

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 29 August 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.

Personal Explanation

NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARANCE

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) (11:00): I seek leave to make a personal explanation.

Leave granted.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I rise to make a personal explanation. I wish to make a correction to 3 July estimates on the topic of native vegetation clearance. Having reviewed the PBN that was provided, we determined there was an ambiguity in the wording of the third paragraph, which started in the current *Hansard* with 'investigation of this report' and ought to have read 'investigation of reports'.

Bills

STATUTES AMENDMENT (ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO) (NO 4) BILL

Introduction and First Reading

Received from the Legislative Council and read a first time.

STATUTES AMENDMENT (EDUCATION, TRAINING AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO) BILL

Final Stages

The Legislative Council agreed to the bill without any amendment.

STATUTES AMENDMENT (NATIONAL ENERGY LAWS) (EMISSIONS REDUCTION OBJECTIVES) BILL

Committee Stage

In committee.

(Continued from 27 June 2023.)

Clause 8.

Mr PATTERSON: In this clause, it talks through when the amended objective is due to take place for particular matters and it talks through relevant revenue determinations already going through as part of that clause. Of course, SA Power Networks are also currently preparing their next regulatory period throughout this time, so they have been through engagements with the community statewide.

The legislation that includes emissions reductions as part of the objectives will take effect before SAPN's next revenue determination, and so of course you would expect SAPN to already be incorporating emissions reductions into their investments and decisions. Can the minister inform the committee what discussions you have had with SA Power Networks in regard to this amendment bill, and what their feedback has been?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Alas, your predecessors have not put me in a position where I do have these direct discussions with SA Power Networks. As the previous owner of the SA Power Networks, the current owners will not negotiate with the South Australian government about their regulatory frameworks; they will negotiate with the market bodies and ESCOSA. What this framework does is give SA Power Networks and the market bodies a framework to work towards, taking into account carbon as they do their regulatory framework. It is no different from them maybe potentially considering reliability or their asset renewal program, so it is no different from any other consideration that any other market body requirement or obligation that they place on it.

My discussions with them about this—remembering this is a national reform, so this is going on across the country—are not so much what the state-based energy ministers are saying; this will now be about the market bodies speaking to SA Power Networks about their regulatory considerations and their applications on the basis of taking into consideration of carbon. I think the question that you probably want to ask me is: what is the cost of taking into account carbon in a regulatory framework?

The cost of carbon, this is not a carbon price per se; it is simply that they must take into consideration carbon as a factor in all their undertakings, so it is a slightly different proposition. I am not sure there is a dollar value I could put on it, to say that this is the impact on consumers of this new rule. What it will make sure is that, as all new infrastructure is built, carbon is taken into consideration, as it should be, much like the safeguard mechanisms beginning to apply across the economy. Border abatement measures will start having impacts on carbon. This is the new world we are living in.

Mr PATTERSON: Compared to that value you talked about, one of the other amendments is around administrative guidance about the value of greenhouse gas emissions. I note the information paper talked to this in some way, that, as you said, there is already a value placed on each of the other objectives in this bill—safety, quality, reliability, as well as price. The information paper talked about the role of the energy sector in achieving Australia's greenhouse gas emissions, because of course not all the country's greenhouse gas emissions are tied up in the electricity sector, although some may think they are. They gave consideration to weight placed on actions now against actions into the future on intergenerational impacts on climate change and those sorts of factors.

It is interesting that in one of the submissions the Australian Energy Council talked about the role of the energy sector in achieving these targets as well, making the statement:

...the electricity sector has made extraordinary steps to prepare for a low carbon economy. Indeed, almost the entire effort to reduce emissions in the economy has been undertaken by the electricity sector.

They went on to say:

...electricity is the only sector projected to meaningfully reduce its emissions this decade.

A tonne of carbon emitted by the electricity sector or by the transport sector or the agricultural sector, I am really interested in how a value is going to be placed on that, even if I know they might not have the exact regulation in place now, and what the overall view would be.

Also, does it take into account the fact that the overall aim is global greenhouse gas emissions and that some regions, as stated in the recent IPCC report, showed their emissions increasing markedly, well in excess of any reductions made here in South Australia or Australia? How does it take into account place of value? Is it Australian-specific, South Australian-specific, or does it take into account emissions worldwide?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: This is a very difficult question to answer and probably a very difficult question to explain. Whenever we are going through any proposal to build infrastructure in the National Electricity Market, value propositions are often considered. The market bodies are looking at value propositions: lowest cost to consumers, most efficient allocation of capital, all sorts of measures. Now we are adding carbon to it.

There is an interjurisdictional working party that is working on a value of carbon emission—not in a proposition of a tax but in a proposition of (and I suppose I will paraphrase here and stand to be corrected) this type of infrastructure has this carbon impact, this amount of infrastructure that is also considered to deliver the same outcome has a lower carbon emission. Then you add the

values to the different benefits they all weigh up, and then the market bodies will make recommendations. So it is very difficult to quantify, but it needs to be considered as part of any infrastructure build.

Taking a step back, this is not purely carbon pricing and, 'If you do this infrastructure this is the price of carbon.' They need to understand the value of carbon and the value of the emissions to understand how to appropriately regulate through their market body prism. They will look at infrastructure and then apply that, which is very, very difficult.

But in the end it becomes a value proposition. For a long time in the NEM, the value propositions have been reliability and lowest-cost dispatch. They are the two sort of foundation principles. Reliability: what is the reliability standard you want to meet? What is the lowest cost of dispatch? We have built these market bodies around that. We have a rule-making body, we have the operator and then we have the independent regulator. Now what we are asking the market bodies to do and consider in their regulatory processes is the value of emissions.

The interjurisdictional working party will then try to evaluate what a value is on those carbon emissions and apply it through the market bodies. It is complex. But like any organisation, I imagine that if you are the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in your board deliberations, all those boards now are considering emissions and carbon. I think that General Motors in the United States, regardless of there being a carbon price or not, are looking at valuing carbon in their internal processes. Anyone involved on a corporate level now, and especially in regulated bodies, is considering carbon emissions.

I am not sure that gives the member a fulsome answer, but it is the best of my ability to try to explain what it is we are attempting to do here. I think it is a very, very hard question for me to come up with a very simple, one-line answer for: 'This is what it means.' The market bodies have to consider the value of carbon in applying their regulatory decision-making process.

Mr PATTERSON: You are right: it is difficult. I probably have quite a number of questions with only the three there, but I have also talked about Australia's emissions and where they fit in terms of global emissions. One of the ancillary questions was: will this only place the value on Australian emissions, or will it also take into account where global emissions are going? As I said before, the latest IPCC report showed that global emissions had gone up from 49,000 megatonnes to 59,000 megatonnes while Australia was trying to bring its emissions down. There is a value there, and then also the intergenerational value. How can we get some sort of equity in terms of trying to balance that intergenerational equity? It becomes, I would think, quite subjective.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: To be clear, the objectives here are about Australian-based targets, taking into account Australia's carbon reduction plan and state-based ones, knowing that different jurisdictions may have different plans but the country has a plan. That is the carbon consideration that we have in place for this body of work. If Australia decides to change those national targets, this body will consider that in that respect.

But you are right: everyone thinks that the electricity market is the nation's carbon emissions—it is not. Steelmaking is between 9 per cent and 12 per cent of the world's carbon emissions. Steel is not going anywhere. Concrete has carbon emissions, manufacturing has carbon emissions and industrial furnaces have carbon emissions. Carbon emissions are economy wide, not just in the electricity sector.

I suppose the electricity sector decarbonisation story is the most mature, especially in our state. We know how to do it, we know what the process is, we have found the alternative fuel sources and now we are looking for efficiency to try to eke out every last ounce of carbon that we possibly can. What this is doing is overlaying to the market bodies an official target, which is Australia's emissions target. This sector represents a portion of those emission targets. We have obligations to meet, and that is what this measure is about.

Clause passed.

Clause 9.

Mr PATTERSON: This clause concerns the national energy retail objective and talks about amending section 13, deleting the existing objectives and then substituting them with, effectively, the existing objectives in one line:

- (a) price, quality, safety, reliability and security of supply of energy...

Paragraph (b) refers to the achievement of targets set by the participating jurisdictions. The first question, in terms of how these objectives are evaluated by these regulatory bodies, is making sure that price has equal status as quality, has equal status as safety and has equal status as targets, rather than grouping all of those together as one objective and then target as another. I am making sure that they are all treated equally and that targets do not effectively have priority over all those other ones.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: We love all of our children equally and so all the targets have equal weight.

Mr PATTERSON: Thank you. I did ask this to some extent in the amendments to the electricity laws, but these are the retail laws. One of the points in the Australian Energy Council's submission was that including emissions reductions into the objectives does increase the risk. On the chance of litigation, they said specifically:

In Australia, there are numerous, well-funded organisations which frequently challenge decisions [by regulators] on the basis that [the decisions] do not have sufficient regard to climate change and other environmental risks. The challenges, although mostly unsuccessful, create considerable delay and expense for energy projects when the energy transition can ill-afford further delays and even higher expenses.

I would appreciate some clarification on how this bill takes into account litigation risks and how the risk of litigation will be minimised by the participating energy market bodies so that we do not have expenses and delays from court action impact on customers' energy bills.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: This is a democratic nation that supports the rule of law: an independent court system. Market bodies are subject to judicial review. People who have an interest are entitled to seek judicial review. I am not planning and would not recommend removing that from the statute. It is a common law right and the foundation principles of our democratic system. That is the price we pay for freedom. It is a good system. Winston Churchill once said that it is the worst system of governance anywhere in the world, but there are none better.

Mr PATTERSON: I think we are in agreement around that: democracy. What I am getting to, though, is that if there is the potential for delay there may be a bit of comfort around, yes, they will be heard, but there will be consideration given by the market bodies such that in effect the question becomes: is there a risk that, by having this, it will impact on prices for households and businesses for both electricity and gas bills?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: It has always been the case that people have a right to judicial review. The market bodies are subject to it. Does it impact on delays? Yes. What we are trying to do is minimise those risks. Unless I have misunderstood the question, the idea that we would make market bodies non-justiciable would mean that even governments would not have the opportunity to take judicial review. I do not want to speculate on what a court may consider appropriate to hear or not. What we are doing here by including the consideration of climate is minimising the ability for a judicial review because we take into account something that should have been taken into account a lot sooner.

The nation does have these targets. You could make an argument—and I am sure lawyers would have made arguments—that, if the nation and state jurisdictions have these targets, why are the market bodies looking at the infrastructure not taking carbon into consideration? Well, we are dealing with that now in this body of work, so hopefully that does minimise it. There is always going to be the opportunity for that judicial review on any market body's decision, and I think we have done everything we can to minimise that while maintaining judicial independence and democratic freedoms.

Clause passed.

Clause 10 passed.

Clause 11.

Mr PATTERSON: This clause talks about targets for greenhouse gas emissions and how those targets could either be set by the federal government or either of the state government jurisdictions. That could be either by what is in their legislation or policy. That is submitted into the AEMC and then they have to maintain and prepare documents. They become the targets that the market bodies work off, as we talked about before, to potentially ascribe a value to emissions. Once that target is there on the AEMC's ledger, is it the case that this target cannot then be challenged in court litigation by proponents trying to say that the target that the AEMC holds for either the country or a jurisdiction is different from what is legislated in a particular jurisdiction?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Can you repeat that question?

Mr PATTERSON: Sure. If the target that the AEMC hold on their ledger, for want of a better word, and that they are in charge of is different from what is legislated—a legislated target by a particular jurisdiction—is there a possibility of the target held by the AEMC being challenged?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I think the High Court has found that all ministerial executive decisions are justiciable. If I set a target, the Premier sets a target or a minister sets a target that is lower than the legislated target, then the justiciable action, I imagine—I am not a lawyer; I look over to my colleague, the Minister for Health. But I imagine that all decisions that are justiciable are about the process that ministers have gone through to come to that conclusion: whether they have taken into consideration all the appropriate information before them, whether they have consulted.

If there is a legislated state target and a legislated national target and then I, as energy minister, set a much lower target through some sort of jurisdictional process, I think your question is: am I open to judicial review, or are the market bodies open to judicial review for that target? I think we have established that all decision-making by the market bodies is open to judicial review, but in terms of executive decision-making, this would reflect what the state-based targets and the national-based target are, so I am not sure that there is that much discretion.

We would publish a list of targets. I think we are arguing at counter purposes here. Ministers are subject to judicial review. I am subject to one right now as we speak. That is the democratic process, and I have no problem with it. It should be like that.

Mr PATTERSON: In regard to these targets, obviously there are different jurisdictions. They might have different targets, and there might be infrastructure that spans those state borders. It might even conflict with what the federal target may be, so there may well need to be a priority taken by the market bodies; in fact, I think the Australian Energy Council made that point. Is there a possibility or a way in this document that the Australian Energy Market Commission holds to indicate an order of priority? How would these cross-jurisdictional potential differences be dealt with?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Like they are dealt with now. Different jurisdictions have different liability standards. They have different safety standards. The market bodies try to filter that through their processes and come up with unique solutions. This is not new law. This is not new process. We have been regulating the National Electricity Market now for a long time, so there are established protocols in place by the market bodies.

As I said, we love all of our children equally: carbon emissions, cost, reliability standards, safety standards. They are all treated equally. Different jurisdictions will have different emissions standards. I might hypothesise that there might be some Liberal-National jurisdictions that have lower emissions targets than some Labor governments—I am just taking a wild guess.

There might also be a scenario where one state has a higher reliability target on its infrastructure than another jurisdiction contemplating interconnection and its availability. The market bodies are well resourced, well trained and well equipped and have a body of corporate knowledge, past practice and precedent to fall back on. They are able to deal with these conflicting standards and variations in policy.

You are right; you could have a scenario where infrastructure goes from South Australia to New South Wales. Technically, that is three jurisdictions: the Australian jurisdiction,

New South Wales and South Australia. There could be three different variations on emissions reduction.

I have faith that the market bodies can cut that Gordian knot and know exactly on the basis of past practice. It is no secret that we have a very stringent reliability framework here in South Australia since the statewide blackout. That is different from other jurisdictions that have not suffered a statewide blackout. The market bodies are well versed in how to deal with this.

I take the shadow minister's point. Yes, there is complication here. If it was easy, it would have been done ages ago, but it is difficult and it is complicated, and that is why our market bodies are so well resourced. They have expertise on them to be able to deal with this. I am comfortable that they can thread this needle.

Mr PATTERSON: Around the setting of these targets, it states that it allows either the minister, the Ministerial Council on Energy overall for Australia, or the minister for a participating jurisdiction to give a written direction to include a target or even remove it if they so wish. In general, what sort of considerations will a minister need to take into account when changing a target, in regard to consultation and potentially different organisations in the middle of their revenue determinations? Previously, yes, they were taking emissions into account, but there was no value ascribed to emissions, so these targets could potentially—I would also like to understand the effect of changing a target on the value that is ascribed to it.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Government policy is formed through elections. Elections have consequences. I am not going to support a piece of legislation that would tie your hands to a policy that you cannot change. If the honourable member decides to go to the 2026 election promising to alter the carbon reduction standards that I have put in place through our cabinet process here, and he is successful at that election, he has every right to then attempt to implement that. That is your consultation; it was the election commitment.

If I as minister set a target and the market bodies consider it, then I receive scientific advice from our agencies saying, 'The target is not high enough,' or, 'It's too high,' I can alter it and the market bodies will consider that. All we are doing is actually reflecting government policy within the market bodies' decision-making processes. We are not restricting the opposition to lower or increase these targets. These are policy considerations that are now being fed through the market bodies, as they should be.

Clause passed.

Clause 12 passed.

Clause 13.

Mr PATTERSON: In terms of clause 13, this again talks about this question around value and coming up with a formula for value. Previously, we talked about it from just an electricity point of view. Now, with the energy retail laws considering both electricity and gas, in relation to placing a value on reductions in emissions in electricity and gas bills, will that value be the same for electricity and gas? Will it treat it at the same value, or will there be a different value placed on reducing a tonne of carbon via electricity compared with a tonne of carbon via gas?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Can you just give me a nod or a wink if I am right on this. Your question is in terms of the energy retail law, the retail part of the law—not the upstream stuff, the infrastructure about gas, the infrastructure about electricity—the retail aspect between customers and their retailers. You want to understand how valuers are assigned to those carbon emissions.

Mr PATTERSON: But, also, is there a difference between how value is ascribed for electricity compared to the gas bills, or is it treated the same?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: No, it will be uniform. It will apply equally across both. Obviously, if the value of a carbon emission is X, with Y being gas and Z being renewable electricity, you apply the formula and then you know the value. I am assuming that is what you are getting at but, yes, it is uniform. Coal-producing carbon is valued the same as gas-producing carbon, but the quantities of carbon produced for energy are different obviously, so gas has half the emissions of

coal on the same input but they are valued the same. We are not assigning different values to different fuel sources. The value of carbon remains uniform.

Mr PATTERSON: One aspect of this clause talks about the guidance for these values being consistent with a statement from the Ministerial Council on Energy ministers. Maybe if you could just elaborate on how you expect this process to occur. Obviously, there is a statement bill but there will be a fair body of work leading up to it specifically around consultation and also how consistent this is going to be. Once the value is ascribed, that does lock in a lot of decision-making. Once it is put in place, in terms of length of time between that and then potentially another ministerial statement around this, what will be the processes around that, because you would not want it to change often at all?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: This clause we are talking about here is a transitional clause. This is not the final destination where we are heading. The ministerial council will make a statement, and the ministerial council work is done by unanimous decision, so we would need all the states to agree. That will be a complex process in itself, but this is a transitional provision to give the market body some guidance for this transition to the new more rigorous process of valuing what carbon is—the price of the carbon.

This is a holding pattern rather than the final destination, if that assists the opposition. If it does not assist the opposition and they have more questions on this transitional provision, I am more than happy to make my officers available to give you a more in-depth explanation. They will probably do a lot better than me. I think what we are trying to do here is this: we are at this point in time and we are trying to get to over here, and there are a lot of cats we are trying to herd, that being the NEM states. We have come to a uniform position on the legislative framework. Now we are getting to the regulatory aspect and the decision-making process, so we have a transitional provision in place to get us from one spot to the next. That is where I think we are at here.

This will not be the long-term practice. This is just an initial placeholder for how we get to a point on the value of the emission without doing what I think everyone will be afraid of, which is forcing jurisdictions to do something they do not want to do. Because it is a statement from the energy ministers' conference, we would want uniformity of decision-making around that body. I think that answers your question.

Mr PATTERSON: To some extent. The corollary to that is that, okay, so this is transitional; at some stage it is going to become more permanent. What will be the process around ascribing the value going forward if it is not through a ministerial statement from the energy ministers? Will there be a market body that comes up with that and how will that be decided?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I will go back to the beginning. In Australia, we cannot have nice things. We cannot have an EIS of a baseline of the market price carbon. The conservative parties are opposed to the market setting a price of carbon. The conservative parties are now asking government regulatory bodies to determine prices of carbon. I think this whole process is back to front, but we are where we are now. It is too late to go down a market-based efficient method of carbon pricing. It is too late, we have missed that boat and we are now in direct action territory, which is what Tony Abbott and Joe Hockey envisaged in the 2013 election. They were successful, they overturned the emissions trading scheme with the carbon price all gone, and the market now no longer puts a value on what a tonne of carbon is worth being emitted.

So now market bodies—I am talking about the regulatory bodies within the Australian national electric framework—are openly consulting about what should this value be. We set the target; they work out the value. What is a robust way of working out the value of a carbon emission without the market pricing it, without a baseline, without a market mechanism, because—and I mean this politely—you and your friends do not want the market to be involved in this.

So now it is left to government regulatory bodies—see where I am going here, how crazy it is—and market regulatory bodies have to set the price of carbon. We are all agreeing across the country, including Liberal jurisdictions, that we need to value what carbon costs, what is the value of an emission. We are going through this process now where we are consulting, sector by sector, what are the emissions, what is the value and what should it be. So by 2024 the commonwealth government, through its auspices and consultation through the market bodies, will come out with this

value, as opposed to the Greg Combet view, which was: we will put out a baseline on what your emissions can be and the market will price the carbon.

The most efficient way to decarbonise, without picking winners, was to let the market set a price on the basis of a baseline of emissions. The conservatives, the free marketeers, said no, so here we are, and now government bodies are going to be setting the value of carbon. In other jurisdictions, like Europe, and even in some cases almost by default in China, they have market-based values of carbon, which is much more efficient.

This is probably the hardest part of the entire task, in my opinion, what the value is. I suppose the way they will work backwards is what are Australia's omissions, what are they by sector, what is the value internationally and what is our contribution for this. They will come up with a formula that will be put to a political test, and that political test will probably be the national cabinet through the national energy ministers, state-based cabinets, back to the energy ministers' conference. It will work from there through the market bodies. I think that is the framework.

I may have got some of that wrong and some of that right but, by and large, that is what the process is. It is a very, very difficult process but, my understanding from the advice I have received, is that the market bodies are now actively consulting with agencies about what that value should be. We will not know until that critical work is finished by the federal agency, DCCEE: I am not sure what the acronym stands for exactly, but I think it is energy and climate change, and there might be biodiversity in there as well; I am not quite sure. So that is the process.

Class passed.

Clause 14.

Mr PATTERSON: Similar to the question that was asked about the previous amendment around objectives, of course this time on the gas objectives, can you confirm that here, where we are adding in a target—and the way it is done in the amendment is to put the original objectives of price, quality, safety, reliability and security of supply of natural gas in the one clause and then targets in the second—the one that is interpreted still is that price is just as equal, as you say, to safety, is equal to reliability. You are talking about children, but if you could just confirm that to the committee.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I can confirm that.

Clause passed.

Remaining clauses (15 to 18) and title passed.

Bill reported without amendment.

Third Reading

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (11:48): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time and passed.

APPROPRIATION BILL 2023

Estimates Committees

Adjourned debate on motion:

That the proposed expenditures referred to Estimates Committees A and B be agreed to.

(Continued from 6 July 2023.)

Mrs PEARCE (King) (11:49): We are at a really interesting point in time, a time now when, more so than ever, the choices we make have the ability to define our individual and collective prosperity well into the future, and it is so important that we get this right. It is why the estimates process is so important and, with that in mind, I would like to thank all who participated in the estimates committees: those on both sides of this chamber, the many officials who presented over

estimates and all the amazing staff from this building who worked so hard to ensure a smooth and efficient process.

Through this work, we are helping to ensure that we are investing in the state's economic future and doing what we can to ensure that no-one is left behind on that journey, because all South Australians should feel the benefits of a strong economy. I believe that the budget reflected this ambition and that the estimates process supported this endeavour.

From what I participated in and observed, it is clear that we are focusing on the highest priorities that are being reflected from our communities—namely, health, housing and cost of living—whilst laying out a clear pathway for economic growth and prosperity for our generation and those to follow. It has been great to see through the estimates process how many ministers and departments are working together and doing all they can in their abilities to achieve this.

For example, take housing. Every South Australian has the right to have a home, but that right is becoming increasingly difficult to achieve. Whilst the rising property values have been great for homeowners, so many South Australians are watching their dreams of home ownership slip away. Did you know that the median house price in our state has increased by 35 per cent since 2019? That is substantial.

What also is substantial is the increase in the interest rate and the competition to find secure housing. It is actually making it incredibly difficult to enter the market, with the required amount of savings for a deposit becoming almost unobtainable, particularly if you are also renting. That is why this year's budget focused on helping more people obtain secure housing. Thanks to the Treasurer and ministers, including the Minister for Planning, the Minister for Consumer and Business Services and the Minister for Human Services, we are taking steps to address that.

For starters, we are abolishing stamp duty for thousands of eligible first-time buyers building or buying a new home. We are also helping our first-home owners by increasing the first Home Owner Grant property value cap, from \$575,000 to \$650,000, and fast-tracking first-home builder approvals. Combined, these measures have the potential to shave years off the time it would take a person to save for a deposit and buy a home.

We are also doing what we can to help increase supply. First off, we are looking at more public housing—564 new homes—and halting the sale of a further 580 public housing properties. This is the first significant increase in public housing that our state has seen in a generation. We are also investing in the single largest residential land release, with 25,000 new blocks across Adelaide's northern and southern suburbs, including approximately 500 homes in Golden Grove. We are delivering over 1,200 more social and affordable housing homes.

With the price of housing and other essentials going up, we knew we needed to do something to tackle the cost of living. That is why we will be investing \$254 million over two years in the energy bill relief plan. More than 420,000 households will be eligible under the plan to receive energy bill rebates of up to \$500. It is something many residents from my local community appreciate—residents like Alison, who volunteers with Centacare helping to provide energy relief in my community and who has noticed that there has been a stark increase in people seeking support. We have not forgotten about small businesses either. More than 86,000 of them can expect to receive rebates of up to \$650.

Additionally, Seniors Card holders will also continue to benefit from our commitment to make public transport free at all times for Seniors Card holders, something I am all too happy to discuss at our local interchange. We will be investing \$57.2 million over four years to support non-government organisations maintaining social, community, home care, child protection, homelessness and disability services to vulnerable South Australians in the face of higher wage and inflation costs in 2023.

Existing concessions will also be increased in line with higher inflation through an investment of \$44 million over five years. Government concessions, including the Cost of Living Concession, energy concession, medical heating and cooling concession, water concession and sewerage concession will all be indexed at 8.64 per cent in 2023-24, recognising the increase in pressures due to increased cost of living.

We have plans to support families as well, with family-based care repayments being increased, through an investment of \$32.1 million over four years from 1 July this year to help carers with the day-to-day costs of caring for a child or young person in care, and by continuing the subsidy to the materials and services charge, benefiting the parents and caregivers of around 120,000 government school students.

The school breakfast program in government schools is also being expanded, with an additional \$6.5 million over four years providing over one million additional breakfasts. I have seen firsthand how much assistance this program provides to students, thanks to the amazing work being done at our Lady of Hope School with this program. It provides a nutritious start to the day and a boost of confidence that can make all the difference to help a child obtain the best chance of a solid education and state of wellbeing.

An additional \$5 million over four years is also being supplied to support food relief organisations, such as Foodbank, and for the delivery of financial counselling services to assist those in need. Again, this is an example of how many ministers and departments are working collectively with their teams to tackle cost-of-living pressures.

Do not think we have forgotten about health. It is no secret that we have wasted no time in implementing measures that put health front and centre, with last year's state budget putting an additional \$2.4 billion to fund over 550 beds and over 400 more doctors and nurses into the system, just to name a few things.

Locally, the build for more beds at Lyell McEwin Hospital has already commenced. The location for an ambulance station in Golden Grove has been selected, with the build anticipated to commence at the end of the year, with an additional 20 paramedics servicing our community since March and with a further 12 who came on board in the middle of the year.

We recognise that there is still work to be done to improve the health system, which is why further commitments for investment in health were made in this state budget to help address flow within our health system, totalling an additional \$4.4 billion of operating funds, compared with the position left by the previous state government. This is important, as addressing the flow will have an influence on the ramping we are experiencing at our hospitals.

Seven-day discharge in our public hospitals will be introduced so patients are able to go home on weekends if they are well enough to do so. This will help tackle bed block, particularly on weekends. That is an investment of \$27.6 million over four years to increase medical staffing in major metropolitan hospitals on the weekends and for increased discharge of patients who are ready to leave.

Emergency department avoidance hubs will also be established to provide rapid clinical assessment, treatment and monitoring for patients who may otherwise have headed to the ED for hospital admission, helping to keep our EDs once again available for the most urgent of cases. It is an investment of \$2.1 million, and I am particularly pleased that one will be in the north. I am already hearing fantastic feedback from my local community; it is going to be a welcome addition.

Investments are also being made in virtual health care to free up hospital beds. We know the children's virtual care service has enabled 1,020 ambulances to treat children at home instead of being taken to hospital. It also helps paramedics avoid a trip to the ED and get back onto the road faster. This is an investment of \$67.8 million over five years to make this service permanent and expand its services, reducing emergency department presentations by providing virtual care by senior doctors, nurses and paramedics. These are just a few of the investments being made. Each of these will help alleviate the pressures on our health system.

That is a touch of what we are doing to address the priorities raised earlier: health, housing and cost of living, areas that I took a keen interest in following during the estimates process. With the time I have left, I would like to touch on what was discussed through the process of what we are working towards—what is going to help our great state get back on the map and encourage economic prosperity.

Firstly, we are going to establish an Office for AUKUS to coordinate the state's preparations for the unprecedented nuclear-powered submarine program. This \$5.4 million investment will

establish the office to help implement the Australian nuclear-powered submarine construction program at Osborne, because we know that AUKUS will transform South Australia's economy for generations. This new office will play a key role in coordinating agencies across government to ensure we deliver a highly skilled workforce and the infrastructure we need to make the AUKUS program a reality.

The state's Economic Recovery Fund will also be increased by \$22 million in 2026-27 to \$122 million to support initiatives that promote job creation, build advanced manufacturing capability and increase productivity and development opportunities in South Australia. We will also invest \$20 million over four years for the Research and Innovation Fund, including continued funding for the Startup Hub @ Lot Fourteen.

Furthermore, an investment of \$6.5 million over four years will deliver South Australia's Small Business Strategy to increase the skills, the capability and the capacity of small business owners and support them to create more jobs to help build the economy. As I said earlier, we want to make sure that no-one is left behind, and we are creating as many opportunities as possible.

There are amazing things ahead of us, opportunities waiting to be seized. This budget sets us on the right path towards these opportunities whilst also making sure that no-one is left behind. This report highlights the level of detail and thought that has gone into each and every one of these measures. I cannot wait to see it come to fruition.

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (12:00): I rise today to speak on the estimates committees and the aftermath of those committees; it is always an interesting process. I would first like to acknowledge Minister Geoff Brock, the member for Stuart. It was good to have a conversation with him earlier today and see that he is on the way to better health after having had a quadruple bypass. There were some significant little dramas along the way, not just involving him directly, but he is here and I applaud that.

In regard to the estimates on regional roads, Minister Tom Koutsantonis stepped up to the plate. He is already the minister looking after roads and infrastructure throughout the state. What really concerns me about regional road upgrades is the state's road maintenance backlog—which was questioned during estimates by me—that is hitting \$3 million, despite calls from this side of the house. The RAA is also looking for a four-year road maintenance fund to be considered.

This is absolutely vital right across the state, whether you are on the Far West Coast with the Eyre Highway, the Tod Highway and other highways over there. There are many roads on Yorke Peninsula, including the Upper Yorke Road and others around there. There are some works being done on the Horrocks Highway, and right down around to the South-East, but through parts of the Hills there is much work to be done.

There are still many projects being completed that were instigated when we were in government, including the overpass project at Port Wakefield and the Joy Baluch Bridge duplication, which is pretty well done. I think it was about \$250 million between those two projects. It is quite a bit of spaghetti at Port Wakefield but it sort of works. You come through on the old road heading north through the main street and the bypass leads you in behind the town, essentially around the roadhouses. It takes a little bit of coordination when you do it the first time but when you have done it once you have got it.

What I did see recently was some excellent work being done by Fulton Hogan contractors in the Far North, up around the Glendambo/Coober Pedy area, in regard to getting the Stuart Highway up to speed, with some excellent resheeting work. But the issue for this whole state is that there are many kilometres of that work needing to be done around the state. Certainly, we are keen to see much more money hit the ground.

I noticed that more than a third of that \$98 million under the road safety package is going towards a roundabout upgrade in Mount Barker, and that is great. I have used that roundabout many, many times, and I was at an event the other day talking to some people from Mount Barker and I said, 'What do you see wrong with that roundabout?' and they said, 'Nothing.' I guess it is great that the member for Kavel negotiated to get that \$41 million for that project, but there is so much work that could have been done elsewhere with that kind of money that I think has a higher priority.

Making the media today is the intersection of Curtis Road and Heaslip Road. It is the old stomping ground of my family, and it has certainly changed a lot since my father and my grandfather were there. They are screaming out in the Angle Vale region to get that roundabout duplicated and the drainage works done and everything to get that in place but, alas, politics has got in the way.

There are no new projects of any size for regional roads and there are existing projects that are under threat due to the federal Labor government's new 90-day review process. We are yet to hear anything about the review process, and we are rightly concerned on this side of the house about where that is going as well, especially with the likes of the Hahndorf bypass project, where \$250 million was allocated by the previous Liberal governments, both federal and state.

Here we see what I think is another ridiculous outcome, where that project has been carved up. It will not have access made better in a material way for the people of Hahndorf, and those million tourists a year who visit, by the latest thing that has happened there with Minister Koutsantonis announcing that 15-metre trucks will not be able to go through the main street of Hahndorf, unless you are a local truck or you have no other way out.

I know what I would say if I were a truck driver and got pulled over for the \$400-plus fine if I was found to be on that road. I would say, 'I have no other choice.' It is ridiculous. There are so many holes in that argument. As the very eloquent member for Hartley said, it is like putting a bandaid over a bullet hole. Much has been said about the Hahndorf upgrade and the issue around compulsory acquisition.

Has anyone complained about the compulsory acquisition that will have to take place with the Mount Barker roundabout? My understanding about Beerenberg Farm is that a small section at the back of the farm would have to be taken up to get that outcome. As someone from a family that has been on the end of compulsory acquisition three times, to do with either defence projects or the movement of the Dukes Highway, you go through the process and you negotiate it and get the best outcome. Certainly, what is going on in Hahndorf is such a terrible proposal and it is not doing what was wanted by the community. We will soon see how many holes it has in it.

There is also the Truro freight bypass project, where \$202 million was put up, yet we see it being pushed down the road—no pun intended. It is such a vital link towards the Riverland and that freight route, which at this stage is the alternative freight bypass for freight coming down through the Hills down the South Eastern Freeway.

I have mentioned here many times about how anything bigger than a B-double has to go around that freight bypass—Murray Bridge, Mannum, Sedan, Cambrai, up to the Halfway House corner on the Sturt Highway, and then head up through Truro into Adelaide. It is quite a few kilometres around the back, but certainly there are many, many thousands of tonnes of freight that have already come off the highway and gone around that road. That should be a high priority of the government, but again it is another project that has stalled.

There is the South East Link project and the duplication of the Swanport Bridge—a vital project that should have been done when it was built and opened in 1979. We instigated an investigation into that project, which was the first five kilometres of duplication out towards Taillem Bend, and we do need to get on with this duplication.

In my mind, we need to have procedures, policies, and we need to have money to hit the ground in combination with the federal government of course—with the 80:20 funding split with the federal government and the state government—to get the Augusta Highway, the Sturt Highway and the Dukes Highway all duplicated. The problem is we get the people doing the pricing inside the Department for Infrastructure and Transport and coming up with this huge money: between those three projects, it would be north of \$10 billion.

Recently, having travelled to Port Augusta, I saw the work we started on the duplication to Lochiel. That is ongoing and pleasing to see, but there are still another 177 kilometres from Lochiel to Port Augusta that are vital to be done. Obviously, with the important links into places like the OZ Minerals mines at Carrapateena and Prominent Hill, now under the remit of BHP, and also Roxby Downs, station owners and general freight are running through to Darwin where you drag your first two semitrailers, first two-part road trains, through to Port Augusta, then hook up the third. My

understanding is that once it is duplicated, which is a little way down the track, we are going to have triple road trains all the way from Port Adelaide through to Darwin.

Certainly, the Sturt Highway and the Dukes Highway both need duplicating to the border, and both those projects are approximately 200 kilometres each. It is not just for the people who live, work and play in those regions, as most people in this state would travel along these roads at some stage in their lives or at multiple times in their lives. The Dukes Highway is a very busy road heading toward Melbourne and does cut through my property.

These projects are absolutely vital, as is also the investigation into the alternative freight bypass around the back of the Hills to make a shorter route than the one going up through the Halfway House, as it is now. That has gone off the map as well at the moment, but we are very keen on this side of the house to see these projects get going.

I note the significant impact that the River Murray flood event had on many regional roads throughout not just my community but into the Riverland in the seat of Chaffey and down into the seat of Finnis, and I acknowledge the work that everyone did to get roads back in order. I do acknowledge there was fast work done on Hunter Road on the opposite side to the main township of Mannum so that we get the ferry open and get things operating again. All the private contractors, all the volunteers, did so much work during the floods.

I note that the top 10 worst grain roads were not considered in the budget. When the question was asked about it, the answer was, 'We're looking at all our roads and evaluating them on the basis of need.' Well, that does not help the people who use Upper Yorke Road, which came to prominence again in the media in the last couple of days with the RAA outlining that the 33-kilometre stretch of that road between Maitland and Kulpara has a one star safety rating.

It does not help the people who use Nine Mile Road out by Malinong, out down my way; World's End Highway; the Mallee Highway, which has some significant issues, especially up between Lameroo and Pinnaroo; Flinders Highway; Owen Road; Booleroo Road; Templers Road; Frances Road; and the Barrier Highway. We are coming into another grain harvest, and farmers are facing enough challenges without the road issues.

Part of estimates was asking questions around emergency services. I want to acknowledge the amazing work of all our emergency personnel during those services, whether they be CFS personnel or SES personnel. MFS personnel were there as well. I note some of these people are paid people, but a lot are volunteers and a lot are private volunteers who did so much work with the River Murray flood event, which we are still clawing our way out of with all the insurance obligations and making sure that people can rebuild and get on with their lives.

There was obviously a lot of funding that was required, and we just want to make sure that all the funding that is necessary to get communities back on track is there, especially for the levee work. We have a lot of work to do in our end of the river in working out where those River Murray levees will sit. One thing we found out during estimates was the \$1.25 million in capital and a further \$20,000 in ongoing funding to establish a temporary flood barrier capability so the state can be prepared for a future flooding event. I certainly found DefenCell was very handy, especially in Mannum and Murray Bridge.

We have seen \$1.9 million being allocated over four years to increase mental health and wellbeing support for the emergency services sector, which is a great thing. I note that the Stress Prevention and Management 24-hour seven-day-a-week helpline recorded a 129 per cent increase in its demand for services from volunteers and family members.

We picked up during estimates that 276 farm firefighting grants were awarded in the first year of the program, but the issue I have with that is that pretty well all trailer units were excluded from that program. I have a trailer unit. I funded it under my own steam and did not worry about a grant program, but it looks like I would have wasted my time anyway. They are very handy units to have on your property. Mine holds 1,500 litres; some hold a lot more, some hold a bit less. They are very handy in assisting with fires and those sorts of operations. I do acknowledge the extra investment in the additional nine aircraft over the next four years to enhance the state's aerial firefighting capability.

Veterans make up a great community amongst the rest of our community, and I acknowledge all our veterans and our serving personnel for everything they have done for our country. We note that there is a \$500,000 investment over four years for a veterans community framework, which includes a growth support program and a comprehensive outreach program.

There is \$730,000 for the redesign and upgrade of the Pathway of Honour in preparation for the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, which will happen in August 2025. Certainly, as I am already aware, the main matters of concern for the ex-service community in South Australia include employment, homelessness, family support, carer support and incarceration. These are areas we all need to improve on.

One thing I was keen to question was the pilot of the 2021 Veterans SA Career and Business Mentoring Program, which was initiated by the former Liberal government. It was a success and is currently being run again. I think there is plenty of opportunity that could come if this is expanded into the future. I also note that Veterans SA, as the local state body, made a submission to the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide in the previous financial year, with a hearing held in Adelaide. That is a terrible statistic, veteran suicide, and we must do better for our veterans, noting that they are willing to put their hand up, as we note the sad loss of three marines off the north of Australia.

In closing, there were some good signs in the budget, like some of the veterans' money being spent, but there is also a lot of improvement to be made in the future.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (12:20): I would like to make a small contribution to this debate. I will not cover the area which has been covered by many of the previous speakers already, and I do not need to repeat what they have said. In terms of my observations on the estimates committee, I had the privilege of chairing one of the committees. I think what they are designed for is sometimes misunderstood.

The estimates committee is predominantly to inquire into the budget itself in detail, and it is appropriate to hold the government of the day to account. Sometimes, it becomes a quasi question time in other forums. That aside, it is a useful process and it is there predominantly for the opposition of the day to inquire and look into the detail of the budget presented and to, as I said, help hold the government of the day accountable for the budget itself.

In terms of the budget, if I were to talk about some key themes, I would say there are three: housing, health and hope. I think this budget was about housing, health and hope in the sense that it clearly had a strong focus on housing. It identified a whole range of areas to be released for land, to put land on the market, to make sure we keep property prices down as low as possible. In addition to that, with the release of new land comes a whole range of challenges around infrastructure.

