish me with materials. I will consider the matters raised and return to the house.

Bills

SUPERANNUATION FUNDS MANAGEMENT CORPORATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA (INVESTMENT IN RUSSIAN ASSETS) AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction and First Reading

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (11:03): Obtained leave and introduced a bill for an act to amend the Superannuation Funds Management Corporation of South Australia Act 1985. Read a first time.

Second Reading

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (11:04): I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

The horrors that continue to be visited upon the people of Ukraine continue to splash across our headlines, but the sheer scale of the human cost is incredibly difficult to comprehend. The events

perpetrated by Russian aggression have resulted in the loss of thousands of lives and precipitated a humanitarian crisis, with approximately 7.1 million Ukrainians internally displaced, whilst over five million people have fled to neighbouring countries.

According to the United Nations, as of late April this year, Poland alone has taken in almost three million refugees from Ukraine. Over 10 million people have been forced to leave their homes to seek safety. These numbers are hard to even imagine: this is the fastest and largest displacement of people in Europe since World War II, and unfortunately it appears as though the horrors are far from over.

Most countries around the world have imposed tough economic sanctions on Russia to respond to their acts of aggression. This has included the banning of new investments in Russia, freezing the assets of Russian banks and sanctioning Russian financial institutions. Thankfully, I am very proud, of course, that Australia has joined this chorus of international condemnation and has prohibited the import of oil, refined petroleum products, natural gas, coal and other energy products from Russia as well as prohibiting the supply, sale or transfer of certain luxury goods.

These actions, carried out in concert with the international community, are putting powerful economic pressure on President Putin and his indefensible war of conquest. However, the current war in Ukraine and resulting Russian sanctions have highlighted that the current act does not have a mechanism by which Funds SA can be directed by the government to divest Russian investments.

This is an immediate issue that requires a focused response. During the 2022 state election campaign the opposition, under my leadership, committed to amending the Superannuation Funds Management Corporation of South Australia Act 1995 to enable ministerial discretion to enable the removal of state government funds from Russian assets.

When I made this promise, there was a suggestion from others that this was all too hard. I made the point at the time: 'When you get elected to Premier, you get elected with an extraordinary amount of authority, and the idea of the job is to use that authority consistent with a set of principles that you believe to be right.' I promised that if I were elected Premier, when parliament resumed I would be walking in with a piece of legislation to fix it—and here we are.

There is a clear and urgent need to ensure that Australians are not inadvertently helping to fund Russian aggression through their retirement savings. That stands true for South Australians. As such, these amendments will feed into a process that is already underway. Funds SA has already divested itself of a significant volume of Russian funds, but given the ongoing sanctions against Russia, divesting assets without incurring significant losses will take time. There is still a significant portion of funds that needs to be divested.

There is a clear need to enable a direction by the minister to Funds SA for the divestment of remaining Russian assets. Once Funds SA is directed to divest Russian assets, actions taken by the corporation to fulfill this direction should be in line with their fiduciary duties. These amendments have been made in consultation with the board and management of Funds SA, who have flagged their concerns about the impact on investment returns and potential conflict with terms outlined in the heads of government agreement.

This proposed bill addresses these concerns, and the amendments contained in the bill will enable this divestment to occur in a sensible manner that specifically targets Russian-held investments without breaching the principles of trustee governance under the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act of 1993. These amendments are limited, targeted and seek to close a loophole in the existing legislation in order to strengthen our response to Russian aggression and reaffirms our support for the people of Ukraine in their time of trial.

These amendments to the legislation enable us as a government to do what the public rightly expects of us. This bill honours our election commitment. This bill shows that the power of government and the power of the parliament should reign supreme when it comes to upholding our solemn obligation, our solemn principles of what we believe to be consistent with our democratic freedoms, our democratic responsibilities and, of course, the impetus upon each and every one of us to express across the world that the act on behalf of Vladimir Putin and Russia cannot be tolerated and that no-one should inadvertently find that their superannuation funds or their investments are

allowed to be a display of appeasement; rather, they should be a display of utter intolerance towards Russian aggression and the actions of Vladimir Putin.

I commend this bill to the house. I thank the Treasurer and his department for the expeditious development of this bill, and I trust that it will enjoy the support of all those in this place. I seek leave to have the explanation of clauses inserted into *Hansard* without my reading it

Leave granted.

Explanation of Clauses

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

This clause is formal.

2—Commencement

This clause provides that the measure will come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

Part 2—Amendment of *Superannuation Funds Management Corporation of South Australia Act 1995*

3—Amendment of section 21—Direction of Minister

Section 21 of the Act as proposed to be amended by this clause will provide that a Ministerial direction given to the Superannuation Funds Management Corporation of South Australia may include a direction in relation to divestment of Russian assets. Action taken by the Corporation in accordance with such a direction is to be taken prudently and consistently with the Corporation's responsibilities. There is also a requirement for annual review of the new provisions and for a report of the review to be provided to the Minister and included in the Corporation's annual report.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Cowdrey.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MOTOR SPORT (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction and First Reading

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (11:11): Obtained leave and introduced a bill for an act to amend the South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984. Read a first time.

Second Reading

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (11:12): I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

The Adelaide 500 held a special place in the social and economic heart of our state. It was more than just a car race; it was one of the biggest events on our tourism calendar and delivered millions of dollars in benefits. It reflected our long history with motorsport and the importance of the sector to our community, and it was inducted into the Supercars Hall of Fame 2005 in recognition of its status as the best motorsport event in Australia.

It was also a boon for our local economy. In 2019, just before the former government axed the Adelaide 500, it attracted over 200,000 people, supported 46,000 direct and indirect jobs and generated over \$45.9 million in economic activity. It was a major draw for our tourism and hospitality sectors, attracting 15,200 interstate and international visitors and supported 90,000 visitor bed nights. Most of all, it was a thrilling race. It was a citywide celebration, and it was our largest domestic ticketed motorsport event until it was cut by the previous government.

My government is committed to bringing back the Adelaide 500 in a way that elevates the economic and social impact of motorsport in South Australia and reaffirms our leadership to an \$8 billion industry in our state, including the staging of the final race of the national Supercars this December. This is a major tourism opportunity for our state and a reaffirmation of our position as the Festival State because our aspiration for the Adelaide 500 is for it to be more than just a race but also a festival of motorsport. This is what this bill seeks to achieve.

The bill will re-establish a dedicated motorsport board to focus on realising the full potential of motorsport events in our state. It provides for up to nine board members, appointed by the Governor, to inject the skills and experience needed to realise the government's vision of a slate of

motorsport events for South Australia. This bill will support the board in its efforts to identify new motorsport events, as well as promoting and delivering future growth.

The board's responsibilities will be to manage and drive national and international awareness of the event and related events, such as the World Solar Challenge and the Adelaide Motorsport Festival. They will be charged with providing opportunities to promote the local economy by prioritising South Australian businesses to showcase their products and to ensure that local suppliers are prioritised for local events. They will commit to continually reviewing, refreshing and approving the product and event content and they will be tasked with ensuring that attendees enjoy an exceptional Adelaide 500 experience.

Our state has a proud history of major motorsport events, and I am committed to putting in place the foundations for a future where sport makes a significant and lasting contribution to jobs, to the economy, to South Australia and to the vibrancy of our community. I think we were all stunned—all stunned—when the decision was made to axe our most successful event. You could have knocked most South Australians over with a feather to be one day hearing how fantastic the Adelaide 500 was and then in only a few months to be hearing that it had to go, but, thankfully, it was the people of South Australia who stood up and protected the event.

The South Australian Labor Party was all but a vehicle to project the community will, the overwhelming desire amongst South Australians, to protect one of these iconic events. It was South Australians themselves who stood up and campaigned relentlessly for the protection of this event. It fills me with great pride but more importantly great optimism that, with the successful passage of this bill, not only will Labor be honouring one of its key election promises but, more than that, we will be bringing hope and joy to tens of thousands of South Australians who love motorsport.

On top of that is the ambition to realise all the economic opportunity around this event. I think of those small business owners, the countless suppliers, who supplied resources to the Adelaide 500. I recall speaking to marquee owners, caterers and logistic companies, all of whom supply to this extraordinary event. They want the race back. The fans want the race back. The teams want the race back. The broadcasters want the race back. South Australians overwhelmingly want the race back. In fact, the citizens of the seat of Adelaide voted in such a way that you could only conclude they want the race back, and that is why we commend this bill to the house.

I must say that I welcome the fact that the Leader of the Opposition has publicly declared that the Liberal Party now supports this race, so we anticipate and very much look forward to and hope to enjoy the bipartisan support of this place so that the Adelaide 500 again is beyond politics and we can all get behind it and enjoy Adelaide being the centre of motorsport in this nation. I seek leave to have the explanation of clauses inserted in *Hansard* without my reading it.

Leave granted.

EXPLANATION OF CLAUSES

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

2—Commencement

These clauses are formal.

Part 2—Amendment of *South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984*

3—Amendment of long title

This clause amends the long title of the principal Act to reflect changes made by this measure.

4—Amendment of section 3—Interpretation

This clause amends section 3 of the principal Act to define key terms used in the measure and delete redundant definitions.

5—Substitution of heading to Part 2

This clause substitutes a new heading to Part 2 of the principal Act.

6—Insertion of sections 4 to 9B

This clause inserts new sections 4 to 9B into the principal Act as follows:

4—Establishment of Board

This section (re)establishes the South Australian Motor Sport Board, which was dissolved by a preceding measure.

5—Membership of Board

This section sets out the membership of the new Board. Like the previous Board, members will be appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the Minister. In recommending members, the Minister should be aiming for gender equality on the Board.

6—Term and conditions of office

This section provides that members of the new Board will be appointed on terms and conditions determined by the Governor.

7—Remuneration

This section provides that members of the Board are entitled to remuneration, allowances and expenses determined by the Governor.

8—Functions of Board

This section sets out the functions of the Board, consistent with the functions conferred on the South Australian Tourism Commission previously.

9—Delegation

This section is a standard power of delegation in respect of the functions of the Board.

9A—Procedures of Board

This section sets out the procedures to be observed by the Board at meetings.

9B—Committees

This section enables the Board to set up committees, with Ministerial approval, for the purposes set out in the section.

7—Amendment of section 10AA—Non-application of *Government Business Enterprises (Competition) Act 1996*

This clause makes a consequential amendment to section 10AA of the principal Act.

8—Amendment of section 11—Commission may control and charge fee for filming etc from outside circuit

This clause makes consequential amendments to section 11 of the principal Act.

9—Insertion of sections 12 to 17

This clause inserts new sections 12 to 17 into the principal Act as follows:

12—Dealings with moneys of the Board

This section sets out what the Board can do with its moneys, and requires compliance with a budget approved by the Treasurer in expending those moneys.

13—Power to borrow

This section allows the Board to borrow moneys, with liability for such borrowing to be guaranteed by the Treasurer.

14—Accounts and audit

This section requires the Board to keep proper accounting records, and to have those accounts audited by the Auditor-General.

15—Reports

This section requires the Board to provide an annual report on its operations to the Minister, with that report to be laid before Parliament.

16—Chief Executive

This section provides for the Chief Executive of the Board, who may or may not be a public servant.

17—Staffing arrangements

This section sets out the staffing arrangements for the Board. The Board cannot itself employ staff. Staff of the Board are not public servants.

10—Amendment of heading to Part 3

This clause amends the heading to Part 3 to provide consistency of language in the Part.

11—Amendment of section 20—Minister may make certain declarations

This clause amends section 20 of the principal Act to extend the ability of the Minister to make declarations under that section. The Minister will be able to make declarations relating to areas outside of the Adelaide metropolitan area.

12—Amendment of section 21—Commission to have care, control etc of declared area for relevant declared period

This clause makes consequential amendments to section 21 of the principal Act.

13—Amendment of section 22—Commission to have power to enter and carry out works etc on declared area

This clause makes consequential amendments to section 22 of the principal Act.

14—Amendment of section 23—Commission to consult and take into account representations of persons affected by operations

This clause makes consequential amendments to section 23 of the principal Act.

15—Amendment of section 24—Certain land taken to be lawfully occupied by Commission

This clause makes consequential amendments to section 24 of the principal Act.

16—Amendment of section 25—Non-application of certain laws

This clause makes consequential amendments to section 25 of the principal Act.

17—Amendment of section 26—Plans of proposed works to be available for public inspection

This clause makes consequential amendments to section 26 of the principal Act.

18—Amendment of section 27—Power to remove vehicles left unattended within declared area

This clause makes a consequential amendment to section 27 of the principal Act.

19—Amendment of section 27AB—Application of sections 27B and 27C

This clause makes consequential amendments to section 27AB of the principal Act.

20—Insertion of section 28

This clause inserts section 28 into the principal Act, allowing the Board to conduct its operations under other names.

21—Amendment of section 28AA—Declaration of official titles

This clause makes consequential amendments to section 28AA of the principal Act.

22—Amendment of section 28A—Special proprietary interests

This clause makes consequential amendments to section 28A of the principal Act.

23—Amendment of section 28B—Seizure and forfeiture of goods

This clause makes consequential amendments to section 28B of the principal Act.

24—Insertion of section 29

This clause inserts section 29 into the principal Act, allowing the Minister to transfer an asset, right or liability of the Board to an agent or instrumentality of the Crown.

25—Amendment of section 30—Regulations

This clause amends section 30 of the principal Act to allow for the making of regulations regulating procedures of the Board, and provisions making saving or transitional provisions. Those provisions may have some retrospective effect, however not so as to decrease a person's rights or impose liability on a person.

Schedule 1—Transitional and saving provisions

1—Interpretation

This clause defines terms used in the Schedule.

2—Vesting of assets and liabilities of Commission in Board

This clause vests the assets and liabilities of the SATC (insofar as they relate to the functions and powers conferred on the SATC on the dissolution of the previous Board under Schedule 1 of the *South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984*) in the new Board.

3—Staff

This clause allows the Governor to transfer staff from the SATC to the new Board, with such transfer not affecting the entitlements of those staff.

4—Graphics standards manual

This clause saves the graphics standards manual in force immediately before the commencement of this clause.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Tarzia.

Address in Reply

ADDRESS IN REPLY

Adjourned debate on motion for adoption.

(Continued from 4 May 2022.)

The SPEAKER: It is an absolute privilege and pleasure to hear from the member for Davenport on this occasion. We welcome friends to the parliament in the chamber today for this significant moment. I remind members to extend to the member all the courtesies that are customarily extended at a moment like this. The member for Davenport has the call.

Ms THOMPSON (Davenport) (11:20): Thank you, Mr Speaker, and congratulations on your recent re-election. It is an honour and a privilege to stand before you today as the member for Davenport. I acknowledge that the land we are meeting on always was and always will be Aboriginal land and the sovereignty has never been ceded. It is the land of the Kurna people and I thank our elders, past, present and emerging.

I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate our new Attorney-General and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Hon. Kyam Maher. It is an exciting and historic time that we welcome our first Aboriginal Attorney-General. I am very proud to be part of a parliament that will finally fulfil the promise of a meaningful treaty with the first South Australians, implementing an Aboriginal voice to parliament, the restarting of the treaty process in South Australia and a truth-telling process guided by the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

I acknowledge and thank the Governor, Her Excellency the Hon. Frances Adamson AC, for her warm welcome and address earlier this week. It was exciting to hear her lay out this government's policy agenda, one that I now have the privilege to help deliver.

It was a great honour to have been asked to run as the Labor candidate within a Malinauskas team. To win my seat and become the very first Labor member for Davenport comes with a great weight of responsibility. I declare today that I will do everything I can to fulfil and surpass the expectations of the people who have put their faith in me. I would like to thank the previous member for Davenport, Steve Murray, for his four years of service to the community.

I would also like to pay tribute to the efforts of my earlier predecessor, the late Bob Such, who is remembered for holding the then seat of Fisher for almost 25 years. People remember Bob as a legend in my community: a hardworking, honourable and courageous man. He showed compassion and empathy to the people of Fisher and fought hard for them in this house over many years. He was respected and loved by the community because he was willing to listen. His legacy is an inspiration to me and I will stop at nothing to be a local member who is as connected and as committed as Bob was to the Fisher community. I am also grateful to Bob's wife, Lyn, who has shared much of her wisdom with me and supported my journey to get here.

Coming into this role, it is important for me to state that my outlook on life has been shaped by my family. My dad, William Feneley, was living the Australian dream when he met my mum, Jan—travelling around Australia with his mate in a Volkswagen Beetle with a couple of surfboards on the roof. Mum and dad started their life together in Tasmania, where my mum grew up. That is where

my big brother, Nick, and I were born. We had a great childhood, first in Hobart and then in Canberra, when mum and dad decided it was time to move to the mainland.

Mum had been directing a childcare centre and dad was practising law. They were both able to secure great jobs in the departments of health, housing, local government and community services. Being in Canberra also meant that we could be closer to dad's side of the family. He was the eldest of seven, the Feneleys. We spent most of our school holidays visiting our grandparents, my aunts and uncles and all the cousins on the New South Wales coast.

Dad and his siblings grew up in the Illawarra coalmining area of Bulli, a working-class suburb where families relied on work in the local coalmines or Port Kembla Steelworks. I have fantastic memories of spending all day at the beach, then sitting around in the evenings listening to the Feneleys passionately debate politics and solve all the world's problems.

Nothing much has changed really. I still find myself at the kids' table at family events (although we are all now parents ourselves) while my uncles still loudly debate current affairs. I am sure it was these debates that helped shape my values, and it was the smart, strong women around the same dinner table—like my mum, my aunts and my grandmother—who would discreetly roll their eyes and raise their eyebrows and wink at me when they thought that the blokes were being inappropriate or just wrong.

Those subtle glances from the women in my life probably taught me much more than I ever realised at the time, and these family debates around the dinner table cemented my values, values that align strongly with that of the Labor Party, like fairness, diversity, inclusion, opportunity, equity, dignity for people without power, and a fair day's pay for a fair day's work. They are the values that my family taught me and they are the values that matter to me.

I took my first job as soon as I could at age 14. I stood at a supermarket checkout. I babysat. I worked at the local Bakers Delight. Later, I pulled beers and waited tables. I worked as a nanny in the US. I sold phone deals door to door, worked admin in a law firm and managed tourism venues. I ran my own business, and eventually I found myself working in a communications position in local government.

Throughout those various roles, I have not only learnt the value of hard work but I have also learnt a lot about people from all walks of life. I have also learnt that not everyone has the same start in life and that some people need a little more help than others.

I met my husband, Adam, in Wollongong, New South Wales. We wanted to buy a house and start a family, but there was just no way we could afford anything in the area, particularly on a uni student hospitality wage, so we chose to move to South Australia, where we could enjoy a more desirable and affordable lifestyle and also be closer to my mum. Nervously, we packed up our lives in a rental truck and hit the road to SA.

We were fortunate to both be able to find jobs, and soon we started chipping away at a mortgage on our first home in the southern suburbs. Now we are proud Happy Valleyans. This is part of the community where my husband and I have brought up our family. I have spent many mornings—cold mornings—watching my son, Liam, playing for the Happy Valley Vikings and weekends at the Minkarra skate park with my daughter, Lara. I think our dogs, Riley and Schnitzel, have sniffed pretty much every corner in the district.

Whilst paying close attention, I had never considered a career in politics until I stopped watching from the sidelines and decided to run for the Mayor of the City of Onkaparinga. I saw the way that the failures in local government were negatively affecting the people the council was supposed to represent, and I wanted to change that. As a result of my decision and the faith that the community put in me, I have had the privilege of representing the people of the City of Onkaparinga for the past 3½ years.

I am incredibly proud of what myself and my fellow council members achieved—turning things around for our community, delivering for ratepayers and rebuilding community trust in local government. Together, we implemented new policies to safeguard the council's future from the wrongs of the past. We implemented a long-term financial plan that saw rates capped and a strategy for reining in and eliminating debt over the long term. We listened. We committed to greater

community engagement and participation in council decision-making, and we built a plan that directly reflected where and how the community believes its rates should be spent.

We also introduced new transparency and integrity measures to improve the visibility of operations and accountability to our community. This was about being open and transparent and freely sharing information about the expenditure of public funds and serving our community with integrity. We demonstrated what can be achieved through being responsible, united and community spirited.

I have loved serving the community as mayor for the past term representing our older citizens, our youth, hardworking families and our wonderful small business community. I have got to know my community on a much deeper level. I have seen firsthand the real challenges that people face. For example, during COVID lockdown I spoke with an older resident rugged up in blankets because he could not afford to turn on his heating. His pension was not enough to support himself and his wife, who would normally be working but had lost hours due to the pandemic. Pressures of the cost of living are growing every day. No matter what point in life people are at everyone is feeling it.

It especially broke my heart when my children noticed their own classmates' struggles. In our own neighbourhoods, there are kids going to school without breakfast and little in their lunchboxes or sitting out of school activities because their parents cannot afford the extra fees. We are all connected. If there is a child in the south or anywhere in this state with an empty lunchbox, or a pensioner who has to choose between dinner or warmth, that matters to me. Everyone deserves to have these bare essentials.

It hit home again recently when I was volunteering with a food relief service. We were set up outside at the Aberfoyle Park Community Centre. It was freezing cold and pouring with rain. My fingers and toes were numb and I thought for sure nobody would be coming out that day. But they did. Local mums and dads showed up in the rain to collect their weekly groceries because they relied on this service.

I remember seeing the look of sheer relief on one young mum's face as she and her boys arrived in their raincoats to learn that it did not matter that it was raining, these volunteers were there to make sure that she could feed her kids that week. While we are so lucky to have such wonderful volunteer groups providing these much-needed services, we need to work on improving people's overall financial and social situations so that they have more stability and do not need to be reliant on these emergency services.

This is what I care about. It is what we need to show compassion for. It is about a fair go for all South Australians. That is why I am proud to be part of a Labor government that has a handle on managing the economy and supports an economy that works for everyone, not just those at the top. You should be able to pay your taxes and get on with what is important to you, trusting that the people you elected, your government, have your back and the backs of those who need it.

I can see the need for change at a state government level and I know that only Labor has the values, the passion and the vision to fix what is broken and preserve what makes South Australia so great. Whilst, like many other areas, the Davenport electorate has an ageing population, the demographic is changing and there are lots of families with little kids just like mine.

Parents in Davenport, or anywhere, should not have to worry about moving into the catchment of a particular school. All our schools should have the resources that they need to be great schools. Parents should not have to worry about how to afford uniforms and other necessities, and kids who need a little bit of extra help should not be left behind because of limited resources.

Likewise, older residents should not be left to feel as if they are the forgotten group. They have worked hard their whole lives, they have paid their taxes longer than anyone, paid down a mortgage, supported their children and their grandchildren, and now find themselves struggling with the cost of living. They may be asset rich but cash poor and this sees them eligible for very little, if any, support.

They also worry about what their future holds. Where will they end up when they need extra care? Will their life savings be absorbed into substandard aged care, leaving nothing to pass on to

their children? I believe that we need more compassion in politics. Who wants to live in a world where people are unnecessarily suffering?

