

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 14 May 2024

The **SPEAKER (Hon. L.W.K. Bignell)** took the chair at 11:01.

The **SPEAKER**: 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.

Members

MEMBER'S LEAVE

The **SPEAKER (11:02)**: I inform members that, pursuant to standing order 62, 20 weeks' maternity leave has been granted to Mrs Hurn, commencing on 14 May 2024. I table the following paper: Mrs Hurn's leave of absence letter to the Speaker, notifying me of the period of maternity leave, dated 14 May 2024.

Bills

SUPPLY BILL 2024

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 2 May 2024.)

Mrs PEARCE (King) (11:02): It is a pleasure to continue my remarks about all the wonderful things that are happening in my local community. Did you know that the Salisbury SES, the local SES in my electorate, is the busiest in the state? In fact, over the last 10 years, the Salisbury SES alone has responded to over 7,000 requests for assistance. It was why I was so happy that we have been able to support them to upgrade their ICT equipment, because better equipment means that they are better equipped to respond to emergencies in a way that keeps them safe and also in a way that is as efficient as possible.

It was a great pleasure to catch up with them recently at the ANZAC Day service in Salisbury itself. The member for Wright and myself then went and caught up with them at their station to see all the different works and things that are happening at the station and how the team has been going. It was really great to hear just how much this equipment has been helping them to feel prepared and equipped for the tasks at hand as we start coming into stormy weather season.

Further, regarding infrastructure and works that we are undertaking around my local electorate, I am very pleased to share that at Salisbury East High School stage 1 of the works to make parking and traffic safer in and around the school has been completed. Stage 2, with the kiss-and-drop component, is only another two to three weeks away. This is something that I committed to for the local community because I knew it was important not only to those who attend Salisbury East High School but also to those who live within Salisbury East, because traffic, particularly in the morning, can be quite daunting and get a bit congested. We want to make sure that it is as efficient and flowing as well as it can but also in a safe manner for all on the roads.

Furthermore, the road upgrades in Salisbury Heights are tracking very well. Earlier this year, it was great to have members of the community come out and meet with the department and have a look at the plans that we have underway to upgrade our intersections on Target Hill Road and Main North Road, Canterbury Drive and The Grove Way and, of course, Green Valley Drive and The Grove Way as well.

A big component of that is that it also benefits those who travel along Stanford Road in my electorate. Being the only intersection with stoplights, often a lot of our traffic flow comes through

that avenue to be able to get out of the suburb, either heading north or heading south into the city or even up into Golden Grove as well. These measures will help improve that safety and also flow of traffic within the neighbourhood, which is something that my community has been calling out for for quite some time. So it is great to see that that is progressing well, and I cannot wait to get back out to the community and share the next stages as it progresses.

It is no surprise that sporting clubs are the heart of the community, and it is something that I am incredibly passionate about. I know they play a wonderful role in helping to get our kids off screen, active and healthy, and we do that not only for their physical benefit but also to ensure that we are doing all we can to support their mental health and wellbeing. We are helping kids to develop a sense of social connections and forming friendships, often friendships that last well into their adult years, and also a sense of pride and connection within their community as well.

It is also great for the families themselves to connect. I know I very much look forward to Sunday morning football matches and now Saturday afternoon netball games. We get to catch up with local families and connect, and it is a really good opportunity for us to check in with one another when we are all living such busy lives these days.

It is why I am so incredibly excited that the builds are going extremely well over at Harpers Field, plus the wellbeing centre that we are building at that facility as well, helping to reach more members of our community with this new facility that will strengthen engagement and connections within the community, fostering that sense of wellbeing that we all take such immense pride in doing as well.

I had a bit of a talk with Sarah Constructions the other week and members of the council, and it is really fantastic to see how well it is all progressing and how much thought and consideration has been put into these builds. I for one know that I am very much looking forward to a schnitty on a Thursday night over at the Golden Grove club once it has opened, and I do not think you will be able to get us out of there in a hurry. It is looking absolutely fantastic, and we are keen to see some good games there; that is for sure.

The build at Tilley Recreation Park has also commenced. It was great that just last week we were able to do the official sod turn of the build. It is a huge milestone and something, again, the community has been asking for for quite a long time. The build that is happening there will benefit many different clubs and organisations within my local electorate, and it is great to have had an opportunity to discuss that with local members of the community.

Just recently we had the CFS Shield there. This has now been running for some years in my local community. It is organised by the Tea Tree Gully City Soccer Club and the One Tree Hill Soccer Club as well. They come together to put on this event to bring community in and put on a bit of a show throughout the day and, importantly, raise funds for our amazing CFS stations both at One Tree Hill and also at Tea Tree Gully. They have done an absolutely phenomenal job of bringing in community to thank those wonderful, wonderful volunteers but also to raise important funds so that they have the infrastructure and supports they need to do their very important job. I would like to note that this year alone they had another successful year and were able to raise \$6,800 for the local stations.

McGilp oval is also on track. It will be a welcome addition in the One Tree Hill community. I have every confidence that these upgrades will help ensure that the needs of my local community will continue to be met for generations to come. They are going to help ensure families remain connected and supported and that our kids are getting the best possible start they can in life.

With that in mind, I am also so incredibly proud of the work being done in regard to the technical college that we are building out in the north-east. This is a game changer. By having the technical colleges, we are able to give students the opportunity to complete their SACE, build on those skills that are recognised and valued within the workplace and also to get a taste of the opportunities ahead of them and the pathways that are available to them as well so that they can go straight into secure work.

The member for Newland and I recently visited Findon Technical College, and it was great to have a look around and see how it is set up. It is really fantastic to see the way that it replicates a

workplace whilst also focusing on educational outcomes, and the way that they are able to bring in different employers and organisations to give students that real hands-on experience and networking opportunities so they can make informed decisions as they start looking to where they want to go in the workforce.

Following the analysis of in-demand skills and engagement with stakeholders, there have been four key industry specialisations that have been identified for students who will be attending The Heights Technical College. First and foremost there will be aero skills, which will support defence and civil aviation businesses. It will also offer advanced manufacturing and engineering, building and construction, and early childhood education. These are all skills that are in high demand within our community and available in a way that will enable our kids to learn, grow and work in their community, should they decide to do so.

These are just a few of the many amazing things that are happening in my local community—things that will help strengthen what already is an amazing place to live and work in. The best part is that we are only just getting started.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to parliament today students from Temple Christian College, who are guests of the Hon. Dennis Hood. Welcome to parliament. I hope you enjoy things and learn a few things. Given that you are from the education system, it is highly appropriate that we go now to the shadow minister for education, the member for Morialta.

Bills

SUPPLY BILL 2024

Second Reading

Debate resumed.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (11:11): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. I certainly welcome all guests to the parliament, including those from Temple Christian College today. Thanks for coming in. We are discussing the Supply Bill. This is a bill that every year, a couple of weeks ahead of the budget, is brought to the parliament, which gives the government permission to borrow, to spend, a number of billion dollars for the first period of next year.

The budget is for the whole of the financial year, from 1 July through to 30 June next year. The budget bill, the Appropriation Bill, provides all the money that the government needs but it does not pass in time for 30 June, the end of this financial year. Consequently, this bill enables the government to keep paying the bills until that whole budget passes. It is like an advance on the budget that we are going to receive next sitting week. It gets the support of both sides of parliament, because we actually think it is a good thing as a general rule for all the public servants in South Australia to get paid.

Without this bill, none of the teachers, none of the nurses and none of the police officers would be paid. The government would not have any money to pay them until the Appropriation Bill passes—until the budget bill passes—which will probably happen in July or August, and then that supersedes this bill. That is what we are doing. The requirement for us to comment on this is an opportunity for all members of parliament to provide what I like to think of as useful suggestions for the government about how they should spend some of this money that they are enabled to appropriate for the first few months of next year.

As the member for Morialta and as the shadow minister for education, training, skills and arts, I have what I consider to be some excellent suggestions for how the government should spend this money. I hope that all the ministers in their offices, or those who are not immediately present, are listening assiduously to all the great suggestions we have because I think that my constituents in Morialta will certainly benefit if the government can put into place some of my ideas. I am going to start with the suburb of Highbury. Highbury is just to the north of the River Torrens. There is some

land there that is owned by the Department for Environment and Water that used to be part of our water system: the Highbury Aqueduct, which is now a reserve.