This government has, I think, fully understood not only the need for infrastructure within those developments but also the impact those developments have on adjacent areas. That is why they have established (I cannot remember the full title) the housing infrastructure unit within the Department for Trade and Investment, within the planning area. That unit's responsibility is to identify the infrastructure needs of these new growth areas. I have some growth areas in and also adjacent to my area, and they will have a major impact on my region.

The delivery of infrastructure in a timely fashion is really important. It is not just infrastructure in terms of roads but also the other bits of infrastructure like schools, health services, policing, etc. When you have quite a centre of growth, like the one that is proposed for Concordia, with an additional 25,000 people, that is essentially the existing size of Gawler once again, so we will need to look at how the health services, policing services, schools and a whole range of services will be delivered to that region.

The unit will look at some of those up-front things, but also, very importantly, start advising departments and agencies about making sure the infrastructure is put into their plans for the future, so that as residents and businesses arrive the infrastructure is there to support them. Some of the infrastructure requirements for Concordia—and they are on the record already but I will just repeat—are very important.

One area is to have some sort of bypass road linking up Lyndoch Road with the Sturt Highway, which is very important firstly for the additional traffic that will be generated by the Concordia development but, just as importantly, to remove the remaining heavy trucks that go down Lyndoch Road and Murray Street, which is a core part of Gawler. We need to make sure they are shifted out of there. That bypass, or link road as we call it, is very critical and is what you would almost call a precondition of that development.

Another important condition, amongst other things, would be the provision of public transport for this new area. We need to work out how we are going to integrate the Concordia development into the rail system—the rail system in which we have invested hundreds of millions of dollars in terms of its upgrade. We need to make sure that people in that area have access to the rail system to take them anywhere from Concordia to the city. In fact, it can take them right down to the Flinders University now that it has a station there.

They are two important things, but a whole range of other factors need to be taken into account, such as water management and energy saving provisions. They are all things that in some ways are easier to deal with these days because we understand them better. Some of those bigger issues will take some thinking and obviously some broad thinking to make sure they are addressed.

The government has also reduced stamp duty for first-home owners, which I think is really important to get young people into the home ownership market. In terms of home ownership for people in their early 20s and mid-30s, I saw some figures just recently which indicated that it is at the lowest rate since data has been collected, so it is getting increasingly harder for young people to enter the housing market. If you talk to young people they still do aspire to have a house. It is one those great Australian dreams that you actually own your home. Not only is housing hard to get into given the size of deposits, as well as interest rates, etc., but also rent prices have gone through the roof.

Fortunately, the government is investing hundreds of millions of dollars in public and social housing. I understand that this year will be the first time in over 20 years that the stock of public housing will not decrease. It will actually increase over the life of this government. It will be the first time in 20 years that the housing stock held by the public authorities for public housing and social housing will actually increase, there will be a net increase. That is a major achievement because the trend has been the other way for a long time.

We need to make sure that we understand that, while we have policies for affordable housing, the affordable housing point price is not exactly affordable by many people. A lot of people just will not be able to afford it because I think it is over the \$400,000 mark for affordable housing. A lot of people are frozen out of the market, so we still need public and social housing to make sure that everybody has a reasonable roof over their head, not only for them but for their families.

Just on that, I am sad to say that the number of homeless people I see in my own town now is probably the worst I have ever seen it since I have been involved in public life, so we have a long way to go. This government is making every endeavour to do that, supported by the commonwealth, which is making billions of dollars available for housing, combined with our policies to release land, which hopefully will make some inroads into making sure that people get reasonable housing in these areas. In my own area, I know that, as we speak now, some additional public housing is being built in conjunction with the private sector and that should certainly help some bottlenecks in my community, but we have a long way to go.

In terms of health, the government has made it clear that health is the number one priority, and that is reflected in the billions of dollars the government is investing over the term of this government to make sure that we have a health system that provides people with the health care they need at the time they need it.

We are actually increasing investment in the Ambulance Service. My own town has an additional unit now. Certainly, the wait times in my town of Gawler have gone down dramatically now we have that additional unit, so people can rest assured that, if you need an ambulance, an ambulance will get there on time to look after you.

In terms of hope, I think the government is doing what it can with the commonwealth to provide some direct support to those families doing it hard by providing a range of concessions—electricity concessions and other concessions. This is targeted support. It is very important that we do target our support for those doing it the toughest in this time.

Another issue I would like to briefly speak about, and one I am also very pleased with, is that the Minister for Education, Training and Skills has now put in place a process and also funding to rebuild our TAFE system, and I commend him for that. In my view, the TAFE system was downgraded by the previous government. From my point of view from my area, we had a number of programs shifted from the northern areas, which young people were not able to access, under the guise of contestability.

I do not have any difficulty with the concept of contestability, but when the public provider was not allowed to actually compete in that market I cannot see where contestability exists. Basically, the public provider was frozen out of the marketplace. What was happening was that some of the more expensive courses were left in the public sector, the cheaper courses were run in the private sector, and then they were trying to compare those apples and oranges. That was an unfair comparison. I am not sure that the previous government had the commitment to the TAFE sector that this government does. I commend the minister and the government for making that commitment.

I think it is important that the public sector is in the marketplace. The public sector can actually take into account not only what the course offerings are but also issues around equity, to make sure sometimes even some courses that do not have a lot of students are needed in certain areas and that our young people throughout the state have access to the appropriate training and skills. Particularly at the moment, we seem to have a skills shortage right across the board in a whole range of areas, and so I do commend Minister Boyer for his commitment to the TAFE sector.

Another thing I would like to quickly comment on is that all the commitments we made to my electorate have been delivered. Some have been delivered already and some are in the process of being delivered through tenders, etc. I am 100 per cent certain that every commitment that we have made in my electorate should be delivered by the end of this financial year, which has certainly been well welcomed by the community. There is a whole range of road safety measures which have been delivered. There is a whole range of sporting infrastructure which is going to be delivered, which is hugely required.

One thing we need to address as local, state and federal governments—I think those governments have to work closely together—is the rise in participation in sport by young women. It is a great policy. I have no difficulties with it, but the infrastructure is not keeping up with those requirements. Certainly in my town we still have young women who have to change in their motor vehicles for their sporting events, and that is just unacceptable. We need to invest. We need some sort of agreement between state, federal and local governments to accelerate the program of rolling out infrastructure to meet the needs of young women and women generally.

It has to be a partnership. It cannot be the case where one sphere of government is holding it up, because the benefits are to local communities, and therefore the local councils should make a contribution. Given the rapid increase in participation, I acknowledge that the whole lot is beyond the means of some local councils, and therefore state and federal governments need to make an appropriate contribution towards that. Again, that is an issue of equity, and that is where the public sector can come in by making sure that we can use the financial resources of both the state and commonwealth governments to make sure there is equity across the state and that young people are not left behind.

They are some of the issues, but I could speak for hours on this budget. As I said, I will not repeat what has been discussed by other speakers already, but they are some of the issues which are very important to my community and which I have highlighted. Certainly, this government is delivering on some of those priorities. As I said, we are delivering on housing, health and hope.

Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey) (12:34): I, too, rise to make a contribution to the Appropriation Bill in regard to the estimates process. As we all know, and as a former minister understanding the complexities that come with estimates, the work that goes into preparing folders by departments for ministers really is quite mind-boggling. An amount of time, effort and money goes into preparing

some of those folders that sometimes get opened and sometimes do not get opened, depending on the competency of the minister, but I would like to reflect on what the current government's commitments have been, particularly in trade and investment.

Last year, we saw Minister Champion commit to a range of savings targets. When a government of whatever persuasion comes in, we know that the headwind is always about achieving some of those savings within the department so that you can actually balance the books within your office. It is always fraught with danger and it is always fraught with speculation of what will impact on a particular department.

What I saw in the department from last year was that the minister was dedicated to saving \$4.7 million in this budget. Obviously, the most recent estimates showed that there would be an ongoing \$4 million each year and continuing to meet those savings targets. He got straight to work and axed the planned Paris trade office. He said that he would be confident that the London office could serve the European market. I am confused. How is it that we have issues with the European Union, and Brexit has broken that tie, yet we are going to have a UK office overseeing the European market? It really does make me wonder.

This year, we discovered that the department overspent their budget by \$24 million, so I am really looking for the minister to come out and tell us that there was a \$24 million overspend while trying to make some savings targets. What did the minister spend his money on? How did he blow the budget by that \$24 million? They boosted their allocated budget for this year by an additional \$14 million, and so obviously savings targets are no longer listed in the budget.

The minister claims he is committed to meeting those savings targets still, so how is he going to do it? Is he going to lay off those 10 FTEs over the next year despite hiring seven more? Wow! So you are going to lay off 10, but then you are going to hire a further seven. Sadly, we all know that Labor's poor financial management will cost those 10 people their jobs this year.

This is one of the most important economic departments in government. It is about demanding economic growth, it is about stimulating the opportunity for South Australian businesses and it is about setting the environment for those small businesses to enter an export regime. It is a big move for a small business that has been producing, manufacturing or value-adding any form of product to a domestic market. All of a sudden, we now see some of those businesses looking to enter the export space. It is a big move, it is a big commitment and it also comes with an element of risk.

In a previous life I, too, did a lot of venturing into some of those domestic markets and then one day I flicked the switch and decided that I would export internationally. Yes, that commitment gave me a lot of sleepless nights and, yes, it definitely gave me an impetus to grow the business and to be able to make sure that it was an economy within my business model that had to work, otherwise potentially I would have lost the lot, but it gave me a much clearer understanding of what it means to grace our international shores, our trading partners or potential trading partners, to make sure that we can grow our businesses.

Despite scrapping the trade offices, the savings measures, we now have a new trade office in Frankfurt. That has been announced, and I am sure that will be on the back of some of the work that will be done in defence. I look forward to watching this space to see how that is going to work. Of course, hydrogen is one of this government's now favourite subjects. I really do want to keep a very close eye on that, as I am sure the shadow minister for energy will, too, because I think there is much to be said about generating energy and how we do it cost effectively with the use of taxpayers' dime.

Now that we have the Frankfurt office being announced, does the minister no longer have confidence in his London trade office? I have asked him why, and his response was, 'Because Paris was the wrong spot to put it and Frankfurt is the right spot to put it.' Well, how about that! Furthermore, the government attempted to cover up this year's shortcomings by shifting the goalpost. They boasted in a timely news piece right before estimates committees that they had achieved a \$1 billion investment into South Australia. I would like to further understand just how that foreign investment has dropped their targets. Their target amount of \$750 million had not changed. They did not meet their goal. There was only \$710 million of foreign investment.

The minister has said, 'We just had an absolutely rip-roaring year in terms of international trade,' but he had to shift the goalpost to achieve that. His comments completely undermine the struggles of our wine sector that we are currently facing. I must say, having the Minister for Small Business here as well, I think it is important that trade, investment and small business work very closely together to make sure that there is an overlap of support for small business to become exporters, to grow their business, to grow their footprint, making sure that we can do more and export more with the same commodities.

I think it is also very important that we better understand what the struggles of exporting are, particularly within our commodities sector. The wine industry is going through a serious structural adjustment, obviously losing our largest trading partner. I should say, we did not lose our largest trading partner: our largest trading partner put trade barriers in our way. That has given some serious heartburn to the industry. What we are seeing now is that any product that goes into our largest trading partner will receive a 212 per cent tariff. Unworkable? Yes.

It is the role of the government to sidestep that issue and look at other ways that we can better prepare and better facilitate some of our existing trading partners, looking at developing new relationships with other trading nations so that we can actually get on with doing what we do really well here, particularly in South Australia and the wine industry. In saying that, I do want to congratulate Wirra Wirra. They have struck a deal with the Gallo wine family for distribution over the next two years.

The US is a big market, and I think the potential to grow that market is immense. Sadly, not that many years ago, the Australian wine sector—actually, most of the Australian commodity capacity—dropped the ball. We dropped the ball in South Australia, particularly with barley. We dropped the ball with red meat, we dropped it with lobster, we dropped it with wine and we dropped it with other commodities that have seen a significant impact not only to our economy but to those businesses that were looking to continue their export footprint into China.

The US gives us a great opportunity, and so does the UK, so does Europe, so does South-East Asia and so do the Nordics. There are many focus points that I think South Australia should be putting a lot of energy, money and resources to, but we continue to be distracted by the political will of re-engaging with China. China is our largest trading partner, inbound and outbound. We need China, but we also need to be more diverse.

We cannot continue to wait on the doorsteps of China and hope they will reignite some of those trade relations. Particularly, we have seen the lifting of the restrictions on barley, which was a great outcome. We saw prices lift. We are now waiting for that same model to be engaged into the wine industry. We will not see the same sort of revenue coming into South Australia if we do reignite that relationship.

As an example, we were seeing significant returns on wine, whether it be inland wine or cool area wine. We will never see that again. Sadly, we will now see what was a comparative \$2 per litre for inland wine; currently, there are those sharks that are waiting for those relations to be reignited. They are already out there looking to pre-order and forward-book a lot of our South Australian wine. They are only prepared to pay 30¢ per litre.

It is not good, and it is going to have a significant impact, particularly on the Riverland because the Riverland is the engine room of the wine industry. Yes, it has a particular price point. It is something that, in many instances, is put into a lot of supermarkets. It is entry-level wine and it is wine that suits the middle class in a lot of our global markets. That is why it is so important that the government continues to focus on the wine industry as one of our major export sectors—so that we can diversify and so that we do not put all our eggs back into the basket of China.

China, as I will continue to say, is an important part of our export sector, but so are the US, the UK and many of the emerging South-East Asian companies. People talk about India. They talk about the opportunities that India possesses. Personally, I think we are still a decade away from breaking the opportunities in that Indian market. There are small amounts going into some of these new opportunities in global destinations, but we have to make sure that we move the dial and, if we are going to move the dial, we have to go back to some of our traditional markets, whether that be for wine, lobster, wheat or precious metals.

I note that the Premier has made a lot of going over to China to look at resurrecting some of our relations. As I understand it, the Premier went over to China specifically for precious metals, copper and the like. That will see, again, an opportunity for the resources South Australia has a lot of. We have a lot of copper, we have a lot of uranium, we have a lot of barley, we have a lot of wine, we have a lot of lobster and we have a lot of red meat. They are some of the big opportunities that South Australia should continue to put on the plate of any of our trading nations, and I think that is really important.

What we also need to better understand is that we have a great food culture here in South Australia. Food SA is doing a great job representing food manufacturers, producers and exporters. Sadly, as I understand it, Food SA is not getting the opportunities into those international expos. It is not getting the opportunities that other sectors of the government's favourite children are, whether it be defence, space or hydrogen. One of the greatest renewables on the planet is food. In South Australia, I think we are no exception, and that is why we must continue to support those industries, support manufacturing, support food and wine and the great opportunities.

Of course, we know that in trade the biggest sector is tourism. Again, we have taken a hit with tourism. We have taken a hit particularly through the pandemic, but it is now time to reignite South Australia as a destination, just as it is time to reignite South Australia for international education. We have not regained the share that we had. I think it is really important that the government continue to focus on putting energy resources into those sectors so that we can move the dial.

Moving the dial is what growth is. We are not going to get rich by selling lattes to one another. We are not going to get rich by selling half pallets to our international trading partners. We have to fill up ships. We have to fill up lots of containers, and the only way that we are going to do that is by what we are good at and, as I have said, food, wine, beverage and the opportunities for the tourist dollar and the international education dollar are something that we have to continue to beat the drum about.

Our interstate counterparts beat us by 20-fold when it comes to particularly international education. My cynical view of the amalgamation of the universities is that we are a small town and we are looking to be a big university. I think we actually have to have a culture that specialises in areas that will attract international students, that will attract those students to come here, that will then attract their families to come over here to invest and to potentially live longer term. That is how we are going to grow—grow our population, grow our economy and grow our presence in the trade space.

I want to touch on a couple of other areas particularly in estimates. There was quite a bit of talk about water. There was a lot of talk about coming away from water, particularly with the recent floods. I am very disappointed that we are not being supported by the government with a call for an independent inquiry into the recent floods. It was one of the largest disasters in the state's history and yet the government is saying, 'Nothing to see here. We don't need an inquiry. We don't need to know how we can do it better next time. We don't need to know what an audit of our levee banks would do to better prepare us. We don't need to understand what the constraints within the river corridor are going to mean with the next flood.'

We do not know what it is going to mean for the next dry. Obviously, the Murray-Darling Basin Plan has been a conjectural issue, particularly with the federal water minister's announcement last week that they are going to put voluntary buybacks on the table to regain that 450 gigalitres of water. Let me assure you that the 450 gigalitres for the southern connected basin is just a small part of the bigger picture. The 450 is something that South Australia will have a part responsibility for, but we are also forgetting the extra 700 that we have to achieve.

Putting voluntary buybacks as a preferred conduit to achieve this water for a healthy working area river is, I think, fraught with danger. I think it is fraught with political laziness, just like our water minister in South Australia. She has proven to be a very lazy minister. She has engaged a water commissioner who is nothing more than a mouthpiece for herself. He has come out and made outrageous comments. As a water commissioner, he is there as a commissioner not as a political spokesperson. What we have seen of him over recent weeks—and I have been to some public

forums where he has spoken—is atrocious. The way he has addressed the crowd is political swill, telling people that he has drunk more water than the former coalition achieved in trying to achieve the 450.

Let me assure you—and I hope that he is listening or that someone might pass on a message—over this 10-year period, we have achieved 2,100 gigalitres of water. We agreed with former Premier Weatherill that we needed to achieve the extra 450. Yes, we are trying to achieve that, but we have already picked up the low-hanging fruit. It is imperative that this government put every option on the table to achieve the water that we need: on-farm projects, off-farm projects and voluntary buybacks. To have the commissioner come out with his political angle, his political swill, I think is absolutely outrageous. I think South Australia could do better. If we take the politics out of achieving water, South Australia will go a long way to achieving water. It already has over the last 50 years.

There is much more to talk about, particularly with water, but I must say that South Australia is doing a great job in the water space. We are achieving water, we are leaders in finding efficiencies and we will continue to do that, whether it is by the end of 2027 or by a later date, but putting all the options on the table is about extending the time frame, about putting all the ways that we can achieve water for a healthy working river, and there is nothing more important or valuable than having that achieved for the people of the Riverland, those irrigators, those food producers, who are looking for leadership, and government members currently are not giving them that leadership.

Ms SAVVAS (Newland) (12:55): When reflecting on the estimates process it is really important to acknowledge the hard work of the large number of people who were involved in estimates. I would particularly like to put on the record my thanks to the parliamentary staff who were involved in that process, the ministerial staff involved in that process and the opposition staff involved in that process. There are certainly a large number of people who are involved in not just the questioning but the work behind the scenes, more so than a humble government backbencher is involved in that process, and it is important to acknowledge.

I would like to acknowledge the chairs of our estimates session—yourself, member for Light, and also the member for Giles. I spent about three minutes in the chair for an estimates session and that was stressful enough, so I can only imagine the work and probably the exhaustion that go into chairing those sessions over some weeks, so I acknowledge the chairs as well. It is also important to acknowledge the executive and departmental staff who worked so hard in the lead-up, but also who provide such insight and guidance during the sessions themselves. It is really important to acknowledge the role they play as advisers in that process and how important is the work they do within the departments as well.

Ministers are worth thanking, as are opposition members who question with such aplomb what is going on in the government. I think it says a lot about our democracy, the way we have an open and honest system of scrutiny in South Australia. I always say to the schoolchildren who come through, when they ask, 'Which side of the house should I sit on when I come in for a school tour?', that a strong and fierce opposition makes a stronger government. That is certainly the case and was shown through our democratic process in estimates.

I had the great pleasure of being a government backbencher in a number of estimates committees. I joined the Premier for his estimates committee and I joined the Deputy Premier, Minister Susan Close, in her estimates for the entire period—a long day with a large number of responsibilities. I also joined ministers Scriven and Champion in their sessions as well.

It is a really important time to discuss the importance of our budget. I know that, for me, our budget—and I am hearing the response out and about in my community—is a fair and balanced budget. All budgets are worth scrutiny, but the general reception to our budget has been really positive. It is prioritising things that matter to people, particularly people out in the burbs, where I am lucky enough to represent things that matter: the cost of living, the housing crisis and, of course, for so many people, the question of home ownership, which we know for many generations and for many young people has not been accessible for a large amount of time.

I often talk about my own housing journey when talking about the government's measures. I have spoken at length in this place about when I started primary school and we were homeless. The

ability for me to purchase a home a few years ago, with the assistance of a First Home Owner Grant, is a really huge thing, not just for me but for my family, being only the second person ever in our family to have purchased their own home.

When we are discussing the importance of getting people into the housing market I know it all too well, and I know that without the assistance from the government, the building grant that I received, I would not have been able to enter the market then and continue along my home ownership journey. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

Sitting suspended from 13:00 to 14:00

RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES (PROTECTION OF PROSPECTIVE TENANTS) AMENDMENT BILL

Assent

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

STATUTES AMENDMENT (EDUCATION, TRAINING AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO) BILL

Assent

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

STATUTES AMENDMENT (SERIOUS VEHICLE AND VESSEL OFFENCES) BILL

Assent

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

Petitions

ADELAIDE AQUATIC CENTRE

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley): Presented a petition signed by 41 residents of South Australia requesting the house to urge the government to take immediate action to keep the Adelaide Aquatic Centre open until the new centre is complete and ready for use.

MILE END ATHLETIC STADIUM

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley): Presented a petition signed by 81 residents of South Australia requesting the house to urge the government to halt the construction of new beach volleyball facilities at the Mile End Athletic Stadium.

ADELAIDE AQUATIC CENTRE

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): Presented a petition signed by 136 residents of South Australia requesting the house to urge the government to freeze all plans for the building of a new aquatic centre until proper and full consideration has been given to its site and the negative consequences of building on the existing facility's footprint, and collaborate with the Adelaide City Council to ensure there is a seamless transition and no user is inconvenienced.

Parliamentary Procedure

ANSWERS TABLED

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

PAPERS

The following papers were laid on the table:

By the Speaker—

Auditor-General—Report 5 of 2023—Agency audit reports [Ordered to be published]
Independent Commission Against Corruption—

The Integrity Trade-off: An update on Troubling Ambiguity—Report July 2023

Off the Radar: Failures of Supervision—Report August 2023
Robust Recruitment—Report August 2023 [Ordered to be published]
Office of the Inspector—Report of a review of the operations of the Independent
Commissioner Against Corruption and the Office for Public Integrity—Corrigendum
[Ordered to be published]
Ombudsman SA—Assessment Report—Local Sporting and Infrastructure Grants
[Ordered to be published]

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

Attorney-General's Department—Response to recommendations in the Coroner's finding
resulting from the inquest into the death of Adelene Leong Yi Hui—
Report August 2023
Criminal Investigation (Covert Operations) Act 2009—
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission—Annual Report 2022-23
Independent Commission Against Corruption—Annual Report 2022-23
Director of Public Prosecutions, Office of the—Workplace Experience—Report 2023
Summary Offences Act 1953—
Dangerous Area Declarations return pursuant to section 83B—Report for Period
1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023
Review of Part 16A pursuant to section 74BZ Report
Road Block Authorisations return pursuant to section 74B—Report for Period
1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023
Surveillance Devices Act 2016—Independent Commission Against Corruption—
Annual Report 2022-2023
Telecommunication (Interception) Act 2012—Independent Commission Against
Corruption—Annual Report 2022-23
Regulations made under the following Acts—
Courts Administration—General
Crown Proceedings—General
Dangerous Substances—Dangerous Goods Transport
Freedom of Information—Exempt Agency
Independent Commission Against Corruption—National Anti-Corruption
Commission
Legislative Instruments—Postponement of Expiry—No. 2
Members of Parliament (Register of Interests)—General
Return to Work—Medical Expenses—Period of Entitlement
Serious and Organised Crime (Control)—General
Summary Offences—Custody Notification Scheme
Work Health and Safety—
Engineered Stone
Psychosocial Risks
Young Offenders—General

By the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science (Hon. S.E. Close)—

Flinders University—Annual Report 2022
Torrens University—Annual Report 2022
University of South Australia—Annual Report 2022

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

Environment Protection Act 1993—Commercial and Industrial Noise Policy 2023
Regulations made under the following Acts—
Marine Parks—General
Single-use and Other Plastic Products (Waste Avoidance)—Prohibited Plastic
Products

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

Regulations made under the following Acts—
Harbors and Navigation—
Alcohol and Drug Testing
General

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

Regulations made under the following Acts—
Mining—Fees Notice—No. 4

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

Lifetime Support Authority—Participant Service Standards Report
South Australian Superannuation Scheme—Actuarial Investigation Report 30 June 2022
Veterinary Surgeons Board of South Australia—Annual Report 2021-22
Regulations made under the following Acts—
Fisheries Management—
Demerit Points—Rock Lobster Fisheries
Prawn Fisheries—Prescribed Period
Rock Lobster Fisheries—Miscellaneous—No. 2
Petroleum Products Regulation—General
Public Corporations—
General
StudyAdelaide

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

Regulations made under the following Acts—
Health Care—General
Tobacco and E-Cigarette Products—Prescribed Requirements

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

Estimates Committee A—Correction
TAFE SA—Charter June 2023
Regulations made under the following Acts—
SACE Board of South Australia—General

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

Local Council By-Laws—
Alexandrina Council—
No. 1—Permits and Penalties
No. 2—Local Government Land
No. 3—Roads
No. 4—Moveable Signs
No. 5—Dogs
No. 6—Cats
Barossa Council—No. 8—Dogs (Miscellaneous) Amendment
Campbelltown City Council—
No. 1—Permits and Penalties
No. 2—Moveable Signs
No. 3—Roads
No. 4—Local Government Land
No. 5—Dogs
City of Mitcham—No. 8—Amendment By-law
City of Onkaparinga—

- No. 1—Permits and Penalties
- No. 2—Moveable Signs
- No. 3—Roads
- No. 4—Local Government Land
- No. 6—Foreshore
- City of Victor Harbor—
 - No. 1—Permits and Penalties
 - No. 2—Moveable Signs
 - No. 3—Roads
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 - No. 5—Dogs
 - No. 6—Cats
 - No. 7—Foreshore
- Coorong District Council—
 - No. 1—Permits and Penalties
 - No. 2—Roads
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 - No. 4—Dogs
 - No. 5—Cats
- District Council of Robe—
 - No. 1—Permits and Penalties
 - No. 2—Local Government Land
 - No. 3—Roads
 - No. 4—Moveable Signs
 - No. 5—Dogs
 - No. 6—Cats
- Kingston District Council—
 - No. 1—Permits and Penalties
 - No. 2—Moveable Signs
 - No. 3—Local Government Land
 - No. 4—Roads
 - No. 5—Dogs
 - No. 6—Cape Jaffa Anchorage (Waterways)
- Light Regional Council—No. 7—Amendment By-law (Miscellaneous)
- Wakefield Regional Council—No. 7—Local Government Land Amendment
- Wudinna District Council—
 - No. 1—Permits and Penalties
 - No. 2—Moveable Signs
 - No. 3—Caravans and Camping
 - No. 4—Roads
 - No. 5—Dogs
 - No. 6—Cats
 - No. 7—Local Government Land

By the Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs (Hon. A. Michaels)—

- Regulations made under the following Acts—
- Lotteries—Fees Notice

By the Minister for Arts (Hon. A. Michaels)—

- Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute—Annual Report 2021-22
- Regulations made under the following Acts—
- Adelaide Festival Centre Trust—Miscellaneous

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

- Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, Board of the—Annual Report 2021-22

Witness Protection Act 1996—Annual Report 2022-23

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

Regulations made under the following Acts—

Planning, Development and Infrastructure—General—Schedule 6A

Parliamentary Committees

ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (14:12): I bring up the first report of the Environment, Resources and Development Committee, entitled 'Briefing report on the disposal of PFAS-contaminated waste in South Australia'.

Report received and ordered to be published.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mr BROWN (Florey) (14:13): I bring up the 34th report of the committee, entitled 'Port Augusta Prison Bluebush and Greenbush accommodation upgrades'.

Report received and ordered to be published.

Mr BROWN: I bring up the 35th report of the committee, entitled 'Bolivar Wastewater Treatment Plant essential services switchboard upgrade'.

Report received and ordered to be published.

Mr BROWN: I bring up the 36th report of the committee, entitled Healthy Coorong, Healthy Basin Program, Teringie Wetland On-Ground Works Project.

Report received in order to be published.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: Before I call questions without notice, I acknowledge visitors in the gallery of Councillor Trinh Nguyen, guest of the member for Adelaide. Welcome to parliament today.

Question Time

PREMIER'S DELIVERY UNIT

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition) (14:15): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier assure the house that the Premier's Delivery Unit is entirely free from political influence and does not undertake any political work?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:15): I have been quite clear and on the public record on more than one occasion that the Premier's Delivery Unit has a very specific function for the government, and that function is to ensure that the state government Public Service honours this government's commitments that we made in the lead-up to the 2022 state election. I think it is well known and been well broadcast that this government has a comprehensive policy agenda. We had a very substantial number of commitments that we made to the people of South Australia.

Inevitably, a lot of attention goes to those big picture commitments, everything from revitalisation of our education sector, with programs—everything from three-year-old preschool right through to bringing our universities together—whether it be major changes to our health system, with some of the biggest investments in our state's history, or whether it be a comprehensive program to capitalise on the clean energy future that our state has. There is a comprehensive big picture agenda. But we are also very—

Mr Brown interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Florey!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —conscious that many South Australians are as interested in what happens in their local neighbourhoods as they are in the big picture. We were very deliberate about engagement on the ground, particularly amongst a group of fantastic local campaigners that we have on this side of the house, making commitments to individual communities so they have the infrastructure and the resources they require for a cohesive community and an engaged society. So there were commitments; they were far more discreet, far more specific and smaller in nature. When you bring that together, Mr Speaker, what you have is a comprehensive platform that a party of government took to the people of South Australia at the election.

When you come to government, of course we are very conscious on this side of the house that there is also a responsibility to deal with other issues that might arise during the course of a term. Events can define a government, and we need to have the wherewithal to both deal with the matters of the day but also have the capacity to ensure that the public sector is focused on delivering on each and every one of the commitments that we made. So we established the Premier's Delivery Unit to be able to focus on each of those commitments.

I have a regular meeting with the Chief Executive of the Premier's Delivery Unit to track that progress. We have established a specific cabinet committee, made up of myself, the Deputy Premier and the Treasurer, that has oversight on the progress of those election commitments. We also meet on a periodic basis. That cabinet committee deals with any governing infrastructure or any decisions that we need to make as a government to ensure that we honour each of the commitments that we have made.

I might say, Mr Speaker, that I have found the establishment of the Premier's Delivery Unit to be an incredibly useful resource. It has also been useful to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet more broadly because the Chief Executive Officer of DPC, Mr Damien Walker, he himself has substantial commitments to positive public policy change and is leading that effort. Those two systems work directly in conjunction and in complement with each other, and it's a decision that I am very grateful we have taken because it is ensuring that this government doesn't make the mistakes of the one prior by breaking election commitment after election commitment not too long after forming office.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Florey! The member for Hartley!

PREMIER'S DELIVERY UNIT

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition) (14:19): My question is again to the Premier. Has the Premier and his office kept all appropriate records of meetings with the Chief Executive of the Premier's Delivery Unit? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: Last week, Mr Morris gave evidence that the Premier personally requested that no representative from DPC sit in on his regular fortnightly meetings with Mr Morris and his Chief of Staff, and these have no agenda and are not minuted.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:19): The Leader of the Opposition, having had the opportunity to serve on the front bench of a party in government, would be well aware that, on a frequent basis, ministers engage with their chief executives and deal with a whole range of issues, as I do with my direct reports, and that includes the Chief Executive of the Premier's Delivery Unit.

I meet with the PDU separately to having meetings with the CE of DPC. That is done deliberately because they have different agendas by nature.

PREMIER'S DELIVERY UNIT

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition) (14:20): My question is again to the Premier. Did the Premier direct his Delivery Unit chief executive, Rik Morris, to employ any staff and, if so, why? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: Last week, Mr Morris told a parliamentary committee that he had personally appointed Mr Daniel Romeo—former Chief of Staff to former Premier, the Hon. Jay Weatherill—as executive director without a merit process and outside normal public sector recruitment processes.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:21): No, I made no such direction to the Chief Executive Officer—or the CE—of the PDU, to employ Mr Romeo.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

PREMIER'S DELIVERY UNIT

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition) (14:21): My question is to the Premier. How much are taxpayers paying Mr Romeo as executive director for the Premier's Delivery Unit?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:21): I am happy to take that on notice.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

PREMIER'S DELIVERY UNIT

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition) (14:21): My question is again to the Premier. Has the Premier directed his Delivery Unit chief executive, Rik Morris, to hire any contractors and, if so, why? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: Last week, the Premier's Delivery Unit chief executive, Rik Morris, gave evidence to the Budget and Finance Committee that the Premier had personally directed him to contract Mr Peter Hanlon, who was hired at a rate of \$600 per hour using taxpayer funds.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for West Torrens!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:22): The decision for various contracts to be entered into within the Premier's Delivery Unit are ultimately a decision of the Chief Executive of the Premier's Delivery Unit.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

UNIVERSAL THREE-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL

Ms HOOD (Adelaide) (14:22): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier update the house on how the Malinauskas government will deliver its plan for universal three-year-old preschool?

The SPEAKER: The Premier has the call.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:22): Thank you Mr Speaker, and thank you to the member for Adelaide for her important question. I can recall on more than one occasion having rather lengthy discussions with the member for Adelaide during the period 2018 and 2022 where we frequently reflected upon the challenges the state has in front of it in ensuring that no South Australian child is left behind. That interest from the member for Adelaide at the time, along with so many other members on this side of the house, helped to contribute to the policy that we took to the election.

A particularly important moment for the South Australian Parliamentary Labor Party was in October 2021 when we announced many components of our education policy that had been formulated in conjunction with the Deputy Premier and the now Minister for Education. We

announced a commitment in October 2021 that, should Labor be elected to office, we would establish none other than a royal commission to provide the state government with a road map, with a clear plan, on how to deliver universal access to three-year-old preschool and better outcomes in terms of childhood development here in the state of South Australia.

Mr Speaker, it is with a great degree of satisfaction that I am able to report to the house today formally that the state government has received that royal commission report from the Hon. Julia Gillard AC, former Prime Minister of our nation. It is a comprehensive policy road map to see South Australia achieve a number of objectives, but none more important than the accepting of that first recommendation that the Hon. Julia Gillard made, and that is to have the state government set a target of reducing childhood developmental delay from 23.8 per cent that it is currently in South Australia down to 15 per cent in 20 years. We accept that recommendation and that is now our objective.

The remainder of the 42 recommendations that the royal commission gave us provide us the path to achieve that objective. We are very deliberate in making sure that we now get on with the task of implementing those recommendations, rolling out access to more three-year-old preschoolers across the state and also providing better supports for families in South Australia for what happens in those first formative days of a young person's life.

We know that on the back of this report there are a thousand South Australian young people who are born into particularly vulnerable circumstances who will be beneficiaries of the policies that we are introducing. We make no apologies for adopting the recommendations of the royal commission to particularly hone our efforts in the prioritisation of the rollout of our policy towards addressing those thousand most vulnerable South Australians.

But there are parents who will be beneficiaries of this policy as well. We know that the operation of kindy or preschool in South Australia doesn't necessarily marry up well with the modern working family's schedule. We know that there are countless parents, particularly women, who find themselves disadvantaged from being able to participate in the modern workforce of today because of the hours of that regime.

That is why we are so excited that yesterday the Minister for Education announced our first pilot of trialling out-of-hours school care in a preschool setting so that more parents have the capacity to make more choices about their working day and the care that their child receives in a better quality setting. This is a serious policy for a government that is serious about change in this area, and we are very excited to keep this house updated over the months and years ahead on the rollout of this report.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition) (14:26): My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier take action to protect South Australia's construction industry from the CFMEU? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: South Australia's construction industry peak bodies have today expressed concerns about the Premier's lack of action to protect their industry from CFMEU thuggery following reports that the CFMEU was, and I quote, 'using intimidation tactics to force workers on Adelaide construction sites to join the union and threatening builders with losing future work if they refuse'.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:27): I thank the Leader of the Opposition for his question. I note that the Leader of the Opposition sees that it is in his political interests to try to perpetuate a sense of crisis within the construction industry around the place today—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: I note that the opposition cut a group of lonely figures on the steps of parliament while many of the stakeholders they met with in their emergency crisis meeting didn't actually stand up with them at the press conference, which we are advised they were requested to do but decided not to oblige. That might be a function of the fact that—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —the construction industry in South Australia—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —employs a very good cooperative working relationship with this government, a government that is working to be constructive and engaged with an industry that we value at this important time. What we know is that building more commercial accommodation—

The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner: Have you taken money from John Setka lately?

The SPEAKER: Member for Morialta!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —building more homes for South Australians at the moment is important, which is why this government has made a whole range of constructive decisions in collaboration with industry to make sure we drive change and accelerate growth—and growth we are having in this state. In fact, recently—

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

The SPEAKER: Member for Morialta!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —we know that when it comes to the new home sales report there was interesting data coming from around the nation. July growth numbers from the HIA show us this: in Queensland, it went backwards by 11.6 per cent; concerningly, in Western Australia it went back by 9.3 per cent; New South Wales, down 1.6 per cent; Victoria went backwards, despite having a sustained period of growth; and the Australian average for a new home sales was actually negative 2.4 per cent across the nation.

In a housing crisis, new home sales are going backwards by 2.4 per cent, but in South Australia it was up by 35½ per cent. While the rest of the nation is going backwards, in South Australia, we are surging forward. We are surging forward because we have an industry working cooperatively with the government to be able to do that.

We also know that, in comparison with other parts of the country, the state is shooting the lights out in other important measures. We know that South Australia accounted for 2.7 per cent of all construction industry insolvencies during the last financial year, 60 out of 2,211. That is despite the fact that 6½ per cent of all construction industry work occurred here in South Australia. In fact, I am advised by the MBA that the industry built 14,266 new homes in South Australia over the course of the last financial year, which is up by 5.9 per cent on the year before.

Mr Whetstone interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Chaffey!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: We know that we vastly outperform the rest of the country, particularly the eastern seaboard, when it comes to the performance of our construction industry. Whether it be policy to invest in the trades and skills of people working in the industry, whether it be the abolition of stamp duty for new home builds here in South Australia—

Mr Brown interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Florey!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —whether it be working with the Master Builders Association to encourage more young people to work in this industry—men and women—this is a

government serious about working with the sector. More than that, it is actually delivering a result for the industry and for the people of South Australia in a way that stands in stark contrast to a former government that went to war with this industry by not engaging and also making broken promises on taxes. We are delivering. It is a big difference.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Before I call the member for Hammond, I observe that the members for Chaffey, Morialta, Florey and Hartley are each on one warning.

CEASE HARVEST THRESHOLD

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (14:31): My question is to the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services. Can the minister update the house on the proposed changes to the cease harvest threshold in the grain harvest code? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr PEDERICK: The opposition has been advised that the CFS has been seeking to reduce the Grassland Fire Danger Index cease harvest threshold, a matter of great concern to many growers whose livelihoods and wellbeing would be impacted by such a change.

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services) (14:32): I am very happy to inform the house, as I did the member just before question time, that the suggestion of a proposal is a mischaracterisation of the outcome. I am very pleased to advise that the cease harvest code is remaining unchanged. There has been an exchange of correspondence, I believe, at some stage in the last 24 hours between the CFS and Grain Producers.

I really want to take the opportunity to thank the CFS and Grain Producers SA for their engagement on this matter, both parties. I think it goes without saying that the CFS do an extraordinary job in working with local regional communities and peri-urban communities to keep their own communities safe during fire danger season, the least of which are the additional risks involved at any given time through primary production and harvest, for that matter, during the fire season. I also want to thank and recognise the commitment of Grain Producers and Primary Producers to always, in every instance, ensure that harvest is safe.

The decision taken by the CFS is one that I fully endorse, one that I was very pleased to be able to put directly to Grain Producers SA recently. It was my view that the acknowledgement from both sides of this very important public safety matter was one of, first and foremost in primacy, community safety. I think the decision undertaken, or the decision arrived at, by the Chief Officer of the CFS is one that is sound. It is one that I trust Primary Producers, Grain Producers and farmers more broadly will support wholeheartedly and one that I was very pleased to inform the member for Hammond about, himself a primary producer.

