

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 30 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.

Bills

TOBACCO AND E-CIGARETTE PRODUCTS (TOBACCO PRODUCT PROHIBITIONS) AMENDMENT BILL

Final Stages

The Legislative Council agreed to the amendments made by the House of Assembly without any amendment.

SUPPLY BILL 2023

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 17 May 2023.)

The **Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning) (11:01)**: It is a pleasure to speak on the Supply Bill 2023. In my area of ministerial responsibility, there is no greater pressure than that on the housing market, and the government is undertaking a number of reforms to address the very great demand that we see in the community. I am sure it is true of those opposite, and it is certainly true of government members, that one of the first issues that is raised with government members—on the doorsteps, at street-corner meetings, at shopping centres, out there in the community—is the very great demand that we see each and every day in the community, in the media, in the public discourse around housing.

We have been left with an absolutely diabolical situation in terms of demand. It is fair to say that it is a national issue, a national housing crisis—we see it in the national consciousness and in the national public discourse—and the problems are very similar across the country, although there are always local factors in on it. Demand is, of course, an issue of public discourse and often people turn immediately to migration and to young homebuyers, as well, as a driver of demand. They are the two areas of public debate that tend to get attention, along with people at risk of homelessness and the like. But there is insufficient public discourse or understanding of one of the major drivers that is present in demand for housing, and that is the household formation issue.

If members think about their own lives and about the lives of the community around them, we have more people living on their own than ever before, and much of that is actually as a result of good public policy change; that is, older Australians are living in their home longer and being assisted to live in their home longer before entering nursing home accommodation. That is a good reform for the community, but of course it means that people live in homes longer, and that has some effect on housing supply and an ageing population.

The other factor is the rise of constellation families, as opposed to nuclear families. Nuclear families are now in the minority. Constellation families are where people get together, have a couple of kids and then break up and then, rather than having one household, have to get two. Often, those households are not any smaller because they have to accommodate the share of custody for children for 50 per cent of the time. Again, this is a consequence I think of modern living, but the decision for

one family is just a decision for that family, but if you have that as your predominant social formation or household formation, it does have an effect on housing supply.

We see great demand out there in Australia, generally, because of these issues. In South Australia, we are retaining more of our South Australians in the state, rather than seeing them go to Melbourne or Sydney or other places around the globe. More South Australians are choosing to stay post university and the like, and I think that that is a reflection of the economic and social life of the state being in very good stead. But, if we turn around effectively 30 years of exporting graduates and the like to other states, that will have a very positive effect on the state, but it means that we will need to have more housing. We need to attract more people to deal with some of the big economic opportunities in AUKUS and critical minerals and hydrogen and the state's economy growing more generally.

We see, in South Australia, in particular, and across the nation, a huge pressure on housing and a more complex picture on supply. For as long as I have been in public life, we have seen a lot of demand-style measures being utilised by governments in order to stimulate the housing market. Some of those have been more effective than others, but they tend to have not added enough to supply, and there has been an insufficient focus on supply-side measures.

You can see that in the *Financial Review*, a national paper which led yesterday with a report done by Tony Richards, a former Reserve Bank economist, about 1.3 million missing homes. He blames it on councils and nimbys. I am not sure that necessarily is helpful, because if you read later on in the article the councils blame developers and finance and other factors, but I think the mere fact of 1.3 million missing homes is useful to the public debate because it gives you a comprehension of the undersupply figure. Since 2001, we have not been building enough homes to give people choice in the rental market, in the property market and the like.

Later on in that article, somewhat more tragically, the University of New South Wales talks about 640,000 families and individuals who are at stress, who cannot find appropriate housing. Of course, that has a massive flow on to our economy. It is an economic disabler because if employers cannot get staff—and that is far and away the biggest issue that employers raise with me—that is an economic inhibitor, but it is also an inhibitor to people's general wellbeing. Part of Maslow's hierarchy of needs is the need for shelter, the need for security of shelter, of predictability of shelter.

When people are entering into a dysfunctional rental market—the vacancy rate in South Australia is 0.6 per cent; it is the second lowest rate in the nation after Western Australia—there is huge pressure on our rental system and, of course, that means that a great portion of society faces very real issues. The government has been all about addressing this issue, and we have acted on the supply side, and that is for good reason.

We have announced 23,700 more housing allotments for South Australians in Hackham, where we have already rezoned 235 hectares of land, providing the capacity for 2,000 new homes, 1,000 of which will be on Renewal SA's land. Chris Menz, the Chief Executive of Renewal SA, and his department should be congratulated on the role they played in facilitating the rezoning, along with my department, the planning and land use department. It is a very useful rezoning that is going to see new homes in the south, an area we know is particularly starved of greenfield sites.

We have also looked at Concordia and announced that we will rezone Concordia, where I initiated the code amendment to facilitate the rezoning only a week and a half ago. It is an important beginning that will involve community consultation and investigations as to infrastructure, which is very important for Gawler more generally. We know that there are traffic issues in Murray Street and the like, and we want to address those as part of the code amendment process. But, most importantly, we want the civil works to begin, and we want to get those land allotments into the system so that people might buy them and participate.

We have begun discussions around Dry Creek, where the government is a significant landholder along with the Buckland Dry Creek company. There are significant challenges with that site, but there are also significant opportunities. It is probably the most significant opportunity for the state, in a greenfield sense, to really build something that might be a next level up Mawson Lakes—not that Mawson Lakes is not a great place, but this will build another level again. It is a piece of flat

land next to transport corridors with an opportunity to really design a city of the future which, of course, was always meant for that part of the world. Similarly, at Sellicks Beach, we have met with the council. We are relying on their structure plan and we have begun the process by which that land will be rezoned with the developers in question.

We are bringing 23,700 allotments into the land supply system. We have also initiated a code amendment for Murray Bridge with 1,000 new allotments in 113 acres all around the township, and that is obviously designed to meet Murray Bridge's needs. Murray Bridge is a rural city, but it is a city and there are some significant opportunities there. Again, there was consultation with the community and investigations into transport, emergency services, environmental and educational agencies, utilities and telecommunication providers to make sure that the infrastructure is in place so that there is a good outcome for the community.

The most important thing, of course, is that this was driven by the Rural City of Murray Bridge itself. I commend the Murray Bridge mayor, Wayne Thorley, Councillor Airlie Keen and Councillor John DeMichele for really driving it internally through the council and being interested in land supply. It is a model I think for local government generally, where councils drive housing supply in their communities, integrate and address the infrastructure issues up-front, accommodate growth up-front, and think about growth up-front. That will mean that we get better outcomes at the end side.

We have also announced 600 homes for Noarlunga Downs, of which 15 per cent will be affordable housing, and 80 new social houses, public housing, as part of that. There will be 800 homes for Aldinga, where we have protected the rail corridor, which is very important to public transport options for the future, and 500 homes up in Golden Grove. The construction of all those homes is expected to begin in 2025.

They are all actions that we have taken on land supply. Land supply is a critical part of housing supply—you cannot get around that. We know that infrastructure is critical, which is why we have formed the infrastructure unit within the planning department. We have appointed Elinor Walker, who has been on the State Planning Commission for the last few years and has a very good understanding of the challenges the state has in front of it. I am very pleased with her appointment because she is a professional held in high regard by both the development sector and local government more generally. She has been a planner for a very long time, and I think she will bring a degree of expertise and focus to that role, which is very important.

We have also been focusing on affordable rental supply, which is critical to having essential workers in our city. You cannot just have a land supply strategy and leave it. You cannot just have high-end, luxury apartments. You have to have an affordable rental supply, where people can save for a deposit and not get trapped renting for their whole lives.

If we do not have affordable rentals in the system, if we do not have some moderation of rent rises, then we will never see people be able to save the deposit they need to get into the housing market. We want to create a pipeline or an escalator, some way for things to keep moving in our rental market, where people are constantly moving into home ownership and constantly making room for new entrants. That is a critical part of any housing strategy.

We have announced some projects which are at the beginning of seeking support from the federal government. We hope that the federal Senate stops debating motions for three-quarters of every Senate sitting day and gets on with actually passing legislation like the Housing Affordability Fund. It is hazardous to enter into any of the federal debates anymore, but it does seem that there is a coalition of the unwilling between the Greens and the Liberals, a strange coalition of doing nothing in the federal Senate.

If they get out of the way and just pass the legislation—and they can aim for perfection at some point in the future—then we can get on with projects in our community. They are things like Playford Alive: 249 allotments, 25 homes specifically as affordable rentals. In Bowden, there are 60 new rental apartments. Bowden 2 has 36 new rental apartments. In Prospect, there are 30 new rental apartments, and the second part of Prospect has 42 new rental apartments. We are bringing all of those into the market as supply.

The same goes for Franklin Street, where we have a really good project that the Premier and I announced three or four weeks ago. It is really a city-changing project, taking an at-grade car park—the biggest waste of space you can have in your city is a single-level car park—and turning it into an absolutely vibrant community with up to a thousand people residing there, with a combination of affordable rental, public housing, rental more generally, ownership, build-to-rent, a hotel and a civic and cultural space right next to the markets, where we already have a significant development underway. That is a project that will help to define our city. All these things are designed to push supply into the market.

They are not going to be the only projects that this government undertakes, and this will not be the only land supply that this government undertakes. I have missed a couple of rural allotments. We have announced Fisherman Bay in Goolwa as well. We are very interested in talking to the regions. We have the Office for Regional Housing in Renewal SA and, for the first time, a board member who resides in regional South Australia.

We are very interested in Renewal SA participating and partnering with rural employers and rural councils to provide supply into the townships of our state, because we have an even bigger problem in many regional areas with effectively a zero per cent rental vacancy rate in many of these towns. If you think about that, that means that you are just inhibiting the economic and social growth of those towns in a way that is very damaging.

I know members opposite, and the crossbench as well, are very keen on this, but this initiative should have been done years ago, especially the provision of government-built homes for its own employees should have been done years ago. The Minister for Health and I have had some very productive discussions about that, but we are in a housing crisis and the truth is that because of the inaction of the past we cannot build homes or get projects up quickly enough.

There is no time for delay—absolutely no time for delay in this area. We cannot afford the Senate to delay; we cannot afford federal bureaucracies to sit on hundreds of millions of dollars waiting for perfect projects to arrive. We have to get projects and housing supply into the market as quickly as possible, because there is a dire need out there in the community.

Ministers are often kept awake at night with our responsibilities, but the one that really does keep me up at night is the idea that in Australia we might face a situation where it becomes normalised for people to sleep in their cars or to sleep in tents—working people who cannot get a rental. If that is to become the norm in Australia, then we have become somewhere quite alien to our social and national ethics.

I think for those of us who do have secure housing who are in positions of responsibility, we have to do absolutely everything we can, and opposition parties have to do everything they can. We should not be in a position where people are delaying legislation in the commonwealth parliament, as well as opposing housing projects on the ground. We need housing and we need it now.

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills) (11:22): I rise to add some comments to the passage of this Supply Bill. It is an opportunity for me to speak about some local issues in the seat of Wright and the north-eastern suburbs more broadly insofar as they relate to the passage of this Supply Bill.

I might start with an election commitment made by the government when in opposition for an upgrade of the Wynn Vale Dam area. To many people who live in the north-eastern suburbs—in fact, one of our attendants who is in the chamber at the moment—this is well known as the home of the Jubilee Way or Wynn Vale parkrun, which is an incredibly popular and growing local event. I am sure members here are familiar with parkruns, but the Jubilee Way parkrun is very picturesque, through the creek area and then around the dam (which is in Wynn Vale) in a loop and then back for five kilometres.

I am new to parkrun, but I am giving it a go. I have managed to get there for the last few weekends. I am hoping to get there again on Saturday, because although it is fantastic for one's health and wellbeing—and in this job we do, you spend a lot of time, unfortunately, sitting—I also acknowledge that it is a fantastic community event where people make friends, catch up with people who they have not seen, get out and about, and then start the weekend the right way.

I am very pleased that the Malinauskas Labor government is supporting the growth of this parkrun by investing in the infrastructure that is used for the runners and walkers who flock to the area every Saturday. It is regularly in excess of 200 people who come along, which is fantastic, but there is a bit of work that is needed at this very popular site to make sure that it is fit for purpose in terms of all those people running, some of whom bring their kids and some of whom bring their pets. We, of course, encourage all that.

When doorknocking the whole of the Wynn Vale suburb before the last election—it was the second time that I have done that, and I managed to get to about 45 per cent of people who live in the area, which I think is a pretty good return—I asked for their feedback on what kind of support they would like to see a future Labor government give in terms of upgrading the area.

The very clear overwhelming feedback I got was that people thought there needed to be improvements to things like lighting and the footpaths and a better playground for kids in the vicinity of Wynn Vale Dam, which of course is not only used for parkrun but is also an area that is frequented by people who come to see the ducks—I saw someone fishing there on the weekend—and have a stroll around. There is a playground there that families come and use, which is in need of a bit of refresh.

But the most powerful bit of feedback I received from local community members was that many felt unsafe in the winter months when they are running or walking after work when it is dark quite early or running or walking early in the morning before work when it is also dark. There was an incident—I think it was more than 10 years ago—at Wynn Vale Dam where someone I think tried to attack someone. Fortunately, I am not aware of any other situations, but I thought it was an opportune moment for the state government to support the Tea Tree Gully council to make sure the lighting in the area was upgraded so that people in the area who might be using the beautiful and natural surrounds there to walk or run or exercise in the winter months when it is dark could do so and do so safely.

To that end, we committed to a \$1.1 million grant to Tea Tree Gully council, which will include in stage 1 an upgraded pedestrian bridge; shared-use pathways; and additional nature playground infrastructure, including a custom-made inclusive play boat. The other piece of feedback about the existing playground that was there was that, although it is very popular—I would not say dilapidated or anything like that—it was not really able to cater for young people who might have a disability.

The feedback we had was that, if we were going to make an upgrade and put a nature playground in, which of course are all the rage at the moment and are fantastic, we should make sure there is some inclusive play equipment there and we will be doing that with a play boat. There will also be some balancing equipment and some water play elements.

Anyone here who has been to one of their local schools recently will see that the most popular piece of new infrastructure at schools is either a COLA (a covered outdoor learning area) or nature play. Nature play often includes water pumps and a channel where the water can flow and kids can either play with a bit of mud or play with the water, which I think is wonderful. We are going to make sure we have something like that in the new play space at the Wynn Vale Dam area as well.

There will also be some park furniture, including a picnic table; shelter; a drinking fountain; and a bike repair station, because of course one thing I did not mention is that cycling is very popular in the area as well. There will also be a bit more tree planting and landscaping to make sure we keep the area looking beautiful and some way finding signage, which of course is important in making sure people know where they can find all the different things that attract people to the Wynn Vale Dam area. I am really pleased we are doing that.

I should take the opportunity, too, to congratulate the Jubilee Way parkrun on five years. They just celebrated their fifth birthday. I was pleased to go along with some cake and thank the volunteers, Deb and her team there—all volunteers who are out very early on a Saturday morning to set up. They are there until the last person has finished. A shout-out to councillor Kristianne Foreman, who I think was the last person. Good on you, Kristianne.

Deb and her team have done a great job to keep it going and to grow it into what it is and I am glad that, through support from the state government and the Tea Tree Gully council, we will be

able to make sure it can continue to grow and that we attract more people from the area to come along, whether it is on parkrun on a Saturday or throughout the week.

The other significant local election commitment that we made was around a master plan for Wynn Vale Drive. There will only be a few members of this place who would be familiar with Wynn Vale Drive. I am sure my colleagues the members for Newland and King know it well. It is a road that goes from Bridge Road in Salisbury East, through Gulfview Heights, up the hill, through Wynn Vale to The Golden Way and connects Salisbury East to Wynn Vale. It is a path used by many to access schools in the area, including King's Baptist, Gulfview Heights Primary School, Keithcot Farm Primary School and others as well.

It is a very busy and important piece of infrastructure but like many of those suburban connector roads particularly during school time has suffered from increased traffic and congestion. In particular the intersection at the bottom of the hill, where Wynn Vale Drive meets Bridge Road, I would have to say hand on heart is one of the most dangerous intersections I have ever seen. There is not a week that goes by when there is not a pretty serious kind of crash. I regularly have constituents from the seat of Wright and around send me photos or post them to Facebook of the most recent accident.

It has been problematic in terms of getting change there because, to be honest, former governments, both Liberal and Labor, have done the right thing when local members have written to the transport ministers saying that this intersection needs to be looked at for reasons of safety, and they have sent out the team from the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, or whatever the department might have been called back in the day, to do traffic surveying. They have set up their gear and they have dutifully stayed there and looked at the traffic and then the report normally comes back and says that there is not a significant volume of cars trying to turn right from Wynn Vale Drive into Bridge Road.

Both I and the former member for Wright have always said, 'That's because people have given up trying to use the intersection because it's so dangerous to turn right.' I have myself sat there and done my own surveys and got footage to prove this—that vehicles are instead turning left onto Bridge Road, driving down a few hundred metres, doing a U-turn to go right, or they are going through rat runs in local streets of Gulfview Heights, including past Gulfview Heights Primary School on Kiekebusch Road, and I have had reports from the principal there, Chris Zunis, of a few near misses where people have barrelled past, trying to cut through Gulfview Heights to avoid the intersection with Wynn Vale Drive to get onto Bridge Road and have just missed kids.

It is only a matter of time before we have a fatality at that intersection, so I am pleased that finally we have got a commitment to upgrade that intersection and make it safe for all the local residents who use it. It will see a significant increase in traffic using that intersection, but I think that can be done safely, and it will reduce street traffic in local suburban streets, moving it away from schools like Gulfview Heights Primary School and will instead enable motorists to be able to use the intersection safely.

We will be doing that through traffic lights which we will be installing there. We will see a dedicated right-hand turn lane from Bridge Road onto Wynn Vale Drive. There is not one at the moment, which results in numerous rear-enders from vehicles that plough into the back of a car sitting and waiting to turn right.

There will be a much-needed pedestrian crossing as well. Just on the other side of the road, in Salisbury East, there are some small apartments or flats. I know, because I have doorknocked there and spoken to the residents, there are probably a disproportionate number of elderly residents who live there who try to cross Bridge Road, which is four lanes of traffic. There is no pedestrian refuge in the middle, there is no pedestrian crossing and there are no lights. I have seen some of those elderly people standing in the middle of the road trying to make sure they fit between cars as they make their way across. Having this signalised intersection there will make sure that pedestrians can cross from Salisbury East into Gulfview Heights and vice versa and do so safely.

The other thing that this will accommodate will be some dedicated indents for the bus which travels up Wynn Vale Drive. I will give a shout-out to my opponent from the 2018 state election, Luigi Mesisca, who made a commitment to put bus stops on Wynn Vale Drive. That morphed into

providing an actual bus service there, which had been missing, which we now have. But the bus has to pull over in a number of spots up the hill where there is not an indented bay where it could do so safely and therefore traffic builds up behind the bus, creating another hotspot for incidents.

So we are going to make sure there are some more indents up Wynn Vale Drive so the bus can be used without disrupting traffic, including around the King's Baptist-Keithcot Farm school area, which has a lot of traffic in the mornings for drop-offs and the afternoons for pick-ups, and to make sure that the vehicles using Wynn Vale Drive can drop off children to those schools and pick them up safely.

The final component of the master plan is a commitment we have made to a more detailed traffic study at what is one of the most contested intersections I think, certainly in my electorate if not in the north-east, which is any intersection which turns onto The Golden Way, which becomes jammed with traffic during school pick-up and drop-off times. The reason we have committed to a detailed traffic study there and not anything more concrete is that I am very conscious—as someone who uses The Golden Way every day myself, and also from talking to residents—that we would be close to a record number of traffic lights between the village and McIntyre Road if we were to add another set.

I am going to work with Minister Koutsantonis and his department to see if there is not some other kind of solution we can find to ameliorate those issues of congestion at that intersection in what is actually a quite narrow period of time—about 45 minutes between 8am and 8.45 and again at drop-off time. The intersection actually functions quite well during the rest of the time, and we have to find that tricky balance between safety and not impeding the flow of traffic in what is a very busy area. I am really looking forward to delivering that. Early works have already started, which is great because, as I said, it is a matter of life or death at some of those intersections now and this fix, this solution, cannot come soon enough.

I should also mention that I was very pleased to join the Minister for Health—we have him in the chamber, so we can give him a shout-out—the member for King and the member for Newland recently to announce the location of the new ambulance station at Golden Grove. I have to give credit to the minister and the department for being able to pull off the location they have found. It is an absolutely prime piece of real estate, right next to the new Golden Grove park-and-ride, just behind the Helping Hand nursing home and adjacent to the North East Hockey Club. Of course, it is near Golden Grove High School as well.

Parcels of land like that anywhere, but particularly in the Golden Grove area, are few and far between. The fact that we have committed to this new ambulance station on that 5,200 square metre parcel of land means that ambulances and teams stationed there will be in a fantastic position to be able to reduce response time to people in that area.

It was pointed out by Paul Lemmer from SAAS, at the stand-up I did with the Minister for Health and the members for King and Newland, that we have an ageing population, particularly across the Golden Grove development suburbs of Greenwith, Wynn Vale and Golden Grove. You could possibly add Gulfview Heights and Modbury Heights as well because, in those bits that were developed by Delfin, lots of families moved in for obvious reasons—a fantastic place to live, large blocks. They have stayed and are older now, and Paul Lemmer said he had noticed there was a need for more ambulance services in that area. The fact that we were able to find the site there in such a central location to the suburbs I just mentioned means this will be a fantastic asset for the north-east, and I commend all those involved in making that happen.

The subject of health care is a perennial issue in any electorate. The north-east is no different and Modbury Hospital has been an issue that has come up again and again at election time. I was pleased to be able to go out there and make an announcement, with local members, the minister, and the Premier, to talk about our commitment for 24 more mental health beds at Modbury Hospital. It is a \$44 million mental health rehabilitation unit that will be open in 2025—not a long way off—and I think I would be on safe ground in saying that other members would agree that if you were to go out and knock on 100 doors or make 100 phone calls to residents or constituents in your seat, the issue around access to mental health care comes up a lot.

One of the things I have observed, which really struck me as an area of need, was older residents who might be trying to support adult children battling mental health challenges. They are trying to navigate the mental health system at an older age, which they find difficult, but they are always very keen to make sure they can get that care and support for their family members close to home.

We know that Modbury Hospital on the precinct there is held dear by the north-east community. You only need to talk to residents like the members for Newland and King and Florey and the member for Makin—and I do quite regularly—and you will still hear people who will talk about how they moved to the area because it was a place that had its own hospital. There was Westfield and not long after there was the O-Bahn. There are these amazing bits of social infrastructure—excluding the shopping centre—but wonderful infrastructure for the community that actually attracted them to move to the area in the first place.

That is why you see the quite strident and vehement response when any government of any colour tries to change or remove services in the local area. I am really pleased that this is a government that has committed to putting services back into Modbury Hospital, which is going to be really well received by the community. It is not just the mental health support; it is also the cancer centre, which will include 12 chemotherapy chairs and an outpatient consulting room to actually deliver those cancer services, which, sadly, lots of people rely on in the north-eastern suburbs.

If I can reiterate, it is true for things like mental health; you want to be able to get that support close to home and it is particularly true, I think, of those who might be getting chemotherapy or something like that who are older and who do not want to travel any further than they have to to be able to have that regular health care. If they have an elderly partner or family, it gives them the ability to be able to travel five minutes down the road and offer them some support.

I think this is fantastic. I do not think Modbury Hospital has ever had a cancer centre, so this is not actually a case of putting something back in that was taken away. This is something brand new and I think I have had more positive feedback around this commitment than I have almost anything else. I feel that we have seen the need and hit the nail on the head here and that is going to be open in 2025, which is incredible. These things are not out on the never-never; they are happening, the planning is underway and we have had ministers and premiers and everyone out to announce things, and it is really exciting.