I will share the relevant parts of an email that I received last night from a constituent. It is an opportunity for the government to put some work towards what may seem in the scheme of a \$16 billion to \$17 billion budget a relatively minor thing but, for residents of mine living on Valley View Drive in Highbury, it is a pretty major thing. I have written to the Minister for Environment this morning asking her to take this up, but I reinforce it by repeating some of my constituent's concerns in this house. I quote from him directly:

I live in one of the many houses in Valley View Drive, Highbury that back directly onto the new aqueduct reserve. As you know, this was once 'private' SA Water land but is now a wonderful public access extension of Linear Park.

He goes on to write regarding the maintenance of the wire fence in the reserve that stretches all the way along the back of the Valley View Drive houses:

...the fence is now around 40+ years old and is in a bad way. A couple of people on the Linear Park side of Valley View Drive who have sold their houses have had building inspection reports that mention the fence and its 'non-compliance' and state of wear and age. It really does need to be replaced with a more 'fit for purpose' fence that suits the new reserve and will serve both residents and the public using Linear Park for another 40 years. Ideally, I would love to see that some department or agency had this on their 'works/estate improvements list' for the near future. I would be very grateful for any advice or information that you may be able to offer.

I am writing to my constituent this morning letting him know that I have written to the minister, but I am taking this opportunity to urge the minister, the Deputy Premier, to ensure that her department does some work on this fence. It will not take a lot a money and it will not take a lot of effort, but it will significantly improve the lives of this group of people. The Department for Environment and Water owns this land now. That is a modest ask for the Supply Bill, given we are asking for billions of dollars. This may be an ask that takes only several thousand, but I am sure it is something the minister can help with.

While in that part of the world, the Highbury Aqueduct Reserve, along with the Hope Valley Reservoir and the little park with some bike jumps across Awoonga Road from the Hope Valley Reservoir in Highbury, have been impacted by an infestation of giant pine scale over the last year or so. In April last year, the infestation was discovered. In August, we had large areas of land shut off from the public and destruction of trees, many of which are now woodchips and some of which have now been removed.

I sought a briefing late last year, and eventually received one early this year, from the government in relation to the detail of this, and I have reported some of that to the house before. The key point is that, obviously, the first priority is to ensure that our forestry industries are protected and that the pine scale threat is eradicated. It is important that that has been the first step. Last year, I would have liked to see earlier and better communication with the public, but eventually that happened as well.

I still get questions, of course—one of the reasons why communication is so important—from people stopping me in supermarkets asking, 'What's happening with this land? Is the government seeking to sell it off for housing? Is there some reason the trees have been removed?' All manner of stories are going around in the community. I am able to, obviously, provide the advice that I have been briefed with, but I urge the government to communicate more effectively in that train.

Moving away from the Highbury Aqueduct Reserve land to Tea Tree Gully council land, one of the key opportunities for improvements is where the council has instated some bike jumps on their land, and there is a fairly barren landscape apart from that. There is very limited shade. There is one lonely tree in the middle of the jumps and some others around the outside, obviously having escaped the pine scale infestation. But there is no shade other than that tree which barely provides any shade at all. There is nowhere for people to engage in a community way unless they are specifically there to use those jumps.

Tea Tree Gully council has a desire to work collaboratively with the government and I encourage the government to work collaboratively back, but, ultimately, there is going to be a financial request one way or another. Certainly, people in my community see this as an opportunity

for the government to play their part in ensuring that that land, that opportunity for recreation—passive and active—on that piece of land can be restored over the coming years. It is not going to be a quick fix, but it will need decisions this year for us to get any sort of improvements in a timely fashion. So I urge the government to work collaboratively with Tea Tree Gully council there.

On the other side of the road is the major challenge—and opportunity—at the Hope Valley Reservoir. There are still thousands of trees there. There have been 900 trees removed as a result of the pine scale infestation, but there are still large numbers of trees. There is still enormous opportunity for people to engage on the western side of the reservoir on the sweat track and walking opportunities, but the opportunity to open up that reservoir has always been a bit unfulfilled. The former government had money in the budget to extend that work, particularly the opportunity for walking trails to go further around the reservoir, and that is desired. Many people in the community would like more active and passive recreation opportunities in that reservoir.

This is the time for the government to formally consult, because one way or the other there are going to have to be large amounts of replanting of trees. I suspect the department is probably going to be looking at native trees—maybe, hopefully, native pines. We will see. Some people would prefer it to be replanted with pines; I think that is less likely by the environment department.

Nevertheless, there is going to be replanting of trees. The manner in which that is done would surely be best done hand in glove with any consideration of walking trails going through that area. It would reduce the cost of the walking trails massively if it is done in coordination with whatever replanting effort is coming. If there are to be, as I know many people in the community want, further recreational opportunities with the opening up of that reservoir, then now is the time to do the consultation so that the work on it can be done in conjunction with the replanting effort that must happen in the time ahead.

None of this is going to be cheap, but the replanting effort is what is going to drive significant budget investment in the Hope Valley Reservoir in the coming year or so—hopefully sooner rather than later. Frankly, months ago was the time for the government to start consulting, but I will give them a tick if they start it now and if they start formally consulting on what the community wants at Hope Valley Reservoir.

I have no doubt that this is an opportunity for the community to get more access to a beautiful part of our local environment. It is an opportunity—just as has been done at other reservoirs such as Myponga, Happy Valley and some of the others—to really open up a wonderful experience for local residents and make it a destination for people from further afield. Those issues, I think, are important and it is an opportunity for the government to listen to them ahead of the budget.

I have previously reported to the house on the developments at Magill in what is currently the University of South Australia Magill campus. The government has bought land. The land on the eastern side of St Bernards Road has three years, 2½ presumably, until the university has to extricate itself from it. Currently, it is mainly being used for car parking. That is the side of the road that is in Morialta.

When people are thinking of Magill uni, the western side of the road is largely what they will be thinking of, and that is in the electorate of Hartley. The government has given the university a five-year lease on that, with a five-year option for extension there. The university presumably, at some stage, will be putting more meat on the bone of what their exit strategy is from there.

We have good signs in relation to the childcare centre. I understand the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education have both been out to the childcare centre; usually that would be a sign that the government is planning on extending their lease there and hopefully giving them long-term security so that the community childcare centre can invest in its own future with confidence.

Murray House is heritage-listed and there is going to be no moving that. But ultimately, we have concerns about the oval, we have concerns about the old pool and gym and recreational facilities, and we certainly want to know what the government's plans are in relation to what they would do where there are currently buildings, lecture theatres and car parks on the western side of the road.

The member for Hartley has assiduously been investigating this and urging the government at every turn to listen to the community on this. The surround, the setback from the creek line, is tremendously important. Thousands of people walk along that creek every week, and there are not only walkers and other people pursuing their health and recreation opportunities but there is also immense biodiversity value around that creek line. So that is the western side of the road, and we have a couple more years there.

As the member for Morialta I am really concerned about what the government has planned for the eastern side of the road—three years, apparently. Renewal SA is going out to public consultation. We were told some time ago this would happen in the first half of this year, but there is not much time left in the first half of this year. Local residents are asking me on a regular basis what the update is, and I can only tell them that, yes, there are hundreds and hundreds more people every month signing our petition urging the government to listen to the community. But in terms of what the government is proactively doing, it is very hard to tell.

We are still waiting on Renewal SA to go to public consultation. I thought it was going to happen in April; we are now halfway through May and time is ticking. What I want from the government is a genuine community consultation, not one of these things we see from time to time where the government provides a special email address for people to write in with their thoughts and maybe has a drop-in session or two. We want some really rigorous community consultation where the members of the local community are encouraged to engage effectively with the government and, at the end point, some feedback from the government that their considerations are going to be taken into account.