TEACHERS DISPUTE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (14:34): My question is to the Minister for Education. Can the minister update the house on how many schools and preschools will be offering modified or no learning programs on Friday due to the teachers' strike?

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills) (14:34): I thank the member for Morialta for his question. Of course I share his concerns about what disruption we might see on Friday if the planned industrial action goes ahead. I know I speak on behalf of people both on this side and on the other side of this chamber that we hope we can avoid industrial action like this because of course it is an inconvenience to parents all over the state. It means that young people lose a day in their education.

I have been in contact again with the department and the chief executive today to ascertain exactly when we will have solid information for parents and school communities out there. I have been informed by some people in the metropolitan area who are starting to receive those messages

through the school and the app that they use to communicate with the parent body around what teacher numbers might look like at the preschool or the primary or the secondary school in question and what kind of program will be run on Friday as a result of that.

The commitment the chief executive and I have made over the last 48 hours is that, regardless of what the outcome in terms of the number of teachers who will be striking on Friday should go ahead is, if parents need to send their children to preschool, primary school or high school because they have no other care arrangements available to them, then we will not turn anybody away. It may be that it is a reduced program more akin to an out-of-hours care or vacation care program that is being run there, so less of a normal school day and more of a day where it is care for the kids. Regardless of that, and regardless of what we learn in the next 24 hours when we have more specific data from each individual site, we will not turn people away on Friday and will make sure that they are accommodated in terms of their work commitments as best as they can be.

The other commitment I can tell the member for Morialta that I have given and the chief executive of the department has given is that we hope that that communication can be complete with school communities by tomorrow, most likely tomorrow afternoon, as all the information we need from staff around who will be striking and where flows into the department, so we can make an assessment of what the numbers are at each individual site and whether we can offer a full school program or whether it will be an out-of-hours type program.

Of course, the complexity around this—and I know the member for Morialta understands this—is that the ballot for the strike wasn't announced until 5pm on Friday, so we have been doing our level best in what has been a fairly short period of time available to us to get solid information to parents that we know will be accurate on Friday. I don't want anything to be rushed out which suggests to South Australian families that there will be something available for them at their child's site and then on Friday we can't deliver it.

I am confident that what we do deliver by way of a message to those families and school communities tomorrow afternoon will be something that they can rely on and make their plans around with a high level of certainty.

TEACHERS DISPUTE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (14:37): Supplementary: in relation to the minister's comment that no child will be turned away, is the minister aware of schools that have provided information to parents that OSHC facilities will be available on Friday only at cost to the parents and potentially with caps on numbers?

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills) (14:38): I thank the member for Morialta for the question. No, I am not, but if you have any information like that I would very much like to see it. It hasn't been provided to me yet, and that is not the information or assurances that have been provided to the South Australian community either by me or by the chief executive.

Of course, it is our ambition under what are difficult circumstances for us, given the short period of time that we have been left with here to make other plans, that we can offer a no-cost solution. It may not be a full school program, although I am aware already of a couple of school communities that have been told that they will not be impacted and they will be running a full school program on Friday. I'm not aware of any sites that have said that if it is OSHC it will not be provided free of cost and that a payment needs to be made.

I would be very keen to receive any information from members of this place that might pertain to the point the member for Morialta is making and talk to the department about what we can do to make sure there is no cost barrier for families, who have already been put out by virtue of the fact that there may not be a regular school day, to make sure they can at least have accommodation at the school for their kids and have no disruption to their work commitments.

APY ART CENTRE COLLECTIVE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (14:39): My question is to the Minister for Arts. When will the review of the APY arts collective be complete, and

has the minister spoken with artists about the impact the review may be having on their work and wellbeing?

The Hon. A. MICHAELS (Enfield—Minister for Small and Family Business, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, Minister for Arts) (14:39): I thank the member for Morialta for his question. In terms of a time frame, the issues being considered on the APY Art Centre Collective are certainly broader than the National Gallery's review, so what I have said to the panel is for them to make haste in their review. I would hope to have something by the end of the year, but I am not putting a deadline on it because of the sensitivity of the issues they are investigating and the complexity of the issues they are investigating.

What we may have seen in *The Australian* is obviously the headline grabber of 'white hand on black art', but beyond that there are a number of allegations around coercive control, governance issues around the APY Art Centre Collective, a broad range of issues that are being investigated and are part of the terms of reference. Given the extent of that, I am reluctant to put a hard time line on it, but I am aware both amongst my national colleagues—other arts ministers around the country—and from arts workers and artists around the country that it is having a national impact, so the panel have been instructed to work as quickly as they can but work as thoroughly as they can.

I think one of the criticisms, potentially, of the National Gallery's review is that it was very narrow. I think they gave themselves about six weeks and it took them about 12 weeks, so double the length of time that they expected. I don't want to put us in that situation, because of the sensitivity and the complexity of getting that evidence that we need to be able to thoroughly investigate these allegations. So I am definitely hoping by the end of the year but I do not have a hard deadline on that because of the nature of the investigation.

APY ART CENTRE COLLECTIVE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (14:41): Supplementary: in relation to the minister's answer and the National Gallery review, has the minister read the National Gallery review and will she give consideration to reducing the scope of the terms of reference of her review to remove anything that has already been considered by the National Gallery review?

The Hon. A. MICHAELS (Enfield—Minister for Small and Family Business, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, Minister for Arts) (14:41): I thank the member for the question. The National Gallery review looked at the provenance of the 28 paintings that were to be going into their exhibition; it was quite narrow. I have read the review. I have had a briefing with Nick Mitzevich as well. I have asked the panel to get in touch with the reviewers who were involved in that. I understand there was further evidence that wasn't made public in that report, that I don't have access to either, but I think there is some evidence there that might flow into the terms of reference that we have given.

In terms of making it narrower, I think it's really important that we do look at the broader issues around how those artists and art workers have been treated, if any of those broader allegations in fact are true around the governance of the APY Art Centre Collective, so I am reluctant to narrow it only to have a result of what we have now with the NGA report, which is it hasn't really dampened anyone's concerns about First Nations art and how it's produced certainly in the APY Art Centre Collective but also having that flow-on effect nationally.

MURRAY-DARLING BASIN AGREEMENT

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (14:42): My question is to the Deputy Premier. Can the Deputy Premier update the house on changes to the River Murray basin plan agreement and the federal Water Act?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

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 (14:43): I am absolutely delighted to bring the house up to date with the changes that are underway at present.

Mr Whetstone interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Chaffey!

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: Take Victoria's side—good plan! The idea of the plan was to be able to allocate sufficient water to environmental flow in order to have a healthy working river, a sustainable Murray-Darling Basin, so that we can continue to use it long into the future. What was agreed was 3,200 gigalitres—at the very lowest level of what scientists would say is sufficient but, nonetheless, that is what was agreed.

What was taken off that 3,200 gigalitres was 605 that was to be delivered through various infrastructure projects that would provide the environmental benefit that was regarded as equivalent to 605 gigalitres. That 605 was transferred back into the consumptive pool. Of those, we are, as the Eastern States of Australia, massively behind. Possibly around 300 gigalitres of equivalent water have been delivered, although the Murray-Darling Basin Authority is working through that.

Then there is the 450 gigalitres. The 450 gigalitres was signed up to, is part of the plan, and all we have delivered is around 26 gigalitres—at least we have had contracted; not all of that has even been transferred over to the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder. What has happened is that we have a plan that has essentially delivered about 2,100 gigalitres plus whatever we finally work out the 605 measures have delivered and, as I said, about 26 gigalitres eventually, by next year, of the 450.

What has become abundantly clear—in fact, it has been clear for a number of years—is that we are not going to reach the deadline with the full delivery of the plan. Despite politicians from both sides for many years saying, 'On time and in full,' it has become clear that is simply impossible. That is really for three reasons, and one is active sabotage.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: The other states and the federal National Party have actively sabotaged the delivery of this plan. They have done everything they can, including saying that with the 450 gigalitres being delivered by—

Mr Whetstone interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Chaffey!

Mr Brown interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Florey!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Florey! The member for Chaffey is warned for a second time.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: There was 2.5 when the last government, your government, left office, 2.5 with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, and now there is about 26 that has been contracted.

However, importantly not only was there active sabotage, particularly led by the federal National Party and colluded with by the other states New South Wales and Victoria, there was also a degree of naivety, of optimism, from the other side when they were in government that if they just agreed to a bit more, if they just gave away a little bit more, then everyone would be nicer to us and then provide the water. Of course, that did not happen and was found to have been naive—to be generous—by a royal commission.

The other element is that the rules need to change. Simply extending the time does not give you any more sense that the water is going to come if you have the existing measures in place. The great breakthrough that has happened now is that the federal government has agreed they will

change the law—if the commonwealth parliament allows us to do that—to enable voluntary selling of the water for the environment.

People on the other side have been devastated that Victoria is not involved and seem to think that the plan is in tatters. The plan is a legal instrument that belongs to the commonwealth parliament. If you are unaware of that, there is a news flash for you: the commonwealth parliament owns—

Mr Whetstone interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Chaffey!

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: —the plan, not the Victorians—

Mr Brown interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Florey!

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: —and if you are interested in supporting South Australia—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: —you do not start sympathising with Victoria and saying it is somehow our fault that they have not signed a document.

Mr Whetstone interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Chaffey!

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: You say, 'It's time to act.' The Victorian people will be selling their water.

APY ART CENTRE COLLECTIVE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (14:47): My question is to the Minister for Arts. Has the minister's department written to the APY Art Centre Collective to cancel their funding prior to the government having completed its review and, if so, why?

The Hon. A. MICHAELS (Enfield—Minister for Small and Family Business, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, Minister for Arts) (14:47): I was advised that the best, most prudent course of action under the circumstances while the review is being undertaken was to provide a notice under the grant agreement. There was a six-month no cause termination period. Given the length of time of that notice period, it was prudent to give that notice whilst this investigation was ongoing with a view to reviewing that closer to the expiry date.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: Before I call the member for Morialta I acknowledge the presence in the chamber of students from the Mount Barker Waldorf School, guests of mine.

Question Time

APY ART CENTRE COLLECTIVE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (14:48): A supplementary, sir: in the minister's response she described a review of that matter prior to the six months coming up. Can the minister provide advice to the house and the public regarding at what point that review will be undertaken, so that if there is no finding of wrongdoing the funding can be restored?

The Hon. A. MICHAELS (Enfield—Minister for Small and Family Business, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, Minister for Arts) (14:48): We will be considering that as we go, depending on the time frame of the review. Obviously I will be in touch with the review panel on

how their progress is developing and getting Crown advice as well on that matter. I will keep the house updated as we go.

MURRAY-DARLING BASIN PLAN

S.E. ANDREWS (Gibson) (14:48): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier outline to the house how this government is supporting actions to deliver 450 gigalitres of environmental flows?

Mr Whetstone interjecting:

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

Ms Stinson interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Badcoe, order!

Mr Brown interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Florey is on a final warning, as well as the member for Chaffey.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:49): I thank the member for Gibson for her question. The member for Gibson is a passionate and enthusiastic supporter of our state's environment in a range of areas in her local community but also more broadly because the member for Gibson understands that water is very much the lifeblood of our environment, particularly in a harsh climate like we have here in South Australia.

As far as the delivery of water is concerned, that is something that those on this side of the house haven't just stated as an aspiration or a theoretical goal but something that we are committed to delivering—actually delivering. I am so grateful, indeed I am very proud of the fact, that the Deputy Premier of South Australia has taken her commitment to the environment and translated it to an outcome that is set to deliver real water—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —real water for the River Murray in a way—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Hammond!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —that hasn't occurred over the life of the former government. Prior to 2018, there was a strength in this parliament of bipartisanship towards state-based advocacy for environmental water flows for the River Murray. We worked together, those on the Labor side of the house and the conservative side of the house working together to stand and confront those in the Eastern States, particularly Victorians, who would seek to deprive us of the water we know that the Murray so desperately needs.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: That bipartisanship was torn up—torn up—by the minister responsible for water in 2018 when that minister decided to capitulate—

Mr Odenwalder interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Elizabeth!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —to the interests of the Eastern States.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Chaffey!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: It was a scandal—a scandal unlike any other we have really seen in recent political memory in South Australia. I might take the opportunity to remind the house of what page 414 from none other than a royal commission report had to say at the time. It said that the South Australian government's agreement to changes to the socio-economic criteria for efficiency measures should not merely be described as ill-advised. It is nothing short of a capitulation—capitulation to the interests of the current commonwealth government—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Chaffey, order!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —and those of Victoria and New South Wales. It is so contrary—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for West Torrens!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —to the interests of South Australians that the decision by the minister responsible is almost certainly a breach of at least 2.5 of the South Australian Ministerial Code of Conduct. These words—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: No minister, acting reasonably, could consider these changes to the criteria to be anything but totally antipathetic to the interests of South Australia and the South Australian environment. He goes on, 'South Australia's agreement to these changes should be immediately reversed.' Well, this minister's done it—this minister's done it. Not only reversed those changes—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —now has agreement to deliver more water.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Chaffey, you are on a final warning.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: But we know that this battle is still only just beginning because it requires legislation to pass the federal parliament. Now there is an opportunity for those opposite to cleanse themselves of this history. There is an opportunity for them to come to the table—

Mr Brown interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Florey!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —re-establish bipartisanship in this state chamber and advocate to the federal parliament collectively that we need the law to change so that voluntary water buybacks can now become lawful and we see water returned to the system. This is going to be a battle.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: We know there are still forces within the federal parliament that are opposed to voluntary water buybacks. We know there are ill-advised forces in the parliament that will seek to oppose this effort. So we call on those opposite: join us in this fight, re-establish bipartisanship and ensure that this water minister gets the water that we had been promised all those years ago.

The SPEAKER: Premier, your time has expired. Before I call the member for Hartley, I observe that the member for Chaffey and the member for Florey are on final warnings.

MARION ROAD-SIR DONALD BRADMAN DRIVE INTERSECTION

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley) (14:53): My question is to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. Has the design of the Marion Road and Sir Donald Bradman Drive intersection upgrade project been changed and, if so, why has it been changed?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:53): I think it has been changed and it has been changed because we don't design infrastructure politically: we design infrastructure on the basis of good design for usability. If the shadow minister is concerned about one particular corner of that intersection—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I sense that members opposite are worried about one corner in particular. I can assure the shadow—I can assure my young friend that I have met with Ms Boileau and we hit it off like a house on fire. We share similar stories.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I am helping him out. I know that she is very concerned about losing that site, and it is unfortunate. But I act on the advice of my agency; I don't interfere.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I don't like having to take any properties off anyone, especially off hardworking migrants who've got a great story to tell. Members opposite might not know this, but I grew up in Cowandilla. I grew up up the road at Augusta Street, which is up the road. I know that area exceptionally well. I know that area quite well, as a young lad growing up there. The Boileau family have done exceptionally well there—Boileau? Have I mispronounced it, sorry? I am very sad that we have to acquire that property, but the design is the design.

The real question is: why was the initial design designed to avoid particular types of properties? I'm sure that members opposite would not intimate any political interference by the previous government. I act on the advice of the Commissioner of Highways and my independent designers. They tell me the best connectivity and design options and I accept that. I don't intervene.

SOUTH-EAST COASTAL LAKES PROJECT

Mr BELL (Mount Gambier) (14:56): My question is to the Minister for the Environment. Can the minister provide an update on the South-East Coastal Lakes Project and when we can anticipate the consultation report to be finalised and provided to my community?

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) (14:56): Thank you very much for the question. As members may recall from the last time I was asked a question about this, this is a project that I inherited from the previous minister. Of course, I was happy to allow it to continue to have the consultation. I recall since then, between these two questions, there has been a bit of controversy about an organisation that was used to engage in some of that work. That was, of course, also arranged prior to my coming into office, but again I chose not to trouble any of the existing arrangements that I inherited in that case.

The consultation report is still some time off. I was reading a brief just on the weekend where they're looking at questions of native title that have yet to have been settled in a number of the locations, so just working out the extent to which it might be necessary to work through that before we do anything else. But I will make sure that the chamber and the individual member concerned are kept abreast of the timing as we get closer to working that through.

WHYALLA BIRTHING SERVICES

Ms PRATT (Frome) (14:57): My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Can the minister please update the house on the review into the suspension of birthing services in Whyalla?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:58): I thank the member for Frome for her question. It is an important question because we are concerned about the situation that we are in in terms of Whyalla and the suspension of birthing services that have had to happen there due to a lack of midwives being available in that service.

We are recruiting as much as we can in terms of workforce for the midwifery service there, but I think, particularly with a service as significant as the Whyalla service, it's appropriate that that be reviewed. We have undertaken an independent review. That report, as I understand, is still being finalised by the independent reviewer from Western Australia. She has spent time up in Whyalla and has met with current and former staff in that service to undertake a full review in terms of what we need to do to get that service back up and running as soon as possible.

We previously went through this process in relation to the Kangaroo Island birthing services that had to be just suspended. I was at the Rural Doctors Association conference only on the weekend where it was commented on what a success that that was in relation to getting those services back up and running, which is one of the few times around the country when there had been such a long suspension and then services had been restored.

We hope the same thing will happen in relation to Whyalla. It's going to be a significant amount of work to do, but I think when we have this report, which will be released, that report will guide us in terms of the steps that need to happen to get those services back for that very important community in Whyalla. I want to thank the member for Giles for his very strong advocacy in relation to this issue because this is such an important issue for that region.

HAHNDORF TRUCK DIVERSION

Mr BROWN (Florey) (14:59): My question is to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. Can the minister inform the house of actions taken to reduce truck impacts on the main street of Hahndorf and reactions to those announcements?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:00): I thank the Chair of the Public Works Committee for his strong interest in all things Hahndorf. Hahndorf is a South Australian icon, Mr Speaker, as you would know. It's a historic town and it's a major tourism drawcard. The amenity is part of its appeal for both locals and tourists alike. It's clear from significant advocacy from both the local community and, Mr Speaker, yourself, that there has been ongoing and substantial concern about the large trucks on Hahndorf's main street.

Last Thursday, I announced that we would be instituting a truck ban throughout Hahndorf. This will divert trucks that have no reason to be in Hahndorf from the township. The latest initiative complements our previous announcements for upgrades to the freeway interchanges at Mount Barker and Verdun, providing easy access to the freeway without carving up the local community, unlike the original plan that wasn't implemented by the previous government. That previous plan was ready to go well before the last election.

I suppose the question that I pose to members opposite, who are now yelling out, 'Build the bypass!', is: given the designs were ready, why wasn't it announced? Why was an announcement on the bypass in Hahndorf delayed? Could it be because they had concerns about what was going on in Paechtown and Beerenberg? I suspect it was. The state government will install 'no trucks over 15 metres in length' signage, alerting drivers to the changed entry rules, with exemptions only if they are taking freight to the main street businesses or other destinations within Hahndorf.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: The same way we police other ones. My young friend—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Florey, member for Hartley!

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: My young friend ultimately worked this out.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: The measure, which will be policed to ensure compliance, will remove almost all large heavy vehicles from the main street, a reduction of around 130 per day. Trucks with no business in the township will be diverted to alternative routes, such as River Road and Strathalbyn Road. These options will be enhanced by improvements to River Road, including shoulder sealing, tree trimming, along with intersection improvements at Kangaroo Reef Road, Sawmill Gully Road and Fairview Road. In addition, improvements to the Strathalbyn-River road and Mount Barker-River road junctions are planned, along with improvements along the Strathalbyn Road.

This decision has received significant positive commentary. The Hahndorf Community Association President, Greg Lomax, said on radio on Friday, and I quote:

...we're delighted they've come up with a solution because the transit of heavy vehicles has been a safety issue and a community concern for decades.

He went on to say, quote:

...this is what happens when people look into things properly, they consider the possibilities, the professionals apply their expertise, and they've found a way.

There was a little bit of a different reaction from the opposition when they doubled down on their original plan. The member for Hammond, the spokesperson for the Adelaide Hills, said, quote:

We had a plan that was instigated by us as the Liberals and the State Government and the Federal Government—\$250 million to get a proper freight bypass around Hahndorf, and, yes, there was going to be some land taken up and some of Beerenberg Farm was going to be some of that but apart from that...

'Apart from that', the opposition thinks. If I ever hear members opposite talking about pristine farmland being carved up for roads ever again, I will remind them—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Member for West Torrens, there is a—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! There's a point of order from the member for Morialta, which I will hear.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Standing order 98: the minister is debating.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister has the call.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: The member for Hammond has had two forays with local government politics with respect to the Adelaide Hills: one, condemning the government's decision on the Bird in Hand Terramin mine and then, the second one, not carving up—

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: —Beerenberg and Paechtown.

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens—

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I can see the smile on the member for Heysen's face.

The SPEAKER: Member for West Torrens—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Premier, I think the member for Hammond's views are well and truly on the record. We don't need to give him the call on this one.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (15:05): My question is to the Minister for Local Government, and I reiterate the Speaker's comments: we are all very glad the minister is well and with us. Does the minister have an answer to the question he took on notice from me on 3 May? With leave, sir, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: That question sought information regarding the weighting the government will give to community consultation and the consideration of local government boundary changes, a matter of particular concern and interest to constituents of mine in the Campbelltown and Adelaide Hills areas, where a prospective boundary change has been proposed.

The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Stuart—Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Roads, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (15:05): I thank the member for Morialta for the question. As I indicated before, I just came back yesterday. It was my first day after three heart attacks and four bypasses, and yesterday and today I have been signing documents regarding lots of outstanding correspondence. However, for the member's information I will read as follows:

Section 27(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 (the Act) requires the Local Government Boundaries Commission (the Commission) to prepare and publish guidelines on a website that detail how it will perform its role in making recommendations on boundary changes.

Section 27(3)(b) of the Act further requires these guidelines to specify requirements relating to consultation, including consultation with the community, councils affected by the boundary change proposal and entities that represent the interests of council employees affected by the proposals.

Accordingly, the Commission has published its Guideline 9—Engagement and Consultation addressing these requirements. This Guideline states that the Commission will design an engagement plan for each general proposal that enables fit-for-purpose engagement and consultation, in accordance with the principles set out in the Guideline:

- Engagement is fit for purpose.

The engagement and consultation process matches the significance of the boundary change proposal. It is targeted, flexible, timely and considers any previous engagement and consultation.

- Engagement is genuine.

The Commission will make every effort to ensure that councils and communities can participate in boundary change proposals and understand the range of views on boundary change proposals.

- Engagement is inclusive and respectful.

Councils and the community affected by a boundary change proposal will have the opportunity to participate and be heard.

- Engagement is informed and transparent.

The Commission will ensure that councils and the community have access to all relevant information on boundary change proposals when making recommendations, the Commission will explain the reasons behind them.

Additionally, when undertaking an inquiry into a boundary change proposal, the Commission must consider the principles set out in section 26 of the Act and the boundary matters under section 31(3)(b) of the Act:

- i. The financial implications and impact on resources that the general proposal is likely to have on any council affected by the general proposal; and
- ii. the extent of support for the general proposal (in particular) and boundary reform in the area (in a general sense) within the community affected by the general proposal; and
- iii. the extent of support for the general proposal by any council affected by the general proposal; and
- iv. the impact on the various rights and interests of any council employees affected by the general proposal; and
- v. any other principles prescribed by the regulations.

While the Act does not set out a weighting or level of precedence that applies to engagement on boundary change inquiries, the Commission has advised councils affected by recent boundary change proposals that, if inquiries

into these proposals proceed, community engagement and consultation will take place in accordance with the principles set out in Guideline 9 and be extensive to ensure that the Commission is fully informed of all views.

Following the completion of any inquiry, the Commission will provide me with a report containing the recommendations on the proposal. The inquiry report must also be released publicly on the Commission's website, in accordance with section 31(5) of the Act.

My role under the Act is to determine if a proposal for change will proceed or not, based on this report. I will therefore look closely at all matters included in any such report, including the community engagement that the Commission will have undertaken.

As I explained to the shadow minister before, that has been signed and I read that out so that he has it on *Hansard*.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (15:09): Supplementary, sir. I thank the member for his answer, particularly in relation to the last bit in which he described that he will receive the report from the commission. Will he give priority in consideration of the report from the commission to the community consultation or to the recommendation from the commission?

The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Stuart—Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Roads, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (15:10): It's very important that we have the full consultation out there and the community have the opportunity to actually put all that information in there and to ask questions. I have indicated before (and I indicated previously) that I have to wait for the report to come in from the commission. I will take that on board and, if I have to ask any more questions regarding the proposal to the commission, I will do so and also, if relevant to this parliament, look at all opportunities.

I have always said, and I will continue saying it, that transparency and asking questions is the best way we get the best results in anything at all, whatever we do in this house—whether it is on the opposition side, on the crossbench or on the government side. We have to take into account everything out there. I am happy to look at that opportunity again with the member for Morialta and, if there are any other questions, I give this opportunity to other members. As I say, I have been away for eight weeks. If there are any other questions that those members on the other side may be thinking about, I am happy to arrange a full briefing by the relevant government agencies and the CEOs of those departments.

REGIONAL ROADS

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:11): My question is to the Minister for Regional Roads. When does the minister expect to complete his analysis of all regional South Australian roads and will the report be released publicly? With your leave, and that of the house, sir, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr PEDERICK: On 3 May, the minister said, 'I'm doing an analysis of all the roads across all of regional South Australia.'

The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Stuart—Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Roads, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (15:11): As I said to members in this house just a couple of minutes ago, my first day back yesterday was from eight weeks away. I have been trying to get on top of a lot of issues with the issues that I had with my health. Also, I was just getting on top of that when I contracted vertigo, which is not a very good thing to do.

However, what I need to do now during this week is to take on board—and I give any members on the other side the opportunity to ask—any questions at all. Come and see me if there are any questions, if anything is outstanding—and I will take that one on board from the member for Hammond. I need to get more briefings from the department regarding everything that's going on. I make no bones about it, having been away for eight weeks at this particular time.

I have been told by certain people not to worry about work in that eight-week period. It's easy for everybody to say that. Everybody on that side will be the same: we in this chamber are very passionate about what we are doing. Whilst I was incapacitated in the hospital, recovering, and also

with the shoulder reconstruction, there is a lot of stuff that goes through your mind and you can't get rid of that. You don't just stop thinking about anything to do with work here.

But, as I said to the member for Hammond and other members over the other side, if there are any issues that we haven't got on top of in responding to those members on that side, I am happy to arrange a full meeting. For the member for Hammond, regarding that consultation I will take that on board and get back to you as soon as I can.

REGIONAL ROADS

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:13): My question is to the Minister for Regional Roads. Has the minister received assurances from the federal government that funding for the Truro bypass, Princes Highway corridor upgrade and road maintenance and safety programs will not be cut? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr PEDERICK: As part of the 2023 federal budget, a 90-day review of the \$120 billion infrastructure projects across Australia was announced. Several South Australian projects now face uncertainty.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:14): I thank the shadow minister for his question. The 90-day review, I understand, is complete and is now being considered by the commonwealth government. We look forward to the findings of that 90-day review. The consequence of this review is that they believe that there were a number of promises made in the lead-up to the most recent federal election that may have been unachievable and have led to inflationary impacts on the economy.

It is no secret that escalation is playing havoc across budgets across Australia and indeed internationally as well, given the supply shortages and inflationary problems that are being faced in North America, Europe and Australia. The review is not about—from my understanding and from what the Prime Minister's comments have been about—necessarily cuts but about timing. I look forward to the outcome of those reviews. My colleague the Minister for Regional Roads and I are in regular contact with the commonwealth government about this. We are looking forward to what they do with their assessment of it and releasing their findings.

Overwhelmingly, these are contributions that the commonwealth government is making into road projects. Some of them are 80:20. Luckily, the north-south corridor was not part of any such review, nor were election commitments made at the last election, so there are a number of projects that are going ahead at speed here in South Australia. The Truro bypass is important, as is the Hahndorf project, as is every other project that is under review.

The member for Stuart and I love all of our children equally. All these projects are very important. We want to see all these projects obviously come to fruition, but we look forward to the outcome of the report and will see what the commonwealth government has to say.

Ministerial Statement

DPP WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE REPORT

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) (15:16): I lay on the table the ministerial statement made by the Hon. Kyam Maher in the other place.

Grievance Debate

PREMIER'S DELIVERY UNIT

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition) (15:16): Some things never change in politics. One thing that has not changed with the Labor Party of South Australia is their amazing ability to give jobs for the boys. It dates back decades in this state, whether it is union bosses being put into board positions or whether it is mates and former staffers being given chief

executive and senior Public Service roles without appropriate merit selection processes. It has been going on for years.

True to form, they were back in government just weeks and they started this pattern again and again, whether it was Jay Weatherill's old housemate being appointed Commissioner for the River Murray or whether it is failed candidate for Florey and long-term Labor apparatchik Rik Morris getting job after job after job. It is all about looking after their mates who have looked after them.

Let's return to Rik Morris because we saw the Premier looking exceptionally uncomfortable in the first part of question time today when being asked questions about Mr Morris's fabulous performance in front of the Budget and Finance Committee in the Legislative Council in recent days, an embarrassing performance, a performance where perhaps, untrue to form, Mr Morris was quite truthful in terms of his contributions before that committee. What we heard there was that Mr Morris is of course paid some \$361,000 of taxpayers' money per annum in his salary. We found out quite a lot about what this role includes.

Mr Morris heads the Premier's Delivery Unit. I think there is a place for a strategic body that looks out for the delivery of a government's election commitments. It is not the function of the office that we call into question, but we do challenge the way it goes about its business, the way it intimidates public servants across the Public Service, the way there are increasingly anecdotes being provided to the opposition of the way that the Premier's Delivery Unit, and in particular Mr Morris and his team of goons, is speaking to public servants, politically standing over the public servants and forcing them to do things that they might feel uncomfortable doing.

The politicisation of the Public Service at the behest of Mr Morris, and these accusations that are increasingly being presented to the opposition, are making us extremely concerned about the conduct and the way that the Premier's Delivery Unit undertakes its day-to-day business. We found out from Mr Morris and the Budget and Finance Committee about his privilege of wining and dining members of the royal family. He could not tell us any outcomes (it turns out Mike Rann was there), but we could not hear about that because that was commercial-in-confidence, bizarrely enough. But wining and dining members of the royal family and floating around to various events representing the government sound like a pretty good gig if you can get it—and get it for \$361,000 on top of that.

We found out that the former Chief of Staff to Premier Jay Weatherill, Daniel Romeo, was appointed as an executive director on an undisclosed salary. It is interesting that the Premier took it on notice to provide us that salary today, so there will be a bit of scurrying around up in the Premier's Delivery Unit to deliver that one.

Then we find out, and we have to question the appropriateness of this, that the Premier personally directed Mr Morris to hire consultant Peter Hanlon at the tidy rate of \$600—you might think for a day—no, for an hour, to provide mystery advice. We wonder what that advice entails and we wonder about the appropriateness of spending it on Mr Hanlon. Is anyone worth \$600 an hour? I am pretty sure the Premier's mate Peter Hanlon is not worth that. During a cost-of-living crisis, we should be ashamed as South Australians at the way this money is being spent by the Labor government. They are spending like drunken sailors, they are spending on mates and, worst of all, they are spending on Mr Morris.

SOUTHERN COAST OCEAN CARE COMMITTEE

Mr BELL (Mount Gambier) (15:21): I rise to highlight the very good work of a community group in my electorate: the Southern Coast Ocean Care Committee. Earlier this year, news of a proposal for an offshore wind farm off the coast of Port Macdonnell and Cape Douglas began circulating. The proposal, which included 77 reef-fixed turbines, held major implications for local people, jobs, the environment, the fishing industry and, of course, the local rock lobster fishing industry.

Rather than sitting back and accepting this development, a group of local community members took action and took it into their own hands. With the strong backing of the local community they formed a group, an active Facebook page and began a strong campaign to voice their concerns. At the heart of their concerns were the potential impacts on the local fishing industry. Port Macdonnell

is a coastal town and virtually every resident's life or livelihood is involved or related in some way to the ocean.

People like abalone diver Chris Carrison, the chair of Southern Coast Ocean Care; and Port Macdonnell's Jeremy and Kai Levins, who are third and fourth generation rock lobster fishermen, are important. All three of these locals were part of a delegation that recently travelled to Canberra, at their own expense, to meet with the federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen, and voice their concerns on how the proposed offshore wind farm would impact their town and livelihoods.

Similar to our concerns around fracking farmland 10 years ago, there are general concerns about the effects of offshore wind farms on our valuable natural resource, which is a major economic and tourism driver for our region. Proponents of major development projects in the Limestone Coast must understand the important concept of community licence, which includes considered comprehensive and transparent consultation with local residents. Whilst this is a federal government project requiring federal approvals, I have been firm in my opinion that the state government does have a role to play in recognising our region and has a strong stance on this issue. Today the hard work of the Southern Coast Ocean Care Committee has been recognised.

I would like to congratulate Deputy Premier, Susan Close, and Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Clare Scriven, on coming out strongly on the recommendation that South Australia not be included in the commonwealth's proposed offshore wind farm zone. SA-Best's Connie Bonaros, who has also taken the time to come down to Port Macdonnell and meet with locals, has also been a strong supporter on this issue. It is great to see all sides of politics working together on a united front, and that is how it should be.

Generally, behind every political stance is a hardworking individual or group working to raise recognition of the issue. In particular, I would like to highlight the work of community members who have formed the Southern Coast Ocean Care Committee and all the local people who have taken the time to attend consultation sessions or put forward a submission. There is still more to be done. Submissions to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water are still open, so there are still a couple of days for people's voices to be heard. It closes on 31 August.

The fight is not over; however, the more community voices that come together the louder the message will be.

HECTORVILLE FOOTBALL CLUB

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley) (15:26): I rise today to congratulate an absolute titan of sport in my local electorate—that, of course, is the Hectorville Football Club. The Hectorville Football Club senior women's team was lucky enough, fortunate enough, last weekend to win a premiership. How good is that?

An honourable member: Go the Heccies!

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: Go the Heccie Hounds indeed. The senior women's division 4 has achieved a remarkable milestone this past weekend when the team faced off against the Eastern Park Football Club in a grand final that will certainly go down in Hectorville Football Club history. I am both proud and thrilled to say that the Heccies emerged victorious, with the senior women's team overcoming many hurdles and, through sheer will and skill, leading the team to victory.

I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to our formidable champions not just for winning but also for the spirit they displayed throughout the season, serving as inspiration to many young people, especially young women in our electorate. Their determination, courage and, in particular, their display of sportsmanship make them true role models for the younger fans and players as well.

I would also like to congratulate the Eastern Park Football Club, because it is quite an achievement to reach the grand final in the first place. It was a very hard-fought game and, while the final score ultimately tells us who walks away the ultimate winner, the commitment, courage and sportsmanship of our opponents are what make footy a great game to watch as well as to play.

When it comes to the Hectorville Sports and Community Club there is a whole range of sport played at that club throughout the year, and football is just one of the many sports offered. It is said there are approximately two and a half thousand people associated with the club, either through sport or through the community. In the past, Rotary groups and other community organisations have used the facility, but even during the day people walk their dogs on the grounds, or use the cafe underneath or the playground—which in recent times my young son has certainly liked to visit.

Whether it is through sport, parent roles, social, or community outings this is a fantastic club and every player, every coach, every supporter and every family member or volunteer associated with the club shares in this victory. They are certainly a part of what has been a very triumphant moment.

The former Liberal government was very proud to have delivered \$280,000 in funding to this club, which went towards building female change rooms at the site. We should reflect back on this because this was certainly a catalyst for change that led to other tiers of government also coming in and contributing, and what we have seen there is an upgrade to what is a fantastic facility. Upgrades like this are extremely important. That upgrade occurred a number of years ago, and what it does is enable these young women to play the sport they love, to play at the level they deserve and to have the dignity of the appropriate change room facilities as well.

So congratulations again to the club: the senior women's division 4 team, our new premier team, and all the fans and members who share this win. We defeated Eastern Park eight goals five to two goals three, a 38-point victory. The two sides had been the best two sides across the entire season. Consequently, they finished first and second respectively at the end of the regular season fixture.

It is also interesting that the Hectorville Football Club has been fielding junior girls' sides for five years. They first fielded a senior women's side in 2021, so what you are seeing is a pipeline. I think what you are going to see at Hectorville is a dynasty of success. There is a squad of 30 players for the senior team, and 75 per cent of those are either foundation team members or juniors who have graduated to senior footy. How good is that? Five members are still eligible to play junior footy, so you are seeing, as I said, a genuine pipeline of talent. The more mature ladies are doing extremely well, and you are also seeing the young guns do well, so collectively you are going to see a dynasty at the Hectorville Football Club.

After losing round 1—and sometimes you need a loss in life and in football—they won 15 straight. The team is looking forward to pushing itself in the next division. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Hectorville Football Club senior women. Well done and all the very best for next year as well.

VOLUNTEERS

Mrs PEARCE (King) (15:31): I rise to acknowledge the vital role volunteers play in my local community. When I am asked about why I became involved in politics, I often reflect on my childhood and the experiences I have had over the years, experiences that have taught me that when someone falls on hard times it is more often than not the community that is there to provide support and empower.

We as lawmakers must listen to these experiences to better understand what needs to be done to support where possible and to prevent people from falling on tough times, as well as what can be done to help foster and encourage strong communities. When we think about how a community achieves such positive change, it is through those who give up their time to volunteer. They give strength to the community, bind it together and provide a helping hand to those who may need it, making it a place where we look out for one another.

They work tirelessly to help build the communities we love and cherish and often do their work without recognition. We all know too well that without them we would lose what makes our beloved community feel like home. It has indeed been a privilege to meet the many local volunteers who make up my electorate of King. I can wholeheartedly say that their contributions are welcomed and appreciated throughout the entire community. Our beloved volunteers dedicate their time to giving back to the community in many ways.

There are, of course, those who help out at the Modbury Meals on Wheels kitchen, serving up and delivering delicious food. Through their work, they are supporting the independence of those who wish to remain at home for as long as they possibly can. We have outstanding parents and friends groups, as well as governing councils, who work hard to ensure our students have the best possible opportunities to thrive throughout their education. It was an absolute delight to catch up with the Greenwith governing council recently to discuss just that.

Where would we be without the dedicated community members who get up early on the weekends to ensure that their local sporting club can get out on the field, the court, the track, helping to foster community spirit and supporting the wellbeing of an individual? In fact, the education minister and I took up an offer to help a local legend, Steven, cover a shift at the Golden Grove Football Club to assist the under 13s girls' team. Steven had been there all day and was doing what he could to support an amazing initiative, that being supporting girls in sport. The minister also did a fantastic job of making the gravy.

I particularly love how those in our community manage to utilise their available resources and then invest them back into their community for the further benefit of all. Take, for example, the Modbury Golden Grove Rotary Club. Just last week, they volunteered to cater a barbecue for a basketball carnival organised by Golden Grove High School's disability unit. It was organised by an incredible SSO, Jayden, who has a strong passion for inclusivity and who wanted to organise a special event for the students of not only Golden Grove High School but also Modbury, Parafield Gardens, Salisbury High, Gawler and District, among others.

Through giving their time and sharing their barbecue, Rotary was able to feed the many boys and girls, their parents, the teachers and the SSOs who had been having absolutely the best time over the period of Thursday and Friday. It was an absolute pleasure to be able to get out there and lend them a hand.

Volunteers in my community are united through the shared desire to give back and hold no expectation of receiving anything in return—volunteers like the incredible Alison, who volunteers with Centrecare at King's Baptist. She has been volunteering there for nine years, providing both food assistance and assistance with utility bills for those who have been doing it tough.

When I asked her why she volunteers, she shared with me that it was some time ago that her family was in need. She understands how hard it can be to keep on top of things when things become difficult, often through no fault of their own, and she understands how hard it can be to get back into control. But Alison did, thanks to the help from her community, and now she is returning the favour and helping others where she can.

With that, I would like to thank everyone who volunteers, but especially the many wonderful volunteers in my local electorate of King. To everybody out there who may be on the fence about whether or not they should get involved and volunteer for a local organisation, I implore you to do so. Give it a go. I promise you, you will benefit from the experience just as much as others will benefit from the service you provide. There is no feeling like providing a helping hand, and if we all chip in we can truly make our community better together.

FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:36): I rise today to speak about a very valuable time for farmers coming into this time of the year and over the next few months—harvest. Over the last couple of weeks, there has been a huge discussion in country areas and in city media as well about the cease harvest threshold fire danger rating system. It has shocked me to think that this has come from somewhere in the bureaucracy of the CFS. I acknowledge, as has been acknowledged before, I am a proud member of the CFS. They are a fantastic organisation with their 13,000 members. The dialogue around this has been scary, to put it in plain language.

We have had some interesting different guidelines and different behaviour indexes and rules put in around monitoring fire ban days where we have joined up across Australia with the Fire Danger Rating Index. Over the last decade or so, we have measured the index for ceasing operations on harvesters, that is, the Grassland Fire Danger Index. To complicate matters even further, last harvest

there was another measurement put in: the Fire Behaviour Index. No wonder people on the ground are confused.

There have been different numbers put up as to where these measurements are taken and how accurate they are. There are a lot of conversations around that, and I had some strong conversations right up to just before question time today. The minister's answer was interesting, saying that my characterisation of what is happening has not been correct. Well, I believe it as being correct.

The CFS were looking at bringing the fire danger index rating from 35 at two metres down to 28 at two metres, and I have even heard there was some discussion to bring it down to 25 as a measurement at two metres, which can be done with a Kestrel weather meter and that kind of thing. It is very easy to operate, as it is only a small meter.

It then gets confusing, where some people are saying that we should stick to the 10-metre rule. There are not too many farmers who are going to climb to the end of a grain auger and run their Kestrel meter, I can assure you. Yes, there are some Mesonet systems, but even proponents of this change challenge that measurement where there are weather stations put round the country in various areas.

This change, I believe from what I have seen, had the absolute potential to double the amount of lost time for farmers during harvest. I have had dozens of farmers contact me, and dozens of farmers have contacted my colleagues, about what this could do to their harvest. It can have a massive impact on grain quality.

Once you start having rain on crops, they start losing weight, and if you get enough rain you get a shot harvest. I saw it all in 1992, the wettest year I have seen, when I think we had about 28 inches of rain at Coomandook, in the old language, compared with our normal annual rainfall of 16. It was going to cause issues with fatigue for operators on harvesting equipment. People have not thought about the farm firefighting gear that farmers have these days. They have chaser bins that can carry 4,000 litres of water 30 seconds behind the harvester. They have old fire trucks that have 3,000 or 4,000 litres of water. They have ex-military vehicles, like Oshkosh, they have many thousands of litres of water on them. The last thing farmers want is to start an out-of-control fire.

I cannot pick one fire in the last 15 years, whether it is Wangary, Pinery, Yumali-Netherton, Keilira or the many fires at Yorktown or Edithburgh. All of these fires were started by, sadly, powerlines falling into either crop or grassland. At Wangary, it was a car driving through grass, and at Pinery it was a battery short; so I think we have to be real. I congratulate the minister and I congratulate Brett Loughlin on turning this around, on doing a backflip on where this was going, to make sure we get a real outcome for our farming community in South Australia so we can get this close to \$5 billion crop off safely.

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Ms THOMPSON (Davenport) (15:41): It is with great sadness that I rise to speak on the passing of a much-loved man in our community, Mark McEwen, loving husband of Josie, father of Kate and Christopher and their partners, Remi and Jireh, and cherished and committed grandpa to Amiria and Catalina. It is still difficult for me to believe that we have lost Mark. He was such a good man and a friend to so many. One of Mark's mates, Jim Phillips, described his friend as a loyal, humble man, honest, trusted, hardworking, committed, enthusiastic and supportive to all. 'You could not have a better man on your side,' he said.

Mark has been a long-time member of the Labor Party and was recently elected to the position of vice-president of the Devonport sub-branch. I am yet to meet a more passionate and dedicated member of the ALP. Whilst I had the pleasure of knowing Mark for only a few years, many party and union members knew him for his efforts in this space dating back to the mid-seventies. Many who have seen Mark in action or who have been lucky enough to have volunteered alongside him will tell you that many of the party wins over the years were greatly assisted by Mark. His contribution was exemplary in a number of ways.

One of his mates, John McTier, described him as being just the right fellow when required. He made phone calls, doorknocked, letterboxed, corfluted, wobble boarded, worked on polling

booths and scrutineered. Some also knew Mark for his incredible signwriting abilities, which he offered up to help promote many election candidates over the years.

He was a dedicated unionist, working on many campaigns for the movement, including the Your Rights at Work campaign, the campaign against WorkChoices, the Change the Rules campaign, Australia Deserves a Pay Rise campaign, the Hands Off Medicare campaign and Save the ABC campaign.

In 2020, Mark was instrumental in revitalising the Retired Unionists of South Australia together with his dear mates Jim Phillips and Gordon Penhall. Their network of retired comrades has met monthly ever since and added their support to numerous campaigns and rallies, but especially the campaign for constitutional recognition and a voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. I remember seeing Mark on North Terrace when many South Australians came together to watch the passing of the bill for a First Nations Voice to the South Australian parliament. He was so proud to have been part of history that day, and I am very glad that he was.

But, of course, Mark was not just committed to the Labor Party and the union movement. He was just as well known for being a loving family man. He was committed to Josie and their two kids and he adored his granddaughters, frequently joking about how much energy they had but how seeing them was the best part of this week.

Mark was an all round top bloke and a good friend. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Mark's family, his extended family, his many friends and the wider community who will miss him very much. In our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered every day. Vale, Mark McEwen.

Bills

APPROPRIATION BILL 2023

Estimates Committees

Adjourned debate on motion:

That the proposed expenditures referred to Estimates Committees A and B be agreed to.

Ms SAVVAS (Newland) (15:45): It is a pleasure to continue my remarks with respect to the budget process and estimates overall. Before lunch, I did touch on all the people who are involved in the estimates process and was thankful of course for all the work they put in, particularly the departmental staff who put tireless effort into preparation for estimates during that week.

I also started to touch on my experience with my housing journey and just how important it is to be part of a government that is focused not only on increased supply of housing but also on increased access for those individuals wanting to enter homes for the first time. As I mentioned before lunch, when I started school we were homeless.

We were sleeping rough at times, going between motels and living in domestic violence shelters. For me, the question of buying a home, particularly as a young person, was not one that I had ever considered, and it was of course the First Home Owners Grant, a building grant, that assisted me to enter the housing market as a young person and is the reason that I am able to own a home on my own today.

I know firsthand just how important it is to be providing those supports and to help particularly young people now get into the housing market, because unfortunately if you are not able to enter the market early there are a number of reasons that mean you may have more difficulty entering it later on, such as cyclical issues. Of course, if you are trapped in a rent cycle as well, if you are leaving home, going into the rental market and those sorts of things and makes it much harder to save a deposit and enter a home.

So I am incredibly proud of the initiative that we are taking to scrap stamp duty for eligible first-home buyers, but not just that—we are doing that in conjunction with the first-home buyers or the builders' grant that exists when of course there is the option to do one or the other.

I think the fact that we are able to do both is so important not just for those entering the market but for our economy and for the construction of new homes in our state. That, of course, is

what it does. Not only does it help people get into the market but it has a significant impact on the build of new houses and the development of new houses here in South Australia.

When we were able to access that grant a couple of years ago, I remember all too well being able to point at a field in the Adelaide Hills where our property would be and then seeing within about a year the difference in the field, where we could not even point to our house or walk over to where the property would be, to see it in a large-scale development, which now has its own supermarket nearby which would not have even been imaginable when we purchased and built our first home there some years ago.

I think that says a lot about progress and it says a lot also about demand, particularly with respect to those newer developments. We are, of course, in my local community looking at the Golden Grove development, which would mean an extra couple of hundred homes up our way in the north-eastern suburbs. Again, we are at the point where we could point to rolling fields and see where houses may be one day.

An even greater number of houses are earmarked in your own direction, sir, in the northern suburbs. I know that is so important not just for those people who are seeking shelter, seeking homes, but to our construction industry and our economy as a state overall. I think that is something that is really important. We are a government that prioritises construction, prioritises increased land supply and prioritises getting people into the housing market, which of course is a great equaliser. It is something that is so important, not just for your own physical safety but for your sense of self and your ability to move forward.

I know that I feel such a difference in my life to be able to own my own home—the second person in my family ever to have done so—and what it means to me as an individual to go home every night knowing that that house is mine; it makes such a huge difference. I know that people in my community out there in the burbs are well and truly welcoming our announcements with respect to first-home buyers in particular.

On to our estimates committees and, of course, I was lucky to join the Deputy Premier, Minister Close, for her entire day of estimates for the second time in a row. Again, there is significant interest in my community in the work of the Deputy Premier in her capacity as the Minister for Water. For those who are not aware—you must never have heard me speak in the chamber before—I always find a reason to bring it back to our Tea Tree Gully CWMS (septic tank system). Of course, that was something that was questioned within the estimates: the process of the transition for Tea Tree Gully residents onto SA Water mains.

I believe it was some years ago that a former member who is no longer in this place referred to me as a local councillor as 'a partisan disgrace' when it came to my views on the septic tank system in Tea Tree Gully. That is a badge of honour that I am happy to wear when it comes to our septic tank transition because it was, indeed, a partisan matter. It was only the Labor Party who fully committed to transition the Tea Tree Gully CWMS system over to SA Water. It was the Labor Party who first committed to do so before the then government jumped onto our plan and, of course, it was only the Labor opposition who committed to scrap the CWMS levy—the outdated exorbitant levy that residents in my community were paying—and to move everyone onto SA Water rates, no matter what stage of the transition they were on.

In the City of Tea Tree Gully, there were 4,700 homes on an outdated septic tank system. When I say 'a system', I am actually referring to 76 different systems of septic that all meet together in different parts of Tea Tree Gully. In what is quite a strange decision perhaps from the redistribution commission, 4,000 of those homes are in the seat of Newland. It is an issue that is incredibly close to my heart, an issue that I fought for tirelessly when I was a councillor on the Tea Tree Gully council and something that I fought to get out of council hands knowing that the Tea Tree Gully council, despite their best efforts, were not equipped as a relatively small body in the scheme of things to manage this exorbitant system—a system that was no longer working, a system that was continuing to cost a significant amount of money—and that the only real solution was to transfer over the system to the ownership or management of the state government.

I was so incredibly proud to commit to that as a candidate, to knock on thousands of doors and tell residents who had been waiting upwards of 50 years that that was exactly what we were

doing. Of course, there have been hiccups along the way, as there is with any large-scale infrastructure project, but on a regular basis residents still come to my office or they will call or they will see me at the shops, and they will say, 'I have just been transitioned. Thank you so much for fighting for us.' And that is so important—bringing our residents not just to the 21st century but to the 20th century, and bringing a modern, healthy, safe and affordable system of sewerage for a metropolitan suburb or a series of metropolitan suburbs is something that I will always be proud of and will always defend our position on.

In the estimates session with Minister Close, the opposition were able to scrutinise that process and that is important as well. As I said here earlier before lunchtime, the ability to scrutinise what a government does actually makes a stronger government. If it were not for campaigning for people in our community and scrutinising the decisions of former governments, we would not necessarily be in the position where we are transferring those septic tanks onto SA Water mains as we are today. And so far, so good. It has been about 20 months or so of the transition project going on and, for the most part, people have been really happy with the process.

I would also like to acknowledge in the house the work of BTR and Fulton Hogan, our contractors who have been undertaking the work, particularly when there have been issues. I would like to acknowledge just how quick and responsive they have been, whether it be fixing a road closure or, in the case of one particular incident, taking my calls at 7 o'clock on a Saturday morning to open up a road so that a local market could go on. I think the subbies have been absolutely awesome and certainly deserve our commendation for what has been a really difficult project and will continue to be so.

I also had the absolute pleasure of joining Minister Champion in his estimates committee. I do think that it is an incredibly important time at the moment for trade in South Australia. We are really lucky, I think. It cannot be overstated how lucky we are to have a trade minister who is backing in South Australian manufacturing, produce and the like. We also have a federal trade minister who is unashamedly pro South Australian, having been a winemaker in the past in the Clare Valley, my dear friend Minister Farrell.

It is a really important time to be backing trade in South Australia, and I think that we have a really good duo in SA with Minister Champion and Minister Farrell supporting South Australian products. Of course, one of the big components of that is bringing back Brand SA, which was a really big and I think important decision that we made as a government after it was cruelly axed by the former government, who clearly were not prioritising South Australian trade and South Australian products.

We are encouraging shoppers in South Australia to buy local. A few weeks ago, on the back of the budget, we launched the Buy SA. For SA. campaign. The aim of that is to switch at least one dollar in every \$20 of consumer spending away from interstate and overseas purchases. This is being run by Brand SA, again something that has been brought back by our government. It is a program to support local South Aussie businesses and put millions of dollars into our economy.

South Australia's food and beverage sector accounts for approximately 30 per cent of jobs in the manufacturing industry, and exports of SA foods totalled about \$1.86 billion in 2020-21, which was about 12 per cent of the state's total export value. The Buy SA. For SA. campaign makes it easier to identify South Australian products. There is a little red tag underneath South Australian products within participating supermarkets. Drakes have a large number of those signs, and they are also at all seven Tony & Mark's stores.

I think it is really important here to call out a South Australian business like Tony & Mark's, a really important business in South Australia. I would like to call out their ability to support not only South Australian brands and South Australian produce but also South Australian jobs by expanding quickly in South Australia and having a large number of stores and young employees, particularly, at their stores across the state.

We have a Tony & Mark's in the north-eastern suburbs at the Golden Grove village. I went along there on the weekend to have a look at the Buy SA. For SA. tags and buy some South Australian products. To see the number of tags throughout the store I think as well really highlights the role that Tony & Mark's are playing in supporting South Australian brands. Almost

everything as I went along the store had these little signs underneath, whether it be the fruit and veg or whether it be any of the other products that they stock at that site.

I purchased a few of my favourites. I think this is a good opportunity to call out some of my favourite South Australian brands that I continue to support. I bought some Beerenberg Bavarian mustard, which very much reminds me of trips in the school holidays to go strawberry picking at Beerenberg Farm, which we discussed during question time, and which also very much has a taste of my Austrian grandparents' cooking from when I was much younger.

I also purchased Lucia's pasta sauce and lemon twist yoghurt from The Yoghurt Shop. Again, that tastes to me like visits to my cousin and aunty's place in the CBD when I was younger. My cousin worked at the mushroom shop right next door to The Yoghurt Shop. We would go to visit my cousin Isabelle, pick up some Yoghurt Shop yoghurt and go over to Lucia's for dinner. I picked up some Bickford's cordial. Again, that is what we used to have when I used to go to nanna's. When I was sick, she would make me a hot blackcurrant juice from Bickford's. I could definitely do with some at the moment; you might be able to tell I have a bit of a croaky voice.

I think that all those South Australian products—those that I have mentioned and many others—really do paint the story for so many South Australians, that they taste like our childhood. I know for me South Australian brands really do remind me of key moments in my life, places that I have been, places that I visited with school, products that we have purchased as a family, and I think that creating that narrative and continuing that narrative here in South Australia is just so important.

I will always be proud to back South Australian bands. I also picked up some lollies that I have in my office that are manufactured in Pooraka, in the north-east and northern suburbs. Supporting South Australian brands is one thing, but making sure that we have a government that invests in them, that makes it easier to support them and that calls out the brilliant South Australian brands we have here is not just important but also essential for our economy to continue to thrive and for South Australia to be a major player in comparison with the other states.

It was particularly enjoyable to join Minister Champion in his estimates session and hear questions about Brand SA and our Buy SA campaign, and I will always be proud to be supportive of any campaign that puts South Australia first. I am very grateful for the opportunity to chat about that today. I would also like to thank the other ministers I joined—that is, Minister Scriven in her estimates and, of course, the Premier in the Premier's estimates, which was the moment when I had three minutes in the chair and which of course put into perspective the hard work the chairs of estimates committees do as well.

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (16:01): Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, and I recognise the work that you do in that role. I rise to contribute to the debate in relation to the outcome of the estimates process. Perhaps at the outset I will refer to my contribution to the second reading debate prior to the estimates process, because we know that the budget outcome that we have seen overall was a really glaring and substantial variance from what South Australians were given to understand would be the trajectory of the budget just a matter of short months prior to the budget being handed down by the Treasurer.

What we saw was an overall \$500 million blowout against what had been foreshadowed in the order of a \$250 million surplus, a result in around the same volume of deficit. That is a matter that South Australians will have very much at the forefront of their minds as we see the trajectory of this next year ahead and then each of the remaining years of this term of government.

The estimates process afforded the opportunity, as it does, to identify agency by agency the relative performance. If there was one glaring and overriding indicator in relation to agency performance this year, it was that inability for individual ministers more or less without exception to manage departments' performance against budget. In not quite all—and I will come to it in a moment—agencies had operating efficiencies and tasks to meet, and in many cases there were budgeted reductions that were set out for agencies to perform against.

I can say to the house that it was a rare event indeed to find anything remotely resembling performance against budget criteria, so the budget estimates process afforded an opportunity to

identify that and to step through that, if not to obtain the kind of clarity of response that one might desire in the interest of South Australians in looking to interrogate the reasons why.

If there is another overall observation that I would make about the estimates process it is that, and I have seen this now for two years from opposition, there seems to be—and I am not witness to all ministers' performance in this respect but several—what appears to be the adoption of some kind of virtue around the sort of absorbing of time and the avoidance of what in many cases throughout the estimates process are attempts to grapple with what are straightforward budgetary matters, matters of detail, often matters of statistical and other relative performance measures, information readily available to the minister and their departmental staff present to assist and to provide information for the benefit of the committee.

I see just far too often what appears to be some kind of objective of the minister to say, 'I am not here to give straight to the point and straightforward answers to the questions about these matters,' but rather the sort of entering into of long dialogues, avoiding what are in very large measure not gotcha questions, not traps, not in any other way directed than towards elucidating what might well be common challenges that we all face when considering the important matter of the prioritisation of resources in the various relevant areas. I will step through a number of them perhaps for the benefit of the house in this short time that I have to reflect on the process.

I address first the circumstances facing our courts. Those agencies within the responsibility of the Attorney-General were no exception when it came to budget blowout, a relatively modest overspend, I might say, from the 2022-23 budget provision of \$277 million to an estimated result of \$285 million—an \$8 million blowout. I might say that the concerning thing above the overspend was what we heard to be delays in the completion of capital works in two respects that have been underway now for a significant period of time: firstly, the Court of Appeal office accommodation, where we saw a two-year time line blowout. We see an estimated completion date now being described as June 2024. That is as compared with a June 2022 estimate at last year's budget.

Secondly, there are the Sir Samuel Way facade repairs. The building that houses the state's busiest and largest trial workload for serious matters in the District Court is enduring a one-year time line blowout in relation to the important works being done to keep that building operational. The estimated completion of works to the facade is also now June 2024—again compared with June 2023 in the last budget. It is a concern to see the combination of costs blowing out, but it is of particular concern to see that projects are not being completed, particularly for these important public buildings serving South Australians in the justice system.

In terms of the courts more broadly, a matter I will single out for particular reflection is the discontinuation of the third Coroner in the State of South Australia. That is a point of particular concern because it is a function very much at the heart of the capacity of the Coroners Court to deal with what has been a significantly expanding and increasing workload over the last five years, at least those five years that are the subject of the most recent annual report by the Coroners Court.

Clearly enough, on the face of the budget papers the decrease in expenses in the 2023-24 budget compared with the 2022-23 estimated result was due to the ending of that Deputy Coroner role and the associated support staff in the 2022-23 budget. In addressing those matters to the Attorney, my concern on the government prioritising where the work needs to be done and needs to be supported by appropriate funding, there is really not more from the Attorney in that regard than, 'Well, this is the end of time-limited funding, so the Coroner is going to have to go back to those old settings and just struggle on.'

It is a matter that will be keenly felt by the Coroners Court, it is a matter that is well documented in terms of the ongoing and increasing workload and it is a matter of particular concern that the government has seen fit not to find funds to prioritise the continuation, if not the expansion, of coronial capacity.

It is not just because it is so well known but because it is so apparent on the face of the record. We have seen in recent years coronial reports that are not only important for those immediately affected but important for the public response that is provided many years after the relevant events. Meanwhile, as I have indicated, the workload continues to grow. Those matters were

made clear to that extent in the course of the estimates inquiry but not the solution to make things workable at the Coroners Court in the future.

I welcome, by the way, while addressing courts and the Attorney-General's Department, the capital funds that have been made available for the renewal for the development of the new Forensic Science SA facility. I again emphasise the importance of getting on with that work. I have seen firsthand just how horrendous the conditions are that those world-leading scientists are forced to work in. There was a plan by the previous government to get on with this work. It is very important now that we see the government bring this to fruition. The money is there in the budget and that must happen as a matter of priority.

I turn to matters of child protection, with reference to my remarks at the outset. There are a couple of things that I report to the house. I found in the course of inquiring into the application of funds in this space that where I found it necessary to inquire into two key matters, I would submit—the number of children in care and the trajectory of numbers of children in care and, secondly, the amount of and the way in which scarce resources are being spent in the interests of children in care—I was almost admonished for addressing those topics. I found myself repeatedly given some kind of lecture about the fact that we are talking about more than numbers and dollars.

Well, that is of course true, but the estimates process is a matter of an opportunity to interrogate how we are working towards better human outcomes for those most vulnerable in our community by the appropriate management of the resources that are applied for that purpose. We saw, regrettably, that the Department for Child Protection, which was one of the few departments in the previous budget not having to find operating efficiencies but, rather, receiving significantly additional funds not only for this year's budget but for the forward estimates, unfortunately not being able to manage those resources, with the result that we saw a budget blowout from \$717 million to an estimated result for 2022-23 of \$769 million.

We have all seen the extension of the budget of the Department for Child Protection over many years now and year on year, and no-one objects to the provision of those necessary resources, but I say two things: the application of those resources in a budgeted and accountable way becomes the more significant the more resources are applied. It is not good enough, in fact it is taking away from the best interests of those vulnerable South Australians, to somehow say that, well, it does not matter really what the extent of a budget blowout is, that it is the wrong question to ask, and give some sort of admonishment for raising those matters.

I say secondly that a further consequence of a budgetary blowout of the nature that we have seen in Child Protection from \$717 million out to \$769 million is that the budget for the forward estimates, although it continues to grow, as a consequence grows at a much reduced rate, grows at a much reduced provision. So we see that there is less room for extension of the budget year on year. It means that, to the extent that the mismanagement of one year flows onto the baked-in starting point for the following year, the problem stays with us.

I certainly urge the government and individual ministers to apply those budgetary limits in the interest of not only the current year but future years so that we can ensure that resources are actually available to be best applied in the interests of those most vulnerable South Australians. Those numbers are, of course, there for all to see.

There are matters as well that ought to be focused on in relation to youth justice and the number of Aboriginal young people who have found themselves in contact with the admission to secure youth training. The way that that number has continued to defy estimates is concerning.

In the short time still available to me, I just note as well that in relation to Aboriginal affairs and the budget for Aboriginal affairs, the government's announcement of the deferral of the election process for the State Voice happened to coincide with the very same day as the estimates process for Aboriginal affairs. It is a concern to hear that that vote has been put off. There were opportunities to ask about budget consequences for that. That will be a matter of some significant focus as we move towards what we understand to be a March schedule now for those elections to be conducted by the Electoral Commission of 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) (16:21): I rise to speak to these reports of the estimates committees. Firstly, I do thank all members who participated in the committees that considered my portfolio areas. They were committees that traversed a range of topics, and I was really proud to speak throughout the processes about the really strong investment our government is rightly making in the areas of child protection; recreation, sport and racing; and women and the prevention of domestic and family violence.

Estimates hearings are, of course, a really important part of our budget process—indeed, of our parliament. I thank all who worked toward the process this year. I also want to place on record my thanks to each of the department officials across the portfolios who contributed to the briefings and preparation work as well as appearing with me at those committees.

As I said during the recreation and sport estimates committee, which I started with, I really want to thank again the Chief Executive of the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing, Kylie Taylor, who this year celebrated a remarkable 30 years at the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing across various roles. Kylie's dedication to the sport and recreation sector, to her role, and to the role that the state government plays in supporting and empowering our community to be active and included through involvement in sport and recreation activities, is absolutely exemplary. This achievement should be recognised and congratulated.

As I have said before in this place, I am a very strong believer in the power of sport to bring people and communities together to create dialogue about issues that our community confronts, and also to improve people's physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing. I was therefore really pleased to speak to a number of initiatives that our government is progressing to harness that power.

Our Women in Sport Taskforce's focus is to achieve gender equality in sport and, in doing so, enable women and girls to get involved in the way that they choose to. Whether that be as an administrator, a coach, an athlete, an official, a commentator, we want girls and women to be welcome, included and empowered to pursue their sporting dreams. The task force is focusing on a range of ways to raise the profile of women's sport, given the positive impact for both young girls and young boys to see girls and women celebrated for being strong, skilful and physical.

We have, of course, absolutely seen this power through the recent FIFA Women's World Cup. Through task force meetings, themes that task force members wished to focus on to help drive change have emerged: the trend of girls and young women stepping away from organised sport as they reach their teenage years, the role schools have in engaging young people in sport and education and awareness of the impact that menstruation may have on those engaged in sport at any level.

Through the estimates hearing, a new South Australian Sports Institute development was explored. I am so proud of our government's commitment to the development of a modern, much more accessible SASI, with newer technologies, improved facilities, with an innovative education partnership with UniSA. The investment of \$68 million from the state government and a further \$20 million from UniSA brings together key pieces of sporting infrastructure and will create a hub that will support athletes to perform at their best and attract national and international teams to Adelaide in their preparations for the Olympics, Paralympics and Commonwealth Games. The new SASI will also inspire young South Australians to chase their sporting dreams or to just get active.

I mentioned in the estimates committee that the South Australian Aquatic and Leisure Centre will receive a \$23.5 million upgrade. Our facilities must keep up with demand from the community and elite use. As we have seen, since the centre opened in 2011, we are receiving significantly greater visitation than originally anticipated. This investment will ensure our facility continues to cater to our community and that we can play host to national and international events on the swimming calendar.

A key area of interest of the committee was our government's policy to drive women's representation on state sporting organisation boards. We know that there are roughly equal numbers of women and men of merit with experience that are ready and able to serve on boards. Women do, however, face barriers to those opportunities through structural inequality. To address this, we are

proudly taking a proactive position to turn around the lower rate of women's representation on governing bodies.

As I have spoken about many times, and spoke at length about in the estimates committee, this policy is not new to our state's sporting organisations, having been introduced in 2017. With this policy linked to state funding, we are seeing incredible growth in the number of state sporting organisations meeting their target for diversity. Just before estimates, I was really proud to announce the increased scope of the sports voucher to include Scouts and Guides groups as provided. I know that this is an area of interest for many members, and I particularly thank the member for Gibson, and others, for her strong advocacy on this. As many as 3,000 scouts, girl guides and their families are expected to now benefit from the program in 2024, with funding allocated to accommodate this expanded rollout.

Lastly, in the sport and recreation area, I highlight the expenditure that our government proudly made to advance the legacy of the FIFA Women's World Cup. On 8 August, part of that legacy funding was directed towards the convening of the Power of Her, an incredible women in leadership symposium that saw 1,000 women attend, with hundreds of others on a waitlist to attend.

The event heard from an incredible range of speakers and was absolutely designed to harness the momentum of the FIFA Women's World Cup ahead of the Hindmarsh Stadium's final game, the round 16 match, and to encourage women there to drive change in their sphere of influence and beyond. It was an extraordinary day, and I am still feeling the emotion and energy of that day, and I will have much more to say about what follows from the Power of Her. In the meantime, I wholeheartedly thank those who made this incredible event possible.

On the women and prevention of domestic violence portfolio in estimates, I spoke about our state government's ambition for our state to be a place in which your gender has no bearing on opportunities available to you. Many of the commitments to drive this ambition are outlined in the Women's Budget Statement and further expanded upon in our Women's Equality Blueprint, which focuses on initiatives in four priority focus areas: women's safety and security; women's leadership and participation; and women's economic wellbeing, and health.

Driving change in each of these areas requires collective effort across government and our community, and we are determined to drive a number of actions to bring that vision to life. At the forefront of our women's safety and security agenda is our comprehensive legislative program, with our intention to criminalise coercive control to prevent and end this insidious form of domestic violence at the centre of that legislative reform.

Today, our government has proudly released a draft bill for broad public consultation. This follows really targeted conversations that were held with Aboriginal community-controlled organisations, Aboriginal women leaders, multicultural community leaders, women with lived experience of domestic violence, young people, LGBTQIA+ community representatives and women with disability about the legislation and implementation considerations for criminalising coercive control.

Those targeted conversations were also held alongside our highly successful See The Signs public forum, where we had the deep honour of hosting the incredibly courageous Sue and Lloyd Clarke, parents of Hannah Clarke, who was senselessly tragically murdered by her ex-partner after experiencing years of coercive control.

During the forum I—and around 400 others—heard harrowing personal insight into the devastating impact of coercive control and heard directly from the courageous Sue and Lloyd about the importance of raising awareness of this utterly devastating form of family and domestic violence. Their words certainly reaffirmed my strong determination to see coercive control criminalised.

The public forum also launched our See The Signs campaign to strengthen our community discourse and understanding about coercive control and to help progress this really important change in our thinking and in our law. Alongside critical crisis supports for women experiencing domestic violence, we must of course also always focus on prevention, recovery and healing. This is a key tenet of the National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022-2033 and continues to be a strong focus for our government.

After undertaking significant work with the commonwealth government on the new national plan, we are also developing and progressing South Australia's first family domestic and sexual violence strategy, which will inform for the coming years our state's response to violence against women and children in all its forms. In the women's portfolio, we are also committed to introducing an equality bill, which forms part of our commitment to improving women's safety, wellbeing and equality. This equality bill will continue to progress our place as a leader in gender equality across Australia.

An important matter raised within estimates was our government's commitment to addressing the gender pay gap. As I spoke about during the committee hearing, I am really pleased to confirm that the gender pay gap task force has been established and will be providing a preliminary report during October this year. This task force brings together a remarkable and diverse group of business, government, community, union, women's organisation leaders with particular experience in gender equality and industrial relations. They are providing us with incredibly sound expert advice that will help to inform our decision-making about how we can reduce the gender pay gap.

Additionally, as I spoke about in the estimates committee, we have delivered on our commitment to re-establish the Premier's Women's Directory, which helps to support our government's commitment to help ensure that all government boards comprise at least 50 per cent women. I am also really proud of our Women in Business program. As noted in the Women's Budget Statement, since its launch in November 2022 around 500 women have enrolled in the program, which provides one-on-one mentoring, small group workshops, governance and strategic planning advice and support.

I want to take the remainder of the time that I have to speak about our government's strong and really important investment into the child protection and family support system. As I did during the estimates process, I first of all take the opportunity again to thank the incredibly dedicated hardworking staff of the child protection and family support system.

I often say that these workers, alongside carers and families, are both the frontline and the backbone of the child protection and family support sector. I wholeheartedly thank them for their vital work and deep commitment to helping children and young people be in a space where they are safe, secure, loved and nurtured. I also again take the opportunity to thank the hardworking team in the department who assisted me with preparation for the estimates process.

I note that the shadow minister just spoke at length about our very strong investment in the child protection and family support system. It is disappointing the way that he characterised it. I am really proud—incredibly proud—of this investment into child protection and family support. I say again, as I did during the estimates process, that since coming to government an additional \$372 million has been rightly and proudly invested into the child protection and family support system.

This budget, which was the focus of the estimates committees, committed an additional \$216.6 million in child protection and family support. As outlined throughout the estimates committee, the additional \$216 million is made up roughly of \$107 million for a range of supports, services and engagement initiatives, and \$109 million is provided to support the number of children and young people already in care.

Throughout the many questions in relation to the child protection and family support portfolio, I spoke repeatedly about the need for recognition that child protection and family support require a whole-of-government, whole-of-community and whole-of-sector effort, and I am determined to bring that effort together. I am really pleased to run through some of the initiatives that we are bringing to life through that strong \$216 million investment.

I am very pleased that, as part of our work to make sure children and young people are able to experience safety, security, love and nurture, we are increasing carer payments and that this budget provided for a 4.8 per cent increase in carer rates and an additional \$50 per fortnight for each child being cared for who is under the age of 16. As I said, there are a range of other initiatives to make sure that we focus on strengthening families and communities, keeping families safely together.

Through the budget, we have invested an additional \$35.7 million in intensive family services and \$13.4 million to expand family group conferencing, particularly for Aboriginal families. Amongst that additional commitment is an intention to make sure we are convening family group conferences also for the families where a child is identified as being at risk before they are born. Another investment is our \$3.2 million to establish a peak body for Aboriginal children and young people, and funding for Grandcarers SA of \$800,000 to support grandparents in their advocacy around the need to help children and young people to be safe and supported in their care.

There is funding for family reunification supports and funding for post-care support so that, at the earliest opportunity, we are providing effective support for young people as they leave care to set themselves up for success through education, employment and housing pathways. As I mentioned, we are investing additional money in family reunification. Importantly also—finally, after years of waiting through those four years of the previous Liberal government—we have set aside \$200 million over five years for a Digital Investment Fund. It has been made really clear that there will be a replacement of the C3MS child protection and family support system.

There are a range of other initiatives that I will run out of time to go through, but I did want to mention that the budget also allocates \$1.9 million for DCP's Redress Response Team and that we are also investing additional funds in the kinship care assessment. Alongside those family group conferences, where we identify broader family members who may be able to assist in the care of a child, we can rapidly assess them and accredit them as kinship carers so that they can take on those roles and, again, keep that family strongly and safely together.

A key area of interest in the estimates committee was our child protection and family support workforce. As I said before, the shadow minister described this investment in a particular way. I describe it as absolutely the right investment to make sure that we are recruiting and retaining staff to continue to work with and for some of the most vulnerable children in our state. We are also progressing a range of initiatives from our reviews. I do not have time to go into those, but there are a lot. Again, I am really proud of the investment that we are making in the child protection and family support space.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (16:42): I am very pleased to reflect on some of the contributions that were made during the estimates process. Given that I covered a number of ministers, I am grateful to the shadow treasurer for enabling me to take the administrative position. It gives me a bit more time to do so in this speech. During the estimates process, I had the privilege of spending time on behalf of the opposition and the people of South Australia putting to a range of ministers detailed questions in their portfolio areas on matters that were in the budget.

In particular, I spoke to the Deputy Premier, the minister for higher education in relation to the universities review, and the Minister for Tourism and Multicultural Affairs about those portfolio issues, which are not my portfolios but the Hon. Jing Lee, as she sits in another house, entrusted me with looking after those matters for the opposition. I spent some time on the Tuesday of estimates with the honourable Minister for Arts, then the honourable Minister for Education, Training and Skills and I had the pleasure of each other's company for about 6½ hours on Wednesday.

I thank the Deputy Speaker for his chairmanship of those committees, which I thought was done to a high quality this year, and I thank the ministers, who were at almost all times courteous and took very few Dixers this year by comparison with previous years. On this front, at least, I think there has been some positive use of the process, and there were some answers found. I would like to start on that happy and pleasant note.

Unfortunately, some of the issues that were identified were more concerning, particularly in relation to the use of South Australian taxpayer funds by this government and the poor priorities and poor decisions that they have been making. I propose to go through a number of those portfolio issues that particularly came up in the estimates to highlight a summary of the reflection on the documents as we seek to note them today.

In relation to the Deputy Premier, the majority of the questions, although not all the questions that I had for her, were in relation to the government's handling of the university merger process. The government came to office with an election promise to set up a university commission which would

explore the benefits and potential opportunities of the university merger, what sort of merger would be appropriate for South Australia, what that would look like and how it might be achieved for the best interests of the people of South Australia.

The day before the estimates process questions happened, the Deputy Premier, the Premier and the vice-chancellors of the universities of Adelaide and South Australia outlined an entirely different process from the election commitment: a proposal for a university merger between those two universities, negotiated behind closed doors with the government, with the investment of \$440 million of South Australian taxpayer funds. Obviously, the following day was the first opportunity to probe the Deputy Premier as much as possible about the detail of how that was being rolled out.

I was really disappointed by some of the answers we got. I do not want to go through every issue that was raised, but I will highlight a couple of issues. One of the principles of good government is that the government, acting on behalf of the people of South Australia, will take into consideration their interests and the costs and risks that would go alongside the benefits and opportunities of any project prior to making a decision. What became very clear through the Deputy Premier's evidence, and has become more clear in the weeks subsequent, was that that work was not done by the government in relation to this decision.

I am not pre-empting whether or not it is a good decision. There is a committee investigating that and the Liberal Party will go through its own process. We are open-minded about whether it was a good decision, but what was clear was that the government process was deeply flawed. I highlight one thing: the business case—indeed, it has been described also as the feasibility study—effectively the universities described it as a business case, a risk register.

All that work considered by the university councils in helping them make their decision on whether this was a good idea for their institutions was not read by the Premier or the Deputy Premier, as became very clear during this estimates process prior to the government making the decision to proceed with this plan, this investment of nearly half a billion dollars of South Australian taxpayers' money.

We will get to talking about the money, but perhaps even more important than the money is the consequence of the decision for the future of South Australia. If the opportunities are realised in full and we can have confidence that they will be fully realised to the extent that has been claimed, then that is a potentially good thing. If indeed the financial and economic benefits to South Australians and the new university are more than the sum of its parts, then that is potentially a good thing.

If, critically, the student experience and the vocational outcomes of students who have undertaken study at the new potential future university—Adelaide University, as it is to be called—if their student experience and learning are of a higher quality than can be delivered at either of the existing institutions were they to continue, then that would be a good outcome. It has been put to us by the Premier and the Deputy Premier that this is a foregone conclusion, but good governance would require somebody to at least explore whether the assumptions they are making are accurate.

It is not as if this was an election promise that there will be a merger come hell or high water that the people of South Australia have voted on and that is the scrutiny process. No, because that was not the election promise. The election promise was for there to be a universities commission to do that very work, to explore those opportunities and, critically alongside those opportunities, the risks, the risks that have been in the public domain for some time now, the risks that the general experience, the student experience and vocational outcomes at larger institutions are less good than those at smaller institutions.

That is not in every case and certainly Vice-Chancellor Peter Hoj—and I commend him for his work at the University of Queensland—cites that as an example of where the opposite is true, but it is certainly being put as a risk, one worth considering. It has been put as a risk that, while ultimately scale may well, and not everyone agrees—certainly let's accept that scale would lead to improved opportunities for research funding and potentially improved rankings in the international rankings in the long term.

Under any scenario, it is suggested that there are going to be transition pains and a transition cost. The question is whether that transition cost, over five, 10 or 15 years before you get to that

optimal outcome in the 2030s for the university, is worth more than the benefits. The universities say no, and that is certainly their point of view, but it is the responsibility of good government to make the decision on behalf of South Australia's point of view.

We do not just take the word of third parties when the request comes in to support them financially with \$440 million without doing due diligence. The due diligence in this case that we are asked to accept is that the Premier's and the Deputy Premier's word is enough. During estimates, I asked the Deputy Premier:

Has the minister read the business case that was prepared by the universities in relation to informing their decision to proceed with the merger?

The Deputy Premier said:

There are a number of items of documentation that I think could be referred to. There is a feasibility study, as I understand it—whether it is the business case, feasibility study, whatever the title is—that went to the two councils that contains all of the case and a significant amount of commercial-in-confidence material. I have not received that full document.

Later on, we explored this further. I asked:

Has anyone in government been provided with that business case?

The minister said:

It was a document that was provided to the councils because they have a fiduciary duty to make a decision about what is in the interests of their institution. So it is quite likely that it would have material that was shaped for the purpose of considering each individual university's future, and they may not have been the same document.

The answer is no, if anyone was unclear. Later, I put it to the minister:

To put it more clearly, the business cases the universities provided to their councils were to work out whether they considered it as being in their interests to proceed. The government's job is to work out whether it is in the interests of South Australia to proceed. It is a different question.

The Deputy Premier a little later said:

Exactly, and I think you have made the point I was seeking to make earlier...

So the Deputy Premier and I were on the same page to an extent, but the page is really worth questioning. The point that was being made was that the university councils, I have absolute confidence, in good faith, with lots of information that has not been released to the public, have made a decision that it is in their interest to merge on the basis of the \$440 million in government funding, but what impact does that government decision—not the universities' decision but the government decision—have on Flinders University, if one institution is to get funded and the other is not?

