

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 4 May 2023

The SPEAKER (Hon. D.R. Cregan) took the chair at 11:00.

The SPEAKER: Honourable members, we acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional owners of this country throughout Australia and their connection to land and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to elders both past and present.

The SPEAKER read prayers.

Parliamentary Committees

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: SIR SAMUEL WAY BUILDING FACADE REPAIRS

Mr BROWN (Florey) (11:02): I move:

That the 27th report of the committee, entitled Sir Samuel Way Building Facade Repairs Project, be noted.

The Courts Administration Authority proposes to make repairs to the Sir Samuel Way Building, located at Victoria Square, Adelaide. Currently listed as a state heritage asset, it was originally constructed in the early 1900s as a department store. The building was sold to the SA Superannuation Fund Investment Trust in the 1980s, before being refurbished for court use and leased to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport. Ownership was transferred to the state in 2019.

The building now provides facilities for Supreme and District court criminal matters, as well as civil matters for the District Court and the Environment, Resource and Development court. It includes 21 courtrooms, 13 of which are criminal courtrooms with jury facilities and holding cells, in addition to 42 judicial chambers. In 2021, approximately 2,160 criminal matters and 1,650 civil matters were heard in the building.

Early in 2006, cracking was identified in the building's facade. Preliminary investigations identified delaminating of masonry and cracking to columns on all levels of the building. Several pieces of the facade had fallen onto the verandah, in addition to the adjacent roof of the City of Adelaide-owned Central Market Arcade. A structural assessment concluded that the facade had degraded due to corrosion of reinforcement within the concrete, moisture ingress and ground movement.

The objectives of these works are to address, where possible, the stabilisation of the facade to reduce risk to people and property and to implement a process to manage the condition of the facade in future years. The objectives will be delivered by completing four individual packages of works. First is baseline stabilisation, which will inspect, record and address items identified as urgent for a five to 10-year period of repair.

Secondly, there will be canopy modifications, which will review and upgrade the existing canopy to increase protection and reduce risk. Thirdly, the ground-level facade package will repair the facade at ground level on the eastern and southern sides of the building to enhance appearance and longevity. Lastly, there will be repairs to masonry facades on level 5 and above. In addition to these packages of work, a facade element handbook will be developed for contractors to use when undertaking future repairs.

The estimated cost, excluding GST, of these proposed works is approximately \$6 million. There is no Consolidated Account impact as the Courts Administration Authority was allocated funds in the 2020-21 state budget for the purposes of completing these works, with funding allocated over three years. Construction is scheduled to commence in June 2023 and be completed in June 2025. The project team is currently in the early contractor involvement phase of the project, with all procurement occurring in accordance with the state government's construction policy.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) has played a key supporting role in establishing project initiation mechanisms, engaging with design consultants, liaising with various planning authorities, and drafting the tender call. DIT will manage the project in accordance with all state government guidelines. The project team will employ best practices and principles for project management, as advocated by government and construction industry authorities.

The State Heritage Register lists the Sir Samuel Way Building as a confirmed site. Based on the statement of cultural significance, the historical research and the inspection of the building, the existing fabric of the building has been attributed various levels of significance. The Department for Environment and Water, state heritage, has been consulted regarding the impact of this project. In addition, the development application has been referred and commented upon via the state heritage and state commission application panel processes.

Initial consultation has occurred with key stakeholders, both internal and external. The Courts Administration Authority and DIT assure the committee that they will continue to consult and work with stakeholders throughout the project to advise of key milestones, manage expectations and address any concerns.

The committee has examined written and oral evidence in relation to this project. Witnesses who appeared before the committee were Linda Abrams-South, Acting State Courts Administrator, Courts Administration Authority, and John Harrison, Director, Building Projects, Department for Infrastructure and Transport. I thank the witnesses for their time.

Based upon the evidence considered and pursuant to section 12C of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991, the Public Works Committee reports to parliament that it recommends the proposed public works.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: YANKALILLA GROWTH STAGE 2

Mr BROWN (Florey) (11:07): I move:

That the 28th report of the Public Works Committee, entitled Yankalilla Growth Stage 2 Project, be noted.

The South Australian Water Corporation (SA Water) proposes to install a new section of pipeline and a pressure-reducing valve in the Yankalilla, Normanville and Carrickalinga network areas, as well as upgrade two existing storage tanks. The current drinking water configuration for the Yankalilla, Normanville and Carrickalinga system, on the western coast of the Fleurieu Peninsula, limits the volume of water fed into the storage tanks that supply the network.

The system typically experiences several high-demand events during the summer months. During past heatwaves the system has fallen below reliable and safe operating levels, presenting an increased risk to customer supply. The current strain on the network will grow along with the population in the area, projected to increase from 2,500 connections to over 3,500 connections over the next 30 years. SA Water maintains that a solution is needed to sustain acceptable levels of service and water quality.

The solution proposed is the Yankalilla Growth Stage 2 Project, which is designed to enhance the ability of the network to maintain safe and reliable operating levels, particularly during periods of peak demand. The project will introduce critical redundancy to protect water supply and insulate the network against disruptions. Customers stand to benefit from a more reliable and resilient network, designed to meet the future needs of the community. Water quality, in particular water age, will also be improved thanks to the reduced delivery time between network and consumer.

The proposed scope of works includes a new 3.8-kilometre pipeline to feed both Normanville tanks directly from the Main South Road trunk main, as well as a new pressure-reducing valve (PRV) next to the intersection of Main South Road and Smith Hill Road. Inlets to the Normanville and Normanville Heights potable water storage tanks will also be upgraded. The two existing tanks at Normanville and Normanville Heights are located on land owned by SA Water. The new pipeline and PRV will be located within a reserve owned by the Yankalilla council, which has been consulted and is supportive of the project.

Award for the design and construct package shall be in accordance with SA Water's delegation of financial and procurement authority and applicable government policies. The project will be managed by a project manager from SA Water's capital planning and delivery group. In June 2020, SA Water awarded three major framework partner agreements to Fulton Hogan Utilities, John Holland and Guidera O'Connor, and McConnell Dowell and Diona. These agreements apply across the suite of SA Water's system-based programs. The Water South framework partner, John Holland and Guidera O'Connor, will submit a proposal to complete this project. SA Water will evaluate the proposal, focusing on value for money and the suitability of the work plan.

The operating and capital costs of these public works will be funded through SA Water's regulatory business plan; therefore, the project will have no impact on SA Water's overall borrowings. Construction is scheduled to commence in the third quarter of 2023, with practical completion in the fourth quarter of 2024. SA Water's risk management policy and framework will apply over the course of the project. They will form an integral part of the process to identify and assess risks and ensure appropriate mitigation measures are incorporated.

All project risks will be logged and monitored in a live risk database and addressed as appropriate by the team during the life of the project. SA Water's corporate-wide policies reinforce its business commitment to operating sustainably to support viability, now and into the future. The selected contractor will be encouraged to develop processes with due regard for short-term and long-term, local and global, environmental, social, and economic considerations.

SA Water assures the committee that engagement with the District Council of Yankalilla, as well as local landowners, will continue throughout the project to minimise and manage impacts. Regular progress meetings will keep internal stakeholders and partner organisations informed throughout the project life cycle.

The committee has examined written and oral evidence in relation to this project. Witnesses who appeared before the committee were Ross Papillo, Portfolio Manager, SA Water; and Peter Seltsikas, Senior Manager Capital Delivery, SA Water. I thank the witnesses for their time.

Based upon the evidence considered and pursuant to section 12C of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991, the Public Works Committee reports to parliament that it recommends the proposed public works.

Motion carried.

Motions

AUKUS

Adjourned debate on motion of Hon. D.J. Speirs:

1. That in the opinion of this house, a joint committee be established to inquire into and report on matters relating to South Australia's contribution to the AUKUS agreement, and particularly to consider—
 - (a) how to ensure that all submarines are delivered on schedule;
 - (b) education and training initiatives to build the future workforce;
 - (c) the role of the South Australian industry;
 - (d) opportunities from emerging technologies;
 - (e) the progress of task forces and working groups;
 - (f) interstate and international partnerships; and
 - (g) any other relevant matters.
2. That in the event of a joint committee being appointed, the House of Assembly shall be represented thereon by three members, of whom two shall form a quorum of assembly members necessary to be present at all sittings of the committee.
3. That a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution and requesting its concurrence thereto.

(Continued from 23 March 2023.)

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (11:13): I take the opportunity to speak in parliament today in support of the leader's motion to establish a joint committee, with its key focus being to inquire into and report on matters that relate to South Australia's contribution to the AUKUS agreement. It will consider important facets of this, making sure that the submarines are delivered on schedule and that there are education and training initiatives in place to build the massive workforce that is required.

It will also make sure that the South Australian industry, the defence industry in particular, is capable and able to contribute to and seize opportunities and, importantly, look at some of the advanced technologies that, over the lifespan of this AUKUS agreement, are going to come more and more to the fore. We already know about cyber quantum AI, and we want to make sure we can seize those opportunities. Certainly, we have Lot Fourteen here in South Australia, where there is already a great centre of excellence that South Australia can seize on. Also, invariably there are going to be task forces and working groups set up as part of this, and it is about making sure that they are held to account and are delivering.

The fact that we are even considering these talks is due to the sheer scale of what AUKUS is: AUKUS is an important trilateral security partnership between Australia and some of its foremost allies, the UK and the US. It is as a result of the massive military build-up that is going on in the Pacific and more and more moving into the Indo-Pacific as well, so it is really important, and it recognises the challenges of that.

Of course, the former Morrison government recognised those challenges and, as part of the announcement of this AUKUS security pact, the first initiative was to support Australia acquiring nuclear-powered submarines and for those nuclear-powered submarines to be built in South Australia. This was a key decision for the nation to shift from conventional-powered submarines to nuclear-powered submarines.

That decision was made and since then we had the announcement by the current commonwealth government in March about how that pathway is going to unfold, how Australia will get nuclear-powered submarines. That is significant and I will touch on the scale of what will be in place. We understand what this means for South Australia, which is why the leader is proposing setting up a committee. It is important that South Australia can make sure it is in the best place to be able to support the nation and also seize those opportunities.

What does that entail? The recent announcement was that Australia would secure three US Virginia class nuclear-powered submarines, with the potential for that to increase to five. That is in the short term. In the medium term, we are looking to build our own submarines based on a UK design, basically the successor to the British Astute class, which is nuclear powered. The first of those are being built in the UK shipyard at Barrow-in-Furness, but then we will build others here in South Australia, so we will not have the first-of-type and those teething problems that invariably result, and we will move on to be able to learn from that and build from that.

That is really fundamental. It is because of the escalating security concerns in our geopolitical region. The first submarine to be built and in the water from Australia's perspective is targeted to be in 2042. That is vital for our national security. One of the first things this committee is really tasked with is making sure that those submarines are delivered on schedule. That is vital. We do that really because South Australia is at the front and centre of Australia's defence posture. It is being an island, being surrounded by sea, and based on a naval posture. It is a massive responsibility for our state to protect the nation.

It is also to reinforce to our allies, the UK and the US, that we have fought alongside—we have just had ANZAC Day and there are still some World War II veterans who fought in the Pacific and who fought in the Middle East alongside the UK—that we are a capable partner not only in the field but in the defence industry that supplies those fighters as well.

South Australia has been selected and we have to make sure that we really support the country. This is going to require a massive workforce as well. Barrow-in-Furness, with their submarine building, has about 11,000 workers. The cadence of their build is going to be a bit quicker than ours. Ours is once every three years, but still the estimates are that the workforce here will be

around 9,500. That is just those working directly. Of course, there are indirect workers as well; workforce is going to be a key issue and we need to make sure they are skilled.

We have the former Minister for Skills and Innovation here. He put a massive amount of work into preparing the workforce for our current defence build. There were the conventional-powered submarines we were tooling up for, but then, of course, there is the Hunter class as well. There has already been good work put in by the member for Unley and me as the former Minister for Trade and Investment when I also worked heavily in this field. Workforce is certainly also going to be important.

We have just had ANZAC Day, and I mentioned before that the Defence Strategic Review was handed down the day before that. Again, it reinforced the importance of Osborne shipbuilding here in South Australia to the nation's defence posture. It also recommended continuous shipbuilding, so that certainly can give some comfort to us in South Australia. But what has caused a bit of uncertainty, which does need to be addressed, is that the Defence Strategic Review called for a further review into our surface fleet. That directly impacts South Australia.

As I said before, we have the Future Frigate build here: nine Future Frigates are being built. That in itself is quite a significant industry build-up potentially, starting off with 3,000 workers up to 5,000 workers. That uncertainty is certainly being felt here at the moment, and that is yet to be resolved. At the same time, the Defence Strategic Review also talks about having a minimum viable capability for defence and buying more products off the shelf, so that needs to be looked at.

Yes, our defence national security decision-making is uppermost in the forefront of our mind, but of course we need to make sure that there is a capable defence industry behind that. We need to make sure from a South Australian perspective that there is surety for it. The Defence Teaming Centre has come out and said there is uncertainty in South Australia. It costs hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars for these companies to invest in their equipment and to invest in their workforce as well, and there are long lead times to get involved in these projects.

We need to make sure that South Australian companies are able to participate fully to seize the opportunity. I also note that the UK is building this same design. They will have companies that are already in the supply chain over in Barrow-in-Furness. They will be integrated into the supply chain for the next version of the AUKUS nuclear-powered submarines. We need to make sure that South Australian companies can also participate heavily in that. That is something that we would be looking at for this committee.

Overall, as I have said, it is going to take decades and decades, with the first ship coming in the 2040s, building out to the 2060s. You can see that is over many lifetimes of governments of equal type and, really, the necessity to have bipartisan support on this is very important. That is why we are calling for and it seems that we have, bipartisan support. Certainly, on this side of the house all the commentary from the Premier and the government is that it exists.

This is a great tool to make sure we continue to work in that bipartisan manner. It also gives continuity of institutional knowledge to this parliament over the journey to make sure that we are putting a laser-light focus on AUKUS, especially to make sure it is delivered on schedule. That is vitally important for our nation's security. It would also ensure that this state can seize those opportunities for the workforce, for families who either live here or want to come here to South Australia. It is already the defence state, but this will really reinforce that it is the defence capital of the nation.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Odenwalder.

Parliamentary Committees

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: TRURO BYPASS

Adjourned debate on motion of Mr Brown:

That the 19th report of the committee, entitled Truro Bypass Project, be noted.

(Continued from 9 February 2023.)

Mr BROWN (Florey) (11:23): As I was saying previously when this matter was discussed in the chamber, an ecologically sustainable development (ESD) report has been prepared by the

Department for Infrastructure and Transport outlining the environmental objectives, principles and provisions of this project. The department has the current endorsement of its ESD system for the Department for Environment and Water. A community and stakeholder management plan has been prepared by the department. It provides an overview of the communication activities to be undertaken to ensure all stakeholders are consulted and engaged adequately.

Stakeholders include but are not limited to the Mid Murray Council, landowners and lessees affected by property acquisitions, and surrounding residents and businesses. Construction is scheduled to commence in late 2023 with completion, operation and maintenance from late 2025 onwards.

The committee has examined written and oral evidence in relation to the Truro bypass project. Witnesses who appeared before the committee were the member for Schubert; Mr Andrew Excell, Executive Director, Transport, Planning and Program Development, Department for Infrastructure and Transport; and Mr Dariusz Fanok, Delivery Manager, Department for Infrastructure and Transport. I thank the witnesses for their time.

Based upon the evidence considered, and pursuant to section 12C of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991, the Public Works Committee reports to parliament that it recommends the proposed public works.

Mr TARZIA (Hartley) (11:25): I rise to speak to the report concerning the Truro freight route project. We know that this Truro project aims to provide freight and other high-productivity vehicles with improved access between Sydney and Adelaide as well as the regions that fall between them adjacent to the route. Both the state and federal governments have committed a total of \$202 million at 80:20 to the construction and design of a bypass for the Sturt Highway, and it is a crucial link for our freight to and from Sydney and other places as well.

We know that Truro is one of the most significant towns between Adelaide and Renmark, with freight and other heavy vehicles using the main road. One key aim of the Truro bypass project is to allow heavy vehicles to utilise a new alignment on the Sturt Highway that would take this freight traffic away from the town centre. We know several thousand vehicles will travel through Truro, with over a quarter of those being heavy vehicles and freight, and we have been told that this includes up to 700 B-doubles and road trains every day.

When I went out there to Truro with the very hardworking member for Schubert and also the federal member for Barker, let me tell you I saw some of those B-doubles. It is a scary sight at times along that very narrow road route. I have no doubt that this project does need to occur. Of course, we also want to see dual lanes, but I will talk about that in a moment.

Between 2017 and 2021, there were multiple reported crashes on a section of the Sturt Highway between Truro Road and Baldon Road. There is a clear need to address and improve the safety and the amenity of the Truro township roads. Improving road safety for all users through Truro is a key aim for this project, including enhancing the amenity of those roads in and around Truro.

This project aims to improve productivity in South Australia. Currently, we are lacking a fully developed high-productivity vehicle network, and this project aims to contribute to that and establish a standard that will create a highly efficient link between places like Adelaide and Sydney. We are calling on the state government to also add a dual carriageway to this project. We need to get this project right the first time. We need to see heavy vehicles off the main streets of Truro when we can.

Unfortunately, there has been a development since this report was published, and it has been quite a negative one, in relation to the federal Labor Party's razor gang that is targeting infrastructure projects right across the country, not only in South Australia but right across the country. But, of course, this is what Labor governments do. They have been in for around a year, they mismanage their budgets, they blow things out, they kick important projects down the road like the north-south corridor and now, of course, like the Truro freight route.

Unfortunately, the Truro freight route now faces grave uncertainty—grave uncertainty—and what we see from the federal Labor Party are more delays, more cost blowouts and a razor gang that is attacking the heart of what should be bipartisan infrastructure projects that are here to deliver economic productivity benefits for this state and for this country. That is very disappointing.

I am in the process of penning a letter to the federal infrastructure minister, writing to her with the federal member for Barker expressing our angst and our disappointment about this review because, unfortunately, this federal Labor government review is going to lead to many of these very important projects being put on the cutting board, and that is going to be to the detriment of South Australians, not just about residents but also about freight. I can tell you right now that when our trucks stop moving Australia stops moving. We have to do everything we can to make sure that we continue to invest in this freight route. It is extremely important.

While we are at it, we also want to see a name change for this project, because we were informed—the member for Schubert does a great job in listening to her local community—that the name of this project could be better considered. They do not want necessarily this to be the name; they want the name to be changed to the Truro Freight Route.

I look forward to seeing the project team work in cooperation with local residents and impacted landowners to realise this fantastic project with great potential for our state. But I cannot emphasise enough that it is really disappointing that, because of the federal Labor government's infrastructure review, the Truro bypass freight route is now on the chopping board. Not only is this project on the chopping board but there are projects right around South Australia, right around Australia, that should be occurring that are now going either to be cut, delayed, blown out or just removed altogether, and that is very disappointing.

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (11:30): In addressing my remarks to Order of the Day No. 2 it has been brought to my attention this very concerning result of the Labor budget razor gang federally that we have seen announced only in recent days, on 1 May this year, so just a few days ago. It is timely in the context of the important work of the Public Works Committee bringing this 19th report to the parliament today for all of us here—and I say all of us; all 47 members of this chamber and I expect all members of another place, speaking up as they do for South Australians—to be on our feet today to take this chance to say to the new federal Labor government, 'Hands off cuts to the Truro bypass.' That should be put loud and clear, and today is a key opportunity to do so.

I welcome the member for Florey's remarks. I welcome his bringing this report to the house as he does today, and I congratulate him and the members of the Public Works Committee on stepping through the necessary probity arrangements in order to see that this work is completed.

I am standing here now saying it. I expect over the course of the debate in relation to this important report that there will be plenty on this side who will be quick to stand up and emphasise the importance of this particular project in the context of so many other important capital works brought to fruition by Liberal governments, state and federal, working together towards the advancement of South Australia over the course of the last many years under the effective leadership of Premier Marshall—I do not think we have seen the likes of it, frankly, since the days of Playford—working hand in hand with the Prime Minister in Canberra, demonstrating what state and federal Liberal governments can do.

This is no joke. It may sound like words of pride in our state. It may sound as though these are words parochially promoting our state. If they are, then well should they be interpreted as such because—

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

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

Mr TEAGUE: —ensuring the delivery of these important state building infrastructure projects was absolutely at the core of the Marshall Liberal government's work over those years. For Labor federally to come along and to indicate anything other than a complete and full commitment to the delivery of its end of those arrangements in order to ensure that the Truro bypass works are brought to fruition would be nothing short of a travesty.

Let's say it loud and clear and let's say it every day, not just on the occasion of the Public Works Committee presenting the results of its work. Let's say it every day until these important works indeed are brought to fruition. The Public Works Committee by its 19th report has certainly made clear that these are important works that are going to make an enormous difference in terms of the

carriage of freight, particularly from the east and particularly ex-Sydney. We knew that already and it is good that the Public Works Committee has come along and said so.

I can add my voice from a local perspective of course as well, because I know the benefits that the Truro bypass will bring for the Adelaide Hills. I am on the record over the last couple of years calling for the complementary hundreds of millions of dollars of investment that are necessary and prudent in order to establish the link to the Truro bypass from the Hills, in order to ensure the generational improvement and relief of congestion and improvement of safety that will result from the reduction of freight using the South Eastern Freeway as the one and only effective means to get through from the South-East and then, in turn, via the increasingly congested urban pathways of Portrush Road, Glen Osmond Road and Cross Road down to metro connections.

It is such an important project for the state and it is of particular importance to my constituents and my region in the Adelaide Hills: those areas within Heysen and certainly neighbouring communities throughout the Hills and the Fleurieu. It is one that we have watched closely and it perhaps illustrates how important state planning infrastructure works when investments are delivered and have flow-on effects for the rest of the state.

I emphasised at the outset of these brief remarks that it is for that reason that we should be hearing from so many voices on this occasion. We should be hearing from so many members of this place providing their own perspectives on the benefits that this important project ought to be delivering. It is the reason why the Marshall Liberal government made it a priority and worked to ensure that the federal funding was there alongside it in order to ensure that it would occur.

It is a matter of dismay and it ought to be a matter of great concern to all South Australians that we have heard federal Labor just in recent days saying that, well, perhaps South Australia is not quite so much to the fore, that perhaps critical infrastructure for South Australia is not quite so much to the fore and that perhaps we are at risk of not seeing these commitments through.

To those who would say, 'Quieten down and don't be raising the alarm,' I just say to them: alright, well, let's hear the guarantee. Let's hear it from state Labor and let's hear it from federal Labor that voices of concern that have been raised are misplaced, including by the member for Hartley just now and in his recent public pronouncements, and of course by my federal colleague, the member for Barker and shadow assistant minister for infrastructure and transport in recent days.

If those alarm bells are overblown and their anxiety is misplaced, then tell us that, and to those on the other side of this place who occupy the government benches for the time being, tell your federal colleagues that, and let's hear it from federal Labor that these works will be committed to, these works will be complete and South Australian infrastructure will not be left in the backwater under Labor, state and federal.

Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey) (11:41): I, of course, will rise to make a contribution to the Public Works Committee report with regard to the Truro bypass. It is a stretch of infrastructure that has long been discussed, long been talked about, because we know that the stretch of road that comes away from Halfway House Road up to Truro and beyond to Ebenezer Hill and then up to the Barossa and Nuriootpa is a main thoroughfare for heavy vehicles, it is a main thoroughfare for the east to the west, but it is also a connecting highway from the east to the north.

We see many, many tourists, travellers, trucks and freight that come via the Sturt Highway through the Goyder Highway then over to the Mid North and then up the Stuart Highway. I think it is a critical piece of infrastructure that we need to make sure is on the to-do list, that it is not just one of these projects touted as a must-do project. It sounds like the current government is kicking the can a bit, but I would urge not only the minister, the Premier and this state government but also the federal government to make sure that it is a priority, just like it is for Infrastructure Australia, because it has been on their priority list for a long period of time.

Obviously, the Sturt Highway and its efficiencies have become more critical now than ever. The reason I say that is that under the former Labor government we saw the cessation of rail out of Tookayerta, out of Loxton, that took grain down to Tailem Bend. We saw that rail line wound up. Then we saw that the other rail line from Pinnaroo, down the Mallee Highway to Tailem Bend, which was primarily a grain freight route, was also closed. That obviously has now put significant truck

movements both ways—both trucks with grain heading out of the Mallee and then, of course, trucks have to return.

Some of those trucks return with inputs—freight—but a lot of those trucks return empty. We know that the empty trucks, in many cases, can do a lot of damage to those highways because those empty trailers do chatter on highways, and the more that they chatter the more damage we see done to roads. That is why the efficiency gains need to be achieved through this very important Truro bypass.

It is a \$202 million project, which was given approval under the former Marshall Liberal government and it was music to many, many people's ears—not only constituents who use it as a passenger highway but those heavy industrial operators that are now seeing a significant number of freight movements, including increased grain on the Sturt Highway.