My dad was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. He is taking a drug that is not yet on the PBS. It costs him \$1,800 per month after the drug company discount. This medication and all the other appointments, like MRI scans, CT scans and treatments, have needed to be paid up-front and many are not covered under Medicare.

Fortunately, my dad is in a position where he has so far been able to come up with the funds to cover what is needed to extend his life. But there is always that stress of how long they can sustain those payments before having to consider selling their home to cover it. Dad told me a story just the other day about a patient in the same waiting room as him explaining to a social worker that he was putting his house on the market and would pay the medical bills once the house was sold, pleading to just have the treatment now that he so desperately needed.

I realise that some of these issues are more federal issues, but it does speak to the need for us to be more compassionate when it comes to politics, and I am so proud to be part of a team that can be. Our people have gone through two of the hardest years in the state's history and deserve a government that has their back when times are tough and a vision for a better future.

I am excited to be part of a team that will never stop fighting for what is important: a better health system, better schools, opportunities for local businesses and jobs, much-needed protection for our environment—including finally acknowledging the real threat of climate change and taking real action—and, overall, a better future for South Australia. This means that all three levels of government and business need to be working together to provide improvements in public transport, schools, roads, hospitals and social policy so that everybody can feel included. I know that, with cooperation at all levels, we can make a big difference.

It is wonderful to see so many friends here today. I have been extremely fortunate to have had some amazing supporters encouraging me to this point. The great Leon Bignell has been there from the very beginning. He showed me how to stand up for what is right when he helped me not to be censored when I was running a campaign for mayor back in 2018. He stood here in this place and he defended my right to have a voice and to be a voice for my community.

There is also the incredible Nat Cook. Nat knows my electorate well, as she held parts of it when it was still known as Fisher, making history, being the first Labor person to turn that area red. She has been a great supporter and friend. I am excited to work alongside her and support her tireless mission to show compassion and look after the people in the community who need it the most. I am profoundly grateful to Amanda Rishworth, Kyam Maher, Susan Close, Chris Picton, Katrine Hildyard, Tony Piccolo and a former member for Reynell Gay Thompson for their support, wisdom, encouragement and guidance.

I am grateful, too, to my campaign crew, who have stuck with me: my brilliant campaign manager, James Agness, who believed in me from day one and somehow managed to convince everyone else to when it seemed impossible. Thanks to Pam Perre, James Johnston, David Griffiths, Matt Osborne, Tyler Marsh, Mikaela Andrews, the Davis/Cook family, the Baldock family, the Barnes/Errington family, the Stokes family and an amazing team of volunteers, especially the wonderful Young Labor team. They all gave me great support.

I thank my local government family, especially the Onkaparinga staff and councillors, and my brains trust, Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross and Mayor Amanda Wilson. I also thank my Davenport sub-branch, particularly president Justin Shaw and Aidan 'The Ambo' Greenshields, who so passionately represented our ambos throughout the campaign and who I know will make sure that we deliver on our promise to fix ramping.

Thank you to Reggie Martin and the party office, particularly Aemon Bourke, for the support and encouragement that you have given me from day one. Aemon, you were always there for me for a comforting phone call when I was unnecessarily stressing out. I also acknowledge the union movement and the great work that they do. I especially thank Josh Peak and the SDA, Demi Pnevmatikos and the UWU, and Abbie Spencer and the ASU.

I am honoured to have had the support of such an extraordinary team of fellow candidates during my campaign and now in parliament, including Lucy Hood for Adelaide, Nadia Clancy in Elder, Rhiannon Pearce in King, Catherine Hutchesson in Waite, Olivia Savvas in Newland and Sarah Andrews in Gibson. The seven of us have developed a great bond, and it is that spirit of teamwork and shared vision that will ensure that this Labor government truly delivers for South Australia.

Of course, that dream team of talented, passionate people is a reflection of our leader and the new state Premier, Peter Malinauskas. He is a man with a vision for what our state can achieve: to fix our broken health system, to get our economy back on its feet and to remind South Australia what we can achieve together with united leadership that actually backs its people.

On a personal note, I want to thank my mum, Jan, a strong, ambitious woman, full of love and compassion for others and a huge spark for life. She is my greatest inspiration. We sadly lost mum to motor neurone disease in 2020. I know she has been guiding me since and I know she would be proud to see me here in this place. In her last years fighting MND, she would often remind me that there was no funding for MND research or support in this state and limited funding nationally.

I remember once I was heading off to an event where there would be a bunch of politicians speaking, and mum made me promise that I would hit them up for funding. I know she was popping the bubbles and dancing in the sky the day that Labor committed funding to support MND SA and the great work that they do. Until we find a cure for this horrendous disease, we need to provide support for much-needed care to those suffering and to their families.

Thank you to my stepfather, Phil Turbil, who has joined us in the gallery today. You have been an incredible support in the absence of my mum. I know that it has been extremely difficult for you losing her, but you have been a pillar of strength, making sure that we honour all the special occasions, always doing your best to fill the gaps that mum left behind. She would be so proud of you.

My dad, Bill, and stepmother, Gerry, also in the gallery, have travelled from New South Wales to be here. This is not the first trip that my dad has made to support me in recent months. Despite his own health struggles, dad has moved heaven and earth to be by my side at critical moments during my career. He was even out wobble boarding with me in the days leading up to the election—and I have video evidence.

To my best friends, Anna Lumsden, Sophie Taverner, Lisa Abbott and Julia McCarthy: I am grateful for our 30 years of friendship. My courage comes from you. I will always be grateful for the way that you push me to run towards the things that scare me the most. I am so lucky to have such intelligent, strong women backing me.

I have left the best till last. To my children, Lara and Liam—who have just sunk down into their chairs; I can only see one of you; Liam is probably napping; oh, there he is—thank you for all your help with my campaign, handing out shopping bags and letterboxing and sticking stamps on envelopes. I can see you growing up into strong-willed future leaders.

During the campaign, Lara took great delight in correcting the other kids at school on how to pronounce Malinauskas. She also tells me that she considered correcting her teacher when he incorrectly referred to the \$62 million basketball stadium rather than the \$662 million stadium, but decided not to because she did not want to embarrass him.

But my absolute favourite moment was when I had just given my kids a tour of my new electorate office and my son, Liam, looked up at me and said, 'I'm really proud of you, mum.' You two are my reason why. I hope that in my time in this place I can make a difference and have a positive influence on your future but above all keep making you proud.

To my husband, Adam: my girlfriends often say they wish they had an Adam. I know how lucky I am to have you. Your belief in me is unwavering and I am only who I am because of the love and support that I have at home. Thank you for all that you do.

Most of all, I am grateful to the people of Davenport for electing me to represent our community. I am conscious of the expectations that you have of me and I promise to work tirelessly

and resolutely to deliver for you and for all South Australians. I thank you, Mr Speaker, and I thank the house.

Parliamentary Procedure

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The SPEAKER: I acknowledge the presence in the gallery of the Hon. Kyam Maher MLC, Attorney-General, and the Hon. Emily Bourke MLC. Both have joined us on this important occasion recognising the member for Davenport, who has just addressed the house for the first time. The member for Morphett has the call.

Address in Reply

ADDRESS IN REPLY

Debate resumed.

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (11:47): Thank you, Mr Speaker, for the opportunity to speak and recognise the opening of the Fifty-Fifth Parliament of South Australia. My congratulations to you on being elected as the Speaker of this fine house. I am certain you will carry out proceedings in an orderly manner in your charge.

Of course, I offer my congratulations to all the new members of parliament in this house, in fact all members new and returning to this Fifty-Fifth Parliament. I also sincerely thank Her Excellency the Governor for opening parliament this week and for the way she conducted herself with great dignity. It was really fantastic to be there for her swearing in last year in October. Already, she has proven to be a fantastic asset to this state.

In terms of being elected to Morphett, it certainly is an honour and privilege to be re-elected by the good people of Morphett to be their voice in parliament. I will look to bring to this role passion, integrity and humility again, as I did in the last four years, and certainly to be a really strong advocate for all those people living in Morphett, irrespective of who they voted for.

The electorate itself is named after Sir John Morphett, who is quite a historical figure here in South Australia, certainly from a European settlement perspective. He came across in 1836 with Sir William Light. They came to Glenelg, where they first discovered fresh water at the Patawalonga. He then went on to be part of the early days of democracy here in what was the colony of South Australia. He was the Legislative Council President in this fine establishment. In 1842, he set about building his house, Cummins House, in my electorate on quite a large portion of farmland—130 acres with orchards, vines and also olives. In fact, there is still a stand of those olives in Novar Gardens near the PHOS Camden Football Club.

As I mentioned, Cummins House is very historic. It is in Novar Gardens and so when their lease expired with the local council, the West Torrens council, back in 2019 there was really a lot of work done between me and the member for Black, who is now our leader, to make sure that by working closer together we could keep the management of that house running in an orderly way. It is now being undertaken by the state government. That was really important. The Cummins Society is a great society that makes sure of the upkeep of that property, where they run tours and Devonshire teas. It was great to work with them, and it was very important that the house be maintained in public ownership for the public to enjoy, so I just acknowledge the president at the time, Jan Ward, during this transition period as well.

As I mentioned, Novar Gardens is certainly one of the suburbs in Morphett. Morphett is really a fantastic place in the world to live. It is close to the beach and close to the city, so it offers the best of both worlds. In the easternmost side of the electorate are the great suburbs of Camden Park, Park Holme and Morphettville. Of course, Morphettville is the home of racing here in South Australia with Morphettville racecourse.

Based out of there, there has been a lot of work done by the South Australian Jockey Club, which will look to develop that land as well. They are looking at doing a significant development, which will also hopefully open up the infield there inside the track to make it available for sporting fields, which will be is fantastic. Certainly, when you look at metropolitan Adelaide from the Hills, what really stands out is a big parcel of open land there in my electorate, and so I look forward to

working with the SAJC over these next four years to progress that. It will become a really great community asset for the community, and we hope to work through their vision.

Other suburbs that are very important are Glengowrie, a slight portion of Somerton Park and then all the Glenelgs—Glenelg East, Glenelg South and also Glenelg North. Those Glenelgs border some amazing coastline of about three kilometres in length. Of course, the coast is very important for people and a big portion of open space for our community, so coastal protection is really important to them. Again, I think that is an area where the Marshall government put a lot of emphasis over those last four years to protect the coastline. We recognise the importance of that to people.

One of the areas that I again worked on closely with the member for Black in his role as the Minister for Environment was to have a shellfish reef set up only about a kilometre off the shore near the mouth of the Patawalonga. It would be a bed probably five hectares, so roughly the size of two Adelaide Ovals, and it plays an important role, having oysters there, the natural oysters that used to be up and down the coast, which have been degraded by all the nutrients in the ocean.

Bringing them back will help not only filter the seawater but also attract seagrass and make sure that the sand under the ocean is stable, which in turn helps protect the coastline there as well. That is really important. Coastal protection, as I said, is important to the community. It is important to my family as well. We live very close to the coast there in Glenelg South, Glenelg North being where the shellfish reef is, so oftentimes we walk down there.

It is a very active community in Morphett. As I said, my family lives in Glenelg South. Members of the family work in the electorate, we volunteer in the electorate at the Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club and we play sport in some of the fantastic clubs there. It is really important as the community's representative in state parliament to be able to keep in touch with the community, and certainly over the four years I have really sought to engage with the community and of course will undertake to do that again in this four-year term. Morphett is a fantastic place to live. I think it is the best electorate to represent in the South Australian parliament, and it is so fantastic to have that honour and privilege to serve the people of Morphett.

I thought back over the four years. When I was elected in 2018, I outlined in my maiden speech in this place some important priority areas that I held true to over the four years, and really I see no reason to change them. These areas included looking to build the community; making sure that we support the local economy; making sure that our community is safe; protecting the environment, particularly the coastline; making sure we assist seniors, as Morphett has one of the oldest demographics, so making sure we do a lot of work there to protect our seniors; and improving our transit corridors, be that the roads or the tram. I focused on those in the local electorate. I mentioned earlier two of these initiatives: work on Cummins House and also the shellfish reef for coastal protection.

Community safety is very important to Morphett. Glenelg is a bit of a tourism hotspot. It gets a lot of visitors, with over a million visitations a year. A lot of these are in the summer months, of course, being near the beach. In 2018 I made the commitment to extend the Glenelg Police Station opening hours—they were only open Monday to Friday, nine till five. I really pushed for the station to be open seven days a week during those peak summer months, with an emphasis on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to make sure they are open over longer hours because that is when it is busiest. That has been successful.

There are still lots of pressures there, but that is certainly another commitment I gave to Morphett for this election, that we would continue those police station operating hours. Certainly, it will be the expectation of my community that those hours are continued. I pay tribute to the member for Hartley sitting next to me here. As the Minister for Police he made sure that those opening hours continued in our discussions when we were talking through the budget process. The police are there.

I mentioned before that there are pressures in terms of antisocial behaviour. Some of it is from drugtaking and some of it is just from petty crime. It is a concern to the traders, because of course we are trying to make Glenelg family friendly. We want people to enjoy their time down there and not be confronted with violence. One of the other initiatives I set up was an antisocial behaviour round table, which got great support from the Western District Police, and we had a number of sergeants and superintendents come along.

We held these round tables on a regular basis, bringing together the police representatives from SAPOL; the local council, City of Holdfast Bay; the Jetty Road Mainstreet Committee—of course they had an active interest in this, being the traders—and some of the local charity and church faith groups, and St Andrew's by the Sea is one that every week on a Tuesday offers a soup kitchen to help feed people. I have had the Minister for Police attend these from time to time to hear what is going on.

It is a really good way to have two-way communication between SAPOL and the Jetty Road traders in my local community in Morphett. Not only did they provide updates but it was also a way to provide solutions—and solutions there were. The police really set about having more patrols, whether foot patrols, that is, active patrols of police going up and down the street, going into the Bayside Village, or mobile patrols. Because of our communications, a lot of police work today can be done remotely and therefore the police can operate effectively out of their patrol cars.

If I could mention also specific operations that were set up to have an emphasis, especially over that summer period, one of those, Operation Jericho, really has made a noticeable difference and is much appreciated by the community as well.

Another solution that was identified was that, yes, you can have the police there, but prevention is also very important. One of the initiatives coming out of this round table was the importance of CCTV, high-quality CCTV that helps to apprehend and also charge perpetrators. We are really looking to continue rolling out the CCTV network in Glenelg to make sure there is that surveillance there. That is something else I will be focusing on over these next four years, as well as continuing to hold this antisocial behaviour round table to keep this focus on community safety.

Another important project, again, which was an election promise I made in 2018—I should say, the Marshall government; I am taking too much credit, but I certainly support it—was the work done over the last four years by the government to revitalise the Repat, committing significant funding, \$125 million worth of funding, into the area to reverse the damage that came when Labor closed the Repat. It was an important community health asset. It has been great over the four years to see it change and it will be a really significant health precinct and health asset for the community.

There is a brand-new brain and spinal rehabilitation facility. There is also the Repat Veteran Wellbeing Centre. The Plympton Glenelg RSL have moved from their premises into the Repat and they are thrilled to be back. There is also the wheelchair stadium, which is a fantastic new stadium, part of the town square that is there in the Repat. We also look forward to the opening of the Repat Neuro-Behavioural Unit. This will provide care for people with advanced dementia. It is really important that they are cared for there.

We are also looking to roll out surgical and procedural services there. It is fantastic to bring surgery back onto that site as well. It was an important initiative. We listened to the veterans community and those passionate about this site and really have revitalised the Repat into a thriving health precinct. Of course, work is still ongoing there. It has been used for drive-through testing during COVID times. It was the first drive-through testing clinic in the Southern Hemisphere, so it really does have a significant place in terms of our response to COVID as well.

When you drive past, as I did just this week, you can see they are still laying foundations for the next building to go up. There is work still being done there, and it really does show that to overcome the challenges when we first came to government as the Marshall government in 2018, to overcome Transforming Health, it was going to take a long time; it was going to take more than four years.

Now my role is to hold this new government to account to make sure they continue the outstanding work that was done in that precinct and, more generally, the work done in our health system in terms of expanding emergency departments and the significant funding that the Marshall government put into health that increased spending in health in the budget by \$900 million. We look to make sure that is spent wisely and for the best benefits of South Australians.

I would like to also talk about some of the fantastic sporting clubs in the electorate of Morphett, and we are blessed to have so many. They play an important role in building community. Over the four years, and even before that, it has been fantastic to go to see so many of these sporting matches played, bringing people together and the friendships that are built out of doing that.

One of the commitments I made in 2018 was to upgrade the playing surface at Plympton Oval and, importantly, put in drainage at Plympton Oval to help the Plympton Bulldogs. It has been really worthwhile seeing that rolled out. The drainage improvements went in in 2019. As that has gone through, and the surface itself has knitted and come together, it has been really important. So now in winter, when the rain falls, it no longer just pools on the top to become a mud pit. It is now a pretty reasonable playing surface. Of course, there will still be bits of mud with all the spikes that go through there.

What is significant about that is the explosion of girls playing football, girls playing these sports as well. The Plympton Bulldogs can now cater for more teams, and it gives the girls who were newly introduced to a sport a great surface to play on so that they can concentrate on their skills and not have to worry about the surface being uneven and unplayable.

Unfortunately, the Plympton Bulldogs are no longer in Morphett; they have moved into Badcoe, so I hope the member for Badcoe will look after them as well as I looked after them. Certainly, a lot of the players and families who are part of the club come from my electorate of Morphett. It has been great to see funding put towards other clubs. The PHOS Netball Club has now been relocated over to join the PHOS Camden Football Club at Camden Oval. Four newly surfaced netball courts have been provided. They are hot off the press, so I look forward to those being used this season.

The Glenelg Football Club is the premier football club in Morphett, and it has been a fantastic and thrilling four years to see some of their success. The men's team won the 2019 SANFL premiership, and the women's team won the 2021 women's premiership in the club's centenary year. Again, it was fantastic that the Marshall government provided funding towards unisex change rooms, which allowed both the men's and women's teams to play on the same day because there are now four change rooms there. It happened on the weekend when the women played South Adelaide—my daughter is playing in that team; it is great to see her get the benefit of it, but more generally the team—and the men played against Port Adelaide on the same day. Both teams got to play in front of quite a significant crowd. It is great for the females to get the support that they deserve for their efforts.

I thank the former member for Gibson, the Hon. Corey Wingard, for his fantastic work as the Minister for Sport. Over the last four years, significant funding was put into so many clubs—not only in Morphett, but across South Australia.

If I talk about significant improvement as well, there has been significant improvement in our schools. They are really important for educating our next generation, and that is why the Marshall government looked to transition year 7s into high school. That happened this year. It is going to be really important for those students going forward to accommodate this. There is, of course, massive investment in our secondary schools in Morphett: Brighton Secondary had over a \$13 million investment for classroom upgrades. The Plympton International College had a fantastic performing arts centre built and opened as well in the last four years.

Of course, primary schools are also important, so they were invested in. Glenelg Primary School has \$7 million of funding to be put towards classroom upgrades. Speaking just today with their principal, Shane Misso, that is being worked through, and I look forward to that being completed over the next four years.

There are also some fantastic Catholic schools in Morphett and we understood, as a government, that it is important that the Independent and Catholic systems also work to educate our youngsters. In my electorate, St Mary's Memorial in Glenelg, Our Lady of Grace in Glengowrie and also St John the Baptist in Plympton received significant funding for their classroom upgrades as well. This is an area I will be working really hard on again over the next four years.

These are really significant achievements that have had a big impact on the electorate, but it has to be said that the biggest impact in Morphett and across all of South Australia over the last two years has been the global pandemic. It has upended everyone's life, and our approach as the government was to listen to the health advice and to make sure that South Australia was one of the safest places in Australia, in the world, initially keeping the virus out.

When vaccines—a modern miracle—were developed so quickly, they were able to be rolled out to protect the population. That took a long time, but as a state we were able to get our population significantly vaccinated to make sure that everyone could be protected as best as possible. In doing so, the figures show that many thousands of deaths were prevented in South Australia. Unfortunately, there were deaths, so I offer my condolences to the families of loved ones whose lives were lost during that COVID pandemic, and unfortunately this is still occurring as we speak.

At this stage, it is important to thank our frontline health staff for keeping the community safe, our police and emergency services workers for their work and also, with the schools, to thank the teachers, who had to adapt to hybrid learning, which meant long hours for them well. I acknowledge them and all South Australians for their role in looking after not only themselves but their family and the community and allowing South Australia to have one of the lowest levels of restrictions but also quite a high rate of compliance in terms of keeping people safe as well.

We are now at the stage where, after two hard years, as COVID has gone through and we have gained that immunity, we are able to open up again. It started before the election and it is continuing as we go through, and we are looking to get Australians back to the genuine freedoms they deserve to be able to prosper.

When I talk about that, yes, it was a health crisis, but we are very mindful that it also was an economic crisis. Business owners especially made many hard sacrifices to keep South Australians safe, and I acknowledge the hardship it caused. It certainly had an impact on the election result, so I commit to reconnecting with the small business community in Morphett and South Australia as well.

I should mention my office staff. All electorate offices had a lot of correspondence and became an important conduit for members in their community to get information, to seek assistance and to try to change rules. In all cases we tried to act empathetically out of our office. We could not solve all issues because of the nature of some of the restrictions, but I thank my office staff—Simone, Hugh, Tayla and Rubie—for their efforts during this time.

It is worth mentioning that the former Premier, the member for Dunstan; the Minister for Health, the Hon. Stephen Wade from the other place; and the rest of cabinet and members on this side worked tirelessly to keep South Australians safe during this time. It was important to keep people safe, but we also had to have that focus to continue to build the economy, and it was during this time that I was made the Minister for Trade and Investment in July 2020.

I thank the former Premier for the faith he showed in me. Trade and investment is very important to this state. Going forward we need to have a strong economy to give people the worthwhile work to be able to pay for the services that the government provides. With international borders closed because of COVID, and trade tariffs coming out of China, especially in wine, a main priority of mine during that time was standing up programs to assist export sectors that had been affected.

As a government we rolled out a global network of trade offices, and these proved vital when international travel was not possible during those COVID times. We had four offices when we came to government in 2018; by the time we finished there were 15 trade offices operating or in the process of being set up. It gave coverage across all our key markets, following the sun effectively, from the USA, Asia, India and the Middle East over to Europe and the UK. These will be really important. They were important while travel was restricted and they will be important going forward.

We have just seen two significant free trade agreements signed and agreed to between the UK and Australia and also India and Australia and places where these offices are. They will be important for us going forward; they are important for our exports. Only last year we saw exports for overseas goods reaching record heights early in 2021, with \$12.5 billion worth of exports, which was a new record at the time. That continued to grow, and by July it had reached \$13 billion and has continued on each month since being above \$13 billion, with the recent figures in January and February reaching a new state record of \$13.4 billion, which is great for our exporters, a testimony of their work, but good for the South Australian economy as well.