What impact does that have on local communities in the eastern and north-eastern suburbs of South Australia, who are going to be dramatically impacted if the land currently used as the Magill campus is to be sold? What is it to be sold for? The government has not even said, but it will certainly be for development, having impacts on amenity, on traffic, on infrastructure and on lifestyle in those areas—areas that have been subjected to the most significant urban infill of potentially any part of Adelaide that is not a greenfield site over the last 10 years, particularly as a result of the John Rau planning era.

Those impacts are dramatic, but then we get back to the significant issue, the issue, thankfully, the parliament in its wisdom has seen fit to establish an inquiry on with wise parliamentarians such as yourself, sir, to explore all of that work that should have been done by the government prior to the commitment of \$440 million and whether it is in the state's best interests, whether the risks have been considered and, if necessary, mitigation strategies put in place to avert the outcomes of those risks—not just for the government's investment but for the thing itself, the very question, that is: is this merger in the best interests of South Australia?

When you take away existing institutions that are training, giving university qualifications to more of our professionals, our teachers, our medical professionals, our scientists, our engineers than any other institutions, that is also the output of the university. It is not just the profit they make or how many international students they can bring in to cross-subsidise research, as has been put. There is actually also an extraordinary piece of human capital that comes out of these institutions.

Professor Lloyd and Professor Hoj are highly regarded, well-respected and deeply intelligent deep thinkers in Australia's university scene. That is not in question. They have made a decision that it is in their university's interests to proceed down this path with this government, but this estimates procedure, this estimates hearing made it very, very clear that the responsibility that is on all of us as legislators, as we consider a bill that will apparently be coming any day now from the government, is to decide whether it is in the state's best interests. We should all take an open mind to that and seek out the evidence. The evidence thus far has not been provided, but I thank the universities for their acknowledgement that there will be more information to come, and I look forward to seeing it.

During the estimates session with higher education the Deputy Premier and I also discussed issues relating to government commitments on scholarships, and on those scholarships which were promised by the government at the last election which are now starting to be rolled out. We have high hopes that they will attract more people to the teaching profession, for one.

There is a significant level of need for more teachers in our system and that challenge will be exacerbated, that opportunity will potentially be exacerbated, by the decision of the government to proceed with the royal commission's recommendations in relation to three-year-old preschool. That model, and the modelling done by the royal commission, suggests that our shortfall at the moment is about 140 teachers in early childhood alone. There are also many, many teachers required in country areas and schools across South Australia, and hundreds more.

In addition to that current shortfall and the current shortfall of hundreds more non-teaching qualified staff to meet the needs of three-year-old preschool, there is also a requirement of 880 more diploma and certificate qualified staff, 120 directors and other staff, and another 660 teachers. We are talking about the need for more than 2,000 extra teachers over the next three years to meet the government's election commitment in an area, the early childhood education space, where we currently have 2,000 early childhood teachers in South Australia. The government has set itself a task, and I think the several dozen scholarships in question may help. I wish them well.

In relation to the arts portfolio we had an interesting hour, and I again thank Minister Michaels for taking very few Dorothy Dixers and for being engaged in the questions being asked. There were several issues of importance. The first I want to raise in relation to the arts estimates is that of the APY Art Centre Collective and the review the Minister for Arts has over them at the moment in conjunction with her colleagues in the Northern Territory and the commonwealth.

The APY arts collective represents a number of local arts centres in the APY lands and artists from the community. This includes some extraordinary artists, people who have lived their life on the APY lands, who have grown up there and who are telling their stories with extraordinary quality that is sought after around the world. Artists from the APY arts collective include the most recent winner of the Ramsay Art Prize.

That is something to be celebrated but, unfortunately, many of these artists, despite their significant achievements, have told me and have told the member for Heysen, have told other people, that they feel a stigma over their work because of the review that is continuing on and on. In question time today we learnt there is no end date. It is potentially the end of the year, and that is really concerning to them.

It is concerning for their livelihoods, while this stigma is over their heads, because exhibitions have been cancelled both in Australia and abroad. Not to put too fine a point on it, it is their livelihoods, their wellbeing, their way of earning money, money that is reinvested in those APY communities. While their exhibitions are cancelled and while people are not looking at their works in exhibitions, not buying their works, that source of funding to the community, that non-welfare funding that has been making its way in recent years to those communities, has dried up.

As the Minister for Arts said in question time today, these issues are important and it is important that if there is a review it be correctly done. However, it is worth noting that the National Gallery undertook a review into the works they had in their exhibition and that review was able to have terms of reference drawn up, reviewers appointed, the review conducted and reported on all in about the same time it took this government to figure out who was going to be on the review committee for its review.

The National Gallery finished its review in the time it took this government to get its review started. That is extraordinary when there are livelihoods at risk, particularly livelihoods that support vulnerable communities. The strong message I give the government is to get on with it. Have a look at the National Gallery review and consider whether there are opportunities to reduce the scope of the current review in accordance with the fact that the National Gallery has already done a lot of the work, certainly in relation to some of that background.

I think that the wellbeing of artists is a strong consideration, and in the estimates process we discussed this with the minister. At that point, the minister had not yet even concluded the appointment process for the review panel. I made the point, 'Obviously I suspect our most significant concern is for the artists?' The minister said, 'Absolutely,' and I continued:

And their wellbeing. Can I ask the minister what role the government plans to play in supporting those APY artists through what is at the moment a difficult time to fulfill their commercial potential moving forward?

The minister said:

Once the panel is stood up, I'll be guided by and work with them as to what departmental support we can provide particularly to those artists. What you have touched on is absolutely key: being able to support them to tell their story and to be able to support them going forward. A lot of these art centres will continue with or without the APY Art Centre Collective; some incredible work is done at those art centres. They are members of the APY Art Centre Collective, but they are individual art centres, largely on their own, so they will continue. We just need to make sure we have the right support for these people to help them through it.

Those are worthy statements. The minister says, 'We want to support the artists,' who, as I pointed out, are significantly affected, emotionally affected and financially affected, as are their communities.

The minister said they want to support them. The minister said that once the review is stood up she will engage with the review and her department to see how they can be supported. Do you know what has happened since then? The department has sent a letter to the APY arts collective cancelling its funding.

We found out today in question time that it is a legal mechanism designed to enable the funding to be cancelled straightaway rather than having to wait six months if the review finds wrongdoing. If the review does not find wrongdoing, as the NGA review found no wrongdoing, then presumably the department will send back a letter saying, 'We're okay with reinstating funding now.' They may do that. We did not get confirmation of that today, but they may do that. I certainly encourage them to.

The key thing that has been lost in here is the wellbeing of the artists, because the minister said in estimates that the wellbeing of the artists was a primary concern and that the government would be looking at ways of supporting them. In talking to some of the artists about this question a couple of weeks ago, a good start might be a telephone call—listening to the artists, talking to the artists about what they need and how they can be supported.

It is all very well to say that you are listening to the voices of Aboriginal South Australians, but when you have a significant issue like this, which is having a practical and dramatic impact on the welfare of vulnerable people, as well as younger First Nations artists, listening to those artists, I would encourage the government, would be a really good start.

Also in the arts portfolio I drew to the attention of the house some issues in relation to a topic called supplementation. In relation particularly to the support for non-government organisations that are supported by government with regular grants, those grants are indexed to a point, but in last year's Mid-Year Budget Review it was highlighted that inflation has been dramatic, so the government increased the indexation with supplementation for a range of organisations delivering frontline services in recognition of their increased costs.

However, as came out during this session of estimates, there are a number of environmental organisations and a number of arts organisations that are being considered by this government as unworthy of attracting that supplementation. We recognise that in the social services sector there are a great number of organisations that are experiencing those dramatically increased costs, so certainly we are supportive of the supplementation that has gone to certain organisations, but for the government to pick and choose then which organisations get it and which do not in a way that is not

consistent, as I understand it, with the application of the original Treasury Instruction, that ratification of the original funding, is most unusual.

In relation to arts organisations, it is particularly keenly sought by a number of those organisations, so I asked the minister about this. I certainly think from the minister's answers that she was in regular dialogue and discussion with the Treasurer and Treasury officials about getting this decision overturned, including those arts organisations.

There are about 40 arts organisations in question that deliver a service for the South Australian people supported by government funding, successive governments having determined that it is in our wellbeing, our education and our cultural wellbeing, supporting our young people and a whole range of other reasons why we support these arts organisations and the government funds them.

They have increased costs, like everyone else, and the service that they deliver is reduced at a time of cost-of-living crisis when they do not get support from the government equivalent to what it is meant to be. Effectively, what you are seeing if the supplementation is not given to these groups is a cut to their funding. As I understand it, about six organisations have been given that supplementation funding and 30-odd that have not.

The minister said that she is seeking some flexibility and working through with Treasury on expanding that across those very worthy arts organisations. I asked, 'Can the minister advise when she expects to have an outcome from her negotiations with the Treasurer on that matter?' The minister said, 'I cannot answer that, of course. It is a decision for the Treasurer. I am hoping quickly, but I cannot answer that definitively.'

I put on the record that I continued to wish the minister good luck in those negotiations, but I regret to advise that a freedom of information application to the office of the Treasurer found an application seeking access to all briefings, advice, memos and/or correspondence relating to the inclusion of arts organisations in the list of NGOs supported with funding for indexation supplementation, in particular any information relating to which organisations were included in the program or not and any related advice, and any correspondence or memos or minutes of meetings between Minister Michaels and the Treasurer in relation to indexation supplementation for NGOs returned, and I quote from the FOI officer:

Pursuant to section 23(1)(b) of the Act, I advise that, following an extensive search conducted within this office, no documents relevant to your request were located.

No documents, no meetings, no minutes of meetings, no diary entries presumably, no correspondence. It does not seem that this government takes these arts organisations seriously at all. For all the honeyed words of the arts minister in seeking to reassure the arts sector that she is on their side and seeking the Treasurer's forbearance and the Treasurer to overturn his decision, I think in this case the Treasurer is carrying the can, being given the can to carry, for a whole government that has no interest in supporting these arts organisations.

I think those arts organisations and their spokespeople see through that hypocrisy. I think they will continue to lobby and advocate their cause articulately and passionately. Frankly, they deserve better than just being taken for granted. Their costs have gone up. With what they offer to our community—in terms of helping our young people in their creativity, in terms of helping our community stay in touch with culture and to experience art and what it can offer us through performing arts, visual arts, music, dance and everything else—these organisations are really, really struggling at the moment and the government is doing nothing to help.

One of the particular election promises the government took to the last election was that there be a \$10 million live music fund. During the estimates process this year, we did some exploration of how much of that \$10 million live music program had been spent and how much was still going to be spent. What became very clear during the estimates was that the government thinks that its work here is done. Musicians in South Australia, music, advocacy groups, live musicians, everybody who thought, 'Yes, the new government is coming in with a \$10 million live music package,' well, they have been sold a pup too.

Simple questions in relation to the package included asking the minister how it had been spent. We had 85 event grants, supporting activity at \$1.5 million. There was half a million dollars to the Royal Show to get live music back to the show. There was \$250,000 for mental health support, and about a million dollars was redeemed in e-vouchers given to local venues to support live music. That is a total of about \$4 million, which some might say is less than the \$10 million live music program promised by the government, so \$4 million expended of the \$10 million live music package.

Given that the live music industry had some confidence that there would be a \$10 million package one way or the other, I asked the minister if the government would consider repurposing any of the \$6 million unspent towards other measures that would support the live music industry in South Australia. The minister said, 'I think we were quite clear going into the election as to what that commitment was and particularly what that \$5 million was for,' that \$5 million obviously being kept in the Treasury fund in case there were any more COVID lockdowns. So, absent any COVID lockdowns, the live music industry cannot expect to see any of that funding.

If there are further grants available, if the money has been rolled over for that million that was unspent in e-vouchers, then maybe—maybe—it will be more than \$4 million. But a \$4 million expenditure, when the government spent a year trying to claim credit for their \$10 million package for live music in South Australia, again this has been seen through by the industry. People are not taken for fools lightly. They do not like it, they do not like being taken for granted and they are not going to be taken for granted in this area without having their voices heard too.

Finally, in relation to the arts portfolio, I asked a question about the Adelaide Festival Centre. It is the 50th anniversary of the Adelaide Festival Centre. This was an initiative that crossed a number of governments. It was the Dunstan government that got to open it; it was in fact under Playford and Hall that the project started. For 50 years, South Australia, through our Festival Centre, has had the world presenting on our stage to people in South Australia. It has been a launching pad for many careers. It is a wonderful thing to celebrate.

What has become clear in this 50th anniversary year is this government has supported the Adelaide Festival Centre with about \$1 million worth of cuts to their programming and the loss of staff. Indeed, in terms of celebrations for the 50th anniversary, the minister has previously talked about funding being provided to support that celebration. I asked about that again: 'Is there going to be any funding to support the Festival Centre in its 50th year celebrations, and to what purpose has that funding been put or will it be put?' We are now at 29 August, about two-thirds of the way through the year but, as yet, no extra funding. The minister at estimates took it on notice. It was disappointing to say the least.

All these criticisms of the government, with the possible exception of the delays to the APY arts collective review, are not reflections on the minister personally but, rather, reflections on the low priority this government puts on the arts and culture sector in South Australia. Its low prioritisation is highlighted by the fact that, inasmuch as there have been commitments in the election to support the arts sector through extra funding to the Fringe and extra funding to the Film Festival to annualise it—and I am certainly not making any criticism of those two initiatives—the \$10 million live music package, as we have discovered, has turned out to be just \$4 million.

Those promises did not come with an asterisk on the mail that was being sent out to all the arts organisations ahead of the election saying, 'By the way, this is going to be paid for out of defunding or cutting funding to other arts organisations,' but that is, in effect, what has happened. We have seen dramatic budget savings with significant impacts on a range of statutory companies and other small to medium companies and larger companies.

They are feeling the effects, whether it is through significant cuts to their funding—as we have seen, the Festival Centre, the Museum, a range of the institutions—or even through just the fact that their modest funding has not been supplemented to remotely keep in track with inflation. They are feeling it, and they do not feel like the arts cultural sector is a priority for this government. It is important when it comes to the future of young people of South Australia, for whom the arts and cultural sectors—in South Australia I think more than any other state over the last 50 years—have felt that South Australia is a place that nurtures their opportunities. But, under this government, no more.

In relation to the education portfolio, I might make some remarks, and in particular I would like to comment on the reflections we had through the estimates process of how the Gonski funding process works. It has been identified that in the budget papers there is an increase of \$381.7 million in how much the education department had to spend this year compared with what it was identified as in last year's budget papers. That increase continues, I think up to nearly half a billion dollars by the end of the forward estimates.

Over the forward estimates, that chart shows about \$2 billion extra in the education department's budget than it had in last year's budget papers over the same period. That is a dramatic increase. The reason is, and I am quoting here from the budget papers:

...due to the higher indexation applied to the Schooling Resource Standard base amount and loadings under the National School Reform Agreement.

This is because in 2019, when I signed, along with Minister Dan Tehan from the commonwealth, the Gonski agreement setting into place that federal education act, that unlocked extra funding, and it was going to be increased every year according to certain criteria and indexed.

That has been applied in this case, so the government has \$2 billion more than it thought it was going to have. That was because we wanted to have a consistent understanding in education of growth funding so that it can be applied towards getting the right outcomes for our students so that we can obviously maximise our opportunities in their lives and for our economy and for our nation.

The government is currently dealing with an EB with teachers, who are asking for quite a lot extra, as we understand it, that is, a 20 per cent to 25 per cent pay rise and an SSO in every classroom. This would be a fairly large financial commitment. I understand from media reports that the education minister has suggested it is in the order of \$1 billion a year extra. The budget papers show Gonski provides an extra \$380-odd million a year, so there is a gap.

Under the national agreement, currently we fund 95 per cent of public schools' Schooling Resource Standard. The minister, when he was shadow minister, argued that that the government needed to renegotiate Gonski with the commonwealth so that it got up to 100 per cent. He also criticised me as the minister for having in there 4 per cent of the state contribution that was able to be applied to things that were not necessarily directly responsibility under Gonski.

There is 9 per cent short of what public schools should be getting, according to the education minister when he was in opposition and, certainly now, the education union. Were that 9 per cent to be restored—5 per cent extra from the commonwealth and 4 per cent extra from the state—I think we established during the estimates process that it was in the order potentially of an extra \$190 million per year, the minister said, if we got that extra 5 per cent.

If the minister was to offer up an extra 4 per cent of things that are going towards depreciation and SACE, if that was not counted towards our Gonski, for example, then presumably that would be an extra \$150 million or so from the state government. It is up to the minister to negotiate within cabinet whether his rhetoric in opposition is going to be met by investment in government, but what we are talking about would then be an extra \$340 million or so a year on top of the additional indexation.

We would still be well short of what the teachers union is apparently arguing for but, if the minister and the government are going to put their money where their mouth has been for the last four years, then that \$340 million extra over and above what is in the budget might well assist the Minister for Industrial Relations in his negotiations with the union. I will leave that for them to explore and see whether they want to come up with the cash.

We understand from the estimates hearings that the negotiations on the next round of the National School Reform Agreement and how that funding is going to be going forward is imminent. It has not been announced yet, so presumably that negotiation is happening at the same time as the negotiation of the EB. I have some sympathy with the education minister, given that complication; nevertheless, he had certainly high expectations when he was in opposition, and those expectations can now be reasonably applied to him in government.

The application of Gonski funding was a topic that attracted some discussion during the estimates proceedings and since. The application of that funding should be towards public school students and their teaching and learning. What we discovered during the estimates process was that \$1.2 million of that funding has been applied not to the teaching and learning of public schools, not indeed even to the particular decisions the government have taken into their priorities for public schooling, but instead towards advertisements, including TV advertisements, for enrolments and applications at Findon's new technical college, TV advertisements for a high school to get enrolments. Enrolments the government is seeking to achieve at Findon High School's technical college are 120—16 year 10 and 16 year 11—and that will be a supplementation to the several hundred students who are already at Findon High School. The \$1.2 million is a substantial campaign.

The Deputy Premier, when she was education minister, decided to spend about \$3 million on TV ads and cinema ads for public education in about 2016-17. She was roundly pilloried and criticised for the use of money in relation to that purpose, but \$1.2 million for effectively enrolments at one school is pretty significant.

The government have defended this decision on two bases. One is that they want to tell people about the technical colleges—two more of which will be open in 2025 and two more of which will be open in 2026—and they say that having a focus on these critical industries that are going to be supported by these technical colleges is worth it and that it is important we tell people about this. The second basis on which they defend it is: 'But you guys did it too.' They say that \$300,000 was applied towards the Building What Matters materials during the previous government and \$45,000 was applied to a campaign called ThankED. Those were the two examples cited.

I am going to take the minister's word for it. It was in a question on notice that he replied to today in the parliament, and it is in materials that the government was backgrounding and providing directly to journalists a few weeks ago, that there was \$300,000 from Gonski money in relation to the Building What Matters campaign. I am uncertain that is entirely accurate, but I will take them at their word. I am sure that must be accurate because they said so. It is a much smaller number for a start.

Secondly, and here is the thing, the Building What Matters material was hoarding and bunting around schools. They were materials that had to be bought anyway because there were big buildings going up. Indeed, when you have an active worksite you will note there is always bunting and hoarding around it. We were upgrading in the order of 100 public schools and building five new schools. That is a lot of real estate to cover across the whole state as part of a \$1.5 billion education building program in our public schools.

Instead of those materials bearing the name of the builder, they had a picture of the school that was being built so that a community could have confidence in their local public school at a price tag of about \$1 million less than what is proposed in this circumstance. Let's assume that it was Gonski funding—the minister says so, so it must be true. It is still an order of magnitude less, and it was money that had to be spent anyway. It was money that was actually doing a purpose other than grandstanding over a government election commitment.

The second campaign that the minister and the government cling to, as an example in defence of their Findon program, is this \$45,000 that went to a ThankED program. The context for that ThankED program was an encouragement for the people of South Australia to thank their teachers in the middle of a pandemic when the pressures on those educators as leaders in our community were second to none in living memory.

I do not know about members on the government side, but I have pretty acute memories of the extraordinary anxiety being felt by so many in our community during the pandemic. As we were encouraging people to work from home for their safety and the safety of their community, we had the advice that said that schools should stay open for our kids' health and because, with some mitigation in health circumstances, it was still safe to do so. As we were telling everyone else to stay home, we were asking teachers to trust that advice in extraordinary times and go to work.

Many people felt anxiety at that time, but our teachers did an amazing job. Our principals, our preschool directors, our leaders did an amazing job. We did not think it was inappropriate to spend \$45,000 expressing gratitude. It was actually going to have an impact on morale and connect communities in a very positive way with teachers.

Again, I do not know if members on the government side remember, but it was a febrile time, it was a difficult time, and people were sometimes behaving not at their best. Encouraging positivity in the community—something that was directly going to the benefit of our teachers, our school communities, morale in our school communities and culture in our school communities—we felt was money well spent, and the government is complaining about that \$45,000? My goodness, how badly must they feel about the \$1.3 million they have spent on the Findon Technical College campaign?

Go to the second part of the government's defence on why this money needed to be spent, and it is the defence that I think the chief executive repeated in Budget and Finance. I have heard the minister reflect on similar things. It is critically this: that if the government felt it was so important to talk about the opportunities through VET and skills and technical qualifications, I agree with them.

Eight out of 10 of the fastest growing jobs that we need extra workers for in this state over the next 20 years are going to be jobs that require skilled and technical qualifications. These are jobs where a robot is unlikely to take your job. These are jobs where often the young people can do a traineeship or an apprenticeship, get paid while they are learning, have a fantastic career and go on to amazing things.

They may go on to do a university degree as well, but there is a perception problem around skilled and technical qualifications, and it is a challenge that particularly the research we did when we were in government identified. We need to convince students that there are opportunities there. We need to give them good career counselling. We need to get them on those positive tracks, and we also need to convince their parents that it is indeed a worthy use of their time.

It is a focus for them. It is going to be something that will give their child every opportunity. As it turns out, the research shows that parents are often one of the main groups encouraging kids to go to university even if that university degree is not necessarily the most appropriate or the best path for that student. Parents understanding the benefits of skilled and technical qualifications is a worthy goal.

If the \$1.3 million advertising campaign that the government put in was to convince parents and encourage people to think about skilled and technical qualifications, was to let people know that every public school in South Australia now offers Flexible Industry Pathways to help young people connect with jobs, connect with learning opportunities and connect with the skills that industry and business have told us they want from their school leavers and their graduates, that would have been a worthy campaign. That would have been Gonski money well spent.

That would have met the purpose of the Gonski expenditure as intended by letter and by motivation. Instead, we have a campaign that freedom of information documents show was designed around encouraging and stimulating enrolments at Findon Technical College, enrolments that, as of the date that enrolments were supposed to close, were at about 50 of the 120 spots available, despite the fact the Premier and the minister have been there about 13 times doing media and telling us the phones were ringing off the hook with parents who were desperate to be there. Fifty enrolments after a \$1.3 million advertising campaign is really disappointing.

The Hon. J.K. Szakacs: How many times did you go there in four years, John?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: I have been to Findon High School a couple of times, yes.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Brown): Order!

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: What we did when we were in government was introduce Flexible Industry Pathways at more than 100 public schools. We did a significant body of work listening to families and communities, businesses and industries about what they needed from their technical qualifications. What we did not need was hundreds and hundreds of students, including from the most elite schools in Adelaide, doing Cert III in Fitness qualifications during the winter break to boost up their ATAR paid for with the government's training budget, as was happening every year during the former Weatherill years.

Instead, we thought what would be good was if we spent training money on areas where people could get job outcomes, encouraging school-based apprentices to do jobs, to do roles that would help them into a job. Indeed, at more than 100 schools, we introduced these new Flexible

Industry Pathways that have been doing just that and still are. This is something the government should be celebrating. I commend the minister and I commend the government. They have kept them. They have kept these reforms. They have not reinstated the old way of doing things: they have kept the new way that we put in at the beginning of 2022 in all schools after piloting it for the two years before.

Despite the fact that every school is now a technical college in terms of the quality of the technical pathways that they offer, the government did not advertise that and is not advertising that to its young people. Instead, it is spending its Gonski money advertising these places, unfortunately not very successfully. We hope every single one of these 120 places is full at the beginning of next year. We want this project to succeed. We are an opposition that wants South Australia to do well, and we want Findon Technical College to do well, but that does not require \$1.3 million to be spent on this one advertising campaign.

FOI documents show that the decision to go to TV came with public servants expressing an interest in what the Premier thought, whether it met his expectations. The decision was made after a meeting of the minister and the chief executive. The chief executive has clarified in Budget and Finance that it was entirely on his recommendation, and I take him at his word, of course. He is, I think, wrong to do so, and I think the government should really reconsider and not do this again, because what else could that \$1.3 million have been spent on?

It was not new money to the budget. It was money that was in the budget because of the national school funding agreement that we signed in 2019. It is existing resources. That money could have gone to course counselling, the very issue that we are talking about.

Those course counsellors could have been encouraging people at Findon High School, but instead the aspect of professional course counselling that was in the department's work plan when the new government came into office was cancelled in order to redirect funding to government election priorities.

That money could have gone to supporting work to stop little kids being excluded and suspended from school. Little kids with disability, including reception, years 1 and 2, were found by Professor Linda Graham to be at the highest risk, with hundreds and hundreds having suspensions and exclusions every year, whether it is their classroom teacher or the structures around them not being set up in a way to support them. Our government put \$15 million towards a set of reforms to support those students better. That money was to be spent over four years.

This government kept the reforms, kept the money but spread it over an extra two years—so over six years—so those extra supports will not be in place until later. Those are the sorts of programs this government has cut or reduced or delayed in order to pay for TV ads for the technical college. That is why I get aggravated about it, and I think that the government's defence for it has not been very good. I am going to jump to another topic at this point, so I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

Parliamentary Committees

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

The Legislative Council informed the House of Assembly that it had appointed the Hon. R.A. Simms to the committee in place of the Hon. T.A. Franks (resigned).

Bills

SUPREME COURT (DISTRIBUTION OF BUSINESS) AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction and First Reading

Received from the Legislative Council and read a first time.

EXPLOSIVES BILL

Introduction and First Reading

Received from the Legislative Council and read a first time.

At 17:32 the house adjourned until Wednesday 30 August 2023 at 10:30.

*Answers to Questions***SA WATER**

13 Mr TELFER (Flinders) (16 November 2022).

1. Did the 2021 condition assessment of SA Water's East Coast Trunk Main and the Tod Ceduna Trunk Main reveal which sections of the pipeline would be a priority for the more detailed condition assessment to be undertaken during the period 2028-32?

2. Does SA Water anticipate any replacement of the asset (apart from ancillary infrastructure) will be required prior to the anticipated completion of the proposed detailed condition assessment in 2032?

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):

1. SA Water has identified sections along each trunk main and marked its mapping system to monitor these sections for future condition assessment. Additional work is required to confirm the locations and scope of the condition assessment.

2. At this time, SA Water does not have any planned replacements scheduled prior to 2032.

ENTREPRENEURIAL LEARNING STRATEGY

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (13 June 2023).

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised of the following:

Each entrepreneurial specialist school has been provided the funding over the term of their funding agreement to establish entrepreneurial learning and programs in their schools.

All of the committed funds of \$6.34m has been provided to the schools with the last payment made in 2022-23, which is the last year of the Entrepreneurial Learning Strategy.

All five entrepreneurial specialist schools have advised that entrepreneurial learning will continue for students at their schools, as programs of learning have become part of the curriculum offerings at the schools.

TAFE SA

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (13 June 2023).

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised of the following:

TAFE SA takes seriously any concerns raised about quality.

Any complaints are fully investigated and addressed to ensure TAFE SA maintains the highest standards for quality vocational education and training. TAFE SA's handling of complaints is reported to, and monitored by, the TAFE SA Board.

I am not aware of the quality issues you referred to in your question. I asked TAFE SA to look into the matter, and they have been unable to identify the issue that you have raised.

CITY WEST AREA

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (27 June 2023).

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): The Attorney-General has advised:

The City West Declared Public Precinct (DPP) was first declared on 10 November 2017, and has subsequently been renewed annually.

This DPP had effect in the 'City West' precinct between 6pm each Friday and Saturday and 6am the following day.

The DPP nominally expired on Sunday 25 June 2023. A new DPP was declared over the same area and times, notice of which was published in the *Government Gazette* on Friday 30 June 2023. As a result, there was no change in the powers available to SA Police at relevant times.

Following extensive work with SA Police, an expanded DPP was declared by notice in the *Gazette* on Monday 10 July 2023. For details of that declaration, I refer the member to that day's supplementary *Gazette*.

*Estimates Replies***EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

Since 1 July 2022, nine executive appointments were made as follows:

Role Title	Classification
Director, Arts Infrastructure Programs	SAES 1
Director, Security, Emergency and Recovery Management	SAES 1
Technology Strategist	SAES 1
Director, Office for Autism	SAES 1
Director, Strategic Programs	SAES 1
Director, Internal Operations and Governance	SAES 1
Community Recovery Coordinator	SAES 1
Director, Analytics and Intelligence	SAES 1
Executive Director, Intergovernmental and Diplomatic Relations	SAES 2

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$1,982,301 (excluding on costs).

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):

I have been advised that for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

Since 1 July 2022, there were 12 executive positions abolished.

- The following seven executive positions were vacant and no longer required:

Role Title	Classification
Program Director, Government Services Portal	SAES Level 1
Director, COVID Management	SAES Level 1
Director, Policy Lab	SAES Level 1
Director, Product Teams (Platforms)	SAES Level 1
Director, Digital Engineering	SAES Level 1
Director, Arts Infrastructure Projects	SAES Level 1
Director, Projects and Procurement	SAES Level 1

- The following three executive positions were no longer required due to organisational change.

Role Title	Classification
Chief Digital Officer	SAES Level 2
Executive Director, Strategic Communications	SAES Level 2
Director, Economic Strategy	SAES Level 1

- The following two positions transferred to the Attorney-General's Department as part of machinery of government changes.

Role Title	Classification
Executive Director, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation	SAES Level 2
Director, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation	SAES Level 1

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$2,923,329 (excluding on costs). The employment cost of the vacant SAES 1 roles was calculated at the mid-point of the SAES 1 remuneration range.

Individual executive total remuneration package values as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

The total value of the termination payments was \$590,849.63 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-2023 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants in 2023-24 is \$0.25 million and for the engagement of contractors in 2023-24 is \$2.24 million.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
PEG Consulting Pty Ltd	Independent review of the Emergency Management Act 2004	\$187,500 (total cost of contract is \$360,000)

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
		\$197,925
CyberCX Pty Ltd	Undertake and deliver assessment of protective security agency capability across government agencies	(total cost of contract is \$550,607)
CyberCX Pty Ltd	Information security management services	\$98,700
Integral Technology Solutions Pty Ltd	Provide managed services and support for the One Stop Shop Project	\$36,000
B&H Australia	Relocate existing media monitoring system to a new location	\$25,825
Enthdegree	Independent media audit for the whole of government master media contract managed by the Department	\$23,910
Wavemaker	Supply specialist services including strategy development, planning and buying of advertising media for whole of government	Commercial in confidence

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	57,619	58,745	56,166	57,100

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Government Communications	FTE	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
	\$m	2.51	2.54	2.58	2.62
Premier's Office	FTE	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
	\$m	1.22	1.24	1.26	1.28
Office of the Chief Information Officer	FTE	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
	\$m	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.19
Lot Fourteen	FTE	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	\$m	0.47	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	FTE	34.4	31.4	31.4	31.4
	\$m	4.38	3.97	4.03	4.09

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Premier and Cabinet				
Convention Bid Fund	The Convention Bid Fund was established with the purpose to attract more international and domestic business events to South Australia.	8,610	9,750	6,000

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Premier and Cabinet			
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Perfect China Incentive First Timers 2022	170,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Perfect China Incentive First Timers 2023	170,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	International Union of Physical & Engineering Sciences (IUPESM) World Congress on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering 2025	562,500
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	CSANZ & ANZET Annual Scientific Meeting 2023	250,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	CSANZ & ANZET Annual Scientific Meeting 2025	350,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	International Combined Orthopaedic Research Society (ICORS) Oct 2025	130,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	Annual Scientific Meetings of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Respiratory Science and the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZSRS 2025 & 2028)	290,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	Australian Wine Industry Technical Conference (AWITC) in July 2022 and July 2025	150,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	Leading Age Services Australia (LASA) 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025	465,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	International Rangelands Congress 2025	50,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	CICA Conference, Exhibition and Crane Display—2022, 2024, 2026	202,500
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Ozwater 2025	154,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) Conference 2024	256,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists RANZCO Scientific Congress 2024 and 2027	230,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	CleanUp and International Chemical Bioavailability in Terrestrial Environment Meeting (Combined Event) 2022, 2024 and 2026	230,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	Asia Pacific Kiwanis International Conference 2024	68,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Countrywide Food Service Distributors National Conference 2022 and 2024	84,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	Australia New Zealand Association of Neurologists ANZAN ASM 2024	106,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Australasian College for Emergency Medicine's 41st Annual Scientific Meeting 2024	184,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	ASMIRT National Conference 2025	150,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Clinical Oncology Society of Australia's Annual Scientific Meeting (COSA) 2025 & 2028	150,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Occupational Therapy Australia 31st National Conference and Exhibition 2025	100,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	Self-Managed Super Funds Association National Conference 2026	75,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Cancer Survivorship 2023 & 2027	52,800

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Australia Structural Engineering Conference (ASEC) 2023	20,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Renal Society of Australasia (RSA) 2024	70,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Rural and Remote Mental Health Symposium 2022 and 2025	116,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Australasian Simulation Congress 2023, 2025, 2027	310,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	AUSVEG Hort Connections 2023	282,500
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	Home Economics Institute of Australia National Conference 2024	40,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	Australian Sleep Association – Sleep Downunder 2025 & 2027	215,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	Congress of the Asia Pacific Initiative on Reproduction (ASPIRE) 2023	220,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Australian Group on Severe Communication Impairment AGOSCI 2025	68,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	evokeAG. 2023	245,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS) 2023	15,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Austmine Conference & Exhibition 2023	81,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	HTAi 2023 Annual Meeting	92,500
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Preventive Health Conference 2023	70,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Australian Dental Congress 2027	217,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) Annual Scientific Meeting 2025	100,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	International Renewable Energy Conference 2024	100,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Global Health Congress 2024	40,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	Australian and New Zealand Society of Vascular Surgery – Scientific Meeting 2023 or 2024 or 2025	50,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	Asia-Pacific Stroke Congress—APSC 2024	145,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	International Conference on Geoscience Education 2026 (GeoSciEd)	23,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	International Oyster Symposium 2023	36,850
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	International Psycho-Oncology Society World Congress (IPOS)	100,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Rural Medicine Australia 2026	85,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	International Mental Health Nursing Conference 2026	45,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology Annual Scientific Meeting and Nephrology and Transplantation Update Course 2024	50,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Australasian HIV&AIDS and Sexual Health Conference 2024	115,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	International Congress on Modelling and Simulation (MODSIM) 2025	120,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	International Society for the Study of Fatty Acids and Lipids (ISSFAL)	100,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	CBAAs Conference 2023	25,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	National Allied Health Conference 2025	68,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	MicroTAS 2025	170,000

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Australian Council for Educational Leaders (ACEL) National Conference 2024	50,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	G'day 2023 & 2025	80,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Australasian Military Medicine Association National Conference 2025	70,000
Convention Bid Fund	Adelaide Venue Management Corporation	Underground Operators Conference 2025 (AusIMM)	150,000
Convention Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide	Philanthropy Australia National Conference 2024	40,000

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—*Administered*:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Premier and Cabinet				
Promotion of the State	A non-competitive grant fund available to support government and non - government organisations in activities that promote the economic, social and cultural aspects of the state.	1,865	1,906	1,902

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Premier and Cabinet			
Promotion of the State	N/A – there are currently no commitments made from the Promotion of the State fund		

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

The department provides its employees with mobile two in one devices that combine the features of both laptops and tablets. This enables employees to work in the office or remotely from any location with the one device.

The cost of these devices and the support of the devices is met from the department's existing ICT services budget.

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Percentage of department budget	0.20 %	0.20 %	0.21 %

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Premier's Delivery Unit:

Since 1 July 2022, 3 executive appointments were made as follows:

Role Title	Classification
Executive Director	SAES2
Director Projects	SAES1
Director Policy and Reform	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$678,159 (excluding on costs).

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Premier's Delivery Unit:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Premier's Delivery Unit:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$90,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Australian Public Affairs Pty Ltd	Policy analysis of the introduction of a public child sex offender register program in Australia and internationally, including a review of implementation outcomes.	\$30,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Peter Hanlon	Strategic Advice	\$60,000

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for Infrastructure SA:

Since 1 July 2022, five executive appointments were made as follows:

Role Title	Classification
Director, Assurance	SAES1
Director, Infrastructure Prioritisation**	SAES1
Director, Strategy	SAES1
Commercial Director, Northern Water Supply**	Non-SAES Executive
Director, Procurement & Delivery, Northern Water Supply	Non-SAES Executive

**Please note that the positions of Director, Infrastructure Prioritisation and Commercial Director, Northern Water Supply were included in last years' omnibus question as it fell within the reporting period. These have again been included in this years' question as there was some cross over between the reporting periods for the same question.

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$1,336,040.00 (excluding on costs).

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for Infrastructure SA:

Since 1 July 2022, there were zero executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
N/A	N/A

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$0 (excluding on costs).

Individual executive total remuneration package values as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for Infrastructure SA:

The total value of the termination payments was \$0 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for Infrastructure SA:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for Infrastructure SA:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$1,923,533.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Northern Water Supply Project – Various consultancies	Further business case costs	\$500,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
ASANA	ARQL Database & Workflow Solution Contract	\$24,258
C Moore Solutions	Contribute to the 20-Year State Infrastructure Strategy Discussion Paper	\$49,275
Various	Independent assurance reviewers	\$1,350,000

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for Infrastructure SA:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	\$2.552	\$2.559	\$2.574	\$2.616

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for Infrastructure SA:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities.

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Infrastructure SA	FTE	0	0	0	0
	\$m	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	FTE	0	0	0	0
	\$m	0	0	0	0

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for Infrastructure SA:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for Infrastructure SA:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—*Controlled*:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Portfolio Name				
Infrastructure SA	N/A	-	-	-

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Portfolio Name			
Infrastructure SA	N/A	N/A	-

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—*Administered*:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Portfolio Name				
Infrastructure SA	N/A	-	-	-

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Portfolio Name			
Infrastructure SA	N/A	N/A	-

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for Infrastructure SA:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2023-24, and for previous years 2021-22 and 2022-23 is as follows:

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Percentage of department budget	0	0	0

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised by the Auditor-General that for Auditor-General's Department:

Since 1 July 2022, # executive appointments were made as follows:

Role Title	Classification
No executive appointments	

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$# (excluding on costs).

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised by the Auditor-General that for Auditor-General's Department:

Since 1 July 2022, there were # executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
No executive positions abolished	

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$# (excluding on costs).