Not only are we seeing increased grain; we are also seeing, now, large commodities that are utilising that highway. As to the wine industry, we are seeing more and more wine that is being processed, being bottled at Glossop through the Accolade brand. We see a lot of the trucks particularly coming out of Sunraysia. My very good friend Damien Matthews, the managing director of G1 Logistics, is one of the larger freight operators on the Sturt Highway. He is one of the largest freight operators in the nation. What we see coming down the Sturt Highway out of Sunraysia, out of the Riverland to the ports, to the warehousing down in Adelaide, is nothing short of remarkable.

I caught up with Damien only a couple of weeks ago, and he tells me that they loaded 600 trailers on one Friday. That is 600 trailer movements. Potentially that would mean that we would see some 300 B-doubles or potentially slightly fewer road trains. That is still a significant amount of truck movement, heavy vehicle movements, coming out of one operator's yard. So that is the reason the Truro bypass is so important to him, for efficiency gains, but it is also the impact of safety.

Many, many times I drive the Sturt Highway from the Riverland down to Adelaide, and we see a number of instances of congestion from Halfway House Road all the way through to the Barossa. That is because we have a significantly old style of highway that runs up through Accommodation Hill and then in through Truro. Obviously the highway there is restricted to 50 km/h. Also it is restricted by fairly tight navigable bends. Then, when we see road trains and B-doubles that are making their way up Accommodation Hill, they are down to 60 km/h on an open highway. So there is the loss of efficiencies there.

There is also the impending safety issues. A lot of cars navigate the highway. There is an overtaking lane up Accommodation Hill, but in terms of passing a truck doing 60 km/h, fully laden, in a passenger vehicle or other light vehicle or also having to navigate past such a truck doing the speed limit—and that might be the 110 km/h or 90 km/h in other instances—it is critically important that we look at the way the Truro bypass would help make the Sturt Highway safer. It would give us those efficiency measures that every freight operator is needing.

I will talk about another very reputable freight operator in Booth Transport. Peter Booth is another very good friend of mine who also does a lot of freight movements, particularly tanker movements on the Sturt Highway, and he, too, has been very, very concerned about the navigable challenges with Accommodation Hill or going through Truro, into the Barossa and on to Adelaide. Peter has expressed his concerns to me many times about the need for the Truro bypass to go ahead.

There are some murmurings with it being revealed that the Truro bypass project could be at risk, and I would urge the current state and federal Labor governments not to err on the side of redirecting that money into other projects. That is a vitally important piece of infrastructure that needs to be upgraded, and it needs to be upgraded sooner rather than later.

We know that the project was meant to start last year, and it has been pushed back. I would urge not only the Public Works Committee to recommend that this project go ahead as soon as possible but also the transport minister, the Premier and every member of the Labor government here in South Australia and every member of the federal Labor government that this is a project that is needed; it is worthy. An average of 4½ thousand vehicles travel through Truro every day as a

chosen route. Overwhelmingly, the majority of Riverlanders, when they travel from Chaffey to Adelaide, go by the Sturt Highway.

Of the 4½ thousand vehicles, 30 per cent are heavy commercial vehicles. Obviously, that would see somewhere in the vicinity of 700 B-doubles or road trains every day travelling through Truro, travelling on the Sturt Highway. That puts people at risk. I do not like talking about road fatalities on our regional roads, but we know that two out of every three deaths happen on our regional roads.

The Sturt Highway is no stranger to that; it is currently ranked as the second deadliest road due to its high fatality rate. As I think the member for Hammond said yesterday, from 2018 to 2022 36 people lost their lives on the Sturt Highway. It is a statistic that should ring alarm bells for governments of any persuasion. We also need to understand that this year alone there have been a further four deaths on that highway, bringing the total to 40. This is another justification as to why the Truro bypass project must go ahead.

I urge the government, I urge the Public Works Committee, to recommend that this project be advanced, be put in train, so that we can complement the rest of the Sturt Highway that is currently going through a safety upgrade—\$87.9 million for overtaking lanes, rest areas, safety barriers and more signage. It is part of a road network that is becoming busier with more heavy vehicles, becoming busier with more traffic, more tourists, because people are now starting to travel from the east to the west, from the east to the north and from the west to the north. People are using that Sturt Highway, so it is imperative that the Truro bypass go ahead. It is a project that is vitally important to the efficiency of South Australia's economy and the freight distribution network.

Time expired.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: Before I call the member for Unley, I acknowledge the presence in the gallery of the Hon. Tony Buti MLA, the Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs and Multicultural Affairs in Western Australia. Welcome to parliament.

Parliamentary Committees

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: TRURO BYPASS

Debate resumed.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley) (11:52): I have certainly enjoyed listening to my colleagues speak about the importance of this project, to understand how a single road is part of a network and how a single road can improve that entire network. This road is so important to those who live in and around Cross Road in my electorate: those in the suburbs of Unley Park, Kings Park, Highgate, Kingswood, Urrbrae, Netherby, Hawthorn and those in Myrtle Bank. They are all affected by the traffic that goes down Cross Road.

One of the recommendations, one of the findings, that came out of the GlobeLink study was that a route was identified for heavy vehicles to leave the South Eastern Freeway around Monarto and end up at the Truro bypass, and then continue going north or out to Port Adelaide or the industrial areas in northern Adelaide, saving B-doubles in particular from moving through the suburbs of Adelaide—whether that be Cross Road, Portrush Road or Glen Osmond Road.

We have seen that traffic increase for many years. Don Dunstan is very fondly remembered for his pink shorts, but he really should be remembered for the mess he left at the end of Cross Road, Portrush Road and Glen Osmond Road. Nowhere else in Australia is there a major highway that comes to a sudden and abrupt end in one suburb.

It is just extraordinary that a road, the South Eastern Freeway, that comes from a city with over five million people, Melbourne, hooks in all of those people who are travelling to Adelaide from regional Victoria and regional New South Wales. Those who are travelling to Adelaide from Sydney and Canberra may also end up using that South Eastern Freeway and that junction.

We know that for at least a decade that has been at capacity. We see the accidents that happen with brake failures, mainly caused by large trucks. We have a situation now where trucks are forbidden from travelling at more than 60 km/h down the decline on the South Eastern Freeway coming into that intersection.

The work that was started by the Marshall government to link a truck pathway to this Truro bypass is now under threat of either more delay or the can being kicked down the road to a date yet to be announced. It could not have been clearer here in this place on Tuesday, when the member for Hartley asked the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the member for West Torrens, whether he could guarantee that the Truro bypass will continue. The minister's answer was, 'I don't know that the Truro bypass project is under any threat.'

That is not an answer. The Sergeant Schultz answer of 'I know nothing' is not an answer to that question. The answer to that question from the minister should have been, 'I guarantee that that will go ahead,' but we did not hear that. Why did we not hear that? Because we know that Labor has had a very long-term plan for turning Cross Road into a route for the South Eastern Freeway and the south-eastern suburbs, the Hills suburbs, to the north-south corridor.

We know that is in their plan because on 30 January 2017 the then Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the member for Lee, was asked on ABC radio by Matthew Abraham, 'So then they'll go down Cross Road?' The member for Lee said:

Yes, that's right. That's the long-term plan which has been agreed to by the federal and state governments which is currently being funded by the federal and state governments and that is why it is a project priority.

This is talking about the north-south corridor and how people will enter the north-south corridor from the South Eastern Freeway. Abraham goes on to say:

So you're going to have B-doubles rumbling down Portrush Road and just for a bit of novelty rumbling down Cross Road. So really running down heavily populated areas with lots of schools hanging off them.

The member for Lee said:

It's not a novelty...this is what's in the state's best economic interest.

To which Abraham answered, 'Really?' I am with Matthew Abraham on that question. Really? Is that really what is in the state's best interests?

There is no doubt that the Truro bypass is the start of a traffic solution for the congested end of the South Eastern Freeway. It affects Mount Barker, your electorate, Mr Speaker. I know there are many who drive from Mount Barker to the city. There is a remarkably large number of people who live in Mount Barker but work on the flat in the suburbs of Adelaide who use that road to get to their place of work, whether it be in the city or whether it be in the suburbs or the industrial areas in the inner suburbs, or even further afield.

The Hills bypass is a solution to that, and the Truro bypass is part of the Hills bypass solution. It is not going to happen overnight. It should happen, but we do not know whether under this government it will happen. I made it very clear that it is a clear policy of this party to continue the work that the Liberal Party in government started with that Hills bypass so that Cross Road will not be a growing corridor for trucks. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

Bills

SUPPLY BILL 2023

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 23 March 2023.)

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (12:01): I indicate that I am the lead speaker for the opposition on the bill before the house. I rise to indicate the opposition's support for the Supply Bill 2023. As you are well aware, Mr Speaker, having been in this place for quite some time, this is a reasonably uncontroversial convention of our parliament, to pass this bill that provides in essence stopgap

funding for the operation of government and the delivery of public services prior to the Appropriation Bill making its way through this place.

It is very clear that there is not a single person in this place who wants to see a US Congress-style approach to these matters, where government services and buildings are shut down and workers sent home. It is certainly something that we would never want to see within this institution to the point where people are playing chicken with the Appropriation Bill. It goes without saying that our support is well and truly clear for the Supply Bill passing this year.

In the 14 months now that we have seen this government, there are a couple of things that I think have defined their approach. Those two things are pretty simply said as arrogance and hubris. I reflect on commentary that has been made by the media, I think in one of the spin cycle segments a couple of years ago, that in previous iterations of the Labor government when there were articles or reports made by journalists that Labor ministers disagreed to, they used to be shouted at.

Instead, this government has taken the tack of talking down, implying that people are misinformed when there are things that those Labor ministers disagreed with being published. I think that is quite emblematic of the first 14 months of this government. There is a level of arrogance that has crept in and a level of separation from reality in some senses, particularly around the topic of cost of living.

But the very essence of the last election campaign was around ramping. What we have seen over the past 14 months is the highest rates of ramping ever recorded in our state. We have seen this government crab walking away from their central election promise, trying to shift the metric that they were held accountable for.

When it comes to economic management, the facts from the Mid-Year Budget Review are clear: net debt is still rising, net borrowing is still increasing, the net debt to revenue ratio is still rising, and surpluses are lower than they were predicted in the budget just a year ago. But none of this should be surprising to anybody in this place. It is the same old Labor with a budget that is simply all smoke and mirrors, with increased spending and shifting major infrastructure projects that are vital to our state's productivity into the never-never.

We know that the reviews of the north-south corridor and the Women's and Children's Hospital projects have not just seen substantial delays but also significant cost increases in the order of billions of dollars. Unless this government is proposing that those projects are no longer necessary, the associated and now much more significant spend that needs to be undertaken still needs to happen. That debt will still need to be incurred and in the meantime the state and our economy misses out on the productivity gains that would have been possible had those projects been completed earlier.

Over the last couple of days, we have received more details regarding the federal government's major infrastructure review. Suddenly, nearly a year into the federal government, a significant review of infrastructure projects was needed. This is surely a carbon copy, the exact same blueprint, as the Labor government here, but just being undertaken in a less sophisticated fashion.

We know that some major South Australian projects are now facing uncertainty. We do not know what is happening now with the Truro freight bypass, as has already been discussed by this house today. We do not know what is happening to the Princes Highway corridor upgrade. We do not know if the Old Belair Road upgrade is going to happen. We do not know if the Marion Road and Sir Donald Bradman Drive intersection upgrade will ever happen, something that is critical to unlocking significant traffic issues around our major airport.

We do not know the future of the Hahndorf township improvements and access project, something I know the member for Heysen is very closely connected with. Quite significantly, particularly with our country regions, we do not know the future of the road maintenance and safety programs that essentially have been relied on to deliver improvements over the last number of years.

As to cutting or delaying these projects, there is no other way to describe it but as a complete handbrake on economic growth and a barrier to driving the efficiencies needed to support budget repair. It is counterintuitive. It is just another example of the Labor blueprint: review, delay, cost

blowouts and shifting the spending outside of forward estimates to cover their increases in spending. By its very definition, it is the Labor playbook.

Next, we move on to the cost-of-living crisis that has taken hold in South Australia. Over the last couple of days, I discussed some of these issues in relation to the typical South Australian family with two kids at public schools and with an average mortgage in South Australia. The opposition has done an analysis to reveal that those families are nearly \$17,000 worse off now than they were at this point 12 months ago. It is a frightening number and one that will only increase after another rate increase was announced earlier this week. It is not a number that any typical South Australian household can just absorb.

We have had significant increases across nearly every category, whether it be bread and cereal, meat and seafood, dairy products, fuel, or energy. Inflation is rife right here in Adelaide and higher than in any other capital city in Australia. What have we seen from this government so far in terms of relief and a response to cost of living? The answer is very little, particularly for those typical families that we just mentioned, who are \$17,000 worse off at this point than they were a year ago.

If you look back at the last budget cycle, nearly every other jurisdiction in Australia managed to put together an energy bill relief package. If you look around the country, Queensland has a \$175 rebate for all residential connections, WA has a \$400 rebate for all residential connections; Victoria has a \$250 rebate for all residential connections and prior to the last New South Wales election, the Libs on one side had a \$250 rebate for all residential connections, and there is a tighter proposed program from the now New South Wales Labor government.

Why are we are talking about energy prices and energy relief as one of the mechanisms for addressing the cost of living in South Australia? The reasons are clear. For starters, energy costs have only gone up since Labor came to office here in South Australia. More importantly, the Australian Energy Regulator, in its draft determination of what is going to happen for the coming 12 months, has predicted at this stage a 22 per cent increase will be borne by South Australians over the coming financial year.

This comes in the face, of course, of federal Labor promising that the average Australian energy bill would reduce by \$275. Well, that certainly has not happened, has it? But South Australian families have not even been able to rely on the South Australian government to provide similar relief to what was provided in other jurisdictions.

Earlier in the week, the Minister for Energy used one of his question time Dixers—it was quite extraordinary really, to be completely honest—to outline the fact that he thought it was cheeky of the opposition to go out and provide some clarity around what we think should happen in this space. Why did we feel the need to do that? Because there has been nothing more than a vacuum from those opposite.

Identifying a funding source is not the same as a policy. There is not a single member of those opposite who has been able to tell us how much by way of rebate South Australians are getting, who is getting it, and when.

The Hon. N.F. Cook: It is on the internet.

Mr COWDREY: No idea.

The Hon. N.F. Cook: Do you know how to google? Hey Google, hey Siri, tell me about the energy concessions.

Mr COWDREY: There is no guidance whatsoever.

The Hon. N.F. Cook: It is on there.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister!

The Hon. N.F. Cook: I am sorry. It is just an automatic reaction to nonsense.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, the member for Colton has the floor. Member for Colton, continue.

Mr COWDREY: We are aware that jurisdictions will be able to propose their own proposals, matched dollar for dollar by the fund, but to this point I reiterate we have seen no detail in terms of who is going to be covered, by how much, and when—no detail whatsoever. All we have seen is this government point at a funding source.

If, as the Minister for Human Services says, this detail does exist, well, tell South Australians. Tell them now. Tell them what they are getting because it has been irresponsible to this point to have not done that, to have not told South Australians that they will be receiving a specific dollar amount, to have not told South Australians that that relief is on the way in the face of what have been extraordinary increases.

If you look back at the record of the Liberal Party in this space, there is a significant contrast. Over the last term of government, there were ESL savings for every South Australian and significant water bill savings for South Australian families and small businesses. There is one side of this house that takes cost-of-living pressures for families seriously, and that is ours.

Another thing I will be looking closely at in the upcoming budget, with significant interest to be completely frank, will be the setting of fees and charges. We heard last year prior to that budget the Treasurer say—his words—that he had made a policy decision to keep government fees, charges and increases to approximately 2 per cent last year. It was backed again by the Premier later on, saying that it was a clear policy decision.

We know historically that those decisions have been attached to the Treasury indexation rate, but the Treasurer, when discussing fees and charges last year on ABC radio, also said:

...if we are in a position where we see that that—

I will fill that in, 'that' being inflation—

persists for a period of time then of course it's up to the government of the day not to pass on the full extent of that, to adjust that policy and provide some additional relief to households and that will be something that we would consider doing next year in next year's budget once we know what the figures look like over the longer term...

Well, those figures are now very clear. Adelaide has the highest inflation of all capital cities. Inflation has stayed significantly and stubbornly high over the past 12 months, so what is the Treasurer going to do? He has committed, it is in black and white, it is on transcript. What is the Treasurer going to do by way of settings when it comes to fees and charges? He has made the commitment that, should inflation remain high, he would step in. We will wait and watch.

One of the fundamental things that surrounds this budget, and one of the reasons again for us to come out and to call for energy bill relief, has been around the GST windfall that the Treasurer announced just a couple of months ago. I think it is pertinent to really delve into why that additional GST revenue was collected because it comes to the very nature of this whole issue that we have had around cost of living and inflation.

The GST pool was significantly revised earlier this year, therefore our associated distribution of that was increased, and that was basically on the fact of inflation staying so high—higher than was forecast. So, because everyday, typical Australians and South Australians were paying more for everyday items, the government has collected more revenue. There has to be a level of compassion and a level of equity around that in having a concerted consideration that that money would be better placed being distributed back to South Australians to provide relief in a way that makes sense. That is certainly what we believe on this side of the house.

In terms of the local area, I just want to shift and have a short discussion with regard to my local electorate because there are a number of issues that have been popping up as I have spent time over the last couple of months doing what we do as members of parliament. I will never take the opportunity that I have had as the member for Colton for granted. I take seriously my responsibilities to the people I represent, as I know everybody in this place does when we are out there talking at shopping centres, listening at shopping centres, on doors, or in the community more generally at events and functions and everything else that we get involved with.

However, over the past 14 months there has been a growing level of frustration in my community about this government's actions with regard to our coastline, particularly the beaches in

my electorate at West Beach, Henley Beach South and Henley. This has culminated over the last couple of months in an event being held. The event was organised by a group of community leaders and facilitated by local surf clubs, both West Beach and Henley Beach. Local sailing clubs were involved, Adelaide Sailing Club and also Henley Sailing Club. It was supported by the local council, the Charles Sturt council. We had upwards of 400 people down on the beach, making it clear to this government that we need action and we need action quickly because our beaches are in desperate strife.

We have West Beach that was in the process of being rebuilt, where that has just not continued. We had a long-term solution that was about to be implemented that saw its contract torn up in favour of a review. What have we seen in the meantime? We have seen Henley Beach South gutted: the clay on the bottom of the beach has basically been exposed, we have concrete footings from the Henley Beach pool back from 30 or 40 years ago being exposed, we have infrastructure that is openly being exposed and footings of buildings being exposed. It is unacceptable, by any means, for any government to willingly and happily allow these things to happen.

A delay has been incorporated in moving down a path where we have seen this review—to have taken 12 months just to get to the point of announcing it, then to have taken another two or three months to discuss how the review will be conducted, to at this point communicating the fact that it will be at least 12 months in the process before we get any sort of advice as to what would potentially be happening.

I have some outstanding questions that I want to pose rhetorically to this government. The first is a question about why we are considering, through this review, options that have already been ruled out as not being feasible. It seems ludicrous to be putting solutions to the community, to be asking for suggestions from the community, that are not feasible and have already been ruled out by the same department that is now undertaking another consultation process. It makes no sense. It makes absolutely no sense to anybody why we would be spending time considering options that we know simply do not work and are not possible in the South Australian context.

The second point that I would like to make to this government is: I think you have seriously, seriously underestimated how bad things are at Henley Beach South—seriously underestimated. I am happy to stand in this place and put onto *Hansard* and put on record that there is a very real possibility that significant infrastructure will be at risk this winter. We have yet to get to the point of having any significant storms, we are yet to get to the point of having any significant wave activity, yet we are already seeing the existing rock wall starting to be infiltrated and undermined and we have seen rocks starting to fall. There are existing entryways and pathways and steps where infrastructure has not just been exposed but is now being undermined.

There are significant issues here. Seaview Road, The Esplanade—significant road infrastructure—are but one or two metres away from where these rock walls stand. This government needs to take this issue seriously. Delay, delay, delay is not going to make it go away. Sticking your head in the sand on these issues is not going to make them go away.

The last question that I want to pose is in regard to conflict. It is a broader question and one that I will tread lightly with. We have a shadow minister who developed a policy and who took that policy to an election. You were successful. We are on this side of the house; we understand those dynamics. You then have a policy implemented and a minister then having to step aside, based on conflict.

So it is not too hard to draw the conclusion that the policy that was developed may well be conflicted too. How do we get to that point? There is a policy that is implemented, based solely on the fact that it was an election commitment, yet none of those issues of conflict are addressed prior to it being developed and prior to it being implemented. That is a fundamental issue that is broader than just this parliament but one that has to be raised.

I also want to take the opportunity today to encourage my community to get involved in the consultation process. It opened last Friday on 28 April, and it closes on Friday 9 June at 5pm. This is the consultation process around the Adelaide beach management review, which is accessible via the YourSAy website, which is yoursay.sa.gov.au. I know that many in the local community are

frustrated by the lack of action on our beaches. I know that many in the community just simply want to see our beaches fixed. That is simply all I want to see happen.

We know that Henley Beach South is in a dire state, that Henley Beach is in a dire state and that West Beach may well return to that should the delay and inaction continue. So I would like to encourage all residents in my electorate, from Grange all the way up to West Beach, back into the suburbs—Kidman Park, Lockleys, Fulham Gardens—and in every part of the electorate to get involved in this, because our beaches matter.

I would encourage those who do make submissions to highlight a couple of things, if they feel that way inclined. The first is that all of our beaches need to be healthy and have sand, because why should our beaches be treated any differently from Somerton, from Brighton, from Glenelg, from Seacliff or from Kingston Park? The second is that West Beach and Henley, and eventually Grange, should not be treated as a sand source for other beaches. Thirdly, I would love it if our community can highlight again the sense of urgency that is necessary around this issue.

We need immediate action; we need action taken now. We had a long-term solution; unfortunately, that contract has been torn up. We need our beaches rebuilt to be healthy and thriving. So please, if you feel inclined—I will share the link—get involved and make sure that our voices are heard and that all beaches are treated equally.

Finally, I want to have a chat in regard to some local projects that have been funded over the term of the last government, and completed under the last government. I think they are important and really provide some framework around where I think our effort needs to be directed in regard to a sports infrastructure program, particularly within the western suburbs. Traditionally, we have always had a restraint, unfortunately, in terms of the fact that the western suburbs have basically been fully developed. There is no green space that is not utilised or is sitting around that we can turn into parks or community sporting infrastructure, particularly in the local area.

I want to highlight two projects that I think are of significance and that perfectly illustrate the approach that needs to be taken moving forward. The first is a court resurfacing project that was undertaken at the West Beach Tennis Centre. It was a well put together approach for a couple of reasons. The first was the ability, should this project have proceeded, to significantly increase the ability for young people to participate in sport, not just tennis but netball as well.

Essentially, we managed to get the West Beach Tennis Club and the St Michael & All Angels Netball Club together on the same site, having previously only had courts that were marked for tennis. They were able to move down and set up a new home. In the process, the West Beach Tennis Club now has new neighbours for the winter season, which they greatly enjoy, and the St Michael & All Angels Netball Club now has a new home in West Beach.

They also have more teams participating than they have ever had and more court time available in a sport that has traditionally had significant issues in the western suburbs finding available space. It was a win-win for everybody, a sensible and absolutely beneficial project, the legacy of which will last a long time. It is something that I was fully supportive of and highlight as being a fantastic example of where we get things right.

The second, in much the same vein, is to highlight the Henley Hawks Tennis Club. That area sits directly across from Henley Beach Primary School. Traditionally, they did not have lights on quite a number of their courts. They were struggling with the continued issue of not having enough available court time. Lights were popped onto a few of the courts, and it was the first time I think I have seen a community consultation go through with zero complaints from any neighbouring properties, which is a fantastic thing to see. There are lights up, more kids, a higher membership than we have ever had and people playing tennis and enjoying themselves, particularly young people in the local area.

These are the projects we need to continue to get behind and support. These are the projects that make sense. Where we can better utilise existing facilities, where we can ensure that those assets are used to their greatest efficiency, where we can work with local schools to unlock some of the existing facilities that are not utilised to the full extent that they possibly could be—those are the opportunities that we should be looking for.

But I will note that in the latest round of community infrastructure grants not a single dollar was assigned by this government for the local area. That is a shame. That is a big shame for young kids wanting to get involved in sport, for anybody wanting to get involved in sport, in the western suburbs. Those constraints are still there, but there was not a single dollar that this government wanted to commit to the local area.

I return to the reason we are here: the passage of this bill. I reiterate the opposition's support for the bill. I reiterate the fact that this is of a completely uncontroversial nature, and I hope that we see the passage of this bill happen in a swift and efficient manner. I hope that we do not see its passage unnecessary stifled by a conga line of government members. With that, I conclude my remarks.

Mrs PEARCE (King) (12:32): Last year, when I spoke to the Supply Bill, I spoke about my community's clear priorities, priorities that would build upon and strengthen our neighbourhood and support those who live within it—health, education, infrastructure, housing and putting our state back on the map through events such as the Adelaide 500. These priorities were made clear to me by my community whilst out on the doors, at local events, at community catch-ups and, to be honest, even when I am nicking into the shops to grab the kids a few things for their lunchboxes.