When we were going through the process of the university review committee of this parliament we had 10 weeks of many witness interactions. Witnesses we heard from from the Treasury department, from Rick Persse the Under Treasurer, from Renewal SA and from others, made it very clear that the government's expectation is that they are going to recoup the \$65 million that they have spent to purchase the Magill uni precinct. They said the valuation from that was based on a market valuation. That assumes that the eastern side of the road, the side that is in Morialta, which is currently zoned residential, will presumably be largely sold for residential purposes.

We do need housing, but I make the point that the Campbelltown area—and that includes the Magill area in particular—has been subject to some of the most significant urban infill in this city, in this state, over the last decade. The planning arrangements that John Rau, former planning minister, had in place between 2012 and 2019, when the member for Hartley and I and others were able to successfully lobby the former government to improve the planning arrangements in that area, encouraged dramatic infill: 150 square metre block sizes, minimal setbacks, not enough car parking, not enough infrastructure for the houses built there.

What we see at an area like the Magill Training Centre, the Woodforde development, which was also a ministerial approval by former planning minister John Rau, is dramatic overdevelopment of the site; a site that would have comfortably housed 200 dwellings, instead having 400 dwellings put on it—a five-storey apartment building basically on the Hills Face Zone. It is a really unusual approach and has significantly exacerbated traffic problems in the local area. That would be an utter disaster if that were then imposed on the Magill uni site. I am not saying that it necessarily will be, I am just saying this is the Labor government's track record when it comes to urban infill in that surrounding area.

The Magill area, having been subject to that, I am talking about is right square bang in the middle of the dramatic traffic and infrastructure challenges between Mills Road and Magill Road and between Glen Stuart Road and St Bernards Road. This area is already diminished in terms of open space and access to community amenity there. It is still a lovely place to live, but if you were going to just transplant that land that is currently passive recreation, the old soccer pitches and the car parking for Magill uni, if you are going to transplant that land with Lego brick housing and places such as the five-storey apartment building that has been built in Woodforde, then that is going to be enormously difficult for local infrastructure to cope. It is going to present an increased reduction, a decrease in amenity for people in the local area, so this has to be sensitively done.

There are significant proposals put forward by the council, by the Burnside Hockey Club, by other people for improved sporting community recreation facilities, and there is certainly a demand for that. We are short of soccer pitches in the area. The Burnside Hockey Club has had funding to pursue their improvements but no actual home to deliver them on for a long period of time. There is significant demand for sporting and recreational infrastructure and community infrastructure.

The department and the government's only advice to us so far is they wish to recoup \$65 million from the sale of the land somehow and that they are going to go to public and community consultation. I am hoping that the second part of that is going to be more persuasive on the government as to what they do with this land than just focusing on that \$65 million figure, because in a budget of 16, 18, 20, it is a growing budget in the years ahead, and we are talking about 10, 15, 20 years for some of these developments to be truly delivered one way or the other. This is a small amount of capital money which has an enormous impact on the local residents and the broader community in my area, so it is important the government pays it due mind.

I spoke about the traffic challenges. On the edge of this area is the new Morialta Secondary College. It is the old middle school from Norwood Morialta High School. Some people say, 'Well, what difference does that make? It was previously a school, and it is going to be a school again.' I highlight that the Magill campus of Norwood International High School, which was previously the senior campus, has gone from 600 students to about 1,700 students. That is a dramatic transformation.

The middle campus, which is now Morialta Secondary College, had about 700 students. It was knocked down and we built the new school. It currently has 400 students. It will have 1,200 students very soon. These two campuses have combined. They have gone from 1,300 students to what will ultimately be when combined about 3,000 students. It highlights the infill in the area. It highlights the confidence with which people are approaching their educational choices in the area. We are not seeing reduced enrolments at local non-government schools, we are seeing larger numbers of students, and also a good proportion of them choosing public schools because they have confidence in these high-quality institutions.

But what it presents is absolutely phenomenal traffic challenges and complications: significant rat-running through the back streets to the point where Burnside Council has listened to local residents and imposed a 40 km/h zone on the southern side of Magill Road within Magill, significant productivity delays and inconvenience to many people.

That area of St Bernards Road was recommended by the former minister many years ago, who put in a road management plan study that had many recommendations that are still to be taken up. The challenges in that area surrounded by those four roads—St Bernards, Moules, Magill and Glen Stuart—are much greater now than they were 10 years ago when that study was done, so I reiterate my calls, backed up by hundreds and hundreds and probably thousands now of signatories to our petition to the Minister for Transport, urging a new road management plan to be undertaken in this area because when that school grows to 1,200 students it is not going to be possible for the government to put it off any further. That is four years away, so now is the time to do this work. I commend the bill to the house.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley) (11:31): I also rise today in support of the Supply Bill 2024 to allow the continued payment of public servants and public services until the Appropriation Bill 2024 is passed by this place later this year. I note that the amount for the appropriation for the Supply Bill 2024 is \$7.7 billion or so.

It is also probably a good time to reflect on the performance of this government at the halfway mark. What I would say about this government is that they seem to be very focused when it comes to activity but not so focused when it comes to outcomes. We have a premier who loves getting the free kick but does not necessarily like the hard ball get all that often. We have a government that loves saying 'whatever it takes' before an election to get in but not as good at delivering what they promised they would after the election. One example of that is, of course, when they told South Australians before the election that they would fix the ramping crisis.

What I would like to talk about are a few things in terms of macro-economics and then, of course, a few issues in relation to my own electorate as well. In terms of the business community,

we are out there talking to businesses right across the state, especially in my own electorate. They are telling me that, at the moment, whilst they are working hard and fighting hard, it is getting tougher in South Australia to do business with the rising cost of living.

We know that inflation at the moment is a real killer. We know that inflation is eating into ordinary South Australian's ability to pay for things. Business owners cannot necessarily put their prices up as much as what inflationary pressures are causing, so they are having to dig further and further to ensure they continue to run businesses successfully. Also, when it comes to red tape and payroll tax there are a lot of levers this government can still pull without causing too much of an inflationary effect but which can still assist small businesses. So, in this upcoming budget, we want to see some assistance for small businesses to ensure they continue to help employ South Australians who also need assistance more than ever.

Of course, a lot has been said when it comes to labour shortages, whether you are trying to build a house or whether you are trying to build a road or you are trying to employ a police officer or a teacher or a doctor or a nurse. We know that there are significant labour shortages right across this state, and it is a bit rich from this government to say that they are not partially to blame for that. They have been in for something like 18 out of the last 22 years. They are front and centre when it comes to most of the time that the governments have occupied those benches, and so it is a bit rich for them to say that they are not partially to blame, because they are significantly to blame, and they need to right many of the wrongs, especially in recent times.

In terms of the strong economy that is often spoken about, it is important to note that there are a number of issues when it comes to the economy that need to be identified, and also resolved by this government, because the cost-of-living crisis does continue to worsen. Whether you are an age pensioner, whether you are a small business owner, or whether you are part of a young family, there is a real cost-of-living crisis that continues to worsen here in South Australia, and South Australians are being left behind by this government.

Whilst the government pats themselves on the back for overseeing what they call a strong economy, once you look a bit deeper, average wages, in some respects, have actually gone backwards by 7.6 per cent in real terms. It has actually been, in some stages, the worst in the country. That means that people are getting worse off each and every week.

Decaying standards, unfortunately, have been a cornerstone of this government. You only have to look at the ramping standards and what has happened there. Under this government, some of the ramping figures have been the worst in South Australia's history despite, as I mentioned before, them coming into government saying that they would fix that crisis.

We also know housing is no exception; there is a lot of activity. Again, we know the minister loves having the Sunday press conference with the cardboard cut-out with all kinds of charts and the vacant block in the background. Supply of land is one thing, but how about actually shovels in the ground and laying a slab and getting on with it, and actually building these dwellings? Do you know how many dwellings have been built in South Australia in the last two years? Not enough.

It is now said, depending on the reports that you quote, that Adelaide actually has the second worst dwelling affordability amongst capital cities right across the country—Adelaide. Historically, South Australia has actually been better than the national average, but it is actually more affordable now to buy in parts of Melbourne than it is to buy in parts of Adelaide. I will leave you with that to ponder over.