Individual executive total remuneration package values as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised by the Auditor-General that for Auditor-General's Department:

The total value of the termination payments was \$nil which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised by the Auditor-General that for Auditor-General's Department:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised by the Auditor-General that for Auditor-General's Department:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$2,148,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
KPMG	Actuarial review of liabilities.	\$92,500
Ernst & Young	Actuarial review of liabilities.	\$95,900
RM Consulting Group Pty Ltd	Subject matter expert	\$71,000

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Jacobs Group (Australia) Pty Ltd	Subject matter expert	\$62,000
Pitcher Partners Corporate Pty Ltd	Review of asset valuation model	\$27,000
The Message Bureau	Development of an internal communications strategy	\$11,400

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Ernst & Young	Sub-contract auditing services	\$254,800
KPMG	Sub-contract auditing services	\$174,400
Galpins	Sub-contract auditing services	\$372,800
Grant Thornton	Sub-contract auditing services	\$54,000

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised by the Auditor-General that for Auditor-General's Department:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	4,161	4,266	4,373	4,482

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised by the Auditor-General that for Auditor-General's Department:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities (1)

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
TOTAL	FTE	o	o	o	o
	\$m	o	o	o	o

(1) Excludes resources used in production of the Auditor-General's reports to parliament.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised by the Auditor-General that for Auditor-General's Department:

The Auditor-General's Department does not undertake government-paid advertising other than minor costs associated with advertising a small number of job vacancies.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised by the Auditor-General that for Auditor-General's Department:

The Auditor-General's Department does not administer grant programs nor does it make grants.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised by the Auditor-General that for Auditor-General's Department:

The budgeted additional expenditure for remote work infrastructure¹ for the financial year 2023-24, and for previous years 2021-22 and 2022-23 is as follows:

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Percentage of department budget	0	0	0

(1) Auditor-General's Department employees are required to work remotely at clients sites and as such the department incurs expenditure to enable its employees to work at client sites. Our work from home policy specifically states:

- The office site (SAC or client site) is regarded as the primary place of work and appropriate equipment will be provided for this workplace. Whilst home workplaces will still need to be assessed as compliant with health and safety legislation and practices, taxpayers' money will not be used to set up home offices.
- Employees are responsible for all costs they may incur while working from home, including telephone, electricity, data usage and insurance. They are also responsible for any costs (including time) incurred in travelling from home to attend any scheduled work commitments.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

Since 1 July 2022, 0 executive appointments were made as follows:

Role Title	Classification
N/A	

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$0 (excluding on costs).

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

Since 1 July 2022, there were 0 executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
N/A	

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$0 (excluding on costs).

Individual executive total remuneration package values as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

The total value of the termination payments was \$0 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$38,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
No engagements to date		

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
No engagements to date		

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	426	399	401	392

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
TOTAL	FTE	0	0	0	0
	\$m	0	0	0	0

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission there were are no grant programs over the forward estimates:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—*Controlled*:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Premier and Cabinet, Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission	n/a	0	0	0

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Premier and Cabinet, Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission	n/a	n/a	0

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—*Administered*:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Premier and Cabinet, Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission	n/a	0	0	0

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Premier and Cabinet, Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission	n/a	n/a	0

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (29 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

All ICT services are provided by DPC through a service level agreement, no additional charges have been included in the service level agreement for the management of remote work infrastructure. The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2023-24, and for previous years 2021-22 and 2022-23 is as follows:

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Percentage of department budget	0	0	0

ADELAIDE HILLS BUS SERVICES

In reply to **the Hon. D.R. CREGAN (Kavel)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises the South Australian government intends to introduce a new high-frequency bus service between Mount Barker and the city in 2024.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises the number of vehicles to which an outer areas registration concession was applied between 1 July 2022, and 30 June 2023, was approximately 12,693.

The reintroduction of the outer areas registration concession was an election commitment of the Malinauskas Labor government and has saved regional communities in excess of \$3.1 million.

Similarly, as of 1 July 2022, owners of historic or left-hand drive vehicles 25 years or older were able to access reduced care registration fees under the conditional registration scheme.

The number of vehicles between 25 and 29 years of age that registered on the conditional registration scheme as of 30 June 2023, was approximately 2,924 vehicles.

From 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, the total fee for a typical six cylinder vehicle in metropolitan Adelaide was \$820.09. However, if this same vehicle was on historic registration for the 12-month period, a total fee of \$82.14 would apply, resulting in to a cost saving of \$737.95.

REGIONAL BUS SERVICES

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises pursuant to the new regional bus service contracts, provision of buses to undertake the contracted services is the responsibility of the service provider.

Phase one of the regional bus services procurement, which included the contract areas detailed in Table 1, has concluded with all bidders notified of the tender outcomes. The new phase 1 regional bus service contracts will commence 1 October 2023.

Phase 2 of the regional bus service procurement is anticipated to be released to market late 2023 and includes the contract areas detailed in Table 2.

Table 1

Phase 1 Contracts 1-14:
1. Barossa Regional Bus Contract
2. Eyre Flinders Regional Bus Contract
3. Fleurieu Regional Bus Contract
4. Kangaroo Island Regional Bus Contract
5. Mid North Regional Bus Contract
6. Mount Gambier Regional Bus Contract
7. Northern Adelaide Hills Regional Bus Contract
8. Port Augusta Regional Bus Contract
9. Port Lincoln School Regional Bus Contract
10. Port Lincoln on Demand Regional Bus Contract
11. Riverland Regional Bus Contract
12. South East Regional Bus Contract
13. Tatiara Regional Bus Contract
14. Yorke Regional Bus Contract

Table 2

Phase 2 Contracts 15-19
15. Murray Regional Bus Contract
16. Port Pirie Regional Bus Contract
17. Spencer Regional Bus Contract
18. Whyalla Regional Bus Contract
19. Eastern Riverland Bus Contract

OPTUS DATA BREACH

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises as a result of the Optus data breach an estimated 125,051 customers had their driver's licence number changed.

The Malinauskas government assisted South Australians affected by the Optus data breach through the waiving of the standard \$20 licence replacement fee to affected South Australian customers.

At the time, we announced our intention to seek reimbursement from Optus of any taxpayer liability.

In December 2022, we advised that our negotiations with Optus were successful, with Optus providing reimbursements for the cost of replacing affected licence cards and associated expenses.

This outcome could not have been achieved without the outstanding work of Service SA workers across the state. Their tireless efforts helped South Australians regain security of their identity.

This reimbursement by Optus, coupled with Service SA raising the bar when it comes to public service, is an excellent outcome to an unfortunate event.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT DISABILITY ACCESS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises they are contributing to the reform process of the disability standards for accessible public transport (transport standards) through its membership on the National Accessible Transport Steering Committee and associated National Accessible Transport Taskforce working groups.

TORRENS TO DARLINGTON PROJECT

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): I note a review of the former Liberal Government's flawed Torrens to Darlington motorway design found it to be significantly under scoped and under costed, and that the total cost to the state would have been \$15.15 billion with essential network upgrades included, not the \$9.9 billion the Marshall Liberal Government promised the people of South Australia prior to the 2022 state election.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises that the department is unable to release the estimated cost of property acquisitions due to ongoing negotiations with interested parties.

TORRENS TO DARLINGTON PROJECT

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises the North-South Corridor, River Torrens to Darlington Project released a Registration of Interest on 25 January 2023, which closed on 7 March 2023. This was followed by an Expression of Interest released on 11 April 2023, which closed on 6 June 2023.

TORRENS TO DARLINGTON PROJECT

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises the River Torrens to Darlington Project requires the acquisition of a remaining 112 commercial properties, and 12 industrial properties.

The department is unable to release the estimated cost of property acquisitions for commercial and industrial properties due to ongoing negotiations with interested parties.

TORRENS TO DARLINGTON PROJECT

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises that including partial acquisition, 72 commercial and 7 industrial properties have been acquired.

The department is unable to release the cost of property acquisitions for commercial and industrial properties due to ongoing negotiations with interested parties.

PASSENGER TRANSPORT ACT

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): I am advised that the Department for Infrastructure and Transport is progressing recommendations for the South Australian government's consideration on changes to how the point to point industry is regulated ahead of an update being provided to industry on next steps.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): I have been advised:

Department for Infrastructure and Transport

Since 1 July 2022, two new executive appointments were made, with a further six appointments to vacant positions already in the existing structure. Individual executive total remuneration package values as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

Department for Energy and Mining and Office for Hydrogen Power SA

Since 1 July 2022, six executive appointments were made. Individual executive total remuneration package values as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): I have been advised:

Department for Infrastructure and Transport

Since 1 July 2022, there were eight executive positions abolished. Individual executive total remuneration package values as detailed in Schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be an unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

Department for Energy and Mining and Office of Hydrogen Power SA

Since 1 July 2022, there were 0 executive positions abolished.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): I have been advised:

Department for Infrastructure and Transport

There have been no termination payments for executive positions since 1 July 2022.

Department for Energy and Mining and Office of Hydrogen Power SA

There have been no termination payments for executive positions since 1 July 2022.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): I have been advised that for the Department for Infrastructure and Transport and the Department for Energy and Mining:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

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GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): I have been advised:

Department for Infrastructure and Transport

The budgeted expenditure (GST exclusive) on goods and services for the financial year 2023-2024 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total supplies and services budgeted expenditure	680,413	667,034	650,130	669,265	685,997

Note: figures above exclude the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing.

These budgets are subject to change during normal budget processes throughout the year and represent operating related expenditure only.

Department for Energy and Mining and Office of Hydrogen Power SA

The budgeted expenditure (GST exclusive) on goods and services for the financial year 2023-2024 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
DEM				
Total goods and services	42,451	29,240	27,518	27,937
OHPSA				
Total goods and services	3,271	2,712	1,085	-

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): I have been advised:

Department for Infrastructure and Transport

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Division		2023-2024 Budget	2024-2025 Budget	2025-2026 Budget	2026-2027 Budget
Public Affairs	FTE	24	24	24	24
	\$m	2.917	2.961	3.005	3.050

Department for Energy and Mining and Office of Hydrogen Power SA

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Entity		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
DEM	FTE	8	8	8	8
	\$m	1.02	1.04	1.05	1.07
OHPSA	FTE	-	-	-	-
	\$m	-	-	-	-

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): I have been advised that for the Department for Infrastructure and Transport and the Department for Energy and Mining:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): I have been advised that for the Department for Infrastructure and Transport and the Department for Energy and Mining:

There is no specific budget allocated for the management of remote work infrastructure.

RIVER MURRAY FLOOD

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises over the course of the flood event, and due to flow predictions (and anticipated water levels) increasing over time, the contractor was required to demobilise and remobilise the construction activity zone. The first flooding peak was in December 2022, followed by a second peak in January 2023.

As a result limited works were able to be undertaken in December 2022. In January 2023, the Burdett levee bank (protecting land under the bridge on the eastern side of the river) breached outside of the Project area. This caused flooding of reclaimed land on the eastern side of the river, delaying the commencement of works on and around this side of the bridge (pier painting and installation of cathodic protection).

Works to stabilise the failed sections of the Burdett levee bank were completed in April 2023. Dewatering of the Burdett flood plain beneath the bridge on the eastern side of the river was completed in May 2023. This enabled the contractor to regain access to the work site and undertake critical path works on the eastern side of the river.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Department for Energy and Mining advises the current departmental policy is a maximum of 50 per cent of employees contracted hours can be worked from home, dependent on business needs.

HYDROGEN POWER FUNDING

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Office of Hydrogen Power SA advises the standard practice of reporting budget figures upon the occurrence of a machinery of government change has been followed.

The transfer of the Port Bonython Hydrogen Hub project team from the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) and the industry development team from the Department for Energy and Mining was effective from 1 March 2023.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing:

Since 1 July 2022, no executive appointments have been made.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing:

Since 1 July 2022, no executive positions have been abolished.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing:

The total value of executive position termination payments was \$0.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$3.2 million.

Cost of external consultants engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000 is estimated at \$128,000.

Cost of external contractors engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, is estimated at \$1,846,100.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is \$28,502,000.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Communications	FTE	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
	\$m	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
TOTAL	FTE	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
	\$m	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised:

- \$2.735 million (2023-24), \$2.771 million (2024-25) and \$2.808 million (2025-26) for the State Sport and Recreation Development Program.
- \$3.105 million (2023-24), \$3.182 million (2024-25) and \$3.262 million (2025-26) for the Active State Collaboration Program.
- \$1.289 million (2023-24), \$1.321 million (2024-25) and \$1.354 million (2025-26) for the Active Club Program.
- \$0.718 million (2023-24), \$0.735 million (2024-25) and \$0.754 million (2025-26) for the Performance Pathways Program.
- \$5.575 million (2023-24), \$5.627 million (2024-25) and \$5.680 million (2025-26) for the Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program.
- \$0.525 million (2023-24), \$0.538 million (2024-25) and \$0.551 million (2025-26) for Connected and Active Communities Program.
- \$0.142 million (2023-24), \$0.145 million (2024-25) and \$0.149 million (2025-26) for the SASI Individual Athlete Program.
- \$16.383 million (2023-24), \$12.671 million (2024-25) and \$13.019 million (2025-26) for the Racing Industry Fund.
- \$10.215 million (2023-24), \$10.431 million (2024-25) and \$10.691 million (2025-26) for the Sports Vouchers Program.

The office has responsibility for two administered funds; both of which are created and governed by legislation. The total allocation for 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years is \$13.837 million.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing:

ORSR has a service level agreement with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet to provide ICT services that includes digital tools, cybersecurity and support services.

There is no additional budget for remote work infrastructure.

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2023-24, and for previous years 2021-22 and 2022-23 is as follows:

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	0	0	0

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection:

Since 1 July 2022, and to the period 30 June 2023, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Chief Executive	EXEC0F (SAES2)
Chief Information Officer	SAES1
Chief Financial Officer	SAES1
Chief HR Officer	SAES2
Regional Director, North	SAES1

Please note that none of these positions were newly created but appointments made to existing vacancies. The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$1,375,000 (excluding on costs).

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection:

Since 1 July 2022, and to the period 30 June 2023, there were no executive positions abolished.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection:

Since 1 July 2022, and to the period 30 June 2023, there were no executive termination payments.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

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As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

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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): I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection (DPC):

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$1.819 million (comprising \$0.322 million for consultants and \$1.497 million for contractors).

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection:

Page 92 of the 2023-24 Agency Statements, Budget Paper 4 Volume 1 provides the Department for Child Protection's budget for supplies and services for 2023-24.

Forward years have not been formally released.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Communications and Engagement Unit	FTE	5	5	5	5
	\$m	630,252	640,311	649,912	659,662
TOTAL	FTE	5	5	5	5
	\$m	630,252	640,311	649,912	659,662

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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GRANT PROGRAMS

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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): I have been advised:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24 financial year:

Grant program/fund name	2023-24 Estimate \$000
Child and Family Welfare Association of SA	120
Child and Family Welfare Association of SA	182
Australian Centre for Child Protection	210
NAIDOC SA INC	25
Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN)	15
Healthy Development Adelaide	5

Within the Department for Child Protection, grants are agreed upon on a year by year basis and as a result forward years' information is not available.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection:

The percentage of departmental budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2023-24, and for previous years 2021-22 and 2022-23 is approximately half of 1 per cent.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Office for Women within the Department of Human Services:

Since 1 July 2022, no executive appointments were made in the Office for Women.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Office for Women within the Department of Human Services:

Since 1 July 2022, there were no executive positions abolished.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Office for Women within the Department of Human Services:

The total value of the termination payments was \$0.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Office for Women within the Department of Human Services:

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CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Office for Women within the Department of Human Services:

The estimated total cost for engagement of external contractors in 2023-24 is \$170,526. No expenditure has been committed for consultants in 2023-24.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Office for Women within the Department of Human Services:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	414	194	147	147

The increase in the budgeted expenditure on goods and services in 2023-24 is due to time limited funding associated with the FIFA Women's World Cup campaign to raise awareness of coercive control (\$200,000 in 2022-23 and \$200,000 in 2023-24).

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that, as the Office for Women is a division of the Department of Human Services (DHS), any communication and promotion activities are provided by the broader department.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Women, Equality and Domestic Violence Prevention	Supporting the full and equal participation of women in social and economic life.	15,387	10,514	9,133

The Office for Women delivers funding to programs with funding provided through:

- state government
- National Partnership on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2021-27.

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Beneficiary/Recipient	Value (GST ex)
Baptist Care (SA) Incorporated	\$291,000
Women's Safety Services SA Incorporated	\$1,212,496
Catholic Family Services (Centacare)	\$77,600
Women's Safety Services SA Incorporated	\$646,896
Catholic Family Services (Centacare)	\$77,600
Uniting Country SA Ltd	\$38,800
Zahra Foundation Australia Pty Ltd	\$194,000
Relationships Australia (SA) Inc	\$2,482,440
Women's Safety Services SA Incorporated	\$825,682
Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Services of SA Incorporated	\$354,000
Nunga Mi:Minar Inc	\$923,862
Australian Refugee Association Inc	\$282,715
Multicultural Youth South Australia Incorporated	\$172,424
Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	\$389,617
Women's Safety Services SA Incorporated	\$815,437
Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	\$1,084,437
Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	\$776,017
Catholic Family Services (Centacare)	\$540,300
Nunga Mi:Minar Inc	\$511,381
Catholic Family Services (Centacare)	\$372,236
Women's Safety Services SA Incorporated	\$1,398,686
Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Services of SA Incorporated	\$745,354
Australian Refugee Association Inc	\$489,685
MOUNT BARKER FAMILY HOUSE INC	\$232,800
Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	\$232,800
Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	\$445,488
Murray Bridge Community Centre Incorporated	\$232,800
Power Community Ltd	\$200,000
Women's Emergency Services Coalition of South Australia Incorporated	\$510,707
Gawler Community House	\$232,800
Alexandrina Council	\$232,800
Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	\$232,800
Uniting Country SA Ltd	\$232,800
Women's Safety Services SA Incorporated	\$108,000
Women's Safety Services SA Incorporated	\$552,782
Working Women's Centre SA Incorporated	\$2,839,841
KornarWinmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	\$1,039,180
Women's Safety Services SA Incorporated	\$1,823,600
Women's Safety Services SA Incorporated	\$5,493,044
No to Violence	\$1,140,000
Women's Safety Services SA Incorporated	\$5,210,135

The total contract value represents total amounts across the total contract term, which in many cases extends across previous and future financial years. The values do not include any indexation amounts that may be payable under the contract nor fee for service contracts.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley)** (30 June 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

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): I have been advised that for the Office for Women within the Department of Human Services:

There is no specific budget allocated for the management of remote work infrastructure.

COAST PROTECTION BOARD

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

The Coast Protection Board has not yet approved the 2023-24 budget. However, it is anticipated that approximately \$1 million will be available for allocation to the coast protection and community participation grant programs.

CONSERVATION COUNCIL

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

This grant contributes to CCSA's core activities as the peak body for the community environment sector. The grant will fund the delivery of community consultation and engagement including:

1. Facilitation of consultation and engagement with the community and member groups on environmental issues;
2. A voice for engagement with the state government on environmental issues on behalf of the community and member groups; and
3. Representation on behalf of member groups.

Specific outcomes deliverable include:

- Provision of a liaison point between DEW and the sector.
- Consultation with the broader conservation community on state environmental policies and programs.
- Provision of representation, where requested, to facilitate communication and information exchange on environmental issues, policies and programs.
- Facilitation and support for SA Nature Alliance.
- Provision of community advisory and information services by way of phone, internet, face-to-face, social media, newsletters, public lectures etc.

CONSERVATION COUNCIL

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

The department does not have formal arrangements in place for the Conservation Council to provide specific advice on managing vegetation in relation to fire prevention and control and prescribed burning. The council may provide advice on native vegetation and fire management, including on matters that are open for public consultation.

CONSERVATION COUNCIL

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

No market comparison was conducted.

GLENTHORNE NATIONAL PARK

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

The estimate for the Glenthorne National Park-Iyamaitpinna Yarta changing places facility was \$554,099 (excl GST). This was removed from project scope on 17 March 2022.

LANDSCAPE PRIORITIES FUND

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

There is no additional funding from private landowners coming into the Landscape Priorities Fund project 'Increasing ecosystem resilience and restoration through Tasmanian blue gum wildling removal' on Kangaroo Island. Landholders are undertaking wildling control work on an individual basis.

NATIVE VEGETATION FUND

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

The current balance of the Native Vegetation Fund at 30 June 2023 was \$26,167,670. Seven projects covering 454ha have been funded in 2022-23 for a total of \$2,903,595.

Projects funded from the Native Vegetation Fund in 2022-23:

- Eyre Peninsula Biodiversity Credit Exchange;
- Kanmantoo Grassy Woodland Revegetation Program;
- Hindmarsh Valley Hotspot Restoration Project;
- Reconstructing poorly conserved and under-represented *Allocasuarina verticillata* Grassy Low Woodland on the low hills of the northern Fleurieu Peninsula;
- Restoration of Eucalypt Woodland at Wattle Flat; and
- Port Elliot Pink Gum Woodland Revegetation.

The act requires that the fund must, as far as practicable, be used:

- (a) to protect, establish or regenerate native vegetation on land that is within the same region of the State as the cleared land, and that has been selected by the Native Vegetation Council for that purpose; and
- (b) to preserve and maintain that vegetation once established or reinstated.

Accordingly, use of the fund, as far as practicable, will be applied in the regional council areas and communities where the associated clearance is approved and undertaken.

PARKS 2025 PROGRAM

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

In this current financial year \$7.66 million will be allocated for the following Parks 2025 projects: Southern Flinders, Northern Flinders, Cleland Wildlife Park, public conveniences at Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens and Hindmarsh Valley, and other projects funded through the nature based Tourism Co-Investment Fund.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

As at 30 June 2023, 7 DEW employees have a formal working arrangement whereby they undertake the majority of their work from home.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

Since 1 July 2022, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Water Science and Monitoring	SAES1
Director, National Parks Programs	SAES1
Director, Planning, Heritage, Coastal Protection and Dog and Cat Management	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$611,000 (excluding on costs).

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

Since 1 July 2022, there was one executive position abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Landscape Services	SAES1

Individual executive total remuneration package values as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

There have been no executive terminations.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23, information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

There is a notional budget allocation of \$0.250 million for consultants in 2023-24 and a notional budget allocation of \$0.982 million for contractors in 2023-24.

These notional budget allocations are based on historical average expenditure and will be subject to change during the 2023-24 financial year in accordance with departmental requirements.

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23, information relating to actual expenditure on consultants and contractors in 2023-24 including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water (DEW):

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for DEW Controlled for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24 Original Budget	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Estimate
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	94 052	44 396	40 894	37 640

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for DEW Administered for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24 Original Budget	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Estimate
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	565	870	675	676

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in the Communication and Engagement activities

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Communication and Engagement	FTE	7.4	8.0	8.0	8.0
	\$m	0.9	0.91	0.93	0.94
Green Adelaide	FTE	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
	\$m	0.27	0.3	0.3	0.3
Botanic Gardens and Herbarium	FTE	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
	\$m	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Coast and Marine	FTE	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
	\$m	0.02	0.02	0.2	0.2
Science and Information	FTE	0.6	0	0	0
	\$m	0.08	0	0	0
TOTAL	FTE	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8
	\$m	1.33	1.35	1.37	1.39

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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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): I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

The 2023-24 budget for advertising has not been finalised.

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Original Budget \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Environment and Water				
National Parks and Wildlife	The sustainable, proactive conservation and management of South Australia's natural places, parks and wildlife ensures the environmental, social, and economic prosperity of the state	4 191	3 627	3 670
Water and the River Murray	Water is managed sustainably for the benefit of the community, environment, and economy	31 163	30 728	31 413
Environment, Heritage and Sustainability	Develop and deliver strategies, policies and projects that protect and conserve the state's environment and heritage and support sustainable development, in partnership with key bodies, in the face of a changing climate	1 714	2 109	2 118

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Original Budget \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Environment and Water				
Administered Items	Financial support grant for Zoos SA, Stormwater Management Authority, Landscape Priorities Fund, Adelaide City Council Parklands, Customer Advocacy and Research Fund, and Qualco Sunlands Ground Water Control Trust	17 533	17 855	19 364

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

The budgeted expenditure for Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for the 2023-24 financial year is \$12.078 million. This budget is consistent with previous years, and includes costs associated with the management of remote work infrastructure, including digital tools, cybersecurity and support services.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Green Industries SA:

Since 1 July 2022 no executive appointments have been made.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Green Industries SA:

Since 1 July 2022 no executive positions have been abolished.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Green Industries SA:

Since 1 July 2022 no executive positions have been terminated.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Green Industries SA:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Green Industries SA:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$888,897.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Currently GISA has not engaged any consultants above \$10,000 for working during 2023-24.

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost GST Exclusive
Cleanaway Operations Pty Ltd	Household Hazardous Waste and Farm Chemical Program 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24	Fee for service based on scheduled of rates
Blue Environment Pty Ltd	Circular Economy Resource Recovery Reports	19,700
Biz Hub Australia Pty Ltd	GRID Stage 2 and 3	113,810
Cleanaway Operations Pty Ltd	Backlight Program	55,000
McGregor Tan Research Pty Ltd	Litter Survey using Australian Litter Measure (AusLM) Methodology	67,657
McGregor Tan Research Pty Ltd	Conduct market research to understand current use of shopping bags (including single-use plastic bags, single-use paper bags and reusable bags made from a variety of materials).	5,091
Edge Environment	Identify alternatives to specified single use and other plastic products soon to be prohibited	1,955
Greencap Pty Ltd	Principal Contractor Management WHS Assurance Review	12,564
Waste and Management Services Pty Ltd	In-Field Waste Assessments/Disaster Waste Specialist	Fee for service based on hours worked. No minimum spend

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost GST Exclusive
<i>Sustainable Solutions</i>	<i>In-Field Waste Assessments/Disaster Waste Specialist</i>	<i>Fee for service based on hours worked. No minimum spend</i>
<i>Rider Levett Bucknall Pty Ltd</i>	<i>Quantity Surveyor services</i>	613,120
<i>Johns Lyng Disaster Management (Australia) PTY LTD</i>	<i>Coordinated disaster waste management of the River Murray Flood 2022-23</i>	<i>Cost plus contract, no minimum spend</i>
Total		888,897

(*) Italics relate to River Murray flood disaster waste management contracts.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Green Industries SA:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24*	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	27,727	3,920	3,708	3,900

(*) \$24m allocated to River Murray flood disaster waste management

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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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): I have been advised that for Green Industries SA:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Engagement & Communications	FTE	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
	\$m	0.39	0.40	0.40	0.41
TOTAL	FTE	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
	\$m	0.39	0.40	0.40	0.41

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Green Industries SA:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Portfolio Name (e.g. Premier and Cabinet, Arts etc)				
Recycling Infrastructure Grants (including Recycling Modernisation Fund and Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund grants)	Funding towards the construction of new and upgraded materials recovery and processing facilities, including to assist the resource recovery sector respond to challenges and opportunities presented by international market conditions	0	2,165	2,164
Regional Transport Subsidies	Funding to provide regional councils with temporary relief to subsidise the transport of kerbside collected recyclables to recovery / processing facilities	850	850	850
Business Sustainability Program	Funding for businesses and industry associations to engage third party technical advisers to identify, prioritise and implement improvements in resource/material efficiency, and other circular economy practices	444	444	444
Council Modernisation Grants	Funding to support modernisation and innovation of Local Government waste management systems	100	100	100
Circular Economy Market Development Grants	Funding to support South Australian businesses to further their market development efforts for recycled and recyclable materials	200	200	200
Kerbside Performance (Food Organics) Incentives	Funding to Local Government towards the implementation and maintenance of food waste recycling systems via kerbside organics bins	420	127	127
Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program	Funding to provide charitable recycling organisations with partial relief from the costs of the solid waste levy	244	246	252
Women in Circular Economy Leadership Award	Funding for a scholarship that provides an opportunity for a South Australian woman who is an emerging or established leader working in the area of waste and resource recovery or related areas such as the Circular Economy to pursue an investigative project of a kind that is not readily available in South Australia	7	7	7

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Regional Transport Subsidies	Adelaide Plains Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	4,224
	Barunga West Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	5,527
	Berri Barmera Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	25,483
	City of Mount Gambier	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	109,013
	City of Port Lincoln	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	102,784
	Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	13,454
	Coorong District Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	5,768
Copper Coast Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	36,023	

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
	District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	22,726
	District Council of Cleve	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	7,206
	District Council of Mount Remarkable	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	6,549
	District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	2,655
	District Council of Peterborough	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	4,637
	District Council of Robe	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	10,109
	Mid Murray Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	7,463
	Mount Barker District Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	61,470
	Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	26,836
	Port Pirie Regional Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	36,396
	Regional Council of Goyder	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	5,758
	Renmark Paringa Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	23,409
	Rural City of Murray Bridge	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	26,403
	Southern Mallee District Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	3,446
	Tatiara District Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	11,558
	The Barossa Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	17,858
	The Flinders Ranges Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	5,727
	Wakefield Regional Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	7,811
	Whyalla City Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	85,263
	Yorke Peninsula Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	29,461
	Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority	Transport of recyclable materials 2022-23	54,462
Business Sustainability Program	Australian Hotels Association SA Branch	Sustainability Program for Australian Hotels Association—SA	50,000
	Barossa Australia	Barossa Zero Carbon Glass Wine Bottle & 'Green Gas' Initiative	74,900
	Business Victor Harbor	Fleurieu Region Circular Business Program	88,986
	Distillers SA or South Australian Spirit Producers Association	Boosting Sustainability for South Australian Distillers	100,000
	Festivals Adelaide	Festival City Adelaide: Leading Environmental Sustainability and Responsible Practice	21,850
	Festival City Adelaide	Festival City Adelaide: Leading Environmental Sustainability and Responsible Practice 2.0	100,000
	Prawn Association or Spencer Gulf & West Coast Prawn Association Incorporated	Prawn Association Carbon Footprinting & Net Zero Pathway or Prawn Association Net Zero Pathway	33,000
	Australian Wine Research Institute	AWRI Net Zero Emissions Pathway	7,460
	Electrolux	Electrolux: Wash Plant Carbon Reductions / Electrolux Level 3 Energy Audit	2,000
	Flat Bread Bakery	Waste reduction and Heat Recovery Opportunities Assessment	7,420
	Gemtree	Net zero pathway	7,500
	Hewitson Wines	Hewitson Wines Roadmap to Zero Emissions	7,000
	Macro Group Australia/ Macro Meats	Macro Group Australia Energy Assessment	2,500
	Matthews Hotels	Net Zero Pathway	7,000
	Mollydooker Wines (The Marquis Family Trust)	Net Zero Pathway for Mollydooker / Mollydooker	7,500
RAA	Net Zero Pathway Development	7,000	

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
	Saint Hilarion or The Society of Saint Hilarion	Reducing Waste at RAA	7,000
	The Hygiene Co.	St Hilarion Resource Efficiency Assessment	7,000
	Uniting Country SA	The Hygiene Co. Net Zero Emissions Planning	7,000
Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program	Adventist Development and Relief Agency Australia Ltd	Net Zero Pathway for Uniting Country SA (UCSA)	879
	Australia Wide Recyclers	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2022-23 (Jul – Dec 2022 claim only)	1,478
	Foodbank of SA	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2022-23 (Jul – Dec 2022 claim only)	2,752
	RSPCA (SA) Inc	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2022-23 (Jul – Dec 2022 claim only)	3,591
	Save the Children Australia	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2022-23 (Jul – Dec 2022 claim only)	3,701
	St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) Inc	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2022-23 (Jul – Dec 2022 claim only)	30,919
	The Salvation Army Regional Community Care Ltd	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2022-23 (Jul – Dec 2022 claim only)	26,862
	Regional Community Care Limited	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2022-23 (Jul – Dec 2022 claim only)	168
	Red Nose Australia Ltd	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2022-23 (Jul – Dec 2022 claim only)	134
	United Country SA	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2022-23 (Jul – Dec 2022 claim only)	712

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Green Industries SA:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2023-24, and for previous years 2021-22 and 2022-23 is as follows:

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	%	%	%
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001

Less than 0.001% of the agency's budget has been allocated for the management of remote work infrastructure, including digital tools, cybersecurity and support services. The amount allocated is comparable with previous years.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for SA Water:

Section 17 of the South Australian Water Corporation Act 1994 allows the corporation to appoint the employees it thinks necessary or desirable and on terms and conditions fixed by the corporation. The SA Water Board govern the efficient use of people resources and SA Water has consistently employed between 1,574 and 1,660 people for the last 5 years. SA Water uses its own industrial framework for employing staff and no positions at SA Water fall within the SA Executive Service.

SA Water's executive structure comprises its chief executive, its chief financial officer, chief information officer and five general managers. These appointments are made on three-year contractual terms and several of these contracts were renewed in the period.

As a public corporation, SA Water operates in a commercial environment and competes with other private and public sector entities within South Australia and interstate. As such, SA Water considers the details of executive remuneration by specific role function to be commercially sensitive.

Salary bands of staff are included in SA Water's annual report.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for SA Water:

Section 17 of the South Australian Water Corporation Act 1994 allows the corporation to appoint the employees it thinks necessary or desirable and on terms and conditions fixed by the corporation. SA Water uses its own industrial framework for employing staff and no positions at SA Water fall within the SA Executive Service.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for SA Water:

Section 17 of the South Australian Water Corporation Act 1994 allows the corporation to appoint the employees it thinks necessary or desirable and on terms and conditions fixed by the corporation. Given this, SA Water uses its own industrial framework for employing staff and no positions at SA Water fall within the SA Executive Service.

SA Water's executive structure comprises its chief executive, its chief financial officer, chief information officer and five general managers.

SA Water did not terminate any executive positions during the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for SA Water:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for SA Water:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$76.6 million.

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements and the Public Sector Regulations 2010, external consultants engaged by SA Water, the nature of the work undertaken by the consultants and the total cost of the consultancies will be detailed in its annual report each year.

As a major procurer of services in this state, SA Water adheres with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC027, which relates to the public disclosure of contracts on the Government's Tenders & Contracts website.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for SA Water:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000
Expenses	618,329	649,719	670,642	684,854
Capital (excluding Contributed Assets)	794,959	475,153	573,947	503,806
Total goods and services	1,413,288	1,124,872	1,244,589	1,188,661

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for SA Water:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
FTE		19.9	19.9	19.9	19.9	19.9
Estimated Salary Costs	(\$m)	2.61	2.68	2.74	2.81	2.88

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for SA Water:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for SA Water:

SA Water does not manage a grant program or fund for which the minister is responsible.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for SA Water:

SA Water does not segregate remote work infrastructure costs from general business costs for digital tools, cybersecurity, and support services. These services/facilities are provided to the business on an as-required basis, regardless of location of the workforce.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

Since 1 July 2022, the following executive appointment was made.

Role Title	Classification
Chief Executive	CEO099

As an open and transparent government, the annual salary and total employment costs for this position is disclosed on the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment website: www.publicsector.sa.gov.au/about/Resources-and-Publications/annual-reports/chief-executive-remuneration.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

Since 1 July 2022, one executive position was abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Director People Strategy and Performance	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for this abolished position is \$193k (excluding on costs).

Individual executive total remuneration package values, as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract, will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

The total value of the executive position termination payment will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be an unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23, information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is between \$2.0m and \$2.5m.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have already been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
James Cook University	Expert witness in EPA case against Licencee- Direct negotiation	\$40,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Bluesphere Environmental	Christmas Cove site contamination assessment works – request for quote	\$125,000
Senversa	Melrose Park site contamination assessment works – request for quote	\$30,000
Aecom Australia	Somerton Park site contamination assessment works – request for quote	\$25,000
Emotous Pty Ltd	Leadership training – request for quote	\$11,000
Open Office Pty Ltd	Licensing system enhancements – direct negotiation	\$45,000
Cleanaway Pty Ltd	Analysis of contents of waste barrels to inform best disposal pathway – direct negotiation	Up to \$240,000
Spencer Gulf Security Services	Lincoln Gap Tyre fire – Security guard – request for quote	\$80,000

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	7,735	8,006	8,162	8,424

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Strategic Communications and Engagement	FTE	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
	\$m	0.507	0.514	0.522	0.530
TOTAL	FTE	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
	\$m	0.507	0.514	0.522	0.530

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

There is \$8,800 budgeted for planned campaign work for 2023-24.

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

The Environment Protection Authority does not deliver grant programs or funds where payments are distributed to beneficiaries.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

There is no specific budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2023-24, and for previous years 2021-22 and 2022-23. All servers that support remote working requirements for the EPA are controlled and maintained by the Department for Environment and Water.

GREEN INDUSTRY FUND

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

The balance of the Green Industry Fund at 30 June 2022 was \$68.194 million and at 30 June 2023 is \$73.914 million.

The amount paid out of the fund for 2022-23 will be disclosed in the Green Industries SA financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

SA WATER

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

For 2022-23, SA Water advises that there is around a \$4.35 million revenue cost to SA Water's regulated sewer customers, which equates to around a \$5.60 impact on the average sewerage bill. The case for investment in the NAIS Scheme was based on wastewater customers meeting some of the cost, due to the environmental benefits of reduced volumes of discharge from Bolivar Wastewater Treatment Plant to the marine environment.

SA WATER

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

Following extensive investigations of alternative options, the decision to remove the western footbridge from the scope of works was made at a project steering committee meeting in March 2023, due to prohibitive cost and time impacts to the project.

The community was advised of the change in scope of the redevelopment works in Green Adelaide's newsletter issued on 5 June 2023. This was the first scheduled communication following the decision of the project steering committee to remove the western footbridge from the scope of redevelopment works.

TEA TREE GULLY COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

In April 2021, SA Water published the Tea Tree Gully Sustainable Sewer Transition Plan, which outlined the plan to transition 2,000 properties by the end of this regulatory period. To support this plan SA Water undertook two construction pilots, which provided greater understanding of delivery challenges and complexities. The learnings from these pilots informed an adjusted expectation on the number of transitions that can be completed within the four-year regulatory period to June 2024.

As previously advised, SA Water has connected 316 properties. For financial year 2023-24, SA Water is expecting to connect another 378 properties to its sewer network.

The connection for the remainder of the properties, totalling 4,100, will be delivered in subsequent years.

ZERO COST ENERGY FUTURE EXPENDITURE

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

SA Water's electricity load costs for the past 5 years (excluding the ZCEF program net benefits) are as follows:

\$m	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Electricity costs excl. ZCEF net benefits	\$82.2	\$86.5	\$52.2	\$72.6	\$72.2

In comparison, net savings of \$12.2m were achieved from the program in 2022-23.

ZERO COST ENERGY FUTURE

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

Any increase or decrease in electricity prices for the program will offset SA Water's electricity costs thereby minimising any profit impacts for the corporation.

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has provided advice to the neighbouring property holders in regards to sampling and testing work and the EPA's legal obligations to the site management. This has included providing a copy of the report from soil and vegetation testing results, which confirmed there was no contamination resulting from the fire at the neighbouring property. The EPA also advised the neighbouring property holders that they should seek advice from SA Health on any health concerns. The EPA will continue to advise the neighbouring property of any action that the authority intends to take in relation to the site.

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

The \$1.279m of additional funds for the Environment Protection Authority were predominately made up of:

- \$325k for extra resources to license and regulate a recommenced uranium mine;
- \$109k for extra resources associated with assessing development applications; and
- \$680k for the removal and testing of hazardous waste barrels stored at a Gepps Cross location.

ST KILDA MANGROVES

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

The Environment Protection Authority has spent approximately \$147k to 30 June 2023 monitoring the St Kilda mangroves. This consists of 1330 hours or approximately \$85,000 of scientific staff time, and approximately \$62,000 spent on equipment, water sampling and vegetation and soil reports.

EYRE PENINSULA DESALINATION PLANT

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (3 July 2023). Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

From May 2018 June 2023 SA Water has spent a total of \$29.65 million. This cost includes the additional marine science research in Boston and Proper Bays and the alternate site selection committee process.

FISH STOCK

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (3 July 2023). Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

In November 2022, SA Water emailed an update on the fish stocking program across reservoirs to all of the fishing permit holders within its database, including:

Since 2019, more than 466,000 fish have been introduced into South Australian reservoirs, including:

Reservoir	Numbers	Fish
Myponga Reservoir	122,400	Murray Cod, Golden Perch, Silver Perch
South Para Reservoir	266,000	Murray Cod, Golden Perch, Silver Perch
Happy Valley Reservoir	7,000	Murray Cod and Rainbow Trout
Bundaleer Reservoir	10,500	Golden Perch, Silver Perch, Rainbow Trout
Beetaloo Reservoir	11,000	Golden Perch, Silver Perch
Aroona	50,000	Murray Cod, Golden Perch, Silver Perch

Over the next 12 months, an additional 205,000 fish will be stocked:

Reservoir	Numbers	Fish
Myponga Reservoir	20,000	Rainbow Trout
South Para Reservoir	10,000 40,000 30,000	Murray Cod Golden Perch, Silver Perch
Happy Valley Reservoir	5,000 5,000 5,000	Murray Cod Golden Perch, Silver Perch
Bundaleer Reservoir	7,000	Golden Perch, Silver Perch, Rainbow Trout
Warren Reservoir	10,000 40,000 30,000	Murray Cod Golden Perch, Silver Perch

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Defence SA:

Since 1 July 2022, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Director Information Warfare	SAES1

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Defence SA:

Since 1 July 2022, one executive position was abolished following retirement.