I have listened and I will continue to listen to the desires of my community, desires that I will continue to reflect to the team, in turn helping to influence what we deliver for my community. Now that we are one year into our four-year term, I am proud to say that not only have we delivered 48.6 per cent of our election commitments but we also continue to build on the priorities raised by my community.

In the north and north-east, there was a resounding call from just about all residents to improve healthcare services in the area. That is why we, as part of a record investment into health of \$2.4 billion in the budget, committed to upgrading an expansion of both Modbury Hospital and Lyell McEwin Hospital. As part of our record investment into our state's public health system, our \$47 million project at Lyell McEwin Hospital is on track to deliver 48 more beds with single rooms and ensuites, as well as rooms with speciality care features. But we have not stopped there. We continue to invest in measures to improve our health services.

Take, for example, the redevelopment of the emergency department announced and funded under the previous Labor government, which has had another \$4.5 million committed to further expand its capacity from 72 to 76 spaces by the end of this year as part of the final phase emergency department expansion. Alongside this, there is of course the \$1.2 million renal ward located in a refurbished site adjacent to the Lyell McEwin, housing nine chairs in the dialysis unit, which will further support the current 12-chair unit in the hospital, allowing for up to 36 haemodialysis patients to get the dialysis care they require closer to home.

As for Modbury Hospital, in addition to providing more subacute beds, we are delivering on our commitment to expand the mental health capacity at the hospital delivering 24 more mental health beds, with a mental health rehabilitation unit combined with a 20-bed older persons mental health unit all in a single build. This will see the total number of mental health beds at the Modbury Hospital increase to 44 purpose-built beds.

Importantly, we have commenced work on bringing care closer to home for those in our community who are needing cancer treatment, having committed \$28 million to open a new Modbury Hospital cancer centre by 2025. This will ensure that for those in the north-east who require cancer treatment, they will not have the added stress of having to figure out how they are going to get across town and back at an already challenging time just to receive the care that they need.

On that note, I would like to acknowledge the feedback that I have received from women from The BEAT Movement, who provided me with lived experience suggestions on how we can develop the best care possible in this space. In fact, I appreciate the feedback I receive from all in my community on how we can make improvements within the health system. I look forward to continuing to work with you for our community.

Talking about working for our community, I am proud that we are going to be building a brand-new ambulance station in the heart of Golden Grove. Health professionals reflected a real gap

in response times in my community, and the community reflected a desire to see this improved. That is exactly what we are doing. To have already dispatched an additional 20 paramedics to assist our community with more to come by the middle of the year is a real testament to the dedication that we have to my community in this space.

Improving the Lyell McEwin Hospital and expanding its capacity, ensuring that there are more beds at the Modbury Hospital, bringing care closer to home for many in my community and improving our response times in the north and north-eastern suburbs were all priorities made clear by my community when I was out on the doors, on the phones, meeting at the shops and at street-corner meetings. I am so glad to say that we are delivering on this as expeditiously as we can.

I believe it is important to work on the priorities raised by my community and to implement measures that will not just make an immediate difference but will also make positive change to enhance the lives of the next generation. A key way that we can do this is through education, especially as it is a key component on how we can ensure that South Australians are prepared for the future workforce needs that are steadfastly developing in our state.

Of course, with our big plans for the direction our state will be taking thanks to hydrogen, early education and the subs, we are putting in the effort now to ensure that our graduates are ready for the jobs that will be created for the future of work here in South Australia. Among our plans to skill up South Australians is our plan to open five new technical colleges, with our \$208.8 million investment providing students a different pathway to achieve the education that suits them whilst also being able to attain their SACE accreditation in the process.

I look forward to the opening of the first technical college at Findon next year, with BAE Systems an employer partner for the college. I am even more excited for the college that will be built in the north-east and I know how much of a positive impact this will have in our community. We are also focused on the skills shortages that are affecting our industries, and I am proud that we were the first state to sign up to the National Skills Agreement and have delivered fee-free TAFE for 6,000 Australians. Areas of study that have surged in popularity through this program include nursing, early childhood education, VET training, project management and cybersecurity.

These are all areas that industry has identified we have a dire shortage in, and we are glad to be playing a role in ensuring that South Australians can acquire the skills necessary to address the skills shortages of today, now and also into the future. I am dedicated to helping ensure that students at all stages of their learning can get an education that suits them, and I have had nothing but support from my community and from industry to make sure that this works so that all South Australians can reap the benefits.

Of course, we know that for our kids to succeed we must invest in their wellbeing. That is why, alongside our bold plans for education, training and skills, we are also prioritising making services available to students who may need a little bit of extra help. This is being achieved through our mental health service in schools program, which will be supporting young people in 65 government high schools, area schools and R-12 schools. With an investment of over \$50 million, 100 full-time equivalent mental health and learning support specialists will provide greater support to students.

This investment into our students' mental health includes 55 full-time equivalents for the new School Mental Health Service. Investment in mental health is a key priority that is raised within my community, and I am so pleased that together we have been able to secure a full-time equivalent specialist for two of the high schools in my community, both Golden Grove High School and Salisbury East High School. This will help provide an intervention service and an ability to liaise with other health providers to ensure students are referred to treatment and receive the support they require.

We know that mental health concerns are more likely to emerge in those early years of high school, and with this much-needed program we are putting the supports in place where they are needed, at a time when they are needed, to support young people early and address any concerns before they start to take hold.

I cannot forget to mention another policy commitment that I was enormously proud to see achieved last year, and that is bringing back the Adelaide 500 and breaking records whilst doing it,

with more than 12,000 people travelling to South Australia from interstate and 96,671 visitor nights in South Australia due to the event, delivering a record \$51.85 million benefit to our economy. With a total of 258,200 visitors over the four-day event and 425 jobs supported, it is safe to say that it was a roaring success.

These numbers represent a huge boost to our economy and mark the return of the race as a success. This race is also about the impact it has had for so many in my community who had lost the security of employment and business generated by the race and who have now had it returned. What has been made clear to me through this process is the added value that events such as this one bring to people and businesses in my community, and the sense of state pride that it brings. We recognise this and have taken the views of my community onboard and continue to invest in events in our state.

Since the Adelaide 500, our state has gone from one festival to another: a successful Fringe, an amazing Adelaide Festival, to the Gather Round, and recently LIV Golf. All of these events have been helping to support our hospitality industry, providing a much-needed boost following COVID and making SA a great state to come and visit, showcasing its strengths not only to the rest of the country but all over the world.

However, without a place to call home, many in our state cannot fully participate in our economy and our society to the fullest potential. That is why I am particularly proud of the work being done in the housing space. Many in my community have made known their struggles with housing, whether it be rate hikes, dealing with rental increases, or struggling to find a home in the right rental market.

With only one year in the past 30 when public housing in South Australia has increased, the government is committed to boosting our public homes. As part of A Better Housing Future, the state government put in an additional \$60 million over the next four years for additional public housing, on top of the \$175.5 million commitment we took to the election to deliver 400 new homes, upgrade 350, and allow for the maintenance of a further 3,000 properties. By mid-2026, this will bring the construction of new public homes to 564, whilst also halting the sale of 580 public housing properties that would have otherwise been sold.

We are also set on delivering the biggest residential land release in our state's history, which will deliver at least 23,700 homes across Dry Creek, Concordia, Sellicks Beach and Hackham. Just in the last few days, we announced a land release for housing, with 800 homes in Aldinga, 600 in Noarlunga Downs and 500 in my community of Golden Grove.

This release will ensure that we are ready for the future of our state's population. It sets us up for more jobs and a boost to our economy, but it also opens the door to the prospect of home ownership for so many who may have thought they were unable to achieve that. I am following the developments in this space very closely in my community, and I will continue to work with and listen to my community as this progresses.

In my address to the Supply Bill last year, I talked at length about my amazing community, their commitment to standing up for what they wanted to see improved in our community and not backing down against cuts to their essential services. I spoke about the proposed cuts to the bus stops by the previous government, which would have negatively impacted so many in my neighbourhood. By standing alongside my community, we were able to stop those cuts and preserve the much-needed public transport system for the many people who rely on it.

I made it clear that I would not let my fight stop at just saving bus stops from being cut; I wanted to help build on the standard of public transport we have in the north and the north-east. That is why I committed to installing 20 bus shelters across the community, and that is progressing well.

But we have not stopped there. We have begun works on the TTP park-and-ride expansion. We have introduced the tap and pay on the O-Bahn and are rolling this out for bus services in our community. We have also made travel free for seniors. We recognise the desire for investment in our public transport, and we are taking active steps in this space, and we will continue to do so.

Keeping with the theme of transport, many in my community know the struggle that is navigating The Grove Way when traffic can become easily banked up, especially as you get closer

to Main North Road. This is why I committed to the upgrading of The Grove Way junctions with Canterbury Drive and Green Valley Drive, as well as the junction of Main North Road and Target Hill Road in Salisbury Heights. Because traffic flow and congestion is a concern in this area, I am pleased to be working alongside my community on this matter and am pleased that this, too, is progressing well with site investigation works to commence shortly.

Another big win we have had out in One Tree Hill is the installation of a much-needed and widely called for Give Way sign at the intersection of Black Top Road and One Tree Hill Road. This intersection has been raised with me as requiring further road safety measures due to a range of factors, and I am proud to have played a role in its installation, along with the grassroots push to have it there.

Speaking of grassroots push and our community's appreciation of services, there is of course Modbury Service SA. I am so pleased that this Saturday we will be opening the Service SA centre in Modbury from 9am to 5pm, offering greater convenience to those in my community to access the services that they need when they have the time. While the previous government may have wanted to close some of our Service SA centres, we are intent on providing greater flexibility to the many customers who rely on it and ensuring that they can access it when it suits them.

With 48.6 per cent of our election commitments delivered in our first year in office, I am as determined as ever to continue the job of actioning and delivering in areas that are a priority for my community. As we do, I reaffirm my commitment to my community that I will continue to be a strong voice for them both inside and outside of this place, and I will continue to fight for them and their needs.

I love my community and the wonderful people who make it up, who fight for what they believe in and who support one another. They make me so proud to stand alongside them and to continue working towards delivering on what matters most to them. I commend this bill to the house.

Ms THOMPSON (Davenport) (12:48): I, too, rise to offer my support for the Supply Bill presently before the house. The Supply Bill essentially keeps the functions of government and public sector offices running until the state budget and Appropriation Bill is passed.

We are a government that wants to deliver for South Australia, and we are delivering. I am excited to be part of a team that is putting people at the centre of everything that we do, 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 protections for our environment and, overall, a better future for South Australia.

This government is prioritising what is important for South Australians. I know that our communities have been pleased to see a record investment in our health system and I am particularly pleased that partnering with the Albanese government we will see a \$400 million spend at the Flinders Medical Centre for more beds, for an upgraded intensive care unit and for an expansion of dedicated mental health and older persons facilities.

Our government is taking every possible step to reduce the strain on emergency departments, to reduce pressure on ambulances and to free up hospital beds for those who need them most. We know that a major cause of ramping is bed block and hospital overcrowding, so we are significantly boosting bed numbers and extra staff as well as working on improving flow-through to help ease the pressure on the overall health system.

The Malinauskas Labor government inherited a health system under significant pressure, driven by the lack of investment in beds, staff and services under the former Liberal government. Their inaction, or their blatant neglect of the health system, resulted in ramping increasing 485 per cent during the Liberals' term in government. The Liberals had no plan or policies to address ramping and hospital system capacity. In contrast, the Malinauskas Labor government's number one priority is addressing the ramping crisis that we inherited, and we are delivering a generational investment to rebuild our health system.

The pressures of cost of living grow every day. No matter what point of life we are at, we are all feeling it. Our team that recognises how important a leg-up can be, has doubled the Cost of Living

Concession for pensioners and low income earners because people should not have to choose between turning the heater on when they get home or a hot meal.

People are certainly feeling the shock of energy prices, and we are responding by working with the commonwealth government on an energy bill relief package to help shield our community from the impact of global energy price increases. The eligibility of this concession will be much broader than usual concessions and will have a huge impact on South Australians doing it tough. Temporary relief on power bills will be targeted on households receiving income support, pensioners and Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders, family tax benefit A and B recipients and small business customers of electricity retailers.

The Supply Bill keeps important projects from the previous budget rolling along, like the major funding commitments in my community that I am very happy to provide an update on today. A key priority for my community is road safety, particularly with regard to the roads around our schools. With that in mind, I have been proud to deliver safety improvements at five local schools in my community, including the Aberfoyle Hub Primary School, Aberfoyle Park High School, Braeview Primary School, Craigburn Primary School and Pilgrim campus school.

Main Road, Cherry Gardens, was identified by the RAA as South Australia's second riskiest metro road in 2021, and my community has long been advocating for it to be upgraded. Sadly, those pleas fell on the deaf ears of the previous Liberal government, but this government is investing in road safety with a \$10 million upgrade of Main Road being delivered as part of a \$120 million Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety Package.

The concept design includes road and curve widening to improve safety for road users and access for heavy vehicles, plus new road resurfacing to ensure long-term safety and integrity. In recent weeks, the wonderful residents who live along Main Road, Cherry Gardens, like passionate local Mr Nick Villios, are being consulted by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport as we finalise plans to prepare to start construction later this year.

We have also been busy undertaking a traffic study of the intersections along Happy Valley Drive. I have campaigned for a solution alongside the Hon. Nat Cook and the Hon. Amanda Rishworth to resolve some of the congestions at this site along Happy Valley Drive. I am pleased to report that following significant community engagement as well as traffic counting and having surveying work done and visits from engineers, the department is gearing up to present some potential solutions. I appreciate the many members of my community who made submissions, and I am looking forward to sharing the completed plans with the community and working towards progressing works at this location.

Supporting grassroots sport is a big priority for both my community and for this government, and it has been fantastic to see particularly women's and girls' footy soaring in popularity over the last few years. My 11-year-old daughter got her first pair of footy shorts last night and is looking forward to her first game of footy tomorrow night. But with all this growth, the clubs are needing to provide appropriate facilities.

In my electorate, the Flagstaff Hill Football Club received new change rooms a little over a year ago, and this government has committed \$1 million to upgrade the Happy Valley Sports Park, which includes improvements for footy, with additional change rooms, and also upgrades for cricket and for lawn bowls. There is also a \$3 million commitment to upgrade the Paul Murray Recreation Centre to support Hub Gymnastics, the largest gymnastics centre in the south. That will help them to expand their facilities, and support not just the 700-strong membership that they have now but also the extra 500 kids on their wait list.

Just across the road at Serpentine Reserve, I have been speaking with locals and community groups about upgrading this reserve, and I am very pleased to report that, depending on the weather over the next few weeks, a half-court basketball court is very close to completion. Upgrades at Serpentine Reserve will also include refurbishment and reconfiguration of cricket nets, the addition of lighting of the car park, shade over the playground and improved seating and picnic areas.

The Happy Valley and Flagstaff Hill area is becoming extremely well known for its beautiful open spaces and trails, so I am pleased that we are spending \$1 million to complete the final stage of the Minkarra link trail, linking the northern and southern trails and promoting health communities.

I am proud that as a member of this Labor team I have been able to secure some great local wins for my electorate of Davenport but, as an animal lover, one project that I am particularly excited about is the \$150,000 expansion of the Minkarra Dog Park, which we were able to open for the community a couple of weeks ago. This new separate section of the park is just for the little dogs, so that they can play safely and socialise in a smaller setting. You could literally see the smiles on the faces of the dogs as they bolted into their new play space to make new friends.

I appreciated spending time speaking with Kelsey and Andrew about their little dog Jodie who tragically passed away after being attacked by a larger dog almost two years ago. Jodie was a major reason I campaigned for this park and it was lovely to see them at the opening. There are still a few minor elements to complete this project, like bins and signage, but it is now open for the community to enjoy.

My community will also benefit from a \$250,000 upgrade at the Hub Library at Aberfoyle Park to improve pram and wheelchair access. This is an upgrade which locals have advocated passionately for for some time. The Aberfoyle Community Centre will receive \$1.5 million to expand the centre and its incredible services, as well as an additional \$40,000 for a much-needed community shed service. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

Sitting suspended from 12:58 to 14:00.

Petitions

REGIONAL RADIATION TREATMENT SERVICES

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition): Presented a petition signed by 16,159 residents of the Limestone Coast requesting the house to urge the government to commit the necessary funding to deliver radiation treatment services in the Limestone Coast and to ensure that the radiation treatment service is available in a way that ensures regional patients are able to access this service on the same basis as comparable services available in Adelaide or Warrnambool.

Parliamentary Procedure

PAPERS

The following paper was laid on the table:

By the Speaker—

Parliament of South Australia—Equal Opportunity Commission Second Progress Report—
Review of Harassment in the South Australian Parliament Workplace

Ministerial Statement

PORT AUGUSTA HOSPITAL

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurana—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:01): I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I inform the house that a doctor without registration worked in the Port Augusta Hospital emergency department for a total of six days across the period Monday 24 April to Tuesday 2 May. A separate clinician, a locum doctor supervising the emergency department at the time of this matter, has been stood down pending further investigation.

I am advised that the original doctor had been offered a place as an intern with the Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network and had been undertaking limited education sessions in Whyalla pending the granting of his registration. On Tuesday 2 May, the doctor was offered limited

registration as a medical practitioner with conditions by the South Australian Board of the Medical Board of Australia and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Authority.

I am advised that the doctor had previously been registered and worked as a doctor in Australia and overseas. I am further advised that the doctor had previously faced disciplinary action. The Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network has advised that the unregistered doctor is believed to have directly treated at least 15 patients. The hospital is now in the process of contacting these patients directly and has already contacted 11 patients. At this stage, the hospital advises they are not aware of any adverse clinical outcomes to patients.

The matter has been referred to South Australia Police, the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Authority and other investigative bodies for further action. As of yesterday, investigation has commenced under the leadership of AHPRA's Criminal Offences Unit. I was advised of this matter yesterday by SA Health chief executive, Dr Robyn Lawrence. I have requested a full independent investigation, to be led by an independent expert. The findings of that investigation will be made public.

Even before the result of this investigation, I have demanded urgent action from the governing board of the Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network to address shortcomings in local processes. The incident is completely unacceptable and should never have happened. To the patients of Port Augusta, I assure you that this government is taking this matter incredibly seriously and acting quickly to do everything we can to prevent such an occurrence happening again.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: Before I call questions without notice, I welcome year 12 students from Immanuel College, guests of the member for Morphett. I also recognise the presence of Andy and Lynda Mcpharlin in the chamber, guests of the member for Elder.

Question Time

CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition) (14:03): My question is to the Premier. When will the Premier appoint a permanent chief executive for the Department for Child Protection?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:03): In the next week, in a couple of days.

CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:04): My question is to the Minister for Child Protection. Does the minister have confidence in the Deputy Chief Executive of the Department for Child Protection?

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) (14:04): I thank the member for the question. As the Premier just advised, we will certainly be making an announcement in coming days about the ongoing appointment of the Chief Executive Officer of the Department for Child Protection. I have great confidence in child protection staff, including the deputy. I value her expertise. I am also very grateful to Erma Ranieri, the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment, for stepping in as the interim CEO. I also, as I said, value the expertise of the deputy. I value Erma's commitment to taking on this role in the interim period before the announcement of the ongoing chief executive officer.

CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:05): My question is to the Minister for Child Protection. Has the minister directed the acting chief executive of the Department for Child Protection, for the moment commissioner Erma Ranieri, to reduce the number of children in state care? If so, what is being done to achieve this? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr TEAGUE: According to public reports, there are currently a record 4,848 children in state care.

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) (14:05): Thank you to the member for Heysen for his question. It gives me a great opportunity to talk about a number of things, as he asked us to, that we are doing in the child protection system to make improvements. What I would say, first of all, before I get to the important issues that we are tackling and the strategies that we are engaging, is that it is pretty galling that the member for Heysen's—

Mr Whetstone interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Chaffey is warned.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —approach to child protection is to attempt—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —to throw cheap shots about the numbers of children in care.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Minister, there is a point of order which I am required to hear under 134 from the member for Morialta.

Mr Whetstone interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Chaffey will cease interjecting. The member for Morialta has the call.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Point of order: the question was in order and it was respectful. The answer is ad hominem. It is attacking; it is debating.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! We are—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! We are not yet within even the first minute of the question. I have the point of order. I will keep it closely in mind.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: Thank you, Mr Speaker, as always, for your wise counsel. When we are talking about the numbers of children in care, it is galling the approach from the member for Heysen for a couple of reasons. The first one is that during the four years when those opposite were in government the numbers of children in care—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —the numbers of children in care grew—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Minister, please be seated.

Mr Whetstone interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Chaffey!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Your colleague the member for Morialta is seeking to raise a point of order for me, which I will hear when the member for Hurtle Vale comes also to order.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Point of order: the minister is debating. The minister at the one minute mark and at the one minute and 30 seconds mark is debating.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Yes, there is some force in the point of order. Previous Speakers, of course, have recognised that it is permissible to offer a degree of compare and contrast, which might better be described as context. We have had some context, and I will bring the minister to the question.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: As I was saying, it is galling the attacks that the shadow minister makes, because the numbers of children in care during the period when they were—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —in government the numbers grew by in the vicinity of 950, an extraordinary—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —unprecedented level of growth. What you see now is actually—

The SPEAKER: Minister!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —a reduction, a reduction in that growth.

The SPEAKER: Minister, the member for Morialta is on his feet and is raising a point of order, which, as members will well know, I am required to hear under 134(2), and that member must address me immediately, which he is seeking to do.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Standing order 98: words like 'galling' to describe the question, characterisations of the opposition and their time in office, this is pure debate, sir. The minister seems incapable of answering the question within the standing orders.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! We have a point of order, and there is some force in the matters the member for Morialta raises with me. As members well know, standing order 98(a) provides:

In answering a question, a Minister or other Member replies to the substance of the question and may not debate the matter to which the question refers.

Those answers which fall closer to the heart or the pith of the question are more likely to respond to the substance of the question. Minister, we turn to you again.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: As I was saying, to go to the issue about numbers of children in care, the numbers of children in care are reported each month, so to look at growth of the numbers of children in care you have to look at that continuum of numbers. So it is very important, in terms of the part of the question that went to what strategies are we employing around numbers, to look at that trajectory of growth or otherwise over that period of time since they have been reported.

It is absolutely relevant to say that, during the four years when those opposite were in government, there was the most extraordinary record-breaking growth in the number of children in care, in the vicinity of 950.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: 950.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The exchange to my right and left will cease so that I can turn to the member for Morialta forthwith.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: 950.

The SPEAKER: The member for Chaffey is warned for a final time.

Mr Tarzia interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Hartley joins him on a final warning. The member for Morialta on a point of order.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Standing order 98: the question is prospective; it relates to the figures now and the Labor Party's policy now in government. Commentary on previous governments is utterly irrelevant to the question that was asked.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! That may be; however, a degree of context introduced late in the question, provided it is only context, does not necessarily mean that the reply immediately enters the territory that might be described as debate. What I have before me is a comment in relation to the number of children. It's introduced by way of contrast and, as I understand it, it's introduced in order to provide a degree of comparison. I am listening carefully, and I have made a number of remarks in relation to standing order 98.

Mr Tarzia interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Hartley does not on this occasion need to assist me.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: As I said, 950 growth. That growth is now changing in terms of that trajectory, which is a really important point to note when there are these figures thrown out in the question and in the media about record numbers of children in care—record, because I actually want to make a point about record and numbers, but also I just want to make the point that to simply talk about numbers absolutely indicates a complete, utter lack of understanding of the complexity involved in child protection.

What child protection workers do every single day is they bear that risk, that challenge of weighing up whether they focus their attention on strengthening a particular family, putting supports around that family, like the family group conferencing we have just invested in, like accessing the additional staff we have just invested in, etc., or whether a decision is made to remove that child. The really important point here is that child protection is incredibly complex, and you have to think about all of those issues and appreciate what workers deal with each day.

You also have to appreciate the complexity of issues, the challenges that many, many families are dealing with. We will continue with determination to tackle those issues and to tackle the complexity in child protection despite the sideshow of questions and accusations over here.

The SPEAKER: Order! Minister, your time has expired. The member for Heysen.

CHILDREN IN STATE CARE

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:13): In light of the minister's answer, there is a supplementary: is the minister content with the trajectory of the growth in numbers of children in care in light of the published figures over the last three months? With your leave and that of the house I will explain.

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

The SPEAKER: Order! The member has sought leave, but I do see that the member for West Torrens is seeking to raise a point of order with me, which I will hear under 134. Member for Heysen, please be seated. I will listen closely to the member for West Torrens.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Standing order 97: seeking to find out whether a minister is 'content' is seeking an opinion, which is out of standing orders.

The SPEAKER: Yes, that may be, but I am going to give the member for Heysen the opportunity to recast the supplementary question.

Mr TEAGUE: It is in the context—the first reference in the context of answers to questions in estimates on 21 June 2022 in relation to the stated objective. In circumstances where the three last published numbers of children in care were 4,848—a record number—

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

Mr TEAGUE: —exceeding the prior reported number of 4,828, a record—

The SPEAKER: Member for Heysen, there is a point of order.

Mr TEAGUE: —and 4,810, itself a record as well.

The SPEAKER: Member for Heysen, be seated. There is a point of order which I am bound to hear under 134 immediately.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Standing order 97: the shadow minister is attempting to introduce facts without leave of the house.