Renters, of course, have been suffering big time. From the report that I am looking at, we know that rents in Adelaide have been rising 5.8 per cent over the year to December 2023, and the cost of new built homes in the city at one stage climbed by 8.3 per cent compared to 12 months ago. How can South Australians simply afford this? How can they afford this? This rise in cost is a bigger escalation than almost every single capital city in Australia and, of course, a place where at one point we had the worst average wage growth as well. Prices are going up, real wages are going backwards, so people are getting worse off. It is not the perception, but it actually is the reality as well, and how are our young people going to afford to enter the property market?

I was walking the dog on the weekend—Howard, my labradoodle, is five years old—and there was an auction going on. I thought I would have a look at this auction, and there were lots of property developers but not that many young people who were going to make it to this auction. Unfortunately, I dare say, it was not a young family who walked into that property with the keys. It looked to be a property developer, not to say that there is anything wrong with property developers, but we have to allow young people an opportunity to also enter into that market. At the moment, we know that it is becoming further and further out of reach to enter that property market.

With a name like Tarzia, I am obviously a big fan of migration. Without migration I would not be here, that is for sure, and Australia as we know has been built on the back of hardworking migrants who have come to this country seeking a better opportunity and working hard in an aspirational set of values, and helping to build the country, and that is great.

What has been lacking from the migration/immigration level discussion is that these people also need an opportunity to get a job, an opportunity to get an education, an opportunity for good health care and also an opportunity to have somewhere to live. We know that there is a lag, a gap, and this housing crisis is going to continue to get worse as housing supply does not keep up with migration levels. That is causing a large strain on the rental market and the property market.

Recently, the RBA Governor, Michele Bullock, said that new migrants add to demand and there has been that element of it. They are certainly adding to pressure on the housing market. Whilst we love migration, the housing supply and affordability discussion also has to factor into that discussion. Simply put, until the government addresses the surrounding housing issue with the migration issue, then this crisis is going to continue.

In the face of all these issues, along with skyrocketing immigration numbers, rising inflation and global tension, what is this government doing? I ask South Australians to ponder: do you think that the government have their priorities right? They are very concerned about the State Voice to Parliament, and very concerned about things such as the Sam Smith influencer concert. Wasn't that a cracking one? I was not at that one, sir, let me tell you.

Overseas trips: my old friend, the member for West Torrens, do you know where he is at the moment? I think he is in Europe.

An honourable member: Italy.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I think someone said he may even be in Italy. I was not invited to translate or carry the bags on that trip. At the same time, we see here in South Australia a road maintenance backlog. One report had it at \$3 billion when you consider local roads and state roads. We know that regional roads continue to run into ruin.

We have the federal budget tonight. We put out a press conference yesterday. There are huge blows to productivity and safety on South Australian roads where, as part of the Albanese government's 90-day infrastructure review, we saw savage cuts to things such as the Hahndorf township improvements and access upgrades, the Main South Road Productivity Package, the Old Belair Road upgrade, the Onkaparinga Valley Road/Tiers Road/Nairne Road intersection upgrade and, of course, the Truro freight route.

Last week, we saw that Western Sydney received \$1.9 billion of upgraded infrastructure in the federal budget, including for projects that were slashed as part of this Labor Party review. We saw Labor premiers take on the Prime Minister. They picked up the phone and said, 'Albo mate, this is rubbish. What are you doing cutting billions of dollars from our state?' To their credit, they have been able to get a win in Western Sydney.

What has our Premier done? What has this transport minister done? We are seeing billions of dollars cut right around Australia. We have seen \$400 million-worth of savage cuts to five key road initiatives. Unfortunately, it is our friends in the country who are having to pay for Labor's ineptitude when it comes to regional roads.

We are also, of course, concerned about the energy space. We know that South Australians pay some of the highest energy prices in the world. What we want to see is a coherent set of policies from the government when it comes to affordable and reliable base load power so that we do not

have the lights going out as we did not that long ago. I have spoken a little bit about things on a macro level. In the time I have left, I will talk about my local electorate.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Jacqui van Ruiten, principal at Norwood International High School. Jacqui has done a fantastic job leading the Norwood International High School. Do not forget, that was a school that in recent times went through much transition. Now you have a new school on The Parade. She has done a wonderful job and after eight years her term comes to an end and I want to thank her. I was at the governing council meeting last night and she will be much missed. We wish her all the very best in her future endeavours and in her very exciting new role.

Much has been said about the Magill University Campus, the UniSA site. We know that in 2023 the state government passed legislation effectively greenlighting the merger of the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia. With any merger, of course, there is always a number of hurdles and obstacles, but most relevant to my seat—and I really just want to hone in on one particular issue—is in relation to the UniSA Magill campus. We know there is an opportunity there to bring the community along with the government, to bring the council along with the government. We certainly want to see the sports field preserved in one way or another.

As the shadow minister for sport and recreation, I get to see a lot of these magnificent clubs and at the moment they are absolutely packed when it comes to facilities. There are not enough facilities right across the state to play not only soccer but other sports as well. There is a great opportunity to actually put a value-adding sporting recreational facility there that we can all be proud of, where young people, older people can go and play and enjoy their recreation space.

Of course, you have Murray House, which also has heritage issues. I want to see that house preserved, but if it is the prerogative of the university and the government to do some sort of development, what I would say is: bring the community along with you, bring the council along with you and bring the local member along with you because, let me tell you, I will not stop until we have the best result possible.

Judge us on our record. The former government once had this idea that 150-square-metre allotments in Campbelltown was a good idea. Well, how did that go? It was not their proudest moment. We have moved it up to 250 square metres. The community spoke, we listened and eventually there was a change of government because people were so upset. Let's say to the government: learn the lessons of the past, bring the community along with you and let's get a good outcome at the UniSA site.

If there is going to be some housing, especially on the eastern side of St Bernards Road, let's make sure that it is sensible. We know that there is significant strain on infrastructure there at the moment, so there is no way that we are going to tolerate high-rise density living on that site—it is just not going to happen. The government needs to be very up-front and transparent about what is going to happen there and make sure they do the due diligence and talk to the local community and bring them along as well because I think there is an opportunity to do something sensible there.

When it comes to Hope Valley Reservoir, we know that that has been an enormous success. It has had over 160,000 visitors since the former Liberal government opened it up in December 2020. We should be making it more inviting for families by opening up more of the reserve, upgrading facilities to also cater for that. We have seen petitioners in my own community. They wanted to see further improvements to recreational activities.

Some have asked: why does the government not look at fishing, kayaking and canoeing? Unfortunately, there has been a number—some say hundreds—of trees that have been removed. We urge the government to act swiftly so that walking paths around the whole of the reservoir, within the reserve, can be planned and created.

I think there is an opportunity to do that in conjunction with restoration of the trees. Obviously, we encourage the government to plant native trees. It looks quite barren in parts at the moment because these trees have had to be ripped out of the ground. If you drive past it, you will see it for yourself. I also urge the government to commence as soon as possible the necessary community consultation to inform the plan for future work so that that work can commence as soon as possible.

In the past, we have called for a road traffic management plan to be updated and upgraded. We have had a great track record when it comes to working with government in the past and updating and upgrading key infrastructure in and around Hartley. You only have to look at roads like Turner Street and OG Road, Gorge Road, Silkes Road, Newton Road—you name it, there has been a real team effort there over some 10 years now.

At the moment, the next key intersections that need to be upgraded are things such as the intersection of St Bernards Road and Arthur Street, which should be well and truly on the top of this agenda. We know that that intersection is dangerous; it is busy. Whilst we welcome the construction of Morialta Secondary College, the infrastructure now has to keep up with that college upgrade as well, with literally hundreds more people visiting that site each and every day. I request that the government and the minister provide the community and myself with a solution to that issue. I have also continued to receive many reports of speeding on Gorge Road. I have raised that issue in this house and I will continue to do so until we get a more permanent solution to combat that increase in speeding.

On the policy front, we are still waiting for the government's position when it comes to e-scooters. We know these are very popular. It makes no sense that I can go out the front here and get an orange or purple scooter, but I cannot go and get my own scooter. What about in regional areas, where you might want to go to the shops to get some milk, bread, AFL football cards or whatever? I cannot take my scooter, but I can if I am in the city. It makes no sense. The government has been saying that it is talking about the legislation; we actually want to see something done about it.