I will finish with one more on health care which is, of course, the Lyell McEwin Hospital. My seat sits between the two hospitals, and this is a 48-bed expansion at the Lyell Mac to increase the capacity; two new 24-bed inpatient wards are going to be built due for completion mid next year—again, really soon, welcomed by the whole community, and I have to say hand on heart I am proud of the things that this government has committed to in the area that I represent in this parliament.

The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Stuart—Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Roads, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (11:42): I have great privilege and pleasure today in rising to support the Supply Bill 2023 and to make some comments about the challenges and the opportunities I see for the people in my new electorate of Stuart. Before I do, can I just say that I am very privileged to be the new member for Stuart and the boundary reshuffle at the last election gave me the opportunity to have an about 95 per cent new electorate to where I was before in Frome. I consider myself very privileged to be able to travel in an area where I was travelling when I was an area manager of BP Australia many, many years ago when I lived in Port Augusta.

Members of this house will know that I am a glass half full type of individual. I look for the positives in most things and in the context of the bill before us, I genuinely look at the opportunities before us and the challenges we face to ensure that we achieve and maximise the benefits of those opportunities that are given to us in this house and in this state in the bill. I see tremendous opportunities in and for the communities in my seat and, more broadly, in the Upper Spencer Gulf.

Uppermost of course is the state government's implementation of this ambitious and exciting Hydrogen Jobs Plan. The plan centres on the large-scale delivery of hydrogen production, power generation and storage facilities, leveraging the high-quality geographic and economic characteristics of the Upper Spencer Gulf region to stimulate industry investment in hydrogen and create a globally competitive clean energy industry.

The Upper Spencer Gulf has been blessed with the best opportunities anywhere in the world for green opportunities, renewable opportunities—whether it is wind turbine, solar, PV panels or whatever it may be—Ross Garnaut made that comment some four years ago at a global maintenance conference in Port Augusta. I think if we continue the way we are with the Upper Spencer Gulf, we will see great opportunities for not only green energy, renewable energy, but also opportunities for value-adding for industries to communicate with the battery storage facilities to look at the opportunities to relocate some of the industries to the Upper Spencer Gulf; in particular, Port Augusta, Port Pirie and Whyalla.

What is not fully appreciated and talked about enough is the private investment in hydrogen that is being generated in the Upper Spencer Gulf. That broader investment includes additional projects being pursued in the Upper Spencer Gulf region, including the Port Bonython hydrogen hub project, critical water infrastructure initiatives, such as the Northern water supply, and significant private sector investment in energy production and transmission. Trafigura alone, one of the world's largest physical commodity trading companies and parent company to Nyrstar, the Port Pirie smelter, a global multimetals manufacturing business, are progressing plans to construct a commercial-scale green hydrogen manufacturing facility in Port Pirie for their purposes alone.

I know this is in the business case study, but they are progressing that quite well at this point. That shows the confidence that Trafigura, one of the biggest commodity traders in the world, have not only in Port Pirie but in the opportunities for the Upper Spencer Gulf. I look forward to working continuously, as I have as the local member for Frome previously and now as the new member for Stuart, and collaboratively with Trafigura to pursue the opportunities for expansion of that plant and also to divest and to have other opportunities.

This proposed \$750 million project will be developed in a phased manner, initially producing 20 tonnes of green hydrogen per day for export in the form of green ammonia. The full-scale plant will produce some 100 tonnes of green hydrogen per day from a 440 megawatt electrolyser, enabling it to meet both export and domestic supply needs.

Hydrogen industry development presents significant economic growth opportunities for South Australia. The Upper Spencer Gulf has a uniquely high-capacity factor from coincidental wind and solar, as I mentioned earlier. The rapid expansion of a hydrogen industry will help unlock the development of gigawatt-scale renewable energy projects across all of South Australia. Then, of course, there are the enormous and ever-growing exploration and mining opportunities in the north of our state, which will be supported to have these energy generation and water supply initiatives. Their proximity to transport routes by rail, water and corridoring in the Upper Spencer Gulf points to more opportunities for employment and growth.

The challenges of course are equally enormous. We need skilled workers and appropriate housing to facilitate the envisaged growth in the region. In that regard, I compliment the government, which has committed to building a technical college at Port Augusta, which I know is in the early stages at this point, but that will give the opportunity for training in those facilities. The Minister for Education has been to Port Augusta and Port Pirie and looked at the TAFE facilities, and hopefully we can improve on them and get them back to where they were many years ago.

Further, we also need the supporting softer infrastructure like health and education services. I have the Minister for Health sitting in front of me in the chamber here today. I will compliment the government: it has committed money towards the Port Pirie Regional Health Service for the improvement of its accident and emergency service. That is a regional health service and has been in need of a lot of improvement.

I look forward to working with the minister regarding further opportunities to enhance not only the facilities but also the conditions for the staff and visiting specialists. At Port Augusta, vast funds have been committed to Port Augusta Hospital, and again I compliment the minister on what he is doing there. He has visited on a number of occasions, and I have been working with him regarding a number of opportunities.

With regard to education, we talked about the technical college—this is one of the things we had years ago; in Port Pirie, we had technical colleges and then they were done away with—and this is the way we have to go. If we have a shortage of trade skills, we need these facilities. I know that

it is okay to have them in Adelaide, but a lot of people cannot afford to come to Adelaide to do that training. I compliment the government on establishing the one at Port Augusta. That will complement the uni hub established at Port Pirie and Port Augusta, Whyalla, Port Lincoln and Kadina. They are working collaboratively with industries to do the training facilities there, and in conjunction with the Minister for Education I am sure we will get on top of this and provide those opportunities.

Whilst we have the education and the hospital, we also need to take into account our emergency services. Our ambulance services across all of regional South Australia, in particular, do a fantastic job out there. The Port Pirie service has a very good facility and has great staff. Port Augusta had a very minute, very small building there and, when I had a look at that during the election campaign, I was very surprised at how they actually got the ambulances reversed in there.

To the credit of the government, they have now committed to build a new ambulance station in the CBD near Port Augusta. It is in a very good location: it is readily accessible, you do not have to go across any rail crossings or anything like that, they will be able to get to the hospital, and it is straight next to the highway. The progress of that is amazing. People in Port Augusta are looking at it as it transforms as it is being built; there are lots and lots of comments about that. The task at hand is to ensure that the public efforts of the state and local governments are well coordinated to support and encourage that growth.

It is in this regard that, as the Minister for Local Government, I held forums with all the council. I gave an invitation, after the council elections, for every councillor to come in and talk to me and then with Premier and the Deputy Premier, who were guest speakers there. I want councils to look at the opportunities to be able to facilitate cooperation and partnership with the state government, and vice versa—to create the opportunities out there, whether it is in being able to release excess land that councils may have for housing and affordable homes or that some councils have the opportunity to divest some financial assets to create employment opportunities.

I go on about the Upper Spencer Gulf; I am very passionate about the Upper Spencer Gulf. It has been my home for many, many years, and I intend to promote and to do the best I can for the Upper Spencer Gulf and also for the outback of South Australia and other regions in my electorate of Stuart. That is why the Premier has asked me to convene and chair regular meetings of the Upper Spencer Gulf cities—that is, Whyalla, Port Augusta and Port Pirie—with their mayors and their CEOs, taking with me the most senior leadership in the Public Service through the CEO of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet to ensure that there is a common understanding about what each of us needs to bring to the table to ensure that we do not tread on each other's toes but instead move in relative unison in the interests of our common constituents; that is, the people of South Australia.

I am very fortunate and very privileged to be a member of the community of Port Pirie, in the previous 13 years as the member for Frome and now as the member for Stuart, which takes me into the outback. As the local member, I have facilitated and had meetings there. I have had tours going up north to Marree and all those places up there—Lyndhurst and so forth, and the Birdsville Track—talking to pastoralists, visiting them and understanding what their concerns are. As I said, there have been lots of opportunities there.

We need to also acknowledge the challenges that are in the outback areas, and I am talking about through the OCA. There are a lot of challenges there but there are also a lot of opportunities. As I said earlier, we have the untapped resource opportunities in the Upper Spencer Gulf and also in the north. What we need to do is work very collaboratively together, in unison, but we also need to work with confidence. We need to work with positivity and make certain that we do not have negativity going on around us.

There are another couple of issues there. There have been quite a few bridges on the Horrocks Highway that have been upgraded and renewed. We have another one in the Northern Areas Council that has been out there through the council. They got some funds through the government, which complemented their funding. They are going out to tender for that one. That will make it a lot easier. We know that we still have a couple of bridges on the Horrocks Highway to upgrade, but we are going to get to that. That will make it a lot easier for the tourists to go through

there more safely, and it will also make it more efficient for the grain industries to be able to not only use single-axle vehicles but also have road trains going through there.

The other thing is the OCA (Outback Communities Authority). I will pay tribute to Mark Sutton, who was the director for many years. We now have a new director there and also a new chair and a new board. They have lots of opportunities, they have lots of experience, and they are on a positive journey going forward.

In closing, I see nothing but great opportunities for the Upper Spencer Gulf in particular. If we grasp those opportunities and work with local councils, the state government and the federal government we can achieve the best results. We are in this chamber to do what we can for our communities. If we do not look toward future generations, then who is going to look after those future generations? We all need to do that to create opportunities.

I am here with other members to not only look after our own families and our own generation but future generations and I see nothing but opportunities. It is a privilege to speak on the Supply Bill and I look forward to working very collaboratively with everyone in this house, councils and the federal government to get the best results for all of regional South Australia.

Mr BELL (Mount Gambier) (11:55): I rise to make some comment on the Supply Bill 2023. I need to begin with an acknowledgement of the contribution that the state government is making and has made in previous budgets towards the South-East, and obviously those funding cycles will continue over the next three or four years. It is worth reminding people of the significant contribution that this government is making and its focus on the South-East.

At the moment, a new technical college is being developed in consultation with Kevin Scarce, who is heading that project. As the member for Stuart said, education is a key plank for a community to not only thrive but to grow going forward. This educational precinct will be to the tune of \$60 million. We have just had a big project built in Mount Gambier, Wulanda, and that is in the order of \$60 million. When people walk past they will see the value for money you can get.

This is an equivalent-sized project focused purely on education. It will bring together the technical college, the Department for Education, TAFE, forestry, private providers, and the University of South Australia and will create a true educational precinct to draw people into our community and support the many people within our community who will go through that precinct for education and training.

To make sure that it is coordinated properly, we have diverse interests all coming together to get the best outcome and the best value for money. I applaud the Premier and his commitment to employing Kevin Scarce to oversee this project, which has many moving parts and many interests that need to align to get the best outcome. The state government has invested in public housing in Mount Gambier and we are seeing, certainly in my memory, the first new public housing being built. I believe Empak are towards the end of the first lot of new builds that are occurring.

There is support for the rock lobster industry in the form of relief in fees, which is greatly welcomed by that industry. Certainly, the downturn in exports to China had a major impact. It is worth pointing out that that impact is felt in the community because when one sector is doing it tough and they do not have money to spend, that money does not go into the local community. Whether it is equipment, cars, repairs and maintenance on boats, or new fibreglassing, there is a whole range of things that simply do not flow through the community.

Forestry has been a big winner, investment directly into forestry in terms of research but more broadly for our community in terms of fire towers. The anniversary of Ash Wednesday was not that long ago, and it is a stark reminder that major bushfires pose a significant threat to our community. This is really about community safety, particularly when most of the towns are surrounded by plantation forest.

There is investment in paramedics, 24/7 paramedic crew and additional crew being put on, mental health beds, upgrades to our emergency department, drug and alcohol as well as detox beds, and investment in roads. All in all, well over \$100 million has been committed to our region going forward.

At this juncture, my aim is to perhaps talk about opportunities and things to focus the government's mind, if they are willing to engage. I still see the Future Mount Gambier document that I put together two years ago as being a key plank in the future of the South-East, as a bit of a road map on how to get there, but of course it always needs to be updated and I think there are some exciting opportunities on the horizon.

I have a great affiliation for the Upper Spencer Gulf, having taught in Port Augusta for five years. I can see the impact that \$300 million for a hydrogen plant will make on that community and the benefits to the wider community. I genuinely hope and believe that it will be successful, and I would like to use it as a template for what can be done in the South-East. The South-East has most of the key elements needed for hydrogen production. We have an abundance of water, we have an abundance of wind and wind-generated power. If you put those two things together—hydrogen is, in very simplistic terms, putting electricity through water—we have the key elements in spades.

The other thing that we have in the South-East are major offtake users, such as Kimberly-Clark, which manufactures paper products, most notably toilet paper. During the pandemic, we could see how important that was to the lives of many people. There is also a great opportunity just over the border in Portland, which has Alcoa, an aluminium smelter that would take every bit of electricity that could be generated in a plant based in South Australia selling green energy to Victoria, into Alcoa. I am very supportive of the hydrogen project. I want to see it succeed and the future opportunities that might arise for our community around hydrogen, because we have all the key elements to prove its success.

Going forward, there are exciting opportunities around mobile connectivity. I want to congratulate Michael Patterson from Telstra on putting forward a very exciting proposal that would require \$5.6 million from the state government, which is 20 per cent of the build cost of 27 sites that would give complete coverage for the Lower South-East. The federal government would be 50 per cent, Telstra themselves 25 per cent and local governments would make a contribution of 5 per cent. To have the South-East connected through this development of 27 sites would be game changing, particularly for primary industries but also for local communities and businesses and enterprises that would leverage from that.

Tourism I still see as one of the most undeveloped industries in the Lower South-East. I would like to see a real focus on product development, a reason to deposit your money into the South-East economy whilst you are there visiting, creating jobs and enhancing the experience for tourists as well.

It is no secret that most of our attractions are actually free. You can walk around the Blue Lake, go to the Umpherston Sinkhole, go to the Valley Lake, and enjoy many activities which do not cost any money. I want all of that to continue, of course, but I also want to provide opportunities for entrepreneurs and private capital to come in and develop products that, for people who do want to spend money, enhance their experience of perhaps some of our natural resources, and other resources in our area, because that is where the jobs are. That is where the beautification and the improvements to facilities can come from. It is not just the state government or the local council which need to contribute to these types of improvements for all of our community to enjoy.

The Hon. L.W.K. Bignell: You need some major events like a big bike race.

Mr BELL: I was going to touch on that in a minute. Of course, one of the ways in which we can draw more people to our region is embracing the South-East and its proximity to Victoria as a real advantage to major events. Following on from that, I am really pleased to see our community engage in ideas. I have been talking about tourism and the opportunity that that industry presents for our community in terms of jobs, in terms of revenue, in terms of improvements for a long time.

Just today, Sam O'Connor, a guy I know very well—he is a stock agent; if you ever need to sell any cattle or sheep, Sam O'Connor is the one you need to go to—rang me and said, 'It's unlikely we are going to get a game of AFL football in Mount Gambier because it's too far away from Adelaide, but how do we look at attracting all the Victorians who are travelling to Adelaide through Mount Gambier around that period of time, instead of them perhaps going straight from Melbourne to Adelaide, whether it's a direct flight or via car?'

His idea, I think, is a good one. Why not talk to the state government about doing Tasting Australia in the week before and the week after in Mount Gambier, with world-class chefs and people coming to Mount Gambier for a reason—i.e. that product development I am talking about—staying a few days, then travelling up to Adelaide to watch the Gather Round and then, the week after, LIV Golf. It is a fantastic idea and exactly what I have been talking about. It will be on the list of points I will be talking to the Premier and the minister about, around how we create events in Mount Gambier that get people to stay before they travel to perhaps the Gather Round or LIV Golf.

Going forward, we need to do some work on radiation therapy and what that is going to look like for our community. I thank the health minister for his very proactive engagement at this stage around that and certainly the funding by the state government of a business case for radiation therapy. It is a topic that has gathered over 16,000 signatures. It is important to our community and it is important to get it right, and I am pleased to see a proactive first step on what the business case looks like, as long as that business case does not get bogged down in bureaucracy and take away from the main focus—that is, how do we deliver the best health services to our community?

I keep talking about regional TAFE and our TAFE in Mount Gambier. I am of the fundamental belief that, unless you get the administration structure and the responsibility to a community right, you can throw as much money at TAFE as you like but you will get suboptimal results every time. I have talked a long time about having a regional board that is responsible to the community and responsive from the community. I believe that this is not a model that works just for Mount Gambier—I think all regional TAFEs need to have that type of structure and that type of accountability. I see a real opportunity with this education precinct that, instead of just having a TAFE board, you would have a precinct board that coordinates the technical college, the TAFE, forestry, private providers and UniSA, with them all coming together to get the best outcome for our community.

I met with Kevin Scarce yesterday and talked through these ideas, and that an accommodation precinct is a key element to this. If you are going to treat education as an industry and you want to draw people to your area, there are a couple of key elements. One we have no control on, that is, to have it in the heart of your community as we have done in Adelaide and as they do everywhere else around the world. Our TAFE and education precinct will be on the outskirts of our town. The second one is to make sure that you have the best infrastructure around that, and accommodation, public transport and ease of access are the types of elements that really do need to come together.

Some other areas to focus on include In Home Hospice Care. This is for people who are at the end stage of their life, who choose not to spend that time in a hospital. We have a fantastic service in Mount Gambier run by a dedicated group of people. Probably the most vocal to me is a lady called Maureen Klintberg who is a passionate advocate and supporter of In Home Hospice Care. They are facing a funding issue. In 2020—and great credit to the Marshall Liberal government—\$150,000 was put to In Home Hospice Care, but that funding is obviously coming to an end and there is uncertainty around where that service will go. For return on investment, somebody being cared for in their home is a hell of a lot cheaper than somebody being cared for in a hospital, so I think it is a very small investment that can be made.

I cannot leave without mentioning the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme, one of my pet projects since I first came into parliament. The accommodation subsidy is still at \$40 a night, and it has not changed for a considerable period of time. Try to find accommodation in Adelaide for someone from Mount Gambier at \$40 a night. I do not even think a tent site at a caravan park is \$40 anymore, so that is something we could certainly look at.

I still see great opportunity for medical cannabis. You meet kids who have epilepsy—and their parents—and what this does for their quality of life and care. I still see Mount Gambier as having perhaps some of the best expertise and also the best facilities that could make that a reality. The problem with medical cannabis is the cost and this, to me, is a real supply-and-demand issue: if we can increase the supply, the cost will come down.

In finishing, housing really does underpin everything. If we are to grow, we do need more housing. I know our councils are in constant discussion with the Minister for Planning about which lands can be opened up and about building multi-storey developments within the CBD of

Mount Gambier, which I would certainly encourage. I think that will leapfrog us as a community into the next era of growth, but we still have issues around skilled workers not being able to find accommodation in Mount Gambier, believe it or not. Certainly, the more we can support private capital going into building housing, the better I think it will be for our community but also for the economic return for the state.

In short, there are myriad things for the Treasurer to address, and I am glad that he is in the chamber right now. The future of our community is probably the brightest I have ever seen it and I am really excited to see what transpires over the coming years.

The Hon. D.R. CREGAN (Kavel) (12:15): The Supply Bill is sustaining a number of critical projects in my community: first, though perhaps not most importantly but very importantly, the Mount Barker hospital. Mr Acting Deputy Speaker, you will be aware that there are approximately 32 beds in the existing hospital—32 beds for a growing community. I am delighted that in this Supply Bill a decision by this government has been made to build a new Mount Barker hospital.

It will be constructed on this existing hospital site—it is an important site in our community—and it will complement the emergency department, which of course has been opened at Mount Barker hospital with substantial federal funds to sustain that project as well. I wish to acknowledge Rebekha Sharkie's contribution to ensuring that the new emergency department could be realised. Taken together, the hospital, the new hospital and the new emergency department will see about a hundred beds in the Adelaide Hills. Some might say that additional beds might be required in the future, but can I say that a hundred beds are a very substantial improvement on about 32.

Vital to my community is mental health care and support, and 12 beds in the hospital for the first time will be directed at supporting those with needs in that respect. Also critical to my community are paediatric beds, and two beds in the new emergency department are dedicated to ensuring that there is emergency paediatric medical support and clinical support. I should put on record my thanks to the Adelaide Hills O&G clinic, which is supporting, through private health care and also assistance under Medicare, many women who are giving birth in my community, and the number of births is increasing substantially.

Can I say, too, that the Supply Bill will sustain a new ambulance station. There has been a single ambulance in Mount Barker since 1992, operating out of a small and dilapidated station. We require a new fit-for-purpose facility and we require a second crew. This is a matter that my community joined cause with me on, and many thousands of people, of course, signed a petition to emphasise the significance of this issue, not just in Mount Barker but in the Adelaide Hills more generally. A second crew is now operating. A fit-for-purpose station will be built. A site has been selected. This is a very, very significant and important investment, and of course new stations are open at Strathalbyn and Birdwood too.

Can I touch briefly on a matter that is not directly relevant to health care, although a failure to invest in an upgrade of the Adelaide Road intersection until this point has seen a number of casualty crashes. It is essential that we duplicate the Adelaide Road bridge at the Adelaide Road freeway interchange. That work will proceed. It is vital work, it is an essential upgrade, and I am very delighted to see that it will proceed. There will be some federal funding and some state funding to see that project to end.

Whilst I have the house's attention, can I emphasise, as well, the value of the resurfacing of the Onkaparinga Valley Road. I cannot emphasise to members the number of times, when I was out doorknocking in the north of the electorate, this issue was raised with me. The road is in a considerable state of disrepair. That resurfacing work is underway. It is a significant corridor. It supports most of the horticultural and agricultural activities in my community and throughout the Hills. It is an absolute disgrace that that corridor was left unaddressed and unrepaired for many years. The work is underway, and I thank the Treasurer.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer) (12:20): Can I thank all members who have made a contribution on this bill. The Supply Bill debate is an opportunity for members to speak on a free-ranging basis about not only matters relevant to their budget but also matters relevant to their electorates. From those contributions, which I had the benefit of hearing or reading subsequently in *Hansard*, it is clear that members take the interests of their electorates very seriously. They advocate

strongly for the interests of their communities and their electorates. It was of great interest to me, and I am sure to other members of the government, to hear some of the contributions that were made by those members.

Of course, you will excuse me, Mr Acting Speaker, if I do not necessarily agree with all the contentions that were raised by some members about the management of the state's finances, but I look forward very much to presenting the Malinauskas Labor government's second budget to this house in a short period of time. Perhaps it will be of interest to members who made a contribution to the Supply Bill which of those issues they raised in their contributions the government has been able to accommodate or address in the proceeding budget.

Bill read a second time.

Supply Grievances

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer) (12:22): I move:

That the house note grievances.

Ms SAVVAS (Newland) (12:22): It is always a pleasure to stand in this house and have the opportunity to talk about what is for very many people in the north-eastern suburbs somewhat of a religion, and that is, of course, local community football.

However, I have to be careful when talking about community football in the north-eastern suburbs because quite uncommonly for a metropolitan seat—I would not pretend to be able to compare with a regional seat in terms of the number of clubs around—I have three active, large community football clubs in my electorate. All three of those football clubs provide such a great opportunity for the community to get involved, get together, work as a team and, of course, get into some competitive football as well.

I would like to speak to you today about all three of those clubs and list some of the things that make those clubs special in their own right. They all preparing for the big event that I am attending this Saturday, which is the Hope Valley Past Players and Sponsors Day, where Hope Valley, one of my clubs, is actually playing against the Modbury Hawks, another one of my clubs. This is a moment I have been dreading because last year all three football clubs played in different divisions, but now that two of my clubs are playing against each other I have to leave all my scarves at home.