The SPEAKER: Very well. There is another difficulty, which is that I am not certain as to how some of the material that is now sought to be introduced does arise out of the question. However, I am going to give the member for Heysen one final opportunity—as I did the member for Hammond yesterday—to recast, again.

Mr TEAGUE: The question which is supplementary to the answer is: is the minister content with the trajectory? I seek leave to introduce those facts. So I do seek that leave.

The SPEAKER: Member for Heysen, the difficulty previously was that I allowed you an opportunity to recast in relation to you seeking an expression of opinion. You now reintroduce the same question to me and hope that I don't observe that it is the same. I am going to give you a fourth opportunity to recast, and if you don't I am, as we did yesterday, going to turn to, on this occasion, the member for King, who has patiently been seeking the call. The member for Heysen has the call.

Mr TEAGUE: Does the minister have a view in relation to the trajectory of numbers of children in care? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr TEAGUE: The last three published numbers of children in care are as follows: most recently 4,848 children in care—a record, prior to that 4,828—a record, and prior to that the previous month was 4,810—also a record.

The SPEAKER: The member for Heysen threads a fine line.

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) (14:16): Can I first of all just say: in relation to the purported facts that the member for Heysen referred to, they are actually not the most recently published figures. I just wanted to make the house aware of that. What I would also say, and I go back to my earlier comments, is it's just incredibly disappointing the lack of ability to engage in the deep complexity of issues that families are facing: intergenerational trauma, poverty, mental ill health, domestic violence, substance misuse. To also fail to understand the complexity—

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

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —inherent in the child protection system.

The SPEAKER: Order! Minister, there is a—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Deputy Premier and the member for Chaffey are called to order. The member for Morialta on a point of order.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Standing order 98 prevents debate. It is reasonable, your convention that has been upheld a number of times—you can have compare and contrast. What this minister is doing, and what she has been doing throughout question time, is not compare and contrast when she just makes personal attacks on another member of parliament. Standing order 127 could be applied, but 98 is simply the rule that ministers should have to follow at all times.

The SPEAKER: There is considerable merit in the matters that the member for Morialta raises with me. One difficulty, of course, with 127 is that reflections on the competence or otherwise of the questioner probably invites the questioner, rather than the deputy leader, to raise those matters with me, if they were to be raised under 127. Nevertheless, the member for Morialta presses 98 with me. I am listening carefully. I understand that the minister is seeking to introduce some context by way of compare and contrast. I fear that we may have passed the permissible level of compare and contrast that might otherwise be tolerated by the chamber.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: I think I have pointed out in my previous answer the trajectory around growth and the growth during the period of their term in government, so I won't continue on that point. But to give some general information about numbers in the context of the child protection system is really, really important because, as I said before, what the child protection system and workers in the child protection system contemplate every single day is that really complex set of issues that many South Australian families are facing—heartbreaking issues that they are facing.

When a child protection worker visits a particular family, they make a decision every day, and they carry this risk every single day. They make a decision about whether it is the right moment, the most appropriate thing to do to remove a child to keep them safe. I will certainly never, ever resile from that being necessary in particular circumstances. We would never want to not do that when it is necessary.

Of course, that does add to the numbers. I am never going to apologise when we need to take that step, but what I would say, in terms of thinking about the numbers, is that making that decision is always, always, every day weighed up against the decision that a worker may have to make to spend time and resources—including resources that can be drawn on from the \$171 million of additional funding that we have put into the child protection system since last year—to strengthen a family, to try to keep that family together. That is the context that has to be understood. That just has to be understood by people in our community, by people in this sector and absolutely by people here, including those opposite, when we contemplate the numbers of children in care that we contemplate in child protection.

I am giving a briefing to the member later this afternoon. I know he had to cancel the last one. I think he was in here speaking against a particularly important issue when he had to cancel the last one. But I will be briefing him this afternoon and I will attempt to try to give more context, to try to build understanding and capacity for empathy for those issues that families in our community face who engage with the child protection system.

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

Mrs PEARCE (King) (14:21): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier update the house about the interim report of the royal commission into three-year-old preschool in South Australia and how it has been received by stakeholders?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:22): I do want to thank the member for King for this question. I know the member for King shares many in this government's passion for the provision of three-year-old preschool and the power of early childhood learning to really shape a young person's life and the trajectory that they are on. I know this is something that the member for King and I spoke about extensively a number of years ago, and I thank her for her support and advocacy around this area.

It was an important moment for the state a couple of weeks ago when none other than a former Prime Minister of our nation, the Hon. Julia Gillard, handed down the interim royal commission report. This has been an extensive exercise that has been undertaken by the royal commission. The government was very grateful for the interim report and its contents and will be submitting to the royal commission our response to that interim report by 19 May this year.

It is unusual to have a royal commission of this nature. Generally speaking, in Australian public policy and political life, royal commissions are used to look in the rear-vision mirror to work out what went wrong when. We determined the provision of three-year-old preschool to be of such great importance, being in an area that is relatively complex, that it necessitated a royal commission to make sure we got a pathway to deliver this important reform—the single biggest additional effort added to our education system in 50 years—done properly.

The interim report from the royal commission we believe provides us that pathway. There is much detail to be worked through that is actively occurring at the moment, but the nature of the report handed down by the Hon. Julia Gillard is such that it gives the government a pathway to be able to deliver on our policy.

The time lines that are proposed in the royal commission report are somewhat ambitious, but that is an ambition that this government shares. I submit to South Australians that, when they contemplate the cost or the time line, simply what choice do we have but not to do this.

Around the world we know that other governments, particularly in OECD countries, have been investing rather heavily in early childhood education and been able to yield the results on the back of that, namely, improvements in performance. We have seen many nations enjoy an improvement in various measures, such as PESA, whereas here in Australia, universally across states and territories, we have been going backwards over the course of the last 15 years.

All of the international evidence tells us that if you want to make a step change and you are going to invest more effort and resources do it in the early years, so that is exactly what this government is doing.

One of the reasons that underpinned our decision for having a royal commission was because we are operating in what is in Australia a bit of a complex area. A more derogatory term might be that it is somewhat of a quagmire of various levels of government doing various things, private operators doing some things in some areas and public operators doing other things in separate areas, which is why it was heartening to see some of the responses from stakeholders to the royal commission's interim report.

To get such universal acclaim is somewhat rare in this area. The South Australian Children's Advocacy Alliance, which is made up of a broad group of stakeholders themselves, said in respect of the interim report, and I quote:

The recommendations contained in the interim report are clearly aligned with our action plan, boosting the case for high-quality university accessible and affordable early learning.

Paula Pittman from Goodstart Early Learning had a lot of other good things to say as well.

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

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: We ask the Premier to answer the question.

The SPEAKER: Well, in fact that may be. However, the Premier may not have concluded his answer, and on indulgence he is the Premier. I give the Premier some indulgence—also the leader. I am going to permit him an extra 10 seconds to answer.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: That's generous of you, Mr Speaker, and I will not indulge too much, but from Goodstart Early Learning, Paula Pittman said, and I quote:

It's so important that we provide the education and services for our youngest members of the community, and the royal commission provides us a pathway to do that.

This is a serious pathway, and we look forward to the final royal commission report later this year.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I might not have otherwise taken that path, but it is the response to a royal commission.

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (14:27): My question is to the Minister for Education. Does the government support universal availability to public preschools for all South Australian families? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: The interim royal commission report suggests that 70 per cent of three year olds will not access their new preschool entitlements through public sites, but that will only be limited as an option to those who are not currently in long day care.

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills) (14:27): I thank the member for Morialta for his very important question. The member refers to the royal commission's interim report, and it is important, of course, for us all to remember in this place that it is an interim report.

As the Premier said, we think it is a fantastic piece of work. It does an exceptional job of making what is a very complicated area of public policy, which does have interactions from different levels of government, easy to understand. I think that is important for a number of reasons, but particularly because it has been so opaque for so long that it has avoided any real kind of public scrutiny because it has been so difficult to actually understand how it works. I want to take the opportunity that the member for Morialta's question affords me in this place to thank the royal commissioner for her wonderful piece of work.

If I could address the nub of the question from the member for Morialta around one of the interim recommendations, which is a mixed model of delivery and which would see a large portion of three-year-old preschool delivered in long day care, or at least non-government sites, and a comparatively smaller portion of three-year-old preschool delivered in the existing government preschool system where we offer four-year-old preschool now; and, of course, we would need to expand that as well.

I think that the point that the member for Morialta is getting at here is: does this government support the option for all South Australian families? We are sure that it will be a very, very high take-up of three-year-old preschool. In fact, I think that the royal commissioner provides in her interim report one of the reasons why she recommends the mixed model of delivery.

There are two main things. One is that, I think, off the top of my head, the royal commissioner believes that we can get to as high as 97 per cent of three year olds accessing three-year-old preschool under a mixed model of delivery, which would see a lot of it delivered in long day care. The workforce challenges, although they are still considerable under that model—I think 660 early childhood teachers, 880 educators and 120 directors to achieve that—are still far more achievable than a model where all three-year-old preschool is delivered through the existing government system.

The member for Morialta's question is: do we support choice for South Australian families to choose the public system, instead of receiving it where they might be receiving their existing long day care provision? My answer is—because I asked the royal commissioner this question myself after we received the interim report—there is no recommendation in the interim report that says that we will be stopping families from seeking to access their three-year-old preschool at a government site.

I think one of the interim recommendations strongly suggests that we should be prioritising those families who are not currently receiving that offering in government sites. That is something that we would support, but we would not be preventing families seeking to access their three-year-old preschool component in government preschool sites. Of course, the question then becomes around capacity, and there are a number of things that we can do around that.

One of the ideas floated by the royal commissioner around how we might be able to create additional capacity in the government system, separate to building more preschools and employing more staff of our own, is to look at whether or not the 15 hours that are offered for four year olds currently could be delivered over two days instead of often 2½ days. Of course, that would then provide more space and more capacity in the existing system that we could then offer to three year

olds. There are things we will look at because I am of course a proud supporter of the public system and I do want to make sure that we maintain the opportunity for families to have that option.

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (14:31): My question is to the Minister for Education. Can the minister explain the term 'progressive universalism'? Is this concept consistent with the government's election commitment for universal three-year-old preschool? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: The interim royal commission report describes its recommended model as 'progressive universalism'. The government's election commitment was for 'universal three-year-old preschool', and the minister has just confirmed that the government's model includes prioritising spaces in public preschools for some families over others.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order, sir: House of Representatives practice says questions may not ask a minister for an expression of opinion. The shadow deputy leader is asking the education minister for an opinion on a question. Sir, he should know better.

The SPEAKER: I will hear the member for Morialta on the point of order

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: The leader of the house describing something as a request for an opinion does not make it so. The question was very clearly whether the minister would explain a new term that his government has introduced. Much like Kevin Rudd introduced 'programmatic specificity', this government has a term called 'progressive universalism' and I have asked him to explain it.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I am greatly aided by the member for West Torrens' contribution. I observe that it is necessarily a matter of fine judgement as to whether a question invites a minister to express an opinion, which might well be a private opinion, or rather to express a view in relation to a matter of public affairs. I will take the matter under consideration and on a future date make a statement to the house.

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills) (14:33): I thank the member for Morialta again for his question. The term to which he refers around progressive universalism is not a term that this government used, although it is enjoyable to be lectured by those opposite about what is progressive and—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Morialta, the minister has the call.

The Hon. B.I. BOYER: What the royal commissioner refers to when she uses the term 'progressive universalism' is the rollout of universal three-year-old preschool. Again, I would remind the house that this is an interim report. We have until 19 May to respond.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. B.I. BOYER: We will respond to the royal commission's interim report by 19 May. But if I could entertain the premise of the member for Morialta's question just for a moment, if we were—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Morialta! The Premier is called to order. The minister has the call.

The Hon. B.I. BOYER: If we were, for instance, to accept the interim recommendation from the royal commissioner around progressive universalism on a mixed model, then certainly I think that

it would meet absolutely the commitment that this party—now government, then opposition—gave before the 2022 state election, which was universal preschool for three year olds.

As the Premier mentioned in his answer to the question from the member for King earlier in this place, the time line that is set in this interim report by the royal commissioner around starting that rollout from 2026, having it completed by 2032 but the large part of that rollout completed by 2029, is actually a very ambitious target.

If we look at what other jurisdictions that have committed to rolling out three-year-old preschool are doing, which includes states like Victoria and New South Wales, then we are talking 10 years. Here, we are talking six but a lot of that provision actually complete within three, so I think we are more than meeting the commitment we gave to the South Australian people, that the Premier, Deputy Premier and I made to the South Australian people, before the last election.

We will look very closely at those interim recommendations from the royal commissioner, and we will respond as a government, as you would expect us to, by 19 May. We then have the second part of the royal commission to follow. I should remind members of this house that, although there has been some excellent coverage, attention and interest in the first part of the royal commission, the second part, too, is extremely important.

It will look at the provision of services for young people in the first 1,000 days of their lives but also look at out-of-school-hours care provision, accessibility and quality across the state. That is important for a number of reasons. As the royal commission clearly finds, people have been choosing to leave the public system not for reasons of quality but for reasons of how they make it fit in the modern working day. If you are a working family or a single parent and you need to go pick up your child from preschool at 3 or 3.15, of course it just does not work.

I am also very much looking forward to what we see in terms of recommendations in the final report because, although the rollout of three-year-old preschool is the key part of the election commitment, we have also made a very important commitment around what we do to ensure that out-of-school-hours care is of a consistently high quality and accessibility for all South Australian families.

COMMUNITY FORUM, EASTERN ADELAIDE

Mr BROWN (Florey) (14:37): My question is to the Deputy Premier. Can the Deputy Premier update the house about the community forum recently held in eastern Adelaide?

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Defence and Space Industries, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water) (14:37): It is a pleasure to answer this question, and I thank the member for it. It was a delight to attend this forum held in Payneham on Tuesday night along with the Premier, the Minister for Health and Wellbeing and the urban development and planning minister.

The four of us attended the forum along with around 100 people who had chosen to respond to the invitations that we had sent out widely both in paper form and, I believe, through social media. The forum went for more than the allotted time, for well over half an hour in addition, because there were so many questions that were raised.

Many of the people who came to the microphone to ask a question in fact prefaced it with a statement of their gratitude and pleasure in having a forum available to them. I got the impression that this was not something that had happened very much in the previous four years. Indeed, if it is the case that it had not, it is very consistent with the previous government's attitude to country cabinet, for example, which they cancelled and which we reinstated. We have already, of course, held country cabinet meetings in Mount Gambier, Upper Spencer Gulf and Yorke Peninsula, and we have many more to come.

The issues that were raised by people who live in the seats of both Dunstan and Hartley were of significant interest. There were a number of compliments that were given. Self-praise is no praise at all, though the compliments were not to me as Deputy Premier but of course, as always, to the Premier—the government generally, perhaps, but the Premier is too modest.

It was extraordinary for me to go to a public forum where we are asking 'What are your issues? What would you like us to fix?' to hear so many people saying thank you to the Premier for keeping his election commitments, which, of course, is something that perhaps wasn't seen quite as frequently in the previous four years, and, of course, also for events such as Gather Round. Indeed, there was some praise and gratitude for the Norwood ambulance station, which was excellent.

The other questions that were raised, though, canvassed across a range of issues, including noise pollution and soft plastics—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Colton! Member for Hammond!

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: —a number of questions about animal welfare, which I, of course, found very pleasing and interesting, and a question about some addition to land for the parks system. The Minister for Planning did receive a number of questions about planning, as you would expect, and we look forward to his—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Hartley!

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: We look forward to his response to the rather disastrous four years of management of the planning system.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Deputy Premier has the call.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: Questions about—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Morphett!

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: —the future use of land acquired in association with that Portrush Road-Magill Road intersection upgrade, which, the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport gave some time to the other day—and it is clearly still a bit of a sensitive point on that side of town—and questions about the education system, which the Premier answered extremely fulsomely; about the proposals that we have and the reforms that we have in the public education system in particular; and about specialist services available at the RAH.

One question that was of interest started as a thankyou for bringing the trains and trams back into public hands and then a lament that ETSA had been privatised under the previous Liberal government, so that was a delight to hear also.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Deputy Premier has the call.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: In short, it was an excellent evening, I think, enjoyed by all and of great importance and interest to members of the government.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: Who are you suing today? Who are you suing today?

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

REGIONAL RADIATION TREATMENT SERVICES

Ms PRATT (Frome) (14:41): Thank you, Mr Speaker—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens is warned. The member for Frome has the call. Member for Frome, do not invite interjections.

Ms PRATT: My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Will the government fund radiation treatment services in the Limestone Coast? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Ms PRATT: More than 16,000 people have now signed a petition with the Limestone Coast working group to represent that the government fund radiation treatment services in the Limestone Coast.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:42): I thank the shadow minister for suicide prevention for her question. I haven't had many questions from the shadow minister, but I certainly do welcome the question and hope we can hear more of her and more opportunities for her to speak to the media.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister has the call.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for West Torrens! Member for Frome! The Premier is called to order.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Leader! Member for Frome! The Premier is called to order. The member for Hammond is warned. The minister has the call.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: Thank you very much, sir, for protecting me from the interruptions. This is an important subject in terms of how we can improve services in the Limestone Coast. People will be very clear in terms of our understanding that we are investing significantly in additional services for people in the Limestone Coast in health services. We are expanding the emergency department, we are expanding mental health services and we are also expanding drug rehabilitation and detox services, as well as expanding ambulance services, all in the Limestone Coast.

This is obviously an important topic in relation to cancer services as well. The history of this subject, of course, is that a number of years ago, under both the federal Liberal government and the state Liberal government, there was a decision made—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Frome! Member for Florey, order!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: Under the federal Liberal government and the state Liberal government there was funding available to establish radiation oncology services in the Limestone Coast. What was the decision made? The decision was made by the previous government not to invest in those services in the Limestone Coast.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Wright! Member for Newland!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: Here we have the Liberals, and Tony Pasin running around as well, and not a peep—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Chaffey! The minister has the call. Member for Frome!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —from them about this before the election. The government changes and they are suddenly raising this as an issue. It is disgraceful—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Frome!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —to play politics with people's health on this issue. At the same time, the former state Liberal government instituted local governing boards to look after local health services. We have a Limestone Coast Local Health Network—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Schubert! The leader!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —that is established—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: We have a local health board that is established to discuss, meet, consider and plan for local health services—

The Hon. D.J. Speirs interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Leader! The minister has the call. The Treasurer is called to order.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: Now that this issue has been raised—after it was rejected by the previous government under the leadership of the member for Dunstan—I have asked the local health network and its board to reconsider this issue. I do have good news for members in that we are now—

Ms Savvas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Newland!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —going to be undertaking a feasibility study and business case in relation to whether these services can be safely delivered in the Limestone Coast.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: Compared to zero action under the member for Dunstan and his government, we will now be undertaking work in relation to this matter that was ignored for four years under them.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: Before I call the member for Torrens, I welcome to parliament members of the Lucindale Lions Club, guests of the member for MacKillop. It is terrific to have you in the gallery today.

I call to order the member for Chaffey, the member for Frome, the member for Schubert and the member for Newland, not to be confused with the member for Elder.

Question Time

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Ms WORTLEY (Torrens) (14:46): My question is to the Minister—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms WORTLEY: My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Can the minister update the house on the progress of the government's commitment to providing more mental health services across the system?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:47): I thank the member for Torrens and acknowledge her interest in improving mental health services in her electorate and across the state. We know how important it is to increase the mental health services that are available, which are significantly under pressure right through Adelaide but also in regional areas across the state. It is also a significant contributing factor to congestion and access block that

we see in our hospital system where many people get stuck for many days waiting for mental health beds to be available.

One of the key commitments we took to the last election—in fact, it was the centrepiece of the campaign launch for the now Premier—was to invest in additional mental health beds right across the state. Key to that were 72 additional new mental health rehabilitation beds. We had listened to the College of Psychiatrists, and the College of Emergency Medicine as well, who raised the need for these beds with us as key ways of helping to free up the acute side of mental health beds we have in our system, allowing people to get longer and better treatment in our system and building that capacity.

We have now been working with mental health stakeholders, with clinicians, with people with lived experience, on devising a model of care as to how those 72 beds are going to be delivered. That is now out for public consultation, and I encourage anyone who is interested to play a part in terms of that public consultation and have their say on this matter. It is vital that we hear how they should be delivered, what is the best way for them to be delivered.

Those will be delivered—I know the member for Torrens will be particularly interested, as well, of course, as the member for Newland and the member for King—in 24 beds at the Modbury Hospital as well as 24 beds at The QEH and at Noarlunga Hospital, making up those 72 beds.

As well as those investments in the acute side of the system, we know that is not the only issue where we need to address mental health capacity in our system, and I was very glad that the Minister for Local Government, in recent days, was able to represent me in opening up a new service at Port Pirie that is providing significant services for people in that region for the first time.

This is the mental health alternative care service which will be opened at the Port Pirie allied health building, the old Port Pirie hospital building adjacent to the hospital site, providing an alternative avenue for people to seek mental health assistance other than going to an emergency department. People will be able to see either mental health clinicians or peer workers at that service who will be able to provide support but also referring to other mental health supports as well.

This will be open Monday to Friday at that service, and people can drop in or call ahead to have that service. That is a great ability for people in regional areas to have an alternative other than going to an emergency department. I note the Minister for Local Government's strong personal passion for improving mental health services and thank him for his contribution to that.

One other significant area in terms of mental health which I think is worth noting as well is that we are also—this is delivery of another election commitment—expanding the role that our pharmacists can play in terms of mental health first aid. We know that our community pharmacists are often the first line where people will seek treatment in our community and see healthcare workers of any description, and our pharmacists have been eager to have their skills upgraded in terms of mental health first aid.

We have now started the rollout of approximately \$350,000 over four years to provide mental health first aid training to pharmacists and pharmacy staff. That is going to be rolled out to approximately 1,000 staff, and I am glad to say that the first of those in-person training sessions were starting today.

LIV GOLF

Mr TARZIA (Hartley) (14:51): My question is to the Minister for Sport. Did the minister attend the LIV Golf tournament?

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) (14:51): Thank you very much for the question. I was unable to attend the LIV Golf tournament because I had a number of other commitments, but what I did want to say is an enormous congratulations to the Premier and to the Minister for Tourism for their extraordinary work on the tournament. I understand, but please—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister has the call.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —Minister for Tourism or Premier, correct me if I am wrong, I think around 63,000 tickets—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: Sorry, about 70,000 tickets—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Treasurer is called to order. The minister has the call.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —were sold to the event—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Colton!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —and I heard that it was—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —an extraordinary success. What I would like to perhaps let the house know about—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —is some of the other activities that I was participating in. First of all, I was returning from a really important trip to the APY lands, where I met with numerous members of various communities. Can I say that the issues—

Mr Tarzia: You chose the timing of that trip, I bet. You wanted to be as far away as possible.

The SPEAKER: The member for Hartley is on a final warning.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —that communities let me know about were issues to do with children and families, issues to do with women in the community, and also issues—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for West Torrens!

Members interjecting:

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: That is actually a great point. Did you go?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister has the call.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: It would be interesting to know if the member himself went, but I will continue. I was also speaking with community members in the APY about sport and recreation, and one of the things that was really clear from community members in the APY lands is that they really wanted to engage in a conversation, as I said, about children and families, but also about improving sporting opportunities for children and families in the APY.

There were a number of other things I did, including some really important ANZAC Day events in my own community and a number of other events, but one of the things that I did—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Florey!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for West Torrens! The member for Hartley, resist the urge.

Mr TARZIA: Sir, this is debate. This has nothing to do with the substance of the question.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I am listening carefully. The minister has the call.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: One thing that I did want to let the house know about that I attended on that Sunday afternoon was the Adelaide Equestrian Festival. I wanted to let people know that, since its inception in 1997, the 37,000-odd people who attended represented the biggest number who had ever attended the Equestrian Festival. So can I say what a fantastic couple of weekends for South Australia, what a brilliant couple of weekends for South Australia—visitors flocking to our state.

I can say about the Adelaide Equestrian Festival that people were so happy, so happy, that it was back and that it was so well attended, so beautifully presented. Can I say thank you to Mr Greg Rolton, who is the chair of the Adelaide Equestrian Festival, to Karlene Maywald, to other board members who worked so incredibly hard to bring that festival back to life. It's always moving when you speak with the chairperson, who has clearly such a long and emotional history and connection to the Adelaide Equestrian Festival. I was really honoured to be welcomed by him and others. Again, it's absolutely brilliant that around 37,000—a record number of people—attended the Adelaide Equestrian Festival.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr Brown interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Florey!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I am going to turn to the member for Hartley, but I observe that, in relation to standing order 98, the suggestion, for example, that reflection on ANZAC Day—that is, the presence or otherwise of the minister at a particular location—does relate to some degree to the question that was asked because it is an explanation as to the minister's whereabouts. The member for Hartley.

WOMEN IN SPORT

Mr TARZIA (Hartley) (14:56): Very wise speech, sir. A question to the Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing: has the minister received a proposal from Sport SA to build a dedicated centre for women's sport and, if so, what was the minister's response?