When it comes to the policy front, we have also put out a policy on P-plate drivers. We recently announced that when P-platers are moving on to their full licence, if they have not committed a single road offence, they would have their first year of renewal waived, which at the moment is \$71. We know that young drivers are a very vulnerable cohort when it comes to serious injuries and fatalities on our roads, and that is why we would like the government to support that as well.

In the last couple of minutes, I would like to speak a little about recent examples in health care, where unfortunately we have seen the government let down my residents. We all remember the posters with the now Premier at the time smiling below the phrase, 'Labor will fix the ramping crisis'. Not only have they not fixed the ramping crisis but they have made it worse. We saw that in the figures: the latest available delayed transfer of care data for March 2024 shows 4,095 hours were lost on the ramp, which is worse than any month of the Liberal government's four years. Since Labor came to office, we know there have been thousands and thousands of hours of paramedics' and patients' time lost on ramps outside our emergency departments.

In my own electorate we saw Eddie, a resident of Hectorville, who waited for around 10 hours and sadly passed away. Also, in recent times, Rita from Glynde waited 80 minutes for an ambulance, only to be taken and ramped for three hours at the hospital. It is not good enough. They said that they would fix the ramping crisis. The ramping crisis has become worse than ever, and we will continue to hold the government to account on their core policy promise, which was to fix ramping.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: I welcome to parliament this morning school student leaders from across the electorate of Narungga. I note that the member for Narungga is up there with the students. I hope you are enjoying your time in parliament this morning. Members are being very well behaved. I hear that you are coming back at question time. Let's hope they stick to those high standards that they are showing this morning. We know what they are capable of; let's back them in after 2 o'clock.

Bills

SUPPLY BILL 2024

Second Reading

Debate resumed.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (11:52): I rise to speak to the Supply Bill 2024, which is a great opportunity for us to reflect on the significant investments the Malinauskas Labor government is making. This government is delivering on its commitment to boost the capacity of our hospitals and health sites, having recruited 1,400 extra nurses, doctors, ambos and allied health workers since the state election. But we are not finished yet. We also saw construction commence on the new Women's and Children's Hospital, which will contain 56 more beds than the current hospital, plus capacity for more beds in the future.

It is an absolute honour to serve as the Minister for Tourism and the Minister for Multicultural Affairs. I have the privilege of promoting our great state and attracting people here while also enacting our policies and programs to retain the diverse range of skills, talents and experiences amongst our growing population.

We have an ambitious plan for the future. The state prosperity plan made very clear to people where the focus is for us, where we want to see the opportunity in a decarbonised world, what we have to offer and how we need to go about making sure we are in the right place at the right time for economic growth. We want it to be something that benefits us for future communities. We have work to do getting the workforce ready and getting ourselves there, but this is boldness that we have not seen for a long time, and it is an opportunity for South Australia to take those things we do so well—we are world leading in renewable energy, and now the rest of the world is catching up and demanding to have that knowledge and technology. This gives us an opportunity to be in the driver's seat.

When I talk about tourism, what an extraordinary year we have had. I will firstly talk about Kangaroo Island. Mr Speaker, your advocacy, as the member for Mawson, was very successful in making sure that we achieved additional flights and an improved flight schedule from Kangaroo Island. This is really important. KI is such an arrowhead for us, particularly in international tourism. We know that when the itineraries of international trade tourist companies are being organised, they need to make sure that they have an itinerary that includes KI, as it is something that is very important to them, and we need to create efficient connections on and off the island. It is a must-do when you come to South Australia, but we have to do it at the same time as they are coordinating other elements into those itineraries.

In regard to the reopening of Southern Ocean Lodge, can I say that I had so many people asking me when it was opening, when was it coming back. They were very much looking forward to it, particularly in the international tourist trade market. They were pre-booked many months in advance by international guests, and it still remains one of those absolutely stunning immersive experiences, particularly for the luxury traveller.

The sod was turned at The Cliffs golf links, and it was great to talk to Sam Atkins just recently at LIV Golf to see where they are at. That will be a wonderful addition to KI. We know that it is the talk of the town. People who love golf cannot wait to go and play there. Of course, there are great new opportunities with the new SeaLink ferries as well. They are going to see a significant increase in passenger numbers and accessibility to the island. Work has already begun on the upgrade of the Penneshaw and Cape Jervis jetties, ready for those new ferries.

I made a commitment to people who were impacted by the largest, highest river water in a century to keep my eyes on the river. There is no doubt at all that our Rise Up for our River campaign has been incredibly successful. It was successful because we went out there and talked to people. We talked to tourism operators, and we talked to local government about when the timing was right and what they needed.

We did three rounds of vouchers. We have already seen \$10.7 million in economic benefit in those first two rounds. People may recall that we could not have houseboats in round 1 because they were not ready then, but they certainly were hit hardest and longest by all of the different parts of the tourism sector. In the third round, we already have \$1.2 million in direct bookings. We made sure that that third round, although it was smaller than the other two, extended over the autumn period so that people who were successful with those vouchers had the opportunity to travel up until 30 June. That is traditionally a much slower time, so we were listening to those operators to see what we needed to do.

Within that, there was more than \$1 million in our Rise Up for our River campaign. It was due to that marketing campaign, regardless of whether you had a voucher or not, that I have heard time and time again people tell me that it made them look at the river in a different way and they made sure they booked a holiday there. I have had such great feedback, with people finding absolute gems in our river regions and then talking to their friends who have gone and booked as well. We must keep our eyes on the river. I want to thank the team at the SA Tourism Commission particularly for the work they did in that area.

We launched our marketing campaign, 'Travel. Our Way.', and it is very specific about South Australia. We certainly have this positive momentum at the moment about pride in ourselves and pride in what we have to offer. This has come particularly from some of the events, but we are also number one in food and wine, and this is something that we are very proud of. Our regions are very accessible. We have the beautiful Flinders Ranges. People absolutely love being immersed in the outback, and it is so accessible in South Australia.

We just launched our 'Winter. Our Way.' campaign, which is a theme on 'Travel. Our Way.', particularly to interstate markets. Victoria is our biggest market and New South Wales is second, but we are seeing an increase in Queenslanders coming here. Just on the weekend, at Tasting Australia, I had a conversation with some people from Rockhampton. They come every year for Tasting Australia. In fact, they come to South Australia about three times a year. They said, 'We just love being here in autumn. We love the food. We love the wine. We go to a different winery every single time.' They were at McLaren Vale this time. They like to get on the databases and continue to buy the wine directly from the cellar doors.

Cruises and aviation have been coming back. Obviously, they were hit really hard during COVID. This year we had 130 cruise visits exploring South Australia from the South-East to the West Coast. I am really thrilled to see that we have the big ships going to Port Lincoln and also to Kangaroo Island, but then we have the smaller ships that are going to different areas like Wallaroo and Robe as well. We are getting quite a good reputation. Obviously, we are a very friendly state. What we want to see is those cruise ship visits as the taster, the sweetener: people see a little bit of what we have to offer and then they come back and book a longer visit.

I was so thrilled to stand beside the Premier and announce the return of Emirates, who are coming in October this year. That connectivity is incredibly important. They are linked to 300 different destinations throughout the world. We know that people have been looking for Emirates to come back and are really pleased. VietJet also made the decision to fly direct to Vietnam from Adelaide, and that is a new airline for this year.

Let's talk about events. We have another huge year of events under our belt. We have seen the extension of WOMAD, probably my favourite festival, for another five years. We have also had additional support for the Adelaide Festival and the Fringe, which is boosting our Mad March that we are so well known for. Of course, we have had great results from Harvest Rock. Gather Round and LIV Golf are in their second years. The weather was absolutely stunning for LIV Golf. We saw people come back with not just one mate but 10 mates, or they came back with the family as well. We saw the numbers up more than ever before.