Firstly, I thought I would mention the Tea Tree Gully Football Club, which is one of the oldest football clubs in South Australia. Just last year they celebrated their 160-year anniversary. If you would ever like to know about the history of football and sport in this state, I would recommend that everyone have a quick squiz at *When the Going Gets Tough*, which is the history of the Tea Tree Gully Football Club, a 500-odd page book written by senior president Dave Crisanti. It is an incredible book that showcases not only what the Gullies have done for football but also the way that the Gullies have been involved with community service and community clubs and their connection with the Tea Tree Gully CFS station, which is just down the road.

It is also a really wonderful way to learn about the history of Tea Tree Gully. One of my favourite things to look at in the book is the list of players who played in that first game for the Gullies football club and see the names that I recognise. They are the names of the streets that all of us in the Gully drive down on a regular basis—Haines and Ellis—the names of the forefathers of the Tea Tree Gully historical precinct. They all happen to have played in that first footy game. I do love to drive around the city and see what different things have been named after those footy players in years gone by and acknowledge their contributions to our community.

The Tea Tree Gully District Football Club is an enormous club and has teams all the way through, from the juniors up. They also have a women's side, which won the women's grand final against Edwardstown last year. I went down to Edwardstown to watch the Gullies in the grand final, alongside the members for Badcoe and Elder, who were of course cheering on Edwardstown. It felt pretty exciting to have that win against them, having driven all the way down to Edwardstown to see that win. Unfortunately, it was a disappointing day for my dear friends the members for Badcoe and Elder but a really awesome thing for the Gullies women that day.

The Gullies are also competing in the APM SANFL Inclusive League for the second year, which has been a really important opportunity for players of varying abilities in our community to have the opportunity to play football. I went down to the Gullies two weeks ago. I was doing a bit of a shift in the canteen and got to chat with the Inclusive League coaches about what it means for people with varying abilities in our community to have the opportunity to play football, particularly those who have grown up watching their siblings play footy or perhaps their parents or uncles or cousins play footy, and have the opportunity to get involved as well. I am incredibly proud of the work that Simon and Caz are doing with the Inclusive League, and I look forward to watching it go from strength to strength.

I would like to mention one of the other longstanding clubs in our state, which also celebrated their 160-year anniversary just last year, and that is the mighty Modbury Hawks. The member for King and I did a canteen shift at the Hawks on Saturday for their ladies day, where the Lady Hawks, as we call them, all got together, dressed in purple, to raise awareness for mental health but also to put their heels up, have a drink and celebrate the role that women have in the Modbury Hawks Football Club.

We were made incredibly welcome, as always. I ended up spending pretty much most of my Saturday down at the club. I would particularly like to mention Jodie, Cheryl, Lou, Rhiannon and Kitty, who are members of the committee who had so much to do with putting on that ladies day but also all of the women at the Modbury Hawks club who put so much work into bringing up that community club, particularly those who are also playing in the women's side. They won a grand final two years ago in their first year, I believe, playing women's football at the Hawks. You can see that their women's side is going from strength to strength as well. They had a win down at North Haven on Friday night. I would like to acknowledge the work of Reece Johnson, the coach of the women's side. He is a lifelong Hawks supporter but also plays cricket at the Tea Tree Gully District Cricket Club.

I would also like to mention the Hope Valley Football Club. I mentioned a moment ago that I will be in the canteen at Hope Valley this weekend. They are another wonderful club that has recently joined the league, alongside the Modbury Hawks. I love the feel of the Demons. You can really feel the strength of that club at the moment and watch them going from strength to strength. My teenage cousin came up from Belair to Hope Valley on the weekend. He made sure he commented to me that they were an incredibly strong side. It is great to see their juniors prosper but also their seniors as they move into a higher division this year as well.

Hope Valley is another club that really supports the women who do so much for their club. They have another wonderful ladies day at Hope Valley. Last year we had a Nutrimerics stall and bubbles and tea. It was a really awesome afternoon. At the Hope Valley club they also had the women's side bring out a cricket side last year. They were very successful as well—after being rained out for most of the beginning of the season, the Hope Valley women's cricket side have been awesome.

It has been such a privilege to be able to get involved in these three community clubs—all with cricket sides at their homes as well—over the past year as a member, as a candidate before that, and also as a councillor in the City of Tea Tree Gully. We were very, very proud to make a number of commitments to those clubs.

At Hope Valley, there was a \$1.2 million commitment for facility upgrades. At the Modbury Hawks, there was an over \$3 million commitment to redo their clubrooms. We had the designs up on the screen on the weekend and it is looking absolutely awesome—I cannot wait for that one to get off the ground. Up at Tea Tree Gully at Pertaringa, Ray White Oval, there is a \$150,000 master plan not just to redesign or look at what we can do for the clubrooms but also to do some wayfinding and really connect the entire Banksia Park sports area.

This area includes not just the Tea Tree Gully football club but also the Tea Tree Gully Tennis Club, which is getting an upgrade, and the Tea Tree Gully Gymsports, which is getting an upgrade. We also have Little Athletics and athletics that occur there. There are a number of other clubs, too, that all make up the Banksia Park sports area, including the netball that is played there. I particularly note the growth of the Strikers, who have gone from one team to 28 teams in something like two years. I am watching the different way that community clubs are growing in that space.

I do think it is really important to acknowledge the work that we are doing to foster community sport, and particularly community football. As much as I am looking forward to my canteen shift at the sponsors and past players day at Hope Valley, I ask everyone to keep me in your thoughts as the Hawks players come up to the Hope Valley canteen and see me there serving them their hot chips and hotdogs, knowing that I served them at the Hawks last weekend. I have made a firm decision to go scarfless and beanieless and to be completely non-partisan. But I will say that Hope Valley are playing at home, and the side that is playing at home obviously has a bit of a benefit there with Hope Valley Oval.

I am really, really proud of the work we are doing in community sport and my three amazing football clubs. I am really, really happy to be supporting all three of those today.

S.E. ANDREWS (Gibson) (12:32): I rise to speak on the grievance debate for the Supply Bill. I would like to spend the next few moments speaking on some of the activity in my community over the last few months. Kicking off the year, in February my community was outraged when we lost another beautiful significant gum tree. It was not because the tree was unhealthy or a storm came and knocked some branches down, but it was to make way for a car yard—the corporate greed of Jarvis Toyota who bought a property on Brighton Road in full knowledge that the significant tree was on that site, and had been for 130 years.

There are plenty of businesses as you drive along Brighton Road that do manage significant gum trees on their site. Indeed, the business before Jarvis Toyota was more than happy to work around having a significant tree on its site. But, instead of managing this tree, Jarvis Toyota thought that they would take on Holdfast Bay city council and, with the aid of a King's Counsel, won the right to have the tree removed. It was so disappointing that, rather than doing the right thing by the community and incorporating this tree into their development, they fought to get rid of it. I supported the community at a rally at the site and fielded lots of calls from distressed community members.

Of course, significant gums are not only a thing of beauty. They provide shade, they help clean our air and they are also a habitat for birds and, in this case, a koala in years past. In fact, when the tree was cut down there are videos of a flock of birds fleeing the tree for safety. Companies these days are of the view that they can clear their conscience by planting some trees to offset the loss of one significant tree, yet we must ask: how do saplings planted elsewhere sufficiently make up for this loss of habitat?

I would like to thank everyone who contacted my office and tried to save this tree. Its removal strengthened my resolve to fight for better laws to protect our trees. The current tree and planning laws have been one issue that is consistently raised with me and one I am more than happy to advocate for.

My community is looking forward to seeing the results of the review of the planning laws from Minister Champion and wants to see more sensible planning laws that pay due regard to the environment and our significant trees. In Gibson, we have lost too many beautiful trees over the years as infill development and corporate greed have bulldozed them in the name of progress—progress that is increasing our urban heat islands that we see and feel across our suburbs.

I would like to thank the minister for meeting with my constituents at a street-corner meeting to discuss our planning laws and for providing the opportunity for residents to provide feedback on the review of the planning laws. I will never stop fighting for sensible planning laws that protect our environment.

Another activity happening in my electorate is walking football. Members may not be aware that walking football is a sport that several hundred people play across Adelaide and is a football competition aimed at those aged over 50 years. It is a lot of fun to play and ensures that footballers like me can keep playing the sport we love forever, although I am not quite ready to hang up my competitive boots for Westminster just yet.

The team at Walking Football are a delightful group and I was glad to join them in a game earlier this year so I could get a true sense of what it is like. I can tell you that you might be walking but it is a hell of a workout. Obviously, the health benefits for this age group are considerable and, of course, there are social benefits as well.

I want to congratulate Derek Finch, who is the External Competition Secretary for Walking Football Adelaide, for his enthusiasm and passion for his sport and ensuring that it receives appropriate recognition and funding. I was very pleased to see them receive a \$4,000 Ageing Well grant to purchase equipment to support walking football across Adelaide.

It is important that we support all our sporting clubs wherever possible, particularly those that do not have a high profile but still provide vital fitness, socialisation and support opportunities for people in our community. I would like to thank everyone involved in walking football for their commitment to their sport and ensuring that it continues to grow.

Other activities of recent time have been those focused around ANZAC Day. I began these on ANZAC Day eve in Gibson at the Marion RSL, where I was joined by my colleagues the members for Elder and Badcoe to start the reflection as young Scouts guarded the memorial from 3pm through to dawn. Thanks to Ethan for helping me to lay a token at the youth vigil and I thank all Scouts, their leaders, parents and caregivers for their dedication to our fallen heroes. It was a moving ceremony, and it is always interesting to chat with the Scouts about ANZAC Day and what it means to them.

Of course, we all rose early on ANZAC Day morning, and I was back at the Marion RSL for the dawn service. It was a fabulous turnout to honour our veterans and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. I was pleased to be able to speak at this event and lay a wreath and I thank everyone involved in the organising and presentation of this ceremony.

I would also like to thank the Marion Football Club, which provided a delicious barbecue breakfast that extended through to lunchtime. The Marion Rams Football Club volunteered their time on ANZAC Day so veterans and their families could take the time they deserve to spend with each other. Their barbecue was a great success and recently on a Friday night they presented a cheque of \$2,000 to the Marion RSL and Marion RSL Bowling Club. Following the service, the member for Elder and I did a shift on the bar once again to support the club. I would like to thank Kenny and Chris who showed me how to pour a beer. It was fantastic to be able to support this community in this way.

At the same time, there was a fabulous service going on at the Brighton RSL where Rod Murray organised and MC'd his final dawn service before his retirement from the role. It is always a fabulous service at Brighton, on the coastline. It is an incredible backdrop watching the Brighton Surf Lifesaving Club out on the water. It was good to be able to visit the RSL later that morning and watch the very enthusiastic two-up and speak to some veterans and hear their stories.

Just prior to ANZAC Day, I was pleased to present a new Australian flag to Rob, the President of the Marion RSL, and I want to thank Nadia Clancy MP for making this happen. Additionally, I was proud to be at the ANZAC round game with the Brighton Rugby Union Football Club, where all Brighton teams won on the day, though to be fair that is not an unusual event, as it is such an incredible club.

I am grateful to all the volunteers in my electorate, whether it is the volunteers at the Brighton and Marion RSLs; the parents and past players who put their hands up at the footy, rugby and soccer clubs or walking football teams; the surf lifesavers; the volunteers in the service clubs, environmental and arts groups; or all those who assist anyone in need with meals, clothing or toys for children.

I was pleased to be able to start National Volunteer Week recently with VOLLIECARE volunteers at the Flinders Medical Centre. These fabulous volunteers make the whole patient experience better by giving so generously of their time and skills. In addition, they are joined by some wonderful dogs. I got to meet Winnie the pup, who provides patients such joy and certainly gets many pats on their rounds.

I would also like to take a moment to thank one of the other groups that assist our community, and that is the St Jude's Anglican church at Brighton. The St Jude's team hosts community meals each week where community members can come together for a meal but also social connection. The meal is the price of a donation for those who can afford it and free for those who cannot. Certainly at this time of year a warm meal is appreciated, but it is also really important to be able to have a chat, have some connection.

You might look around Brighton and only see those who are doing well, but there are many people struggling and living in their cars and having a really tough time. I really appreciate the work of all the volunteers at St Jude's who support those in our community who are finding these times so hard. They are led there by Sophie, the reverend, and coordinator Virginia Summers, who make sure they spend their times having conversations with those in need and identifying any support that might be required. St Jude's also has the St Jude's Community Pantry, where those in need can take what they need at any time, with all of the goods being donated by the community.

I would like to pay my special respects to everyone who volunteers in our community. It really does make it a fabulous place to live.

Mrs PEARCE (King) (12:42): I often speak in this chamber about the investments we are making in my community, more specifically the investments that are being made as a direct result of engaging with and listening to my local community, investments that will help make my community safer, stronger and more connected. It is something that I am incredibly passionate about and something that I believe is an important part of my role as a member of parliament.

So today I thought I would share with you all the impact these investments are having in my local community, because what we do has a real influence on the ways communities are structured and thrive. Take, for example, our plans to build a brand-new ambulance station in the heart of Golden Grove. Taking into consideration the way the area is structured, with its many cul-de-sacs, how the area has grown in the past 30 years and the health needs within the area, building a brand-new ambulance station in Golden Grove will go a long way to help improve response times in my community.

This was something that my community called for, and it was something that was backed up by health professionals. By working together, we were able to ensure that we are investing right where there is a direct need. But the impact it will have on my community goes further than that. It is giving locals like Sam an opportunity for employment close to home.

Who is Sam? Sam is one of the 20 new paramedics who will be based at the station that commenced work earlier this year. He acquired a job thanks to the investment we are making in this space and, as someone who grew up only five minutes from where the station will be based and who knows the area inside and out, Sam is a welcome addition to the crew. As another local, Nakeita, pointed out:

[It] really helps having locals at the local station. They know all the quirks of our roads, and can put a picture in their mind to a lot of local pickup spots, helping with faster times than a GPS route might suggest if they weren't aware of where to go.

I could not agree more: no-one knows an area like a local.

Staying in theme with health, just this weekend I had a discussion about dialysis with a lovely stallholder at the Old Spot markets. Her son has been receiving dialysis services at the Lyell McEwin for most of his life: it is all he has ever known. Fortunately, our \$1.2 million development of a temporary nine-chair dialysis unit will help to increase the capacity to 21 chairs at the hospital. Through that, her son identified that there will be a notable change in the ability to receive this critical service. It will help to make it more accessible.

It is not just a direct investment into health that is seeing a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of my local community, it is investments like the \$2.4 million to help support those living with MND. This investment meant the world to Jean and Greg Downton, who have been running a support network for those living with MND and their families in the north-east for some time now. I often catch up with this network, along with the member for Wright, over at the Grove to hear firsthand their experiences and see what we may be able to assist them with.

This investment has helped secure an additional support coordinator from MNDSA, helping to better support families. Hearing the positive impact it has had on those families is truly wonderful. It also means the world to those in my community who have lost someone to MND, such as Annette, who provided quality education and care in her 20 years as director of the Greenwith Kindergarten. I often bump into her family at the Jubilee parkrun on Saturdays, and I am so pleased that we have

been able to provide some comfort through this investment. These are the types of influences that I like to see in our community, helping to make things better.

Of course, cost of living is incredibly important right now as we start to see the economic impacts of COVID. I often host coffee catch ups at the end of a sitting week, and about a month ago I caught up with a Greenwith local called Alison at the local St George's Bakehouse. She shared with me the work she has been doing at King's Community Centre in an area called Carelink, where she helps people who are struggling financially with bills and food. More often than not, there is a need for assistance with utility bills, mainly electricity, and that need is rising dramatically within our local community.

Alison does this work because her family was once in a position of needing help, they were in the same boat, and this is her way of giving back to the community that supported her. I was so pleased to be able to call her, not quite a week later, to let her know what the Malinauskas state government and Albanese federal government were prepared to do in this space, because we also recognised a growing need.

We will help support more than 420,000 of the most vulnerable South Australian households with an energy bill rebate to help combat rising electricity prices—which, of course, will be on top of the existing state government energy concession worth up to \$263.15 in the next financial year. We are also supporting 86,000 small businesses that will be eligible to receive a rebate of \$650. These include small businesses like Nourish + Flourish—which the member for Newland and I visited last week—that provides specialised training to women at all stages of their life, and the amazing Badger and Bones Café that I believe makes the best hash browns in all of South Australia.

Just as importantly, it will put downward pressure on inflation, and Alison was so pleased to hear that such active steps are being taken by this government. These are not the only stories I can share about the impact our investments are having in my community, but I am aware that I will likely run out of time before I will share them all, so I will try to speed up just a little.

In regard to what we are doing for public transport, Andrew is particularly pleased with our commitment to help install bus shelters across my community. As a Hillbank resident who relies solely on public transport, he has become increasingly frustrated that there was no protection from the elements when he travelled to Saints shopping centre not only to buy essential items but also to access essential services, such as the dental and pharmacy services available there.

From those discussions with members of my community like Andrew, it was also raised that we should do more to make public transport more accessible—such as some of the ladies from the Mall Walkers who are so pleased to hear that public transport is free for seniors all of the time thanks to the Malinauskas government, making their trips to the centre on a Tuesday and Friday all that much easier.

Keeping on the theme of roads, this weekend just passed I heard countless times the appreciation towards seeing a government taking action to help improve safety and congestion at vital intersections in Salisbury Heights. They echoed the sentiments I had received from Richard, who has lived in the area for almost 20 years and become increasingly frustrated by the increasing pressures on local arterial roads, as the area has continued to grow over the years.

He worries for the safety of his daughter and granddaughter when they visit and need to cross over The Grove Way during busy peak hour traffic and how these upgrades will help to make things better. I do not just listen to my community about what is important to them: I work with them to help make our communities safer, stronger and more connected. I am pleased that the investments we have made to date are helping to achieve this.

Ms THOMPSON (Davenport) (12:51): I am excited, too, to take this opportunity to talk about some of the extremely exciting projects that are happening in my electorate of Davenport and that the Supply Bill essentially allows us to keep working on as we await the state budget.

I would like to start by talking about one of my favourite places in my community, that is, the Happy Valley Reservoir, and it is fantastic to see that our government is continuing its ongoing investment in this space. Every Friday morning at 9am, I run a small event called 'Around the res

with Ez', which is an opportunity for members of my community to come on a walk with me around our beautiful Happy Valley Reservoir.

The reservoir includes a range of trails, ranging from about two-kilometre trails to 11-k trails. We usually pick one in the middle: around a four to five-k walk, which takes about 45 minutes to an hour, and then we finish it off with a coffee from the Signature coffee van. Anne makes an incredible coffee or an iced coffee if you have worked up a bit of a sweat. We have really started to develop quite the group of regulars who join me every Friday morning.

Last week, we were lucky enough to have the Premier join us on a walk. We had about 60 or 70 people come along and join us for that walk and to have a chat with me and also with the Premier. It was a great opportunity to talk about some of the local issues happening in our community and about some of the statewide issues and the policy decisions that are being made here in this house, and I look forward to that day every week.

While we go on these walks around the reservoir, we do not just talk about issues happening right across the community or in the state. One of the key things that people like to raise with me is ways that we can improve our Happy Valley Reservoir even more. We have had quite a few wins that have come from those discussions we have each Friday morning. We have seen improvements to access to the reservoir. At the moment, there are two main entry points that have car parks, and we have seen those areas be improved with things like plantings or improved surfaces, and one of the car parks had a bit of an expansion to accommodate more traffic at community events.

Also, there is a variety of pedestrian and bike-only access points around the reservoir, where we have experienced some traffic issues or safety issues with parking, etc. We have been able to work through those issues and provide some improvements for our community and provide better access to the space. One we are still working on, and one that is an ongoing conversation with SA Water and the Department for Transport, is an entry gate on the south-western side of the reservoir which remains locked.

Certainly residents who live on that side of the reservoir would love to see that gate opened and have better pedestrian access to that point. We are just working through some of the challenges that are currently keeping that gate locked, and hopefully we will see it open soon to even further increase access.

We have also seen a few new sitting points, new public seating, drink fountains and improved access to the kayak and canoe ramps, which is really great. We are seeing more people either bring down their own kayaks and canoes or utilise the new business that popped up there a few months ago, to pop on down, spend \$15 and spend half an hour being able to view the beautiful reservoir from a different angle, from the water. There are over 90 species of birds inside the Happy Valley Reservoir that people can enjoy and take in some nature while they are there.

Another really exciting project happening in my electorate is the safety upgrade of Main Road at Cherry Gardens. I have been advocating for this for a long time, long before I became the member for Davenport. When I was the mayor at the City of Onkaparinga this was high on my list and something that residents raised with me time and again. A resident who lives along that street, Mr Villios, who has advocated to just about every single politician he could think of over the years, to both sides of governments, to local government, state and federal, had a letterhead from just about every politician in South Australia on his desk when I went over there for a cup of coffee to talk about how we might push forward with this project.

It was probably when the RAA determined it to be the second riskiest road in South Australia that we really cracked down and decided this project needed to be funded. It has received \$10 million for a significant safety upgrade, and that is part of the \$120 million Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety Package. We have been consulting with our community over the last few months; some initial works have been undertaken and some concept plans have now been released to the community for them to have their say on, and we expect construction to start on that road later this year.

It will be a significant construction project and will probably take a year or two to complete, but I know the residents in the larger area, but specifically those who live on Main Road, Cherry

Gardens, are really looking forward to seeing that project progress. There have been so many times that the residents on that road have had to be first on the scene when there has been an accident, lives have been lost on the road and there have been plenty of minor bingles every week along there, so it will be fantastic to see that improved and to see some great safety outcomes.

Road safety is certainly a key priority in my electorate of Davenport. Unfortunately, there have been quite a few cyclists who have lost their lives on our roads, not just right across our state but particularly in my electorate of Davenport. In the last 12 months there have been deaths on our roads and our cycling community have been advocating to me regularly. Sadly, we recently lost a member of SAPOL, who was riding down Flagstaff Road. I think it is a 70 km/h speed limit coming down that hill, and I know that some bikes get above that speed limit. It is pretty scary; I cannot imagine riding a bike down that hill, but plenty of keen cyclists do enjoy that commute into the city, and it is important that we make sure that they have a safe cycling route to do so.

I have been working with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport to see if there are opportunities to improve safety on that road particularly, and they have put in some initial changes to date to make it immediately a safer route for cyclists, but we are also working together on some longer-term solutions to try to up the safety on that road. Many of the roads in my electorate need improvement in that space, so I will continue to have conversations with the department around trying to encourage off-road cycle routes or safer, wider verges for our cycling community when they are commuting from the electorate of Davenport to the city.

Before I run out of time, I raise the issue of Majors Road, which is a huge project happening in my community. Construction is about to kick off later this year; it is a \$120 million investment shared between the state and federal governments. Federal members Louise Miller-Frost and Amanda Rishworth, myself, and the member for Gibson, Sarah Andrews, are all very excited to see those works start, as is the community. We are pleased that we will be able to deliver a plan there that has no impact on any of those fantastic facilities that are such a hive of activity up there on Majors Road.

In conclusion, I am really proud of some of the projects happening in my community and also have been extremely proud to listen to some of the speeches of my colleagues today, as it sounds like there is a lot happening right across the state. It is very clear that we are a government that wants to deliver for all South Australians, and that is what we are doing. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

Sitting suspended from 13:00 to 14:00

RAIL SAFETY NATIONAL LAW (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) (FEES) AMENDMENT BILL

Assent

His Excellency the Governor's Deputy assented to the bill.

TOBACCO AND E-CIGARETTE PRODUCTS (TOBACCO PRODUCT PROHIBITIONS) AMENDMENT BILL

Assent

His Excellency the Governor's Deputy assented to the bill.

Condolence

EVANS, DR A.L.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:01): By leave, I move:

That the House of Assembly expresses its deep regret at the death of Dr Andrew Lee Evans OAM, former member of the Legislative Council, and places on record its appreciation of his momentous service, and that as a mark of respect to his memory the sitting of the house be suspended until the ringing of the bells.