It is also important that, along with a lot of those commodities, we grow our service exports, and I think a major legacy of the Marshall government will be the establishment of Lot Fourteen,

having that completely transformed from the old Royal Adelaide Hospital into a hub of technology and innovation.

Significantly, we have had the national Australian Space Agency being located at Lot Fourteen and this will cement South Australia as the centre of Australia's space industry. It has also proved a key pillar in attracting some significant global businesses to South Australia. I have mentioned before in this house Accenture, Cognizant, Google Cloud, Amazon Web Services and a number of others that all add up to thousands of fantastic, highly skilled jobs and also billions of dollars of investment into South Australia.

There was also some great work done in attracting sovereign manufacturing. With the time remaining I will not go through that in detail, but it included being able to attract the Australian Space Park manufacturing hub, \$380 million to some significant plant protein manufacturing and also \$146 million towards the Port Bonython hydrogen hub. These are massive investments for the state going forward. It really is transformative and will help attract many young people to South Australia.

In terms of thanking people, I thank the staff in my office at Trade and Investment, particularly Rowan, Brendan and my Chief of Staff, Kathryn McFarlane. I also acknowledge the former CE of the department Leonie Muldoon for her work.

In terms of the election result in Morphett, you cannot do it alone, and I had so many volunteers, a fantastic group of volunteers. Special mention goes to Hugh Sutton, my campaign manager, and Laura Coppola, who was the Morphett SEC President. We had a fantastic support group in terms of helping me doorknock and attend listening posts as well as making sure the letterboxing was done, ensuring that was carried out. So thank you to Robert, Roger, Rod, Kym, Frank, Ella and Mary as well as my father, John.

There is a special mention from the listening posts to Hugh, who deserves a special mention there, as well as Simone. Hugh was always there to make sure that the marquee was set up and that everyone was protected from either the rain or the sun.

Thank you to the rest of my campaign team: Rowan, Brendan, Tony, Zayne, Will, Hamish and Baie, especially for their efforts confluencing. There was a magnificent team of volunteers who helped out on pre-poll and election day: Patricia, Christine, Pete, Jonheen, Janet, Glenda, Leonore and Jerry put in so many hours. Thank you to everyone else who helped on election day as well: my brother, Tain, and his wife, Nat, for their help, Chris and Eva Sargeant, Mahbub, Shahrukh, Jamo, Grant, Jamie and so many others.

I would also like to thank my Liberal Party colleagues for their help. I have mentioned the Premier before and our new leader, the member for Black. I also acknowledge the former members of parliament who have retired or who were not re-elected.

Significantly, I would like to thank my family: my wife, Tammy, who puts in tireless work supporting me as a member of parliament, and my children Oliver, Coco, Violet and Gabe. Thank you for your support. I commit to serving my community diligently and in good faith.

Time expired.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer) (12:18): It is a pleasure to rise and speak following the opening of parliament and our Governor's contribution to those proceedings. I also thank the Governor for making clear her expectations of us both in this place and the other place over the next four years.

After each election, it is timely to remind ourselves not just of the priorities we spoke about perhaps in the context of an election campaign but also of our responsibilities to our communities separately and collectively to the state. Like my 46 colleagues, I know we take that responsibility very seriously, and we will all work assiduously to discharge that to the best of our abilities.

It has been an election campaign which saw significant change, but regardless of that change I would like to congratulate all members who have been elected, both returning MPs and also some of the new MPs. We are very excited, on this side, to have a new cohort of members. We have had the extraordinary pleasure already of hearing some opening speeches to parliament from new members, and I cannot quite remember a time when the quality of the speeches and their content

have been so moving and so impactful for members and also for families and other guests who have been fortunate enough to hear them.

It has been an extraordinary change in terms of not just government and opposition but the composition of our parliament, with so many new members elected on our side: of course, the member for Waite, the member for Adelaide, the member for Newland, the member for King, the member for Gibson, the member for Elder, the member for Playford, the member for Davenport.

I know members on the other side are equally proud and excited to see new members of their team elected for the first time. We have already in some way acknowledged the new member for Frome, and we also have a new member for Flinders and a new member for Schubert. I know that those members opposite are excited about new members on their team as well.

Pleasingly, many on our side, but also, we should acknowledge, on the opposition benches—it is really pleasing to see so many women elected to parliament. It feels like we are making more significant strides now in evening up the representation in this place generally speaking between men and women, and that is really encouraging.

Of course, we would say this on our side—but I think we could also expect to say for newly elected members of the other side—that there is extraordinary talent coming into the parliament as well, for the first time, with those members. It is really encouraging to see.

I would also like to congratulate—albeit he is not in the chair at the moment—the member for Kavel not only on his re-election but also on his re-election to the position of Speaker. He had already demonstrated himself to be a considered and diligent Speaker in the previous parliament, and it is already evident that that is continuing here.

I would like to congratulate the member for Stuart as a new member for Stuart and as a returning member of parliament on an extraordinary victory, a resounding victory. I am sure that not only is it recognition of his connection to his local community and the esteem in which he is held by his constituents but recognition of very hard work. I know that the member for Stuart has had a particularly challenging couple of years in his own particular way as well as, of course, like the rest of the community, in dealing with COVID. So it is a remarkable victory in that sense as well for the member for Stuart.

I would also like to acknowledge some candidates on our side of politics who got very close but unfortunately were not able to be elected at the last election: Cressida O'Hanlon, a 6.9 per cent swing to Labor, making Dunstan the most marginal seat in the state, at only half a per cent. With a truly remarkable achievement for a candidate, there is Ryan Harrison in the seat of Unley, a 9.4 per cent swing to Labor, making the seat of Unley a marginal seat now, at only 2.2 per cent. In fact, I do not think we have had a result that close since perhaps 2006, and before that we might have to look back to Australian cricket legend Gil Langley for holding the seat of Unley for the Australian Labor Party—

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Brown): A former Speaker.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: A former Speaker. A safe pair of hands not only behind the stumps but behind what I assume was some sort of unelectrified microphone vocal projection device that would have been in existence in the parliament back then. With Matthew Marozzi there was an 8 per cent swing to Labor in the seat of Morialta, and with my friend from many years ago Alex Dighton there was a 6.5 per cent swing to Labor, making the seat of Black a marginal as well. They are really terrific results and, while the four of them fell short, I am very much looking forward to seeing the four of them being successful at the next election for those seats—probably a couple of those four I mentioned before sooner rather than later, I am anticipating. That is going to be encouraging.

As we resume parliament this week after the necessary break for the election, I would like to thank the ever-patient parliamentary staff, including the house staff as well, not only for their patience in having to put up with our contributions in this place but for all the assistance they provide to us, led by the Clerk, Rick, and the house staff, but also all of the other staff throughout the parliament complex. They do a really remarkable job keeping this place running and keeping us looking at least

vaguely competent as we are showing members of the community around or attending meetings outside of sitting hours.

This was comfortably the most remarkable campaign that I have had the privilege of participating in. I had previously participated in state and federal campaigns going back to the 2001 campaign, but this was a campaign unlike any other. I do not expect the member for Croydon, the now Premier, or even the member for Port Adelaide, the Deputy Premier, or others to reflect on the campaign that they led because their modesty would prevent them from doing so, but it was a collective and collegiate effort in an election campaign by a political party the extent to which I had not previously seen.

Of course, it was easy for us to be enthusiastic and hardworking and diligent in all aspects of the campaign because of the fact that we were led by the member for Croydon. He is a very easy leader to support and campaign next to because he provided such a compelling vision, conviction and alternative during the campaign to the incumbent Liberal government. But the way in which the campaign was managed and led was something unlike the Labor Party had conducted before, and I think it is worth recognising the role of the previous state secretary, now the Hon. Reggie Martin MLC, and the current state secretary Aemon Bourke for the effort they had put it.

Usually, there are one or two seat campaigns which see each political party, Labor and Liberal, put an enormous amount of effort into. There are a huge number of volunteers, there are a lot of resources put into them, and it is pretty obvious in a particular election campaign which those seats are. But, this particular election campaign, the 2022 state election campaign, on our side of politics, saw more than a dozen such efforts across seats.

It is little wonder that we were able to achieve success in seats that perhaps 18 months ago we would not have reasonably thought we stood a chance of winning, whether it is the seat of Gibson or Waite or Davenport. It started by having just extraordinarily high-calibre candidates and then incredible campaigns supporting those candidates. I did not mean to single out those three to the exclusion of others, but we ran campaigns across at least a dozen different electorates, running at them as hard as possible with as great candidates as possible. Even those we fell agonisingly short of were really terrific efforts.

I am pleased that not only have we managed to see people elected into this place as representatives of those seats where we were successful but also I am really pleased that those people who came so close but who were unsuccessful are going to have that chance again. When I mention Cressida O'Hanlon, our candidate for Dunstan, or Ryan Harrison or Matthew Marozzi, these are quality South Australians who are going to make a real impact in this place, and that is something to look forward to. The sooner we get them in, I think, the better.

Mr Acting Speaker, you would probably roll your eyes as I say this, but somebody with such an extraordinary commitment to the law and somebody with such an extensive academic background—but more to the point a true believer who shares great Australian Labor Party values—like Rick Sarre is going to make a terrific member of parliament. We look forward to the opportunity that he is going to have in the middle of this winter to put his best case forward to the people of South Australia to be the next member for Bragg.

It was also an election campaign where I think most South Australians could say that there was fundamental difference between the two major political parties. It has been a common refrain for the last generation or so where people say, 'There's no difference between Labor and Liberal,' and people on the Liberal side of things and people on the Labor side of things would say, of course, 'That's bunkum,' and they would point out a few key differences usually related to whatever the political issues of the day were.

But there could be no starker contrast, I think, at this recent state election about what the two different offerings were from the incumbent Liberal government and the Labor opposition, and those differences were prosecuted by both sides. It was not just one side representing the issues as being one thing and that not being engaged on by the other.

We had a strong campaign announced a year out from the former Premier, the member for Dunstan, about wanting to focus on future economic development opportunities for the city

coalescing around a new Riverbank stadium, whereas the Labor Party priority was around the health system, and that choice was prosecuted strongly by both sides in the lead-up to polling day.

I think it is important to point out—and not to make a political point about which was the better issue to be campaigning on etc., as that matter has been decided—that it reminds us of the importance for us as members to state our position, articulate it clearly and allow our political opponents to articulate their position, be respectful of it and leave it up for decision. That is essentially how this chamber is deliberately designed. We are standing here facing each other where a member will put their particular perspective, and it may be rebuffed or rebutted by the other side, and ultimately the house as a whole will decide that matter.

There have been a lot of times I can recall in the relatively brief time I have been here—I say that because the member for Hammond is here, and of course we have all served briefly compared with the member for Hammond; he is an experienced hand as a parliamentarian—where people, either in government or in opposition-type debates, or in conscience debates, have very firmly held views. They are argued and well articulated and in the end the house makes a judgement.

That process is so important not just for ourselves but for the communities that we represent that they understand what we stand for, what people on the other side of the debate stand for and why decisions get made. I look forward very much, with colleagues across both sides of the chamber, to engage in debates like that.

I would like to talk about my own electorate if I can. It is a tremendous privilege to me to be able to represent the electorate of Lee again after the recent state election. The member for Hartley has already talked about his community changing, for example, with lots of development and so on and the changes to planning controls he has sought as a result of that. My community, in that regard, is much the same: there is a lot of development going on.

There are a lot of older houses on large blocks being knocked over with more dwellings returned on each block and a significant change in the demographics of that community. It is really something that most metropolitan MPs would notice perhaps a bit more acutely than perhaps regional MPs, although that is not to say it is not happening in regional centres. I am sure the member for Finnis has seen this in some of the major townships in his electorate as well or, if not, just greenfield expansion of those townships and with that comes significant pressures.

Although there has been a boundary redistribution and the member for Colton has taken a substantial part of the former electorate of Lee in the suburb of Grange, he is seeing it in that suburb as well as in his remaining suburbs. I am continuing to see it in the suburbs of Seaton, Royal Park, Albert Park, Hendon, West Lakes and Semaphore Park—pretty much across all of the suburbs in my electorate—and that brings pressures.

The western suburbs are not overly endowed with open space or green space and that means that when thousands of families are flooding into these suburbs to live it is hard to find sporting and recreation facilities—ovals or parks—for families to recreate in and so it has been important for us to make commitments to improving what open space we have but also to make a commitment that we will use the Planning and Development Fund, or the open space fund as it is referred to, to purchase open space rather than just improve recreation facilities.

One example of this in my electorate, colloquially known as the duck pond in West Lakes or the freshwater lake on Delfin Island, I have to say galvanised a community in a way in which I had not seen perhaps since it was first announced that the Football Park site would be redeveloped. Hundreds and hundreds of local residents were absolutely aghast at the council's contemplation of filling in what is an extensive area of green space in the middle of West Lakes.

Part of the original design of West Lakes was the inclusion of the freshwater lake system on Delfin Island. Yes, of course, it is expensive to maintain, but that is why residents of the City of Charles Sturt have continued without too much complaint to pay rates each year so that the council has the capacity to maintain local infrastructure like that.

I was pleased in the early stages as a community representative to assist with that campaign to make people aware of the issue and then local residents, Robyn and Paul, led the Save the Freshwater Lake campaign. I am pleased to report that only in the last two weeks the council has

now overturned its previous decision to consider filling in those lakes or substantially altering them. That is a terrific community win.

It is yet another example that shows me that, as a local MP—it does not matter if you are Labor or Liberal, metropolitan or regional, or even an Independent—staying close to your community, focusing on local issues, is incredibly important because they are usually the issues that are front of mind for people when they are thinking of who they want to represent them.

I have never had a margin of more than 10 per cent and I am almost embarrassed that for the first time I do have one. I do not pretend to think that it is all a result of people's affection for me. I think the leader of our Labor Party is not just a terrific leader but adept at announcing aquatic centre policies, if I can put it like that, that also garnered some attention, but I would like to think that at least some proportion of that improvement is a representation of our collective efforts to stay close to the issues that our community is concerned about.

I am also really pleased that we will be getting on with something that has stalled for the last four years and that is the completion of the coast park through my electorate. There were lots of flyers, lots of consultation rounds and lots of artists' impressions but absolutely zero progress made between the years 2018 and 2022 on completing this coast park, which was a frustration to me because it was a project that was funded by the former state government and the council in 2017 and should have been opened in about 2020.

Even though it looked like the project was going to be stymied by the new proposal from the then Liberal government, now the Leader of the Opposition, the member for Black, for a sand pumping pipeline, now that we have put that to one side, we can get on with delivering the coast park. That will be a huge relief for thousands of residents in my electorate, and families across the western suburbs, that they will be able to traverse from North Haven—if I get this right—down to Seacliff on a continuous, nonstop coastal path suitable for walking and low-speed cycling. That is great news.

I am also really pleased that we will start seeing some progress on, indeed the completion of, the stage 3 upgrade of The Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Again, this was a project where funding was set aside in 2017, yet only in January and February of this year did we finally see machinery move onto the site to clear the car park and get ready for that project. That is really pleasing to see.

I am really looking forward to continuing working with key major sporting and community clubs in my electorate, including at the home of SMOSH West Lakes, the West Lakes sports club, seeing the upgrade of their facilities. That is also the home of the Henley and Grange Baseball Club, the Port Adelaide Softball Club and the West AFL Masters Football Club. This is a single-storey facility with a couple of change rooms that caters, in total, across both summer and winter sports, for over 2,000 members. It is well overdue for an upgrade and I am very much looking forward to seeing that being delivered over the next four years.

Also, the council has been working on a master plan for the Grange Recreation Reserve. It is the home of the Grange Dolphins Cricket Club, now officially the most successful cricket club in the state, taking its tally of premierships to 44 after winning two flags in the limited overs turf competition in the most recent season. The reserve is shared with the USC Lion Soccer Club and also the Grange Royals Hockey Club, and we are committing money towards that. The Seaton Ramblers Football Club and the Western Strikers Soccer Club will also see an upgrade to their facilities. We have a lot to get on with in our electorate.

I also want to thank some people absolutely from the bottom of my heart for the never-ending support they provide to me. I want to start with my campaign manager, John Atkinson, who is undoubtedly a rising star of the Labor Party. He is somebody who works extremely hard, has incredible judgement both politically and when it comes to local issues and campaigning. He is a fantastic organiser and most of all he has a quality that is important in this game and that is calm: he is very calm and unflappable. That is great news.

I would like to thank the other people who have helped me in my electorate office over the last four years: Mel, Corey, Carol, Pauline and our trainees, the latest of which is Christian. They have done just the most outstanding job supporting me, particularly when I have not been able to be

in the electorate office when the phones ring or people want to come in and meet. They are just the most tremendous support to me and I cannot tell them how much I appreciate their support.

I would also like to thank those people who supported my campaign, and three people in particular I want to thank, not just because they helped with this campaign but because they have helped me with every campaign: Amy Ware, who I first met back in 2003—about the same time you did, Acting Speaker—in a former colleague's office, is just the most generous and giving person to the labour movement, let alone to me as a candidate; David Wilkins is another extraordinary person who is so generous with his time and efforts; and Antonia Larizza, who is not only extremely hardworking in her local community but also in helping me and other Labor campaigns.

There are also those people who helped on booths, helped handing out and distributing flyers, scrutineering and so on, putting up corflutes, and just as importantly taking them down again: Tolley and Barbara, Louis, Yousif, Walter, Damian, Colin, Marilyn, Zoran, Michelle, Andy, Vince, Julie, Anthony, Eleni, Irene, Manny, Malcolm, Peter, Georgina, Andrew, Matt, Robina, Glen, Karen and Norm, of course—Norm being a former member in this place and a former Speaker, Norm Peterson—Barbara, Antonia, Olivia, Chris, Sarah, Gerard, Jenny, John and even my former boss, Kevin Foley, for helping out on election day. He was used sparingly at the polling booth but wisely.

Mr Pederick: Did you get him up a pole?

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: No, I did not get him up a pole. We would not want to risk anyone kicking the ladder out. I would also like to acknowledge the other candidates in the electorate of Lee, including Andrew Payne, for the Greens—who, I found out while handing out on the pre-poll booth with him, used to teach the member for West Torrens, and the member for West Torrens would like to know that he was tight-lipped about that experience as well—the Family First candidate, John Moldovan, and the Liberal Party candidate, Jake Hall-Evans.

The most heartfelt thanks that I want to issue is to my extraordinary wife, Antonia, to my boys, Ben and Isaac, and our little girl, Olivia. I know members talk about this from time to time, and we are fortunate being state MPs rather than federal MPs who are away so much more than we are, but it is so difficult as members who have families to be consciously making the choice to be attending to work, parliament, community events, night-time commitments rather than being home with family, particularly with young family that need a lot of very careful management to get them fed, showered and into bed each night. I know that that means a huge sacrifice from our spouses and partners when we are not there to do that, so I cannot thank Antonia and my family enough.

I thank my mum and my brothers—those I see, who have not been stuck overseas for years—and also Antonia's family. They give just the most extraordinary support I could ever hope to have from both of our families. It absolutely means the world to me and like just about everybody else in this place we could not do anything that we do as members of parliaments without the support of our families, so my heartfelt thanks to all of them, and I am looking forward to serving for the next four years with my parliamentary colleagues.

Mr TARZIA (Hartley) (12:48): It is an absolute pleasure today to rise to address this place in the time remaining before lunch. Taking us to the break I feel like Jason Gillespie, but I will do my best.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Governor, Her Excellency Frances Adamson, for her service to the state. Of course, as we gathered there on the first day of this parliament, the enormous contribution and value that she has added to this state should be recognised. She is a tremendous lady, intelligent and classy. She brings so much dignity, decorum and an enormous amount of worldly experience to the role, and she is doing a fantastic job, so I think we should acknowledge that.

The former government I think has a lot to be proud of. We led the state extremely well through financial and economic challenges that, quite frankly, have never been seen before. The former government did very well to save as many lives, businesses and also as many jobs as possible, and we have seen already a significant economic recovery throughout our state as businesses again have opened their doors and workers have returned to work.

The former government also launched the biggest ever economic stimulus package in our state's history, which did help to reboot our economy. We promised to create jobs, build what matters and deliver better services and we certainly did that as well. I do believe that we helped to further secure our growing global reputation as one of the safest and most attractive places in the world to live, work and also raise a family.

There were significant policies that we enacted for the benefit of our state. For example, payroll tax has been abolished for all small businesses with payrolls less than \$1.5 million per year. ESL costs for businesses and households have been reduced substantially, the top land tax rate has been slashed from 3.7 per cent to 2.4 per cent, electricity costs have dropped and water bills for the average business have also dropped.

We finally attracted more people from interstate into our state than actually left the state. We did wonders with the jobs and Economic Growth Fund, and also the Great State Voucher scheme was an enormous success. On health, we of course increased emergency department capacity, provided additional resources to our ambulance services and upgraded the Modbury Hospital that was long overdue.

The former government highlights also include plans to deliver the new Women's and Children's Hospital, with a significant budget allocation in the forward estimates towards that bill. In education, the government committed—certainly in my neck of the woods—over \$80 million to construct a new 1,200 student year 7 to 12 high school at Rostrevor which is required to meet the growing demand in the area for government secondary schooling. In the last budget, 2021-22, we also allocated what would have been \$17.9 billion towards a record infrastructure program, which is estimated to support more than 19,000 jobs during construction.

We should talk a little bit about the north-south corridor that, once completed, will provide a 78-kilometre nonstop motorway connecting the north and south of Adelaide and slashing travel time by well over 20 minutes. Enormous productivity improvements will result once that is completed, and once that project is completed it will do enormous wonders for people travelling through our great city. I also want to take this opportunity to reflect upon some of the other infrastructure and transport achievements.

We know that, for example, the upgrade of metropolitan roads and intersections is extremely important, and we were able to fast-track vital maintenance work and also create a number of jobs through our \$373 million road safety package. We also upgraded around 4,800 kilometres of regional roads, through sealing road shoulders, widening lanes, installing guideposts and resurfacing, because we know, unfortunately, that the majority of our serious accidents happen on our regional roads.

I would like to acknowledge the member for Hammond, who is also the shadow minister for regional roads. I look forward to working with him, and he does a fantastic job in his local electorate. We upgraded the South Eastern Freeway and, through the police portfolio, we oversaw new laws to enable on-the-spot licence disqualification or suspension for people charged with causing death by dangerous driving, as well as increased penalties for hoon drivers.

We also upgraded both grassroots and elite sporting infrastructure assets right across the state and continue to do that, and many of those plans the government will hopefully continue. One of the first calls I made was to the shadow police minister, and I thank him for his service in the last parliament, and also to the new police minister as well, who has very capable people around him in the agencies that do a fantastic job.

I also want to make sure that we point out that the record should show that we funded and began major redevelopment of the Hindmarsh Stadium, bringing their venue to contemporary elite sports standards ahead of the FIFA World Cup 2023. I also want to thank the former Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Sport, Recreation and Racing Corey Wingard for his work.