This year the Tour Down Under came back in its traditional format. We are so thrilled to build on the work of previous Tour Down Unders, with women coming here now at the absolute highest level with world tour status. We continue to build both the men's and women's competition and get the best cyclists in the world to come here for the Tour Down Under. Once again, we have people who absolutely love this event. They come from all over Australia and different parts of the world to follow the same cycling routes as the professionals. They love what they get to do. The other thing, of course, is the great expo that we have in Victoria Square. People can look at the best bikes in the world, have those conversations about fitness and talk to people about the maintenance of bikes. We hear great feedback about that every single time.

We have also had quite a few one-off events in the last year. It was fantastic to have the State of Origin here. It was a perfect night in May, and it was really fantastic to have that. The five games we held here for the FIFA Women's World Cup were absolutely fantastic. In fact, the best viewed game, between China and England, had more than 50 million people watching. It was

outstanding. The fan festival sites we had here at Festival Plaza were absolutely loved and won the best fan festival site in the nation by FIFA. It was fantastic.

We have seen, obviously, the focus on women's participation in sport. The support for professional women in sport has been increased. We have been getting there for a long time, but the FIFA Women's World Cup really was a catalyst moment. I often share with people the story of when my 13 year old was playing FIFA on the Xbox. During the FIFA Women's World Cup, he said, 'Mum, I'm Sam Kerr today,' while playing his game. It was a moment of change when a 13 year-old boy chose to be a professional female football player while playing online.

We also had Laser sailing. That was a fantastic event. We had people here from more than 30 countries, and they stayed for about four weeks in order to gain points to be eligible to enter the Olympics. We also had the athletics here, the Masters Games. Of course, *Frida & Diego* was held here at the Art Gallery, and that had significant numbers come as well.

Of course, we have more to come throughout this year and next. Business events and conventions have been hugely successful in the last year, with a record-breaking convention year behind us. Specifically for tourism operators, industry has been connected like never before to international markets and media, with Adelaide hosting Tourism Australia's Dreamtime; AHICE, which we saw just last week and which is the biggest international hotel event in the Southern Hemisphere; and ATEC Marketplace. We have also been awarded, in March next year, the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards, the 40th anniversary of which will be held right here in Adelaide.

I would like to recognise the work of the Tourism Industry Council South Australia, which continued to be supported by the Malinauskas Labor government with additional funding, particularly their work in producing a tourism careers guide. It is a little bit old-fashioned. It is a printed copy, but it goes through the different job opportunities and also the pathways for people to have a career in tourism.

I particularly want to acknowledge their work in the establishment of the South Australian Aboriginal Tourism Operators Council (SAATOC). This is based on the WA model that has been running for more than 20 years. In WA, there are now more than 200 Aboriginal-led tourism operators. We have fewer than that here in South Australia, but we see the opportunity to support the capacity and the development of more Aboriginal tourism operators, telling their stories and talking about their connection to the land. We certainly know from an international perspective that this is what our international tourists want. They want to hear about the oldest living culture on this earth and they want to see operators who have that connection and can tell that story. I want to thank Shaun and his team for that great work.

I am also pleased to see the continued support of tourism across other portfolios. I specifically thank the Premier and the Major Events Attraction Committee—which was recently chaired by the Speaker, and which I work closely with to deliver outstanding calendar events—and of course the Deputy Premier, the Minister for Environment, who works closely with me to deliver the Experience Nature Tourism Fund. We have worked closely together, looking at managing the commercial tour operator licences for businesses working with our national parks.

Minister Close and her department are also responsible for some of our most outstanding tourism products, including the Ediacaran fossils, Granite Island and the Mount Remarkable Epic Trail. I have had the opportunity to go out and see these different operations. There are also the Naracoorte Caves, which continue to be a massive drawcard in South Australia.

My colleague Katrine Hildyard, the Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing, works closely with my office and agency to ensure community sporting outcomes from those major sporting events. Of course, that significant announcement of \$18 million to support grassroots involvement of women and girls post FIFA Women's World Cup was outstanding.

I have also been pleased to work alongside the Minister for Arts on boosting regional and multicultural inclusion in both the Adelaide Festival and the Fringe. Just last week, Festival City Adelaide hosted a festival and event policy forum. It was an excellent forum to talk about the opportunities here to grow that sector, but what I really want to draw attention to is the launch of their

careers guide outlining the different job titles and how you get there within the festival and event policy.

It is very similar to what TiCSA did with their tourism careers guide; this is a complementary careers guide. If your child or grandchild comes to you and says, 'I want a career in the arts,' or 'I want a career in events,' then this is a way to look together at how they achieve that going forward. I also thank the Treasurer, who has understood the needs and challenges for regional accommodation. He has focused round 1 of the Economic Recovery Fund on regional tourism.

Wearing my other hat for Multicultural Affairs, I get to go around the world every week by staying here in Adelaide. We know when we look at our Census data that we have South Australians living here from 200 different countries, speaking 180 languages. When we came to government, we put an additional \$16 million over four years into the multicultural portfolio. We have been working hard to deliver those election commitments: tabling the Multicultural Charter, the rollout of the pilot of the ambassador program, and the delivery of the now annual Multicultural Festival that more than 10,000 people attended.

Of that money, \$4 million over four years is for community language schools. We did both the infrastructure grants, which is something that has never been done before, but that additional money has meant that they can support those more than 90 registered community language schools that are running events or running schools every weekend with capacity support. We have been focusing on training, and training in different locations. These are mostly volunteers and we have really built the ability to support them in a much more nourishing way.

We are looking at these hub locations as well at Regency TAFE and I am about to announce one at Torrens University. There is also one at Salisbury TAFE that enables four or five schools to be in the one location using those facilities when they are often very quiet, but also supporting each other the same way.

Of course, those grant programs continue: Stronger Together, Expand Together, Celebrate Together, and people can enter. We have just done some exciting work within the Public Service in the People Matters Survey, asking people for the first time, just like the commonwealth and the Queensland government, about their ethnicity and looking at diversity in the Public Service.

I want to talk about those election commitments we are rolling out in the Ramsay electorate. The Salisbury Football Club scoreboard has been installed and made its debut on ANZAC Day. We have a commitment for a new school gymnasium at Brahma Lodge Primary School and there is \$6 million towards relocating the Brahma Lodge Kindergarten onto the school site as well as that gymnasium.

We have had resurfacing of Waterloo Corner Road between Ascot Drive and Heaslip Road and we continue to work with DIT about site investigations and community consultations. Night works have also commenced on the Haydown Road/John Rice Avenue intersection to have traffic lights there. It is a very busy intersection. There are people going to the Lyell McEwin Hospital, there are ambulances going there. That is a much needed investment to support that area in the north. We have had Park Terrace level crossing consultation, and we have 48 extra beds at the Lyell McEwin Hospital.

I also introduced for the very first time the Ramsay Volunteer Recognition Awards, and I was delighted to host our outstanding volunteers from my electorate here in Parliament House. I support the bill.

Mr TELFER (Flinders) (12:12): I rise to speak today on this important bill for the operations of our state, the Supply Bill, and to provide a bit of commentary on what it means for the portfolio areas that I am responsible for and also for the electorate of Flinders and the important aspect of the state that that is—the contribution that my electorate makes to our state's economy and the need for that to be reflected in investment from the government into areas that continue to add to the productivity of our state. This is no more so than in infrastructure and roads which support the industry, individuals, businesses and residents of my electorate.

Under the previous Liberal government, we saw significant works that were funded by both the federal and state governments—in partnership, in conjunction—which invested into the backbone

of the transport connection network on Eyre Peninsula in particular, and investment into those significant highways. We saw, under the previous Liberal government, significant investment into the Eyre Highway, which goes all the way from Port Augusta to the Western Australian border. We saw significant investment in the shoulder sealing along the Tod Highway, which goes through the middle of the peninsula from Kyancutta, south all the way down nearly to Port Lincoln. We saw considerable investment into the Lincoln Highway and the overtaking lane work that was done there.

It is a frustration when I continue to see that the need is great but that investment from state government is drying up. For those of us who are on those roads every single day, we see that the amount of usage is continuing to grow, both domestic and industry use. We see the amount of grain from our productive farmlands that are on the roads. We have also seen, with frustration, the way projects that had the potential to be so significant, so important, for our region have actually had to be redone over and over again because of failed works.