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) (14:57): Excellent, fantastic!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: This is so good.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Badcoe!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: What an excellent day.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Chaffey!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: What a brilliant day. What I can say is that—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister has the call.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —in line with our government's, with all of us on this side of the house's extraordinary, outstanding record of supporting and empowering women in sport, the prior government instituting the \$24 million Female Facilities Program cruelly cut—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Badcoe!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —by those opposite—

The SPEAKER: Order, minister! We are approaching the dusk of question time, which does seem to invite a certain volume of interjections. There have been a number of points of order and a good deal of interjection today, which does tend to diminish the time available for questions. The member for Badcoe is warned.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Well, the member for Hartley is on a final warning. The temptations are great to exercise 137A; however, they will be resisted. The minister has the call.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: As I was saying, in line with our government's extraordinary record on being committed to women's sport, having a deep understanding of the fact that to enable women in sport to equally and actively participate in their sporting passions you need to have facilities, and being the party that—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Badcoe is on a final warning.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —invested in the \$24 million Female Facilities Program—

The SPEAKER: Minister!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: Sorry.

The SPEAKER: The member for Hartley and the member for Badcoe will depart under 137A for a modest five minutes, the remainder of question time.

The honourable members for Hartley and Badcoe having withdrawn from the chamber:

The SPEAKER: The minister has the call.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: As I said, unfortunately that \$24 million dedicated Female Facilities Program was cruelly cut by those opposite. Also, it was only after considerable community campaigning that that group of loud—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —this barrage of angry people over here—

Mr Whetstone: Sixteen years!

The SPEAKER: Member for Chaffey!

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD: —decided to be shamed into being part of the bid for the FIFA Women's World Cup. We have a really strong record on women in sport. Continuing with that record, I am really pleased to say that we have funded the Women's Sport Academy. We made that commitment at the election. We have delivered on that commitment. I'm a little puzzled by the question because we have made the commitment, we have delivered the commitment and the Women's Sport Academy is actually launched. Again, we are demonstrating our commitment to women's sport.

I might just mention one other thing that has been a really good step forward for women in sport in the latest round of Active Club grants after discussion at a series of Women in Sport Task Force meetings, which we have also reinstated after they were cut. We have changed the Active Club grant program so that clubs can apply for funds that provide education around periods or that provide uniforms that might enable girls and women to feel more confident and comfortable to participate when they have their period. We have enabled organisations to use that for period products in clubs. That has been another really good step forward that has been very well received by girls and women in sport and by clubs all over our state.

I really look forward to seeing those projects progressed, and I look forward to continuing our work through the Women in Sport Task Force to continue to advance gender equality in sport. We know this is important because when we see girls and women being celebrated and supported for being strong, skilful, talented, powerful and out there playing their sport at the highest level, it is transformative in terms of how girls and women are seen. It gives us the opportunity to tackle issues of gender equality in many other areas of life.

MORPHETT ROAD LEVEL CROSSING

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:01): My question is to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. Will the government deliver a grade separation for the Morphett Road tram crossing? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr PATTERSON: Constituents have asked for a grade separation for the Morphett Road tram crossing while the Glenelg tramline is closed for up to nine months due to the Marion and Cross roads grade separation.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:02): I find it interesting that the member is advocating for a grade separation in his electorate. I wonder where those calls were for the last four years? They were pretty silent.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Florey! Member for Newland!

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: 'Can you fix in the first four months what we couldn't do in the last four years?' Right, yes, I understand. I also point out to the house that the previous government also planned to close the Glenelg tramline to upgrade the overpass over South Road. So they had planned this closure and still didn't plan to do the grade separation at Morphett Road, yet here is the shadow minister getting up and asking, 'Will you please do it now, sir? Please?' It's a bit like Majors Road.

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

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Majors Road was a key election promise in 2018. The member for Black was going to put all his resources into it—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Minister, there is a point of order from the member for Morialta.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Standing order 98: impersonations of members, diversions to other topics—it's debate.

The SPEAKER: There is some force in the matter that the member for Morialta raises with me. I bring the minister back to the question.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: There are a number of grade separations that were cancelled. I think it's fair to say that from 19 March 2022 right back to 18 March 2018 there were a number of grade separations that were planned and cancelled, and now the opposition are asking

us to look at Morphett Road. I will check my correspondence. I don't think I have received a letter from the member for Morphett regarding—

Mr Patterson: I think you have.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I have?

Mr Patterson: Yes.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I stand corrected. If I have received correspondence—the member for Morphett says that he has written to me on this grade separation. I will go back and check. If I have inadvertently led him astray, I apologise. I don't remember seeing that correspondence, but I will go back and check.

Grade separations are something the government is very, very keen on, which is why we are doing Marion and Cross roads, which is a great partnership with the commonwealth government, and we are also upgrading the South Road crossing. So, yes, the tramline will be closed for a period of time. It does leave us with an opportunity to look at other grade separations. The other opportunities that have gone missing are the grade separation at Hove, which failed, and the Majors Road grade separation, which would have allowed access to the Southern Expressway and which was cancelled but reinstated by us.

These do offer local communities a great deal of support. It is an opportunity, I think, at Morphett Road, if you look at that, given what the Morphettville Racehorse has been planning there for some time. I know that the shadow minister has been briefed at length. I know that the previous government was briefed on the potential expansion. I don't remember at the last election there being a policy taken to that election to grade separate Morphett Road, to facilitate—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: One or four, it doesn't really matter. I will look at all grade separations across the network. I know that there are a number of communities who have been starved of infrastructure works by the previous government and who are looking to us to try to do what the previous government couldn't or wouldn't do. We will look at all of those because that's the type of government we are.

No matter where you live, no matter how you vote, no matter where your community is, we are interested in making sure that we have needs-based solutions for infrastructure for people who are crying out for infrastructure solutions. The people of Morphett have been doing it tough for—how long have you been elected? A long time, a long time. We want to make sure that they finally get the representation they deserve. No doubt, we will be putting our best foot forward at the next election to make sure that the people of Morphett have good representation.

Grievance Debate

REGIONAL RADIATION TREATMENT SERVICES

Ms PRATT (Frome) (15:06): Delays, diversions and disappointment, that is what the Labor government has delivered to health patients in the Limestone Coast and regional South Australia: delays on critical infrastructure and regional health, diversions of funding where they rob Peter to pay Paul and disappointment for rural communities who are begging for more health services closer to home.

If you want to know what disappointment looks like, it is here with us in the chamber today in the human form of the Limestone Coast Radiation Treatment Working Group. I acknowledge those who have travelled at their own cost from the Limestone Coast today with one collective focus. They represent over 16,000 people who have physically signed a petition calling for the delivery of radiation therapy treatment in Mount Gambier, our state's second biggest city. This service, if delivered, would greatly assist a population catchment area of about 60,000 people, from Kingston to Keith. It must follow that it would alleviate pressure on city hospitals.

Sadly, at least 200 people a year across the South-East are diagnosed with cancer that requires radiotherapy treatment, and they have two choices: they can travel to Adelaide, which is a five-hour trip one way, or they can access a Victorian service, which is three hours in the other

direction. This treatment only takes 15 minutes, but it is every day for many weeks—and that is the rub.

If you live in the city, you can get it done at the start or the end of the day, or you can get it done in your lunchbreak and return to work, but for country patients it requires a personal and financial cost that some just cannot afford. Factor in the loss of income, accommodation, cost of travel, meals, childcare arrangements (and do not forget the pets) and isolation from loved ones, and for some it is just too much. Instead, they may decide to have surgery or, tragically, to live with the disease until the inevitable happens.

Cancer does not discriminate based on where you live and nor should access to treatment. Investing in regional health is an acknowledgement that every life matters, irrespective of where one resides. It is a commitment to bridging the gaping disparities in healthcare access that exist between urban centres and remote areas. It is an affirmation that the postcode of your birth should not determine your chances of survival.

A key barrier to radiation therapy is the distance from the treatment centre. I cannot praise highly enough the state-of-the-art accommodation services at the Cancer Council Lodge on Greenhill Road following a \$10 million investment by the former Liberal government. The Cancer Council has been able to build and deliver a \$30 million asset back to patients with a 120-bed facility, which provides comfort and support to those who need it most as they battle this insidious disease.

The council has shared heartfelt stories of patients who have been able to stay at the lodge away from home and out of necessity—some for over 12 months. I am constantly contacted by country people from all corners of the state who have been diagnosed with cancer and who are calling for better access to a variety of cancer treatments.

In my own electorate of Frome, Clare Hospital has a dedicated chemotherapy suite but offers no services, as it cannot supply or secure a qualified nurse. If you live on the West Coast, you have an even greater distance to travel to access cancer treatment in the city. Access to transport is yet another inequity that exists. Many people are too sick to drive, unable to afford the fuel or without family and friends to assist them.

I applaud the work of the 12 regional community passenger networks and the volunteers who provide compassionate assistance at the local level for many people who are accessing health appointments. I have said publicly that I welcome the doubling of the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme—something that has been long overdue—but our state government needs to ensure that where clinicians are sending country patients to the city to health services they are not unnecessarily disadvantaged or out of pocket.

We must do better for country patients by way of better access to a higher standard of health care closer to home. In times of crisis, such as the COVID-19 global pandemic, the importance of a robust regional health system did become glaringly apparent. While COVID-19 has had a terrible impact on our health system, it has also taught the health sector to innovate, re-imagine and redesign what should be possible and available in country health. We must learn from these experiences and build a resilient health care and network capable of standing future challenges.

Personal Explanation

CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (15:11): I seek leave to make a personal explanation.

Leave granted.

Mr TEAGUE: In the course of question time, I indicated that the number of children in care as latest reported was a record 4,848. It has since been brought to my attention, and in the context of interjections from the minister in the course of that exchange, that the latest figure available as of 31 March 2023 is 4,846. It is two fewer but nonetheless an all-time record. I just indicate that.

*Grievance Debate***PATHWAY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Ms SAVVAS (Newland) (15:12): Today, I would like to speak to the house about the Pathway Community Centre at Clovercrest Baptist Church. I had the great privilege last week of volunteering for the day at Pathway, the second time I have had the opportunity to do so. I really want to take a moment in the house to acknowledge the volunteers who make Pathway the incredible community service it is

The Pathway Community Centre is the community outreach arm at Clovercrest Baptist Church, right on the boundary of my electorate at Modbury North. Pathway offers support to the local community in a number of ways, but predominantly it provides food to those in need, packing fortnightly hampers of fresh food, bread, meat and non-perishables for those in need both within our community and outside it. It also partners with a number of groups, churches and schools to distribute food more broadly, as well as a number of NGOs in order to provide more emergency-style packages for those in crisis.

There are a number of components to Pathway, but all are equal in what they do: connect with and serve community members in need. There is a large food preparation area out the back where volunteers pack and process the fresh fruit and veg that come in. There is a goods room, where non-perishable items are stored and sorted. There is a packing area for hampers, a bread room for storing and distributing bread for hampers, and the front area where individuals can line up and access those hampers.

They also have a pergola outside, which is probably getting past its use-by date, and we were very happy to provide some funding as part of an election commitment to Pathway Community Centre for a more permanent structure where individuals can access those hampers, meet with each other and form community relationships whilst at the service. Next door to Pathway is a treasured op shop, which also serves as community outreach and is a fundamental part of the Pathway and Clovercrest community family.

Last week, I joined Pathway to help with food service after hearing about a significant increase in need and access to those hampers over the past 12 months. I would like to acknowledge the work of Noelle Wallis, the most wonderful woman, who has come in to direct Pathway's mission work this year. She did previously hold a very special role in outreach at The Heights School and has done an incredible job in taking on the increased need.

She has also facilitated a change of hands. There have been big shoes to fill after the retirement of John and Kaye Flack, who have provided so much service to our community over many years but made the decision to retire in December. Together we celebrated in November John and Kaye and 15 years of the wonderful work of Pathway. I would like to acknowledge them again for the hours that they put in over a 15-year period and the tireless work that they have committed to the community, the church and Pathway over a period of years.

John and Kaye were fundamental in the work that happened at Pathway, and not a day goes by in my community when someone does not stop and say, 'What are John and Kaye up to post retirement?' and checking on their health and wellbeing post their moving on from Pathway. I think it is really important to acknowledge the work they have done and also to wish them all the best in their retirement and their health as they move forward and also to acknowledge the wonderful direction that Pathway is taking with a new director. There are a large number of volunteers in the centre, who also are playing a really important role in the provision of services at Pathway.

I would also like to acknowledge the volunteers more broadly—those who help in the kitchen, those who help with food prep, those at the front desk, those who drive trucks. They are now driving all the way out to Gawler, I believe, to pick up fruit and veg to come and pack hampers. There are those who are in the bread room. I met a lovely family, three young girls and their mum, who drove all the way from Murray Bridge to pack bread for the day at the centre. There are those as well who volunteer to pay it back after receiving their own hampers. There are a number of people at Pathway who volunteer as a means of thanking Pathway for the support that has been provided to them over

a number of years. I think that says a lot about the heart of the organisation and what it means to people to be part of a group like Pathway.

Pathway is a service that does not just provide food or supplies but connects with people more deeply. For many, it provides a really dignified way to give back and serve. I consider it a real privilege to occasionally volunteer there, and I would like to commend Pathway and thank them for all their work.

SOUTH EAST FIELD DAYS

Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (15:17): I rise today to recognise and congratulate the organisers of the Lucindale South East Field Days, in particular the Lucindale Lions Club and their committee for their hugely successful event in 2023. The 43rd annual field days were held on Friday 17 and Saturday 18 March at Yakka Park in Lucindale.

For those of you in the house who do not know, Lucindale is a small rural town and district around 3½ hours south-east of Adelaide. It has a dynamic community which rallies together to help the Lucindale Lions Club run their field days. For an impressive 17 years the secretary was Lyn Crosby. This year she handed the reins to her daughter-in-law Nicole Crosby, who has done a fantastic job in overseeing this event.

Today, I am pleased to welcome both Lyn and Nicole to the house, along with other Lions Club members, Kevin Baker, John Motteram, Trevor (Smiley) Martin and Angus McTaggart. COVID caused the cancellation of the field days in 2020 and 2021. This was a huge blow not only for the town but for the region as a whole. They came back last year but numbers were down.

The South East Field Days were first held in 1978. Its purpose is to raise funds that can then be donated back to the local and wider communities of the Limestone Coast region. The field days started out with 70 exhibitors, and back in the late seventies drew a crowd of around 2,000 people. Fast forward to 2023: the crowd has grown tenfold. This year, 21,000 people walked through the gates, and 477 exhibitors signed up to have a site. The South East Field Days are now the largest annual field days in South Australia.

The South East Field Days are a fantastic networking event. They showcase new products and equipment and are a way for locals to compare and purchase all manner of machinery, whether it is seeders, tractors or sheep yards down to the humble spanner, hose reel or garden rake. A third of the crowd and exhibitors come from Victoria and many more come from other parts of the state such as the Barossa Valley, Burra and the Riverland.

The field days pump millions of dollars into the local economy. Exhibitors spend heavily on accommodation and food. Accommodation is booked out months in advance within a 100-kilometre radius. This means towns like Naracoorte, Penola, Kingston and Robe all benefit from this event.

As you can imagine, it takes a small army of people to make this event happen. This year, the organisers needed a workforce of around 350 volunteers. The field days committee then pays the charities or local sporting bodies who provide these volunteers, resulting in them receiving valuable income. In 2023, 24 different charities or sporting groups benefited from the event to the tune of \$15½ thousand. Other charities earn money through catering for the thousands of people who attend.

This year, the Lucindale Lions Club raised an impressive \$100,000 through its gate and site fees. This money is used to generously support charities such as cancer research and fund local community projects, scholarships and school excursions. To date, the Lucindale Lions have given more than \$2 million to local, national and international charities. Donations have gone to a wide range of projects such as a CT scanner for the Naracoorte hospital and the community pool in Lucindale.

Thank you to Lucindale Lions Club and the Lucindale field days committee for all the work you did in making this event so successful. Thank you to the community, the volunteers, the exhibitors and everyone who put their hands up to help. Thank you to everyone who walked through the gates and helped make this a field days event to remember. I urge anyone who has not been

before to take a drive to our wonderful South-East and head to the 2024 Lucindale South East Field Days. I know it will be another hugely successful event.

LEGACY CENTENARY TORCH RELAY

The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Stuart—Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Roads, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (15:21): Today, I would like to talk about the Legacy Centenary Torch Relay. Legacy South Australia and Broken Hill is now in the countdown stage for the forthcoming Legacy Centenary Torch Relay leg in our state. This torch relay is designed to remind us all of how Legacy continues to support the families of veterans who gave their lives or health in the line of service.

It began its journey on 23 April in Pozieres in France, travelling on to Menin Gate in Belgium and on to London, where it was welcomed by His Majesty King Charles III prior to its first leg in Albany, Western Australia, during this week. The overall journey for the torch relay will include satellite stops at all 45 Legacy clubs around Australia, culminating in Melbourne in October 2023.

I am excited by the role South Australia will play in the Legacy Centenary Torch Relay through four specific events over three days. We are pleased to be able to welcome the torch to South Australia at a site visit to the Edinburgh defence base on 11 May. Our defence hosts will welcome over 200 guests to enjoy a triservice display of assets and a morning tea, all capped off with a quick bus tour of the base.

Her Excellency the Hon. Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, will officially open the torch relay, coinciding with a Royal Australian Air Force fly-past at 9am on 12 May at Keswick Barracks and lead the way as its first torchbearer. The relay will weave its way through our city Parklands, carried to the Adelaide Town Hall by the Deputy Premier for its welcome to Adelaide by the Rt Hon. the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM. It will then be carried down Rundle Mall by me accompanied by Mr Rob Eley CSC, President of Legacy South Australia and Broken Hill, and the Australian Army Band Adelaide.

The torch will then continue through the Parklands for the laying of a wreath by the Leader of the Opposition at the Cross of Sacrifice and on to the lighting of the cauldron by Legacy Chairman the Hon. Graham Ingerson, our former Deputy Premier and a ward of Legacy during his youth, at the final service at the National War Memorial. Invited guests will then make their way to Government House for a reception hosted by the Governor of South Australia, who will officially acknowledge the centenary of Legacy in Australia and its relevance to our South Australian club, for which she is the patron.

Saturday the 13th brings a fun community day event for the broader defence community in South Australia at Torrens Parade Ground. With a range of defence and industry displays, lots of fun family activities, a barbecue and lots of other food on offer, guests will be entertained by the fantastic Navy rock band. The Legacy Club of South Australia and Broken Hill have asked me to pass on an invite to all who would like to attend this free event, running from 10am to 2pm.

The member for Hammond and I recently attended the unveiling of the new Legacy offices at the Torrens Parade Ground, and I can assure members in this house that this fine organisation, so ably led by its CEO, Ms Kerry Smith, is well and truly living up to its promise, made 100 years ago, to help veterans' families carry on with their lives after the loss of or injury to their loved ones.

I commend the Legacy Club of South Australia and Broken Hill for what it has done, and I wish this organisation wellbeing for the next 100 years.

NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINES

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:25): Previously in parliament I have spoken about the recent AUKUS agreement, and certainly the state Liberal opposition welcomes the commonwealth government's announcement of the latest phase in what is a landmark trilateral strategic pact between Australia, the UK and the US. Of course, it was first announced in September 2021 by the former federal Liberal government. It really identified as its first initiative to investigate a pathway as to how Australia could acquire nuclear powered submarines and, in so doing, build them in South Australia.

South Australia had a lot to gain from this. In fact, just from a workforce point of view, there are the sheer numbers involved—comparing it to other nuclear-powered submarine shipyards, such as in the United Kingdom with over 11,000 workers—with estimates of around 9,500 workers being able to be employed directly at Osborne as well. It is also upgrading the skills and the capacity of not only those workers but industry in general. So, of course, South Australia has a very important role in that.

Because of the significance of that both now and also given the long-term nature of that, we need to ensure that there is more than rhetoric involved around this. We need to be assured that AUKUS will be managed in the interests of the defence of Australia but also from an industry perspective here in South Australia and because of the actual nature of what is entailed.

Initially, the US would look to provide three to five of their Virginia class nuclear-powered submarines to Australia, so the US benefits in the short term, then progressing on to looking to use a UK design, the first one to be built in the UK and then subsequently allowing the build to occur in South Australia at Osborne, starting with the first one due out in 2042. You can see the UK benefits in the medium term and then eventually the benefits come to Australia.

We need to act with urgency now, though, to ensure that the South Australian industry can participate. The UK supply chain is already established with their Astute and Dreadnought classes. We want to make sure that they do not just then roll on and take up the lion's share of the work that could potentially be in South Australia.

There are questions around that. We were hoping for some of that to be clarified when the Defence Strategic Review came out, which happened in the shadow of ANZAC Day; on ANZAC Day eve it was handed down. Broadly, it outlined in more detail, you would say, what had been released under the former Liberal federal government around the challenges that we are facing here in the Indo-Pacific region with the massive military build-up, the reduction in time frame to prepare for any conflict and the importance of missiles as well.

The Defence Strategic Review did bed down around continuous shipbuilding, which is certainly important for South Australia and also advanced technologies such as AI, quantum and cyber, which, again with Lot Fourteen being established by the former Liberal government, we can take great advantage of.

Unfortunately there are still questions that have come up. The fact that out of this review we now have to have a review of the surface fleet does cause uncertainty. Yes, it may go through, and we need to be precise, but certainly South Australia is impacted because of the Future Frigates. That is creating uncertainty in our defence industry as well, and it is really important that we crack down on that. We have the Defence Teaming Centre acting chief executive, Tim Dore; he wants the government to move fast on this to show who is in and who is out, because these companies have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars.

There are also questions about the life-of-type extension that, again, was announced as part of the initial AUKUS agreement. We must ensure that life-of-type extension work on the Collins boat is done successfully while the AUKUS submarines are built because a thousand jobs are involved with that \$6 billion program.

It is incumbent on the state government to make sure they are advocating that these programs continue to occur right here at Osborne in South Australia.

HEALTH SERVICES

Ms WORTLEY (Torrens) (15:30): I stand on this side of the chamber proud to be a member of the Malinauskas Labor government, a government that was elected just over 12 months ago.

Today, I want to take the opportunity to speak briefly about health and some of the developments of particular benefit to residents of the electorate of Torrens, of which I am a passionate representative, as well as to other residents of the north and north-east. Unlike the former Liberal government, we actually have comprehensive plans. I know that the incredibly dedicated Minister for Health and Wellbeing and his hardworking team are committed to doing everything they can to deliver significant outcomes for the South Australian community.

We all know that when there are not enough hospital beds patients get stuck in the emergency department waiting for a bed to become available, and this means that our EDs fill up and patients must then wait in an ambulance on the ramp until such time as an ED bed becomes available. To assist in addressing this issue, building more acute hospital capacity is crucial.

On being elected to government just over 12 months ago, every existing bed in the system was opened. Particularly relevant to the residents of the north and the north-east is our commitment to the construction of the 48-bed expansion at the Lyell McEwin Hospital, which is in fact a doubling of the government's original election commitment of 24 beds. The \$47 million expansion will deliver two 24-bed inpatient wards on level 3 in Building A. That was originally constructed as a cold shell in 2013 to accommodate future expansion.

Works on the expansion are expected to be completed in 2024. For patients, it will deliver 48 single rooms with ensuites, rooms with speciality care features, improving patient comfort and wellbeing for those who require a higher level of support. In addition, for residents undergoing dialysis treatment, a temporary \$1.2 million renal ward has opened in a refurbished area adjacent to the hospital to create extra capacity. The new nine-chair dialysis unit will be in addition to the existing 12 dialysis chairs established within the hospital, meaning patients living in the northern suburbs can receive their dialysis care closer to home.

Across our hospital system we know that some mental health patients have been waiting for hours in our emergency departments. There is a genuine need for more beds and services where South Australians experiencing a mental health crisis can fully recover. Our government has committed to supporting mental health patients to receive the care they need by making a generational investment in mental health.

Still in the north and north-east, the Malinauskas government is delivering its election commitment for 24 more mental health beds at Modbury Hospital, with a first look at the unit's design revealed on site at the hospital's 50th anniversary celebration, which I attended with the Minister for Health and Wellbeing (the member for Kaurana) along with the members for Newland, King, Wright and Florey and the federal member for Makin.

The 24-bed unit will support adults who need longer stays in hospital for therapeutic and rehabilitative care in a model that provides therapy in a specially designed living space to support daily activities. The \$44 million mental health rehabilitation unit, which is expected to open in 2025, will be combined with a 20-bed older persons mental health unit in a single build. This equates to a total of 44 purpose-built new mental health beds.

The former Liberal government had a plan to close Woodleigh House and remove beds from the hospital available to all adults for mental health admissions, but our government made a commitment to save Woodleigh House, delivering 24 adult mental health beds in a brand-new building. These additional mental health beds in the north-east form part of the government's historic \$124 million commitment to build and open 72 new mental health rehabilitation beds through the establishment of 24-bed units at Modbury Hospital, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Noarlunga Hospital.

Importantly, the model of care for these beds will be co-designed by people with a lived experience of mental illness. This is to ensure that people who have used these services have the opportunity to contribute to the design process and advocate for how these new services can be improved for future users. Consultation is open until 9 May, and everyone who is interested is encouraged to have their say on the YourSAy website.