I have spoken a little bit about our local achievements in Hartley. I want to thank all who were involved in my local campaign. I also congratulate the new members who have been elected. It is one of the highest honours that you can achieve in your life. I also want to congratulate and thank all the candidates from the various political parties who nominated for political office. Locally, I would

like to thank all who were involved in my election. I thank them for putting their faith in me and for their assistance. It truly does require a village to support a political campaign.

I thank the people of Hartley. With humility, I say it is an absolute privilege and honour to be the member for Hartley. I will keep working every day to make sure that we work as hard as we can to make our local area the best that it can be. Thank you to the community. Thank you to our campaign team, our volunteers and our supporters.

At a personal level, I would sincerely like to thank my wife, Charissa, for her ongoing love and support. Our little boy, Leonardo, who is now just over six months, absolutely every day fills our hearts with love and joy. Thank you, Charissa, for your steadfast, unconditional and unwavering support and for the sacrifices you make so that I can do what I do as a member of parliament. I am very grateful and I love you a lot.

Thank you to all those who were involved in helping me to perform my role as a minister. I particularly want to thank my former ministerial staff, Sam Hooper, Ollie Everett, Allie Mildren and Ben Harvey in the media. To all the agencies: I want to sincerely thank them for the supporting role that they played. We certainly could not have done it without them. We have great leadership and support in those agencies for which I was privileged to be the minister. For example, in SAPOL, especially led by the police commissioner, the deputy commissioner and all the assistant commissioners; in corrections, Mr David Brown; and in emergency services, the head of the CFS, Mark Jones, MFS, Michael Morgan, SES, Chris Beattie and SAFECOM, Julia.

To all the public servants who work hard behind the scenes, whether it is undertaking briefings or preparing budget papers, estimates papers or parliamentary briefing notes: all that work is greatly appreciated. It is a real team effort and it was a real privilege to be able to serve as a minister. When we look back, it will certainly be an unprecedented period of history.

When you look at what the state has endured and gone through, like in other parts of the world, we should be very grateful that we are here in South Australia, in Australia, not only with the tremendous opportunities that we have in front of us but also, I would say, for the overwhelming majority of the time on the issues that mattered the most in health, when it came to addressing the COVID pandemic, we were able to work collaboratively and constructively in a bipartisan manner. We are in a very fortunate position here in South Australia that we can now recover and rebound stronger than we were before.

I might talk a little bit about local promises in the remaining minute that I have. There remain future projects that we continue to focus on and work on to make sure that we deliver for our local residents. We are looking forward to seeing the Magill Village upgrade, in collaboration with the councils of Burnside and Campbelltown, to enhance the Magill Village. That will improve recreation, socialising, shopping and education and also business experiences for local residents.

We are also looking forward to seeing the Thorndon Park superplayground be built, the St Joseph's School Tranmere local upgrade and, of course, the new school being built at what was the Rostrevor campus of Norwood Morialta High School, now Morialta Secondary College. With those remarks, I again congratulate all members and look forward to serving the people of Hartley over the next four years and, hopefully, a bit longer too.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Basham.

Sitting suspended from 13:00 to 14:00.

Personal Explanation

WEST BEACH TRUST BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:00): I seek leave to make a personal explanation pursuant to standing order 108.

Leave granted.

Mr TEAGUE: I rise to make a personal explanation. Yesterday at around this time, by leave the Minister for Planning read out a ministerial statement. He misrepresented the facts and in doing so misrepresented me. I indicate that appointments were made by me following my consideration of

the relevant matter of the board appointments and well before the commencement of the caretaker period.

After, I might say, months of consultation, including with the Chair and the CEO of West Beach Trust to ensure that potential board members had appropriate skill sets to ensure the capability of the board to achieve its strategic objectives, the Chair, Jane Jeffreys, was reappointed for a further term. Two of the other appointments were put forward from a list of nominees put forward by the City of Charles Sturt and the City of Holdfast Bay, and the current members who were council nominees were reappointed.

The three new board members all have extensive and diverse skill sets. I have every confidence that they will make significant individual contributions and that the trust is in very safe hands through their involvement. I can assure the minister that the new members are abundantly qualified and comply with the necessary qualifications and experience as outlined in section 7 of the act.

I note that the previous government made appointments to the West Beach Trust Board with terms commencing 1 March 2018 for four years, ending 28 February 2022, one of whom I reappointed. I was advised at the time that, as it was a ministerial appointment of mine and not an appointment by the Governor, a cabinet note was not appropriate. I wrote to the three new board members and the three reappointed board members on 1 February 2022 advising them of their appointment.

I indicate that this is the form that we have seen indicated, and I will not expand upon that, other than to indicate it is regrettable that, in circumstances where I have been brought up in an Aussie Rules culture, the new Labor government has indicated a propensity to play the man not the ball. I adverted to this—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member will be heard, but before the member is heard I will draw the house's attention to a number of matters.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! A member, having obtained leave from the Chair, may explain matters of personal significance or of a personal nature, although of course there is no question before the house. That is the case in this instance. However, personal explanations ought not be used to continue debate. They should relate personally to the member raising the matter. The member has the call.

Mr TEAGUE: In the circumstances, I indicate to honourable members that the timing of this personal explanation is in circumstances where I acknowledge Minister Champion is new to this place. I was not given prior notice that he would raise this. I have sought any further information that Minister Champion would indicate to me. In the circumstances, as this came out of the blue at question time yesterday, it has taken me this long to identify those facts that I have identified, and so here I am.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! As I say, personal explanations must be confined to matters affecting the member personally. It may not deal with party matters or, in the case of a minister, departmental matters—I emphasise that, member for Heysen—nor be used to make attacks upon other members. I should emphasise, too, that interjections in the course of a personal explanation are generally, of course, unhelpful. I might add, too, that the commentary suggests that personal explanations should be made with notice to the Speaker. That did not occur in this instance.

Ministerial Statement

MEMBER FOR BRAGG

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:26): I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Mr Speaker, the government has carefully considered your statement to the house and the papers you have tabled, which include two minutes of advice from the Crown Solicitor's Office in relation to the resignation of Ms Vickie Chapman. The government accepts the irrefutable advice that this is a matter that may only be resolved by the House of Assembly.

The advice states that, in the view of the Crown Solicitor's Office, Ms Chapman's seat was likely vacated on 26 April by the operation of section 30 of the Constitution Act. The government accepts that advice. The further advice states that, whilst section 30 is automatic and self-executing, meaning Ms Chapman's resignation has immediate effect, in circumstances such as these only the House of Assembly can authoritatively state that Ms Chapman's seat is vacant. The government accepts this advice.

The government also accepts the advice that any proceedings to determine this issue 'should be commenced and heard as soon as reasonably practicable after parliament resumes'. The advice is clear. It is for this place to determine whether Ms Chapman has vacated her seat by virtue of a letter sent on 26 April. The advice makes clear that this question be resolved as a matter of urgency.

It is incumbent on all members to consider whether, in accordance with section 43 of the Constitution Act, a motion ought to be moved to declare a vacancy in the seat of Bragg. However, notwithstanding all of this, the government has also turned our mind to the democratic principles underpinning this place and what we in the Labor Party stand for.

Ms Chapman was duly elected by her constituents on 19 March 2022 to serve in this house for a four-year term. It would require a motion declared by a majority of this house to declare the seat of Bragg vacant. The government holds the majority. It is within our capacity to move a motion and have it passed, but we will not. The government will not move to expel Ms Chapman from this house. We choose not to because it does not honour the values of our party. We have formed the view that using our majority in this way would be unparliamentary in the circumstances where matters are disputed by the former member for Bragg.

We do not consider this to be a partisan issue on which a vote should be divided on party lines. This is a constitutional matter, and we urge the Leader of the Opposition to consider his position in all of the circumstances that we now face as the elected representatives of this state. It falls to us to ensure that members of the South Australian parliament abide by the terms of the Constitution Act.

If the Leader of the Opposition agrees with the advice tabled in this place and agrees, as we do, that provisions of the Constitution Act ought be upheld, he should move a motion to declare the seat of Bragg vacant pursuant to section 43 of the Constitution Act. If this action is taken by the Leader of the Opposition, the government will support its passage. This is now a matter for the Liberal Party and the Leader of the Opposition. The government does not intend to use our majority to force the determination of this matter. The Leader of the Opposition has an obligation to this house, the people of Bragg and all of South Australia to act. We await his response.

MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer) (14:31): I somewhat belatedly table a copy of a ministerial statement relating to the marine scalefish fishery made yesterday in the other place.

Parliamentary Procedure

PAPERS

The following paper was laid on the table:

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

State Planning Commission—Environment and Food Production Areas Review 2021—
Outcomes Report

*Question Time***QUESTION TIME**

Mr TARZIA (Hartley) (14:31): Mr Speaker, my question is to you. Why are you giving the opposition fewer questions in this parliament than you gave the opposition in the last parliament? With the leave of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr TARZIA: Mr Speaker, you presided over 10 question times in the last parliament and gave the opposition an average of 17.5 questions a day during that period. This included allowing the then opposition 10 uninterrupted runs of five questions, six runs of six questions and two runs of seven questions. In the first two days of this parliament, the opposition has had an average of 11 questions.

The SPEAKER (14:32): I will certainly consider the matters you have raised and return to the house. I do observe, of course, that your statement relates to two days of sittings and I'm not sure that it's going to be a representative sample over four years.

OMBUDSMAN INVESTIGATION, MEMBER FOR BRAGG

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:32): My question is to the Premier. Whose view does he accept about the conduct of the former Deputy Premier and Attorney-General: that of the Ombudsman, a statutory officer independent of this parliament, or that expressed in the now discredited report of a majority of the select committee?

The SPEAKER: Premier.

Mr TEAGUE: Sorry, Mr Speaker. With leave—

The SPEAKER: Well, on indulgence, member for Heysen.

Mr TEAGUE: I will, with leave, yes.

Leave granted.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Can he start again?

The SPEAKER: That may be convenient. Member for Heysen, please be seated. The suggestion, well made, is that you commence from the beginning.

Mr TEAGUE: My question is to the Premier. Whose view does he accept about the conduct of the former Deputy Premier and Attorney-General: that of the Ombudsman, a statutory officer independent of this parliament, or that expressed in the now discredited report of a majority of the select committee? With your leave and that of the house, I will explain.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: There is a point of order. Member for Heysen, please be seated.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: Standing order 97 requires that questions should not involve argument. Describing a report of a select committee to this house as 'discredited' constitutes argument.

The SPEAKER: I accept that point of order and I uphold it. Member for Heysen, you may wish to reformulate your question.

Mr TEAGUE: The report of a majority of the select committee, in that case. With your leave and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr TEAGUE: On ABC radio this morning, I heard the Premier to say 'there are two different points of view here, and that of course sets up a pretty difficult situation going forward', but he did not proceed to indicate whose view he accepts.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:34): I thank the member for Heysen for his question. Firstly, I would note the opposition's absolute determination to focus on the circumstances regarding the member for Bragg, and I welcome that that is clearly their overwhelming passion and desire in terms of focus in terms of matters before the state.

Given the opposition's relative commitment and focus on everything to do with Ms Chapman, I can gladly inform the people of this state that we are going to do everything we can to ensure that when it comes to matters of conflict of interest we are guided by a set of principles that is based upon what we think is in the best interests of all determinations that this government needs to make.

That task has been made inherently complex by virtue of the fact we now have an Ombudsman's report that acts contradictorily to the report of the select committee that informed this house's judgement. We have two different reports saying two very different things—completely opposite to each other. What we are going to do is undertake a piece of work, through the Attorney-General's Department, to make sure the judgements we make are consistent with the best interests of this state.

I am not too sure what is so hard to understand about that. Clearly a learned individual such as the member for Heysen would appreciate that those two exercises are distinct from each other and have come to completely different conclusions. We just want to do the right thing. We just want to make sure that we make the right judgements and that is exactly what we intend to do.

OMBUDSMAN INVESTIGATION, MEMBER FOR BRAGG

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:36): I ask the Premier: following his statement to the house yesterday that his government seeks to uphold the highest standards of disclosure, and I think just repeated in similar terms now, will he now disclose to the house and the people of South Australia whether he accepts the findings of the Ombudsman tabled in the house on Tuesday?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:37): I thank the member for Heysen for his question and again note the absolute determination and zeal that the opposition has to continue to go over all matters pertaining to Ms Chapman.

Members interjecting:

Mr TEAGUE: Point of order.

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

Mr Cowdrey interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Colton is called to order. I will hear the point of order.

Mr TEAGUE: I listened to the first rehearsal of the Premier on this in the last answer without rising on a point of order.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr TEAGUE: He is continuing in—

The SPEAKER: Member for Heysen, what is your point of order?

Mr TEAGUE: —debate contrary to standing order 98.

The SPEAKER: Very well.

Mr TEAGUE: He should answer the question. It's a straightforward question.

The SPEAKER: Your point of order is raised very early in the answer. I will listen carefully. The Premier.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: As I have said repeatedly since the handing down of the Ombudsman's report, including in this place, we thank the Ombudsman for his report. We will take all his findings into consideration and we will be conducting a piece of work to make sure that his findings are worked through to ensure that going forward we understand exactly what the rules of the game are when it comes to conflict of interest.

OMBUDSMAN INVESTIGATION, MEMBER FOR BRAGG

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:38): There's a supplementary in that case: I have to ask the Premier what the point was of referring the matter to the Ombudsman if we were not going to receive an indication from the Premier about whether or not he would accept the findings of the Ombudsman.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Premier has the call.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:38): I speak—

The Hon. L.W.K. Bignell interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Mawson is called to order.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: I speak on behalf of the government. I have been a spokesperson on behalf of the South Australian parliamentary Labor Party now for approximately four years. I would not be so presumptuous as to think that I speak on behalf of the parliament. It was the parliament that referred the inquiry to the Ombudsman. It was the parliament that asked the Ombudsman to examine the actions of Ms Chapman, something that the now opposition is clearly completely obsessed with. It wasn't me who asked the Ombudsman to do the report: it was the parliament, which indeed includes you, sir.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Acting leader, order! There are interjections on both sides. The acting leader, of course, is seeking to assert his position in the chamber. I applaud that, but we need to be balanced, as the member has emphasised to me. The acting leader is warned. The member for Flinders has the call.

BROMPTON GASWORKS

Mr TELFER (Flinders) (14:40): My question is for the Minister for Housing and Urban Development. Before the question, I congratulate him on his election to this parliament and his elevation to the front bench. I look forward to hearing his maiden speech when we next sit. The question is as follows.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr TELFER: Has the minister directed Renewal SA to review the MAB Corporation's proposed \$459 million investment in the Brompton Gasworks site and, if so, will the minister table his direction?

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning) (14:40): The government's policy both in opposition and in government has been clear. In opposition, we said we would release the criteria and release the weightings and we would have an independent review, and in government we are having an independent review and we have released the criteria and the weightings.

BROMPTON GASWORKS

Mr TELFER (Flinders) (14:41): Another question for the Minister for Housing and Urban Development: that being the case, before doing so did the minister or anyone acting on his behalf

instruct the CEO of Renewal SA not to exercise delegated authority to sign the final contracts with the MAB Corporation?

The Hon. L.W.K. Bignell: Everyone in Tumby Bay has been asking about this.

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning) (14:41): The government's policy has been quite clear. The government's policy, and it is important that you realise this, is quite clear: we wanted to have a review. This is a very, very important site, 5.8 hectares in the inner western suburbs, close to the CBD, heavily polluted, needs remediation. I will tell you the pollutants: hydrocarbons, heavy metals, arsenic. All of that is on the public record. You can google it and find out just how heavily polluted this site is.

It is of critical importance to this state that we get it right, and that is why the government is having an independent review. We are not going to just leave it to the judgement of the previous minister—

Mr TELFER: Point of order, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Member for Flinders on a point of order.

Mr Brown: What number?

Mr TELFER: Standing order 128—

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Florey is called to order.

Mr TELFER: —relevance.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member has the call.

Mr TELFER: Relevance to the question. The question was: did the minister or anyone acting on his behalf instruct the CEO of Renewal SA not to exercise delegated authority to sign the final contracts with the MAB Corporation? It was not about the site. It was a very specific question.

The SPEAKER: Member for Flinders, that is a point well made. There is some force in what you say. The minister has the call.

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: I was being directly relevant because this is a very important site. It needs remediation. It has been very controversial, you would have noticed, announcing this deal in February 2022 just before a state election. I just say to the member that no development agreement was signed. All that happened was a preferred proponent was selected, so this still has to go to the board, it still has to be examined, it was not a final judgement. In any case, we won't be leaving it to the judgement of the former minister in this case. We will be putting it out to a review, we will be getting the results of that review back and we will be considering them.

BROMPTON GASWORKS

Mr TELFER (Flinders) (14:43): I have another question for the Minister for Housing and Urban Development. Has the minister or anyone acting on his behalf actually explained to MAB what the government's intentions are?

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning) (14:43): If you have a review and you're going to listen to it and consider it, then there is no confusion here. The opposition's policy became the government's policy. It was the same before the election as after the election, and everybody knows it. The public of South Australia know it—they are the most important people—and all the people involved in the process know it. I haven't met with any of the proponents. I haven't met with any of them. I am going to look at the review, I am going to consider the review and then the government will act.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: Have you met with MAB?

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for West Torrens is called to order.

BROMPTON GASWORKS

Mr TELFER (Flinders) (14:44): My question is to the Minister for Housing and Urban Development. To provide some clarity then, who is undertaking the review and how long will it last?

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning) (14:44): The review will be done by an appropriate body.

An honourable member: Who?

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: That will be announced in due course.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: I have already said to the media—

Mr Pisoni interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Unley!

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: —that we anticipate the review to last six to eight weeks.

The Hon. L.W.K. Bignell interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Mawson!

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: After that, I will receive the findings and we will consider them. The government will consider them.

BROMPTON GASWORKS

Mr TELFER (Flinders) (14:45): For further clarity, a question for the housing and urban development minister: what are the review's terms of reference?

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning) (14:45): Terms of reference are the original government approval for the Bowden project, both for consistency and appropriateness; the master planning and market strategy; the appropriateness of the remediation strategy, both in methodology and in cost; the economic and community benefit; and its consistency with the objects of the 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide, the Planning and Design Code and the 20-Year State Infrastructure Strategy.

They are broad measures to measure a very, very important deal: 5.8 hectares in the inner western suburbs, adjacent to the CBD and already part of the Bowden Urban Village site, which was, I might add, signed off by the Public Works Committee of this parliament. They are broad criteria, and it will be measured against those.

BROMPTON GASWORKS

Mr TELFER (Flinders) (14:46): A question for the Minister for Housing and Urban Development for clarity because this is very important to the people of South Australia: is the review considering—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member has the call.

Mr TELFER: Is the review considering rescinding the unanimous recommendation of Renewal SA's board to select MAB Corporation as the preferred proponent?

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning) (14:46): What the review is doing is looking at this decision by the former minister.

Mr Cowdrey: By the board.

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Colton!

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: Well, the former minister announced it. He issued the press release. Regardless, we are going to review this decision. We are going to review it. The government is going to review it—

Members interjecting:

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

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: —get the independent review and consider it. It is not difficult. We said this before the election; we are implementing it afterwards. On Tuesday, you marched into this place—it was a much better strategy than your previous one, I might add—and you asked the Premier, 'Are you going to commit to your election commitments?' Then you went down the line—

Mr TARZIA: Point of order, sir.

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: —to West Torrens, to Lee, to the member for Kaurna—

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

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: Oh, you don't like it?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr TARZIA: Point of order: the question was very specific. This is clearly debate: 98.

The SPEAKER: There is some force in what the acting leader says. Minister, I will listen carefully. I draw you to the substance.

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: You demand that we commit to implementing our election commitments. Nothing could be plainer than what we said before the election: review, release the weightings and the criteria. How hard is it? It's not hard to understand. Now the government is implementing it and you are coming in here saying, 'What are you doing?' Well, it's pretty obvious what we are doing: we are implementing our election policy. If you are going to demand that we implement our election policy, then you have to respect our mandate and the decision of the people of South Australia.

BROMPTON GASWORKS

Mr TELFER (Flinders) (14:48): A question to the Minister for Housing and Urban Development: does the government intend to reopen the proposal for development submissions?

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning) (14:48): You don't ask for a review—

Mr Telfer: Who is doing the review?

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: It will be done by an independent advisory body. It will be announced in due course. There's no need to panic. There's no need to get excited. Six to eight weeks, it will be done and we will receive it. The government will actually look at it, then we will make decisions from that review, but what we are not going to do is pre-empt the review. What I am not going to do is act like the Oracle of Delphi for you. I am not going to come in here and predict the future. I don't think that's very fair of you to ask me.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The house will come to order.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, the Treasurer! The member for Flinders is filling his boots with questions, acting leader.

BROMPTON GASWORKS

Mr TELFER (Flinders) (14:49): I have one more question for the Minister for Housing and Urban Development.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member has the call.

Mr TELFER: You guys are incumbent, come on!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Flinders.

Mr Pederick: You've got to remind them.

The SPEAKER: Member for Hammond!

Mr TELFER: Have you worked out what liability the taxpayers now face to compensate MAB as the preferred proponent for their sunk tender costs and lost revenue from the project?

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning) (14:50): Again, you invite me to hypothecate about the future, whereas what we are actually going to do is implement our election policy, which is to have a review and then receive the review and then make decisions from that. It is simple.

BROMPTON GASWORKS

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:50): My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier accept that he was wrong to question before the election Renewal SA's selection of the preferred proponent on the grounds of a lack of open space when MAB Corporation's proposal includes about 25 per cent more open space than the former Labor government's revised master plan for the development of the site?

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning) (14:50): Open space is just one of the criteria that we should be looking at with this site. We also need to look at remediation. I would invite members opposite to have a very good look at remediation. It's probably the most polluted industrial site in South Australia. All of that is on the public record. You can google it; in fact, I invite members to do so. It is a very seriously polluted site. Open space is an issue and economic benefit is an issue. All of these things will be considered by the review which we will receive and then make appropriate decisions from there.

BROMPTON GASWORKS

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:51): My question is to the Premier. Why so early in its term is his government undermining the strong investor interest in South Australia it inherited by putting a hold on the Brompton gasworks site?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Heysen, please be seated. There is a point of order. I anticipate that it's going to be for argument.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Yes, sir: standing order 97.

The SPEAKER: Very well. Member for Heysen, before I rule I will give you an opportunity to rephrase the question.

Mr TEAGUE: I will give the Premier an opportunity to answer it in the most straightforward terms. Why so early in this term in his government is the Premier undermining investor interest in South Australia he inherited by putting a hold on—

The SPEAKER: Point of order. Member for Heysen, please be seated.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: In using the term 'undermining', sir, he's involving argument in this question. It's unparliamentary.

The SPEAKER: I uphold the point of order. Member for Heysen, I am not going to turn to the government side. I am going to allow you to rephrase. I have upheld the point of order. You may wish to rephrase.