Role Title	Classification
Senior Space Advisor	SAES1

Individual executive total remuneration package values as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Defence SA:

The total value of the termination payments was \$0 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Defence SA:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Defence SA:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$1,519,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Nil		Nil

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Contractors	Method of appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
SmartSat CRC	Direct Unique supplier	Project management of the SASAT1 Space Mission Services (Kanyini)	\$1,225,000
RASU Film & Stills	Request for Quote	Defence Innovation Partnership Promotional videos related to Collaborative Research Fund projects	\$31,000
Defence Teaming Centre	Direct Unique supplier	Concierge services for the Defence Landing Pad	\$22,000
Van Den Berg Design	Tender	Stand construction for Pacific 2023 exhibition	\$235,000

Note: current BMS budget not reflective of current operations; transfers between supplies and services budget lines will be undertaken at the earliest opportunity so budget reflects the operational environment.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Defence SA:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	6,251	6,304	6,435	6,142

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Defence SA:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Defence SA	FTE	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8
	\$m	0.776	0.787	0.799	0.811

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Defence SA:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Defence Industry Development	Defence Export Scholarship Fund	150	–	–
Defence Industry Development	South Australian Defence Industry Sustainment Project	379	384	–
Defence Industry Development	Overseas supply chain engagement	120	–	–
Defence Industry Development	Line Zero Factory of the Future, prototyping line	4,529	200	200
Industry Attraction/Assistance	Establish a purpose-built Centre for Joint Integration and expand recipient's operations in South Australia	800	800	800

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Defence Innovation Partnership Activator Fund	Targeted defence research development based on defence themed challenges to drive innovation towards maturity	1,600	1600	–
Defence Innovation Partnership Collaborative Research Fund	Grants supporting genuine collaboration across government, universities and industry, as a catalyst for defence-relevant research, development and innovation.	670	670	–
South Australian Space Industry Centre—Space Industry Development	Space industry Gravity Challenge Collaboration	50	–	–
South Australian Space Industry Centre – Space Innovation Fund	Space Incubator program	400	–	–
South Australian Space Industry Centre – Space Innovation Fund	Post-graduate scholarships in space orientated studies	80	–	–
South Australian Space Industry Centre – Southern Hemisphere Scholarships	Southern Hemisphere Space Studies Program scholarships	50	–	–
Total		8,828	3,654	1,000
Funds paid into Grant programs				
Defence Innovation Partnership Collaborative Research Fund	Grants supporting genuine collaboration across government, universities and industry, as a catalyst for defence-relevant research, development and innovation.	250	250	250

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Defence SA			
Defence Industry Development—South Australian Defence Industry Sustainment project	Defence Teaming Centre (DTC)	DTC to provide coordinated program of activities to assist the State to maintain the State's defence industry and associated skilled workforce	763
Defence Industry Development—Line Zero Factory of the Future, prototyping line	Flinders University	Support the establishment of the Line Zero—Factory of the Future research to commercial operation prototyping line for the defence sector with the initial focus on shipbuilding production processes in support of the Commonwealth's continuous shipbuilding program	4,929
Industry Attraction / Assistance	Raytheon	Establish a purpose-built Centre for Joint Integration and expand recipient's operations in South Australia	2,400
South Australian Space Industry Centre—Space Industry Development	Deloitte Services P/L	Space industry Gravity Challenge Collaboration	50
South Australian Space Industry Centre – Space Innovation Fund, Space Incubator program	University of South Australia	Deliver Space Innovation program to through a consortium with key delivery partners with expertise in the Space industry and business acceleration of high growth potential companies	400

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Defence SA	Nil			

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Defence SA	Nil		

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for Defence SA:

The percentage for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2023-24, and for previous years 2021-22 and 2022-23 is as follows:

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	%	%	%
Percentage on remote work infrastructure	Nil	Nil	Nil

DEPARTMENT FOR INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

The Department for Industry, Innovation and Science, has not received advice on casual staffing within the universities.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

The information on the investment being made by the universities towards the transition and implementation of the new university is commercial in confidence.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

The Transition Plan published by the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia outlines that the universities will undertake further detailed transition and implementation planning to enable the new university to commence operations in January 2026, should the Parliament of South Australia pass legislation to that effect. This will include further engagement with university staff.

There is no further published information outside of the agreement of the universities that there will be no forced redundancies until 18 months after the commencement of the new university.

AUSTRALIAN CYBER COLLABORATION CENTRE

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

Since the establishment, the Australian Cyber Collaboration Centre has hosted 253 events. However, the information regarding the number of people attending the events is not available as specific attendance for each event is not always collated by the centre.

AUSTRALIAN CYBER COLLABORATION CENTRE

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised:

The Australian Cyber Collaboration Centre conducted 72 training courses during 2022-23 with 1,020 attendees compared with 59 training courses being conducted during 2021-22 with 851 attendees.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

Since 1 July 2022, appointments have been made to fill four existing vacant executive positions. In addition, appointments have been made to two new positions delivering on election commitments and strategic priorities.

New appointments to existing executive positions:

Role Title	Classification
Director, People and Culture	SAES-1
Director, Office for Small and Family Business	SAES-1
Director, Industry and Workforce Capability	SAES-1
Executive Director, Industry and Workforce Capability	SAES-2

New positions delivering on election commitments and strategic priorities:

Role Title	Classification
Director, Green Industrial Transition	SAES-1
Director, Higher and International Education	SAES-1

The total annual employment cost relating to new appointments to existing positions is \$0.85 million (excluding on costs) and \$0.45 million (excluding on costs) relating to new positions delivering on election commitments and strategic priorities.

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

Since 1 July 2022, seven executive positions were abolished. The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$1.3 million (excluding on costs).

Individual executive total remuneration package values as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Information Technology and Asset Services	SAES-1
Director, Client Services and Migration	SAES-1
Director, Commercial and Finance Advice	SAES-1
Project Director, Lot Fourteen	SAES-1
Executive Director, Strategic Advice	SAES-1
Program Director, Digital Transformation	SAES-1
Project Director, Enterprise Change	SAES-1

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

The total value of the termination payments was \$nil which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$1.307 million.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24 for contracts disclosed in accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular 27. Consultancy commitment data is subject to change (pending the provision of commitment data to the Auditor-General on 11 August 2023).

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Ernst and Young	Independent advisor to facilitate a review of its ICT Services and ICT Operating Model to better align with departmental needs and objectives.	\$50,000
The Trustee for Gray Andreotti Advisory Trust	Commercial advice and analysis of options and a report to drive the vision and economic outcomes of the Tonsley Innovation Precinct.	\$50,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24 for contracts disclosed in accordance with

Premier and Cabinet Circular 27. Contractor commitment data is subject to change (pending the provision of commitment data to the Auditor-General on 11 August 2023).

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Data3# Limited	Ongoing operational requirement for the use of Microsoft's Desktop, Server and MSDN support licences.	\$253,806
Datacom Systems AU – SA Division	ICT Managed Platform Services.	\$409,814
McMillen International Pty Ltd	Provision of services, as Chief Scientist, on matters of science, technology and innovation.	\$180,000
Rural Business Support Service	Provision of financial counselling for small businesses impacted by the 2022-23 Murray River flood event.	\$244,331

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	3,408	7,034	7,579	7,751

The total budgeted goods and services disclosed excludes grant expenditures.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities:

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Strategic Communications and Engagement	FTE	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
	\$m	\$1.1	\$1.1	\$1.2	\$1.2

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Controlled:

Payments into the program/fund are identified as a negative.

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Industry, Innovation and Science				
Entrepreneur Settlement Services	To attract and retain more entrepreneurs to start and grow innovative businesses in South Australia by providing support to Supporting Innovation South Australia (SISA) visa holders, incentivising global talent attraction and engaging not for profit settlement service providers to help integrate skilled migrants into their new community.	115	—	—
EXCITE Intermediaries	To drive translation and commercialisation outcomes from research and development activities within the Adelaide Biomed City precinct.	800	800	100
Gig City	Connect businesses within key innovation precincts with extremely fast broadband speeds of 1 gigabit per second and up to 10 gigabits per second available on request.	841	—	—
International Education Recovery	Funding provided to StudyAdelaide to attract and retain high quality international students to drive sustained growth following the COVID-19 pandemic. The initiative will enhance marketing programs and deliver targeted industry connection and employment readiness programs to connect skilled graduates to employers to retain them in South Australia's workforce after study	2,000	2,000	2,000
Manufacturing Innovation Grant Program	Grant program to boost the state's manufacturing industry.	2,500	500	—
Multicultural Tertiary Courses – Italian Language	Working with universities to design and develop a program to support the delivery of Italian language courses.	250	250	250
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS)	To support the ongoing operations of South Australian based NCRIS facilities, including the purchase of new equipment and the upgrade of existing equipment.	4,762	4,683	4,268
Research and Innovation Fund	To support South Australian businesses to collaborate with researchers and universities to solve industrial problems, commercialise new products and services and attract research infrastructure investment into the state, as well as to encourage the establishment and growth of start-ups.	9,278	10,700	10,754
Royal Institution of Australia (RiAus)	Funding provided to enable RiAus to expand its journalism, with a particular focus on emerging South Australian industries such as space and renewable energy.	270	—	—
Software Engineering Degree Apprenticeship	To support the establishment and implementation of a software engineering degree apprenticeship pilot.	150	150	—
Study Adelaide	Operational funding for StudyAdelaide.	2,500	2,500	2,500
Teaching Profession Scholarships	To provide scholarship funding to up to 400 eligible students commencing tertiary education with the recipient in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree that is accredited by the Teachers Registration Board of South Australia.	500	500	500
Other minor grant programs	various	144	153	163

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, for any commitments relating to contracts (excluding MOAAs) executed on or before 30 June 2023 and funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer for contracts with a total value of \$200,000 and above. Grant commitment data is subject to change (pending the provision of commitment data to the Auditor-General on 11 August 2023).

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Industry, Innovation and Science			
Entrepreneur Settlement Services	Flinders University	Refer purpose of grant program above.	25,000
Entrepreneur Settlement Services	University of South Australia	Refer purpose of grant program above.	25,000
Entrepreneur Settlement Services	Stone and Chalk Limited	Refer purpose of grant program above.	50,000
Entrepreneur Settlement Services	University of Adelaide	Refer purpose of grant program above.	25,000
EXCITE Intermediaries	MTP-IIGC Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	1,700,000
Gig City	SABRENet Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	497,273
Gig City	MIMP Computer Cable Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	62,500
Manufacturing Innovation Grant Program	Flinders University	Refer purpose of grant program above.	1,700,000
Manufacturing Innovation Grant Program	Belgravia Group Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	550,000
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS)	South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	462,000
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS)	The University of Adelaide	Refer purpose of grant program above.	3,388,250
Research Innovation Fund and	Brandon Biocatalyst Fund	Refer purpose of grant program above.	150,000
Research Innovation Fund and	Flinders University	Refer purpose of grant program above.	285,000
Research Innovation Fund and	The University of Adelaide	Refer purpose of grant program above.	555,000
Research Innovation Fund and	University of South Australia	Refer purpose of grant program above.	150,000
Research Innovation Fund and	Flinders University	Refer purpose of grant program above.	200,000
Research Innovation Fund and	Financing of Return to Employment (Forte) Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	3,000,000
Research Innovation Fund and	The University of Adelaide	Refer purpose of grant program above.	70,000
Royal Institution of Australia (RiAus)	Royal Institution of Australia Inc	Refer purpose of grant program above.	270,000
Software Engineering Degree Apprenticeship Pilot	University of South Australia	Refer purpose of grant program above.	300,000
Teaching Profession Scholarships	The University of Adelaide	Refer purpose of grant program above.	450,000
Teaching Profession Scholarships	Flinders University	Refer purpose of grant program above.	525,000
Teaching Profession Scholarships	University of South Australia	Refer purpose of grant program above.	525,000

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Industry, Innovation and Science				
Student Transport Concessions	Payments to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) to recognise the value of transport concessions provided for student travel associated with higher education.	10 891	11,165	11,444

Funding is provided to DIT per the table above, there are no further details regarding the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

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): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

A separate budget was not allocated for remote work. Rather, remote work capabilities are inherently enabled by the department's technology infrastructure and costs managed within existing budgets. This includes the replacement of laptops (over a three-year cycle) as the primary device for staff and cybersecurity measures that account for remote connectivity.

Based on the above, the estimated expenditure for technology related to remote work has averaged approximately \$1,000 per FTE per annum in the current financial year and in the last two financial years. This represents approximately 0.2% of the department's current budget.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised that for the South Australia Police:

Since 1 July 2022, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Director Organisational Development	SAES1
Director Information Security	SAES1
Director Health Safety & Wellbeing	SAES1
Director Accelerate Recruitment & Retention	SAES1
Assistant Commissioner	ACM
Assistant Commissioner	ACM

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised that for the South Australia Police:

Since 1 July 2022, there were no executive positions abolished.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised that for the South Australia Police:

Since 1 July 2022, there were no executive position terminations.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised that for the South Australia Police:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised that for the South Australia Police:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$18.328 million.

Consultants:

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Consultancies	Purpose	Method of appointment	Total estimated cost
Seawright Consulting Services Pty Ltd	Review of District Policing Teams Roster and development of roster options based on demand management modelling.	Direct negotiation	\$10,300
The University of Adelaide	Longitudinal study on the impacts of community mental ill-heals on South Australia Police.	Invitation to supply	\$34,300
	TOTAL		\$44,600

It should be noted that this reflects consultants engaged inclusive of July 2023, with further engagements likely through the remainder of 2023-24.

Contractors:

Information on contractors engaged with estimated spend above \$10,000 between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024 can be found in the attached Appendix 1—Estimated Spend 2023-24. The estimated spend is based on contracts engagements and may vary to final budget allocations.

It should be noted that this reflects contractors engaged inclusive of July 2023, with further engagements likely through the remainder of 2023-24.

Appendix 1—Estimated Spend 2023-24

Vendor	2023-24 Estimated Spend \$'000	The reason for the Engagement (Purpose)	Method of Appointment
Access Testing Pty Ltd	665.0	Agency Staff engaged for testers for e projects	Across Government Contract
Accesshq	537.2	Agency Staff engaged for services relating to IS&T activities	Across Government Contract
Accru Harris Orchard	40.0	Agency staff engaged to provide coaching services	Direct Negotiation
Ag Security Group	350.0	Private security guards sourced by Police Security Services Branch (PSSB) for existing service delivery	Invitation to Supply
Akkodis Australia Talent	935.0	Agency Staff services	Across Government Contract
Allegro Recruitment Consult PL	70.0	Agency Staff engaged for services relating to IS&T activities	Across Government Contract
Bdo Services Pty Ltd	16.7	Contractor Services	Direct Negotiation
Blue Crystal Solutions PL	179.8	Agency Staff engaged for services relating to IS&T activities	Direct Negotiation
Chamonix It Management	138.6	Agency Staff engaged for services relating to IS&T activities	Direct Negotiation
Chandler Macleod Group L	81.4	Agency staff engaged to provide administrative services	Across Government Contracts
Chloe Luu Consulting	74.0	Claims Management Services	Invitation to Supply
Corporate Health Group P/L	361.0	Agency staff engaged to assist with the role of the Police Medical Officer	Invitation to Supply
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	365.0	Agency staff services—business case development	Across Government Contract

Vendor	2023-24 Estimated Spend \$'000	The reason for the Engagement (Purpose)	Method of Appointment
Dfp Recruitment Services	177.7	Agency staff engaged to provide administrative services	Across Government Contract
Dialog Pty Ltd	993.9	Agency Staff engaged for Projects	Across Government Contract
Edge Recruitment	704.0	Agency staff engaged to provide administrative and other services	Competitive Dialogue
Escient Pty Ltd	450.0	Agency Staff engaged for Architecture e projects	Across Government Contract
Fragile To Agile(Asia Pac) P/L	400.0	Agency Staff engaged for Architecture e projects	Across Government Contract
Fujitsu Australia Ltd	283.8	Monthly system/application management services	Direct Negotiation
Hays Specialist Recruitment	2,099.0	Agency staff engaged to provide administrative services	Across Government Contract
Hudson Global Resources (Aust)	152.0	Agency Staff services	Across Government Contract
Independent Commissioner	115.0	Agency staff engaged from ODPP to provide solicitors services	Direct Negotiation
Innodev Pty Ltd	1,287.2	Agency Staff engaged for projects	Across Government Contract
Kantar Public Australia	70.0	Agency staff engaged to provide research/survey services	Invitation to Supply
KPMG	74.0	Agency Staff engaged for projects	Across Government Contract
Manpower Services Aust P/L	250.0	IS&T Contractor Services	Across Government Contract
Mcbi	110.0	Agency Staff engaged for projects	Direct Negotiation
Modis Staffing Pty Ltd	169.7	Agency Staff engaged for services relating to IS&T activities	Direct Negotiation
Nri Australia Limited	743.3	Agency Staff engaged for projects	Across Government Contract
Nutshell Systems P/L	28.5	Agency Staff engaged for projects	Across Government Contract
Paxus Australia P/L	440.8	Agency Staff engaged for projects	Across Government Contract
Paxus Australia P/L	1,014.8	Agency Staff engaged for services relating to IS&T activities	Across Government Contract
Peoplebank Australia L	884.4	Agency staff services	Across Government Contract
Randstad P/L	1,277.7	Agency staff engaged to provide administrative, project work and other services	Across Government Contract
Roberts Metal Fabrication	34.9	Vehicle repairs, maintenance and commissioning and decommissioning services	Direct Negotiation
Rubicon Red Pty Ltd	29.8	IS&T related services	Across Government Contract

Vendor	2023-24 Estimated Spend \$'000	The reason for the Engagement (Purpose)	Method of Appointment
Safeselect	366.0	Psychometric testing of recruitment applicants	Invitation to Supply
Sbc It Pty Ltd	180.0	Agency staff services	Invitation to Supply
Spice Risk & Insurance PL	150.0	Agency staff engaged to provide administrative services	Invitation to Supply
Sra Information Technology P/L	140.7	IS&T Contractor Services	Across Government Contract
State Secur&Protectiv Ser Aust	950.0	Private security guards sourced by Police Security Services Branch (PSSB) for existing service delivery	Invitation to Supply
Stillwell Mgt Cons P/L	152.2	Agency Staff engaged to assist with staff recruitment	Direct Negotiation
Talent International (Sa) P/L	304.8	Agency Staff engaged for Architecture e projects	Direct Negotiation
Worcomp Pty Ltd	435.0	Agency staff engaged to assist with the role of the Police Medical Officer and outsourced medical tests	Invitation to Supply
	18,282.90		

GOODS AND SERVICES

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The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised that for the South Australia Police:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services*	176,534	170,292	170,932	175,053

(*) excludes grants and subsidies and intra government transfers.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
People Culture & Wellbeing (Recruiting)	FTE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	\$	\$134,128	\$136,140	\$138,182	\$140,255
Communication & Engagement Branch	FTE	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
	\$	\$3,617,419	\$3,676,062	\$3,751,203	\$3,787,171
TOTAL	FTE	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
	\$	\$3,751,547	\$3,812,202	\$3,889,385	\$3,927,426

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

Media Road Safety Unit total budget for 2023-24 is \$7.155 million for government paid advertising and associated costs.

Budgeted cost of government-paid advertising – 2023-24.	\$'000 (ex GST)
Road safety campaigns	5,950
Market research	520
Digital communication and media	630
Overheads	55
Total road safety campaigns	7,155

Talent acquisition total budget for 2023-24 is estimated to be \$879,609 for government paid advertising and associated costs.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (3 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised:

South Australia Police does not have any grant payments or budgeted grant expenditure in the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years.

REMOTE WORK

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The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2023-24, and for previous years 2021-22 and 2022-23 is as follows:

	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
	Budget \$'000	% against SAPOL's budget	Budget \$'000	% against SAPOL's budget	Budget \$'000	% against SAPOL's budget
Budgeted Expenditure on work from home infrastructure etc. **	1,036	0.72%	1,347	1.05%	1,022	0.80%

(**) The percentages provided have been calculated on SAPOL's managed operating budget less salaries and wages.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

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Since 1 July 2022, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
SAFECOM – Executive Director	EXEC0A
CFS – Chief Officer	EXEC0D
CFS – Executive Director	EXEC0A
MFS—Nil	
SES—Nil	

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in Schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

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Since 1 July 2022, there were no executive positions abolished.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

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CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

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As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

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The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$347,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

	Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
SAFECOM	11point2	Innovation Stream Trial (Direct engagement)	\$30,000
CFS	Bureau of Meteorology	Embedding meteorologist	\$292,000
	Bailey Abbott	CRIMSON and website penetration testing	\$25,000
MFS		N/A	
SES		N/A	
SECTOR TOTAL			\$347,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Nil		

GOODS AND SERVICES

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The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
SAFECOM	Total goods and services	9,438	7,866	7,952	7,882
CFS	Total goods and services	62,420	61,808	62,504	64,160
MFS	Total goods and services	14,266	13,959	14,199	14,141
SES	Total goods and services	10,554	10,871	10,904	11,084
SECTOR TOTAL	Total goods and services	96,678	94,504	95,559	97,267

(*) excludes Salaries & Wages and Depreciation

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities.

SAFECOM

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Alert SA	FTE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	\$m	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
TOTAL	FTE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

CFS

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Media & Communications	FTE	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
	\$m	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
TOTAL	FTE	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0

MFS

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Media & Communications	FTE	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
	\$m	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
TOTAL	FTE	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7

SES

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Media Marketing	FTE	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
	\$m	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
NRMA Community Engagement	FTE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	\$m	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
TOTAL	FTE	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0

SECTOR TOTAL

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
TOTAL	FTE	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7
	\$m	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39

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As an open and transparent Government, Marketing Communications Activity Reports and Annual Media Expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

SAFECOM – Nil

CFS	The CFS conducts an advertising campaign each year titled Be Bushfire Ready (BBR) campaign. The 2023-24 budget for the BBR campaign is \$700,000. There is also a \$12,000 allocation in 2023-24 for promotional material related to the Australian Fire Danger Rating System.
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MFS – Nil.

SES – Nil.

GRANT PROGRAMS

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The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
SAFECOM Disaster Risk Reduction Program (DRRP)	The Disaster Risk Reduction Program objective is to proactively reduce the risk and limit the impact of disasters associated with natural hazards on Australian communities and economies. The program commenced in 2019-2020.			
Budgeted payments into the program or fund		1,670		
Budgeted expenditure from the program or fund		8,260		
National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program	The National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program supports projects to improve the existing and/or construction of new Flood Mitigation Infrastructure which contribute to a reduction in flood risk to, and the impact of flood on, a specific community or communities. The program commenced in 2020-2021			
Budgeted payments into the program or fund				
Budgeted expenditure from the program or fund		2,337	1,000	
Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program	To support long term resilience and sustainability by delivering priority projects that mitigate the impact of disasters on communities and economies. The program commenced in 2022-2023.			
Budgeted payments into the program or fund				
Budgeted expenditure from the program or fund		6,710		
Surf Life Saving Club Grants	Grant of \$5,000 to 22 Surf Life Saving Clubs in South Australia to enable the clubs to upgrade key rescue and emergency response equipment.			

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Budgeted payments into the program or fund		110	110	110
Budgeted expenditure from the program or fund		110	110	110
Regional Capability Community Fund (Farm Firefighting Units grants)	Grant program for landowners to purchase equipment to create farm firefighting units.			
Budgeted payments into the program or fund		500	500	500
Budgeted expenditure from the program or fund		500	500	500
CFS	CFS Volunteer Association Base Grant*	388	398	408
	SA Volunteer Fire Fighting Museum Grant*	11	11	12
MFS—NIL				
SES Volunteer Association	Annual Grant Payment / Funding to SASES Volunteer Association	97	99	101

(*) Both grant programs expired in 2022-23, with new agreements current under negotiation. In 2022-23, the CFS Volunteer Associated Base Grant was \$388,750 and the SA Volunteer Fire Fighting Museum Grant was \$11,500.

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Portfolio Name			
SAFECOM Disaster Risk Reduction Program (DRRP)	State and local governments, not-for-profit, non-government organisations, research institutions and business and community groups.	The Disaster Risk Reduction Program objective is to proactively reduce the risk and limit the impact of disasters associated with natural hazards on Australian communities and economies.	8,260
National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program	Local governments	The National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program supports projects to improve the existing and/or construction of new Flood Mitigation Infrastructure which contribute to a reduction in flood risk to, and the impact of flood on, a specific community or communities	3,337
Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program	Local governments	To support long term resilience and sustainability by delivering priority projects that mitigate the impact of disasters on communities and economies.	6,710
Surf Life Saving Club Grants	Surf Life Saving Clubs	Grant of \$5,000 to 22 Surf Life Saving Clubs in South Australia to enable the clubs to upgrade key rescue and emergency response equipment.	110 annually
Regional Capability Community Fund (Farm Firefighting Units grants)	Farmers and Farming Businesses registered with CFS Farm Firefighting Unit	Grant program for landowners to purchase equipment to create farm firefighting units.	500 annually
CFS—NIL			
MFS—Nil			
SES—Nil			

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Portfolio Name				
SAFECOM Community Emergency Services Fund	As per state budget papers and report to the Economic and Finance Committee	Provision of Emergency Services	As per budgeted payments	Community Emergency Services Fund
Budgeted payments into the program or fund		388	397	404
Budgeted expenditure from the program or fund		380	397	404
CFS—Nil				
MFS—Nil				
SES—Nil				

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Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Portfolio Name			
SAFECOM Community Emergency Services Fund	As per state budget papers and report to the Economic and Finance Committee	Provision of Emergency Services	As per budgeted payments
CFS – Nil			
MFS—Nil			
SES—Nil			

REMOTE WORK

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The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2023-24, and for previous years 2021-22 and 2022-23 is as follows:

NIL.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

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The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised that for the Department for Correctional Services:

Since 1 July 2022, the following executive appointment was made to an existing vacant role.

Role Title	Classification
Regional Director South Region	SAES1

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

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Since 1 July 2022, there were no executive positions abolished.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

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CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

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The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised that for the Department for Correctional Services:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$1.455 million.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Nil		

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Contractors	Purpose	Method of appointment	Total Estimated Cost
Talent International Pty Ltd	Specialist Information Technology staff for Information Technology project development	Secondary contract through whole of government panel contract	\$350,000
Akkodis Australia Talent Pty Ltd	Specialist Information Technology staff for Information Technology project management	Secondary contract through whole of government panel contract	\$350,000
Ranstad Pty Ltd	Specialist Information Technology staff for Information Technology project development	Secondary contract through whole of government panel contract	\$200,000
Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	Specialist Information Technology staff for Information Technology project management and for Information Technology Help Desk roles	Secondary contract through whole of government panel contract	\$200,000
VIQ Solutions Pty Ltd	Provision of transcription services for the Parole Board of South Australia	Contract	\$155,000
Paxus Australia Pty Ltd	Specialist Information Technology staff for Information Technology Help Desk roles	Secondary contract through whole of government panel contract	\$80,000
MEGT (Australia) Ltd	Specialist Information Technology staff for Information Technology Help Desk roles	Secondary contract through whole of government panel contract	\$70,000
Your Nursing Agency Pty Ltd	Provision of health, personal and nursing care services to prisoners	SA Health contract	\$50,000
			\$1,455,000

GOODS AND SERVICES

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The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	150,332	147,051	148,633	149,444

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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Strategic Communications	FTE	3	3	3	3
	\$m	0.410	0.416	0.422	0.428
iSAFE	FTE	1	—	—	—
	\$m	0.74	—	—	—
TOTAL	FTE	4	3	3	3
	\$m	0.484	0.416	0.422	0.428

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The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Portfolio Name (DCS)				
Cadell Bus Service	Provision of Cadell bus service / Partners of Prisoners	49	50	51
Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA)	COSA is a community based initiative operation on restorative justice principles. COSA assists individuals who have served a prison sentence for a sexual offence in their effort to re-enter society.	97	100	—

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
Portfolio Name (DCS)			
Cadell Bus Service	Offender Aid and Rehabilitation Services SA Inc	Provision of Cadell bus service / Partners of Prisoners	49

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
Portfolio Name (DCS)			
Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA)	Offender Aid and Rehabilitation Services SA Inc	COSA is a community based initiative operation on restorative justice principles. COSA assists individuals who have served a prison sentence for a sexual offence in their effort to re-enter society.	197

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Administered:

NIL.

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

NIL.

REMOTE WORK

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The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2023-24, and for previous years 2021-22 and 2022-23 is as follows:

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	250	287	305

GRANT PROGRAMS

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Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-2024 Budget \$000	2024-2025 Budget \$000	2025-2026 Budget \$000
Asset Improvement Program	Funds transport infrastructure improvements, including bridge renewal and road safety black spot projects.	11,013	1,980	6,488
Centre for Automotive Research (CASR)	Funding provided by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport for continuing operation of CASR within the University of Adelaide.	1,624	1,665	1,707
Way2Go grants (bike facility grants)	Way2Go is an innovative program to get more students safely walking, riding and using public transport for school travel. Way2Go provides schools and councils with resources, strategies and ideas to make school travel safer, greener and more active.	152	155	159

TIKTOK INFLUENCER CAMP

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised of the following:

The TikTok influencer famil is included in the 2 per cent. The cost is commercial-in-confidence.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised of the following:

The SATC has a Work From Home Policy which allows staff to work from home at least one day a week, but no more than two days, with the endorsement of their manager, based on business needs. The number of staff working from home one or two days per week varies each week, with some staff working in the office all five days.

RIVER REVIVAL VOUCHER PROGRAM

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised of the following:

As of 8 May 2023, for River Revival Vouchers in round 1, 11,423 vouchers were issued to South Australian residents and 577 were issued to Victorian residents.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised of the following:

In 2022-23, the SATC had an allocation of \$1.4 million for the cost for PR familiarisations.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

Since 1 July 2022, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Chief Executive Officer	EXEC0E

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

Since 1 July 2022, there were no executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
NIL	

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

The total value of the termination payments was \$81,095.19 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

The estimated total cost for engagement of contractors in 2023-24 is \$53.5 million which relates to the purchase of goods and services.

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants in 2023-24 is \$0.3 million.

All consultants and contractors are appointed in accordance with the Treasurer's Instructions, and Procurement Services SA and SATC procurement and contracts policies.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000
Total goods and services	36,013	35,884	34,625	34,825

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1:

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Estimate (1)	2025-26 Estimate (1)	2026-27 Estimate (1)
TOTAL	FTE	64.8	64.8	64.8	64.8
	\$m	7,508	7,620	7,735	7,851

(1) Budgets are set annually based on operational requirements linked to the strategic plans developed and approved at board level. Therefore, the forward estimates are subject to change based on decisions regarding the internal strategic allocation of resources.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and

budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

Although individual campaigns for 2023-24 are yet to be finalised, the SATC's current budgeted spend on advertising and promotion for 2023-24 is \$21.9 million.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Budget \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Regional Event Fund	Develop new and innovative regional events, grow existing events and drive increased visitation and economic stimulus to the regional economy	500	500	1	1
Regional Consumer Cooperative Marketing	Deliver cooperative marketing campaigns to raise the tourism profile and drive increased visitation and economic stimulus to the regional economy	120	1	1	1
Regional Tourism Organisation Funding	Fund local contact officer services to support regional tourism initiatives	574	1	1	1
Experience Nature Tourism Fund	The \$2 million Experience Nature Tourism Fund aims to spur investment in nature-based tourism experiences and make South Australia more competitive in luring domestic and international tourists.	714	500	500	-
Tourism Industry Development Fund	Support and stimulate private sector investment in new and improved regional accommodation and quality tourism products and experiences	3,675	-	-	-

(1) It is not possible to forecast future costs across the forward estimates, because budgets are set annually based on operational requirements linked to the strategic plans developed and approved at board level. Therefore, the forward estimates are subject to decisions regarding the internal strategic allocation of resources.

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2023-24, and for previous years 2021-22 and 2022-23 is as follows:

Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
	0	0	0

The SATC's infrastructure allows staff to work remotely and at the office. Therefore, there is no additional cost to the agency for remote working.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

In 2022-23, the Multicultural Affairs grant programs received a total of 523 applications, of which 259 were successful and 264 unsuccessful.

The grants streams and breakdown of applications are as follows:

- Advance Together—31 applications received, of which 19 were successful and 12 unsuccessful.
- Celebrate Together—207 applications received, of which 139 were successful and 68 unsuccessful.
- Expand Together—209 applications received, of which 83 were successful and 126 unsuccessful.
- Stronger Together (two-year program from 2021-22 to 2022-23)—49 applications were received with nine successful and 40 unsuccessful.
- Multicultural Media Grants—27 applications received, of which nine were successful and 18 were unsuccessful.

MULTICULTURAL PRIORITIES FUND

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that the Multicultural Priorities Fund differs from other Multicultural Affairs grant programs in that organisations submit funding proposals in writing to the minister's office.

On such occasions, the proposals are assessed by multicultural affairs on a case by case basis, in accordance with the Department of Premier and Cabinet's internal Multicultural Priorities Fund Procedures.

Multicultural Affairs provides recommendations to the minister to approve and notify recipients. Grant agreements are entered into, and funds are disbursed, in accordance with Treasurer's Instructions.

The 2022-23 recipients are listed below:

- Adelaide Marathi Mandal Inc
- Adelaide Sri Lanka Buddhist Vihara Inc
- Afghan Association South Australia Inc
- Afghan National Association of Australia Inc
- African Communities Council of South Australia Inc
- Association of Ukrainians in South Australia Inc
- Australian Refugee Association Inc
- Brazilian Ethnic School Inc
- Calabria Sport and Social Club Inc
- Chinatown Adelaide of South Australia Inc
- Circle of Friends Australia Inc
- Greek Orthodox Community and Parish of Norwood and Eastern Suburbs Inc
- Hindu Society of South Australia Inc
- Holy Mary of Montevergine Association of (SA) Inc
- Islamic Society of South Australia Inc
- Kensington Residents' Association Inc
- Maria SS Dell'Arco Association of SA Inc
- Non Resident Nepali Association South Australia Inc
- Radio Italia Uno Adelaide Inc
- South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association
- Welcoming Australia Limited.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (4 July 2023).
(Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

There were a total of 54 projects that comprise returned grant funding, this includes events that were cancelled and projects that had unspent funds. A list of the 54 is as follows:

Organisation Name	Project Title
Acholi Owinykibul and Opari Club Incorporated	Leadership and governance training for board committee members
Adelaide & Metropolitan Malayalee Association Incorporated	Kitchen Equipment Upgrade
Adelaide & Metropolitan Malayalee Association Incorporated	Community Outreach
Adela'ide Accueil Incorporated	Bastille Day—14 Juillet
Adelaide Kannada Sangha Incorporated	Shankranti Rasa sanje
Adelaide Pakistani Women Association of South Australia Incorporated	Chand Raat, End of Ramadaan 2021
Adelaide Sri Lanka Buddhist Vihara Incorporated	Sinhala and Tamil New Year 2022: Annual Multicultural Festival
Adelaide Sri Lanka Buddhist Vihara Incorporated	Connect and Support Program—COVID-19
Adelaide Tamil Association Incorporated	Sangamam 2022
Adelaide Telangana Association Incorporated	Purchase of Event Equipment for the community
African Communities Council of South Australia Incorporated	Connecting and Empowering African Communities to Engage with services
Alliance Fran aise d'Adela'ide Incorporated	2022 Alliance Fran aise French Market
Altavilla Irpina Sports and Social Club Incorporated	San Pellegrino Martire Festa
Associazione Santa Eufemia Incorporated	Saint Eufemia Calabrian Festival
Associazione Sinopolese Del Sud Australia Maria SS Di Tutte Le Grazie Incorporated	Feast Day of Maria SS Di Tutte Le Grazie
Bangladesh Club Australia Incorporated	Independence Day Concert (Shwadhinota Dibosh Concert)
Community Development, Education and Social Support Australia Incorporated	Technology Equipment for CDESSA & Adelaide Muslim Community
Cook Island Association of South Australia Incorporation	Cook Islands Independence Day 2021 & Celebrate Together
Eastern Turkistan Australian Association	ETAA COVID-19 Outreach Projects
Glimmer of Hope Incorporated	Palestinian Cultural Day 2023
Greek Orthodox Community and Parish of Norwood and Eastern Suburbs Incorporated	2022 Norwood Greek Festival
Greek Orthodox Community of The Nativity of Christ Port Adelaide and Environs Incorporated	Greek Cultural Play
Greek Orthodox Community of The Nativity of Christ Port Adelaide and Environs Incorporated	Greek Cultural Play
Gurjari South Australia Incorporated	Navratri Garba
Hindu Council of Australia Limited	Deepavali Virtual and Puja 2021
Holy Mary of Montevergine Association of (SA) Incorporated	Equipment for the Madonna of Montevergine Festa
Indian Australian Association of South Australia Incorporated	IAASA Covid Emergency Outreach Project
Indian Community Radio Akashvani Adelaide South Australia	Revise Constitution and Website Development
Islamic Society of South Australia	Al Salam Festival 2021
Islamic Society of South Australia	Pergola installation at the Al Salam Centre
Islamic Society of South Australia	Mount Gambier Mosque Open day
Islamic Society of South Australia	Whyalla Mosque Open Day
Kalaris Hungarian Dance Group of South Australia Incorporated	Equipment for Kalaris Hungarian Dance Group
Khmer Buddhist Association of South Australia Incorporated	Khmer Buddhist Hall Upgrade
Korean Community of South Australia Incorporated	17th Korean Culture and Food Festival 2021
Latvian Co-Op Society Social Club Incorporated	Male toilet upgrade
Malaysia Club of South Australia Incorporated	Rasa Sayang Night

Organisation Name	Project Title
Molinara Cultural and Community Club Incorporated	Upgrading signage for better exposure and medical safety facilities within the club
Muslim Youth of South Australia Incorporated	Adelaide Muslims Sports and Cultural Festivals
Nexus Multicultural Arts Centre Incorporated	Nexus Arts' enhanced community engagement strategy
Pan Macedonian Federation of South Australia Incorporated	Dimitria Greek Festival
Russian Culture Centre Incorporated	Maslenitsa- Pancake festival
Serbian Australian Senior Citizens Club Incorporated	Seniors Cultural Enhancement Program
Shirdi Saibaba Community and Cultural Organisation of South Australia Incorporated	Janmashtami—Showcasing Traditional Dances of India
Shruthi Adelaide Incorporated	Composer's Day Celebration (Thyagaraja Aradhana)
Sikh Society of South Australia Incorporated	Review and revise SSSA Constitution
Sikh Society of South Australia Incorporated	Annual Vaisakhi Dinner
Somali Communities Council Incorporated	Equipment for Youth and Women Projects
South Australia Telangana Association Incorporated	Bathukamma Festival 2022
South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association Incorporated	Musical Instruments for SABCA
Thai Food Fair and Entertainment Association Incorporated	Thai Food Fair
The Mauritian Association of South Australia Incorporated	The Mauritian Association of South Australia Incorporated
Vietnamese Community in Australia/South Australia Chapter Incorporated	Adelaide Tet Festival (ATF) 2022—A celebration of the Vietnamese Lunar New Year
Welcoming Australia Limited	Improving Accessibility to the Welcoming Centre

MULTICULTURAL PRIORITIES FUND

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Moriaita—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023).
(Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that Multicultural Affairs does not release information related to the sum of money in the Multicultural Priorities Fund. The reason is that access to and supply of this information could influence funding requests from multicultural organisations in a way that has a negative impact on the administration of the grants program.

The 2022-23 actual expenditure for the Multicultural Priorities Fund was \$350,581.

The 2023-24 Multicultural Priorities Fund budget will be sourced through the total multicultural grants budget of \$6.482 million.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Moriaita—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023).
(Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for Adelaide Venue Management:

Since 1 July 2022, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Chief Governance Officer	Level B with a fallback arrangement
Chief Finance Officer	Level B with a tailback arrangement
General Manager Human Resources	Level A without a fallback arrangement
General Manager Adelaide Entertainment Centre	Level A without a fallback arrangement

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$708,003 (excluding on costs).

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Moriaita—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023).
(Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for Adelaide Venue Management:

Since 1 July 2022, there were zero executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Nil	Nil

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for Adelaide Venue Management:

Since 1 July 2022, there were zero executive positions abolished.