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) (15:35): I move:

That the house at its rising adjourn until Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 11am.

Motion carried.

*Bills***SUPPLY BILL 2023***Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading (resumed on motion).

Ms THOMPSON (Davenport) (15:36): Thank you, Mr Speaker, for the opportunity to continue my remarks on the Supply Bill. As I was speaking about earlier, the Supply Bill gives us an opportunity for projects from the previous budgets to keep ticking along, and I enjoy providing the house an update on some of the projects that have been rolled out in my community.

One that I did not get an opportunity to mention and that I would like to speak about now is the Majors Road upgrade. Located in the electorate of Davenport but set to bring benefit to many, particularly those down the hill in the electorate of Gibson, is the joint state and federal commitment to build an on/off ramp on the Southern Expressway at Majors Road. This project aims to reduce drive times and make the south more accessible, as well as reduce traffic flow to Brighton Road. It is fantastic that the Albanese Labor government and the Malinauskas state government are partnering on this important project and getting to work so quickly.

Local environment groups like the Friends of Glenthorne, which I am proud to be a member of, have been actively engaging with the department project team and tell me that they are very happy with how the project is progressing. I am pleased to see that the Department for Infrastructure and Transport has pursued a design that has minimal impact on the national park and no impact on significant vegetation.

I can confirm that, contrary to the rubbish that has been shared via shiny materials in the letterboxes of the Black electorate, there will be no impact to the O'Halloran Hill Recreation Park mountain bike trails, no impact to the Sam Willoughby International BMX Facility, no impact to the Southern Soccer Facility, no impact to Glenthorne Farm and very minimal impact to the national park.

This is yet another demonstration of the Albanese and Malinauskas governments working together to get on with the job of delivering the infrastructure South Australians need and deserve. This project will deliver lasting road infrastructure improvements while providing a critical jobs boom for the area, with approximately 245 full-time equivalent jobs to be supported each year over the construction period. We anticipate that major works will start later this year and that project completion will be by the end of 2025.

The Supply Bill ensures that vital commitments under our previous budgets can continue to be delivered, and so I am extremely pleased that this government is continuing to fulfil a promise that we made to the MND community to commit \$2.4 million to MND SA: \$600,000 a year for four years is helping MND SA to keep doing the fantastic work they are doing to support all South Australians living with motor neurone disease. Already, MND SA have used this funding to secure a new speech pathologist and a new volunteer coordinator.

As everyone in the house is well aware by now, MND is close to my heart. This year, I have committed to make a personal contribution to raising funds for MND SA so that they can provide support to more families diagnosed with this incurable and horrible disease. I will be trekking for six days on one of the world's premier desert tracks, the Larapinta Trail. I have already been raising funds at good old Bunnings sausage sizzles and will be hunting down my colleagues here in the house to hit them up for some fundraising to support the MND team's efforts.

I am excited about what this Supply Bill and the upcoming state budget will deliver for my community and our state. We are a government that wants to deliver for South Australia and we are delivering. I commend the bill to the house.

Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (15:40): It is a delight, an annual delight, to be able to rise and speak on the Supply Bill. Of course, it is a much greater delight to do it from this side of the chamber. The reason for that is things are happening. There are things happening right across our state and there are things happening in Badcoe, which I am very pleased to be able to report progress on today.

The last Supply Bill provided quite a lot of improvements to my local area, and I want to take the opportunity to explain to the house and also, through the magic of the website, to my community some of the things that have been achieved just in the last 12 months due to government funding in the seat of Badcoe. These are in no particular order.

The Kurralta Park Community Kindergarten pedestrian crossing is something that I and our local community have been working on for six years in my case, and for others longer than that. The local parent organisation approached me back when I was just a candidate and raised the fact that quite a number of large trucks in particular were hurtling down the street straight past the front of the Kurralta Park kindy, which is actually in Marleston. Although there is a zebra crossing there, a painted crossing on the ground, just from standing on the side of the road for a few minutes it was plain to see that not a lot of heed was being paid to that. Of course, little lives and big lives were placed at risk by that behaviour on our roads.

Barwell Avenue is a beautiful street with a lot of shady trees, but that makes it difficult sometimes for people to see further down the street and be able to see that there is a pedestrian crossing there. Obviously, it is most commonly used between about 8.30am and 9am and then around 3pm and again around 5pm when parents are picking up their children, but it is also an important resource for local residents in the street. They approached me and asked, 'What can we do about this?'

As it is a council road, we went to council. We did a petition. We gave a presentation and spoke to them about the need for flashing lights, greater signage and also traffic calming measures in that area. Unfortunately, we were not successful because, as many members in this place would know, certain thresholds need to be met regarding the amount of traffic going down roads, and that is how many councils, at least those in my area, make their decisions about road safety measures. However, there is of course this disconnect between the volume of traffic and the high speed of the traffic that was going through, and even the volume of traffic was very close to the thresholds that were required.

So we began lobbying the then opposition, having failed to get any result out of the sitting government of the time, to make this an election commitment in the interests of the safety of little children and making sure that our public education facilities could be safely arrived at by families each morning and afternoon. I was pleased to announce \$1 million as an election commitment for that pedestrian crossing, and that included a package of road safety works.

I can tell you that only a few weeks ago I went down there and pressed the button and turned the flashing lights on for the first time with parents. They are of course delighted that they can now traverse the area with much greater ease and safety and have confidence that their children can cross the road safely as well. That is one fantastic thing that was supplied by the last Supply Bill and has now been achieved.

The Millswood Croquet Club is also a great recipient of the benefit of last year's Supply Bill. They secured \$200,000—yet again, an election commitment. I will thank the council and also the former federal government, who also put in \$200,000 apiece to see a \$600,000 upgrade. In fact, not just an upgrade: a brand-new croquet club. The previous facility has been at that site for nigh on 100 years; in fact, the club just celebrated its 100th anniversary late last year.

They now have a brand spanking new croquet club that is very well utilised and better positioned on the site to be able to observe the rinks. If you have not had a chance to play croquet, I can highly recommend it to you, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is a game of skill—skills that I have not yet fully acquired—but it is also a very social game in which one gets to have a good chat with members of their community. It is a very fun game, I have to say. Please do: an open invitation to all those in here to come down to the Millswood Croquet Club.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will take your word for it that it's a wonderful game.

Ms STINSON: Well, you can join me some time. It will be fun. They are very pleased to have their new facility there. It was opened around the time of their 100th. We all got to dress up in period costume from 100 years ago, and it was even more fun to play croquet in the traditional garb.

The new big screen at Edwardstown Oval is now operational as well. This is another project that the Edwardstown Football Club had long campaigned for, for a new electronic scoreboard. When I looked at it, I thought, 'You know, we can do better than that. Rather than just an electronic scoreboard, let's see if we can make this a real community resource.' We had a hunt around to see if we could get a high-quality screen where we would be able to show community movies and be able to have community movie nights on Edwardstown Oval, and also that this would bring in some advertising revenue for not just the Edwardstown Football Club but the five resident clubs at Edwardstown Oval.

We want to make sure that our sporting clubs—and I am sure the minister would agree with me—are sustainable and that they have avenues of income that they can manage and generate themselves so that they are not wholly reliant on government funding. Advertising does provide an opportunity for that. The clubs at that oval have taken advantage of static signage for some years, but now they have the added advantage of big-screen video advertising, which they can use before and after games and also during them. They will be taking advantage of that, and in fact are right now, now that the football season has kicked off. We say: go Townies!

We are looking forward to holding a community movie night there later in the year to really engage people who live in the beautiful area of Edwardstown, South Plympton and Plympton to be able to come along and share that experience and provide some entertainment for the younger members of our community as well. I am really looking forward to that. That will be in about October or November. I got to go down and switch that on as well a few weeks ago, just ahead of the footy season starting.

The restoration of the city high school zone has been a really big one. That will span, obviously, last year's budget and the budget that is about to be announced. As part of that, not only have we seen the changing of the boundaries, which have now been gazetted and will take effect in the 2023 school year, but also investment allocated to upgrade Adelaide Botanic High School, which will see a significant increase in the number of students who can be accommodated at that school. So many of those students are residents in my area of Badcoe and also in the member for West Torrens' electorate.

This was a really long and hard-fought campaign. Our community was completely outraged, stunned and shocked that the previous government went to the 2018 election apparently supporting the changing of the school zone, but then as soon as they got in—12 months on the dot—they said, 'Oh, no, we didn't really mean that. Sorry, didn't we tell you? We're actually taking your school zone off you. Oops-a-daisy, that's what's happening.' The impact was immediate and it was really tough for a lot of people in our community, in nine suburbs, who were suddenly ripped out of the school zone that they thought their children would be going to high school in.

The anger about this was palpable across my community. It was the parents themselves who got organised; it was the teachers and the students. They had one of the biggest rallies we have seen for a long time; thousands of people came along to march from the Thebarton Theatre to Adelaide High School, to demonstrate just how short a walk it was and how many of these people can actually see Adelaide High from their backyard and yet they were excluded from that school zone.

They kept making their point, and they did not give up. For a whole three years they kept doing whatever they could to raise this issue, to raise it with members of the then government (it fell on deaf ears, clearly) and also with a Labor government who, of course, made the commitment at the 2022 election that we would restore the school zone. And why? Because that is the fair thing to do. People were promised something and it was taken away from them. They had made major life decisions, including purchasing homes—the biggest asset most people will ever have in their lives—but also decisions about what was right for the education of their children and that could not be reversed.

Given that, it was only fair—it was the fair and right thing to do—to ensure that the promise that was made to them by consecutive governments was adhered to. We committed to restoring the school zone, and we did just that. So the school zone itself has now been reinstated and declared in the *Gazette*, and students will be able to enrol, in just another month or so, for the 2024 school year.

Coupled with that, of course, is the investment in Adelaide Botanic High School. We have now seen construction start on the massive expansion of Adelaide Botanic. I look forward to seeing students from my area again being able to attend the schools, Adelaide High or Adelaide Botanic High School, that they were always entitled to attend.

Another one, which is a statewide policy but benefits my area greatly, is the \$4 million investment in ethnic schools. That money is allocated across the four years, and I am very fortunate to have, in particular, Bangladeshi but also Indian cultural schools based at Richmond Primary School and also at Goodwood Primary School, just outside my electorate in the electorate of Unley. They do a fantastic job to connect young people with their culture.

We are very fortunate in the inner south-west to have a large and growing population of people from Bangladesh, from India, from Nepal, from Bhutan, from Sri Lanka and also from Pakistan. It is wonderful when you get to go along and see these schools in action. Not only are they teaching language but also things like traditional dance, art, song and music. It is very fulfilling, I think, to the families and the young people in particular, but also their wider community, that they are retaining that connection with their traditions and the traditions of their parents and grandparents.

That is something to be encouraged, especially in this day and age when we really need our young people, heading out into the workforce, to be bilingual. These are amazing opportunities that these young people have, speaking sometimes not just two but often three or four languages or dialects, which will stand them in good stead as they head out into the workforce in the future.

The Peake Gardens Riverside Tennis Club is also one of the beneficiaries of the last Supply Bill. They secured new lighting and surface upgrades as part of an election commitment. That is in the new part of my electorate at Marleston. There is also a greater upgrade that is happening there, and I got to go to unveil the plans just a few months ago, along with the City of West Torrens. That is a very exciting project that is ongoing. Certainly, the LED lighting, which is a lot more environmentally efficient, has been delivered by this government.

Another statewide policy that is of particular note to my community and that people got very passionate about, and that we have now delivered on, is in relation to the EV tax. There are quite a few people in my area who drive hybrid or electric vehicles, and many more still who would like to drive electric vehicles. I have an electorate that is very conscious of the impact that we have on our environment and the need to address climate change. That is something that was frequently raised with me. It is maybe not a top-line policy or a top-line issue for everyone, but it is certainly something that is incredibly important to my electorate. I am glad that we ditched the EV tax and came good on our promise.

There are a few other successes that have seen the expenditure of government funds in recent times. I have just been advised that 16 Herbert Road at Plympton will be turned into a local park. I have been pushing very hard for greening initiatives in my area, and, as members would probably know, I am heading up an inquiry into our urban forest at the moment, such is the importance of this issue, I think, not just for suburban areas but right across our state. I am pleased about that particular plot of land, and only yesterday council was advised that it will be able to turn that into a park adjoining the Elizabeth Ryan Reserve, which is currently there at the moment.

People may be familiar with the Plympton Glenelg RSL. This is the little park straight across the road from the RSL. That is an area that is growing significantly in population, and it will be a welcome addition to our community, particularly for families in the area who have been looking for those recreational opportunities for little kids. I am looking forward to that expanded park being built at that location in the near future. It is also quite close to the intersection of Marion and Cross roads where we are about to see some major investment, namely, \$400 million in the removal of the level crossing and additional green space built into that area as well, which is very exciting.

Another thing that I would count as a major achievement of this government in the last 12 months—and that will obviously be taking up probably the largest amount of the infrastructure funding in the budget not only for this financial year but also in coming years—are the changes that we have made to the South Road project, the Torrens to Darlington.

There was much discontent in my community when the original reference design went out, and I did my best to consult deeply and widely with my community about the changes they wanted to see. There were two things that really stood out as changes that our community wanted from that design, and I am glad that the Labor government reconsidered those plans and has now come good and delivered on those changes.

The first was removing the flyover, which was to be elevated over the top of the Gallipoli Underpass. It would come up from South Road, over the top of the Gallipoli intersection and then down into the middle of Anzac Highway. It meant that some 200 trees were going to be removed and also the memorials for our ANZACs that are along that stretch of Anzac Highway.

It would be an understatement to say that that proposal was not so popular in my local community, not only because of the perceived traffic hazard of that in terms of having a single lane rising some 20 or so metres into the air but also because of the visual amenity. Everyone around the area would have been able to see this out of their front or backyard, and obviously this would have been quite an eyesore.

These major roads are not necessarily always pretty. We are doing our best to make this one as attractive as possible, but I can understand that people would be concerned about suddenly having a major structure they can see from their front yard.

That is something we have come good on, but also, for some bizarre reason, the original design meant that there were no right turns anymore from the Bay turning on to South Road, nor from the city turning on to South Road. That would have caused massive local connectivity issues.

People trying to get from the shops, to the school, from their homes to their work would have had a really hard time, and essentially some people would have had to drive all the way to the city to turn around and then come all the way back again, which is plainly ridiculous. Why that was part of the design I will never know, but I am glad that this government has stepped in, had a proper look at these designs and redone them for the benefit of my local community.

This Supply Bill will supply some incredible improvements to my local electorate. Firstly, when it comes to ambulance stations we will have a new headquarters right on Richmond Road at the top of my electorate. Also, two weekends ago I got to join the health minister and my colleague, the member for Elder, to announce that a second ambulance station will be built for our community at the Repat. The 16 more ambos are already on deck based out of the Marion station, and they will relocate to that Repat ambulance base.

We will, of course, see the South Road T2D upgrade, and, as I mentioned, the removal of the Marion and Cross road level crossing. I am heading off to the community consultation about that this evening. We will also see a traffic study into the Morphett Road intersection, which is actually the member for Morphett's seat but which has great bearing on the people of Plympton Park, which is, of course, in the seat of Badcoe.

We are also in consultation right at the moment over reducing the height—or standardising the height—of buildings on Anzac Highway at Glandore, which backs onto the character zone. The long-promised Black Forest Primary School upgrade construction is now underway, and we are about to release the plans for the Richmond Primary School new playground. I have been working hard with Plympton International College on their traffic solution for their kiss and drop and also some new classrooms.

We are also seeing upgrades at Clarence Park, Woodlands Park, Goodwood train stations, and even our other little train station, SASMEE Park model railway, will get a new shed with \$151,000 in the upcoming budget. There is so much more I could tell you, but I will leave it at that.

Ms HUTCHESSON (Waite) (16:00): I rise in support of the Supply Bill so that we can continue supporting the people of South Australia and especially my own community. I am incredibly fortunate to be the representative of the people of Waite, a highly engaged and supportive community who are active in helping each other and willing to be involved in community initiatives and activities.

Since being elected, I have spent many hours listening to my community about what is important to them and doing what I can to support their ideas and concerns. Many ideas and long-

term issues have been raised with me whilst I have been their member and also while I was campaigning to become their representative. It is clear through these interactions that the good people of Waite care very deeply about their community and their environment and have many good ideas about how things can be improved, and I am doing all I can to listen and assist.

I am very pleased that I took the commitments to the election, and they have all been delivered. There is only one that is still being rolled out through the Mitcham council, and I thank them for their ongoing support. I was very pleased, along with members of the Upper Sturt CFS brigade, to see warning lights installed on the approaches to the station very soon after I was elected. This simple measure I committed to took so many years to complete, as the previous government did not see the need nor importance of keeping our volunteers and motorists safe.

Now when the trucks pull out of the station on what is a sweeping bend—and, in the case of the eastern approach, quite a blind corner—with a new layer of protection they are safe. The new warning lights are able to be activated by the crew, and immediately the lights flash, warning motorists to slow down. It actually works: the cars slow down and the truck has the opportunity to leave the station safely. My commitment was for the light on the western approach, but it became apparent that the eastern light will also need replacing so that the two can talk to each other and the station.

The community of Upper Sturt and all the motorists who use the road are now safe, no matter which direction they approach the station, and so are the volunteers who are already putting their lives on the line to protect the community and deserve to be safe on the way to the emergency as well. I am glad to have been able to make and deliver on this commitment for my community and our volunteers, and I take this opportunity to acknowledge them today, of all days, as it is International Firefighters' Day. Today we remember those who have lost their lives in the line of duty or have been injured, and I acknowledge all who answer the call.

Further to helping our firefighters be safe, we have recently seen the beginning of the rollout of new helmets for our breathing apparatus operators across the CFS family. This is an important investment. These helmets are much lighter than the current model, and that will be a welcome relief to firefighters. The equipment they carry on their backs can weigh up to 26 kilos. Having a way to lighten the load while staying safe is a great outcome. We have also continued to roll out new trucks and upgrade others. A very big thank you goes to all of the work our firefighters do. We will keep working on ways to keep firefighters safe and make the job easier.

Back to road safety concerns, residents of Eden Hills will soon have the ability to enter Shepherds Hill Road with ease and safety with the soon to be introduced Keep Clear sign that will be painted on the road at the Parham Road intersection. It is another simple measure that will provide safe access to an area that continues to be a busy section of road.

The Blackwood Recreation Centre also received an important contribution to allow them to start planning for the future through my election commitments. The rec centre is an important community hub in my electorate, and they see thousands of people use the centre weekly. There is so much opportunity, and I am glad that when the opportunity arises the centre will be ready.

Manson Oval in Bellevue Heights is a very busy community asset, with many sports played there during the week and on the weekend. The community also use the oval for dog walking and other recreational activities as well as the Bellevue Heights Primary School. The oval, however, becomes a swampy, soggy mess in winter, as the drainage is non-existent. Parking is also a problem around the oval, as Sargent Parade is a bus route. Many users of the oval park on the side of the road, making the area prone to congestion. I am happy to see council is beginning the work to address these issues, and I am proud to be part of a government that honours its commitments. I look forward to seeing the work reach completion.

The Supply Bill allows us to support our local primary schools. They need to be allowed to continue to grow and prosper and, as such, we need to be flexible to support them. Belair Primary School, my old school, received funding from when we were in government last to renovate a very tired and old building, so old and tired that it was new when I went there.

Due to budget blowouts, however, attributed to the current material shortages and increased costs, the school was worried that it would not be able to complete the project. I am so happy that the education minister understood the need for the project to be completed to a high standard and committed the necessary extra funds to allow the project to finish. Now the children of today can look back in 40 years, like I am now, and the building will be there supporting a new generation.

I was glad to be able to support the grant application that Hawthorndene Primary School submitted for their Indigenous garden. The school community is working on a brilliant plan that will provide a wonderful learning experience for its students, and I am very excited to see how the development progresses. Coromandel Valley Primary School were proud recipients of a grant that will help them install new footpaths and other infrastructure to allow the school to be fully accessible. As a wonderfully warm and inclusive school, it is great to see them be able to make these improvements.

Coromandel Valley Kindergarten is proudly positioned on a hill in Coromandel Valley. With this, though, come the challenges of erosion and unstable soil. Much of the garden had been slipping down the hillside for some time, and the kindy was desperate to rectify this situation. I was glad to be able to support them in their discussions with the Department for Education, and now the retaining walls will be fixed and the garden and play area can be re-established.

Finally, Jean Bonython Kindergarten is again another old stomping ground of mine, albeit my feet were much smaller at the time. With the joys of being located on a hillside as well, with the hard work of the kindy director they have been successful in accessing the necessary funding they need to stop their garden from slipping under the fence.

I am committed to supporting all schools in my community and will continue to work hard to help them get the things they need to continue to be able to support the young people who will grow up to be our tradies, our doctors, our nurses, our teachers and any other profession they dream to achieve.

One of our election commitments that has been delivered was an augmented train carriage for the Belair line capable of taking 40 bikes up the hill on holidays and weekends. My electorate has several downhill mountain biking trails that many young people from all over Adelaide ride. I recently organised a community barbecue for the riders who end their journey at the Mitcham train station. With the help of Blackwood Lions and the Mitcham Rotary Club, we fed the kids and provided them with water and snacks.

We were also joined by some very clever bike technicians from the Blackwood Bike Shed, an incredible group of volunteers who collect bikes, fix them and then either sell them locally for as much as you can afford or send them elsewhere to communities that need them. The Blackwood Bike Shed volunteers, led by Peter Jones, provided advice to riders about their bikes, pumped up their tyres and were there to help the riders with a tune-up.

It was a wonderful event that was very well received by the young people. They were engaging with the older volunteers, and it was lovely to see. It is something that we will be repeating in an effort to build relationships with the riders and let them know that their community is there and there are people looking out for their safety. I am very proud to have been able to start this initiative, and I look forward to seeing how it can continue to help.

There are quite a number of properties in my electorate that are very large and often covered in natural vegetation. I am glad that our government commitment to helping residents such as these with our heritage agreement grants will be able to continue to help these residents. The \$6 million to assist residents to look after their properties and undertake weed mitigation and planting will help a long way. Having spoken with many of these landholders, I know that many are considering applying for these grants as they need help. I am glad we are here to deliver on that.

Finally for today, our community is very fortunate to have incredible volunteers, including those who set aside many hours of work in our parks. Our 'friends of' groups work so hard to clear vast areas of pest weeds, such as olives, broom, blackberry and other noxious weeds, from our parks and waterways. Friends of Belair National Park, Sturt Gorge, Brownhill Creek and Waite

Conservation Reserve as well as Shepherds Hill reserve all deserve our thanks, and I am glad that we have committed \$3 million to help them with the work that they do.

The Supply Bill will continue to allow our communities to thrive. It will allow us to support all South Australians and to support our health system and our first responders. On Sunday, we announced a new ambulance station at the Repat. This, along with the Mitcham and Marion stations, will protect my community. With more ambos and more emergency support service ambulance officers so close, response times will be quicker and, with a huge investment in the Flinders Medical Centre, they will get the care they need.

I look forward to continuing to deliver for my community—to listen, understand and act on the things we need the most to make life better, easier and safer. I commend the bill to the house.

Ms SAVVAS (Newland) (16:09): It is a great privilege to speak to the Supply Bill today and to talk about the enormity of projects that are underway in and around my home, the electorate of Newland. There are, of course, a number of election commitments that are underway in the electorate but also a number of other projects impacting residents in my community. Some of those, I will note, are in fact projects funded by the former government—the Weatherill Labor government—and I would like to commence today by speaking about one of those, the second park-and-ride at Tea Tree Plaza.

I would like to take you back to an *Advertiser* article in June 2017 confirming the Weatherill government's commitment to expand parking spaces for the O-Bahn at TTP. This related to the 2017 budget, and there was funding provided alongside an upgrade to park-and-ride facilities at Klemzig. I was a university student at the time and also worked at the plaza, spending most days either in the centre itself or trying to find a spot to park my car before getting the bus into town. I will quote the article now:

Highbury student Olivia Savvas... who regularly uses the O-Bahn to get to Adelaide University and often struggles to find a park at the Plaza, welcomed the news.

'It's commonly accepted that after 9am there are no spots left,' she said.

'It can be a long walk after dark at the end of the day to find your car.

'I've probably parked no more than a five-minute walk away but being a young woman at night-time in the dark, it's not something I'd like to do on a regular basis.

The backstreets are not well lit.

As you can see, this is a project I have been advocating for for years, firstly as a student and TTP employee, later as a local councillor and now as the local member of parliament.

This project was kicked down the road by the Liberal Party. They made a decision not to prioritise parking in our community, but, returning into government, we put it back on the agenda. In the almost 14 months since our election the project is underway, and the design has been modified to allow for not only greater access into the park-and-ride itself but also a greater number of parking spots. I was lucky to visit the site in its current state to see major works underway a few weeks ago, alongside the members for King and Wright, and am very much looking forward to the expected completion, which is the middle of next year.

I am incredibly proud not just of what it means for commuters or for local residents—noting I do live just a few streets behind the plaza, too, myself—but of the way that it highlights the strength of community advocacy. I am so proud to have fought alongside other community members, other uni students, other commuters, other people who worked at the plaza, other residents who live nearby. We fought together for this park-and-ride and know what good it will bring for commuters and residents alike.