Mr TEAGUE: My question is to the Premier. Why so early in this term has he put a hold on the Brompton gasworks site, and in case the review comes down in a way that he doesn't like will he commit now to accepting its outcome?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order: now he's asking the Premier to engage in a hypothetical scenario, which is unparliamentary.

The SPEAKER: I am going to allow the question partly because it would seem that the opposition would like to fill its boots with questions today. I am going to allow the question.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:53): I think the key component of the member for Heysen's question is: why are we so determined to honour our election commitments? The answer is: because it's the right thing to do.

BROMPTON GASWORKS

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:53): My question is to the Premier. Does his government reject the assessment of Renewal SA that MAB's proposal will deliver superior overall outcomes for the local community and the people of South Australia across the evaluation criteria?

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning) (14:53): Don't you like me answering questions? You can't look at me. You're focused—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Hammond! The member for Hammond is warned.

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: I am not protecting anyone. I am implementing our mandate and it's about time you recognised it. As important as Renewal's board is, as important as is the previous decision the minister made, we are going to properly review this decision because it's a 5.8 hectare site. It's very heavily polluted. It was part of the original Bowden Urban Village document that was signed off by the Public Works Committee of this parliament.

I should congratulate you as well on being elected. I look forward to your maiden speech as well, but you should go back and look at the testimony before the Public Works Committee, as I have done, about this project. The gasworks was never carved off by itself. It was always part of the Bowden Urban Village project. So it is important for us to measure this deal that was announced just before a state election. We are going to measure it against the criteria I outlined to the house before. That's a sensible and prudent thing to do, and it's also something we have a mandate for.

BROMPTON GASWORKS

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:55): My question again is to the Premier and in light of this answer. Do his ministers now have what appears to be carte blanche to overrule the outcomes of project evaluations by independent specialist boards?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:55): My ministers have a responsibility to honour our election commitments, and that's what we're doing.

The SPEAKER: The member for Hammond has the call.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for West Torrens is called to order.

Mr Brown interjecting:

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

The Hon. L.W.K. Bignell interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Mawson!

Mr Fulbrook interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Playford! The member for Hammond has the call.

MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, REGIONAL ROADS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (14:56): Thank you, Mr Speaker, for your protection. My question is to the Minister for Regional Roads, Local Government and Veterans Affairs. With your indulgence, Mr Speaker, I congratulate the minister on his appointment to cabinet and ask him whether he sought to give any undertakings to the Premier as a condition of his appointment to cabinet?

The SPEAKER: Minister.

The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Stuart—Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Roads, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (14:56): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I also acknowledge your reappointment as the Speaker and the member for Hammond's re-election. Can I perhaps go back to an ABC interview that I am sure the member would have heard that had the same argument.

Let me reassure the house that leading up to the election there had been no discussion with myself between either the major parties, being the Labor Party and the Liberal Party—during the election campaign period of time, no discussions, no visitations. The only forum I attended was for the shadow health minister at Port Augusta, which was attended by the other members around the area and the councils, etc.

As I indicated in the ABC interview, on the Tuesday after the election I had a call from the Premier offering me the opportunity to join the cabinet. I am a regional person. I have great passion for the regions out there. If anyone in this house disputes that, they only have to look at my record and my commitment over the last 13 years, my 20 years on local government and my commitment to local government. Even from that, I have always been a great supporter of local government across all of the regions, including metropolitan areas. On that Tuesday, the opportunity arose for me to consider that opportunity. It came out of the blue. After consideration, talking to my partner and my children and my family, I elected to consider and to accept that on the proviso that I am still able to voice my concerns.

With regard to the Minister for Veterans Affairs, again I compliment everybody who is out there in the regions and metropolitan Adelaide for their dedication over the many years in various conflicts, including the Boer War up to today. There are many conflicts out there. My father served in the Second World War in New Guinea, and he lost quite a few of his friends, including my uncles, in that war. My brother served in the Vietnam War and he is a returned veteran. I served for approximately six years in the Army Reserve.

I have had a great passion for people out there, veterans across all sectors. I want to be able to pay back not only to my own community but to regional South Australia and to the whole of South Australia, including the metropolitan area, and to the veterans who have gone out and fought for what we've got today. We have freedom and we have peace in this country. Look at the opportunities we have had because of the sacrifices of families over many years. The member mentioned this the other day in his griever.

We have all suffered because of family loss over many, many years. If we look at what is happening in Ukraine at the moment, I am very, very disturbed about what is happening over there, and we all should be.

To answer your question: no discussion, no commitment. I am here to serve the people of South Australia in whatever capacity I can, whether it is in these three portfolios or any other opportunities with this parliament. I have already put the offer out to both shadow ministers to work collaboratively to get the best opportunities for the three portfolios I have been offered, and I will continue that work.

The SPEAKER: A supplementary question. The member for Hammond on a supplementary.

MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:00): Did the minister know and meet all the volunteers who supported him in his re-election campaign?

The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Stuart—Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Roads, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (15:00): I'm not too sure that is a relevant question to me as the minister. I have—

Members interjecting:

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

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: He has a very good point, sir: standing order 96, questions concerning public business. The volunteers on an election campaign are not the business of this house.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I understand—

Mr Tarzia interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Is the acting leader making submissions in relation to the point of order that has been raised, in which case I will hear them—

Mr TARZIA: Yes.

The SPEAKER: —or is he raising a new point of order!

Mr TARZIA: No, on that.

The SPEAKER: Very well. I will hear the acting leader.

Mr TARZIA: With all respect, 96 may well apply. However, the minister began to answer the question, and the point of order should be raised at the time not after the commencement of his answer.

The SPEAKER: It is sufficiently contemporaneous for me to take it in hand. I have in mind—

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Treasurer is called to order. I have in mind standing order 96, questions concerning public business. I uphold the point of order. I am not certain that what the volunteers may or may not have done, or what visitors to volunteers may or may not have done, is necessarily immediately relevant to any business in this house.

I also remind members, of course, of the important provisions in relation to not imputing improper motives to members in the house as well. I draw your attention to standing order 127.

MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:02): Supplementary, sir: I am certainly not imputing anything improper; I am just asking the question.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for West Torrens!

Mr PEDERICK: My supplementary is: did any Labor members of parliament or union members support you in your re-election, sir?

The SPEAKER: Point of order. There is a point of order from the member for West Torrens.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for West Torrens will be heard on a point of order. I must give precedence to the point of order.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Thank you, sir. Standing order 96: none of these matters raised by the member for Hammond relate to the ministerial responsibilities of the minister.

The SPEAKER: Member for Hammond, do you wish to address me on the point of order, otherwise—

Mr PEDERICK: I have another question, sir.

The SPEAKER: That may be, but for the moment, member for Hammond, consider that standing order 96 has been raised with me. It doesn't seem to me that the activities of members of the community in the electorate mentioned, or any other electorate, are relevant to the minister's responsibilities immediately to the house. The member for Hammond has the call.

MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:03): My question is to the Minister for Regional Roads, Local Government and Veterans Affairs. Noting that on the last occasion he joined the Labor ministry in 2014 as a minister when he negotiated an agreement with the then Premier, which specified his independence to vote however he chose on certain issues, does he have the same understanding with the current Premier and, if so, will he identify those issues on which he will maintain his independence?

The SPEAKER: The Premier has the call.

Mr Tarzia interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The acting leader is on one warning, and he is very close to two. The Premier has the call.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (15:03): I thank the member for Hammond for the question. I can assure the member for Hammond that the minister you asked a question of earlier adequately and accurately described exactly the events as they unfolded post the 19 March election.

I can assure you, Mr Speaker, that I and I alone made a determination that it would be a great virtue for our government to have the assistance of the member for Stuart sitting around the cabinet table providing his vast depth of experience and knowledge on regional communities, advocating on behalf of the people of the state.

When I called the recently re-elected or newly elected member for Stuart—having previously been the member for Frome—when I called him post the election and asked him to join our cabinet, I think it is fair to say he was somewhat surprised and taken aback, particularly considering that we were elected with a substantial majority. I asked the member for Stuart to contemplate the invitation and the request. He subsequently called me back and said that he could only take up such an offer if he was able to maintain his absolute independence when it comes to his membership within this place. I, of course, obliged and conveyed to him—

Mr Pederick interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Hammond!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —that I expected nothing less. The member for Hammond, along with all present in this chamber, should be absolutely under no illusions that the member for Stuart acts as a member of this government. We very much value his acceptance of our invitation to be around the cabinet table but he, of course, resolutely maintains his independence, and that is something that we wholeheartedly support.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: If only you could say the same thing.

The SPEAKER: Order, member for West Torrens! The member for West Torrens is called to order. The member for Hammond on a supplementary.

MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:05): Considering the minister has ensured his independence on such matters and, if he has agreement with the government, will he advise us what the matters of independence will be and will he table the agreement he has with the government?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Mawson is called to order. Member for Hammond, member for Mawson! Members, interjections between the chamber are unparliamentary.

The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Stuart—Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Roads, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (15:06): To the member for Hammond: my word is my bond the same as your word I would trust, whatever you commit to. Can I make it quite clear in this house here, as I have in the media, two things. To answer your question before, I had members who supported Labor and I had Liberal members handing my how-to-vote cards out and supporting me in the last election.

Can I reassure this house here that I have the opportunity to voice my concerns—and we are in the third day of the parliament. There has been no opportunity to actually have a vote on any discussion where there's going to be a division. I can reassure this house here I will be voting in the future on things that are best not only for my electorate but for all of regional South Australia in particular. Even though I might be the new elected member for Stuart, I still have a very great passion for all of regional South Australia. I question anybody who doubts my ability to do the best for regional South Australia, as you are trying to indicate over that side.

My passion is for the people. I could have quite easily not gone on. I could have retired, but my passion is still to try to do something for the people of Port Pirie, Port Augusta in particular, and regional South Australia. I will continue to do the best thing I can in this house here to represent the people of this state and to do the best I can and work with both sides of politics here to get the best results for South Australia in general.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Unley is called to order, the member for Mawson is called to order.

MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:08): In regard to the minister's previous answer, will you advise the house that you do not have an agreement in ink on paper with the Premier of this state?

The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Stuart—Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Roads, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (15:08): To the member for Hammond, and to every member in this house here: do we always have to have something written down on paper? As I said earlier to the member for Hammond, and to every member in this house here, our word should be the truth. If you're going to make a commitment in this house and you go against it, then you shouldn't be in this house here. I have made a commitment to the people—

Mr Pederick interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Hammond is called to order and reminded that imputing improper motives is contrary to the standing orders.

Mr Pederick interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Hammond is warned.

The Hon. G.G. BROCK: Can we just go back to common sense? We are here to represent people. Whether we are elected as a party person, an Independent or a minor party, we are here to serve the people of South Australia, and we in this house should be looking at the future, at what are the best opportunities for all South Australians.

We have a pandemic we are coming out of, and I still have some concerns that we haven't seen the end of this, but we have to be very concerned about the issue over the last two years and

the damage that has been done to our communities and businesses. The other issue is the mental health and wellbeing of the community out there, especially children. We need to be working together to ensure we have the best opportunities and face these challenges together, not pick on wee little things that are of no significance to the general public.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Florey, order! The member for Mawson is warned. The member for Hammond has the call.

MINING OMBUDSMAN

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:10): My question is to the Minister for Regional Roads, Local Government and Veterans Affairs. Following the recommendation of a select committee the minister chaired during the last parliamentary session for the appointment of a mining ombudsman, does the minister intend to use his influence as a cabinet minister to have this recommendation implemented?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:11): We will be considering all the recommendations of that select committee in the previous report. I take select committees very, very seriously.

The SPEAKER: The member for Morphett.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Morphett has been called and will be heard.

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Treasurer is called to order.

MINING OMBUDSMAN

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:11): My question is to the Minister for Energy and Mining. Will the minister support this appointment of the mining ombudsman that the committee recommended?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:11): I am considering it in depth, sir.

AUGUSTA HIGHWAY

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:11): My question is to the Minister for Regional Roads, Local Government and Veterans Affairs. What action is the minister taking to seek funding for further duplication of the Augusta Highway from Port Wakefield to Port Augusta following the significant investment in this important regional road made by the previous Marshall Liberal government?

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer) (15:12): As all members—

Mr Pederick interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Hammond!

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: —would know, particularly ones who have been in this place for 16 years, discussions between ministers and the Treasurer or cabinet are part of the budget process and are not discussed in parliament.

TORRENS PARADE GROUND

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:12): My question is again to the Minister for Regional Roads, Local Government and Veterans Affairs. As the minister responsible for veterans affairs, when will the minister make public the report completed during the caretaker period by the Torrens Parade Ground Precinct Steering Committee?

The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Stuart—Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Roads, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (15:12): I thank the member for his question. It is a very,

very important question. I have looked at the report and I think it is absolutely brilliant. It was part of the Veterans Advisory Council that the previous minister, who was the previous Premier, instigated.

I am looking at that in great detail. There is a great opportunity there to look at the whole Torrens Parade Ground. As previously mentioned here—and I've said this publicly to other people, to the consortium and others—I'm not going to make a hasty decision. I'm looking at that and consulting with everyone I can out there, including the younger veterans.

MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, REGIONAL ROADS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:13): My question is again to the Minister for Regional Roads, Local Government and Veterans Affairs. Does the minister intend to serve the full four years as minister?

The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Stuart—Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Roads, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (15:13): Dear me, dear me.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: I am very close to ruling that question out of order; I am very, very close. I am even closer to using 137A. The member is warned for a final time.

The Hon. G.G. BROCK: God willing, nothing is going to happen to me healthwise, and I'm here for the long run.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

THEBARTON OVAL

Mr TARZIA (Hartley) (15:14): My question is to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. Since becoming a minister, has the minister had any discussions with the West Torrens council about the future use of Thebarton Oval and, if so, what was the nature of those discussions?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:14): I was asked if it was a good idea for the Crows to go and locate at Thebarton Oval and I said it was a matter for the council. The council seem to be very keen to get the Crows to Thebarton Oval. I wish them well.

Mr Pisoni: Yeah, right. That's all you said, was it?

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Unley!

Mr Pisoni: That's all you said, Tom?

The SPEAKER: The member for Unley is warned.

TORRENS TO DARLINGTON PROJECT

Mr TARZIA (Hartley) (15:14): My question again is to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. Is the minister committed to the start of the Torrens to Darlington build in its current design?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:15): In its current design, the previous government have left a lot to be desired, especially with its elevated roadways near residential homes. I'm looking at that very, very closely.

The SPEAKER: The acting leader.

TORRENS TO DARLINGTON PROJECT

Mr TARZIA (Hartley) (15:15): Thank you, sir, you are most generous today. My question is again to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. When will the government issue the tender for the Torrens to Darlington build?

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan: You had four years to do something and now you want us to do it in six weeks.

The SPEAKER: Order, the Treasurer!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Minister, please be seated.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Hammond! Member for Hammond, you can leave for the remainder of question time under 137A—

Mr Brown interjecting:

The SPEAKER: —and the member for Florey, who is now interjecting, can join him.

The honourable members for Hammond and Florey having withdrawn from the chamber:

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:16): Sir, it sounds like four years wasn't enough. It sounds like the members opposite, who did nothing between the River Torrens and Darlington for the last four years, are now complaining that I haven't in the first 38 days of being in government had tunnel boring machines carving up the ground under South Road. This is a complex and detailed piece of work that will be done. We are getting our skates on.

GAWLER LINE ELECTRIFICATION

Mr TARZIA (Hartley) (15:16): My question again is to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. Is the minister able to update the house on the status of the Gawler line?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Torrens is called to order.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:17): Mr Speaker, I so want to take up my four minutes—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for King, order!

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: —but I will not. I have instructed the agency, despite the completely disastrous outcome of this expansion by the former government, to try to have—

Mr Tarzia interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The acting leader is called to order.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: —the full operations of the Gawler line by June 30. The constant announcement and reannouncement by the former government probably is one of the reasons that the members are sitting there and we are sitting here.

GAWLER LINE ELECTRIFICATION

Mr TARZIA (Hartley) (15:17): Supplementary: can the minister confirm that—

The Hon. L.W.K. Bignell interjecting:

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

Mr TARZIA: —the Gawler project will be finished by 30 June?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:17): I say operational but with passengers on board. That is the advice I have now. If that changes, I will come back to the house, but I have said to the department that I want to give the public a time line that would not change and that they need some certainty. They are sick and tired of being on buses. For whatever reason—

Mr Pisoni interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Unley! The minister has the call.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: —the former government didn't give people free substitute buses in the northern suburbs. It probably says a lot about what they think about people in the northern suburbs. Once it was clear that there would be further delays, the Premier insisted that those substitute buses be free and they are.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Government Whip is called to order.

HYDROGEN SECTOR

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:18): My question is to the Minister for Energy and Mining. When will the government establish Hydrogen Power SA to implement your hydrogen policy?

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

HYDROGEN SECTOR

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:18): My question is to the Minister for Energy and Mining. How much will Hydrogen Power SA cost taxpayers when it is fully established?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:19): It's proposed to be \$593 million.

HYDROGEN SECTOR

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:19): Supplementary: Hydrogen Power SA will cost \$593 million; is that what you're saying?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:19): Yes, sir, that's the policy cost.

HYDROGEN SECTOR

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:19): My question is for the Minister for Energy and Mining. Will the minister now make public all the information supporting his government's so-called fully costed, independently verified Hydrogen Jobs Plan?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:19): We will be making as much information public as we possibly can to protect, of course, all commercial-in-confidence work. We have engaged the best consultants, top people, to work in this field, including the Department for Energy and Mining, which had the confidence of the previous government.

HYDROGEN SECTOR

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:20): My question is for the Minister for Energy and Mining. Does the minister stand by his estimate that the cost for liquification and storage of 3,600 tonnes of hydrogen in his hydrogen plan will be \$31 million? With your leave, sir, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr PATTERSON: The Grattan Institute has advised that the actual cost will be in the low hundreds of millions of dollars?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:20): They are not my estimates. They were the estimates of Danny Price and Frontier Economics. The former government were claiming that the power plant would run operationally 24/7, requiring a much larger level of storage. I understand that's

how they have come to these costs. We dispute those costs. I trust Frontier Economics and Danny Price, not a Collingwood football player.

HYDROGEN SECTOR

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:21): My question is for the Minister for Energy and Mining. Why did the minister's hydrogen plan not budget for a \$150 million upgrade to the transmission network needed to get power to market from the Whyalla location?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:21): The advice I have from ElectraNet is that wasn't necessary.

HYDROGEN SECTOR

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:21): My question is for the Minister for Energy and Mining. Will the government commit that the experimental 200 megawatt hydrogen fuel power station will use combined cycle turbines?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order: standing order 97, the term 'experimental' is argument.

The SPEAKER: I am inclined on this occasion to allow the question. Member for Morphett, please put the question again and I will listen carefully.

Mr PATTERSON: My question is for the Minister for Energy and Mining. Will the government commit that the 200 megawatt hydrogen fuel power station will use combined cycle turbines?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:22): We will be taking market soundings and use the best possible technology available to the state.

HYDROGEN SECTOR

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:22): My question is to the Minister for Energy and Mining. Why is the government pursuing plans for a hydrogen power plant when advice from the Australian Energy Market Operator confirms it will be too slow to operate efficiently in South Australia's high renewables grid?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:22): It is not the advice that I have received.

HYDROGEN SECTOR

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:22): My question is to the Minister for Energy and Mining. Will the government commit to the 200 megawatt hydrogen fuel power station being operational by the end of 2025?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:23): That's our ambition.

HYDROGEN SECTOR

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:23): My question is for the Minister for Energy and Mining. Can the government rule out that the 200 megawatt hydrogen fuel power station will not use diesel fuel or natural gas as a fuel source at any time in its operation?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:23): The generator is not intended to use diesel or natural gas; it's intended to use hydrogen.

Mr Pisoni interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Unley!

CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (15:23): My question is to the Minister for Child Protection. Does the minister have full confidence in the Chief Executive of the Department for Child Protection, Cathy Taylor?

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (15:23): Thank you to the member for his question. Can I also, please, congratulate you, Mr Speaker, on your re-election and congratulate the member for Heysen on his re-election also.

Can I say first of all to the house that our government is deeply committed to ensuring that the most vulnerable children in our state are at the centre of our decision-making and at the centre of our actions. As minister, I am deeply committed to keeping children in care in my mind and also in my heart as I undertake my responsibilities, responsibilities that I am deeply honoured to have been given. As a government and as a community, we have to do everything that we possibly can to keep children safe. The biggest focus that I have had since becoming minister is to relentlessly ask questions of the—

Mr Tarzia: Lots of reading.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: Pardon?

Mr Tarzia: Lots of reading.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —department about procedures, systems, processes and resources to ensure that we have the best possible systems and processes in place, to ensure that those systems and processes are continuously considered and improved.

What is really clear is that asking these questions relentlessly and requiring the department to provide thematic reporting and ongoing analysis of what system improvements are needed is in very sharp contrast to what the previous Minister for Child Protection did. What I will absolutely say to this house is that I will keep asking those questions of the department and of the chief executive to make sure that we do have the best possible systems and processes in place.

CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (15:26): My question again is to the Minister for Child Protection. Does the minister endorse the statement of her departmental CEO, Cathy Taylor, that the case of Amber Rose Rigney and Korey Lee Mitchell was one that the Department for Child Protection didn't get right but didn't fail in either?

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (15:26): Thank you again to the member for Heysen for the question. First of all, I want to say that the deaths of all three family members in relation to that matter were absolutely senseless and utterly tragic, and my thoughts are with their extended family, with their friends and with loved ones. I offer my condolences to all of them.

As I said a couple of weeks ago, I will meet with family members—next week actually—to speak with them about what can be improved. I intend to sit with them, to listen to them and to think about, based on what they tell me and the questions that I am asking, what can be improved. As I also said publicly a couple of weeks ago, it is utterly tragic what happened in this case and we must do better.

SOUTHERN EXPRESSWAY

Mr TARZIA (Hartley) (15:27): My question is to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure. Is the government still committed to developing an on/off ramp for the Southern Expressway at Majors Road despite a feasibility study commissioned by the department questioning the value of such an on/off ramp both in terms of time saving and value for money?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:27): Yes.

KANGAROO ISLAND FERRY

Ms PRATT (Frome) (15:27): My question is for the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. As there is only one Kangaroo Island ferry in operation for the next month, what travel arrangements has the minister made or negotiated for our hero frontline workers who are currently working on Kangaroo Island to provide booster vaccines for locals?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:28): This is a very important matter. I know that there have been issues that the member for Mawson has raised previously in terms of access for vaccinations on the island. I am told that there is a regular shutdown of the ferry service down to one ferry, so I understand the Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network has arrangements in place. I am happy to take that on notice and find out the exact arrangements and ensure that we can make sure the vaccines but also, importantly, the health staff can get to and from the island.

KANGAROO ISLAND FERRY

Ms PRATT (Frome) (15:28): My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Following on from his previous answer, as there is only one Kangaroo Island ferry in operation for the next month, what alternative arrangements has the minister made with his department for those locals requiring dialysis on the island?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:29): Once again, this is something that regularly is managed by the Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network, and I am happy, as with the previous question to them, to also seek information in regard to that.