I rise to convey the sad news that Dr Andrew Evans MLC passed away on Thursday 25 May at the age of 87. Dr Evans cut a singular figure in the South Australian parliament, coming as he did from a life already spent in the service of the church. After working as a missionary in Papua New Guinea

in the sixties, he spent over 30 years as a pastor with the Assemblies of God, first in Klemzig in 1970, rising to National Superintendent of the church in that decade, and ending his pastoral career, appropriately, in Paradise, where he was senior pastor of the AOG church until his retirement in 2000.

When others might have opted for the quiet life, he promptly found a second calling in the arguably less divine sphere of state politics. The year after leaving the church, he founded the Family First party and was elected at the 2002 election, at the age of 66, taking pride in his claim as the oldest person ever newly elected to this parliament. During his time in this building, he was a self-styled champion of conservative family values. He was especially passionate about justice for victims of child sexual abuse and spearheaded legislation to remove the existing statute of limitations on such crimes.

Family First enjoyed their greatest influence in the years that Dr Evans was in this parliament, with the party eventually gaining representation in the federal Senate as well as in the state parliaments of Western Australia and New South Wales, in addition to that of South Australia. However, his own political career was cut short by his ongoing ill health, and he was forced to retire from politics in July 2008.

He will be remembered as a respected gentleman by colleagues across the political spectrum. Along with his duties to the people of South Australia, his was a life dedicated to his faith and to his family. We recognise his contribution and service to this house and this parliament and share our condolences with his wife, Del, his sons, Ashley and Russell, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren at this sad time.

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition) (14:04): I rise to provide a contribution following on from the Premier. Andrew Evans, who served in the Legislative Council from 2002 to 2008, was a much-loved figure across the South Australian community and beyond and a man who touched the lives of countless individuals. Andrew was a pastor, the Superintendent of the Australian Christian Churches, a politician, a husband, a brother and a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Andrew passed away on 25 May 2023 on the Gold Coast.

He was born in India on 17 June 1935, and from that day he embarked on a remarkable journey that would shape the lives of many. Andrew's story is one of resilience and determination. After 11 years in India, he moved to Adelaide to live with his aunt in Parkside, where he pursued his education. While working as a cabinetmaker, he completed his schooling via night school, laying the foundation for his future endeavours. His path led him to Papua New Guinea, where he dedicated seven years of his life to serving as a church leader, spreading love and inspiring countless individuals, again across South Australia, Australia and worldwide.

In 1970, Andrew returned to Adelaide and took over a small church in Klemzig. Over the next three decades, he nurtured it into the largest church in South Australia, leaving an enduring mark in the spiritual landscape of our state. Andrew's commitment to his faith and his genuine compassion for others made him a trusted pastor, providing support and guidance to tens of thousands of people through his lifetime in the church. Andrew's influence extended beyond the walls of the church, and as General Superintendent of the Australian Christian Churches he exemplified authentic leadership, known for his humility and integrity. His impact on the spiritual journeys of thousands of individuals cannot be overstated.

At the age of 65, he ventured into politics, where he brought his caring nature and values to the forefront. Andrew served as a member of the Legislative Council and as the cofounder for the Family First Party, representing the people and advocating for their needs. His colleagues from across the political spectrum respected him for his trustworthiness and his ability to keep his word. Andrew's respectful and kind demeanour won him friends from both sides of the aisle and on the crossbench, making him a well-liked figure in South Australia's parliament.

While Andrew's professional accomplishments are notable, his personal life was equally remarkable. He was a devoted husband to his first wife, Lorraine, who tragically lost her battle with cancer in 2011. He later married Del in 2013. Andrew cherished his role as a brother, a grandfather and a great-grandfather. His love for his family knew no bounds and his presence left a permanent mark on their lives.

To his two sons, Ashley and Russell, Andrew was simply 'dad', a source of unwavering love, kindness and inspiration. He instilled courage and resilience in his sons, shaping them into the individuals they are today. Andrew's impact on his family extended far beyond their immediate circle, as his legacy of compassion and leadership touched the hearts of many others.

Andrew Evans was a great leader and he believed in team leadership. Many people looked up to him as a mentor, and he was known for his unwavering dedication to the wellbeing of individuals, their families and the community. His genuine care for others and his firm belief in the power of faith propelled him forward, making him a force for positive change. His legacy is one of kindness, compassion, anchored in faith and courage, a testament to the incredible impact one individual can have on the world.

In recognition of his service to the community, Andrew was awarded an OAM in 2003. The honour reflected the profound impact he had on the lives of those around him as well as the selfless contributions that will be forever remembered and cherished.

On behalf of the Liberal Party of South Australia, I wish to pass on my condolences to Andrew's wife, Del; his two sons, Ashley and Russell; and his daughters-in-law, Jane and Sam. While I did not know Andrew Evans personally, many in his congregations and in his family are known to me and are my contemporaries. They ought to be immensely proud of what Andrew achieved. He demonstrated that faith and public service, including service in this place, can be undertaken with compassion, with dignity and with impact.

I have no doubt that his family and friends will be comforted at the time of his passing by cherishing his impact on this earth until they meet again, and I know that the well-known scripture from Philippians 1:21 will also be at the forefront of the thinking of his family and friends at the moment: 'For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.' Vale, Andrew Evans OAM.

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (14:10): I was very privileged to have known Andrew Evans, and I would just like to thank him for his lifetime of service, his care and compassion, whether it be with the church, to politics or to people in general, especially his care for his family. He was a true gentleman and probably the nicest bloke, if you can still say that, or the nicest politician, I have ever met. I would certainly like to thank him for his support during my coming to this place in 2006. I pass on my condolences to his family. He was a lovely, lovely gentleman.

Motion carried by members standing in their places in silence.

The SPEAKER: The house is suspended until the ringing of the bells.

Sitting suspended from 14:12 to 14:21.

Petitions

ADELAIDE FOOTBALL CLUB

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): Presented a petition signed by 5,800 residents of South Australia requesting the house to urge the government not to provide public funding to Adelaide Football Club (AFC) to develop the Thebarton Oval/Kings Reserve Precinct unless there is commitment from the AFC to adopt an alternative design which would preserve almost all of the 150 mature native trees that exist on the western half of Kings Reserve.

STRATHALBYN HEALTH SERVICES

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond): Presented a petition signed by 402 residents of South Australia requesting the house to urge the government to immediately reopen the Emergency Department at the Strathalbyn and District Health Service to its pre-COVID operating hours and provide whatever workforce is necessary to operate this facility.

Parliamentary Procedure

PAPERS

The following papers were laid on the table:

By the Speaker—

Auditor-General—

Report No. 3 of 2023—Gambling Harm Minimisation [Ordered to be published]

Report No. 4 of 2023—Management of Community Wastewater Management Systems [Ordered to be published]

By the Premier (Hon. P.B. Malinauskas)—

Capital City Committee—Annual Report 2021-22

Remuneration Tribunal—Overseas Accommodation and Daily Allowance International Bar Association Annual Conference—Justice Livesey Report and Determination No. 2 of 2023—Correction

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

Regulations made under the following Acts—

Aboriginal Heritage—Fees Notice—No. 2

Administration and Probate—Fees Notice—No. 2

Aged and Infirm Persons' Property—Fees Notice—No. 2

Burial and Cremation—Fees Notice—No. 2

Co-operatives National Law (South Australia)—Fees Notice—No. 2

Coroners—Fees Notice—No. 2

Criminal Law (Clamping, Impounding and Forfeiture of Vehicles)—Fees Notice—No. 2

Dangerous Substances—

Fees Notice—

Dangerous Goods Transport—No. 2
No. 2

District Court—Fees Notice—No. 2

Employment Agents Registration—Fees Notice—No. 2

Environment, Resources and Development Court—Fees Notice—No. 2

Evidence—Fees Notice—No. 2

Expiation of Offences—Fees—No. 2

Explosives—Fees Notice—No. 2

Fair Work—Fees Notice—Representation—No. 2

Freedom of Information—Fees Notice—No. 2

Gaming Offences—Fees Notice—No. 2

Guardianship and Administration—Fees Notice—No. 3

Magistrates Court—Fees Notice—No. 4

Partnership—Fees Notice—No. 2

Public Trustee—Fees Notice—No. 2

Relationships Register—Fees Notice—No. 2

Sheriff's—Fees Notice—No. 2

South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal—Fees Notice—No. 2

State Records—Fees Notice—No. 2

Summary Offences—Fees Notice—No. 2

Supreme Court—Fees Notice—No. 2

Victims of Crime—Fund and Levy—No. 2

Work Health and Safety—

Fees Notice—No. 2

Prescription of Fee—No. 2

Youth Court—Fees Notice—No. 4

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

Regulations made under the following Acts—

Animal Welfare—Fees Notice—No. 2

Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium—Fees Notice—No. 2
Crown Land Management—Fees Notice—No. 2
Environment Protection—Fees—No. 2
Heritage Places—Fees Notice—No. 2
Historic Shipwrecks—Fees Notice—No. 2
Landscape South Australia—Fees Notice—No. 2
Marine Parks—Fees Notice—No. 2
National Parks and Wildlife—
 Fees Notice—
 Hunting—No. 2
 Lease Fees—No. 2
 Protected Animals—Marine Mammals—No. 2
 National Parks—Palaeontological and Geological Sites
Native Vegetation—Fees Notice—No. 2
Pastoral Land Management and Conservation—Fees Notice—No. 2
Radiation Protection and Control—Fees Notice—No. 2
Water Industry—Fees Notice—No. 2

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By the Treasurer (Hon. S.C. Mullighan) on behalf of the Minister for Energy and Mining (Hon. A. Koutsantonis)—

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By the Minister for Tourism (Hon. Z.L. Bettison)—

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By the Minister for Education, Training and Skills (Hon. B.I. Boyer)—

Construction Industry Training Fund Act 1993—Investigation and Review Final Report
April 2023
Education, Department for—Annual Report 2021-22
SACE Board of South Australia—Annual Report 2021-22
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Ministerial Statement

DEEPER MAINTENANCE AND MODIFICATION FACILITY PROJECT

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning) (14:30): I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: A new aircraft defence maintenance facility was announced by the former state and federal governments on 19 February 2022. The deeper maintenance and modification facility project creates a new sovereign industrial defence capability for the Australian Defence Force, and will provide the key infrastructure necessary for the maintenance and upgrade of the P-8A Poseidon maritime surveillance aircraft and the E-7A Wedgetail airborne early warning and control aircraft.

The P-8A Poseidon is one of the most advanced maritime patrol and response platforms in the world and is the largest aircraft to permanently operate from RAAF Base Edinburgh, where it has been operating since 2018. Both aircraft have major modification programs planned over the latter

half of this decade and, without this investment, works would have to be conducted in the United States of America.

The government's urban renewal authority, Renewal SA, will play a key role in delivering this important piece of defence infrastructure, having already acquired the land and commenced planning and design works for this facility. Renewal SA has today launched an expression-of-interest process to find a development partner to construct this 2.1 hectare four-bay hangar facility, and is the first in a two-stage market process. The facility is expected to need 450 full-time construction personnel per year to complete the project, and is scheduled to commence at the start of next year.

The decision to invest in the deeper maintenance and modification facility will enable the work to be conducted in Australia and is an investment that aligns with the national Defence Strategic Review 2023 that seeks to underpin our sovereign industrial base and capabilities. It is expected the facility will create an additional 160 aerospace jobs in the defence sector, comprising mechanical, avionics and structural engineers, painters and ground servicing equipment trades. This is in addition to the more than two dozen staff who have already commenced deeper maintenance activities through the development of an interim facility within the RAAF base at Edinburgh.

The establishment of a permanent deeper maintenance and modification facility in South Australia is a boost to the Australian capability, further building on the state's proud history of delivering some of Australia's largest defence projects, including the AUKUS defence partnership announcement.

South Australia is the home of building and maintaining some of the most advanced defence machinery not only in Australia but around the world. This maintenance facility will accommodate a highly trained and sought after workforce, and is another reason why Australia's complex defence projects end up being based here. The facility is expected to be operational by mid-2025.

Parliamentary Committees

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mr BROWN (Florey) (14:33): I bring up the 29th report of the committee, entitled Leigh Creek Health Clinic.

Report received and ordered to be published.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: Before I call questions without notice, I acknowledge the presence in the gallery of Natalie and Robert Sleight, guests of the member for Waite. I also acknowledge the presence of Frances Bedford, former member for Florey, in the gallery today.

Question Time

STATE BUDGET

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition) (14:34): My question is to the Premier. Will the state budget include cost-of-living relief for South Australian homeowners? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: Last week, it was revealed that South Australians will be forced to absorb the highest increase to electricity prices in the nation, including up to \$512 for households and \$1,310 for small businesses.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:34): I thank the Leader of the Opposition for his question because cost of living is clearly a topical matter at the moment in the lives of every South Australian regardless of their background, but that is particularly true for people on fixed and low incomes, which is why the government has very deliberately focused its policy efforts to provide assistance to those in our community who need it most.

There are a number of measures that the government has already delivered since our election last year, not least of which is doubling the Cost of Living Concession, which has been well documented—payments that were made to South Australians throughout spring last year. In addition to that, there have been other more modest measures that nonetheless have a real-world impact, such as providing free public transport 24/7 for people with a Seniors Card.

But, in terms of this year's state budget, to the Leader of the Opposition question, the government has already announced the largest energy concession relief in the history of South Australia: \$500 in an energy concession payment made to 400,000 households across the state. In addition to that, there is a \$650 payment to small businesses in South Australia.

In terms of the \$500 payment to households, those 400,000 households, the largest number that we are aware of for a state government concession of this nature, it applies not just to people with commonwealth concession cards but also to people on Family Tax Benefit A and B. The government spent a long time seeking to calibrate this massive energy concession in such a way as to have as broad an impact as possible with a particular focus on those who need it most in our community.

What I will also note is that for many households, when you take the price increase in respect of electricity and then take the energy concession, the energy concession ends up being greater than the size of the electricity bill increase. For many households in our state, they will actually in fact—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —enjoy a reduction in their electricity bill rather than an increase. This is a well thought-through—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member from Morphett, order! Member for Hammond!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: This is a well thought-through, calibrated package that we have developed in conjunction with the federal government—50 per cent contributed from the commonwealth, 50 per cent contributed from the state.

But we said from the outset that, as a government, where we are going to take tens of millions of dollars—in this case, well in excess of \$150 million—of taxpayers' funds out of the state budget and put it into households, we will focus, as people would reasonably expect the Labor government to do, on providing that benefit to those in our community who need it most. Of course, that is in conjunction with other measures that the state government has already taken.

We of course also remain committed to make other interventions, where we see it is appropriate, in the energy market to try to have a positive impact on prices as we speak. Reasonable people understand that ever since privatisation has occurred in this state we are subject—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —to what happens in global energy markets. If anyone is looking for a contrast in what a privatised system looks like versus what a government-owned system looks like, they need only look at the operation of the National Electricity Market versus what occurs in Western Australia.

HYDROGEN POWER PLANT

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition) (14:38): My question is again to the Premier. Will the government's hydrogen power plant lower power bills for South Australian households and families and, if so, how and when? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: In June last year, the Premier said in reference to Labor's hydrogen policy that, and I quote, 'one of the explicit objectives of that policy is to drive down electricity prices in South Australia', but, interestingly, last week the Minister for Energy and Mining said, 'We never said it would lower residential prices.'

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:39): I thank the Leader of the Opposition—

Mr Tarzia: Went to the private sector for that one, didn't you?

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

Mr Brown: He's upset, sir. He's hungry for the job.

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Florey! The member for Newland will not gesture to the chamber.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Elizabeth!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: I again thank the Leader of the Opposition for his question because it's on a topic that this state government is wholeheartedly committed to and invested in, and that is the growth of the hydrogen sector in the state of South Australia. We believe in the decarbonisation of industry and the opportunity it affords our state's economy and the people of our state through more jobs. That is a policy that we are actively pursuing.

There are a range of benefits that the state government believes can be achieved through our Hydrogen Jobs Plan—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —a \$590 million investment in what will be the world's largest hydrogen electrolyser and power plant: a 250 megawatt electrolyser and a 200 megawatt power plant. We are currently out in the market, actively engaged with global companies of global reach and significance who are participating in that process. The government is making a range of decisions on an iterative basis to see to our realisation of construction starting on that program in the next 12 months, with a view to being completed by the next election. Those opposite, from the get-go have sought to undermine a serious plan—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Taylor!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —in regard to an investment in hydrogen.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Florey!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: Just as they have opposed—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Hammond is warned.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —renewables, just as they have opposed the big battery, now they oppose the Hydrogen Jobs Plan. It creates a clear demarcation—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Frome!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: It creates a clear demarcation—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Morialta! Member for Hammond!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —in South Australian politics: there are those who are opposed to renewables and progress and those who are in favour of it, those who want to make it happen.

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

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Premier, there is a point of order from the member for Morialta, which I will hear under 134.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Standing order 98: debate. The question was whether the hydrogen power plant will bring bills down.

The SPEAKER: I have the question in hand. I will bring the Premier back to the substance of the question.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: We believe on this side of the house that, apart from those whose only contribution to energy in South Australia is privatisation on top of privatisation—in fact, they were only at it two years ago—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Morphett!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —when they were selling off the backup generators—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Premier has the call. Member for Hammond, order! Order, member for Florey! The member for Morphett is particularly energetic today and is warned for a final time. The member for Hammond joins him on a final warning. The member for Florey is on two warnings. The Premier has the call.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: As distinct from policies of government past, on this side of the house we are happy for state government to have an activist role to play in trying to have a positive outcome on the performance of the electricity market in the state of South Australia. We have demonstrated that can be done positively, including on price, through investments like the big battery. We believe the Hydrogen Jobs Plan will also have a positive impact on the market, and it will do so in such a way by providing a firming technology that is green energy based to existing renewables that will only unlock more investment.

We have always been consistent, on the public record and otherwise, that we believe this will have a positive impact on the wholesale price of electricity. But I have also been consistent that that is not the principally stated objective of the Hydrogen Jobs Plan. I made that so clear that I said it in the lead-up to the election at a function hosted by SACOME that was recorded by a participant, then leaked to the Liberal Party, which is politics, and then it made its way to the public realm.

The criticism was being made by those opposite that we were actually on the record making it clear that the priority for us is growing renewable energy in our state, expanding the opportunity of hydrogen, rather than exclusively being another empty promise like the one from those opposite they made at the election before last, where they said they were going to reduce power prices by a certain amount and a promise that wasn't honoured in full. We have very clear objectives in the Hydrogen Jobs Plan. They have been out there on the public record from the get-go, and we are going to continue to pursue our policy as we committed to at the election.

HYDROGEN POWER PLANT

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (14:44): My question is to the Premier. Does the hydrogen power plant budget include construction of power transmission lines and water pipelines; if so, when will construction commence and how much will it cost taxpayers? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr PATTERSON: On 18 May, the Premier said, 'We are building this...power plant to be operational by the end of 2025.'

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:45): We have always been committed to having this Hydrogen Jobs Plan, or the hydrogen electrolyser and power plant, up and running by the next state election. That is very much our commitment that we are working towards—

The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner interjecting:

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: Well, they are three months apart. We've got that stated commitment and, as I was explaining earlier, we are going through a process to realise it. It is a tight time line because this is a big project. It is a complex project, it is bold by its nature and it is truly unprecedented in a global context. We are proud of that because on this side of the house we believe in bold policy development to realise the opportunity of new jobs for our economy in the future in a decarbonised world.

South Australia can lead that effort globally. When you go overseas and you explain to people that already 70 per cent of all our electricity needs are met by green renewables, people can't believe it. That is something we should all be very proud of indeed, but it also presents an opportunity for us to capitalise on that with an ambitious agenda that is government led to build something that unlocks yet more private investment in a sector growing jobs in our state.

There are opportunities to produce hydrogen for our own consumption for electricity production and opportunities to potentially export hydrogen into the future, but I think the most medium-term opportunity is one that unlocks so much potential in the Upper Spencer Gulf around hot briquetted iron—otherwise known as green iron—production at places like Whyalla and also the utilisation of hydrogen for industrial purposes in places like Port Pirie.

This is a massive opportunity for our state. We have to accept that in this age, in this world, in this moment, sitting back on our hands and just waiting for it to come to us isn't going to happen. We made clear to the people of South Australia that we believe in a green energy future, we believe in the re-industrialisation of our state, and we are going to do everything we can to make that opportunity come to reality for people for generations to come. That's why we are building the world's largest hydrogen electrolyser and power plant—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —and that's why we are going to make it happen by the next state election.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

MURRAY-DARLING BASIN PLAN

Ms HUTCHESSON (Waite) (14:47): My question is to the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water. Can the minister update the house on the government's commitment towards the implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan?

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) (14:47): Yes, I can. The Murray-Darling Basin Plan has been lingering as an uncompleted project, almost at times a vanishing dream, for south-eastern Australia to finally see a healthy, working Murray-Darling Basin. We were promised collectively, we signed up to, a 3,200 gigalitre plan, and at the moment we have 2,100 gigalitres.

The gap is in two parts. There are 605 gigalitres set aside for projects that are not delivering water but are regarded as having the environmental equivalence of water. That is controversial, understandably, and there have been a number of scientists who have questioned whether in fact one can have such an equivalence, but in any case we are very far from seeing those projects being

completed and, with the best will in the world, probably about 300 gigalitres of that has been delivered.

Then we have this lingering sore of the 450 gigalitres, of which at the moment we have 4.5 gigalitres, and in fact that took 10 years. It has been estimated, using maths, that at that rate it would take a thousand years for us to get to the 450 gigalitres—inching along doesn't even begin to describe it.

What we need, of course, is to deliver the plan. What we can't accept is that not delivering the plan is acceptable—we cannot—because if we don't have a healthy working basin, then we don't have ongoing primary production in the Murray-Darling Basin. We don't have communities that are able to be dependent on the Murray-Darling Basin, because we know that not only do we have climate change bearing down on us, overall hotter and drier, but also, as we emerge from these three very wet years, that we are likely to be tipping into warmer years. You would expect that; we are Australia. Droughts happen, and they happen more with climate change. So we cannot accept a situation where we allow bickering between states to result in not delivering the plan.

What are the options for delivering? We can have water efficiency projects: thus far, they have delivered 4.5 gigalitres and there is some more—I am going to use the terrible expression again—in the pipeline. There is more coming, about another 10 or 12 gigalitres. You can do water efficiency projects; they can deliver.

You can buy back: the vast majority of the 2,100 gigalitres has been voluntarily purchased from willing sellers, and there is no evidence that voluntary buybacks cause socio-economic destruction. In fact, what happens is that the money is spent in the community.

Mr Pederick interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Hammond!

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: The money spent in the community by people who remain—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: Well, I am sure you've got some brilliant ideas for how you are going to deliver the water, but this is how the water is being delivered to date.

Members interjecting:

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

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: In the nine years—which felt like about 18—of the Morrison government, when the water portfolio was handed over to the National Party wholesale, and not even just to the National Party but, for a period, to Barnaby Joyce, we saw nothing. We saw hostility and deliberate decisions not to act. That's over now.

The federal government has opened up, for five weeks, consultation from communities to say how they would like to see that water delivered. I am going to be interested to see what the other side of politics suggests, because I hear every criticism of every idea but I don't hear anything that they think is a good idea. I have never heard one suggestion from the other side that would deliver one gigalitre of water, only criticism and acceptance of a drying of our basin.