On the O-Bahn, our beloved busway, we have also been trialling tap and pay for the last few months. After a successful trial the system is now being rolled out onto Adelaide Metro buses, which is a really important step towards accessibility and connectivity across our state.

I would also like to speak about the number of health commitments that are benefiting our community. In the lead-up to the 2022 election, the provision of services at our hospital—my local hospital, Modbury—was under attack. We on our side know that a key component to fixing the

ramping crisis is better triage and treatment of patients presenting with mental health concerns. The previous government, however, made an incredibly unfounded decision to remove mental health services from Modbury Hospital, committing to demolish Woodleigh House at Modbury under the guise of what they referred to as an expansion of a completely different service at the Lyell McEwin.

Many of us who are familiar with the north-east would know how residents near Modbury feel about going to the Lyell Mac for their services when we have a wonderful hospital in our backyard. In fact, Modbury Hospital is another example of something the former government—two governments ago—committed to upgrade. The Premier tells a great story of how, as health minister, he sat with the Modbury Hospital advocacy group in the basement of the hospital and asked what they wanted in terms of expansion. That expansion was later ribbon-cut by the Liberal government, which was very careful about the way they worded the expansion funding and about whose project it was.

We listened to the advocacy of our community with respect to Woodleigh House and committed not only to keeping the mental health services but to rebuilding them, and to expanding mental health services at Modbury Hospital by 24 beds. We celebrated the 50th birthday of Modbury Hospital earlier this year and took a first look at the mental health services that will be provided there. We also heard from someone with lived experience in mental health about the way there will be a codesigned project for those services, noting that it is really important to have people with lived experience assist in that design process.

We committed to an extra 48 subacute beds at Modbury Hospital to relieve pressure on the emergency department and will build a cancer centre with 12 treatment spaces at Modbury, providing cancer treatment services in the north-eastern suburbs for the very first time. In addition we have committed to an extra ambulance station at Golden Grove to relieve pressure on the Redwood Park station, which currently services the entire Tea Tree Gully area—that is one ambulance station currently for 100,000 residents in a council.

It was another proud moment to stand with local members and the Minister for Health at the location of the new Golden Grove ambulance station right near the village—some people call it the grove, but I am sticking with the village—next to the Golden Grove park-and-ride in the heart of Golden Grove. An extra 20 paramedics have already been dispatched to service our community, and they will be based at Parafield before transitioning to Golden Grove in 2025.

We are also supporting grassroots mental health. We have committed \$100,000 to Talk Out Loud suicide prevention, and they have recently also received another grant to assist them with their mental health first aid training. This was provided in conjunction with the Premier's Advocate for Suicide Prevention.

We have also made a commitment to early learning and development by increasing funding at the Tea Tree Gully toy library, a toy library based at our council but not connected to the council. That services about 3,000 members across the community and beyond. I know both groups incredibly well, and I could not attest more to the role they play in the lives of community members, keeping people active, keeping people together, and also providing a really important service for new mums, getting to meet other mums and being able to access the toys and other services they provide there so they can learn through play but also connect with local parents in the community.

We have also made a number investments in our sports clubs. On our side we know that the best way to invest in the future of our health in South Australia is by raising strong and healthy kids. When the Premier is out and about you often hear him say that the cheapest public health patient is one that never arrives. That is why it is so important to be investing in sports clubs, particularly those with big junior programs, so that we can develop strong, healthy kids through local clubs to become healthy adults. Across the state we have committed to local sports clubs, and this supports fitness and mental health as well as community.

I would like to acknowledge, as the Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing did in question time yesterday, three recipients of rec and sport grants who are local to my community. A total of 44 sporting infrastructure projects across SA will be funded by the Malinauskas government through this year's Community Recreation and Sports Facility Program, and I have been very pleased in the last week to have chats with the communities that will be receiving those grants.

The state government is investing more than \$5.5 million in projects for successful applicants, who have collectively secured nearly \$15.5 million in co-funding. That is a total project value of about \$20 million, and will support 86 full-time jobs during construction.

We have some amazing clubs in and around our community. A number of them applied for those grants and were successful, and I would like to name the three closest to home today. The Tea Tree Gully BMX Club located in St Agnes will receive \$24,000 to install an eight-rider electronic barrel start gate at their BMX club. That is an incredibly important project for the club. It brings them into line with other clubs across the state. I have been really proud to advocate for that club in the past. We worked really hard when I was a councillor to secure lighting so that they could train in the evenings, and I know that this as well will have a really big impact on that club.

The Hope Valley Tennis and Netball Club will be receiving \$47,500 to resurface multiuse courts at Hope Valley and again that is another really important project. Their tennis and netball club is based at the Hope Valley Sports Area, and there will be a number of other things that are going on there in the next few years as part of election commitments that have been made to that site.

There was also a \$282,000 grant given to the City of Tea Tree Gully relating to Burragah Reserve in Modbury North, which is technically in the seat of Wright, but only just. There are a number of clubs that use Burragah Reserve, but I know that the Modbury Jets Amateur Football Club—not to be confused with Modbury Jets football club—was really supportive and worked very hard to seek that grant as well.

That grant is to install 12 light towers with LED lights, which provide 200 lights for their two main pitches, as well as 100 lights for additional pitches at Burragah Reserve, which is incredibly important. I would like to acknowledge and commend those clubs that put in applications. It is not always an easy process, but obviously they had very good applications and they were considered favourably when the grants were allocated.

We have had a number of election commitments as well around Newland that I would like to speak to. In the Newland electorate, we have not one but three competitive football and cricket clubs. Life is getting a little more difficult for the local MP as two of those senior clubs are now playing in the same league. A big shout-out to both the Hope Valley Demons and Modbury Hawks footy clubs. They play against many clubs throughout the year and I am happy to support, but I will be shouting out to neither of them when they play against each other later this season. I am yet to decide whether I will be wearing two scarves or zero.

An honourable member interjecting:

Ms SAVVAS: That's true, I'll be an independent bystander. We have committed \$150,000 for a master plan of the Banksia Park Sports Area, including the Tea Tree Gully football and cricket clubs, for an eventual upgrade of their clubrooms as well as better car parking and wayfinding across that area.

In the Banksia Park Sports Area, there are a number of clubs. There is the Tea Tree Gully Gymsports, a huge gymnastics service. There are the Tea Tree Gully football and cricket clubs, there is the Tea Tree Gully athletics, there is the Tea Tree Gully Tennis Club, there is the Strikers Netball Club and there is the Tea Tree Gully Netball Club. There was the Banksia Park Netball Club. It is an enormous area that will really benefit from a master plan that better suits their needs and also connects the clubs and allows for a community element.

Currently, the site can be quite separate at times and so it is a really important step towards fostering that sense of community in Banksia Park. We committed to a \$3.5 million rebuild and upgrade of gymsports. We committed \$2.7 million to a brand-new clubroom and pro shop for the tennis club, which is also home to two of the netball clubs, and I am really excited to see the changing face of that sports area and await the long-term benefits for our junior athletes.

We have also committed, as I mentioned before, \$1.2 million to the Hope Valley football and cricket clubs for a facility upgrade, which will hopefully be nicely complemented by the new grant that has been provided for the tennis and netball. We have committed to \$2.5 million to the mighty Modbury Hawks for a full new clubroom facility, which will include four unisex change rooms, umpire rooms and a function space.

I am actually having a function at the old function space on the weekend, which is a wonderful space, but I am very much looking forward to the rebuild. It is due to commence very soon. I think it will be one of the first election commitments that gets started and hopefully one of the first that is finished. I would like to acknowledge the role that the Hawks have played in raising money for that upgrade. They have been absolutely phenomenal in what they have done as a club in order to raise their own money and put forward a really strong case as to why they should receive that election commitment.

We also committed \$167,000 to the vital work at Pathway Community Centre and Clovercrest Baptist Church. I mentioned Pathway and Clovercrest in my griever earlier today, so I will not go on too much, but I do want to acknowledge the really important work that they do and how important that funding will be for them.

Finally, after 40 long years, as many of you would know and I will never get sick of talking about, we are transitioning 4,700 homes from the outdated Tea Tree Gully community wastewater scheme to SA Water mains. In our council area alone, there were about 4,700 tanks—there are a lot less now—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 those 4,700 tanks, 4,000 or so are in the seat of Newland, so I understand it very well. I have knocked on the doors of almost every person with a tank. I have seen tanks in backyards, tanks in bedrooms, tanks under swimming pools. I know the tank system a little too well but really understand the complexity that is involved in this process.

I would like to acknowledge the role of SA Water and what they have been doing in this project. We have just said goodbye to our community engagement person for the project, Paul Smitheram. He has received another job in federal government. I want to thank him for the tireless work that he has done in what is a very difficult project. We have just welcomed a new community engagement person, and I am sure she will do an incredible job as well. She has already been hitting the ground in the last few weeks.

It is important to remember, however, that this project has not happened by accident. On 3 June 2020, before the Labor Party even had a candidate for the seat of Newland, we announced a \$92 million program to scrap the CWMS. It was the Labor Party who committed to bring the residents of the north-eastern suburbs into the 20th century and no, that is not a mistake. It is not the 21st century I am referring to; it is the 20th century. Most of those residents have been on what could only be described as a rural-style system of septic for many years right in the midst of the suburbs.

On 10 June, exactly a week later, the Liberal Party did come out and commit some money, but not the same amount—less money—leaving the residents and Tea Tree Gully council, where I was a councillor, with uncertainty about how the third stage would be costed and who would be paying for it. In January 2022, after we had a candidate for the seat of Newland, we announced that not only would we convert residents to SA Water mains but we would scrap the \$745 CWMS levy to the council from 1 July that year, and we did that.

It is coming up to a year since we scrapped that levy and still to this day residents come to me and thank us, thank our government, for taking that levy away from them. There was so much uncertainty about who would pay for the remaining funding of the project should the Liberals be re-elected, and I was literally, pre election, having people coming over to me in the street saying, 'I have never voted Labor in my life, but because you are scrapping the levy and you are the only one listening to us we will give it a go this time.'

I think that really shows how out of touch the former government were with the residents of Newland, with the community, noting that a number of those tanks are also in the seats of Morialta and Wright, so it is not just the residents of Newland they were out of touch with. It also shows the strength of that taking away of the extreme pressure on residents, and how important it was for residents who had been on this system for upwards of 40 years to be converted onto the new system.

A lot of work has been underway. BTR are the contractors at the moment and they have been doing a wonderful job as well. There are of course always bumps along the road. This is an enormous project, but I am happy to announce we have actually completed a suburb, which is

incredibly exciting for those of us—me and probably one or two others on this earth—who are obsessed with the CWMS. It was a really big milestone for us, for the community. I can see firsthand. I have neighbours, friends, colleagues, lots of people I know on the CWMS, and I have been watching those transitions closely and been really impressed by the work that has been going on.

We made all those residents SA Water customers for their sewerage services no matter the stage of the transition plan they are in, which means that some residents who, under the former government's plan, would have had to wait until they were physically transitioned to have that cost saving, which might be five or six years, to have been able to save it up-front even before the physical transition occurs.

They are also not paying any remediation costs under our plan, which has been amazing. There is a lot of work that needs to be done to driveways, backyards and the like. We also have a dedicated customer service line for the CWMS, which is fantastic. It provides clear information and time frames to residents. We held a CWMS forum right before the transition in July last year. The Premier and the Minister for Water came out, and the member for Wright was there as well. About 150 people came along with questions, but mostly they were there to say thank you, 'Thank you for listening to us.'

There were years of advocacy from, particularly, the CWMS action group, and it would be remiss of me not to mention the work of Rose Morton and Adla Mattiske leading that group and the other hundreds of members of the group. People came out to say thank you for the project that has been affecting their lives for a very long time. I am really happy that that is going on, and I am very proud of the commitments and looking forward to continued developments and works in Newland for my 25,000 or so neighbours.

S.E. ANDREWS (Gibson) (16:30): I rise to indicate my support for the Supply Bill presently before the house, this bill to allow the continued provision of our public services in South Australia, including the salaries of public servants, while the state budget process is underway. I would like to start by acknowledging what a historic few months it has been for our state so far this year—most importantly, our first Aboriginal Voice to any Australian parliament occurring here in South Australia on a Sunday in front of thousands of South Australians. I must say in my time in parliament to date that I have never felt prouder than to vote in support of that piece of legislation. I acknowledge we stand here on stolen Kaurna land and sovereignty was never ceded.

In addition, we have seen the hugely successful AFL Gather Round, with the mighty Power winning. I must say the impact of that event has not receded. You did not need to go to one of those many football matches in order to feel the impact on our state. People right across Gibson are still talking about it. They feel proud about South Australia, and it is a feeling that has swept over our state. People are really feeling good about this government. I must say all kinds of people are still talking about it. I was lucky enough to have the Premier attend a street-corner meeting in Brighton last Saturday. People came along just to say thank you. I think that says a lot—because it was raining heavily.

Of note also, we had the always wonderful WOMADelaide. It was fabulous to have it back in its full capacity with international acts returning to Adelaide. The venue was absolutely pumping. Florence and the Machine drew the most extraordinary crowds. I could not even walk 10 metres to get closer with my nephew. It was fabulous to have Youssou N'Dour, who is a regular at WOMAD, back to close the event.

We also had record crowds at the Fringe and Adelaide Festival. As a lover of the arts, it was just an amazing opportunity to have our eyes opened, think about the world in another way, have our ideas challenged and just have a great sense of fun. Of course, when we attended those events we took the opportunity to meet with friends at bars, go out for dinner, spend in our local community and feel good about what South Australia can offer.

This is back on the return last year of the Adelaide 500, an event this government fought really hard to return to our state. We did in record time and, gosh, we pulled it off in a really professional manner. I must say I am really proud to have that back on the calendar as well. It has been a great time to be in South Australia. Our city has been pumping and the Malinauskas Labor government is delivering for all South Australians.

Last year, I stood here and spoke about our election commitments to the people of South Australia. They were bold and ambitious and could only be delivered by the members on this side of the house. Have we broken our promises, as the opposition claim as they debate fringe issues, embrace the far right and as the member for Black continues to be ignored by his party? Absolutely not. We have delivered more than half of our commitments already and, like a Kyle Chalmers 50-metre freestyle, we are delivering in record time.

In health, we are supporting our nurses and doctors at Flinders Medical Centre and the Repat General Hospital by delivering long-overdue salary increases, discounted hospital car parking, free access to public transport and doubling the nurse graduate recruitment, from 600 to 1,200, plus much more. Our healthcare professionals are valued and not subject to cruel cuts like those made by those opposite.

Twenty-six new beds have already been delivered at Flinders Medical Centre and have provided much-needed capacity to the hospital system. This is not the end, with more new beds coming to Flinders and also to Noarlunga Hospital, which will take further pressure off Flinders. Thirty-two new paramedics have hit the streets of the inner south, including 16 at Marion and another 16 in neighbouring Edwardstown. These are just some of the more than 120 extra paramedics delivered so far, a commitment that will get an ambulance to you when you really need it.

We are also allowing pharmacies to deliver 10 more vaccines in South Australia, which makes South Australia's pharmacist-administered vaccination scheme the most extensive in the nation and will help alleviate pressure on our GPs. We know how tough it is to access a GP appointment, as the former federal government damaged our Medicare system.

As a state government, we are delivering road upgrades all around our southern suburbs in partnership with the Albanese Labor government. We have the Majors Road on/off ramps, the resurfacing of a significant section of South Road before the Torrens to Darlington works commence and the removal of the Marion Road and Cross Road tram level crossing. The Majors Road on/off ramps will have a significant impact on my community, one that has been called for for many years now. It will reduce the congestion on Brighton Road as traffic will instead choose to travel along the north-south corridor.

The member for Black, who loved or hated the Majors Road upgrade—I do not know—was quick in opposition to scaremonger about the environmental impact on Glenthorne National Park. In fact, the Labor plan will see no impact on this national park. On South Road, we now have a workable plan for the north-south corridor in consultation with the community, unlike the Liberals who tried to keep their plan secret.

I would like to acknowledge the member for Badcoe, who has been advocating for the removal of the Marion Road and Cross Road tram level crossing since 2017. She is a hard worker. It is a project that the Liberals did not value and another example of them not listening to their community. This new tram overpass will lift the tram above the roads and allow smooth passage for all, finally eliminating the extraordinary amount of time you can sit in a car, waiting to cross that intersection.

Locally, in partnership with my community, I have been able to deliver two Keep Clear areas at the Seacombe Road-Diagonal Road and Diagonal Road-Pemberton Street intersections, with new line markings at the intersection of Sturt Road and Diagonal Road and at Brighton Road and Addison Road. These are all commitments that have been delivered by me through consultation with the community. They are ideas that come to me when I am out doorknocking and having street-corner meetings, ideas that we can deliver on for the people of Gibson.

I have also advocated for road safety improvements that will be delivered by the City of Holdfast Bay and the City of Marion. All these projects are delivered because I am listening to my community. Speaking of the City of Marion, I am pleased to report that the new self-cleaning toilet block at Ballara Park Reserve has arrived. The toilet, which was one of my election commitments, will be very welcomed by the high number of young families who use the park, particularly because it is adjacent to a kindergarten. Those of you who have cared for young children know that it is always convenient to have a toilet close by, particularly a clean and safe toilet. This is a good win for the community, particularly for the people of Warradale.

More good news for Warradale is that, after total inaction by the previous government and the member for Morialta, I was delighted earlier this year to announce that, following my advocacy for Warradale Primary School, the Minister for Education agreed to allocate additional funding to allow the Warradale Primary School capital works project to finally be completed.

Brighton Secondary School also recently benefited from my advocacy when their volleyball teams were having administrative issues in attending the Volleyball Schools Cup on the Gold Coast. After speaking with multiple parents, I was more than happy to speak on their behalf to the minister to resolve the situation and have them fly up to the Gold Coast for the competition.

I know that parents and also many grandparents across Gibson are really excited by the Malinauskas Labor government's mobile phone ban in high schools—a long-overdue decision that will have an impact on reducing school violence and bullying and, importantly, improve student interaction and the quality of learning.

Already we can see, particularly in school breaks at recess and lunch, children not being on their phones and actually interacting face to face. They are actually benefiting themselves and enjoying each other's company and interacting again. I was really proud to stand with the minister, the Hon. Blair Boyer, when he made the announcement at Seaview High School, and I have received so much positive feedback from the community and teachers.

Housing and rental affordability are at an all-time low with the number of families experiencing mortgage stress and unable to find a property to rent at very high levels. I mentioned in detail earlier this week in relation to the residential tenancies bill that the Labor government is making changes to assist renters. I know from the constituents contacting my office that the housing situation is critical in our state with the number of people seeking assistance due to the financial pressures increasing—people who are working but who cannot find a suitable rental property, people whose children are having to sleep on the floor, and the increasing number of people living rough.

I know, as do my colleagues, that this cannot continue, which is why we have provided practical assistance to South Australians, having refunded services that assist those who are homeless, or victims of domestic and family violence, which were cruelly cut by those opposite, such as at Catherine House and the Hutt St Centre. Additionally, our government, rather than selling public housing to investors, is investing in new public housing and releasing land to increase the supply of residential properties to put downward pressure on home prices and rents.

The Malinauskas Labor government has released the A Better Housing Future plan, which included stopping the sale of 580 public housing properties. Stopping the sell-off proposed by the Liberal Party is essential and the right thing to do. Only the member for Black and his colleagues would want to sell off public housing in a housing crisis. The retention of these properties alongside construction of 564 new homes will mean 1,144 additional public homes in South Australia than would otherwise be the case.

The South Australian Housing Authority is also undertaking major renovations to 350 homes to make them livable again and updating 3,000 more as part of a maintenance blitz, further delivering on key election commitments—Labor delivering for South Australia. I would like to note particularly the new affordable homes that are coming in Seacombe Gardens and more public housing coming in Brighton.

We know that South Australians are struggling due to not only housing at the moment but also due to the ever-increasing cost of living. To assist those in need, we have doubled the Cost of Living Concession. To assist seniors, we have delivered free public transport all day every day of the year and, to assist families, we have reduced the school materials fee for all public school students by \$100.

My constituents and I are waiting with anticipation for the release of the planning review by Minister Champion. My community is concerned about the increase and loss of our urban canopy as infill development sees the loss of trees across my electorate. We know that this has led to temperature increases and habitat loss, of course contributing to climate change. You can feel it when you are doorknocking. Where there are high levels of urban infill, you can literally feel the temperature change in the streets.

This Labor government has already made commitments to ensure that future developments provide a minimum of one off-street car park for every dwelling and two car parks for dwellings with two or more bedrooms. The pressure of urban infill impacts our streets and our neighbourhoods, making urban infill synonymous with congestion and inconvenience. We need urban infill to meet the demands of our growing populations, but development must not compete with community: it must serve our community.

We also need to make sure that developments are appropriate. Not every site is the right place for intensive residential development—a petrol station, a big box retail development or a motor vehicle showroom—particularly if such developments may see the loss of significant trees, damage our biodiversity or harm our natural water supply.

Another review that my community is following and interested in is the changes to the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act, particularly in relation to shopping trolleys and dumping. This is particularly of note given Marion shopping centre sits firmly in the middle of my electorate, and multiple shops there have trolleys available for customers. On an average day, I can locate up to 40 dumped trolleys within 50 metres of my office. It is an absolute eyesore and something that needs to be removed from our parks, rivers and pathways.

The state government has stopped paid parking at Tea Tree Plaza after a fabulous campaign and made parking free at Westfield West Lakes. Sadly, Westfield did not get the message and are now trying once again to impose paid parking at Marion shopping centre. This is something that has absolutely lit up my community. The communication I am receiving against the introduction of paid parking has just been remarkable. My community are angry about this, with hundreds signing petitions, joining me in campaigning against the proposed change and writing and calling my office.

This will be bad for retail workers, bad for shoppers and bad for the small and large businesses that occupy the Marion shopping centre. Shoppers will vote with their feet and their wallets. Whilst other local centres may benefit, the retail and hospitality workers from my electorate will lose their jobs as shops close. I call on Westfield to put workers, shoppers and businesses first and drop this proposal.

In addition, our government has repealed the electric vehicle tax introduced by the environmental vandals opposite, including the member for Black, who capitulated to the Eastern States with regard to our environmental water allocation in the River Murray—water that has still not been delivered.

There are many in my community who are really happy with the reversal of the tax for electric vehicles. It was something that was discussed with me at length during the campaign whilst I was doorknocking. Furthermore, our government is currently consulting the community on appropriate legislation for e-scooters and other personal mobility devices, which is of great interest to a number of others in my community. If community members are interested, please go to the YourSAy website.

Another exciting development in relation to transport in my electorate is in relation to our trains and trams. Soon, as promised, the trains stopping at Brighton, Hove, Warradale, Oaklands and Marion will come back into public hands, where they belong. I remember campaigning against this privatisation because, like most South Australians, I knew that this was a bad decision, an expensive decision and one that reduced the quality of services to our community.

During that campaign, I stood on the steps of Parliament House when the member for Croydon, now our Premier, declared that this government would return them to public hands. That is once again another election commitment that we are delivering on and one that is still raised with me in my community that they are very pleased to see progressing.

I congratulate the Minister for Transport, the member for West Torrens, who has been making this a priority for delivery and, importantly, with no financial cost to the taxpayer, despite dire predictions from those opposite. It is another example where the Malinauskas Labor government is delivering for South Australians, while the Liberal Party battle internally over, and I quote from one of their potential candidates, 'niche cultural wars'.

Before I finish, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our surf lifesavers for their work this past summer. It is always great to visit my local clubs at Brighton and Somerton Park and just

say hello when I am along the beach. They sacrifice their weekends with their families to protect our community, and we are all grateful for that. Whether it is patrolling the beaches, performing rescues or administering first aid, they are always there between the flags. The Malinauskas Labor government granted every lifesaving club \$5,000 to assist with this work. Whilst I am speaking about the sea, I must mention the Malinauskas Labor government is reviewing the speed limits on beaches, which I know is a concern for many in southern Adelaide.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the workers at our Service SA centres. With my office just above the one at Marion, I can see how constantly busy they are. In order to relieve some of that pressure and provide a better service to our community, I am really happy to say that from this Saturday 6 May our Service SA centre at Marion will be open nine to five every Saturday. It is really difficult for some people to get to a Service SA office Monday to Friday with work and family commitments, so this is another opportunity to provide a service to our community and one I am very happy this government is delivering on.

Additionally, I would like to thank all the residents I have met at my mobile offices, my community forums, my community catch-ups with ministers and out doorknocking. They have provided me with the ideas and the suggestions to improve our community, and I am proud to work alongside them to deliver for Gibson.

Mr FULBROOK (Playford) (16:50): I rise to speak in support of the Supply Bill and with it reflect on a recent situation that affected me and my family. While I know this is my story, it could just as easily be the story of someone within my electorate or perhaps someone within the state. I know this will be emotional, so I have taken the steps to write this speech down in full to ensure I do not stray and will hopefully get to the point.