REGIONAL HEALTH FUNDING

Ms PRATT (Frome) (15:29): My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Given the minister committed to spending at least \$100 million on country health, can he outline for all rural and regional voters when they can expect to see that investment made into all regional hospitals and GP retention?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:29): We were very proud of our commitment to end the \$662 million basketball stadium at the election and invest at least \$100 million extra into country hospitals. We have outlined each and every one of those commitments. Each and every one of those commitments is going to be delivered in the upcoming state budget. We announced time frames in terms of those commitments, and we will be delivering on them.

The Hon. L.W.K. Bignell: That was my question.

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Mawson!

REGIONAL HEALTH FUNDING

Ms PRATT (Frome) (15:30): My question is for the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Limestone Coast residents expect the government to deliver on its election commitment of \$52.7 million. How much can the residents of Frome, MacKillop, Stuart, Mawson, Flinders and other parts of South Australia expect to see in regional health funding to ensure that 'no matter the postcode, they have access to good health care and good facilities as close as possible to their home'?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:30): There will certainly be a lot more than was on offer under the previous government, and we have announced each of those commitments. We will be delivering on those commitments in the budget. All the allocations will be made in terms of each of the local health networks. We are very proud of our increased investment in country health because it is absolutely needed right across the state. We made very specific commitments in terms of ambulance resourcing and hospital upgrades, particularly mental health upgrades in the South-East. These are very important and have been very warmly welcomed by the people of country South Australia.

PATIENT ASSISTANCE TRANSPORT SCHEME

Ms PRATT (Frome) (15:31): My question is for the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. In 2018, when Labor were last in government, the subsidy for using the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme, known as PATS, was 16¢ in the dollar or a total rebate of \$48.96 from Port Augusta to Adelaide. Given the global pressures on fuel prices currently, will the minister back the regions and match our commitment of increasing the subsidy to 32¢ so that the health services in the regions can be futureproofed for growing and ageing populations?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:31): I must have missed that in any of the last four budgets because it certainly wasn't a feature of any of the last four budgets under the Marshall government. I will certainly take advice on that matter; however, our investments are aimed at making sure that we can treat more people in their local communities, where there is less need to travel back and forth to Adelaide.

The SPEAKER: Question time has expired. I do note that there was not a question from government members, though of course they make up by far the majority.

Parliamentary Procedure

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENSION

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (15:32): I move without notice:

That standing orders be so far suspended as to enable me to move a motion forthwith in order to debate the report to this house by the Ombudsman following his investigation of a referral by the Select Committee on the Conduct of the Hon. Vickie Chapman MP regarding the Kangaroo Island Port Application.

The SPEAKER: Member for Heysen, you must first move to suspend standing orders. Are you moving that way, and do you have a seconder?

Mr TEAGUE: I am, sir.

The SPEAKER: It requires an absolute majority. Counting the house, there is an absolute majority present. Putting the motion, is it seconded?

An honourable member: Yes, sir.

The SPEAKER: I will put the motion.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes	10
Noes	23
Majority	13

AYES

Basham, D.K.B.
Patterson, S.J.R.
Pratt, P.
Telfer, S.J.

Chapman, V.A.
Pederick, A.S.
Tarzia, V.A.

Cowdrey, M.J. (teller)
Pisoni, D.G.
Teague, J.B.

NOES

Andrews, S.E.
Brown, M.E.
Close, S.E.
Hildyard, K.A.
Hutchesson, C.L.
Mullighan, S.C.
Savvas, O.M.
Thompson, E.L.

Boyer, B.I.
Champion, N.D.
Cook, N.F.
Hood, L. (teller)
Koutsantonis, A.
Pearce, R.K.
Stinson, J.M.
Wortley, D.

Brock, G.G.
Clancy, N.P.
Fulbrook, J.
Hughes, E.J.
Malinauskas, P.B.
Picton, C.J.
Szakacs, J.K.

PAIRS

Gardner, J.A.W.
Odenwalder, L.K.
Speirs, D.J.
Michaels, A.

Piccolo, A.
McBride, P.N.
Bettison, Z.L.

Hurn, A.
Bignell, L.W.K.
Whetstone, T.J.

Motion thus negatived.

*Grievance Debate***HYDROGEN SECTOR**

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:39): I would like to take this opportunity to speak in parliament today about the fantastic federal government announcement last Friday of the Marshall Liberal government's successful \$146.5 million Port Bonython hydrogen hub bid. This is a huge win for South Australia that will create thousands of jobs and establish South Australia as a globally significant supplier of clean hydrogen. It really is a great initiative of the former Marshall government.

It is not surprising that this was chosen because South Australia has 69 per cent of Australia's quality wind and solar-generating land. This can generate large amounts of electricity, but of course we have seen the challenges with renewable energy being intermittent. The challenge is to match this generation capacity with the demand and, if that is not there, to look to store it as well. A way to do this is using grid-scale batteries that have been used at the moment. Also, pumped hydro is an option, such as the Snowy 2.0 the federal government is putting huge funding into.

But another way to store this energy is by using that abundant renewable energy created, that renewable electricity, to electrolyse water, which is made up of hydrogen and oxygen, and splitting that out to create hydrogen. There are significant amounts of energy that can be stored in even one kilogram of hydrogen gas. Effectively, we can use this renewable, carbon-free electricity generation provided by solar or wind to create hydrogen, which then becomes effectively a chemical battery like this and is referred to as green hydrogen.

Great opportunities are identified not only here in South Australia by the Marshall government but by so many other countries as well. This successful Port Bonython hydrogen hub bid was a partnership between the Marshall government, experienced global industry leaders and also the Morrison Liberal government. We will unlock upwards of \$13 billion worth of investment and, in so doing, create thousands of jobs. I welcome the federal government's endorsement of the Marshall Liberal government's hydrogen plan for Port Bonython. As I said, it will be significant.

Some of the companies that I talked about in terms of being experienced global industry leaders to help in the development of this Port Bonython hydrogen hub bid are those with a domestic focus, significant companies such as Santos, Andrew Forrest's Fortescue Future Industries, Origin Energy and H2U. There are massive opportunities for this renewable energy to be converted to be hydrogen and used for domestic uses.

There are also many other countries looking to decarbonise their economies and use hydrogen as a fuel source. For example, Japan has a small landmass. It does not have the surface area to provide its own significant renewable energy resources and so, by capturing our energy as hydrogen, it can be exported. As I said, Japan is a country that has a highly prospective use, as is Canada. Companies involved from those countries include Chiyoda, AMP Energy, Eneos Corporation, Mitsubishi Corporation.

They have all come together to build what is envisaged as a precinct of multiple hydrogen hubs. This will bring significant investment in their own right while also knowing they have the backing in their own country. For example, Japan has an organisation, the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization, that is overseeing significant projects there.

The Marshall Liberal government, on top of already providing the \$37 million as part of the Port Bonython EOI in May 2021, also provided another \$30 million from the Jobs and Economic Growth Fund when this bid was put forward last year in November. This targeted investment by the

Marshall Liberal government really helped establish Port Bonython as a domestic and international export hydrogen hub. The Port Bonython hydrogen hub will be a lasting transformational legacy of the former Marshall Liberal government that is going to set up South Australia to become a global renewable energy powerhouse.

ADELAIDE ELECTORATE

Ms HOOD (Adelaide) (15:44): For my first grievance to this house I wish to speak about my wonderful community of Prospect where my young family lives and acknowledge the hardworking small business owners and locals within it. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Prospect Road, a main street that is such an important community hub for locals. The local small businesses on this street are hardworking and resilient. They faced significant challenges not only during the last two years of the global COVID-19 pandemic but also in particular during the last seven months.

In mid-September last year, I was woken just before dawn by the sound of fire engines in the distance. It was the unfortunate sound of the beautiful, historic Rosemont Hall and Sunny's Shop building burning to the ground. It was a bustling, popular restaurant in our community, and it took 40 firefighters to get the blaze under control. While they were able to save the surrounding businesses they were not able to save Rosemont Hall and Sunny's Shop.

This tragic fire sent shockwaves throughout the Prospect community. Rosemont Hall and Sunny's Shop has been somewhat of an icon on Prospect Road since 2016 and 2017. It is where many locals have celebrated date nights, family celebrations or simply met there to catch up with friends. It was often where you would find me at lunchtime over the last two years taking a break from doorknocking and treating myself to a chicken pho. It is that good, I even used to have it on 40-degree days.

Since that devastating fire, the last seven months have been incredibly difficult for Prospect Road and its small businesses. For safety reasons, large orange barriers and fencing were placed in front of the business blocking off the footpath and the bike path, and also making it really difficult for access for local businesses. It effectively cut Prospect Road in half. I was able to successfully advocate for a scramble crossing to be put in to assist with safety of pedestrians and locals in the area. However, it was a very difficult situation for many of the small businesses in the street.

I would like to acknowledge the owners of Rosemont Hall and Sunny's Shop, Aaron and One Ratanatray and Aaron's partner, Tamara—firstly to acknowledge that they have gone through so much these last seven months seeing their livelihood burn to the ground—and also the other local small businesses affected by this tragic fire.

In particular, I would like to acknowledge Indy Love, a beautiful homewares and clothing store on Prospect Road, and its owners Helen and Jason Aldridge, and also Maria and Athena Aslinedis at Parthenon Kids' boutique. I thank all of them for their work in advocating for the street. Also to Jimmy at Muratti's and Felicia at Montaigo Boutique.

Further down Prospect Road you will find Anita and Maria at Cibo Prospect, who have lost several car parks in front of their business because the bus stop had to be moved further down Prospect Road. I will be advocating to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport to make sure that the bus stop is returned to its original place as soon as possible to facilitate more parking in front of Cibo Prospect.

I wish all these small businesses, and in particular the Ratanatray family, all the best as they undertake the rebuild of Rosemont Hall and Sunny's Shop. Demolition has now finished, and in the next three months we hope to have a foundation laid on the site. I ask everyone in our community to come down to support our local businesses and our main street, and I cannot wait to be back at Rosemont Hall and Sunny's enjoying as chicken pho or a katsu chicken sandwich very, very soon.

Time expired.

HARTLEY ELECTORATE

Mr TARZIA (Hartley) (15:49): I rise today to talk about a few community events that I have recently had the privilege of attending, including one at the very distinguished Marche Club in my electorate in Paradise, on behalf of the opposition. Joining me were also the Leader of the

Opposition, the member for Dunstan, and the deputy leader, amongst other members and supporters. It was a fundraising event to raise money for the people of Ukraine. Obviously, our hearts break every night when we watch the nightly news and see what is happening in Ukraine, and the suffering of women and children, and of course men serving in their armed forces.

This was a very successful fundraising event. In the end, I think it netted over \$50,000. It was money raised for a very worthy cause. There was a great show of generosity on the night. People paid thousands and thousands of dollars for prizes. If I am not mistaken, there were two young ladies who were over here from Ukraine and a donor actually donated a car to these wonderful ladies from Ukraine so that they could get around. They had literally come here with limited support, with a suitcase and very little in the way of material possessions. They have family still stranded in Ukraine. It was a magical show of support. The local community here rallied together, and that is one of many charitable generous gestures that occurred.

This is not the only fundraising event. Obviously, both Italian radio stations have now held fundraising events for this. I have been absolutely in awe of the generosity of South Australians right across the board in giving back to the Ukrainian community for their friends across the other side of the world. We know that many have been displaced by unimaginable horrors of war and are in dire need of our support.

The Ukrainian community have been a wonderful part of South Australia for a long time. Their story, like many of our wonderful cultures, is surely one of growth and prosperity in South Australia, and that will continue with the next wave of migrants here, the next wave of those fleeing Ukraine. They will bring so much to our state. We welcome them, and I really hope that our state can play a significant role in that regard.

Shortly after one of the fundraisers I attended, I also had the pleasure of attending the Ukrainian Easter ceremony. My wife's family have a Ukrainian connection, and I attended the Ukrainian Easter ceremony at St Volodymyr and Olha War Memorial Ukrainian Catholic Church in Woodville. It is just another example of a flourishing Ukrainian institution with strong roots here in South Australia. It was a really humbling experience to attend that as well and talk to many in the Ukrainian community.

What is not lost on me is the sincere act of generosity from one culture to another, moreover from one European culture to another, both with such firm roots in South Australia. It is comforting to know that no matter how far away we may seem to be, whilst we are from different parts of the world there is such a strong community and such a strong desire to bring people together for a common cause. The Ukrainian community does belong here; they are welcome here. I look forward to welcoming many of these new families to South Australia.

Only a few days ago, I was also able to attend an absolutely fantastic Sri Lankan food festival at the Fogular Furlan Club. Mr Acting Speaker, you may be aware I have literally hundreds of people in my electorate from Sri Lanka. We have been lucky enough to inherit some of them. Our local cricket culture in Hartley has certainly been the beneficiary of some of these fantastic Sri Lankan families. In fact, in this very chamber I once had the absolute privilege of welcoming the T20 team from Sri Lanka.

I cannot thank our local Sri Lankan community enough for their hospitality and the support they have offered me over the years, led very strongly by the Honorary Consul, Dr Perera. I highly recommend getting behind the Sri Lankan festivals. We always enjoy hosting and celebrating our functions together. With those remarks, I will conclude today.

ADELAIDE HILLS GOLD MINE

The Hon. D.R. CREGAN (Kavel) (15:54): A proposal to mine gold at Bird in Hand has caused significant concern in my community for many years. The proposal is to sink shafts through a fractured rock aquifer. Importantly, the proposed mine is within the Mount Lofty Ranges watershed, and the watershed encompasses Adelaide's existing and possible future water supply catchments.

The Inverbrackie Creek Catchment Group, local business owners and local residents are deeply concerned about the managed aquifer recharge process required to drain the mine and

reinject the water into the aquifer. A recent technical report prepared by WGA in response to the proposed treatment of the aquifer water indicated, in relation to water quality:

...increased oxygen in the source water following treatment and ponding...has the potential to react with the PAF [Potentially Acid Forming] minerals resulting in production of arsenic...The results measured during the pumping tests show a strongly reduced groundwater environment and in some cases low pH <7.

High-quality water is vital to growing apples, pears, cherries, berries and grapes in the Hills, and other high-value agriculture. It is not clear whether the proponent is able to obtain a suitable water licence, including for its managed aquifer recharge process. Existing water users are concerned that the recharge process may introduce pathogens and contaminants.

My constituents are also understandably deeply concerned about truck movements, underground blasting, light overspill, noise, dust and impact on local businesses of a mining operation closely approximate to wineries and tourism operations. It is understood that truck movements associated with the mine would travel already congested and narrow Hills roads. Recently, the Inverbrackie Creek Catchment Group wrote to me and said, in part:

The stress caused by nine years of uncertainty has been compounded by the attitude and actions of [Terramin]...our community has been subjected to a sustained campaign of indifference pockmarked with intimidation.

I have been disappointed by past failures, in my respectful view, to adequately balance the interests of Hills growers and farmers and the interests of mining companies, this all within the framework of mining legislation in South Australia. My community, which is still recovering from the Cudlee Creek bushfire, deserved to know whether the mine would be approved prior to the state election. The former Minister for Energy and Mining did not provide further guidance or comfort to my community. I am opposed to any outcome that would cause environmental harm.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:57): I rise today to talk about the privilege I have in serving not only this state but also my community in the roles of shadow minister for veterans affairs, emergency services and regional roads. In regard to veterans affairs, we have recently had commemorations involving ANZAC Day and, as I discussed in this place the other day, the Battle of the Coral Sea.

I look at one of those infamous battles where there were four waves of 150 men sent up the neck. They were within essentially 20 or 30 metres of the enemy, and the timing was out with our naval gunships bombarding the slopes of the neck. They basically charged into withering fire, but they fell with their faces to the foe. The Battle of the Coral Sea was very significant in the history of World War II; it was a turning point.

In regard to veterans affairs, I am very interested in the welfare of veterans. I have had great-uncles serve in World War I and World War II, and my father, who was ordered to stay home to run the farm in World War II, was in the CMF, the Citizens Military Force. As I have indicated before in this place, my brother also served for 23 years in such war zones as Rwanda and Iraq.

So I have some firsthand experience of seeing what has happened, especially to some of my brother's friends, and some of them are not with us anymore because of the trials and tribulations of going to war. It is not just the physical injuries that these men and women come home with; it is the mental scars you do not see on these people walking around. I will be doing my best to work with the government to make sure that we as a parliament do all we can for the benefit of all our people who have served because they do a vital service.

I want to reflect on the emergency services, and this involves the Country Fire Service, the Metropolitan Fire Service, the State Emergency Service and Surf Life Saving. It is a real privilege to work with all these organisations. I know that one thing going on in the emergency services at the moment is the discussion around automatic vehicle locators, which we funded in the Marshall Liberal government. That is going to be managed through cellular phone technology and satellite technology as well. Those works are ongoing and will be implemented as time goes on this year. Trucks on a fireground within 30 kilometres will be able to be identified.

I salute that work in keeping our emergency services people safe because they do such valuable service right across the fields, whether it is in the Metropolitan Fire Service or whether it is

the Country Fire Service, of which I am a member. I have fought many fires. I helped mop up a couple of fires, such as Sedan in 2007 and Kangaroo Island a couple of years ago. I spent nearly a week over there doing the little bit I could to assist as a volunteer.

Another great passion I have—and I am glad I have picked up this portfolio—is regional roads. I note that in our time as the previous Marshall government we invested in about 4,800 kilometres of regional roads because when we came into power there was about a billion dollars' worth of maintenance backlog for these roads. As I have iterated in this house before, it was so good to see this work done right across the state.

There were a few big projects: the duplication of the Joy Baluch Bridge, the Port Wakefield overpass and the works out in my electorate linking Loxton from Chaffey, down through Pinnaroo in the former part of my electorate and down through to Bordertown in the seat of MacKillop. But there is much more to do, and I will be doing my best to ensure that we get these regional roads up to speed because so many thousands of kilometres are involved.

One great passion I have had for years, since roads were pushed back to 100 km/h within 100 kilometres of Adelaide, is to get all these roads back to 110 km/h. Obviously, they have to be built to specifications, but less time on the road means less fatigue and that is one of my goals. I am privileged, after nine years of having the opportunity as shadow minister, and really proud that I can work in these fields and other fields across my electorate and state as well.

Time expired.

COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Ms SAVVAS (Newland) (16:03): I had the great pleasure, during my first speech yesterday, of foreshadowing a long-term commitment to and/or obsession with the Tea Tree Gully Community Wastewater Management scheme. In the City of Tea Tree Gully council area, there are approximately 4,700 septic tanks affecting over 8,000 residents in the suburbs of Modbury, Hope Valley, St Agnes, Fairview Park, Banksia Park, Yatala Vale, Ridgehaven, Surrey Downs, Redwood Park, Vista and Highbury. Of the 4,700 tanks, 4,000 or so are in the seat of Newland, with others spattered across Morialta and Wright.

The house should not be of the impression at any stage that the scheme is a uniform one. The Tea Tree Gully CWMS network in fact comprises approximately 76 separate networks of sewerage and a complex combination of standalone tanks, soakage trenches and deep drainage. It is something that I know all too well, as the City of Tea Tree Gully council, where I was formerly a councillor, currently has full responsibility for maintenance and management of the network.

In fact, ratepayers on the network are required to pay a \$745 service levy to the council each year for that maintenance, in addition to their council rates. The tanks have to be pumped out every few years and, depending on the placement of the tanks and the inspection point, many residents have to dig up pavers and garden beds to allow the pumping contractors to attend to the tank.

At one house I doorknocked in Fairview Park the inspection point was under the house. The resident was kind enough to show me the way he has to remove bricks to allow the hose into the connection point. At another house in Banksia Park, a couple have a septic tank in their master bedroom. Every few years, they have to rip up the carpet of that bedroom and allow the hose through the bedroom window.

The system is in many ways nonsensical. In many streets, there are a combination of both septic tanks and SA Water mains. In fact, on the road that I live, a main thoroughfare, there are both septic tanks and SA Water mains. Many residents across my electorate would be unaware that they pay an exorbitant levy for an archaic septic system, when often their direct neighbours do not. In fact, on the main thoroughfare of Elizabeth Street in Tea Tree Gully, there is a point where only one house is on the septic.

To add to the nonsensical nature of the system, the easements for CWMS pipework are not required by SA Water to be listed on title searches. As a result, for many years residents have purchased properties and been unaware of pipework in their front yards or backyards and built on top of them. This is, in fact, how the residents came to have the tank in their bedroom: they simply

built an extension and did not find out where the tank was until the septic system was later centrally maintained and pumped by the council.

On 3 June 2020, before even having a candidate for the seat of Newland, the Labor Party announced a \$92 million plan to scrap the CWMS and connect residents to SA Water sewerage, after more than 40 years on the system. It was the Labor Party who committed to bring residents of the north-eastern suburbs into the 21st century. On 10 June, exactly a week later, the Liberal Party committed only \$65 million to a transition project, leaving residents and the Tea Tree Gully council with uncertainty about how the third stage would be costed and, most importantly, who would pay for it.

On 15 November 2021, the member for Wright, the now Premier, the Deputy Premier and I held a forum with over 200 residents. We listened to residents and took on their concerns before announcing in January 2022 that we would not only convert residents to SA Water mains but we would scrap the \$745 levy to the council from 1 July this year. We committed that all residents would become SA Water customers for their sewerage services from 1 July no matter what stage of the transition they were in, providing immediate savings to the average household of hundreds of dollars per year.

Residents will also, under our plan and our plan only, pay no remediation costs as a result of converting their property to the SA Water sewerage network. Labor will also create a dedicated customer service unit within SA Water to provide information and provide clear time frames to Tea Tree Gully CWMS residents. I thank the house for the opportunity to speak not once but twice in 24 hours about our network and look forward to finally delivering for our residents.

Parliamentary Procedure

SITTINGS AND BUSINESS

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (16:08): I move:

That the house at its rising adjourn until Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 11am.

Motion carried.

Address in Reply

ADDRESS IN REPLY

Adjourned debate on motion for adoption (resumed on motion).

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Brown): Before I call the member for King, I remind the house that this is the member's first speech and that she should be accorded the normal courtesies in respect afforded to new members on this important occasion.

Mrs PEARCE (King) (16:09): Mr Speaker, please accept my warmest congratulations on your appointment. Ninna marni to all my fellow parliamentarians, friends, family and comrades here today. It is an absolute pleasure to be here on Kurna land. I stand here with the greatest respect for elders past, present and emerging and with pride and determination to be part of a government that will finally implement Voice, Treaty and Truth to our state.

I stand here amongst some incredible people. Each of us stood for parliament driven by our own particular motivations but with one common ambition: to make South Australia a better place. To all of you, congratulations. It is an honour to be class of 2022 with you. To those who are not here today, who had put up their hand to be a voice for their communities, I offer my respect for the work that you put in. It is no small task to put yourself forward and put your lives on hold to contribute to the democratic process. I particularly would like to thank my predecessor, the former member for King, for her contributions to our community during her term.