Members interjecting:

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

SAM SMITH CONCERT

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (14:52): My question is to the Minister for Tourism. When was the minister first advised that the \$32 million figure she was using to defend the Sam Smith concert mostly comprised negative press coverage? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: FOI documents reveal that the Tourism Commission claimed that an article about a concert attendee who allegedly—and I quote—'peed in the mosh' was worth \$3 million advertising value equivalent, that another article about the government refusing to say how much the concert cost taxpayers was worth \$6.5 million and that, along with other stories, total negative coverage was valued at \$24.5 million. The minister has argued for months that this concert was a great deal for South Australia.

The SPEAKER: That question is on the cusp of—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! On one view, that question is argumentative, mostly contained and then seeking the minister's view, admittedly in relation to a matter which falls within her portfolio. However, there is no objection, and I am going to permit the question.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (14:53): The commentary today is about the advertising value equivalent, which is very commonly used as a methodology for calculating marketing. I have instructed the South Australian Tourism Commission not to use AVE going forward. As people know, there was a review post this publicity event, and there were recommendations within the review. Those conversations have been happening for some time, ever since it has been publicly available, and there is that decision, as I said, to instruct them, going forward, to not use that.

Mr Cowdrey: When did you find out?

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: As I said, these conversations have been going some time since the review. When I think about the figures that are most important—

Mr Cowdrey interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Colton!

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: —that is not about measuring marketing; it's about looking at the visitor economy, and it has never been stronger. Never been stronger—\$8.3 billion of our visitor economy.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Flinders! Member for Hammond! The minister has the call.

The Hon. N.F. Cook interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Hurtle Vale! The minister has the call.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: What that figure is is a figure higher than pre COVID and it's a figure that we did not expect to achieve for another 12 months. That's the most important figure here. That's the most important figure that I focus on.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Treasurer is called to order. Members to the left and right, order!

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: We made a decision that we wanted to support the tourism industry and build it back from three years of uncertainty. Let's not forget, not that long before COVID we had devastating fires in the Adelaide Hills—

The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Morialta!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister has the call.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: —and also on Kangaroo Island, followed by the pandemic and, of course, more recently, the river. My focus is us building back and we have achieved more than ever before. Can I tell you—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: —what people have been saying to me? There's a complete absence of the opposition. This is the only thing that you have decided to talk about.

Mrs Hurn interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Schubert!

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: I will talk about tourism forever and a day because there's a lot to talk about.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Hammond! The member for Hammond is on a final warning.

Mrs Hurn: This is embarrassing.

The SPEAKER: Member for Schubert!

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Just this morning, I was in at the Tourism Industry Council of South Australia, at their annual conference. There were 350 delegates there, representing the more than 20,000 businesses involved in tourism, the highest number of businesses—

The Hon. D.G. Pisoni interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Unley!

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: —involved in tourism that we have ever seen but not one, not one member of the opposition bothered to go along to that conference. In fact, no-one even knows who the shadow minister is because—

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

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. N.F. Cook interjecting:

The SPEAKER: There is a point of order, member for Hurtle Vale, from the member for Morialta, which I will hear under 134.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Standing order 98: in 3½ minutes the minister hasn't gone near when she was told the \$32 million figure was bogus.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! That may be, but the member for Morialta has not raised a standing order with me. I am going to proceed on the basis that standing order 98 was the standing order he had in mind.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Florey is called to order. I bring the minister back to the substance of the question.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: The question that was asked was when that conversation happened and when was I told. AVE, a commonly used methodology independently analysed, has been used for years and years—years and years. There is no reason to not have used that as one of the measures looking at Sam Smith. We looked at the six million people—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Hartley!

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: —for national radio partnership, the TV coverage, the articles in *Rolling Stone* and *Billboard*, the interviews that happened on *Sunrise* and *The Project*, these are the other measures—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Flinders!

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: —that we use as well.

The SPEAKER: The minister has concluded her answer.

SAM SMITH CONCERT

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (14:57): When did the minister determine that AVE was an unsuitable methodology, as she has just advised the house she did, for SA Tourism and direct them so? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

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

The SPEAKER: There is a point of order from the Treasurer, which I will hear under 134.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: It's customary for a member, when asking somebody else in the house a question, to direct the question to a particular member.

The SPEAKER: Indeed it is.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: My question is to the Minister for Tourism. When did the minister determine that AVE was an unsuitable methodology for SA Tourism, as she has just advised the house that she did and direct them accordingly, and when did she direct them accordingly? Sir, with your leave, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Yesterday morning, the South Australian tourism chief executive was on the radio defending the use of advertising value equivalency as a measure of success. Two hours later, the minister told media she had directed SA Tourism not to use the measure anymore.

The SPEAKER: There is on one view the cusp of an argument or opinion in the language of the member's question. I have in mind particularly the suggestion that the minister has informed the house X, Y and Z. The minister may not also form that view, but I am going to permit the question.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (14:59): I will restate the conversation. There has been a lot of conversation about this unique publicity event that we had, and because of that I instructed—

Mr Telfer interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Flinders!

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: I instructed SATC to evaluate and do a review, because I think it was important for us to know what was the purpose of this event, which was to attract an international crowd, a global audience. We used many different measurements, of which AVE was one, and we used that because it's been used for years and years, including by the opposition when they were in government, so the grand hypocrisy that this measure is not okay is just ridiculous.

The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Morialta!

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: So let's just remind ourselves—

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:

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

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Let's just have a little conversation about the SATC annual report 2018-19, when we had—

Mr Brown interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Florey!

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: —the full illustrated 2019 swim edition and KI was one of the six destinations worldwide.

Mr Cowdrey: How much negative exposure was in that? Nothing.

The SPEAKER: Member for Colton!

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: The activity resulted in US media coverage at an advertising space rate of \$32.5 million and reached an audience of 2.2 billion. That was used for AVE.

Mr Cowdrey: How much of it was negative?

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Colton!

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: I remember talking to David Ridgway, now our Agent-General. In 2019 in fact, the extent of free publicity on the 'old mate' campaign attracted in excess of \$2 million of earned media value. He goes on to say, 'and the demographics of all ages enjoying South Australia in the ad, including the Old Mate'.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Flinders is warned.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Minister.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: So just as the former government used influencers all the time, they also used—

Mr Telfer interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Flinders is on a final warning.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: —AVE all the time. So this is a regularly used way of calculating.

Mr Telfer: Why are you chucking it out then?

The SPEAKER: The member for Flinders!

Mr Pederick interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Hammond!

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: However, my role is to grow the tourism economy, and we have done that, and we will continue to do that. My role is also here to represent South Australians, and questions have been asked. My questions caused me to reflect, which was reflected also in the review, and that decision, after time of conversation and discussion, that we would not be using this going forward. That decision was made, and I instructed my department to that measure.

SAM SMITH CONCERT

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (15:02): Supplementary question: was that direction that the minister gave before or after the minister heard Emma Terry on the radio yesterday morning once again defending the use of AVE for SA Tourism campaigns?

The SPEAKER: I must say again, whether somebody on radio defended or didn't defend, or took a particular position or didn't take a particular position, requires leave, and then it might be introduced as a fact, if indeed it is a fact. Very well, the member for Morialta.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: My question is to the Minister for Tourism. Did the minister for Tourism hear the chief executive of SA Tourism on the radio yesterday morning? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Yesterday morning, the Chief Executive of SA Tourism defended AVE as a use for SA Tourism, as has the minister for several months. Within two hours, the minister told media she had directed SA Tourism to stop using it as a measure. Today in the house, the minister has again defended its use.

The SPEAKER: There is a point of order under standing order—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I am going to turn to the Treasurer, under 134. I anticipate the Treasurer is going to put to me a number of standing orders.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: It is a breach of standing order 97, the way that the deputy leader framed his question. He didn't seek to introduce fact; he introduced argument, which is specifically prohibited by the standing order.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! There is—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I am going to dispose of the point of order under the standing orders. Members to my left and right, there is an additional complication with the question and that is that it might be said that it doesn't necessarily arise wholly out of the question. However—

The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner: Sir, I didn't ask for the supplementary the second time.

The SPEAKER: That is a point of the finest distinction, the member for Morialta, because I gave you the call on the basis that it was a question to be asked on the basis that it was supplementary to the answer. Nevertheless, there is some force in the matter the Treasurer raises with me. In order to expedite proceedings, I am going to permit the question and turn to the minister.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (15:04): Yes, I did hear that interview.

STATE ECONOMY

Mr FULBROOK (Playford) (15:04): My question is to the Treasurer. Can the Treasurer update the house on ANZ's recent Stateometer report and what it says about the state of the South Australian economy?

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer) (15:04): I am grateful for the question from the member because there was further good news released last week about the performance of the South Australian economy. Last week, ANZ released their Stateometer report for the March quarter of 2023. I am pleased to report to the house that it showed, while all jurisdictions are starting to see slowdowns in their economies' growth, South Australia's slowdown has been less severe than other states and territories.

ANZ notes that the health of South Australia's businesses as measured by both AIG's industry index and NAB's business survey is faring far better than the national average. The report also notes the most recent CPI figures showed slower quarter-on-quarter growth in Adelaide's prices than the average of most of the capital cities.

Mr TARZIA: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: There is a point of order from the member for Hartley, which I will hear under 134.

Mr TARZIA: This release appears to have been loaded to the internet on 26 May and it's now in your inbox. The minister seems to be repeating what is already in the public domain.

The SPEAKER: I will endeavour to obtain a copy of the material the member has sent to me; however—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Florey and the member for Flinders will cease their exchange. The member for Wright is called to order. I don't immediately have access to that material, but I will keep the point of order in mind. I will endeavour to take in the material that the member provides to me.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: It's like a little dose of 2014 again, isn't it, except without our friends Stephan and Sam to assist the member for Hartley in those points of order. Those were salad days and they are right back where they deserve to be.

This means that inflation was easing faster than in the rest of the country in the March quarter, which of course is welcome news given the high rates of inflation that South Australia has been experiencing. ANZ also attributes our above-average economic performance to South Australia's employment market, goods exports and retail spending growth being stronger than national averages. When it comes to retail spending, last week also saw the ABS release their retail trade figures for April.

More than \$2.28 billion was spent in April in South Australia according to the bureau. This means that retail trade growth through the year in South Australia was 7.6 per cent in seasonally adjusted terms. This was easily the highest in the nation and significantly above the national average of 4.2 per cent. Only South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland recorded positive growth in retail trade in April. The ABS attributes the strength of our growth in retail sales to the AFL Gather Round and LIV Golf tournament. The ABS said:

Turnover is at a record level in South Australia following three straight rises of 0.6 per cent and boosted by the inaugural AFL Gather Round and LIV Golf Adelaide tournament this month.

What a remarkable endorsement from the independent commonwealth government statisticians, the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Praise for the South Australian economy is not just limited to the ANZ. CommSec of course has also recently noted that the South Australian economy ranked second in the nation, driven by higher than average population growth, construction activity and private business sector equipment investment. Business SA also confirmed the impact that major events are having on the South Australian economy. Business SA attributes South Australia's business confidence to being higher than the national average due to the return of the Adelaide 500 and also the introduction of the AFL Gather Round and the LIV Golf tournament. Business SA also noted that an overwhelming 77.9 per cent of survey respondents viewed large-scale events as beneficial to business in the state.

It is worth just recounting for the benefit of the house the effort referred to earlier by the Minister for Tourism, not only the VAILO Adelaide 500 but also the new Harvest Rock Festival, expanding the Adelaide Fringe Festival, the new AFL Gather Round, LIV Golf and bringing back another important event which was so callously cut by the previous government—you remember the previous government not having a dedicated minister for tourism; instead, it was the Premier who wanted to indulge in a Festival for the Curious—the Adelaide Motorsport Festival, another resounding success here in South Australia.

The SPEAKER: Before I call the member for Morialta to dispose of the point of order raised by the member for Hartley, I observe that it has been the practice of the house to prevent members from reading in material in the public domain, but I also observe that the Treasurer appears to have departed from any content that was exclusively in the public domain.

ADVERTISING VALUE EQUIVALENCY METHODOLOGY

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (15:09): My question is to the Minister for Tourism. Did the minister, her staff or anyone in government ask any questions or raise any concerns about the use of advertising value equivalency methodology prior to yesterday?

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (15:10): Obviously, I was made aware that some FOIs had been requested in this field, but I think people have been asking about advertising value equivalent. In fact, the absolute hypocrisy of you because you have raised it for some time and you have used it consistently, as I said, for 'old mate' and *Sports Illustrated*. This was a regularly used methodology, so why wouldn't we use that going forward? I think, though—

Mr Pederick interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Hammond continues to interject concerning, as I understand it, 'old mate'. Well, old mate, it's time for you to go—137A for the remainder of question time. It is time for you to go.

The honourable member for Hammond having withdrawn from the chamber:

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: That's why I instructed SATC not to use AVE further. When we look at the \$8.3 million, can I tell you the best story here. I know we have talked a lot about major events, and they have been brilliant, but it's actually regional tourism. Regional tourism now is 48¢ in the dollar.

An honourable member: Regions matter.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Regions matter. South Australians discovered their own backyard. In fact, we are just shy of—

Mr Telfer interjecting:

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: How would you know? You never go to anything. We are just shy—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: No-one was there this morning—none of you.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: You don't know what you're talking about.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: There are interjections to my left and right. Minister!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Florey is on a final warning, the member for Badcoe is recognised for her first warning and there were numerous interjections to my left.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: This is a story that I want to keep talking about. Just this morning, I released our agritourism—

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

The SPEAKER: There is a point of order under 134—

The Hon. N.D. Champion interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Taylor is warned. There is a point of order under 134, which I will hear from the member for Morialta.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Thank you, sir: standing order 98. The question was simple and direct and unrelated to what the minister is now debating about.

The SPEAKER: There is some force in the point of order that has been raised with me. I remind the minister of standing order 98 and bring her to the substance of the question.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: I think the question goes back to what I answered before. I asked the SATC for review because questions had been asked about this unique publicity event, and—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister has the call. Members, a minister can answer a question in any way that they choose, provided it falls within the standing orders.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Obviously, we looked at several different ways of analysing and capturing this data of which AVE, a commonly used independent analysing methodology, was one. During the review, we talked about what the recommendations are going forward, and I think one of the key parts about it is we need to capture and monitor performance in a better way.

Since that time, when that publicly released review was out, that conversation has been taking place between SATC and me, and we will continue to do it. We made that decision and it came to fruition when I went public yesterday and informed people that I have instructed that we won't use it going forward. But in the time that I have let me go back to what's most important here. What's most important—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: —is the \$8.3 million that we received—

Mr Telfer interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Flinders is called to order. The minister has the call.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: —and the role that the regions have played within it.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

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

The SPEAKER: The member for Morialta on a point of order.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: I think the minister has indicated she has concluded her answer and so I seek the call.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: She hasn't? Okay, in that case standing order 98: debate.

The SPEAKER: Very well. Are you withdrawing your point of order, member for Morialta?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Standing order 98: debate. I misunderstood the minister when she sat down.

The SPEAKER: I see. The Treasurer may wish to address me on the same point of order.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: I actually rise on another point of order, and that is that the conduct of the deputy leader offends standing order 131. It is a practice of his to continually seek to interrupt members while they are on their feet—in particular, when they are trying to provide answers to the house during question time.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: He does it based on a bogus point of order. I ask that you call him to order or worse.

The SPEAKER: To dispose of the standing orders consecutively: 98 from the member for Morialta, I will direct the minister to come to the substance of the question. I observe that the minister has given considerable context, and we are now some way through the question; in relation to 131 raised by the Treasurer, members will know that the standing orders prevent interruption:

A Member may not interrupt another Member who is speaking except—

An honourable member interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! It continues:

1. to call attention to a point of order, or
2. to call attention to the lack of a quorum, or
3. to move a motion that is permitted by Standing Orders to be moved at any time.

I will keep the standing order closely in mind.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: I can't speak more clearly than I have already. Questions were asked and concerns were raised. We did the evaluation and that outlined several measures, and it included AVE because that was a standard measure analysed independently. It was used consistently by the opposition when they were in government. I had no doubt to say, 'Why wouldn't we use this?'

But when we looked at the evaluation, we made some recommendations for monitoring performance. The conversations go forward that the type of data that this was collecting, so when you looked at the *Sports Illustrated* in 2019 the same figure was calculated in the same way. I don't think it's a good capture of data because I think what we should be doing is talking about South Australia in a positive way.

We know that people are talking about South Australia more in the past year than they have for the past 10 years. We are in a great space, and events and tourism have played a very strong role in this area. We know that we have a great opportunity for AUKUS going forward. We know that hydrogen is something that's incredibly exciting for building forward. My point is—

The SPEAKER: The minister's time has expired. I am turning to the member for Elder. It's only the third government question for the day.

FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARE

Ms CLANCY (Elder) (15:17): My question is to the Minister for Child Protection. How is the government listening to carers and creating opportunities for them to inform change within the child protection system in South Australia?

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) (15:17): I very much thank the member for her question and for her ongoing interest in how we can best support carers. I acknowledge the crucial role that carers play within the child protection system, and I am sure that all members in this place recognise and appreciate the pivotal role of carers and the profound complexities that are involved in providing care to a child.

In recognising those complexities and in honouring the generous ways in which carers nurture children, opening their homes and hearts to them, our government will listen to their experience and their knowledge. Listening to carers and working with them provides us with the ability to strengthen foundations that lead to the establishment of positive placements for children, to increase carer engagement and to ensure genuine partnership between government and carers. Strengthening this important partnership enables carers to contribute to the shaping of changes within the child protection system.

Following the receipt of the report of the Independent Inquiry into Foster and Kinship Care and the recommendations, I immediately engaged with carers and other stakeholders to create opportunities to discuss the report and its recommendations.

Since becoming minister, and indeed when shadow minister, I have held a wide range of round tables and forums and joined sessions across the state with children and young people, with foster and kinship carers, with carer organisations, support providers, government agencies, workers and other stakeholders to hear their feedback on a range of matters important to them. I have greatly appreciated the time taken from all who have engaged in these conversations to date. One of the key recommendations from Dr Arney's inquiry was the need for strong and structured consultations with carers, with Dr Arney recommending:

That a formal body, such as a Carer Council, be created and suitably resourced to provide advice directly to the South Australian Government through the Minister for Child Protection.

I will continue to meet with those involved across the child protection system and, in direct response to Dr Arney's recommendations, our government has engaged Connecting Foster and Kinship Carers SA in the establishment and ongoing support of the Carer Council.

The Carer Council will comprise at least 12 carers of children currently in care, including carers from both metropolitan and regional areas and Aboriginal carers. It will meet at least three times a year. The Carer Council will discuss key issues faced by carers in order to assist, guide and inform the work that is being done as part of the broader reform and engagement processes happening across the child protection system.

Of course, the Carer Council sits alongside the recently established Child Protection Expert Group that has been developed to challenge orthodoxy and examine current practice and new ideas, to contend with the complex challenges faced by families and our state's child protection system and, alongside a number of other groups, to focus on amplifying voices and helping to make improvements.

The Carer Council will help contribute to the long-term vision for the system and help ensure that the voices of carers are central to reform. The establishment of this council clearly demonstrates our government's commitment to amplifying the voices of all stakeholders as we strive to meet the needs of vulnerable children and young people in South Australia.

SAM SMITH CONCERT

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (15:21): My question is to the Minister for Tourism. Has the minister received any advice that the New South Wales government put an offer in to get the Sam Smith influencer concert? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

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

The SPEAKER: There is a point of order from the Treasurer, which I will hear under 134.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: That question assumes that such an offer was made.

The SPEAKER: It may well. To resolve the matter expeditiously, I will ask the member for Morialta to rephrase.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Thank you, sir. My question is to the Minister for Tourism. What, if any, advice has the minister received about whether or not the New South Wales government put an offer in for the Sam Smith concert? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: On 8 February this year, the minister said:

...should we not have bid for this, Sam Smith would have done this promotional concert announcing their Australian tour and their new album in front of the Sydney Harbour Bridge or the Sydney Opera House.

The SPEAKER: I am going to allow the question, although on one view it might be hypothetical. Another way to ask the question is simply to put it directly and to say, 'Has the minister received X or Y?' In any case—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Yes, that may be, but 'what, if any' preceded that. That, on one view, introduces an element that I referred to.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (15:23): Thank you for repeating what I said in the parliament. I was advised by the Tourism Commission that Frontier Touring put out what was a very competitive bid process that many states were interested in being involved in. At the time, it was seen as an opportunity for something that often a much larger state would be likely to go for, and was likely to be in front of the Sydney Harbour Bridge or the Opera House.

I was advised verbally by the Tourism Commission that that is the expectation of these types of unique publicity events. I had no reason to doubt that advice. It was a process by Frontier Touring; it was a commercial arrangement. That was the situation. I stand by what I said then, on the advice that I received, and I stand by it now.

It was a unique opportunity, a unique publicity event. I doubt we will get anything like this type of opportunity again. This was an opportunity for that global young event. But these types of things happen all the time in Melbourne and Sydney and it was highly likely to happen this time again, had we not gone for it. That is what I was advised, and I stand by that.

SAM SMITH CONCERT

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (15:24): My question is for the Minister for Tourism. Has the minister read any transcripts of the Chief Executive of SA Tourism from the Budget and Finance Committee? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: On 8 May the SA Tourism Commission CE, Ms Terry, said, 'I'm not aware if anyone else bid for that. I'm not privy to that information—if anyone else bid for Sam Smith.'

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (15:24): Yes, I read the transcript. She wasn't the CE at the time. I was advised by the executive director of marketing that this was the situation, how it occurred. It was an opportunity that Frontier Touring presented to different tourism commissions, and the opportunity was taken up by us.

SAM SMITH CONCERT

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (15:25): A supplementary, sir: will the minister release publicly the advice she has just referred to?

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (15:25): I received verbal advice, as I just said before.

The SPEAKER: I call the member for Elizabeth.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Florey! The member for Elizabeth has the call.

KEITH AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (15:25): My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Can the minister update the house on the resourcing for Keith and District Hospital?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:25): I thank the member for Elizabeth for his interest in this important topic. I can provide an update in relation to the Keith hospital. As members would be aware, this has been an ongoing issue over the last decade or so under successive governments, on both sides of parliament, in relation to the funding of the Keith hospital, a community hospital, a private hospital, with a board appointed by the community, but which has always received funding from the state government to enable its operation.

As a private hospital, and in a challenging environment, it has often faced uncertainty in terms of its operations going forward and there have often been disputes in terms of the level of funding. Obviously that has happened over the last decade or so, and it has certainly happened over the last few years as well. There have been a number of times when there were last-minute funding agreements reached, and there was the threat of closure of that important hospital.

This is the only hospital in that significant distance between Bordertown all the way to Taillem Bend. It provides services not only to the local community, but there is also a concern in terms of that significant stretch, that distance, not having appropriate services if the Keith hospital were no longer to be there. Keith hospital is one of those hospitals that over the last 50 years, when most of

the other community hospitals joined SA Health, decided not to do that and stayed outside of the then SA Health Commission.

We were elected on a platform of investing in health right across South Australia, and we made that strategic decision not to proceed with the \$662 million basketball stadium and to invest—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister has the call.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: —all that money into our health system, of which at least \$100 million—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Newland, the member for Morphett, the member for Elizabeth and the member for Wright, I think, order!

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: At least \$100 million of that was going directly to country health, and we were very proud that we announced a \$52 million investment in health services across the South-East and the Limestone Coast, of which \$9.75 million was designated for the Keith hospital over a seven-year period to make sure there was financial certainty for the operations of that hospital and that there were not these continual last-minute deadlines.

However, since then we have been working together with the Keith hospital board and the Limestone Coast Local Health Network. They have been working together on a new model of care for Keith, which will be the Keith and District Health Care Model. This will see the Keith hospital become part of the Limestone Coast Local Health Network, it will see the Keith hospital board become a health advisory council with those assets kept through that HAC process, as it is in a number of country hospitals across South Australia, and it will be a new model that will provide access to urgent care, with a community paramedic, nurse practitioner and allied health roles as well as possible at-home services to that community.