My community and I have been frustrated at the failings of the works done on the Lincoln Highway—the overtaking lanes had to be redone several times—while the intersection between the Flinders and Tod highways, a project that should have been an investment into the longevity of our region, unfortunately failed over and over again and had to be redone. That has had a significant impact on freight movement, on people getting to work and on kids getting to school. On top of that there are the works with the Western Approach Road at Port Lincoln which, again, has had to be redone several times.

As decision-makers, when we put money into projects around our state we need to make sure they are done appropriately for transport needs not just for now but for the future. This leads me into the most recent frustration for my community, and something I have spoken about in this place before: the works that have been done on the roundabout intersections along Liverpool Street in Port Lincoln.

It has been front of mind for those of us who have to traverse those roads, because all of a sudden there has been traffic congestion, trucks having to stop in the middle of roundabouts as traffic blocks up. We had an inflexible minister and decision-makers, not understanding the needs of the Port Lincoln community, taking out the left-turn slipways at the roundabouts for some sort of pedestrian safety outcome, which was not proven by the numbers given to us.

The unique way the traffic moves through Liverpool Street is that the left-turn slipways are needed, they are absolutely a necessity for people to be able to get off that main thoroughfare if they want to. Unfortunately, this decision—which was made at a bureaucratic level, at a ministerial level, without an understanding of the traffic needs—has ended up having a lesser outcome for my community.

I hope that in the short amount of time the cabinet was in Port Lincoln members saw that the works that have been done will mean it will be worse for the people of Port Lincoln. I get that they flew in for only a short period of time and then had to leave, but I hope the minister has had the chance to see that those works have reduced traffic movement outcomes in Port Lincoln.

Investment in the health network in regional South Australia is a must, and it is needed not just for regional hospitals but also for health delivery and GP services all around regional South Australia, especially for my community on Eyre Peninsula and the West Coast because of the distance between those communities. We need a health system that is suitable for our needs into the future, and we need proper GP services that reflect the challenges of living in regional areas. If we are to truly maximise the economic and financial opportunities we have in our state, then I hope the federal and state governments are putting thought into supporting these communities that put so much into our state and federal economies.

Communities and councils have been working together to get long-term solutions, but it should not be their responsibility: it has become so out of necessity, but it should not be their responsibility. The latest arrangements being mooted for Streaky Bay and Elliston, for instance, will have a lesser outcome for health services in those towns in the short term, with the hope that in the longer term it can be arranged for more sustainable health outcomes.

I have real concerns with any steps that are put in place to lessen health care within our regional communities, and I urge the state government not to turn its back on providing adequate health care within our regional communities. Make sure you invest appropriately, because these are the towns and cities that punch above their weight when it comes to their economic contribution.

There have been many words spoken in this place about the importance of the PATS (Patient Assistance Transport Scheme) system and the way it is able to support people within regional centres to be able to get the necessary specialist care and to do it in a way that is more affordable. It is still a challenge to afford it, with this system, but it becomes more affordable.

It really is imperative for the state government to be looking at the PATS system: putting more money into it, putting the resources to actually process the existing claims, and also looking at the scheme as a whole and recognising that the cost-of-living challenges that we are all facing are exacerbated and magnified in our regional centres. The cost of travel and accommodation for people who have to take necessary steps to gain their medical care within the city should be reflected in an upping of the PATS as a whole, in the support structures that it provides. We need to invest in the foundations of our community so that health care does ensure quality and sustainability in our regions.

Across regional coastal communities the importance of jetties as a part of the social and community fabric should never be underestimated. There are some 20 jetties across the electorate of Flinders. I have over 2,000 kilometres of coastline, and each of those jetties in the different communities is important to that community. The one that has been front of mind for me, and front of mind for my community, is the Tumby Bay jetty. It has been closed for an extended period of time due to degradation of the more than century-old structure, leading to what the council has assessed as being unsafe for the community. That is a terrible outcome, both for locals and for visitors alike, and it is why the community came together for action. It is something that I have been bringing up in this place the whole time I have been here.

It is not just the Tumby Bay jetty that is at the top of the list at the moment. There are also challenges that are on the horizon, and even closer than that when it comes to some of the other jetties: the Louth Bay jetty, the Denial Bay jetty, the Ceduna jetty and the Streaky Bay jetty. Most of these jetties are owned by state government and leased to council, but not all of them. The Streaky Bay jetty, for instance, is one that is owned and managed by the state government. The arrangements that are in place at the moment, the leases that are in place, are soon expiring and major works are going to be needed on these structures.

It has been encouraging for me to see the immense work that the Tumby Bay council, along with the department, have done in looking at this. It has culminated in the adjusting of the engineering arrangements to allow for some short-term patch-up work, which I hope means that the Tumby Bay jetty can reopen again soon for the short term. Those long-term arrangements, those long-term funding structures, need to be in place to make sure that we do not lose these incredibly important pieces of community infrastructure. These are the arrangements that the state government needs to put in place.

The appropriate funding of the future of our jetties is so important. They are a key component of a vibrant coastal community—supported by, as I said, locals and visitors alike—to be able to experience our unique marine environment and to go fishing, to go swimming and to be able to simply walk along and experience the beautiful lifestyle that we have. It is so important for our community wellbeing. Although councils and local communities have a role to play in partnering with the state government in the long term for these jetties, it is key for the state government to recognise their responsibility as the owners of these pieces of infrastructure and to properly step up and provide long-term solutions.

As the local member, I will not give up until we get a suitable long-term solution for the jetty at Tumby Bay, and indeed for jetties across the whole of my electorate, because, as I said, we cannot afford to lose such iconic pieces of our coastal communities.

Our communities in South Australia deserve to feel safe in their homes, in their streets, in their workplaces, in their towns and in their cities. We have seen some alarming increases in offending, especially assaults, thefts, break-ins and other antisocial behaviours, in areas such as the

CBD here in Adelaide but also in our suburbs and in our regional centres. We have heard some horrific stories that have been shared by everyday South Australians who deserve to feel safe. As I said, it occurs even in regional areas, such as in Port Augusta, Whyalla, Port Lincoln and Ceduna.

As the shadow minister for police and community safety I have deep concerns about police resourcing within our state. I hear too many stories about some of the struggles that are being faced, including hearing that for every recruit who is coming into the police force we are losing just as many to retirement and resignation. Even with the additional rhetoric that is coming from the government, this margin continues.

This issue of recruitment and retention of police within our state is only exacerbated within the regional parts of our state, and there are the challenges that we hear all the time from senior police leadership about the challenges of being able to get officers into our regional areas when there already is, unfortunately, in this state a 200-officer deficit. That is 200 officers short of where we should be, and it is only being exacerbated in regional areas.

Unfortunately, I am hearing stories from communities all around our state, and some of these stories are frightening, honestly. As well as that there are the anecdotes I hear from police on the beat in these types of communities. The police are getting worn out and worn down—overburdened with work—and they are questioning their long-term career. This is happening at the same time when interstate governments such as Queensland's are offering significant incentives and financial supports to not just recruit police officers from interstate and overseas but actually keep their officers too.

Here in South Australia there has been very little. We hear that there is apparently a Premier's task force into policing, which we have barely seen or heard anything from. In fact, we heard only last week that they had their final meeting over 12 months ago. Over 12 months ago was the final meeting of the Premier's task force into police, and what have we heard? Nothing. What is actually happening?

The communities of South Australia and communities within my electorate are crying out for action from this government. They deserve to know what is actually happening, and they want to have people who are offending in their communities held accountable for their actions. Where is the strategy for recruiting police officers? Where is the appropriate resourcing for our police force within our regional areas? Where is the strategy that is actually there to help and support our police and keep them from leaving? The numbers we are seeing going out the door are incredibly worrying. Where is the action from the government?

The regional communities right across South Australia add so much to our economy: tens of billions of dollars are contributed. This is why as I am speaking on this Supply Bill I would like to highlight and underline the fact that we as decision-makers should be investing into those regional communities. This is no more so than within my region. It is a highly productive area in terms of the agriculture, indeed, but also in terms of the fishing and the aquaculture industry. We saw with the last Liberal government the investment into the South Australian Seafood Growth Strategy, because they recognised that these are the industries which build the foundation for the economics of our state.