I understand the importance of a strong local community and the change that can come from within it because I come from one such community. I am from a little place in the foothills of the Flinders Ranges, Telowie, which is about 15 kilometres outside Port Pirie. Geoff, the Minister for

Local Government, knows this story well, but for those in this chamber I wish to share just how strong my home town is.

In 2002, our community took a stand for local jobs and social justice. I understand that unemployment in the area was high at the time and that there was a situation where workers were going to be replaced by a cheaper workforce from overseas, but they refused to go down without a fight. Every trick in the book was thrown at them, from threats of being sued to having their power supply cut, leaving them without light, running water, refrigeration and heating. Despite that, they remained determined to stay put and fight for their jobs and the jobs of others who may find themselves in a similar position, as was the community.

In fact, the local mayor of the time called for aid on local radio, and families and business and even a primary school rallied with food, water and supplies. Local fishers provided fresh fish and pubs provided soft drink. We gave what we could to show our support for something we believed strongly in. As my dad likes to say, 'Everyone put a little in, but we all got a lot more out.' For 14 days, the workers and the community held their ground until we had a win. That moment just goes to show how powerful influence from a community can be. We fought for community justice, we looked out for those doing it tough in our community, we pushed for progressive change and we won.

Another time, a dear friend of my family was hurt at work. He had inhaled a dangerous chemical that caused degenerative nerve damage in one of his arms, and in an instant his life was turned upside down. This man was a single dad. His daughter was only a little younger than me. He was a community man. In fact, he was the coach of my brother's tennis team. In an instant, he was facing the real probability that he would not be able to return to work ever again. To be honest, if it had not been for his friends, family, the local community and his union, I do not know if he necessarily would have been able to get back on his feet on his own.

It was moments like these that made me question, 'Why wasn't government doing better for people?' With that in mind, I decided to study economics at university, because what better way to learn how our country works and what needs to be done to make it fairer for everyone. It made me become active and engaged and it has steered me to pursue a life focused on helping people, because good governments should constantly strive to do better and even better ones listen to those on the frontline to make it happen.

Now flash forward to the present. I married a boy I had known from back home, and now Todd and I are proudly raising our two kids, Ike and Nylah, in the north-east. We chose our community not only because it is beautiful, with the peninsula views from Hillbank, the trails of Cobbler Creek, the leafy streets of Golden Grove (particularly in autumn) and the picturesque countryside at our doorstep in One Tree Hill, but because it has so many of the qualities that we cherish about our home town.

First and foremost, it is also strong and full of fighters. We fought against bus cuts because we knew that, for so many, public transport can be the difference for somebody being able to make it to work, get an education and access important health services. We fought to save the Adelaide 500, not only because we love the race but because businesses in our community rely on it, the jobs it creates and supports and the economic boost it gives to our state. We fought to make our health system better because everybody should be able to get the care they need when they need it most.

We are also a community that invests in itself. We have residents in Hillbank who are passionate about having a safe neighbourhood; caring community groups such as the Tea Tree Gully City Soccer Club and the One Tree Hill Soccer Club, who work together to fundraise to support our local CFS stations annually; countless volunteers who give their time to support others through organisations such as the Salisbury Rotary club, Modbury Meals on Wheels and Puddle Jumpers; and local wellbeing groups such as the Golden Grove mall walkers and Talk Out Loud, who are focused on improving the health of local people.

That is just a small snippet of what makes people in my community incredible, why I am excited to be a strong voice for them in state parliament and why I am determined to contribute in a way that will continue to strengthen it for generations to come.

I did not get here on my own. There are many people of whom I am appreciative for shaping me into the person I am today. I will not name everyone as we will be here all day, but there will be a few. Firstly, to Todd, Ike and Nylah: this journey has been one for all of us. Todd, thank you for jumping into this 110 per cent, for the sacrifices that you have made and for never doubting me and being there each and every step of the way.

To Ike and Nylah: you two are my absolute entire world. Ike, you are compassionate and considerate. Nylah, you have no fear and plenty of love to give. Together, you bring out the best in each other, and I am so incredibly proud of you both and love you so much. I am fighting for you and the future of your generation. May it be easier and more equitable than mine, and may you be afforded every opportunity to thrive, as should every child.

To my family—the one I was born to, the one we have grown to become and the one I have married into—you have shaped me into the person I am today. Thank you for your love and support you have shown me over the years. You have never doubted my potential and continue to be my number one supporters. To my friends, especially those who have known me from my early years, sorry, but thank you for always being by my side, for motivating me and supporting me every day. To my colleagues and comrades who have helped me learn and develop over the years, thank you.

More specifically, to the women in my life who I have been fortunate enough to have been surrounded by and supported by throughout my journey, thank you. Whether it is because you saw something in me or merely because you wanted to see another woman succeed, you protected me when I was finding my feet. You shared with me the lessons you may have learned the hard way. You built me up with your skills and most importantly taught me the important lesson that if the door is closed you look for the window. I owe you all so much and will repay your support by doing what I can to contribute to a more diverse parliament and a more equitable society for all.

An individual does not win a seat or change a government on her own. It takes one hell of a team, and I had one of the best. Firstly, to our Premier, Pete: I have never met a leader with such a strong sense of determination. The energy and the passion that you bring to the table is one of the most inspiring things about you. Not only were you on the ground and actively engaging with me along the way, you never finished a conversation without saying, 'What can I do to help?' On election day, you made the time to spend hours up in King, talking to electors at polling booths, because you genuinely care about my community. I am so honoured to be part of your team, delivering some truly progressive policies.

To Karen, Susan and Cheyne: everything started because of the three of you. You all saw something in me and you worked with me every step of the way to see me through. Karen, now Senator Karen Grogan, you have been everything to me. The dedication you gave to me and the campaign was second to none. You believed in me unconditionally and never once left my side, especially when I was most in need of it. You are one of the women I referred to earlier. Thank you for building me up every single day.

Susan, how lucky are we to have you as the Deputy Premier? You were out there with me on the ground every single week for what was an extremely long period of time. I am truly appreciative of your friendship and your mentorship, and I am so proud and grateful to have had you in my corner. To be honest, I am still in absolute awe of how you found the time to help me whilst also steering some absolutely incredible policy throughout the campaign. Cheyne, you pushed me every single step of the way to ensure that I reached my full potential during the campaign. You also worked incredibly hard. I do not know how you found the time. For your efforts, I am incredibly appreciative.

To my north-east group, Blair and Olivia: what an incredible team we make. Blair, thank you not only for your solid friendship but for all your hard work and effort fighting the good fight in the north-east in the past term of government. You made it easier for all of us to hit the ground running. Olivia, I am so grateful to have you as my neighbour and my friend. Like all of the seven, you are fierce, determined and beat the odds. I am so honoured to be entering this place with you and the women who knocked out a first-term government.

In fact, I am so grateful for all the work done by my comrades both inside and outside of this chamber. Joe, Kyam, Nick, Lee—actually, everybody beside me in this chamber and in the one next door—thank you for everything you gave to support my efforts. It played an important role in helping

me to get to where I am today. Thank you for your time, your friendship and all your hard work. That most certainly includes the dream factory for always backing the campaign in supporting me unconditionally.

To outside this place: let me start by saying I am proud to be union. The past four years have been tough for many in our state, but the union movement has always been by our side. To all the unions funding for frontline workers through the pandemic, such as the United Workers Union, the Australian Services Union, the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Association and the Ambulance Employees Association, it has been an honour to stand beside you all. Thank you for all your hard work. I truly look forward to continuing to work with you to deliver real progress for our state.

I am also incredibly grateful for the support I have received from many of you, most specifically the support I have received from the United Workers Union. Thank you for being there from day one. You fight for so much for those who need it most. To have your support to get to this place and be a voice for progressive change is an absolute honour. Also, every gratitude to the ASU, the MUA, the CFMEU and the SDA for backing me in to be a strong voice for my community in state parliament. I may not be here without your help. Thank you.

I am almost through thank you, I promise. I did mention earlier that I had one of the absolutely best teams, and that was led by Caitlin Munyard. Caitlin, you were absolutely outstanding. You have been my dear friend for many years, and I am absolutely in awe of the person that you are. Where there is a will you find the way. Your efforts and your abilities blow me away. Thank you for your faith in me and stepping up to the plate to be my main woman managing my campaign. You are an absolute trailblazer. I am so incredibly proud and grateful for you and excited to see you continue to smash it.

To Matilda, Kyall, Cam, Kieran, Adam, Victoria, Emily, Rob, Georgia, Wayne, Minh, Josh and Pam: thank you for everything you brought to the table throughout the campaign. Your passion and dedication to the cause is fierce. You put in the hard yards and were there day in and day out for me. I will forever be grateful. How could I forget to mention the countless volunteers who gave up their time to support me throughout the campaign and share with me their skills of the trade? Thank you will never be enough. I will work hard to make you proud.

There is one person I wish to thank, and it breaks my heart knowing that he is not here with us today in this chamber. I wish to thank my brother, who we lost last year. He was a wonderful man, one with quick wit and the most infectious laugh. There is nothing I would not have done for him and losing him is the greatest pain I have ever felt. As you can see, there is still much healing needed for my family and me, so I will only speak on this a little today. But what I can say is that I plan to honour him by striving for better in the areas of his life where I know he had been let down.

I said earlier that good governance should continuously strive to do better by people, and the one thing I can take away from what has happened is that I have learned through his experiences. Now that I am in a position to help the many, I am determined to make sure we do better to reduce the risk of somebody else going through what he did.

I was able to get back on my feet and keep fighting largely because of the people in this chamber, those here in the gallery and my friends and family listening to this live at home. It was not always easy, but you all gave me the strength and support I needed to keep going, something I wanted to do, despite how tough at times it felt, because I am determined to make a difference. We cannot change things for the better if we shy away from them. Whilst I do not have all the answers, I am determined to listen, learn and contribute where possible.

As I wrote this speech, I could not help but reflect on how far I had come to be here today. I can assure you the younger version of me was not considering it a possibility as I trekked down the dirt track to get to the school bus at the crack of dawn, maybe in part because you cannot be what you cannot see and maybe in part because I thought you needed to come from a well-to-do family to make it into a place like this.

It frustrates me to think about that now because I want to tell the younger version of me that all those things do not matter. What matters is the fire within you and your drive and determination

to make a difference. Break the mould and challenge the status quo. We cannot achieve progressive change without it. It is exactly what had put me on my path to be here today and what will remain firm in my mind as we progress throughout the term.

I look around me today and see the class of 2022 sitting beside me, and I have never been prouder to be a member of the great Labor Party. To all who feel unseen out there, those who feel forgotten and those who feel like they do not have a chance to be part of something great: I see you. This Labor government sees you. You are part of the future of this great state and maybe I can be it too.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: I acknowledge in the gallery Senator Karen Grogan and friends of the parliament who have joined us today to recognise this most important occasion, the first speech for the member for King—a tremendous speech; I was honoured to hear it. Welcome to the class of 2022 on both sides.

Address in Reply

ADDRESS IN REPLY

Debate resumed.

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (16:32): I rise today to provide my contribution to the Address in Reply to the Governor. I will begin, like many have, in congratulating and welcoming all the new and re-elected members to this place.

It truly is an honour to represent the people of South Australia here. I know I thanked the people of Colton earlier this week in a grievance debate but I cannot begin this contribution without doing that again. It has been and will continue to be an honour and privilege every day to represent my community, and it is one that I certainly do not take lightly. Can I again say thank you to the people of Colton for putting their faith in me.

My approach as an MP is to be the local representative, to be present, to be accessible and to live and breathe my electorate, to make genuine connections with the groups, the sporting clubs, service organisations and community leaders who are the fabric of the western suburbs. Just as important is for people to feel comfortable coming up and having a chat to you as their MP. So, for every wave and toot on the Kidman Bridge on Henley Beach Road, for every door knocked and for every conversation had, I had the opportunity to know my community better and my community had the opportunity to know me better.

Electorates and local areas are not static: they change over time and Colton is no exception. Boundary changes occur, but also there are changes to the demographic as people move in and out of the area for whatever reason. It is why our work as MPs is so important over time and that we deeply understand the views and opinions of the people we represent.

I know these speeches often include a reference to the electorate you represent as being the most beautiful place in South Australia but, frankly, I do not feel the need to make that argument for our part of the world. We already know that to be true. There is one golden rule that is always applied to our beachside haven: once you are in, you never leave.

I would also like to take the opportunity to recognise the immense contribution to our state of the former Premier, the member for Dunstan. I am lucky enough to call the member for Dunstan a friend. He is someone from whom I have learnt much, someone who has guided my career and someone who our party is indebted to. His work ethic is legendary and his ability to see the best in every situation is unparalleled.

In challenging and unprecedented times and circumstances, South Australia stands as a jurisdiction that has weathered the health and economic crisis that COVID-19 presented, better than near any place around the world. The member for Dunstan, as a leader of our state during this time, will be remembered for his contribution.

In regard to the electorate of Colton and the local area, so much was delivered and progressed under the previous Liberal government. We returned 24/7 cardiac services to The Queen Elizabeth Hospital after they were cut by the Labor Party, and the hospital downgraded through their failed Transforming Health experiment. We redesigned and funded the biggest upgrade in The Queen Elizabeth Hospital's history, which is presently emerging out of the ground at the site.

The \$314 million upgrade will ensure that The QEH hospital is fit for purpose not just in the immediate term but for years to come. The new clinical services building will be home to a new and expanded ED, ICU, outpatient clinic, operating theatres, day surgery suite and clinical support services, such as medical imaging, pathology and pharmacy. The number of ICU beds was due to reduce under Labor's Transforming Health downgrades. In contrast, the Marshall Liberal government design will include a new 14-bed ICU, along with more recovery spaces. The number of treatment bays in The QEH ED will also significantly increase.

We also funded and started the Breakout Creek project, which will complete a 30-year redevelopment and revegetation program along the River Torrens from Lockleys to the sea. The \$12 million environmental partnership project, stretching from Tapleys Hill Road to the Torrens outlet at West Beach, will see the artificial channel transformed into a naturally flowing and healthy river system. Land and water revegetation will be undertaken. There will be new seating, picnic areas, access trails, upgrades, two new river crossings, lighting and amenity improvements at nearby Apex Park. It was a complex design project, and it needed to balance so many factors: environmental benefit, recreation and the needs of the local Lockleys Riding Club.

Personally, I think we have landed with a very exciting project and a vision, and I look forward to seeing it completed. I know I have said it before in this place, but my son and daughter now love popping down to see the horses at Breakout Creek, and I know so many other families in the local area feel the same. I am glad that the horses are staying and that their historic connection to the area continues. For those who are unaware, a number of horses were responsible for dredging the original channel many years ago.

At Henley High, we delivered a \$12 million upgrade that has completely transformed the school, both from an aesthetic standpoint and a learning environment perspective. There are now more than 20 new learning areas that supported the year 7 to high school transition—another Marshall government initiative that brought South Australia in line with the rest of the country.

The upgrade at Henley included new buildings to provide additional contemporary general learning spaces, science, health, arts, home economics, possibly one of the best school gyms I have ever seen in my life—it rivals SASI down the road, to be completely honest—new teacher preparation and storage areas, and a new admin facility at the front of the school. There is also new feature screening, which has completely changed the look and feel of the school along Cudmore Terrace.

We returned the opening hours at the Henley Beach Police Station. Upon coming to government, they were returned to 8am to 11pm seven days a week from business hours only. The unfortunate decision was made by the previous Labor government to cut back operating hours to nine to five, Monday to Friday soon after the brand-new police station was opened and finished. It was met with pretty significant opposition from our community at the time.

We resurfaced playing courts at West Beach Primary School and delivered new family friendly female changerooms at Henley Memorial Oval, the home of the Sharks and the West Torrens Eagles. We upgraded lighting and fencing at the Henley South Tennis Club, installed a pedestrian crossing at Kidman Park Primary School, provided new line marking and improved safety along Rowells Road and Findon Road, resurfaced Henley Beach Road and Sir Donald Bradman Drive, upgraded and replaced the West Beach boat ramp, and much, much more.

Importantly, we consulted, had coastal experts design and funded a solution to the longstanding issue of sand drift for the northern section of metropolitan beaches running from West Beach north. For the first time in 20 years—and I am incredibly proud to say this—there is a beach in front of the West Beach Surf Lifesaving Club and substantial dunes further to the south. The proposed solution was based on the solution put forward by the Weatherill government and implemented on our southern beaches.

However, this Labor government opposes this solution and, in one of their first acts, tore up a contract, halted the mass replenishment and has removed all certainty around the future of West Beach, Henley South, Henley and Grange in the longer term. They are not proposing a solution. They do not have a detailed plan, just another review. After 25 years with review after review conducted, frankly, my community is sick of it. They just want to see action on the issue addressed.

It is my duty, on behalf of my community, to ensure that this government is held to account for any degradation that occurs on our beaches due to this decision. Under Labor governments, sand volumes have decreased in the West Beach and Henley South areas, and it is no secret where it is accumulating. I, and I know my community, do not want to see the good work undertaken to rebuild West Beach go to waste because, frankly, that would be a travesty.

The legacy of the Marshall Liberal government in terms of my portfolio responsibilities is clear. When we came to government in 2018 South Australia's economy was lagging behind. That was because our taxes were too high, and it was the same with our water prices: far too high for far too long. Under Labor, payroll tax, a tax on jobs growth, was paid by all SA small businesses with a payroll under \$1.5 million, costing businesses up to \$44,500 extra a year. This was abolished in our first year in government, saving around 3½ thousand SA small businesses from a job-wrecking tax. Our abolition of payroll tax for small businesses was an \$157 million investment in the engine room of our economy.

We cut ESL bills by \$95 million a year, averaging savings of \$184 per household—an approximate 50 per cent reduction—compared with the former Labor government's position. From 1 July 2020, average households began saving approximately \$200 each on water bills, while average businesses saved \$1,350. An independent inquiry into water pricing in South Australia was conducted in 2019 and found that the former Labor government ignored advice and criticism by the Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA) and other stakeholders by deliberately inflating the value of SA Water's opening regulated asset base (RAB) by at least \$520 million, driving up water bills for South Australians.

At the same time as lowering costs for South Australians, we have done more to transform our state's economic opportunities than Labor did in 16 years when it was last in office. In four years, we delivered near record low unemployment rates and historically high economic growth, and we saw the opportunities for continuing growth in digital technology, defence, space, cyber, renewable energy, high-tech, food, wine and agribusiness and other creative industries.

You just have to take a look down the street from here at Lot Fourteen to see the new sectors and industries that now call South Australia home. When we came to office, all Labor had planned for that site was high-rise apartments. In contrast, we had higher ambitions. In less than one term of government we transformed this prestigious CBD location into a beacon for our future. Lot Fourteen already has more than 1,300 people working and collaborating on the site: a startup and growth hub, innovation centre, the national Space Agency, the Australian Cyber Collaboration Centre, the Digital Technologies Academy. These are just some of the activities that are taking place right here in South Australia right down at Lot Fourteen.

Lot Fourteen, and our broad economic growth, provided opportunities for young South Australians to pursue their ambitions right here in our state. This is something else that had turned around over the past four years. We are no longer losing population in droves to other states, because we are not just anecdotally the best place to live, we are officially the most livable city in Australia and the third most livable city in the world.

During the election campaign, the Labor Party went to great lengths to paint a picture that a change to Labor would mean minimal change to our economic direction, but there are some stark realities. In politics, it is not about what you say that counts, it is what you do. Recent Labor governments have come to office in South Australia promising not to raise taxes, but they did. So South Australians must ask themselves in four years' time: did Labor keep their promises?

The Labor Party have made many lofty promises through the campaign and in the four years prior, but when it comes to delivery we will be watching and holding them to account because any backward movement on jobs, on growth, on exports, on opportunities for our young people, is a failure—more than \$3.1 billion worth of promises over this term of government. We suspect—and I

suspect that we are not alone—that these can only be funded in part by higher taxes or more debt. We, and I suspect the people of South Australia, will wait and see whether Labor can somehow remove jacking up taxes from their DNA.

It would be remiss of me at this point not to acknowledge, as many others have, my staff and campaign team, volunteers and supporters. To Meg, Jarryd and Tom, to all of my trainees over the past four years: thank you for your support and assistance. For many of us in this place, our staff are an extension of ourselves. They are often the first people constituents reach out to, whether over the phone or by coming into the office. It is the good work they conduct that often is a reflection of us as MPs and people, so I thank them for their time, support and assistance over the past years.

To Andy, to Rosemary, to Alex and countless others who gave their time on prepoll, on election day, to put up posters, to letterbox and to help in every way and just about with every opportunity through the campaign: a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you. To my wife Lizzy: thank you for your patience, for your understanding of the late nights, the unpredictable hours and my inability at times to put my phone away and switch off. I could not do what I am doing without you and your support. We have two beautiful, blond-haired, blue-eyed children—Fletcher and Macey—and they have changed our life, but it also demonstrates just how much can change in four years.

The world, and life in general, is more unpredictable than ever before, and serving during these times is not easy. In returning to where I started, I commit to serving my community to the very best of my ability, and I honestly thank again the residents, the electors, the people of Colton, my friends and people for putting their trust and support in me.

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services) (16:48): I begin as others have done, by acknowledging that we meet in this place on stolen Kurna land and that the sovereignty of the Kurna people on whose lands we meet have never been ceded. I pay my respects to Kurna elders, past, present and emerging, and I acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to their lands and waters and the ongoing importance of that spiritual connection to the living Kurna people today.

In doing so, I would love to give a nod to my friend in the upper house the Hon. Kyam Maher. I am so proud to be working alongside you, Kyam. To have your cultural authority present in this parliament, in our caucus and in our cabinet, as well as in our community, as an initiated man is something that is not lost on me. The privilege is enormous.

Mr Acting Speaker, congratulations to you and to the Speaker of the house on the election. Both of you are welcome back in this place.

It is a tremendous honour to address this parliament as the Minister for Human Services. On this occasion, I will use this as an opportunity to nail my colours to the mast once again and offer a broad indication of why I am here, what I believe the Minister for Human Services has a responsibility to do and the sorts of outcomes I aim to achieve in collaboration with the Department of Human Services and the South Australian Housing Authority with agencies, service providers that deliver programs in human services, the social housing sector and with our community, especially our community with lived experience.

The election campaign that Labor ran was ambitious; however, it was straightforward. We were very clear about our values and our intentions. Our new Premier, the Hon. Peter Malinauskas, has always been very clear that we are a government about long-term vision. We are not a quick, pointscoring government. We are thinking about real investments in long-term health, education and social services. We are addressing the issues of today, but we are investing in the future of our people.

For my part, I think the numerous ways in which I believe that David Speirs' Liberal Party and its then Minister for Human Services let down the South Australian community while it was in government were quite clear. So many of our marginalised cohorts of people were really left to fend for themselves during the global pandemic. As crises worsened in homelessness, domestic violence, the cost of living, disability support and many other areas of the portfolio, these people's cries for help went begging.