I really want to congratulate the board and particularly Peter Brookman on his work. This is now going to be an operation on 1 July, providing certainty to the Keith community around those services. It is being supported through public meetings by the Keith community. I would also like to thank the member for MacKillop for his work in supporting his community in relation to this important hospital for people who live in the Keith community.

ADELAIDE 500

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (15:29): My question is to the Minister for Tourism. Can the minister advise whether the government has made any payments to Zara and Mike Tindall and, if so, how much? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Royal family members Zara and Mike Tindall were in attendance at the Adelaide 500 and the state dinner, but the government has never revealed at what cost to taxpayers, despite \$6.5 million worth of news coverage criticising the government for its refusal to reveal this figure.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (15:30): I thank the shadow minister for his question. As the minister that is responsible for the Adelaide 500, I am more than happy to answer the shadow minister's question. I note that there is a bit of a theme that has emerged from the opposition, and that is that they seem to be opposed to South Australia getting out there on the front foot, getting major events for our state and selling our story to the rest of the country.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr Cowdrey interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Colton!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: The Leader of the Opposition opposed Gather Round—he opposed Gather Round. He opposed LIV Golf. We know they scrapped the Adelaide 500, and what they have consistently sought to do—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Treasurer is called to order.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Hartley! The exchange between the member for Hartley and the Treasurer will cease. The member for Morialta on a point of order under 134.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Standing order 98: the question was directly related to payments to the Tindalls. The Premier is debating on a much broader range of issues.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Florey is on a final warning, with three minutes remaining.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: There are interjections continuing from my left and my right. I am seeking to dispose of the point of order.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Some latitude is provided to the Premier and the leader because they are the Premier and the leader and to ensure that some context might be introduced as well. I, however, will remind the Premier of the standing orders.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: There is a consistent theme here that those in the opposition seem to have a point of disagreement with the government, which has been assertive, and will remain assertive, about getting out there and telling our story across the country. Major events are a powerful means to be able to do that. Another good example, of course, is the FIFA World Cup. This is an extraordinary event to celebrate women's football globally that is coming up in only a few weeks' time, and it is happening here in South Australia. It is happening here in South Australia because those opposite had to be shamed into making a bid for the Women's World Cup. We are very excited to be able to host those events.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: I had a meeting with senior officials—

Mr Telfer interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Flinders!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —from the Women's World Cup—

Mr Tarzia interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Hartley!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —from FIFA, only a few weeks ago, with the Minister for Sport.

Mr Telfer interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Flinders is warned.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: So we will continue to put our best foot forward to promote the state. That, of course, means investing in those events and elevating those events, using practices that have been adopted by the former government since time immemorial. Having celebrities attend major events is not a new tactic; it's been one that has been deployed by our would-be competitors from Victoria and New South Wales.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: It is a tactic that has been deployed by the Liberal Party when they were in government. But be under no misapprehension—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Premier has the call.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —this government, under the stewardship of the Minister for Tourism, and everybody else on this side of the house, will continue to use major events to promote everything our state has to tell the rest of the nation.

Grievance Debate

POWER PRICES

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:34): South Australia has recorded the highest power bill prices in the nation under the watch of the Minister for Energy. If you think you are experiencing a nightmare case of *deja vu*, you would be correct, because when he was last the Minister for Energy in the Weatherill Labor government not only did he preside over the statewide blackout but he also gave South Australian households the highest electricity prices in the nation.

The former Liberal government introduced successful power policies, including the largest rollout of home batteries per capita across the world, that reversed Labor's legacy of sky-high power prices. Between June 2018 and December 2021, ESCOSA reported that the average household power bill reduced by \$421. Not having learnt their lesson, though, this current government had no plan coming into the 2022 election to ensure electricity supply was both affordable and reliable, and over a year later the government still do not have a plan. The Minister for Energy is back in charge and South Australian families and households are paying for it.

Last week, the Australian Energy Regulator released their default market offer, which showed the average South Australian household power bill increased by nearly 24 per cent and will do so from 1 July. This translates into up to an additional \$512 for South Australian households. This massive increase in household power bills is crippling just as we come into winter. It adds to the other costs, such as interest rate rises and cost-of-living rises, that we are facing in South Australia with a cost-of-living crisis. South Australia's inflation rate is at 7.9 per cent, the highest in the nation, and the opposition has found that the average South Australian household is \$17,000 worse off under this Malinauskas Labor government. This power bill shock is only going to make things worse.

Households in South Australia are not the only ones feeling the pain; it is also small businesses. They are staring down a 29 per cent increase, or \$1,310, to their electricity bill. The cost of doing business in South Australia is already going up and these skyrocketing power bills are just going to make it worse. Of course, there is only so much a small business can do, and turning off the power is not an option. We do not want to see businesses having to make the choice between paying a power bill or employing staff, especially as South Australia already has the highest unemployment rate in the nation.

South Australia had the highest power price increase in the nation for households without controlled loads and also small businesses. The Premier and the Minister for Energy knew that these increases were coming. When the draft default market offer came in March, the estimated power bill increases for both households and small businesses were already a cause for alarm, but last week's power price increases were even more than first anticipated two months ago. In that time, both the Premier and the Minister for Energy have been flying around Europe talking about hydrogen instead of spending time fixing South Australians' power bills.

Shockingly, last week in parliament it was revealed that the government's \$600 million experimental hydrogen power station will not deliver cheaper electricity bills for struggling South Australian households. Since last year, when power bills started rising, the opposition has called for the state government to provide energy bill relief such as other states have done. Unfortunately, it has taken until the last couple of weeks for the government to announce how they

will participate in the commonwealth bill rebates. Of course, this is only for eligible concession holders.

We know that rebates are unsustainable in the long term, but in the absence of any sort of plan by this government there still needs to be help. At the same time, the Malinauskas government is running cover for the federal Labor government's election commitment to reduce people's power bills by \$275; meanwhile, South Australian businesses and families are left to deal with these massive price increases. Middle income households not eligible for the commonwealth's bill relief will be left to fend for themselves. Skyrocketing energy prices under the Malinauskas Labor government are yet again a clear sign that we have returned to the bad old days of Labor, when we experienced the highest power prices in the nation.

PLAYFORD ELECTORATE

Mr FULBROOK (Playford) (15:38): I rise to pay tribute and share the story of Parafield Gardens local Ellie Harati. A love of community flows through her veins and, while involved in many projects, Ellie is synonymous for running the Parafield Gardens Neighbourhood Facebook page.

The story of her past is fascinating and one I feel should be shared with the greater SA community. Key to this is the origin of her grandfather. While Iranian, he was a member of the royal family of Afghanistan and they share their surname with Harati, a city in the same country.

As a young boy, his family were exiled to Iran and over time he became a pharmacist, working with Bayer and owning his own company in Tehran. Following the 1978 revolution in Iran, this was confiscated, spelling the start of extreme persecution her family would endure. The theocratic regime that followed would commit countless atrocities on its people, carrying out the largest massacre in its history with the delusional intent of purifying society of non-Islamic elements.

It is hard to find words to describe what her late uncle endured. Working as a university lecturer, he was imprisoned and for five years lined up with 10 other men, with the fulfilled promise of two being executed. This happened daily and somehow he walked away with his life, albeit physically and mentally frail in every sense.

Her father, although a successful aviation project manager, soon lost his job and his family lived under continuous surveillance. As war waged against Iraq, Ellie recalls the bombing of Tehran. As school students, they would be hidden in tunnels as bombs fell. These were not only dark but cramped, with poor airflow and the fear of not knowing what was happening to loved ones on the surface.

With the government continually chasing her father's family, they decided to leave Iran and settle as refugees in Switzerland. While they had always lived in a nice house, life in a refugee camp was confronting. Surrounded by desperation, the family chose to turn back, deciding the resettlement process was too painful, with suicides happening in front of them on an all too frequent basis.

Upon returning, the war did not get any better, and everyone was encouraged to leave. This time, they joined other family members in Belgium, but this was also short lived, as Ellie's grandfather got sick, prompting the family to return home a second time. After she finished school, Ellie and her family moved to Dubai, living there for six years. Her mum and dad, Meh-ri and Far-had, continually encouraged her to live somewhere other than Iran, but her roots were so strong that she returned in the late 1990s.

With a university education, she found good work in the IT sector, but life was far from ideal. Ellie spoke of the morality police, of whom she ran afoul on multiple occasions. Set up to target women, they would pull victims in for questioning if their hair had fallen slightly out of their hijabs or if they were caught wearing objectionable clothing. A so-called violation would result in women being whisked into a van and taken to the station. They would be photographed and subjected to intensive questioning, with the risk of having their passports confiscated.

If this was not enough, citizens were made to walk past public hangings in the streets. These became so frequent Ellie described how desensitised people became to it. Ongoing workplace sexual harassment would eventually trigger her decision to leave. It was common to receive

unwanted advances from men, with a tipping point being a refusal to be the sixth wife of a wealthy client. After years of resisting, she would leave the land and the family that she loved.

What happened next is a set of adventures migrants are all too familiar with. I could talk about the battle to find a job and accommodation, but I would never do it justice in a few short minutes. While times have been tough, Ellie found love in Adelaide, marrying Carlos, who arrived a month before her under a skilled visa. In 2017, they welcomed the arrival of their son, Ramon.

With 42 per cent of my electorate born overseas, there are many more stories like Ellie's that are confronting. We often take her deep smile, friendly nature and love of community at face value. In bringing Ellie's story to the chamber, I single it out to reinforce how the past often forges a deep commitment to our communities. Put simply, Ellie can do things now she could never do back in Iran. We should never lose sight of the many stories like this and, instead, realise how lucky we are that people like Ellie walk amongst us, possessing the drive to enrich the towns and the suburbs they now call home.

SAM SMITH CONCERT

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (15:43):

There are serious concerns about the way that this Labor government has been performing, particularly in the tourism portfolio, and it has been absolutely writ large as exemplified by the community, the public and even the government's own response to the Sam Smith influencer concert.

The community since January has been expressing concern, disappointment and even outrage at the fact that the government has seen fit to spend their hard-earned dollars in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis on paying for Sam Smith to do his album and tour launch announcement here in South Australia and host a concert for 300 hand-picked influencers, competition winners and others, including the member for Mawson, down in McLaren Vale, as being the priority that this government has seen fit to use taxpayers' money for.

In recent weeks, we have had increasing rumblings from within the Labor Party itself, and the volume of emails coming from upset unionists concerned about Labor leadership on various issues is a signal, in this opposition's view, of a government uneasy with itself and demonstrating significant unrest. Viewing the Minister for Tourism's performance, it is quite clear that there are members on the Labor backbench who would be eyeing that seat with a sense not of if but when they might get the call-up.

Today, that was writ large even in the actions, the body language, the behaviour and the answers of other ministers of this government. I am advised that, prior to question time, the Premier and staff were seen going to visit the Minister for Tourism and, at the end of question time, visible for all of us to see was the Premier taking questions directed to the Minister for Tourism—not because he wanted to provide information relevant to his particular portfolio responsibility for the Adelaide 500, which he took away from the Minister for Tourism last year, but instead so that he could give his version of a broad-ranging answer in relation to tourism and sports-related events. Notable by its absence was the fact that the Tindalls, about whom the question was asked, to which he took the answer, were not mentioned at all.

Let's go back to step one in this fiasco. Concerns were first raised I think in late January about whether it was a good idea that the government would use taxpayers' money to partner with Frontier Touring, who apparently came to them with this idea: 'Let's put on a concert. Let's give Sam Smith, their management and their record label the opportunity to launch their album here in South Australia and tell people about their tour in South Australia. Let's give them money to do that act,' which of course is a significant benefit to Sam Smith, Sam Smith's touring company and Sam Smith's record company.

The government not only did that but they refused to tell anyone how much money they had spent on doing so. We have an idea now that it was somewhere north of half a million dollars, but the government continues to insist that it was south of a million dollars. The government has been very, very unwilling to talk about the cost of influencers and the hospitality packages that were provided to influencers that were in the order of drinks packages, luxury hotels and the opportunity for influencers to, in the words of one of them on their own TikTok video, 'get a little messed up'.

They indeed then posted about South Australia videos of them being a little messed up. One of them took the opportunity to complain about an influencer 'peeing in the mosh pit', which is another quote. The behaviour of the influencers here on taxpayers' time was defended by South Australian Tourism and the Minister for Tourism, not in the specific but by their general refusal to admit, right up until recently, that anything went wrong. There was a review conducted at the minister's insistence, after about three months of public complaint. The minister and SA Tourism came out and said, 'Actually, we might look at some of those influencer behaviours in the future.'

That review also highlighted one of the other significant problems that the Minister for Tourism has. In January, when defending this idea, she said that Sam Smith has 14 million Instagram followers and a potential reach of 740 million people might see their posts. Then, in March, a government spokesperson said that there were 1.58 billion people who were able to see these posts about South Australia and the Sam Smith influencer concert—more people than tuned in to watch the FIFA World Cup final. Of course, when the review came out, we found out it was actually fewer than five million people—not 740 million as the minister said, or 1½ billion as the government said, but five million people.

Yesterday, we learnt that \$32 million of advertising value they had been claiming is also a nonsense because most of it were negative stories, and the minister today gave no answer, no defence, just 45 minutes of demonstrating why this government is not fit to be in charge of tourism in South Australia.

ELDER ELECTORATE

Ms CLANCY (Elder) (15:49): I want to take the opportunity, after having a really great morning, to have a chat about some sports clubs in my electorate. My day this morning started off very well. I took my beautiful dog Pepsi for a walk at a quarter past five, and then I was at Adelaide Oval. I was so excited that I got to be part of the Parliamentary Friends of Rugby League touch footy match this morning.

I got to play on Adelaide Oval and I got most valuable player for the blue side, so I was loving life. Do you know, and I think the member for Morphett would appreciate this: I was actually pretty good. The only times that I fell over was when I was going for the ball and it was very slippery. But I am proud of it, I think I made a good effort and I was very determined. I am proud to stand alongside the member for Hartley in our team as well as Emily Bourke from the other place and the member for Waite. I was against the member for Colton, the member for Mawson and the member for Reynell—I am probably going to forget somebody.

It was a really great morning and I got to play with Anthony Minichiello against Petero Civoniceva, and our coach was 'the chief', Paul Harragon, so it was an incredible morning. I am officially into rugby league and I will be heading to the State of Origin match tomorrow night after another event with the member for Newland.

Last weekend, I was at Auskick at Goodwood Saints footy club with my little one and it was just so good. There were so many young people there playing and learning the member for Morphett's favourite game and just having a really good time. It was a lot of fun also volunteering and helping out, and I really felt my heart rate going up, but it was really nice to be able to take part in the volunteering at that great club.

On Saturday, I thought it would be a good idea to take Pepsi, the aforementioned dog, to Colonel Light Gardens Football Club for a game. It turned out to be a terrible idea because, while she is very calm at 5.30 in the morning, seeing a bunch of people running around an oval with a ball is not actually a great time for her. She is seven months old and a little bit hectic, so I apologise to the Colonel Light Gardens Lions for bringing a barking, pulling dog to the game, but congratulate them on the awesome effort of their B-grade team who absolutely smashed it.

I then took the risk and took the dog and the child to Kenilworth Football Club where I again got to see the beautiful new scoreboard that they received from state government funding. I also got to check out the new nets which are excellent. They stop the balls from going quite so far away and it also means that not only is it better for the players as they do not have to run quite so far to retrieve the ball, it is also really nice for the neighbours and people using nearby areas to not have balls flying

around. I think Pepsi might be a Kooka's supporter because she was much more calm at Kenilworth Football Club, so I guess that is her thing.

I just wanted to point out that I am really proud of the clubs in our area. They do such great work. Thank you to all the volunteers at our clubs. I am looking forward to the Kenilworth Football Club ball that is coming up in a few weeks. This weekend, I will be heading to South Adelaide Basketball Club which I share with the member for Gibson. We both have some of their courts in each of our electorates so we both love the South Adelaide Basketball Club. I will be heading there on Saturday for a couple of games and I am really looking forward to it.

I also wanted to thank, because it was only a couple of weeks ago that we had National Volunteer Week, all our incredible volunteers, not only within our sporting clubs but also as part of organisations like Treasure Boxes. I do want to thank the member for Hurtle Vale for doing a really big drive recently for Treasure Boxes and getting a lot of things donated, including pyjamas, sheets and quilts.

Treasure Boxes do amazing work in our community and provide support to young people and families who have had to leave home unexpectedly or quickly, and are not able to take everything with them. Particularly in winter, it is really important that they have everything they need, so I want to encourage anyone listening to please donate to Treasure Boxes, either with pyjamas, blankets or sheets, or by just making a financial donation, because the volunteers there would really, really appreciate it. One more thing before I wrap up: I just wanted to congratulate Rob and Bella, from Cheesy Charlies in my electorate, on the birth of their little baby boy.

AGED-CARE SECTOR FOREIGN WORKERS

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley) (15:53): Last week, we discovered what the Labor Party really stands for, and it was exposed in a Labor Party and union new deal to increase union membership and consolidate union power. This deal revolves around granting special access rights to foreign workers in the aged-care sector with specific provisions that favour the unions and their influence.

A recent labour agreement for temporary skilled workers in aged care established by the Albanese government includes a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that stretches to seven pages, outlining various provisions for union access. Under this agreement, management is explicitly barred from worker inductions unless specifically invited by the union and required to make a positive statement about their relationship with the union. This effectively hands over significant control of private businesses to unions, and restricts the role of management to their workplaces.

It is worth noting that unions have previously expressed opposition to increases in skilled migration, having voiced concerns about job security, wages and the potential for exploitation. These earlier statements from unions raise questions about their sudden change of position and their eagerness to embrace this new deal. Well, Mr Speaker, it is all about money.

In sense, their motivation lies in increasing union membership, extracting money from the wages of new immigrant workers and expanding their union's influence in the Labor Party. More union members means more union fees, and more funds to donate to the Labor Party election campaigns. The Labor government and the unions defend this policy claiming it is a safeguard against exploitation to ensure quality aged care, but it is the ALP and the unions who are exploiting these workers.

There are legitimate concerns raised by migration agents and aged-care workers. Many providers are reluctant to sign the MOU, labelling it as union overreach that hinders their ability to operate effectively. They fear that granting unions such access and control will impede their ability to make decisions in the best interests of their organisations and their clients. The federal opposition's immigration spokesman, Dan Tehan, aptly described the policy as the beginning of Labor's reshaping of the workforce and establishing a quid pro quo with the unions, in exchange for their support of Labor's vision of a 'big Australia'.

Numerous industries currently relying on labour agreements for migration purposes are anxious about the precedent that this policy sets. They fear that their sectors may also become subject to increased union intrusion and control. Additionally, concerns have been raised about the

potential for coercion of workers into joining unions as well as the erosion of freedom of association, and the freedom to not associate. Employers and employees want assurances that their workplaces will not be unionised by stealth, and that their rights to choose to not be in a union will be respected.

The Australian Industry Group has expressed deep concerns about the agreement's implications, warning of potential unfettered union entry rights, and the influence unions might have over employment and business decisions. While the Labor Party and the unions want the public to believe their new deal is a noble one on the surface, the underlying motivations seem to be rooted in increasing union membership and funding to support the Labor Party's election campaigns.

To be absolutely clear, the Labor/union deal's only focus is to expand union membership through migrant exploitation via in camera foreign worker inductions. Granting unions exclusive access rights raises serious questions about its true purpose. It is crucial that we engage in thoughtful and informed debate about labour shortages and skilled migration, but what is clear from this new deal is that Labor and the unions' only debate has been solely focused on what is in it for them and how they can take a clip off the wages of new migrants before they are even in a position to make an informed choice about joining that union or not.

We must consider the potential consequences of further union influence in the workplace and the impact on businesses, job opportunities and the overall economy. Let us not allow hidden agendas to guide our policies, but instead strive for a fair and balanced approach that serves the best interests of all Australians.

NEWLAND ELECTORATE

Ms SAVVAS (Newland) (15:58): I would like to use the grievance time to talk about all the wonderful things that are going on in my electorate and bring a bit of an upbeat feel to the chamber because it is always a good opportunity to talk about the positive things that are going on in the north-eastern suburbs. Today, I thought I would mention a bit of the great work that is happening at some of our local schools.

In the electorate of Newland, we are very blessed to have 15 schools—so a very large number of schools for a metropolitan state electorate—and I have had the great privilege and pleasure of visiting all those schools and engaging with them on different levels at different times. Firstly, I thought I would draw attention to Tea Tree Gully Primary, which is one of the oldest schools in the state. It is a very small school in terms of the number of students who are there, but the community and family feel of the school is second to none. Recently they partnered with our local RSL for an intergenerational art project, where students at Tea Tree Gully Primary would partner with a member from the RSL, which is just across the road from their school, to paint on the Stobie poles about ANZAC service and what veterans mean to them.

There was a wonderful opportunity on ANZAC Day to walk down Memorial Drive, which is somewhere in Tea Tree Gully where we acknowledge all the wonderful work of our veterans, and look at the artwork that has been done by the students and RSL members. I just think that it is an incredible testament to the benefits of intergenerational learning and what the members of the RSL and the students at Tea Tree Gully Primary were able to learn from that experience.

I would also like to mention Ridgehaven Primary. Ridgehaven Primary, right on the boundary of the electorate of Newland, is another wonderful school. Earlier this year, they had Rainbow Day at their school, where they celebrated Harmony Week but also World Down Syndrome Day because of a student at their school with Down syndrome. They sold rainbow Paddle Pops at their school. Everyone had rainbow costumes. I bought some rainbow knee-high socks, and all the money raised on that day went to Down syndrome support and awareness. It was another good way for students to get involved but also to understand diversity, acceptance and inclusion. I think Ridgehaven did such a wonderful job of that.

Another thing at Ridgehaven always worth noting is that they have a beautiful support dog, Poet. He is a little 'oodle' of some description, and he just runs around the school, having pats and licking students, teachers and visitors alike, and he just brings a real energy to the place.

I would also like to mention Banksia Park Primary, which is such a beautiful school and has a really, really wonderful relationship with the Banksia Park Kindergarten on site. I joined them for

one of the classes in the Stephanie Alexander kitchen garden program a few weeks back. I made some Asian noodle salads and focaccias with the kids. I have to say that it is probably one of the favourite things that I have done so far as a local member, getting involved in the cooking in the classroom with the kids and just watching them teach me different kitchen skills and learning what they have learnt from the kitchen garden program, from both the cooking element and also the gardening element there as well.

Modbury South Primary is another wonderful school that really connects well with the other two schools which are co-located on the same site, Modbury Special and Modbury High. I joined them earlier in the year for Pancake Day. We made pancakes for the students and their parents. It was another really good way to bring the parents into the community and celebrate and acknowledge the work of the parents as well. They could also have a coffee. I had one on my way in to parliament. I took my pancakes in the car. I love what Modbury South are doing, particularly the way they connect with Modbury Special School, which is right next door.

We also have Ardtornish Primary School. I will be attending Ardtornish this week for Reconciliation Week with my dearest elder, Uncle Tamaru, to celebrate Reconciliation Week but also to raise the new Torres Strait Islander flag that the school and kindergarten will be putting up at the school.

We have Modbury High School, which recently was the pilot site for the new Olympics Unleashed program that I attended with the member for Wright, the Minister for Education. It is where students are given the opportunity to learn about goalsetting from Olympians and talk about challenges and those sorts of things and all of the different things that come from achieving your goals and having setbacks.

Those are just a few examples of the wonderful schools in my electorate. I will make sure that I get to list all the rest of them at another opportunity sometime soon. But I would like to acknowledge the parents, the volunteers and the teachers who all put in so much work to make those schools real community places, and places where our children can grow and thrive.