12 March this year will unfortunately stick in my mind for the rest of my life, for it was the day I lost my best friend, my dad, who was also called John Fulbrook. Having the opportunity to pay tribute to a good man is a privilege that is not afforded to many, and while I could talk about why I loved him for hours, such an indulgence does not seem right when it is not afforded to others who also have to suffer similar fates. Instead, I raise this matter as an opportunity to pay tribute to the wonderful public servants who were there to assist my family on this sad occasion. I do this because this bill, amongst a number of things, aims to keep our great state functioning by funding the services that we all value most.

Dad was 85, had a great life and put in a good innings. If there is such thing as an afterlife, he would be happy with the way he left the world. There was no pain, it was quick and he was surrounded by those he loved. I am sure the judges would have given him a perfect 10. Back in the reality of those around him, recent times have been exceptionally tough. In saying what I have to say next, I want it on record that I do so with the full blessing of my mum, Elizabeth.

Setting the scene, Dad's last few hours were at my house in Parafield Gardens. We had just had a barbecue for tea, and we had also been joined by my sister and her family. Dad needed some help going to the toilet, which, not to sugar-coat, is pretty ordinary for 85 year olds. I had stepped outside when I heard my mum frantically calling for me and my brother-in-law, Stuart. The two of us ran to my bathroom to find my dad slumped in my mum's arms and a clear request to call an ambulance.

I did this, while Stuart, who is a nurse, took instruction over the phone from the operator. In all the commotion, I can remember succinct details being passed on from a highly trained operator, who also did what was needed to get the ambulance crews to my house promptly. She assumed nothing, knew exactly what to do and in those short minutes was of extreme value. I am very fortunate that the Parafield ambulance station is close to my house, but I do not exaggerate when I say that the three ambulances that attended my house were there in less than two minutes.

It has taken me a while to get to this main point, but what happened next is the key reason why I speak on this matter today. I hope I can be forgiven for at times being a little bit sketchy, but I would say the three ambulances led to at least six ambulance officers swiftly entering my house and giving my dad their very best. These were all young women who seemed no older than 30. Clearly, I am no expert in the medical field, but those around me will attest they did everything they could and their efforts were absolutely flawless.

While I wish I knew the names of all who were there, I can only do this for Hannah, who was the senior officer who spoke to us to keep us informed on what was happening. Never did we feel out in the cold. Hannah kept us informed every step of the way and did so in a manner that was gentle, professional and clearly empathetic of the terrible circumstances that were unfolding around us.

I have pondered a lot following that evening, but one of the things I could not help notice was how young these officers were. Working in environments where human emotion is at extreme levels, these officers displayed not only resilience but a beautiful side of humanity we are not often privileged enough to see. In my eyes, the world around me was falling apart, yet they maintained their composure, never panicking and serving as a guiding path as our own senses began to waver.

It is hard to describe how brilliant they were. I do not wish to upset anyone, but the closest way I could describe their abilities would be to suggest that these amazing people were older than their years. Gradually, the dawn of a new reality set in as it became very clear that, despite giving my dad every chance to survive, this was the moment we knew he was no longer with us. For reasons I cannot fully explain, three ambulance crews rightfully became one while Hannah and some of her colleagues remained at the front of my driveway.

Obviously, we all took our moments to cry, but at some point I found it within me to go and chat to her. I explained what I did for a living and how grateful we were as a family to have her help and that of her outstanding colleagues. She explained she had just come on shift, and it later dawned on me the random nature of what they must endure as officers working for the South Australian Ambulance Service.

As a family, I know we did everything we could to make the task of that evening easy for Hannah and her team, but in my eyes it must be up there with the hardest of jobs to deal with a family that had just lost a loved one. Sometime that evening I said to mum that there must be some strange kind of relief for these wonderful people when they have been assigned to attend something you could describe as recoverable, like a broken leg. I hope that, when you factor in that even a broken limb is distressing, I am painting a picture for you all on how strong these people must be.

To Hannah and your colleagues, not everyone gets the same privilege I do to publicly say thanks, but knowing how well you worked that night I am certain the majority of those you serve would all like to. I therefore feel that it is incumbent on me to also pass on thanks from all the other people who have seen similar events unfold around them. I am sorry I cannot remember the names of your colleagues but, given how professional you were that evening, I feel you would understand. You all did so well, which makes me feel that if your friends and family could have seen you in action I am confident they would all be very proud of you.

Unfortunately, when a family member dies the Ambulance Service cannot be a one-stop shop. While I would have loved nothing more than not to have seen the father I loved on my kitchen floor for a number of hours with a pipe stuck in his mouth, the distress of the circumstances was made all the more easier by two SAPOL officers who attended my house soon after. I know this is not a pretty picture, but it is life, and I am doing my best to recount this in such a way that it is useful for us as servants of the public to know.

What I have failed to mention up until this point is that throughout this period two little boys were present, one my seven-year-old son, Julian, and the other his nine-year-old cousin, Toby. Their eyes were spared some of the unpleasantness, but there was no denying they were present when their grandfather died. I am not exactly sure what these SAPOL officers said to these two, but it was special, carefully thought out and made a huge difference to them in coping with events. I must have been busy on something else at the time, but my mum made it very clear that these officers knew exactly how to speak the language two grief-stricken little boys needed to understand.

We do not ever really talk about what training our police are subjected to, but for them to handle the situation in the manner they did it is clear it must be outstanding. Again, I would love to know their names so I could thank them personally and, as with our ambulance officers, I would also like to extend my thanks to those working behind the scenes who help make these public servants exceptional people.

Comforting children was only part of how we were helped that night. Unfortunately, dad's body could not be moved without clearance, which at around 10pm on a Sunday evening of a long weekend they moved heaven and earth to sort. This involved making numerous calls to my parents' GP as well as the undertaker and countless other efforts that we clearly did not see. We did not have to do any of the heavy lifting; they just helped to comfort us and allowed us to focus on each other.

It was their persistence, quick thinking and diligence that ensured the body could be moved within a few hours of their arrival. This was deeply appreciated, particularly by my mum, and helped ensure the experience was not prolonged any longer than it needed to be. While I did not get the names of the two officers, I was fortunate to recently speak to Superintendent Guy Buckley, the officer in charge of operations in the north.

This gave me the opportunity to express not only my appreciation for the professionalism we encountered that sad evening but also how grateful we were for the comfort and care they gave to all involved. It seemed that Superintendent Buckley was very proud of his officers. To repeat the point I made about the Ambulance Service, if their friends and family were present to see how these officers performed that evening, I have no doubt they would also be so deeply proud of them.

I can appreciate that this is a story not everyone wants to hear, but I have done this deliberately to reinforce the importance of why the Supply Bill must be passed. As South Australians, we place high standards on both ourselves and the services we receive; it seems to be ingrained. There is always room for improvement, but when sad moments like these happen it is time to take stock and realise just how lucky we are.

As I fought back tears that night, through my eyes I saw the best of what our Public Service has to offer. None of us accept complacency, but we should also realise and accept that we are privileged to have amazing people working to serve the public. They do this against all odds, yet they continue to shine. They do not just excel as exemplary workers: they also shine as outstanding human beings.

While noting that the ambulance and SAPOL officers form part of two exceptional teams, it is not just those on the frontline who are doing amazing things. I reflect on the amazing training on display that evening as well from those at call and dispatch centres, bringing these fantastic people to where they were needed. While everyone who helped us that evening shone, this could never have happened had officers at the Police Academy or the ambulance training centre at Parafield not also been exemplary before the event.

It has been many years since I visited the Police Academy, but I did visit the ambulance training facilities in Parafield last year with the Hon. Justin Hanson from the other place. We were able to lobby the Minister for Health on making a few improvements to the centre as a result of the visit, so maybe on that occasion we paid it forward. While emotionally I am shattered by the events I describe, the opportunity to comment on the Supply Bill has given me a chance to express thanks.

This bill is used to keep vital public services afloat and so, in showing my appreciation, I make the key argument—hopefully, a compelling one—that we are getting exceptional value for our money. In times of need, we have the best working for us, and as both a parliament and a community we should be nothing short of grateful. I know my family is and, given what we saw, we all no doubt consider ourselves to be the lucky ones.

I do have a bit more time to speak but, truth be known, they have not made up a word yet to fully sum up my appreciation for them all. Needless to say, we have exceptional people working for us. They are worth every cent and, with this in mind, I am very happy to commend this bill to the house.

The Hon. A. MICHAELS (Enfield—Minister for Small and Family Business, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, Minister for Arts) (17:03): I rise today to speak in support of the Supply Bill 2023. As you are aware, Mr Acting Speaker, the Malinauskas government was elected on the basis of a strong vision for South Australia. This bill will enable the government to keep moving forward to deliver on that vision. Every one of our ministers has been working to fulfil our election commitments as we work towards achieving our goals for a better South Australia, and across my

three portfolios I have achieved the majority of my election commitments and commenced a number of additional initiatives.

One of my key election commitments was to roll out the Women in Business program. We committed \$4 million over four years to this initiative, and I am pleased to advise that I launched the Women in Business program to a packed audience of more than 300 people in November last year. This program is tailored to the specific challenges women face in starting, running and growing their businesses. The program is going to work to increase access to greater amounts of capital, promote growth and secure more jobs for current and future generations of South Australian workers.

For the Foundations Program, we have partnered with the Adelaide Business Hub, where more than 400 women have already registered for this program, which has exceeded our expectations and reinforced the need for programs like this. These female business owners are being provided with four hours of one-on-one mentoring from experts, participating in online workshops and attending in-person networking events, as well as being provided with access to a range of toolkits and effective business tips to help them.

We are also working with Behind Closed Doors to deliver the advisory program helping established businesses take the next step in growing their businesses. We have 38 women already participating in workshops and receiving tailored mentoring through that program. These female business leaders hail from a wide range of industries, including mining, finance, health, real estate, food and wine, manufacturing, and professional services. The advisory program is designed to provide these women with skills to manage their growth, seek out capital and access new markets.

On top of that, the Port Adelaide Football Club has joined with us to deliver the HERstory: Business Collective. This connects women in business who are passionate about their professional and personal growth and who are generous in spirit and in sharing their knowledge to empower each other. The Port Adelaide Football Club is delivering the Collective Conversations on the Couch, which is a business networking event that is going to present inspiring women across leadership, small business and the corporate environment.

We also have the Female Founder Connect Lunch and Learn series, and we hosted the first one last week. These are going to be hosted and facilitated by experienced female business owners, who will enable participating business owners to ask questions and seek input from those more experienced to help them grow and build their businesses. As I said, the first one last week had a legal focus, which was quite useful. These are just the beginning. This is our first financial year of rolling it out, and we are working closely with the Office for Small and Family Business to deliver on the partnerships that will roll out through to 2026 as well.

One of the first steps I took when I was sworn in was to work on establishing the Office for Small and Family Business. I did that because, as a former business owner and a business adviser, I knew how hard it was to access information from state government. Small business owners are time poor. They do not have time to waste trawling through endless websites looking for information, so I established the Office for Small and Family Business to be that central port of call for small businesses. It is a destination enabling businesses to easily access resources, programs and tailored assistance in one place, as well as being that conduit to other departments in other areas of government small businesses need to access.

The OSFB collaborates with service providers to curate an ever-evolving suite of resources and programs for small businesses across all industries and across all regions in South Australia. Program services and resources are available for when business owners are looking to start a new business, grow an existing business, perhaps improve their resilience and sustainability, look at their corporate governance or when times are getting tough. I established this because we on this side of the chamber believe in small business and know that it is essential to the economic security of our state. We are a small business state. If anyone is listening to this right now and wants any information, it is business.sa.gov.au.

When I set up the Office for Small and Family Business, I instructed the office to undertake an engagement program. It has been the most comprehensive and intensive engagement program with small business that, as far as anyone has been able to tell me, the state government has ever undertaken. There was an online survey, where we got over 1,000 responses. We also had 22 round

tables with small businesses across industry sectors and across CBD, metro and regional South Australia. We had in-depth interviews with 20 industry associations and various experts and other key stakeholders, and I want to thank all those people who were involved in that consultation.

There is a report out on what we found from that consultation, and we are using those responses to build our small business strategy, which I am looking forward to releasing in the next couple of months. We are designing the strategy for the benefit of the small business community to help drive job creation, build our economy and, really importantly, futureproof our small businesses so they can keep being the foundation of our community.

As the arts minister, I am proud of what we have achieved in the arts, cultural and creative industry sector. You will have seen, Mr Acting Speaker, the fanfare when Adelaide Fringe achieved its record number of ticket sales, hitting over one million tickets sold for the 2023 Adelaide Fringe. That was the first festival around Australia to ever sell over a million tickets, which was fantastic.

We know March is traditionally known as Mad March, with the Adelaide Festival and the Adelaide Fringe taking over the city and spreading into our suburbs and our regional centres as well. Our festivals were really hard hit by COVID and we committed to supporting the South Australian arts ecosystem going into the election. We committed to increasing funding to the Adelaide Fringe by \$8 million over four years to ensure it could rebound successfully from COVID, and it has indeed done that.

This year's Fringe was an unforgettable event, with over 1,200 shows being programmed at over 500 venues across the state. There was something for everyone and it was so pleasing to see the success reflected in the overall ticket sales. It sold 1,000,916 tickets to be precise, smashing the previous record set in 2020. A portion of the additional funding enabled the Fringe to increase its marketing of the festival interstate, and that of course brought more visitors to South Australia and more spending into South Australia, which was fantastic for hospitality, retail and our tourism operators as well. It was a win for all in South Australia and a fantastic success story.

More broadly than the Adelaide Fringe in South Australia, we value the arts and recognise their important contribution to our broader society. That is why we increased funding in the arts and creative sector, including an additional \$2 million per year to boost arts grants. The Arts Organisation Program grants were increased by \$1 million per year to ensure that our arts organisations were able to receive greater levels of support to put on new creative work.

Another \$1 million a year was allocated to the Arts and Culture Grants Program, increasing funding to the sector. Of that, \$200,000 went to Country Arts to boost grants available to our South Australian regions and support our arts and creatives who live outside the Adelaide metropolitan area. There was \$50,000 provided to Carclew to boost arts grants for young and emerging artists as well. The first of those funds were made available in October 2022 and the projects are commencing and have commenced this year.

Of course, Adelaide comes alive over the entire 12 months with festivals and events and we want to make sure we are continuing to attract people to South Australia. One of the things that will help with that is the Adelaide Film Festival that has now been annualised. We had the last biennial Film Festival in October last year. We would not normally have expected one until October 2024, but we have our next Adelaide Film Festival only five months away. Planning is well underway and it will be an exciting year to have our first annualised event. That is just one of the ways that we are supporting South Australian filmmakers in this state.

We also have the See It LIVE program, which we have been rolling out quite successfully. It was a \$10 million election commitment focused on getting musicians back on stage doing what they do best with a range of support programs for live music and hospitality venues, promoters and more. There was an allocation of \$1.25 million to the Event Grants, supporting small music events, mid-tier venues and larger music festivals. That helped contribute to Vintage Vibes at Tomich Wines recently, July's Beer and BBQ Festival is a recipient, and Myponga Music Festival will celebrate their historic event that goes back to 1971.

The \$5,000 Venue Improvement Grants helped South Australian venues such as Enigma Bar to upgrade existing venues to better cater for live music performances. That \$1 million program

was fully subscribed very quickly. We are also continuing to roll out our See It LIVE e-voucher program, which has been well utilised, providing venues like Rhino Room on Pirie Street and non-traditional live music venues such as Mount Gambier Bowls Club with funding to pay for artists to perform live music.

We saw the result of COVID impacting on people's mental health, and that is why we also provided \$250,000 to the not-for-profit association Support Act that provides mental health to people in the arts sector. Live music also came back to the Royal Show. For the first time in 20 years, we had a \$500,000 grant going to the show that helped 496 individual artists perform in front of packed audiences when the Royal Show came back after an unprecedented break of three years.

The See it LIVE package has been a huge boost for the South Australian live music industry across the state. Now is not the time to stop supporting live music, which is why we have set up the Premier's Live Music Advisory Council. The Premier and I will make good use of that council, being provided with information and advice on how we can ensure music provides a viable career path for our young South Australians.

The council will meet for the first time shortly, and I look forward to working with its members to make sure we solidify South Australia's position as Australia's only UNESCO City of Music. Arts and culture in South Australia is in a strong position, and it is contributing to making South Australia a destination of choice for young people and professionals as we look to deal with skills shortages.

As Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, I have implemented a review into the Residential Tenancies Act. As a result, we have the Residential Tenancies (Protection of Prospective Tenants) Amendment Bill before this parliament. Also as part of the review we have made changes to bond thresholds, saving renters up to \$1,600 up-front in their bonds. That started on 1 April, and we know that at least \$1.3 million has potentially been saved for renters in that first month.

We know that broader reform is required of the Residential Tenancies Act. We have looked at and will come back to this parliament with recommendations on improvements in dealing with renting with pets, no-cause eviction, housing standards, safety modifications that tenants need to make, or minor changes to property. Rooming houses and sharing accommodation are being looked at. Support for renters experiencing domestic violence is an important area that we are looking at, as are water bills and payment requirements for tenants. There are a few areas that we will be coming out and consulting on more broadly in the next little while.

I also want to talk about the Enfield electorate and take this opportunity to tell this place how this government is working with and for my local community. Since the state election we have been getting on with the task of delivering a range of local projects that were developed in consultation with my local community. When I was first elected, the most common issue that was raised to me by my constituents was the lack of public transport in Lightsvue.

I have been fighting for four years to get better bus services to residents of Lightsvue and Northgate. In December 2021, I started a petition calling on the former Liberal government to improve public transport. That was signed by more than 700 residents. As a result of that petition, I was able to secure a commitment to improve public transport going into the election. I am pleased to say that the 206 bus service will become a Go Zone from 23 July this year.

We have three new electric hybrid buses being commissioned, resulting in 15-minute services on weekdays from 7.30am to 7pm, and then half-hourly services from 7pm until midnight. On weekends, services will operate every 30 minutes from 7am until midnight on Saturdays and 8.30am until midnight on Sundays. That, together with the free public transport for seniors at all times, is a great initiative that I am really proud of to support our seniors.

In terms of supporting women in sport, in my local area we have committed \$750,000. That has been provided for the construction of female change rooms at the Duncan Fraser Reserve and another \$750,000 at the Blair Athol Reserve. The upgrade to the Duncan Fraser Reserve is going to provide a much-needed boost to the Gepps Cross Football Club and the Gepps Cross Cricket Club. Both these clubs have seen a huge increase in interest and participation from women looking to be involved in football and cricket in recent years.

The upgrade to the Blair Athol Reserve will be a huge benefit for the Kilburn Football and Cricket Club. In addition to providing the female change rooms, it will help develop strong teams for the Kilburn Football and Cricket Club as well.

One of the main problem intersections in my electorate is the Main North Road-Regency Road intersection. More than 70,000 vehicles use that intersection every day, with travellers going through from the CBD to the north. What we have done is undertake a traffic management study, which is going through the process at the moment. We received a significant amount of feedback at several engagement sessions, including one I hosted at Northpark Shopping Centre as part of the election commitment.

What people want to see is improved traffic flow, reduced waiting times for motorists, a significant improvement in pedestrian safety and better access to local businesses that sit either side of that Main North Road intersection. I look forward to being able to review the findings in due course and seeing those implemented to ensure better outcomes for our community at that intersection.

We have also honoured the commitment to fund the expansion of Roma Mitchell Secondary College in my electorate. The state government will invest \$21 million to increase capacity for an extra 300 students at that school. This will ensure that the increasingly popular school can continue to accept students, under the guidance of Toni Carellas, the college's excellent principal.

We also have a local men's shed, the Regency Community Men's Shed, and that has received \$10,000 that was part of the election commitment to upgrade their facilities. This is part of an election commitment to support men's health, which had a grant pool of \$1 million across 85 men's sheds in South Australia.

One of the newer parts of my electorate is Walkley Heights. As we were going out and consulting with those members of the electorate before the election, there was significant concern about the condition of open spaces, particularly the RM Williams Drive Reserve. I was able to secure a \$125,000 commitment to help the City of Salisbury upgrade that reserve. These funds are going to contribute to upgrading play equipment and improved access to the space. I am advised that the council has commenced construction work and that it is due to be completed by June this year.

I am very grateful to be able to represent my community in this place and to advocate strongly for measures that improve my local electorate, and also to roll out our election commitments in my particular portfolio areas of the arts, small and family business, and consumer and business affairs. With that, I commend the Supply Bill to the house.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (17:22): I rise today to speak in support of the Supply Bill 2023. This provides a fantastic opportunity to reflect on what an incredible 12 months it has been, as the state has reopened and begun to recover, both economically and socially, from the pandemic. I am proud to serve as the Minister for Tourism and Multicultural Affairs as part of the progressive and energised Malinauskas Labor government. It is a government that has hit the ground running with an exciting agenda and a dedication to fulfilling our election commitments and supporting South Australian businesses and communities to recover as we emerge.

There is undoubtedly a feeling of positivity and renewed energy in South Australia right now as we proudly showcase our great state on the world stage via an expanded and upgraded events program. Events not only stimulate local economic activity but serve a broader purpose of marketing and promoting our state as a premier destination for study, work, travel and investment. Of course, we are participating in a highly competitive global market, so we need to stand out.

It is the role of a strong, forward-thinking government to strategically invest in opportunities that will promote our great state to a global audience, whether it be the return of the VALO Adelaide 500 to our city streets; the sold-out coup of Gather Round that brought first-time visitors to South Australia from around the country; music festivals, such as the brand-new Harvest Rock; or the well-established WOMADelaide.

The Adelaide Equestrian Festival, back for the first time in three years, had Olympic medallists competing in our beautiful Parklands. We have often talked about the new addition of LIV

Golf, so our state is enjoying the benefits that flow from our government's focus to make South Australia a destination of choice.

COVID-19 had a devastating impact on our tourism and our hospitality sectors. For context, pre-COVID expenditure in the visitor economy reached a record high of \$8.1 billion for the year end December 2019. By the year end of March 2021 this had fallen to a low of \$4.4 billion. The impact to local businesses both in our cities and our regions was devastating, but more devastating was the uncertainty of what lay ahead, and that road to recovery was very unclear, but recover we have despite the challenges of once in 100-year floods in our river regions and what remains an unsteady global economy.

Latest detailed results from Tourism Research Australia for the year ending December 2022 show that expenditure in the visitor economy reached a record high of \$8.3 billion, up 3 per cent from the pre-COVID high, so we surpassed our pre-COVID levels. Our visitor economy has seen a strong resurgence from March 2022 with nine of the next 10 months to January 2023 exceeding pre-COVID levels. This growth has been driven by the voucher program, the festival season, the opening of interstate and international borders, our strong events calendar and the start of the convention season.

Our Adelaide accommodation data reflects a similar recovery, with occupancy well above 2020 and 2021. The highlight, which I got to announce just this week, of course, has been March 2023, the best month on record for hotel occupancy. Mad March saw more hotel rooms booked than in any other month before it, creating an all-time high of more than \$60 million in revenue for the month. Regional hotel occupancy has also been strong. Since the start of the pandemic 23 of the 36 months have registered results above pre-COVID levels driven by the strong intrastate visitation and the recovery of the interstate market. Latest results for regional hotels saw occupancy of 69 per cent in March 2023.

Our work for the river recovery has also been taking place over this period. On 27 February this year, the state government announced details of the \$4.6 million river recovery plan, including the Rise Up for our River marketing campaign and the River Revival Voucher program. More than 25,000 vouchers will be released over three rounds this year, with round 1 launched on 13 March. With values of \$50, \$100 and \$200, the vouchers can be used for experiences and accommodation in the Riverland and Murray River, Lakes and Coorong regions.

In rounds 2 and 3, a \$750 houseboat voucher will be introduced allowing South Australians to plan an iconic houseboat holiday in the winter and spring periods when most of the houseboats are expected to be fully operational again. The booking period for round 1 has now closed, and we know it has already driven \$1.8 million in bookings from that voucher. That is an incredible impact on just two tourism regions here. They need our support, they need our focus, but the voucher system has delivered incredibly well.

This number alone tells us there is an immediate and significant boost to business. The program is working to get more visitors and expenditure into the regions. This support package was formulated after direct input from operators within the region at a forum hosted by me, the South Australian Tourism commission, and also the Tourism Industry Council of South Australia was heavily involved.

We also announced an additional \$500,000 to provide for a further round targeted towards business that are still to reopen, such as affected areas of the Mid Murray Council region. The marketing campaign showcases iconic river locations, highlights tourism operators along the river and calls on South Australians to throw their support and dollars to impacted new river communities. On-the-ground feedback from local operators are telling us the vouchers have been very helpful, with hundreds of accommodation bookings at Blanchetown, Berri and Waikerie reported.

Prior to the flooding event in late December 2022, tourism in the two regions was worth a combined \$436 million, directly employing 2,800 people across those two regions. There is still more work to do. Whilst recovery in our tourism and hospitality sector is positive, we are not resting and will leverage every opportunity to market our state and welcome new visitors, be they students, holiday-makers or investors.

While the vouchers are incredibly important, I encourage South Australians to support and rise up for our river—have a day trip to Mannum, book some time away. The river communities still need our help, they still need our focus and I encourage people to do so. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

STATUTES AMENDMENT (SEXUAL OFFENCES) BILL

Introduction and First Reading

Received from the Legislative Council and read a first time.

At 17:32 the house adjourned until Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 11:00.