The total value of the termination payments was \$0 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for Adelaide Venue Management:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet CircularPC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for Adelaide Venue Management:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$1,610,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Sandra K Consultancy	Provide International business conference opportunities for the Adelaide Convention Centre	\$64,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Adams Pest Control Services	Pest Control Services	\$19,000
Fresh & Clean (AlSCO)	Hygiene Services	\$22,000
Integra Water Treatment Services	Water Treatment Services	\$38,000
Rentokil Initial Pty Ltd (Ambius)	Plant Service & Maintenance	\$11,000
Schindler Lifts Australia	Lifts and Escalator Maintenance	\$133,000
SUEZ Recycling & Recovery	Waste & Recovery Management	\$200,000
Trojan Fire Protection Pty Ltd	Fire Protection SeNice	\$48,300

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for Adelaide Venue Management:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000
Total goods and services	27,531	28,226	28,931	29,653

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for Adelaide Venue Management:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1:

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
	FTE	3	3	3	3
	\$m	\$0.304	\$0.311	\$0.319	\$0.327
TOTAL	FTE	3	3	3	3
	\$m	\$0.304	\$0.311	\$0.319	\$0.327

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for Adelaide Venue Management:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government/marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that Adelaide Venue Management does not administer grant programs.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for Adelaide Venue Management:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2023- 24, and for previous years 2021-22 and 2022-23 is as follows:

	2021-22 \$'000	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	\$41	\$43	\$27

CONSTRUCTION SOFTWOOD TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised:

Total federal and state government money accessed by Industry in 2022-23 was \$44,946. Half of this was from South Australia.

STRUCTURAL TIMBER FOR HOUSING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised:

The ban applied to logs but not woodchips. All trade in export logs from Australia to China ceased for both softwood and hardwood. Flow-on employment and economic effects had the greatest impact on Limestone Coast plantation growers and harvesting and haulage contractors. Since the China log export ban, some companies have found alternative export markets or supplied more logs to domestic processors which helped with the increased demand in that sector.

AGTECH ADVISORY GROUP

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised:

The AgTech Advisory Group last met formally on 16 September 2022

They have had 18 meetings.

OFFICE FOR THE CROSS-BORDER COMMISSIONER

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):

I refer the member to section 14 of the Cross Border Commissioner Act 2022 for annual reporting requirements. All other parts of the question were addressed in the committee hearing.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Primary Industries and Regions:

Since 1 July 2022, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Director Science, Innovation & Commercialisation	SAES1
Director Biosecurity Operations	SAES1
Director Plant & Invasive Species Biosecurity	SAES1
Research Director, Crop Sciences	SAES1
Head of Project Delivery, Forest Industries (Election Commitments) (short term contract)	SAES1

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Primary Industries and Regions:

Since 1 July 2022, there were four executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification	Date Employment Ceased
Head of Project Delivery, Forest Industries	SAES1	02/04/2023
Director People & Culture	SAES1	12/08/2022
Director Policy	SAES1	01/07/2022
Director, Industry Development	SAES1	12/08/2022

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$787,326 (excluding on costs).

Individual executive total remuneration package values as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Primary Industries and Regions:

The total value of the termination payments was \$220,637 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Primary Industries and Regions:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-2023 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and the nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by PIRSA.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Primary Industries and Regions:

The estimated total budgeted cost for engagement of consultants is \$203,000 and contractors is \$12.4 million in 2023-24.

As at 30 June 2023, no consultants above \$10,000 have been engaged for 2023-24.

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
The Trustee for Pinion Advisory Unit Trust	Compilation of the Crop and Pasture Report 2023	54,000
Gum Creek Station Pty Ltd	Coordination of aerial wild dog baiting program	55,000
Blue Crystal Solutions Pty Ltd	Support and maintain PIRSA's Oracle database environment as a managed service	80,000
JG Virtue Biosecurity Services Pty Ltd	Technical support for development of a new Biosecurity Act	95,545
Data Effects Pty Ltd	Support & maintenance services for the Soil Biology and Hay Sampling systems.	125,000
A and K Rural Contractors Pty Ltd	Dog Fence Rebuild Services – replace repairs following floods	302,365
SA Outback Company Pty Ltd	Dog Fence Rebuild Services (Stage 13)	530,012
Heli Surveys Pty Limited	Thermal Assisted Aerial Culling for Feral Pig Eradication on Kangaroo Island	1,954,545

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Primary Industries and Regions:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and for each year of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	72,370	41,741	36,839	36,039

The increase in 2023-24 relates to time limited programs.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Primary Industries and Regions:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE and expenditure to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Communications Branch	FTE	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
	\$m	1.35	1.37	1.39	1.41

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Primary Industries and Regions:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website:

<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised that:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Primary Industries and Regional Development				
On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme	Rebates to eligible primary producers and horticulture farmers impacted by drought or natural disasters. Rebates will support farmers to replace damaged water infrastructure or build new infrastructure to improve water use efficiency and flexibility.	4,000	-	-
River Murray Flood Primary Producer Recovery Grants	Support primary producers that have suffered direct loss or damage as a result of the 2022-23 River Murray floods. Grants are available for individual primary production businesses to assist with costs for clean-up and recovery.	2,950	-	-
Implementation of eID for sheep and goats	Assist producers with the implementation of individual electronic identification (eIDs) for sheep and goats	1,600	1,600	-

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Primary Industries and Regional Development				
Northern Adelaide Food Park	The Northern Adelaide Food Park initiative was established to create opportunities for businesses to co-locate and enable both new and existing food and beverage processors, manufacturers, food packaging specialists, cold-chain suppliers and logistic and transport companies to expand and grow.	50	-	-
Agricultural Technology Revolution	Increase the take up of technology by primary producers to drive improvements in efficiency in the industry.	850	850	850
Local Economic Recovery (LER) support	LER aims to boost local economies by providing funding to South Australia's communities and industries most affected by 2019-20 bushfires. Vineyard and horticulture rebuilding and resilience, including cherries and olives, across Adelaide Hills, Cudlee Creek and Kangaroo Island. The program is co-funded by the Federal and South Australian governments under the National Bushfire Recovery Fund.	2,661	-	-
Regional Growth Fund/Thriving Regions Fund	Support projects that unlock new economic activity in our regions, creating jobs and strengthening regional communities.	18,293	21,062	17,814
Regional Development Australia	New funding commitment for the seven non-metropolitan Regional Development Australia associations (RDAs) for a four-year term from 1 July 2022 until 30 June 2026. This funding commitment will allow RDA Boards to continue to provide vital advice and support to drive economic development in each region.	3,307	3,307	3,307
Mobile Black Spot Program	This initiative provides \$10 million over three years to address mobile phone black spots across South Australia. Improving mobile phone coverage within the state will contribute to improved productivity, improved safety and enhancing the reputation of the state's key tourist destinations.	2,086	-	-

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Primary Industries and Regional Development			
River Murray Flood Primary Producer Recovery Grants	Various recipients	Support primary producers that have suffered direct loss or damage as a result of the 2022-23 River Murray floods. Grants are available for individual primary production businesses to assist with costs for clean-up and recovery.	192,622

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Primary Industries and Regional Development			
Local Economic Recovery (LER) support	Various recipients	LER aims to boost local economies by providing funding to South Australia's communities and industries most affected by 2019-20 bushfires. Vineyard and horticulture rebuilding and resilience, including cherries and olives, across Adelaide Hills, Cudlee Creek and Kangaroo Island. The program is co-funded by the federal and South Australian governments under the National Bushfire Recovery Fund.	1,784,878
Agricultural Technology Revolution	Various recipients	Increase the take up of technology by primary producers to drive improvements in efficiency in the industry.	324,150
	Implementation of eID for Sheep and Goats (PIRSA)	Implementation of individual electronic identification (eIDs) for sheep and goats.	6,169,000
Regional Development Australia	Seven non-metropolitan RDAs	Support the development of South Australia's regions	9,475,510
Mobile Black Spot Program	Various Grantees across Telstra and Optus	Invest in telecommunications infrastructure to improve mobile coverage and competition across Australia	1,528,041

There are no grant programs under my responsibility for 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years – Administered.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Primary Industries and Regions:

There has been no additional budget allocated by the department for the management of remote work infrastructure.

SNAPPER FINGERLINGS

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised:

The Snapper Restocking Program has a total budget of \$1.2m to produce and release 900,000 snapper fingerlings across the two gulfs by December 2024.

NATIONAL WATER GRID SCHEME

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised:

Funding of \$13.78 million was available to Primary Industries and Regions South Australia for National Water Grid projects in 2022-23. Of this, \$5.619 million was spent in 2022-23.

The difference between available funds and expenditure is primary due to a number of infrastructure projects that have either changed milestones or other changed circumstances.

HYDROLOGIST AND ECOLOGIST APPOINTMENTS, LIMESTONE COAST

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised:

The department for Environment and Water (the department) currently employs a hydrogeologist and a regional ecologist based in the Lower Limestone Coast. In addition, the Limestone Coast Landscape Board employs a wetland ecologist also based in the region.

The Department advertised for an additional hydrogeologist to work in the Limestone Coast region and was unable to fill the position. There is currently a shortage of groundwater professionals in Australia and recruitment in any location is proving challenging.

While efforts will continue, Adelaide-based specialist groundwater staff continue to work closely with regional staff and will be available as required to visit the region to provide advice and attend consultation events to support the Water Allocation Plan review.

WATER ALLOCATION PLAN

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (4 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries): I have been advised:

Responsibility for water allocation plans, including their review and amendments, rests with the relevant landscape board. The Limestone Coast Landscape Board commenced a statutory review of the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan in July 2022. The review is expected to be completed by December 2023.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for TAFE SA:

Since 1 July 2022, eight executive appointments (including filling vacancies) were made.

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for TAFE SA:

Since 1 July 2022, there were no executive positions abolished.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for TAFE SA:

No terminations of executive positions occurred at TAFE SA between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for TAFE SA:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for TAFE SA:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$12.8 million (GST exclusive).

For contractors, decisions that are taken by TAFE SA to engage the services of contractors in order for it to deliver on its objectives. TAFE SA will outline the names of the contracting firms where there is a commitment in 2023-24.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for TAFE SA:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	91 938	90 311	91 678	88 357

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for TAFE SA:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and across the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities.

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Marketing	FTE	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.9
	\$m	\$1.91	\$1.94	\$1.97	\$1.99
Corporate Communications	FTE	4	4	4	4
	\$m	\$0.62	\$0.63	\$0.64	\$0.66
TOTAL	FTE	19.9	19.9	19.9	19.9
	\$m	\$2.53	\$2.57	\$2.61	\$2.65

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for TAFE SA:

The total budgeted cost of government-paid advertising, including campaigns, across all mediums in 2023-24 is \$1.53 million.

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
TAFE SA				
StudyAdelaide	To promote Adelaide as an International study destination and in partnership with institutions, grow South Australia's International student numbers.	75	75	75
Playford Trust / TAFE SA Awards	Recognise high achieving students working in areas of strategic importance to the State	6		

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
TAFE SA			
StudyAdelaide	StudyAdelaide	Promote Adelaide as the city designed for life and support students as they arrive in the State and throughout their studies.	225
Playford Trust/TAFE SA Awards	Playford Trust	Recognise high achieving students working in areas of strategic importance to the State	6

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
TAFE SA				
Nil				

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
TAFE SA			
Nil			

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for TAFE SA:

TAFE SA's digital services and cybersecurity capabilities are provided to allow staff and students to work across our campus network and remotely. TAFE SA uses centralised technology that any approved user can access from any location.

Specific technologies for managing secure virtual private network access for staff make up 0.03 per cent of TAFE SA's total expense budget. This is consistent with previous years.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for the Department for Education:

Since 1 July 2022, 41 executive appointments were made. This includes new appointments (including filling vacancies) and acting appointments. Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for the Department for Education:

Since 1 July 2022, there was one executive position abolished. Individual executive total remuneration package values as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for the Department for Education:

There have been no executive position terminations in the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for the Department for Education:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies in due course.

For contractors, decisions that are taken by the department to engage the services of contractors in order for it to deliver on its objectives. Again, the department will outline the names of the contracting firms where there is a commitment in 2023-24.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for the Department for Education:

The estimated total cost for consultants in 2023-24 is \$2 million as outlined in the 2023-24 Agency Statements Volume 1 page 196. Decisions about consultants are made on a case by case basis.

For contractors, decisions that are taken by the department to engage the services of contractors in order for it to deliver on its objectives. Again, the department will outline the names of the contracting firms where there is a commitment in 2023-24.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for the Department for Education:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the 2023-24 financial year and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows, noting that actual expenditure will reflect final decisions of the department and myself:

	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000
Total good and services	977 244	987 961	1 031 898	1 076 795

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for the Department for Education:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities:

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Communications	FTE	30.4	31	31	31
	\$m	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3
Total	FTE	30.4	31	31	31
	\$m	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for the Department for Education:

Besides the technical colleges advertising campaign, the department will be incurring costs in 2023-24 for the following advertising campaigns:

- Early Years app campaign to promote the app to parents/families with young children
- Teach in Country campaign which aims to get teachers thinking about moving to the country, ahead of teaching positions for 2024 being advertised.

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Education (Administered Items)				
Art entities	Grants are provided to Carclew, Patch Theatre and Windmill Theatre Production Company as part of the Art Entities budget to support operation of these organisations in delivering youth arts activities and grant programs.	3,943	4,036	4,127
Multicultural grants	Grants are provided in support of ethnic and community language schools to deliver language and cultural programs as well as SACE subjects to South Australian school-aged students.	2,256	2,313	2,372
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Grants to provide funding to assist organisations where the activities and objectives of those organisations are consistent with the responsibilities of the Minister's portfolio.	3,031	3,107	3,185

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer. These are the total commitment for the beneficiary/recipient.

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
Education (Administered Items)			
Art entities	Carclew Incorporated	Operating funding	2594
Art entities	Patch Theatre Incorporated	Operating funding	280
Art entities	Windmill Production Company Limited	Operating funding	1787
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Adelaide Holocaust Museum & Andrew Steiner Education Centre	Seed funding to support ongoing development	231
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Association of Independent Schools of SA	Parent Initiatives in Education	27
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Australia Day Council of South Australia Incorporated	Award for leadership in languages and culture	46
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Catholic School Parents SA (CSPSA)	PIE funding	27
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Children's Week Association of SA	To contribute towards the cost of the annual Children's Week program.	86
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Department for Education	Internal Transfer to support PIE funding in Government Schools	83
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Department of Human Services MoAA for Second Chances SA	To support the PK Family Care program.	115

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
Education (Administered Items)			
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Educators SA	Minister's Arts Education Awards	32
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Encounter Youth Incorporated	Alcohol and other Drug Education Program	377
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Ice Factor Foundation Incorporated	To contribute to the costs of trained coaching staff to deliver the Ice Factor Program.	277
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Innovation First International (AU) Pty Ltd	Sponsorship of the 2021 March VEX Robotics Australian Championships.	15
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Mathematical Association of South Australia	The Remote and Rural Schools Mathematics Program will promote the importance of mathematics to teachers, students and education professional within remote and regional areas within SA.	76
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Patch Theatre Company	Discounted Ticketing Program	20
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Raising Literacy Australia	Preschool Pack Programs	615
Minister's Discretionary Fund	South Australian Association of State School Organisations	Operational Grant	100
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Specific Learning Difficulties Association of SA	To support operational expenses associated with providing assistance to children and young people with specific learning difficulties using evidence based approaches, the provision of education and training to teachers and parents, publishing newsletters, conducting research, developing resources and managing the website and social media.	152
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Star of the Sea Catholic Parish Primary School	Marine Discovery Centre	100
Minister's Discretionary Fund	TAFE SA	Future planning	200
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Tea Tree Gully Toy Library	Support the operations of the Toy Library	133
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Teachers Registration Board	TRB 50th Anniversary Event	24
Minister's Discretionary Fund	The Ethnic Schools Association of South Australia	Student art/Writing Competition	20
Minister's Discretionary Fund	United Way Foundation	Imagination Library—Children in Playford	67
Minister's Discretionary Fund	University of Adelaide	Open Music Academy project—Open Music Academy Community Engagement.	82
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Virtual War Memorial Limited	Virtual War Memorial Australian Learning Portal and Education Program	332

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised that for the Department for Education:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2023-24, and for previous years 2021-22 and 2022-23 is as follows:

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	\$393	\$541	\$561

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (5 July 2023).
(Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised of the following:

The table below provides a breakdown of the department's investing expenditure across the forward estimates. This table excludes annual programs and leases.

Project Name	TOTAL FUNDING (\$'000)
Adelaide Botanic High School—Additional Accommodation	78,005
Black Forest Primary School	2,200
Brahma Lodge Kindergarten	6,000
Ceduna Special Education Unit	4,100
Clontarf Program	1,500
Digital Transformation—Skills Information System	8,175
East Marden Primary School	5,093
Eastern Fleurieu R-12 School—Langhorne Creek Campus	1,800
Elliston RSL Memorial Children's Centre relocation	1,400
Elsie Ey Children's Centre	2,500
Escalations	27
Findon High School	405
Five new technical colleges	165,200
Fregon Anangu School	17,463
Hackham West Children's Centre	5,000
Local school infrastructure upgrades	34,620
Meningie Area School	9,700
Modular Buildings	16,000
Morialta Secondary College	29,694
Murray Bridge North School	90
Nailsworth Primary School	4,583
New Projects	34,577
Pimpala Primary School	11,597
Plympton International College	14,000
Reidy Park Primary School	90
Roma Mitchell Secondary College—Additional Accommodation	20,249
Seaview Downs Primary School	14,600
Settlers Farm Campus R-7	288
Thebarton Aquatic Centre	6,020
Two Wells Community Children's Centre	2,500
Upper Sturt Primary School	7,000
Valley View Secondary School	8,200
Virginia Primary School and Preschool	15,000
Westbourne Park Primary School	298
Yahl Primary School	3,000
GRAND TOTAL	530,974

READING PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (5 July 2023).
(Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised of the following:

The following reading programs have been provided funding:

- Raising Literacy Australia provides Books to Share, a book gifting program that is designed to encourage all families to read, sing, talk and play with their children. The preschool pack is available to children participating in registered preschool programs and distributed via the centre providing that service and through educational and outreach programs and services. By educating families to engage with their young children in shared reading, we're creating a future where South Australian babies and children are read to every day. This simple but crucial activity underpins their ability to achieve lifelong learning and social inclusion and greatly improves their overall health and wellbeing.

- Raising Literacy Australia received funding for preschool reading packs for 2021-22 and 2022-23. The government will provide additional funding over the 3 year period 2023-24 to 2025-26 for preschool packs and baby packs.
- United Way South Australia provides a free book gifting program through its Imagination Library of Australia in the Playford council area. The Imagination Library of Australia is a free book gifting program devoted to inspiring a love of reading in the hearts of children everywhere. Each month, enrolled children receive a high-quality, age-appropriate book in the mail, free of charge. Children receive books from birth to age five.
- United Way South Australia received funding in 2022-23 and continue to receive funding in 2023-24.

SCHOOL FUNDING

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised of the following:

For the 2023 school year, the sector allocations and government school allocations have continued to reflect those as per the 2019 to 2022 program arrangements, given arrangements were rolled over.

READING PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): Raising Literacy Australia will continue to receive funding from the state government.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills): I have been advised of the following:

TAFE SA supports flexible working arrangements for TAFE SA staff in accordance with the TAFE SA Voluntary Flexible Working Arrangements Policy.

Most TAFE SA employees have the option of participating in this flexible working arrangement subject to an approved working from home agreement.

All agreements are managed at a local level by line management and are subject to review for a specific period and evaluated based on business requirements and or assigned duties.

EDUCATION ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):

Advertising for new initiatives – such as the new technical colleges – is an important part of telling families, guardians and carers about these new options available to students. It also complements a range of information sessions, webinars and expos to provide career advice.

As the expenditure relates to all technical colleges and the students will be included as enrolments per Gonski, this expenditure will be included as Gonski expenditure as is entirely appropriate.

As the member is well aware, Gonski funding supports the operation of the Department for Education, which includes the marketing functions, to ensure South Australians know about initiatives such as new technical colleges. This is consistent with when the member for Morialta was the Minister for Education.

The former Marshall Liberal government used Gonski funding for advertising, including:

- \$310,000 paid to DPC for the Building What Matters campaign.
- \$45,000 for the ThankED campaign.

TRADE AND INVESTMENT

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The increase is primarily made up of:

- \$5.7 million estimated increase in activity under the Land Services SA contract, which will be more than offset by additional revenue to the state;
- \$2.6 million standard indexation on supplies and services;
- \$2.3 million in variations to grant payments between years to align with the expected timing of payments;
- \$2 million for the state's contribution in supporting BioCina to establish an end-to-end mRNA manufacturing facility in South Australia;
- \$1.6 million for increased activity under the Valuation of Land Act 1971;
- \$1.4 million increase in depreciation in line with the department's fixed asset base;
- \$1.2 million to undertake regional growth plans across South Australia; and
- \$0.4 million to increase the state's international presence and representation in overseas markets in Frankfurt, Washington DC and Singapore.

Partially offset by:

- \$2.5 million StudyAdelaide annual funding transferred to the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science under machinery of government changes.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The increase in expenditure is made up of indexation and the addition of one ministerial advisor, including a standard supplies and services allocation for that position.

TRADE AND INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT STAFF

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The 2023-24 budget papers reported 390.6 FTE for the 2022-23 estimated result, compared to 371.7 FTE for the 2021-22 actuals. The actuals are based on data published by the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment (OCPSE). The variance of 18.9 FTE is comprised of the following:

- six FTE budgeted in the Office of the Agent-General, London, which are not included in the OCPSE actuals data; and
- 27.5 FTE in relation to vacant positions as at 30 June 2022, or where employees were working part-time in a position which was budgeted full-time. A number of vacancies were temporarily backfilled with agency staff.

Partially offset by:

- 14.6 FTE reduction in positions during 2022-23 due to restructure and budget savings initiatives.

TRADE AND INVESTMENT

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The 2022-23 state budget papers reported total net costs for the Department for Trade and Investment (DTI) of \$44.586 million, which included \$3.832 million related to industry capability networks and international education.

On 1 July 2022 these functions transferred to the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science, which reduced the DTI figure reported in the 2023-24 budget papers. This transfer is separately identified in the Program Net Cost of Services Summary as a reconciliation item associated with machinery of government.

TRADE AND INVESTMENT

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The variance of \$20.725 million comprises the following:

- \$0.637 million favourable revenue, primarily related to services contributed to the Department for Trade and Investment by central government agencies; and
- \$20.088 million underspend against expenditure.

The underspend primarily comprises:

- \$7.731 million for investment attraction and trade grants due to changes in timing of commitments
- \$5.120 million related to delays in the Thomas Foods International infrastructure project
- \$3.942 million for functions transferred to the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science under machinery of government; and
- \$1.509 million related to overseas offices, primarily due to short-term vacancies and a slower than expected return to travel and hosting events following COVID-19 interruptions.

Eligible expenditure underspends were submitted to the Department of Treasury and Finance for carryover of the budget to future years to align with expected expenditure timing.

THOMAS FOODS INTERNATIONAL

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The first stage of a new greenfield meat processing facility north of Murray Bridge has been constructed and is transitioning to production. Once fully operational the facility is expected to be the largest of its type in the Southern Hemisphere.

I am advised:

- road infrastructure upgrades including an intersection at Mannum Road is complete.
- gas connection and supply from the Riverland pipeline is complete and commissioned.
- extension and connection of electricity infrastructure to the site, including substation upgrades is complete and commissioned.
- extension and connection of potable water to the site is complete and commissioned; and
- construction of wastewater infrastructure is complete.

Infrastructure payments have been made direct to infrastructure providers. The last payment, to SA Water, is expected to occur in quarter one of 2023-24.

INVEST SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

In 2023-24, Invest SA has an operational budget of \$8.4 million. This includes \$1.025 million provided under the Malinauskas government's 2022 election commitment. The operational budget excludes grant payments.

BRAND SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

Since re-establishment in November 2022, Brand SA has run multiple initiatives, including campaigns, events and promotions. Its approach to campaigns has predominantly been via partnerships with South Australian organisations that can help amplify the message:

- In December 2022, Brand SA launched the 'Spend Your Support' campaign, in partnership with Shop Local SA. This campaign aimed to support flood-affected Riverland businesses, providing them with an online platform (via Shop Local SA) where they could continue trading, expand their sales channels and reach a broader range of South Australian customers.

Between 8 December 2022 and 10 March 2023, via a grant to Shop Local SA, Brand SA funded the set-up and onboarding costs of 69 businesses in flood-affected regions.

Brand SA also led a consumer-facing campaign across radio and digital channels, with a message to South Australians that the best way to send support to flood-affected regions was to spend it.

The campaign resulted in increased awareness, web traffic and visitation of Murray River businesses, and importantly helped these businesses feel supported. The website attracted over 30,000 visitors.

- In March 2023's festival season, Brand SA entered a partnership with local event, Gluttony. The partnership extended the Spend Your Support campaign, facilitating ranging of Riverland products in Gluttony's local bar throughout the Adelaide Fringe. This ensured Riverland producers benefitted from increased awareness and sales. One-third of all sales at that bar were Riverland beverages not otherwise available as part of the festival.
- Brand SA has partnered with Food SA to deliver a series of activities both locally and interstate to promote South Australia's produce and food producers.
- The partnership has incorporated an interstate focus, including:
 - i. a spotlight on South Australian seafood in Sydney in the lead-up to Christmas
 - ii. in March 2023, an event was held in Sydney showcasing South Australian produce to Sydney food service decision-makers; and
 - iii. a weekend promotion in a Sydney Romeos supermarket, including tastings, giveaways and special pricing on South Australian products.

Locally, Brand SA worked with Food SA to relaunch the Eat Drink Local SA program in April 2023. This program promotes South Australian produce in restaurants / food service.

- Brand SA have also contributed to the promotion of state sporting achievements and major events, promoting the state both interstate and internationally.
 - i. While on the international stage, Brand SA supported the Adelaide 36ers who proudly wore the logo on their uniform in their historic victory against the Suns in Phoenix, Arizona.
 - ii. Partnered with Business SA for the AFL Gather Round official business lunch, driving the visibility of the state brand. With each guest receiving a selection of South Australian products and vouchers.
- Brand SA has managed an ongoing social media campaign with objectives to rebuild its audience, build awareness of its return and drive engagement with local business and community.
- Brand SA has dedicated significant effort towards the development of its major upcoming 'Buy Local' campaign, as part of the election commitment. Market research has been conducted and a campaign concept has been developed with production now underway.

TRADESTART

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The four-year TradeStart agreement with the Australian government was due to expire on 30 June 2023. The Australian government provided a 12-month extension to the agreement on 30 March 2023. At time of the state budget 2023-24 publication, the one-year program extension had not been formalised.

The new extension is for approximately \$360,000 which will be fully expended.

A budget adjustment to reflect the 12-month extension will be sought from the Department of Treasury and Finance during 2023-24.

INVEST SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

As of 30 June 2023, Invest SA has delivered strong investment outcomes for the state against its key performance indicators. The agency has facilitated \$1.0004 billion in new investment, comprised of \$710.4 million in foreign direct investment (FDI) and \$290 million in national investment, creating over 4,300 jobs.

ENERGY AND MINING SECTOR

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

\$975 million was reported prior to 30 June 2023 as part of the budget highlights for financial year 2022-23. Of the \$1 billion of investment reported \$460 million comes from the minerals and energy sector.

INVEST SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I am pleased to advise you:

As of 30 June 2023, Invest SA has delivered strong investment outcomes for the state against its key performance indicators.

The agency has facilitated \$1.0004 billion in new investment, comprised of \$710.4 million in foreign direct investment and \$290 million national investment, creating over 4,300 jobs.

This \$1.0004 billion of total investment was generated in the following key sectors:

- 46 per cent from minerals and energy
- 20.8 per cent from hi-tech sector
- 19.6 per cent from defence sector
- 10 per cent from food, wine and agribusiness; and
- 3.6 per cent from creative industries.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the Department for Trade and Investment:

Since 1 July 2022, the following executive appointments have been made:

Role Title	Classification
Executive Director, Invest SA	SAES2
Director Trade	SAES1
Director, Housing Infrastructure Planning & Development Unit	SAES1

Individual executive total remuneration package values as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

Executive remuneration bands for DTI are published in the Department for Trade and Investment annual reports.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the Department for Trade and Investment:

Since 1 July 2022, there were six executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Director, State Promotions	SAES1
Deputy, Chief Executive	SAES2
Director, Strategic Operations	SAES1
Director, Defence	SAES1
Director, Strategic Policy, and Analytics	SAES1
Director, International Education and Tourism	SAES1

The combined total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$1,627,445 (excluding on costs).

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the Department for Trade and Investment:

Since 1 July 2022, five executives were terminated as a result of restructuring and the positions being no longer required.

The total value of the termination payments was \$1,040,989 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the Department for Trade and Investment:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the Department for Trade and Investment:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$3.1 million. Final data and contracts for the year will be published in the Department for Trade and Investment 2023-24 annual report.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged as at 1 August 2023 at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (GST exc)
Tony Love	Promotion of and attendance at events for the South Australian wine sector.	\$13 636
Martin Haese, Infinity Ventures	Special Envoy to Singapore	\$80 000
PSA Consulting Australia	Services for the Regional Plans delivery project steering committee	\$90 273

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged as at 1 August 2023 at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (GST exc)
BDO	Financial Advisory	\$90 000
BDO Advisory	Internal Risk and Compliance	\$131 500
KM IT Solutions	IT support for the Office of the Agent-General, London	Commercial in Confidence
Satalyst	ICT Third Level Escalation Support	Commercial in Confidence

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the Department for Trade and Investment:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	182,694	174,147	172,366	174,414

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the Department for Trade and Investment:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates. This includes staff supporting the government's election commitments to reinstate Brand SA and Invest SA, and staff undertaking engagement activities with the public in relation to state planning matters.

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Brand SA	FTE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	\$m	0.124	0.125	0.127	0.129
Media and Communications	FTE	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
	\$m	0.648	0.657	0.667	0.677
Invest SA	FTE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	\$m	0.138	0.140	0.143	0.145
Planning and Land Use Services	FTE	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
	\$m	0.209	0.212	0.215	0.218
TOTAL	FTE	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
	\$m	1.118	1.135	1.151	1.169

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the Department for Trade and Investment:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed.

The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website:

<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the Department for Trade and Investment:

The following table provides information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Portfolio of Trade and Investment				
Global Expansion Accelerator	Provides funding to support high-growth, export-ready South Australian businesses to build their export capability and capacity and become the state's next global leaders.	572	—	—
South Australian Landing Pad	Provides funding support to businesses looking to establish a physical presence in South Australia, with an emphasis on key growth sectors.	740	740	—
Economic Investment Fund	Attracting investment opportunities to South Australia to grow the economy and job creation.	4 722	500	—

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Portfolio of Trade and Investment				
Global Expansion Accelerator	All funding under this program is committed. The details of individual recipients are considered commercial in confidence.	Provides funding to support high-growth, export-ready South Australian businesses to build their export capability and capacity and become the state's next global leaders.		572 000
South Australian Landing Pad	All funding under this program is committed. The details of individual recipients are considered commercial in confidence.	Provides funding support to businesses looking to establish a physical presence in South Australia, with an emphasis on key growth sectors.		1 480 000
Economic Investment Fund	The Economic Investment Fund closed to new applicants in 2018. The balance of funding represents residual commitments under existing grant agreements. The details of individual agreements are commercial in confidence.	Attracting investment opportunities to South Australia to grow the economy and job creation.		5 222 000

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Portfolio of Planning				
Urban Tree Canopy Off-set Scheme – budgeted payments into the Scheme	Facilitates tree planting and the enhancement of tree canopy in metropolitan Adelaide. In those limited cases where planting a tree is not feasible, the scheme enables contribution into a fund which can be used to plant trees in parks, reserves, and nature strips. There is currently no budgeted revenue as the applicant can choose to plant a replacement tree rather than pay the fee, and activity has been immaterial.	—	—	—
Urban Tree Canopy Off-set Scheme – budgeted expenditure from the Scheme	Facilitates tree planting and the enhancement of tree canopy in metropolitan Adelaide. In those limited cases where planting a tree is not feasible, the scheme enables contribution into a fund which can be used to plant trees in parks, reserves, and nature strips. There is currently no budgeted expenditure as the applicant can choose to plant a replacement tree rather than pay the fee, and activity has been immaterial.	—	—	—
Planning and Development Fund – budgeted payments into the Fund	Provides the means for open space and public realm investment across South Australia. Money paid into the Fund is derived from monetary payments in lieu of open space requirements for development involving the division of land into 30 or fewer allotments. The Fund is expended in line with provisions in the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016.	29 317	29 987	30 936

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-24 Estimate \$000	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Planning and Development Fund – budgeted expenditure from the Fund	Provides the means for open space and public realm investment across South Australia. Money paid into the Fund is derived from monetary payments in lieu of open space requirements for development involving the division of land into 30 or fewer allotments. The Fund is expended in line with provisions in the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016.	20 127	27 953	30 861

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Portfolio of Planning			
Planning and Development Fund – Community Infrastructure Program	Local Government via the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, and the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing	A range of projects to deliver improved public infrastructure and increased open space for the benefit of the public.	25 785 000
Planning and Development Fund – Policies and Master Planning	Public via the Department for Trade and Investment	Development and management of planning policies, including master planning for major developments and the review of the 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide and regional areas.	8 928 000
Planning and Development Fund – Coast Park Stage 2	Local Government via the Department for Infrastructure and Transport	Establishment of a linear park between Grange and Tennyson.	6 500 000
Planning and Development Fund – Land Management	Department for Trade and Investment/Renewal SA/Department for Environment and Water	For the management of land owned by the Minister for Planning in relation to the Planning and Development Fund.	5 678 000
Planning and Development Fund – Port Pirie Greening Program	Port Pirie Regional Council via the Department for Environment and Water	Increased greening of Port Pirie with a focus on lead abatement initiatives, including tree planting, sealing of footpaths and improving stormwater run-off.	4 880 000
Planning and Development Fund – Expert Panel Review (election commitment)	Department for Trade and Investment	Implementation of legislative and policy reform recommendations from an independent review of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 and the Planning and Design Code.	450 000
Planning and Development Fund – Port Augusta Activity Centre Masterplan	Port Augusta City Council via the Department for Trade and Investment	Undertake a master plan of the activity centre of Port Augusta for the purposes of determining land use and future development of the area.	100 000
Planning and Development Fund – Pocket Parks (election commitment)	Local Government via the Department for Trade and Investment	Offer 10 per cent of the P&D Fund to councils to apply to buy land to create pocket parks.	To be determined

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the Department for Trade and Investment:

There is no specific ongoing budget for remote work infrastructure. Remote work is a business-as-usual capability that has been undertaken by the Department for Trade and Investment over several years. The department uses cloud infrastructure which allows for both on-premises and remote activity. All staff are issued with portable devices as standard practice.

An amount of \$20,000 was incurred in 2022-23 to enable an application to be accessed off-premise.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

Since 1 July 2022, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Senior Development Manager	SAES1
Director, Asset Management	SAES1
Director, People & Culture	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$657,000 including superannuation (excluding on costs).

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

Since 1 July 2022, there were 2 executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Precinct Director—Tonsley	SAES1
Board Secretariat	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$320,404 including superannuation (excluding on costs). This does not include executives who have resigned, and the position has not been backfilled.

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

The total value of the termination payments was \$0 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-23 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies, after tabling in parliament in late 2023.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2023-24 is \$2,791,023.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Consultant	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Estimated Cost (\$)
System Solutions Engineering Pty Ltd	Direct negotiation	Adelaide Railway Station Design Documentation Cooling Tower	34,380
Fragile to Agile (Asia Pac) Pty Ltd	Direct negotiation	Create high-level and detailed system architecture, data flow	64,387
Greenhill Engineers	Request for offer	Civil engineering and landscape advice for master planning	98,260
Greencap – NAA Pty Ltd	Direct negotiation	Forestville assessment of soil data	15,000
Mercer Consulting (Australia) Pty Ltd	Request for offer	Review, map and update position descriptions	225,000
Holmes Dyer	Invitation to supply	Noarlunga Downs master plan consulting services	78,560
WT Partnership Pty Limited	Direct negotiation	Seaton master Ppn Consulting services	12,600
Judith Sellick Consulting Pty Ltd	Waiver of competitive process	Judith Sellick Consulting – Professional Leadership consulting	119,455
BlueSphere Environmental PtyPtd	Direct negotiation	Site environmental due diligence	38,816
TOTAL			686,458

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2023-24.

Consultant	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Estimated Cost (\$)
URPS	Direct negotiation	Playford Alive Encumbrance Management	16,800
Bardavcol Pty Ltd	Direct negotiation	Soil Bank – Ablutions & weighbridge rental, minor expenses and stockpile management	228,040
Objective Corporation Limited	Request for quote	Objective upgrade – Professional services	57,762
Mark Neill	Request for quote	Policy governance and policy writing	30,000
Biogas Systems Australia	Request for offer	Continuation of Garden Island monitoring	105,323
Texture Consulting	Request for quote	Contracting services for Human Resources Information System	49,200
DWS Advanced Business Solutions Ltd	Request for quote	Project management services – transformation	497,400
ISC Consulting Group Pty Ltd	Direct negotiation	HR support services	50,000
TOTAL			1,034,526

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2023-24 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	216,421	265,991	74,533	69,067

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2023-24 and the forward estimates.

Note these figures include project sales and marketing staff as Renewal SA operates in a direct to market sales and marketing role for government including residential, commercial and industrial.

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget
Promotions	FTE	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4
	\$m	1.043	1.063	1.084	1.100
Communications	FTE	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
	\$m	0.895	0.911	0.929	0.943
TOTAL	FTE	15.4	15.4	15.4	15.4
	\$m	1.938	1.974	2.013	2.043

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed.

The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

Renewal SA does not currently administer any grant programs/funds. No grant programs are budgeted over the forward estimates.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2023-24, and for previous years 2021-22 and 2022-23 is as follows:

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	Nil	Nil	Nil

A hybrid working environment had been established by Renewal SA prior to the onset of COVID-19. As such, no additional expenditure was required for the management of remote work infrastructure.

OVERSEAS MIGRATION PLAN

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The latest assumptions for population growth, including migration, are contained in the recently released population forecast update on the PlanSA Portal.

These assumptions are based on the Australian government's Department of Home Affairs Migration Program, which, in 2022-23, was 190,000 places.

Historically, South Australia has received between six to seven per cent of the national overseas migration, which equates to approximately 15,000 people.

STATE PLANNING COMMISSION

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The following councils have sought guidance (or otherwise expressed interest) in reviewing their Character Area Statements and Historic Area Statements:

- City of Adelaide
- City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters
- City of Onkaparinga
- City of Prospect.

I am also advised that several councils are currently contemplating or actively pursuing code amendments to list new local heritage places and/or create or review new historic areas or character areas.

Six proposals to initiate have been lodged for approval to commence the code amendment process (mainly focusing on new local heritage listings).

STATE PLANNING COMMISSION

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

A draft of the State Planning Commission's Future Living Code Amendment is currently being prepared for community and stakeholder engagement in the fourth quarter of 2023 (release date is still to be confirmed).

The five participating councils in the code amendment are:

- City of Unley
- City of Burnside
- City of Campbelltown
- City of Prospect
- Town of Walkerville.

PLANNING AND LAND USE SERVICES

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The \$3.8 million increase in net cost of services for Planning and Land Use Services in 2023-24 is attributed to the following:

- The primary increase was for depreciation in relation to the Plan SA e-planning portal and system (\$1.6 million).
- Other variations include post-budget adjustments under machinery-of-government changes to align with final chief executive agreements on budget transfers, standard indexation on expenditure, supplementation for increases to the superannuation guarantee in 2022-23 and 2023-24, and changes in the allocation methodology for corporate overheads across the department.

PLANNING AND LAND USE SERVICES

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The \$7.6 million increase in net cost of services for Planning and Land Use Services in 2022-23 is attributed to the following:

- The primary increases relate to a forecast reduction in fee revenue under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 (\$2.6 million) and an increase in depreciation in relation to the PlanSA e-planning portal and system (\$1.6 million).
- Other variations include post-budget adjustments under machinery-of-government changes to align with final chief executive agreements on budget transfers, supplementation for the increase in the superannuation guarantee in 2022-23, and changes in the allocation methodology for corporate overheads across the department during 2022-23.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (5 July 2023). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The balance of the Planning and Development Fund in 2022-23 was not impacted by election promises.