Parliamentary Committees

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services) (16:03): By leave, I move:

That Mr Basham be appointed to the committee in place of Mrs Hurn (resigned).

Motion carried.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services) (16:04): By leave, I move:

That the Hon. D.G. Pisoni be appointed to the Social Development Committee in place of Mr Whetstone (resigned).

Motion carried.

Bills

SUPPLY BILL 2023

Supply Grievances

Adjourned debate on motion to note grievances (resumed on motion).

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services) (16:05): I would like to contribute to the Supply Bill currently before us and particularly focus on local impacts. Whilst I am incredibly proud of the work that is happening across the human services portfolio, I am only a minister because I am also a local member. My local community is home to many people and organisations who rely on critical public services and support. There are a number of local projects in Hurtle Vale or directly impacting our local community that are really exciting and positive.

Priorities of Hurtle Vale, and no doubt of most electorates, focus around social inclusion, access to services and connection within the community. This is achieved by investing in and improving services within our area, as well as transport options that connect us beyond to the investments in neighbouring and more distant suburbs.

One of the areas of concern always is health. I am very pleased that Noarlunga Hospital is seeing a massive upgrade to the medical facilities, including 48 new beds spread across mental health and general wards. This is the biggest investment in upgrading and expanding Noarlunga Hospital services that we have ever seen: more beds, more doctors, more nurses.

More care locally means southern suburbs residents will have more medical resources available. This will help ease the pressure on the Flinders Medical Centre, where there is a significant investment happening in partnership with the federal government for \$400 million, half and half: a once-in-a-generation expansion of Flinders Medical Centre, delivering, again, extra beds, improved surgical and imaging services, better mental health care, more modern facilities—much appreciated.

We also have continued improvements to roads, a very important focus on road safety, including the installation of pedestrian islands, new school crossings, resurfacing and revegetation of Panalatinga Road. Many other small feeder roads as well are getting attention in Hurtle Vale.

The Australian and South Australian governments' joint funding of the \$120 million Majors Road Interchange project constructing new on and off ramps for the Southern Expressway at Majors Road will provide commuters in the southern suburbs further access to the Southern Expressway while improving access to Glenthorne Park, the Sam Willoughby International BMX Facility and the Southern Soccer Facility from the Southern Expressway.

Whilst the proposed project is not within the electorate of Hurtle Vale, the Southern Expressway services a significant number of my constituents, and as a local resident myself I am very aware of the impact that the Southern Expressway has in our area—of course, a particularly positive impact since the South Australia Labor government a few years ago duplicated this one-way expressway.

The proposed upgrade to the Majors Road Interchange to provide these key connections between Lonsdale Road and Main South Road is long overdue. I remember when I first started campaigning as the candidate for Fisher in late 2014. It was the number one subject that was brought up then from the O'Halloran Hill residents in particular. We could say, I think, the member for Black has also been on record a number of times and remains on record, on the internet, as this being the number one priority—

An honourable member: Number one.

The Hon. N.F. COOK: —yes—in 2018, which was not delivered by the Liberal government. We are getting on with that. This will allow many more residents across the southern suburbs to finally access the Southern Expressway, helping to reduce congestion on Brighton Road and further lessen the traffic load on Main South Road.

Indeed, last week there were significant delays on the Southern Expressway just north of the Majors Road bridge, I believe. Had this access point been in place already, it would have meant a huge improvement for local commuters who were stuck between the entry point at Panalatinga Road and the Majors Road bridge for up to an hour. This got in the way of many things, such as work and medical appointments, so I look forward to seeing this investment proceeding.

There were some local commitments I was able to secure leading up to the election, and one of these was for a much asked-for dog park that will be located on Investigator Drive in Woodcroft in my hood, just up the road. I look forward to visiting that dog park with Billie, although her terrible behaviour is probably something I do not want to share with all my local friends and residents (it may be a blessing that I have to travel out of the electorate to go to a dog park), but we will see how it goes. She is very cute; she is a beagle, but she is awful—and I hope she is not watching because she will probably bite off my face while I am asleep tonight.

The dog park, for about half a million dollars, is going to be extraordinary, and I hope the project progresses quickly now that we have had some consultation. I really am delighted—although

there is some irony, coming to the next commitment—to hear that the council is installing toilets at the dog park. That will be great, because dog park bags are not for humans, but that toilet was not in the original request.

However, we did request and fund toilets at the Byards Road wetlands. We have been in a 1½ year to and fro with council regarding those particular toilets at the wetlands because it is the park where wet pants are often the outcome—

An honourable member interjecting:

The Hon. N.F. COOK: —yes—and other such incidents that are potentially a problem without the toilets, which are not accessible at the moment.

However, the new council, with a new regime, is now proceeding with this. My current favourite Pimpala Ward councillor, Deputy Mayor Mick Fisher, is assisting with the progressing of this particular piece of work and a report is being commissioned into the matter. I will continue to advocate for these toilets and hope to see them delivered very soon for the local residents, particularly the Byards Road birdwatching group, who do hang around for a long period of time waiting for a particular species of bird to arrive to take beautiful photos. I would love to have those facilities there for them.

Another thing is \$100,000 for accessible play equipment at the Wilfred Taylor Reserve adventure playground, a commitment delivered following the 2018 election. We held a public meeting last year, and a working group is being headed up by a terrific young man, Callum Barrott-Walsh. Sadly, he is now working for Qantas, so he is not around as much because he will be flying around the world—good luck, Callum. He has been pulling together some terrific work with local young people, kids with disability, who will ensure there is a user-focused approach to a much-needed community asset. A vital aspect for children's development is to get out and play and socialise, and access to suitable play equipment is vital in this, so I look forward to seeing it.

Noarlunga United Soccer Club is benefiting from a million-dollar funding commitment for a much-needed upgrade, and I am sure many members have been to see their clubs play against Noarlunga. The council has now consulted around this and plans to commence works in October 2023, post the winter season. With some additional money from local and federal governments, the works will include four new unisex change rooms, lighting upgrades to pitch 1, new access roads and car parking—well done, Monika Cadman, a terrific president.

This whole piece of work kicked off after the master plan process around six years ago with the City of Onkaparinga after we did the Wilfred Taylor Reserve \$1.3 million playground. They acknowledged there was more work to be done, so we look forward to all of that.

It is worth talking just a little bit about the neighbouring electorates of Davenport, Reynell and Kaurna. There are a number of significant upgrades happening for sporting clubs that service my electorate in those areas, including the Reynella Sports and Social Club; the Happy Valley Sports Park change room and facilities upgrades; the Morphett Vale Memorial Sports Complex, which is getting some work done on it; the Hub Gymnastics club, which has terrific people (I was there only last week); and at the Morphett Vale Bowling Club.

I know some of the areas I have taken over from the member for Kaurna are only as good as they are because of his great advocacy in the areas of STEM for schools and a range of other public facilities.

The clubs play a huge role in the lives of many Hurtle Vale residents, so I am really excited about seeing all these things happening in my electorate and also in adjacent ones. I know that other members—Labor, Liberal and Independent—all appreciate the role that governments and oppositions can play in working together to achieve investment in our local communities. I commend the bill to the house.

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (16:15): I also rise to speak in support of the bill. I want to talk about some of the developments in the local area that I represent—all the way from McLaren Vale and Maslin Beach, down the western side of the Fleurieu Peninsula, and Kangaroo Island.

I was on Kangaroo Island on the weekend, and it was terrific to be there to launch a new volunteer Sea Rescue Squadron boat built in Lonsdale. As we look at all the manufacturing in Australia that has moved offshore, it is terrific to have a local company, Nautic Star, manufacturing boats that are bought not just by our emergency services here in South Australia but also by fisheries and the police.

To Marco and all your crew down at Lonsdale, thank you for the hard work you put in to work with our government agencies to come up with vessels that are not only seaworthy but really good at getting into position as quickly as possible. The last thing we want is to put our volunteers at risk, or to put our fisheries officers or police officers at risk, when they are out there trying to look after other people.

It was a huge day for the people on Kangaroo Island, and I really want to thank each and every one of the volunteers and their families for the time they give up in their efforts to do all the training and then be out on missions to save people. This includes Carol at American River. I have been around to her house, where she has a radio room. She has year-after-year and decade-after-decade of logs that she has kept, as she maintains the radio service, as a volunteer, that keeps people not just around Kangaroo Island but in other coastal waters in South Australia safe.

To Carol and to everyone else involved in the volunteer Sea Rescue Squadron on Kangaroo Island, thank you very much from the bottom of my heart. I know that this \$505,000 commitment made on behalf of the state government by the emergency services minister was gratefully received for the vessel and also for the towing vehicle.

Another big commitment we have made in our budget is \$10 million for the Kangaroo Island hospital. We have seen that health service decline over many, many years, and it was something that I fought hard for in the lead-up to the election. It has been really good to work with the local community about what their priorities are for that \$10 million spend, and we will continue to work with the Minister for Health and the HAC (Health Advisory Council) on the island to work out what they see as the most important priorities to spend this \$10 million on.

I met with members of the HAC last Friday when I was on the island. I also met with Ag KI, the tourism association and the business association as well. I like to have regular updates with them to see how things are tracking. It is always nice to stay on top of things in your local area and work with the associations because there is nothing like local knowledge to inform us about where the government's priority should be and to inform us about what we should be looking after before things become really big issues. I always liken it to an emergency: if we can get to things while they are spot fires, and get on top of them, then that saves having to throw a lot more resources at them or being really reactive as things get out of hand and out of control.

I thank everyone involved in those discussions last Friday for giving up their time to explain to me where things are at and what we are up to. I look forward to welcoming our cabinet over to Kangaroo Island next month, when they will be there for a few days to get around and talk to people about what is important to them in their policy areas, not just the various associations but individuals as well. I know there are a lot of ministers who have been working hard on site visits and meetings to make sure they are across everything they could possibly be across.

I had a good meeting this morning with the Minister for Education about a couple of issues that he has been very helpful with. Again, we are listening to those on the ground. They have some really simple tips that can save government a whole lot of money and deliver better services as well. That is why it is important in our local regions to listen to the local people and feed that back in. Again, thank you to all the ministers who have been so generous with their time to listen to our concerns, and we are really looking forward to showing you a good time when you get over to Kangaroo Island next month.

In and around the Onkaparinga part of the Mawson electorate that I represent, we are spending a lot of money—\$4.2 million—to upgrade 21 intersections that, unfortunately, have caused major injuries and deaths in recent years. We are working really closely with the Onkaparinga council, and I want to thank Kirk Richardson, the Director of Operations for Onkaparinga council. Before the election, I sat down together with Kirk and the then CEO of the council, Scott Ashby. The Onkaparinga council put together a prospectus that was given to all political parties before the state

and federal elections. It was easy just to go through that and say, 'That's a good idea; we should look at funding that. That's a good idea; we should look at funding that.'

One of the projects I really liked was this \$4.2 million ask they had of the state government to fund these 21 intersection upgrades, and we are starting to roll them out now. The council is doing most of the work but, as Kirk told me the other day, without our funding it would not have been possible to do these up. We have lost too many local community members. People in here might remember the young netballer who was tragically killed a couple of years ago in a car crash on Main Road between McLaren Vale and Willunga and then a week after that, the next corner up, we unfortunately lost one of our local schoolteachers who was killed on that Salopian Inn corner, McMurtrie Road and Johnson Road, where those two roads cross over Main Road.

It was just one of those tragic periods in our local area's history. Two weeks before that, the brother and sister-in-law of the woman who was killed—and we all know them, as they are local businesspeople in Willunga—were involved in this almost fatal crash, with serious injuries to everyone in the vehicles. The gentleman was in hospital for several months, trying to get over his quite serious injuries; his sister went to visit him in hospital and it was on her way home from hospital that she was killed on an intersection not too far away.

Any of us who live in the local area, and people from rural South Australia, are pretty used to country roads and cross roads. It has got me beat how people can get into the sort of trouble that they get into to cause these accidents. If they were just paying attention when they were driving and looking out, they would see them. Unfortunately, we live in a world where people almost have to have things put in the headrest to bang them on the head and say, 'Focus on the road.' What we are doing now is working with SAGE Automation, the local council and state government to come up with signs that, when you drive past a trigger point, will actually flash up to say 'give way' or 'Give Way sign ahead,' or whatever it is. They are the sorts of things we are installing.

It is a pity that we have to spend so much money doing it but, while people are coming into our area and not paying attention and injuring or killing local people, then we have to take action and this is what we are doing. We are looking at all sorts of solutions, including at another intersection, where it is unbelievable that there are any problems at all, but it is such a dangerous intersection—that is, the one with Chalk Hill Road and Olivers Road near the Maxwell Winery. There are no trees, no hedges, no fences; it is so clear that it is a cross road, yet people just barrel through the Give Way signs and the Stop signs.

I have seen one person driving up the hill from Maxwell's to go towards SC Pannell and D'Arenberg. They get halfway up a hill that you cannot see over and then they do a three-point turn in front of you to go round. I think we need to stop the idiotic behaviour, but to protect the idiots from themselves and to protect the local people from the idiots we really need to put these upgrades in place.

Again, I want to thank the Onkaparinga council for the great cooperation that they have shown in working with the state government. The cost of building all these intersections is rising, because, as we know, trades and material costs have gone up so much, but with our contribution Kirk has told me that now they can at least go to the federal government to see if they can get some extra blackspot funding. Let's hope the three tiers of government can work together for the safety and the betterment of our local area.

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (16:25): I rise today to talk in my supply griever about my constituent Mr John Ali of Murray Bridge. As a 22 year old, Mr Ali worked as a diesel mechanic for International Harvester. In 1971, his employer asked him to travel to Canberra to meet with government officials. He was honoured and very naive. He in fact met with Malcolm Fraser, Minister for Defence, and was asked to serve his country on a top-secret mission. His mission was to deliver 600 military trucks and 150 four-wheeled trailers through Vietnam to Cambodia. His mission was so secret he was told he could only tell his parents and his spouse and no-one else, not even work colleagues. Mr Ali signed defence secrecy documents.

Although the original posting was for six months, this was extended twice and Mr Ali spent 18 months in Vietnam and Cambodia, noting that an Army tour was 12 months. Mr Ali was given no training or title or rank, but on arrival in Vietnam he was told by the hosting unit that he was to be

included in the manning for rationing and accommodation with 102 Field Workshop. He received no military training prior to deployment. His only military training had been with school cadets years before at school in Adelaide.

In Vietnam, Mr Ali had no independent facilities or tools and used Australian Army resources to repair and maintain the trucks. Mr Ali worked with another mechanic, Bob Oultram, who has since passed away and will never see proper recognition. During his time spent with the Australian Army, he was expected to stand to with the unit morning and night. He was issued with a uniform and was expected to conform to unit standing orders.

Mr Ali undertook the journey from the port in Vietnam to Cambodia four times. Mr Ali also stayed in Cambodia at times waiting for instructions. During the time that he assisted with the delivery to Cambodia of these vehicles, he was expected to leave the relative security of the 102 Field Workshop without a weapon of any kind. Once all the vehicles and trailers were delivered, the Cambodian army undertook the responsibility to arm and train Mr Ali with their weapons. He could then go out into the field to recover broken down vehicles suitably armed and trained.

Over the period of 18 months, Mr Ali and Mr Oultram were placed into combat situations. Their weapons were AK-47 rifles, ironically also the weapon of the enemy. These Australians became very competent with them, practising every week with the Cambodians on their firing range. These men were put in an untenable situation, yet they managed, with the help of the Americans, including the CIA, the Cambodians and the Australian Army, to complete their mission. For almost 18 months, John and Bob proceeded to transfer and repair the vehicles, including training the Cambodian army drivers and mechanics.

The team's compound in Cambodia came under attack on two separate occasions by a mortar attack and a ground assault, and they narrowly missed injury by a rocket-propelled grenade. On three separate occasions during his time in Cambodia, Mr Ali came under enemy fire and saw Cambodian soldiers receive severe wounds. It is no surprise that Mr Ali now suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder. On another occasion, while in Phnom Penh John missed being captured by Vietcong agents by mere minutes. The situation in Cambodia became increasingly dangerous. Both the American and Australian embassies were closed and abandoned.

During his time in Vietnam and Cambodia, Mr Ali witnessed many terrible things, including villages destroyed by rockets and civilian deaths. He dodged mortar attacks and witnessed grenades thrown into a bar after an argument. He was actually further into the bar when the grenades went off. He also contracted dengue fever. On arriving back in Australia, Mr Ali resumed his job with International Harvester. In 1993, Mr Ali was awarded the Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal, and in 1998, the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75 with clasp Vietnam by the Australian Army.

It has been claimed by the federal government that there was no record of Mr Ali having served and no record of Mr Ali having a service number. In fact, a recent freedom of information request has uncovered his full service record. His service number is 9991121. Back in Australia, Mr Ali developed poor health and PTSD from his time in a war zone. This has been exacerbated by successive governments denying his claim for recognition and a gold card. He has suffered four strokes and is extremely ill with post-traumatic stress disorder. Mr Ali continues to visit a specialist and has had numerous breakdowns.

It has been over 30 years since we finally welcomed home our Vietnam veterans with marches but Mr Ali has still to receive the recognition he deserves for his unquestioned service to his country. Many representations have been made on behalf of Mr Ali over the years by veterans groups and other advocates. I would like to acknowledge advocates Bill Denny AM, BM, Adrian Walford and Ray Duthie for their dogged determination on this issue. Other advocates for Mr Ali have since passed away, including Ron Coxon and Michael Schar.

Ministers over the years have provided excuses such as Mr Ali was not employed by Defence and was a civilian contractor. Prior to 2019, civilian personnel in Vietnam were not recognised or granted gold cards, but in 2019, about 240 doctors and 210 nurses who were in Vietnam during the war, as well as a small number of technical and administrative staff who worked in Vietnam under contract with the then Department of External Affairs as part of Australia's contribution to a Southeast Asia Treaty Organization aid program in South Vietnam between 1964 and 1972, were granted gold

cards. I believe the facts demonstrate Mr Ali is a Vietnam veteran and should be treated accordingly with full benefits and recognition.

I would like to acknowledge the member for Barker, Tony Pasin MP, who has advocated for Mr Ali over many years by writing to numerous federal ministers on this issue. I have advocated for Mr Ali to be fully recognised for his service in Vietnam since 2020. I have met with Mr Ali or his advocates on many occasions. I wrote to the state Minister for Veterans Affairs in 2020 on John's behalf and have also written letters of support. My office has also liaised with Veterans SA on this issue.

I acknowledge the latest push for Mr Ali to be recognised, assisted by the Minister for Veterans Affairs, the Hon. Geoff Brock MP, to which I have added my support. The minister has recently written to the federal minister and I hope this most recent approach will bear fruit. Mr Ali was prepared to serve his country without question and without hesitation when he was asked to. Mr Ali has sacrificed much in the service of our country. We should do all we can to honour this. I sincerely wish this shameful chapter to be resolved quickly, thus allowing Mr Ali to live in peace for the rest of his life with his family.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (16:34): I rise to speak in this grievance debate on the Supply Bill. In my earlier contribution to the debate on this bill, I outlined numerous funding commitments and crucial initiatives that this government has underway in the area of child protection, in the area of women and the prevention of domestic and family violence and in the area of recreation, sport and racing.

Across each of these areas, I am committed to using the power of our state investment to help drive meaningful change in ensuring equality of opportunity within our economy and within every aspect of community life, in ensuring that the youngest and most vulnerable South Australians are provided with opportunities to physically, mentally and emotionally thrive and to help ensure that more South Australians have the opportunity to participate in the sport that they love and experience the social, mental, physical and emotional health and wellbeing benefits that that participation brings.

I spoke last sitting week about a number of the programs and services that are supporting and empowering people and their communities across the state—our \$171 million of additional investment in child protection, which includes resourcing for family group conferencing, the establishment of an Aboriginal peak body and support for advocacy for carers, for grandcarers and for children and young people. I also spoke about our investment to establish domestic violence prevention and recovery hubs and our re-establishment of the Women in Sport Taskforce. Today, I add to those words by elaborating on a number of initiatives happening in my local community.

I am really pleased to make the house aware that work has begun on the much-anticipated and long called for upgrade of the O'Sullivan Beach Boat Ramp to improve safety and accessibility. The O'Sullivan Beach Boat Ramp is an incredibly important hub of activity in our southern community and of great importance to South Australia's marine infrastructure. It is absolutely well used amongst recreational boat users, as well as used as an important facility for emergency services to launch and retrieve vessels. Over the past five years, community members have campaigned and campaigned and raised their voices, calling on the former government to upgrade these facilities.

I am so grateful to the many campaigners who continued to campaign to achieve the result we have now. I wholeheartedly thank Mark Mills, founder of the OnkaStompa Fishing Comp; Chris and Steve from the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard; Ray, Mark, Christine and all the Christies Sailing Club crew; Chloe from Sullies Social; the many Christies Beach Surf Lifesaving Club members who backed this in; and the numerous recreational fishers who got behind this call. The upgrades will rightly include the replacement of the two existing pontoons and the construction of an additional boat ramp lane and pontoon amongst other facilities. It was excellent to see a huge turnout of community members at the ramp the weekend before last to share their views and their ideas for the upgrade.

Our government has also provided funds for a number of other local upgrades to community facilities, including the installation of community toilets at the Open Market site on Beach Road at Christies Beach. Together with the open market committee, led by Liz Stanley, and the member for

Kaurna, I have listened to many stories of stallholders, market attendees and others in the area over a number of years about their struggles accessing appropriate facilities, with people with kids and older people raising particularly alarming circumstances that come about because of the lack of toilet facilities. Hundreds of community members signed our petition to council for these facilities to go ahead. Now, thanks to funding from our government, they will.

I look forward to the delivery of these facilities, which will make the markets and other excellent community events accessible. I am really proud that our government has committed the biggest capital investment ever seen at Noarlunga Hospital, a place that is so important to our southern community. The \$74 million upgrade will boost the number of beds by more than 50 per cent. The upgrades include a new purpose-built mental health rehabilitation service, delivering 24 specialist mental health beds for those with high and complex needs and a new 24-bed inpatient medical unit. Our community will absolutely benefit from these facilities, which provide a greater access to care for southern community members.

The very important Hopgood Theatre has provided our southern community with a facility for theatre, performing arts and community gatherings since its opening in the 1980s. Since that time, this southern icon has been a much-loved, integral, crucial arts, social and community hub. There are many stories of kids having their first foray into performance at the Hopgood Theatre, treading the boards for the very first time. There are now stories where parents recount their experience of getting out onto the stage for the very first time and then seeing their children, and indeed in some cases now their grandchildren, getting out onto the stage for the very first time as well.

It has been an iconic place in our southern community for community members of all ages to explore their creativity and to enjoy all the benefits that come with being involved in the performance of live theatre and live music. It is also a really important place for many community gatherings, including for citizenship ceremonies in the City of Onkaparinga.

The theatre is rightly named after Dr Don Hopgood, a former local member for our area, a former Deputy Premier and a local legend, in recognition of his considerable service to our community, to our state and to the arts—service that continues in many ways, including through his ongoing performances at the Hopgood Theatre as part of the City of Onkaparinga Concert Band. Our beautiful state has a rich and diverse arts sector. The arts have played such a strong role in our history, and the Hopgood Theatre and the art that it has brought to life within its walls must play an innovative, strong and creative role in our future.

I am so pleased that with this investment that our government has brokered the future of the Hopgood Theatre is assured, through an agreement between TAFE SA and the City of Onkaparinga, and I thank the Minister for Education for his role in brokering that agreement. The 25-year lease agreement also included a grant of \$6 million to refurbish the theatre, including maintenance work, an upgrade to sound and lighting systems and reroofing of the theatre.