We have already begun to undo some of the damage of the long four years of chaos spent under the former Liberal government, then under the member for Dunstan, Steven Marshall, but now the same party is clearly displaying the same lack of compassion, lack of direction and lack of party unity under the now leader, David Speirs.

I am working to restore care, empathy and humanity to the human services and social housing sector in South Australia and to the way that the South Australian government delivers policy, the way we deliver services and the way we work towards outcomes for our state's marginalised people—those we have an elected obligation to serve and protect.

To the countless South Australians whose experiences and circumstances in life lead you to need supports within the human services portfolio: my ambition for you is a simple thing to express. My ambition for each of you is to have a good and fair life. My intention as the minister is also to make this ambition much easier to achieve; for you to be safe in your homes, in your families and in your communities; for you to have equitable and inclusive access to life's opportunities; and for you to be respected, valued and welcomed into the world around you.

My intention is for you to have the ability and the opportunity to live in safe housing and positive family environments, to access education, to undertake meaningful work, to enjoy good health, to live independently, to connect with culture and to be supported to heal past traumas. I want you to be empowered to determine what your future looks like and in choosing which steps you take on the path along the way. These are not my personal ambitions only, and they are not only driven by my own progressive values. The fundamental responsibilities of the Minister for Human Services are to meet the obligations and to pursue the courses of action that will lead to these outcomes being achieved.

To the service providers, sector professionals, agency staff, advocates and supporters of the people I am here to ensure are best served and protected: I want you to feel listened to, to be fully supported by me to undertake the important, life-changing and life-saving work that you have dedicated yourselves to do in the careers you have chosen and the roles you have taken on. I am here to deliver meaningful policy, reform and services for people living with disability, people experiencing homelessness, young people, carers, vulnerable families, people who are diverse in gender or sexuality, people who are in financial hardship, people who are isolated, or people who are experiencing any number of other challenges at any point during their life.

It seems appropriate to give an example of an initiative I have kicked off as a new minister in the Malinauskas government to demonstrate that we, as a team, are really here for change. Nearly a year ago now, the Hutt St Centre, Catherine House and Vinnies had their funding slashed by the Marshall Liberal government. There was a resounding outcry against this baffling decision, not just in our services sector but right across the community. Mr Acting Speaker, you would be aware that I doorknocked from south to north, and these issues came up in every single electorate I was in.

You have to ask yourself: what kind of a government in the middle of a global pandemic, when we know women are trapped in their homes suffering greatly increased domestic violence, slashes funding to women's crisis accommodation beds? What kind of a government, when the cost of housing shoots up by 25 per cent in one year, responds by cutting specialist homelessness services?

Some of you may recall a public appeal by Losa, a remarkable Islander woman who has survived extreme family violence, cancer and other serious trauma, and ultimately homelessness—complete despair. Incredibly, she has now started her own business, works as a motivational speaker, manages her own household and has made huge strides forward in her physical and mental health. Losa publicly begged the Liberal Party to consider people like her and the way that a service like Catherine House can completely transform lives. Unfortunately, this appeal was not heard. I think this really says something about the values of the people making those decisions, and this was those on the other side.

As soon as we came to government, the Premier and I stood with the member for Adelaide and announced a \$6 million funding boost for these highly respected organisations so they can do what they do best and help us end homelessness in the CBD, in the heart of Adelaide, in the member

for Adelaide's seat. I congratulate the member for Adelaide on her election to this place. I could not be happier.

We are funding these organisations not only to help people find homes but also to provide the wraparound supports needed to improve their disability, mental health, emotional supports; educational and employment prospects; and overall life outcomes. It is an early example of one of the many promises that the South Australian community and our human services and social services social housing sector can look forward to seeing us bring to fruition.

Over recent weeks, I have heard people say, 'How good are elections?' quite a few times. I might have said it myself. Never let it be said that elections do not make a difference, because I will tell you: this election has already made a difference. I am extremely proud to live in a jurisdiction where democracy rules and where a person's vote, no matter where they live, can directly change their own life.

I want to take this opportunity to say to our human services sector and to the people in South Australia experiencing hardship that our human services sector supports: your days of being made to feel that you are the one who is wrong because you need more support, because you need better services, your days of being made to feel that you are the one who is wrong because you cannot get by on the level of funding that you are allocated—and that goes for both service providers and for individuals—I will do everything to ensure that those days are over. I know you need to be heard, you need to be understood and you have a right to be involved in the decisions we make as a community. I am not a minister who sits in or will sit in an ivory tower. I am a minister who is genuinely here to represent you and what you, as the people of South Australia, tell me you need.

Many, or indeed most of you, know this, but for anyone new to the room I began my career as a nurse. Being a nurse, a good nurse, requires certain characteristics. You have to care about people first and foremost. You have to be a problem solver. You have to be organised. You have to be prepared to do the messy jobs—although I would have often liked to pay someone else to do some of the messy jobs, let me tell you. You have to pay attention to detail. You have to be flexible where it is appropriate, but you also have to know exactly where to draw a hard line.

I wish to thank the people who taught me all those lessons early in my career and to my government colleagues who continue to demonstrate these values to me now. I also learned how to function on a pretty sketchy sleep pattern. Nightshift is not good for the health. I am ready for this role. Seriously, I cannot stress enough how dedicated and determined we are as a leadership team.

As part of our range of policies we took to the election, we made a number of meaningful, tangible commitments in the human services and social housing space, and I want you all to understand what these commitments are. I note that on the opening day of parliament the opposition opened question time by asking the Premier whether our government would keep all its election commitments. Well, of course.

An opposition that when in government broke massive election commitments such as GlobeLink, right-turn trams, a whole range of things as soon as they came into government, are going to ask that question. But we are different. It illustrates the difference between the Labor Party and the Liberal Party better than anything else, that they asked whether election commitments are promises to be kept. Well, we will let our actions speak for themselves.

Here are actions already underway: doubling the Cost of Living Concession for 2022-23. This commitment is so important as it goes towards supporting many South Australians on a low and fixed income, who in many cases were already struggling but whose hardship has intensified, sometimes to unbearable degrees, through the past two years. The cost of living continues to rise and no South Australian on a fixed or low income should be forced into poverty due to circumstances such as those we continue to live in today. It is a core business of government to provide adequate support to South Australians on low and fixed incomes. It is the right thing to do. This is one way that we can get it done.

We will also be reviewing the state's concession system and investigate how we can better provide help to those finding themselves in tough situations through no fault of their own. Our many concessions have been designed and deployed at different times and for good reasons, but the result

is a system where support is not always offered to those in greatest need and where the historical reason for a certain concession may have changed.

Community organisations such as SACOSS have done outstanding work in analysing our concession system and I thank them for their input at times when we need good sound advice and frank and fearless advice. I look forward to working with them as we do a stocktake of what concessions we offer, why we offer them and what impact they have.

We are investing \$1 million into expanding the important role of the Community Visitor Scheme to ensure people who receive disability support services in private homes or in non-government provided supportive environments can also be included in the scheme. The tragic death of Annie Smith showed South Australia, not for the first time but unequivocally, that appropriate oversight can make the difference between life and death for people receiving disability support services. The role of the Community Visitor is far more than looking into service plans and their implementation. Community Visitors look at health outcomes, housing and tenancy rights, transport issues, education, training and community participation. This results in better outcomes and better lives for people living with disability.

The independent monitoring of services that people receive in their homes will help us to ensure that people are getting the appropriate services at the appropriate value for money also, that they are enabled to exercise genuine choice and control over their lives, as intended by the NDIS written by Labor. These are crucial measures in ensuring safety, wellbeing and quality for South Australians living with disability.

We committed to developing a state autism strategy. This will work within the state disability plan, with all government agencies to sign up to an autism friendly charter. As our understanding of autism increases, as diagnostic processes become more nuanced, as the needs of autistic people become better understood and as growing numbers of South Australians are recognised as being on the autism spectrum, developing a state autism strategy is one way to make our schools, our community, our economy and our society more inclusive towards autistic people, to support them to participate in education, to access opportunities and employment and to succeed and thrive in life on the same terms as their neurotypical peers.

Our state autism strategy will relate to building inclusivity for autistic South Australians of all ages and will be developed in close consultation with autistic people, their families, their advocates, their supporters, our community. The Autism Friendly Charter is an initiative of Autism SA, which focuses on training staff in autism awareness, implementing inclusive communication and reasonable adjustments and creating a supportive working environment for autistic staff members. This initiative will make our state government workplaces better, easier and more inclusive places for autistic people to work and will help increase the South Australian Public Service's awareness, understanding and acceptance of autism.

We will be providing more than \$2½ million in funding towards community centres and a grant scheme to help set up women's and men's health sheds across South Australia. South Australia provides already more than \$3 million in ongoing funding every year to help community centres do excellent work, and in the 2022 election we committed additional funding to build and upgrade some critical pieces of community infrastructure.

My colleague the Minister for Education, Training and Skills has committed an extra \$1 million per year to community centres to restore funding that was savagely cut by the Liberal government. Community centres play a fundamental role, providing access for all and keeping our neighbourhoods connected. These outcomes are core to communities and core to Labor.

This is my big one, the one that I am so proud of: the \$180 million in new funding for housing. Labor has committed more than \$180 million of new money—new money, member for Dunstan, new money—to build 400 new homes and bring 350 empty public housing homes back up to standard, some that have been empty for the entirety of the Liberal government term of four years, so that these homes can provide shelter to those in need.

We will also conduct a maintenance blitz on an additional 3,000 homes, homes that we need for decades into the future to be of good quality and a good standard for people to live in. It is not a shell game like the Liberals used to play with housing. This is not bringing forward any money that

impoverishes the Housing Trust in years to come. This is new money. This additional help will create real change. We often talk about the jobs that are delivered through housing projects, but even more important are the lives that are saved and transformed from a safe and stable place to call home.

Having a safe and suitable place to live is a fundamental human right. It is unacceptable for people, particularly children, older people and people living with disability, to be in insecure or unsuitable housing, or to be in crisis. Everyone—at least, everyone who is not a state or federal Liberal member of parliament—acknowledges that Australia is in the grip of a worsening housing crisis and that it is brutally affecting far too many South Australians. Our investment in South Australia's public housing infrastructure will support those who need help most urgently, people at risk of homelessness and people in crisis.

Labor will also ensure that public housing support is better linked to other critical government services, including health, justice, child protection, early intervention and community safety programs. Some of these new homes will help to alleviate bed block in our hospitals, getting long-term patients with disability out of hospital beds and into suitable homes that can accommodate their needs through independent supported living arrangements. It is a bit of a long wrap-up, but it is indeed a wrap-up.

I am genuinely excited to be working with the Department of Human Services and the South Australian Housing Trust to deliver these important policy changes, changes that will make meaningful and enduring impacts on the lives of so many South Australians. We cannot achieve everything straightaway. It will take both time and teamwork to wind back the damage of four difficult years of state Liberal government to begin the process of healing from the harm to the dignity, the morale and the spirit of marginalised South Australians.

Make no mistake, I am ready, the Labor government is ready and we have been waiting. I want to assure the people of South Australia, particularly those people who receive support of some kind across the human services landscape, that the resounding support you gave us at the election reflects a hope and a faith in us that will prove again and again to be a wise choice. Perhaps soon, all going well, we will no longer have to fight against the tidal wave of disregard at best and deliberate cruelty at worst that has been shown towards marginalised people and has characterised nearly a decade of federal Liberal government.

Hang in there everyone. I believe a sorely needed change is coming. I have the faith. We need a society that has a greater concern for the most marginalised and the worst off. We need a government that has values rooted deeply in compassion and inclusion. We need a parliament that better reflects the community it represents.

I could not have got back into this place without the support and love of my family: my husband, Neil, and my children, Sheree, Ty—who drives us crazy but we love him dearly—Sid and of course the inspiration of Sam. I could not be here without all of those people. Thanks also to my friends who occasionally text me and say, 'Hey, don't forget us. Let's catch up.' We get together and it reminds me who I am. I have so much love for those people who still stay connected with us and support us on our journey to change the world one conversation at a time.

Thanks to my staff, Katherine, Tyler, Mikaela and Emma. At the moment, the electorate office has been chaotic in this transition period. To my staff in my office in the city, including Anna, Lorraine and Kyall and of course Hicksy: I am blessed to have such a wonderful team. Kylie has just come on board, and the departmental staff who have been supporting us to make sure we can start delivering our election commitments straightaway are second to none.

In the 2022 election, we saw this huge shift in this parliament. Let's consider this now. Our parliament first gathered here in 1856. We were the first place in the world that allowed women both to vote and to stand for parliament, and that was in 1894. Despite that amazing achievement, it was not until 1918 that a woman took the stand to sit in this place. It was not until 1959 that a woman took a seat in the chamber. It was not until 1986 that a woman was elected as the first Presiding Officer of the other place, the Hon. Anne Levy, who still supports us women at everything.

In 1989, Anne Levy was also the first woman in Australia to be appointed as a Minister for the Status of Women. This was almost a century after women were allowed to stand in this place. I

have not even mentioned Molly Byrne, who is just the most amazing woman, and all the other trailblazing women. It was not until 1985, 90 years after the law was changed to allow women to run, that the seventh woman was elected to this parliament.

Mr Acting Speaker, you are a parliamentary—I will not say 'nerd'; yes, I will—nerd of some standing in our party. You would know that seven is an important number. In 2022, we saw something extraordinary happen with the number seven. We saw the class of 2022, the magnificent seven, enter this parliament, seven new women elected on just one side of the house, the Labor side of the house, seven extraordinary women.

Some might even say they were a lucky seven women—well, they were not. They were marginal seats, seats they had no right to win, but they are so wonderful, they are so connected to the community, they are brilliant. These are some of the most brilliant and dedicated women I have had the pleasure to know and now they are part of my friendship group, the sisterhood. I am so pleased. There is no fluke in this group of people being here. They earned the trust of their communities and they will be here for years to come and we will make sure of it.

In one election, we have achieved what it took 90 years to achieve. I knocked on doors, I made phone calls and I went to community meetings with these women for months. I wore out pairs of sneakers. For more than a year, I doorknocked with some of these women. I tried to do everything I could to help them get elected. In my wildest dreams, they all would have been elected—and here they are. More than half the Labor MPs in this house are women, 14 out of 27, half of whom have been elected for the first time in one fell swoop on 19 March.

I pay tribute to each of them now: the member for Adelaide, Lucy Hood; the member for King, Rhiannon Pearce; the member Davenport, Erin Thompson; the member for Waite, Catherine Hutchesson; the member for Elder, Nadia Clancy; the member for Newland, Olivia Savvas; and the member for Gibson, Sarah Andrews. Long after I leave this place, these women will carry the legacy that was born here in 1894—and may many more join them.

Mr BASHAM (Finniss) (17:17): I am privileged to be able to rise to respond to the Governor's opening remarks to this session of parliament. I commend her on the job she is doing as Governor; it is a tough role. I would certainly also like to recognise the previous Governor, Hieu Van Le, for the wonderful work he did as Governor. He is a fantastic South Australian and his efforts in that role should be remembered by all.

I also want to congratulate all those who have been elected to this place. It is a privilege to be a part of parliament and to be part of this process, so a big congratulations to all those members, newly and re-elected members of this place. I would also like to acknowledge those who were not re-elected who stood: Frances Bedford, Sam Duluk, Steve Murray, Carolyn Power, Richard Harvey, Rachel Sanderson, Dan van Holst Pellekaan and Corey Wingard. They were very much committed to this place, particularly Frances—her service here was long and very valued by this place. In my time as minister, I very much enjoyed answering Frances's questions about fruit fly. I always knew that when she was asking a question of me it was going to be about fruit fly. It is sad to see these members leave, and it is nice to have some legacy from their time here as well.

I would also like to acknowledge the advisers in my office in my time as minister: Sara Bray, Trudy Huczko and Brad Perry. I would particularly like to acknowledge my former Chief of Staff, Simon Price. Simon and I go back a very long way. He and I first met when he was with the VFF, and then he went on to work for Peter Walsh with the National Party in Victoria. We crossed paths many times in my roles in the dairy industry and as he worked for many different politicians over time, such as Barnaby Joyce, David Littleproud, etc. I found it an absolute privilege to have him as my Chief of Staff with his long knowledge and understanding of politics, and I thank him very much for his service.

I would now like to touch on some of the important things that have happened in Finniss over the term of my being in this place. One of the major investments in Finniss was very unforeseen as we went into government, and that was the need for the upgrade of the Granite Island-Victor Harbor causeway. Unfortunately, the causeway had reached its end of life. On 2 January 2019, when the horse-drawn tram was travelling across, one of the pylons snapped. Thankfully, no-one was injured, but it certainly highlighted the state of the causeway itself.

Thankfully, we have made sure the causeway is preserved going forward in the fact that we have been able to build a new one to ensure that connection is there for another 150-plus years. The causeway that has been built is fantastic. I must very much congratulate McConnell Dowell construction, who have been putting the causeway in place. They have been amazing. They have been working with the public and working with the local operators down there very much where they could. They also engaged local tradesmen to do some of the work, so they have had a really good relationship with the local community.

They were happy to stop and talk to people asking questions about the build. It was quite a fascinating leapfrogging process in the build as it worked its way out to the other side and, amazingly, was built on time, even with some COVID shutdowns in the middle of the building process. It was tight. I was extremely impressed that, on the Sunday before it was due to be opened, I think, on the Tuesday, there were still about half a dozen tradesmen out there at 9 o'clock at night, just doing a few finishing touches to make sure everything was right for its opening.

We have also seen the start of the decommissioning of the old causeway. As we see that progress, we see the poor condition it has been in. They removed the top deck, and I think it was in 2012 that the top deck was replaced and put on top. Underneath that, the termites and borers have done so much damage that there are a few places where they have actually fallen through to the previous deck. The crews, as they are pulling it down, are having to be extremely careful.

We have also seen other fantastic funding in the area. At the Victor Harbor R-7 school, the opening of the new STEAM building was a \$5 million commitment from the state government that was finished late last year. It has opened and is of great use to the kids and they are certainly very much enjoying it. Other funding was \$400,000 that went towards the Encounter Bay sporting complex. It had some Morrison federal government funding as well for the stage 1 of its build.

What that community do is amazing. They get these grants and they literally start the next day. They are out there with their concrete teams getting everything they can out of the volunteer labour they can get to do this build. For the just under a million dollars' worth of funding they got, they delivered well over what it would normally cost for that to be done.

There are also some major projects, some of which I mentioned yesterday, in relation to the Victor Harbor area: the Mainstreet upgrades that have been going on. It is fantastic to see. In particular I think the biggest improvement is around the Victor Harbor railway station. The area through there has a Moreton Bay fig tree, and there are always huge issues when you have pavement underneath those trees, and certainly it has been neglected over many years. To see the \$2.3 million invested in that space as part of the COVID stimulus package and now see a lovely usable area for many events is certainly fantastic and opens it up to great use.

One of the things I am very proud about is one of the things that was an election commitment back in 2018 from the Marshall Liberal government. It is something that I was certainly fighting for, and that was a new roundabout to be put in place at Torrens Street and Crozier Road. The area there is very difficult to manoeuvre through, particularly during the holiday periods. This has just let people make traffic move so much more freely through the town, get into shopping centres, get out of shopping centres, where that opportunity certainly was not there before. So I am very pleased to see that project up and going.

Another project I think is fantastic to see is bringing a new national park in Hindmarsh Valley to life. It is a \$3 million project up at the Hindmarsh Tiers Road area, where a property of 423 hectares is being converted. It was SA Water land, and it is now being converted into a national park. This used to be part of a dairy farm owned by the McEwin family, and the owners, the McEwins—he was the grandson of Mawson. So, with right connections back to many early exploring families of South Australia, to see a national park in that space is fantastic.

We have also seen upgrades at my old primary school, the Mount Compass Area School. I was there from year 3 through to year 7. When I went back there early on in my term, I was not sure they had even painted the buildings, let alone done any upgrades much there at all. But, with \$11.1 million, we have seen an amazing transformation of that school, with new tech studies facilities and art buildings. I went into the tech studies room of the building, and the tools were still hanging on the wall exactly where I had probably left them. It is amazing to see the infrastructure and

improvement, and it is certainly a school you will get very fit at: there are lots of stairs going up and down between the new buildings.

Another project that has certainly been so important for the town of Goolwa is their sporting complex. This was again with the federal government: the Marshall Liberal government and the Morrison government have put significant funds into an upgrade there. Certainly, they were some of the worst changing rooms I have ever seen still in operation. They still had a shower pole where all the shower roses came out of one pole and you stood cheek to cheek at the shower after the game, which was an interesting sort of arrangement. The visitors' change rooms had floorboards with holes through many parts of those floorboards, where you could easily put your foot straight through.

Probably the thing I am most proud about in my time and through my advocacy is the opening of the new Goolwa Secondary College. Goolwa had not had a high school ever, and it was by far the largest regional town in South Australia that did not have a high school. I saw that in the fact that Investigator College, which had a private school operating there, had decided they would consolidate across to their Victor Harbor campus there was an opportunity to take that asset and turn it into something that would enable Goolwa to actually have a high school.

The principal, Bec Moore, certainly embraced the opportunity to have a new school and the opportunity to understand that she is setting with her staff the new culture of this school. She says the fact that you are starting from scratch is delightful. She said she has taught elsewhere and all the kids want to do when they first get outside in high school is to pull out their mobile phones. Interestingly, because they were all coming from a primary school age where they were not allowed mobile phones, there was no desire to have a mobile phone, so they were playing outside. It is amazing to be able to have that sort of influence so early on.

We have also seen some great tourism investments across the region as well, with \$500,000 going towards a build of \$1.7 million in Port Elliot from the South Australian Tourism Commission's Tourism Industry Development Fund, which will see the building of a new hub on the land next to the Hotel Elliot. There will be training kitchens, bars, outdoor dining and decks, increased car parking and it will be a great opportunity for people to have functions right next to the pub. It is a great investment in the region.

Also, we are now seeing, travelling backwards and forwards between Adelaide and Victor Harbor, the works on the Victor Harbor Road duplication from Old Noarlunga through to McLaren Vale. I know those works are going to frustrate many for the next few months, but it is certainly going to make a significant improvement by duplicating that section to get people down to the South Coast and able to enjoy the beauty of the Fleurieu Peninsula.

It is an absolute privilege to be a member of parliament and to be party to these sorts of works and the opportunity to assist communities and stimulate the local regions with this sort of investment. I am extremely proud of what I have been able to achieve with the Marshall Liberal government in my time. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve my community.

I thank the member for Dunstan, the previous Premier, for the opportunity for me to serve in his government as a minister. I was certainly not expecting to end up being a minister in my first term, and I was very privileged to have that role and I very much enjoyed that role and having an understanding of how the executive of government works and working as a team to try to improve the state of South Australia.

Debate adjourned on motion of Hon. A. Koutsantonis.

At 17:33 the house adjourned until Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 11:00.