To get to this point, together our community campaigned. Over 15,000 people signed our petition that was tabled in this place and attended multiple community meetings and rallies on the steps of parliament, calling on the former government to commit to securing the future of the Hopgood Theatre, yet the former government refused to provide long-term funding for the theatre. Instead, as a result of that direct campaigning by the community, it just drip-fed very short-term funding extensions, risking its closure. It meant that those who administer the theatre were not able to provide security for bookings to the theatre into the future.

I wholeheartedly thank all the community members, the thousands of them who joined in these actions and who, as a result of their advocacy, will now see the continuation of the Hopgood Theatre into the future. Our cry at rallies was 'Save the Hopgood'. Our cry now at our celebrations is 'Together we saved the Hopgood'.

I am really proud of our government's investments, including just the few of those that I have spoken to today. Every day I am really proud of the important role that our government's investment plays in enabling South Australians equality of opportunity and a thriving economy and community life.

Mr TELFER (Flinders) (16:44): In my contribution today, I want to touch on a couple of subject matters close to my heart and close to the heart of my electorate. Firstly, I want to speak about the opportunities that we have in our regions if we had proper investment into the things that really matter. Specifically, today I want to talk about investment in the opportunities around child care in our regional communities. I am glad that the Minister for Education is here in this place because there is a real key role for the education department to play, in conjunction with the federal government and local communities, in unlocking some of the potential economic opportunities of our regions with active participation within the workforce.

In regional South Australia at the moment there is a shortage of workers, but there is no shortage of job opportunities. Those job opportunities are wideranging. They are in some of the areas that are around serving people and some of those core functions of the community, such as nurses, teachers and aged-care workers. There are job opportunities within our regions, and the lifestyle, which is one of the main attractions for living in our regions, cannot be denied. With job opportunities like these, we just need to connect workers to those opportunities. Unlocking potential within existing communities is something that childcare investment would absolutely do.

With proper, targeted investment we could actually unlock workers who are already within communities. All the way around South Australia, but most specifically within my electorate of Flinders, I talk to nurses, teachers and aged-care workers who are not able to work because there is no child care within their towns; there is not even child care within their broader region.

A lot of these communities are not of a great size, and that is why we are in the predicament we are in. It is really unique to South Australia in a lot of places because we have population centres that are isolated and population centres that have incredible economic activity but not a large population that goes with it. We have populations of 1,000, 2,000, 3,000 people who find it difficult to attract a commercial childcare operation, but the need is still there. This is where, in South Australia in particular, the structures that are in place in some of our regional towns—and many of them are in Flinders—are in the rural care system.

Although the federal government is in charge of child care, the state government has a key role to play, especially here in South Australia. The rural care system is in place in a lot of our regional towns, in those towns where a commercial operation is not viable, using facilities that are already there—and this is the unique part where I see the opportunity. There are many towns that have capacity on their school grounds or with educational facilities to be able to expand potential childcare arrangements. We just need the partnerships to be put in place between the federal, the state, and even local government and their communities.

I want to point out a few of the conversations I am having within my communities. I look at townships like Cummins and Tumbly Bay, which are thriving, busy population centres and have economic potential to grow. They have hospitals in place and they have aged-care facilities, but I am hearing stories that a lot of these facilities are currently being totally staffed by people who have had to be brought in. There are agency nurses coming in to service an area where I know there is nursing capacity within that community already, but they cannot be part of the workforce because there is not that childcare opportunity. The challenge really is for the state government to be proactive, to look at the need and see that there is an economic opportunity to be unlocked with proactive policy.

I encourage the education minister to challenge his department to think outside the box, to think outside what they may consider to be their core function and to think of what these communities actually need. Is the current model, with the rural care in place, with the three-worker model, right for communities? Is there something we need to be doing differently to actually reflect that need? We need better child care within our regional centres in South Australia, and with that we can truly start to unlock that economic potential. Without it, without those key core functions, we are going to continue to miss opportunities and not reach the full potential in our regional communities.

I want to speak a little bit about regional tourism, and it is in light of the question time statement from the tourism minister that I was amazed by: she looked at me, she pointed at me and she said, 'You don't know what you're talking about with regional tourism.' How incredible; she pointed at me, someone who has been involved in community leadership for well over a decade, someone who talks every single day to businesses and visitors coming to regional South Australia,

someone who knows that nearly \$4 billion of regional tourism spend is just the starting point for our regional communities—and that is done, a lot of the time, despite government not because of government.

I was happy to welcome the minister for a quick, fleeting visit to Port Lincoln to launch the new regional brand of Eyre Peninsula. It is pretty simple, because those of us who know Eyre Peninsula know that it is indeed the wild side of our state. We have over 2,000 kilometres of coastline, and that coastline is as rugged or as sheltered as you would like it to be, depending on where you go. We have the incredibly scenic Gawler Ranges National Park, with granite monoliths rising out of the red soil, where you can escape the world very easily—but respect that wild side. At Port Lincoln and the Coffin Bay National Park there are waving, white-bleached sandhills where you can be just over the crest of the hill from someone else and you would not have a clue.

I know about regional tourism because I am talking to those businesses every single day about what their needs are within our regions, and let me highlight just a few. Sure, we have heard about swimming with the sharks—an incredible attraction for people who come not just from South Australia but from interstate and overseas, that unique experience of being up close with the wild side of South Australia—but there is also the opportunity to swim with sea lions at Baird Bay and other places on Eyre Peninsula, to reach out and touch the wild side.

I know about those experiences because I am talking to those people who are working to offer those experiences. I look at the EP Cruises' whale experiences up at Fowlers Bay. I did invite the minister, last time I spoke to her, to take the time to visit—and anyone else who is listening to this. Fowlers Bay is a bit of a distance away—I get it; it is a bit of a hike—but once you get there you can experience one of the most unique, untouched, rugged parts of our state. To go around this time of year, or even in the next couple of months, to experience the whales in their natural environment, in the middle of calving in a controlled, respectful, beautiful spot is unlike anything else. It is unique, it is incredible and it is here in South Australia. I know about it. I hope the minister gets to visit there one day.

I know about Australian Coastal Safaris with 'Lunch' Doudle, and I know about Untamed Escapes with Craig Haslam. I am sure the minister has talked to these guys, probably when they have had to come over for a tourism conference, as she points out, over here in Adelaide, but how about actually getting out with those businesses to fully experience the things you are trying to promote?

A lot of the time these tourism businesses are successful despite what the government is doing, and if the minister were talking closely with these businesses she would know that some of the EPA bureaucratic red tape, some of the hoops and hurdles, they have to go through just about to provide a unique experience for visitors is incredible. Those are the sorts of things the tourism minister needs to understand so that she can streamline some of these things to get out of the way of businesses.

As I close, I mention the regional events that I would encourage everyone to go to in my region: Tunarama, Oysterfest, Colour Tumby, the SALT Festival, the Cleve Harvest Music Fest, the Streaky Bay Rodeo by the Sea—and I could go on. I have been there, I have experienced it and I have talked to the people on the ground. Every one of the members here, and especially the tourism minister, should be doing the same.

Mrs HURN (Schubert) (16:55): In speaking to the grievance debate for the Supply Bill, I would like to take this opportunity to speak about a number of local projects and priorities that my community are getting behind and that I am advocating for on their behalf.

First—but in no particular order, I should say—is the Amy Gillett Bikeway. This is an incredible bike path that goes some 17 kilometres right throughout the beautiful Adelaide Hills. It is of course named after Amy Gillett herself, who tragically passed away in 2005 when she was representing Australia in Germany, doing a fantastic job. The bike path was part of ensuring that we could encourage more riders to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. This is a fantastic piece of community infrastructure but, unfortunately, it stops in Mount Torrens, and we desperately want to take it an extra six kilometres to Birdwood and then eventually even further to Mount Pleasant.

In terms of funding, we have \$2.6 million on the table already from the commonwealth government, but this actually is not enough to deliver this project. So I have been advocating to the government to step up and chip in the money that is required so that my community and tourists can really enjoy this local piece of infrastructure. It is something that I have held street corner meetings about, and it is something that has been front and centre at some of the community forums that I have hosted and attended in Birdwood. Make no mistake, this is something that I know would be embraced fully not by just locals but by businesses and tourists alike.

It was also a priority for the former Liberal government. They placed it as a priority in the 2022-2032 Cycling Strategy, and that was celebrated right around the region because we were finally getting to the point where we could see this delivered. With the state budget coming up, I think that it is a fantastic opportunity for the government to tip in some additional funds so that this can be delivered for my region.

Another issue that I have spoken about in this house on a number of occasions is the delivery of a brand-new Barossa hospital. My community has been extraordinarily patient in waiting for this hospital to come to fruition. Of course, no-one expects that a Barossa hospital, or indeed any hospital, would be built overnight. No-one expects that because it takes so much considered and detailed work. But, in the four short years of the former Liberal government, we were able to achieve so much more than what the Labor government was able to achieve in its 17 years. We put money in the budget for the very first time, money that was going towards finalising the plans and money towards the purchase of the land and, of course, for the start of early works.

It will not surprise members in this place, nor will it surprise my community, that one of the first letters that I wrote as the local member of parliament was to the health minister to seek a guarantee that the process and the progress that were spearheaded and started by the former Liberal government would continue. In working with the community, I was able to secure that commitment, and that money stayed in the Labor government's first budget. That was a massive win for our local community.

I also asked for a guarantee that all the significant progress that had been made would continue: for instance, that progress would continue on keeping the expert clinical planners in the field and on having the community consultation on determining where the site would be. I was so delighted to read, on the front page of *The Leader* newspaper in the Barossa, that that was going to continue. That is a massive win for my local community.

Unfortunately, we have not yet seen the final plans for the Barossa hospital. We did seek a guarantee that we would be seeing them by March of this year. Obviously, two months have now gone by and we are yet to see these plans. Rest assured, I will continue to fight every single moment to make sure that this government stays the course, that this government stays the course on the progress that was spearheaded and started by the Liberal government to deliver a Barossa hospital for our community.

This is not just about making sure that the region of the Barossa can have a 21st century hospital; this is about making sure that the broader surrounds, looking to the Mid North and the Riverland, can be supported too. Also it means that it can alleviate some of that pressure on our metropolitan hospitals that we know are suffering quite a bit at the moment. They are so stretched in terms of capacity and this will not just deliver that hospital for the Barossa Valley but it will also alleviate some of that pressure on our city hospitals as well.

I see absolutely no reason why the land for the Barossa hospital cannot be purchased now. In fact, it was something that the former government unequivocally would have already done, because we should not be hesitating when it comes to purchasing this land. We have to secure it. We must see this delivered and I will be fighting for this at each and every turn.

Last week, the Leader of the Opposition and I had the opportunity to meet with the new head of Barossa Australia, Scott Hazeldine. One of the number one issues that we were talking about was, of course, water security. Water security is critical for regions like mine. Water is the lifeblood of my region. It is the lifeblood of regional communities right throughout South Australia. Under the former Liberal government, we had made significant progress in terms of a water security solution for my region.

There was so much work that had gone on behind the scenes. It is important that we do not lose sight of that and that we must do everything that we possibly can to deliver a water security solution for the Barossa Valley and Eden Valley. Do not let the rain fool you. It might be raining at the moment, but water security remains a number one issue for the Barossa Valley and Eden Valley and it is something that I am working hand in glove with the industry on to ensure that we can see that delivered.

Regional roads: this is something that I am constantly writing to the Minister for Regional Roads and to the Minister for Infrastructure on because we have thousands upon thousands upon thousands of kilometres that desperately need road maintenance work and repair done. When I opened the front page of *The Advertiser* a few weeks ago, I saw the big \$3 billion figure because that is the price tag that is put on all the work that is needed to be done to upgrade not just our country roads but also our metro roads. I was not even surprised by that figure. I am sure that many people in my local community would not be surprised by that figure either. It is absolutely eye-watering, but it is essential that we spend every dollar that we possibly can to make sure that our regional roads are better and that our regional roads are safer.

There are a number of local roads that I have had some success in getting a solution for, which has been very much welcomed by my local area. I am talking about the Gumeracha main street. We have seen that redone. We have seen upgrades to the Torrens Valley scenic route. We have seen the dreadful bits of Eden Valley Road repaired, but there is so much more to be done. We have seen the T-junction at Gorge Road and Redden Drive in Cudlee Creek addressed. That was a massive safety concern for people in my local area. Now Gorge Road and Tippet Road in Cudlee Creek will be addressed.

As I say, there is still so much more work to be done and with the upcoming budget I see that as a massive opportunity to heavily invest in our regional roads, because when you have people in your local community coming to you with concerns about a road you have to listen to them. When you are in the regions, you know your road network like the back of your hand, and when people come to you with safety concerns or whether they have noticed a change in the surface, we just have to listen to them and get on with doing it the good old-fashioned way.

Linke's corner in Nuriootpa is again something that I have spoken about in this chamber previously, and it is something that the former federal Coalition government actually had \$2 million on the table for, to deliver a roundabout. We should do everything that we possibly can to ensure that this roundabout is fast-tracked. It is such a form of anxiety for my local community, and if additional money is needed to fast-track that then the government must do what it can to put that money in.

I could go on because there are so many things in my local community that really do deserve investment. I am hopeful that we will see it. We have already started to see some of that investment under the former government and I hope that it continues.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Odenwalder.

Adjournment Debate

ACTIVE SERVICE HONOUR BOARD

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan) (17:05): I would like to bring the house's attention to an event that occurred in Old Parliament House on 18 May and I was very pleased to attend, when we had the unveiling of the portrait of Arthur Blackburn VC, a member of this parliament who saw extraordinary service and was highly decorated.

It was also an opportunity for us to unveil a board which commemorated the active service of members of this parliament. Many people attended that function, members of parliament, members of Arthur Blackburn's family, and also the great Chook Fowler, Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM, more than 102 years of age. He is a World War II veteran who was taken prisoner of war by the Japanese and served as essentially slave labour on the Burma-Thai railway for 3½ years.

One of the other people who was at that commemoration and unveiling was Bill Denny AM, BM, an extraordinary advocate for veterans in South Australia. He spoke in particular

about members of this parliament who had seen active service. He put a great deal of effort into the research, and after he spoke I asked whether perhaps I could read part of his contribution into *Hansard* so that it is on permanent record. It was not comprehensive and he made that point, because there are 69 names on that active clubs board, but he does go through and give us a taste of some of the service. With your great generosity, sir, I plan to read part of his speech into *Hansard* this afternoon:

I was particularly pleased when I learned of this project. In many ways, parliamentary and military service are complementary. Both are an overt display of 'altruism'—the sincere desire to put others before self. Both share a common objective—to improve (or protect) the lot of fellow Australians. Parliamentary service at a state level looks to better the lot of every South Australian. Military service rendered on the national stage looks to protect the integrity of our nation and everyone in it.

Interestingly, however, there are differences. On the one hand no-one wants to see 'war' nor, presumably, the need to proceed on 'Active Service'. War is something that should be avoided at all costs. On the other hand, parliamentary service is indispensable to the very functioning of our state and nation. For many it is not a 'job' but a vocation.

Military service, by its very nature, involves the offering of one's life in the service of the nation. It doesn't get much more serious than that! Enlisting in the military is sometimes referred to as signing a cheque—the amount payable being described as 'up to and including my life'. Sadly, over the last century, over 103,000 Australians have had their cheque redeemed.

There is no doubt that when the need arose, our politicians were among the first to answer the call and that makes the contribution of those whose names appear on this Honour Board all the more worthy of recognition. Interestingly, not all politicians (nor all Australians for that matter) immediately threw themselves into the fray when our nation was threatened. However, true evidence of the strength of our democracy is that the right of Australians to choose not to serve was fiercely defended by many of those who did serve. This was clearly evident in World War I when the 'conscription debate' raged.

All that said, I am pleased that the offer of service made by those whose names appear on this Honour Board was not constrained by political party or persuasion. On the Honour Board before us are the names of 69 politicians. They have served in 6 conflicts over a century. They are an eclectic mix—young, old, Labor, Liberal, Independents and later Democrats. They came from the country and from the city. They have served in almost every major land action from the Boer War in South Africa to Gallipoli, on the Western Front in World War I, and in many of the major actions in World War II. They served on the sea and in the air.

Post WWII they saw service in Korea and Malaya. Then there was a pause of around half a century. None served in Vietnam. There was only one addition post Malaya and that is Andrew McLachlan, who served in Afghanistan. Many of those who served were wounded in action, some taken prisoner of war, others decorated for gallantry. One thing is certain, the politicians who served may not have seen eye to eye in this place, but there is no doubt that they were joined at the hip by a common desire to serve and protect Australia and its people. Time precludes me from mentioning the service of all whose names appear on the Honour Board, but I would like to mention a few.

Our earliest state representatives included men such as Charles Sturt, who served in the War of 1812 and the Peninsula War, and Henry William Thompson, who served in the Crimean War. None of those conflicts directly involved South Australia, but those men no doubt brought their military experiences with them when they became parliamentarians here.

Victor Marra Newland OBE, MC, DCM and thrice mentioned in dispatches was a conservative member for North Adelaide. He had a very interesting military career serving in the Boer War with the South Australia Mounted Rifles and World War I in Kenya with the Kings African Rifles.

Ernest Roberts is a name not familiar to many, but his contribution is exceptionally noteworthy. He was the Labor member for Gladstone. He served in this place from 1896 to 1902. He then enlisted for service in the Boer War. Later he served as a Member for Adelaide in the House of Representatives.

Arthur Blackburn VC, CMG, CBE, ED is our most distinguished and highly decorated soldier. He enlisted as a private soldier in 1914 aged 21. His achievements were outstanding. He landed at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915 with the 10th Battalion as part of the covering force. He went on to serve on the Western Front. He was the first South Australian to be awarded the Victoria Cross. He re-enlisted on the outbreak of World War II and commanded the 2nd/3rd Machine Gun Battalion. He led his unit in the Syria-Lebanon campaign. On his first return to Australia, he and many other members of his unit (including Chook)—

who was present on that morning—

were captured by the Japanese in Java and spent the rest of the war in captivity.

Arthur Blackburn served in this place between 1918 and 1921. He was known as a politician of few words but ever able to make a compelling contribution to issues close to his heart. He went on to become Commissioner of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration and served for a time as President of the RSL in

South Australia. In his book *Sacred Places*, author Ken Inglis spoke of Captain Blackburn VC as being a fierce advocate for returned servicemen.

My grandfather Bill Denny MC enlisted in 1916. He was a Labor man. Inglis notes that Denny was 43 when he enlisted, which he says was 'an age when no recruiter would expect him to join up and no sane person would send him a white feather'. Grandfather enlisted as a private soldier. He served on the Western Front where he was wounded. He was awarded the Military Cross, promoted to captain and repatriated to Australia.

In his 32 years in this place, he was a strong advocate for all he saw as less fortunate. The family tells me he was most proud of his work as Minister for Repatriation and his introduction of the Female Law Practitioners Act 1911. He was not to know that his contribution was to eventually advantage his great-granddaughter, Rosemary, who was admitted exactly one century later. W.J. was also proud of his involvement in the Thousand Homes Scheme of 1924, which aimed to provide affordable housing particularly for returned soldiers and lower income groups. Ironically, those low-cost homes were built in what has become the very affluent suburb of Colonel Light Gardens. Here we are 99 years on, and housing affordability is still a major challenge.

Thomas Playford was our longest serving Premier. He enlisted for World War I aged 19. He served in the 27th Battalion and was wounded in action. By the end of the war, he had risen to the rank of lieutenant. His political career was the stuff of legend. One of his first acts on taking office was to issue a public statement in which he promised to work in the interests of the people as a whole, rather than being bound by blind party loyalties. He entered the House of Assembly as the Liberal Country League member for Murray in 1933 and served until 1968, including 27 years as Premier, a premiership that remains the longest in the history of the British commonwealth.

Des Corcoran AO is a name familiar to many. Des was a Labor member of the House of Assembly and served as our 37th Premier. He also served as our first Deputy Premier. Des Corcoran served in Japan, then as a sergeant with the 1RAR in Korea where he was Mentioned in Despatches twice! Later he served as a warrant officer second class in Malaya.

Murray Hill AM, a conservative MLC, served for five years in the Royal Australian Navy in World War II. He was on the HMAS *Canberra* when it was sunk in the Battle of Savo Island. Murray was the father of prominent politician Robert Hill. Lance Milne CBE was a Democrat MLC. As a flight lieutenant in the Royal Australian Airforce, he flew Spitfires in Fighter Command. More recently, Andrew McLachlan CSC served. He was a Liberal MLC and became President of the Legislative Council in 2018. In 2020 he became a Senator for South Australia and is Deputy President of the Australian Senate. Andrew saw service in Afghanistan as a Legal Officer.

Time has run out for me to read in the remainder of this excellent contribution, but I genuinely want to thank Bill Denny for the work he put into recording some of the stories. I hope when members go through Old Parliament House that they see the fine Daryl Austin portrait of Arthur Blackburn VC, that they see the Active Service Honour Board and that they will think about the service that many politicians have made for their nation over and above their service to this state. Lest we forget.

ACTIVE SERVICE HONOUR BOARD

The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Stuart—Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Roads, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (17:16): I would like to commend the member for Dunstan for acknowledging the unveiling of a portrait of Brigadier Arthur Seaforth Blackburn VC, CMG, CBE, ED, and an honour board to commemorate members of the South Australian parliament who have served in active military service. As the member for Dunstan has indicated, this event occurred on Thursday 18 May 2023, and I was very disappointed that I was unable to attend this very important event as I had surgery on my shoulder two days earlier.

I know that Lieutenant Colonel Bill Denny AM, BM (retired), delivered a magnificent speech, as the member for Dunstan has just read into *Hansard*, to the assembled members of the veterans community, parliamentarians and family members of Arthur Blackburn VC. I am very grateful to the member for Dunstan for reading Lieutenant Colonel Denny's speech into *Hansard*.

As I say, I am disappointed that I was not able to be present to hear the speech in person. I was also very disappointed not to be present to say hello to my favourite veteran, Mr Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM. As we just heard, Chook served in the 2nd/3rd Machine Gun Battalion under the command of Brigadier Blackburn during World War II. Both were prisoners of war of the Japanese, and it is wonderful that Chook could be present to see this wonderful portrait unveiled. I have had many dealings with Chook. He is an absolutely fantastic man, and to be as active as he is at 102 is tremendous. This remarkable South Australian aged 102 is truly a link between generations.

I also note that our former colleague in state parliament Senator Andrew McLachlan CSC is named on the Active Service Honour Board. I have the utmost respect for Senator McLachlan and was proud to participate with him, the Deputy Premier, the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader

of the Opposition in the Legislative Council during the Legacy Centenary Torch Relay earlier this month.

I have had the privilege of being the Minister for Veterans Affairs for just over a year now. My family have been involved with the military for many years. My late father was a Second World War veteran; my late brother served 26 years in the regular Army, with two terms in Vietnam; my younger brother was in the Army for a period of time; and then I had the privilege of being in the Army Reserves for seven or eight years.

I have spent much of my time as the Minister for Veterans Affairs listening to veterans and their families, hearing directly about how their service has shaped them throughout their lives and reflecting on how their service has shaped our nation. Tributes like the portrait of Brigadier Blackburn and the Active Service Honour Board are important and will ensure that this sense of national pride continues for many generations to come.

There is no greater way to honour someone than for their story to be told so that their memory lives on. This is one example. I know that everybody here, including the shadow minister, would agree that we have to honour and commemorate and make certain that their memory is everlasting and endures with the younger generation.

Certainly, I have great privilege in acknowledging the member for Dunstan for reading into *Hansard* the speech of Lieutenant Colonel Denny. Lest we forget.

At 17:20 the house adjourned until Wednesday 31 May 2023 at 10:30.