Instead of that proactive nature, from this government what do we see? Unfortunately we are seeing these industries getting an extra cost burden, extra red tape, an extra bureaucratic burden. The Department of Primary Industries should be a valuable partner and should be an advocate for our fishing and aquaculture industries, but it seems like they are only making business harder. The businesses that are coming to me right across the aquaculture and fishing industries in particular are frustrated with that extra cost that is being put on them for no real reason but to justify jobs. Productivity is not being added to by this bureaucratic burden, but the cost of doing business certainly is. This government needs to show leadership when it comes to the fishing and aquaculture industries, because if it does not, we are going to lose those fishing businesses, those individuals who have been in the industry for so long and who have so much knowledge about the industry. Without them the productivity of our waters will be significantly diminished.

There are plenty of exciting economic opportunities that have their foundation within the electorate of Flinders. I have not time today to cover all of them, but what we really need to get right

within the electorate of Flinders is our long-term water supply. I have been encouraged by the way that the upper house in this place has been tasked with putting a committee together to look at the long-term supply and distribution of water on Eyre Peninsula, because it is so essential.

There is plenty of noise in this space at the moment and unfortunately I worry that the government is not listening to the local communities when it comes to the decisions they are making. They are bulldozing ahead. We had the rhetoric last week from the Premier that there is nothing that will stop a desalination plant at Billy Lights Point. Why do you not listen, Premier, to the people of the electorate of Flinders, who are actually trying to be proactive when it comes to the long-term water supply. We have people who are willing to be a part of providing solutions but unfortunately this government seems to have its head in the sand and is continuing on with a third of a billion dollar project, which no-one on Eyre Peninsula thinks is in the right place or the right arrangement.

This is all happening in the shadow of the Northern Water proposal, which, on the other hand, does have widespread support for the location. It is just up the road from the proposal at Billy Lights Point, but it is not within an aquaculture zone and it is not within slow-moving waters of the bay area at Port Lincoln, like the Billy Lights Point proposal. It is in a place where there is actually the opportunity for industrial growth for the whole state, but unfortunately the recommendations that have come from SA Water have just been blindly listened to by the government and subsequent ministers and this is something which has been a real frustration for my people on Eyre Peninsula.

There is not enough time today to cover everything that I need to about my electorate, because there is so much opportunity, but there is so much need. We look at the opportunities within the economic development space, but we also see that on the other hand there needs to be investment from government into some of these key foundations, some of which I have covered, but we really need to have a long-term strategic perspective on others, such as regional housing. I am not just talking about a few houses here and there, which is a bit of government spin, but we need to have an investment in incentives and programs which actually enable regions right across our state to truly thrive and to get government out of the way and let private business and investment and industry do their thing.

The amount of red tape, the planning and development restrictions and the native vegetation obligations for people who are looking at investing in our state actually mean having lesser outcomes for our state. It means that all the economic potential that is at our doorstep could potentially be missed because of this bureaucratic burden. The investment in child care and the investment in education within our regions are crucial if we are going to have a truly broad-based economy which continues to have its foundations within regional South Australia.

Ms O'HANLON (Dunstan) (12:32): I rise today to support this bill with a sense of pride and purpose as the newly elected member for Dunstan. The electorate of Dunstan is a close-knit community and it is also an outspoken community. The people of Dunstan are not afraid to say what is on their mind. I know this because I spent many months—if not years—doorknocking and, more importantly, listening to what the community has to say. For example, health care: the people of Dunstan I have spoken to recognise the Malinauskas Labor Government's broad complement of policies and investments in the healthcare sector. They know that every element of the government's health policies matter.

This is why I am so proud of a number of important initiatives in my electorate under the visionary leadership of Premier Peter Malinauskas and Minister Chris Picton. The first is the establishment of a state-of-the-art ambulance station located on the corner of Magill Road and Portrush Road. The construction of this ambulance station signifies more than just bricks and mortar; it symbolises our dedication to ensuring swift and efficient emergency responses for those in need. It also recognises the importance of investing in the health and wellbeing of our constituents and the wider community.

No-one should ever have to endure prolonged wait times or insufficient medical attention during moments of crisis. This new facility will be equipped with state-of-the-art resources and staffed by skilled professionals. This will bolster our capacity to respond swiftly and effectively to emergencies.

As we all know, emergency medical services are the lifeline of our community. The addition of this ambulance station will assist emergency staff in their tireless work, and I am excited that it will soon open. It also demonstrates the government's commitment to public safety and welfare. In moments of crisis, there are two things that can make all the difference between life and death: the timely arrival of medical assistance and the reassuring presence of paramedics.

The Malinauskas Labor government's investment in the Norwood Ambulance Station is a testament to our unwavering commitment to the wellbeing of our constituents. It reaffirms our belief that every individual deserves access to emergency assistance when required. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our paramedics and emergency responders. These dedicated people work tirelessly, often in challenging conditions, to provide aid, comfort and support to those in need.

Secondly, I am thrilled that South Australia's first 24/7 pharmacy is located in the electorate of Dunstan. This is a fantastic new initiative by the Malinauskas government. It represents a significant milestone in our efforts to enhance access to essential healthcare services. This new service provides all-day access to medicines and health advice to relieve the pressure on our busy emergency departments.

Access to healthcare services is a fundamental right that every individual deserves, regardless of the time of day or night. The absence of a 24/7 chemist has left many in our community vulnerable. Many people have been forced to endure unnecessary delays and hardships in obtaining the medications they need to manage their health conditions. The introduction of a 24/7 chemist in Norwood has changed that. It offers a lifeline to those who need urgent medical assistance during the night or on weekends.

People no longer have to endure the anxiety and uncertainty of waiting until morning. Instead, they have peace of mind knowing that help is always at hand, that they can access the medications and healthcare advice they require. I am proud to be part of a government that prioritises investing in essential services such as health care. This investment not only improves the quality of life for our residents but it also strengthens the social and economic fabric of our community by creating new employment opportunities.

As an active MP, I love engaging with my community, where I am constantly looking for opportunities to be of assistance. I enjoy getting out and hearing firsthand what is going on in the community I represent. Because of this, I am confident that there will be many more initiatives in the electorate of Dunstan; for example, the improvement of traffic conditions, making our schools safer and strengthening the arts and businesses in the heart of our community. I have just begun my term as the member for Dunstan, and I will continue to work tirelessly for my community. I commend this bill to the house.

Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey) (12:37): I rise to make a contribution to an important part of the parliament, and that is to approve the Supply Bill moving through. It is done in a bipartisan approach that is essential to a steady progress through so that we have expenditure to pay the bills and keep the state running. Over time, I have made contributions in this place and reflected on the impacts to my community in the electorate of Chaffey. I will first touch on a couple of the burning issues that really need to have a continuous spotlight shone on them; in particular, road infrastructure, health and education.

We have seen an outgoing Marshall Liberal government that put a significant focus on maintenance of regional roads and making our roads safer. What we are seeing at the moment is a continual defunding or walking away from those projects that have now accumulated a backlog of somewhere in the vicinity of \$2 billion to \$2.5 billion. That is a significant concern to anyone, whether you live in the city, whether you live in the country, whether you are a transport business or whether you are a tourist. It is important that those regional roads continue to be brought up to a standard that has safety in mind, has productivity in mind and also has efficiencies with the road network in mind.

The member for Flinders has just spoken about a number of roads in his electorate, what they did receive and now what we are seeing a government walk away on. It really is a responsibility of a government to govern for all of South Australia. We continually see this. In my first two terms in

parliament, I watched the then Labor government continue to be city-centric, play favourites and put funding into pet projects, and continue to ignore the calls on the plight of our regional road network. During that stay in government, we did see a significant—I think it was somewhere in the vicinity of many billions of dollars that went into regional road programs, and the electorate of Chaffey was a recipient of some of those programs.

But, sadly, despite the great work that was done and achieved in that time, we are now starting to see the remainder of those programs in a go-slow mode, none more evident than the Sturt Highway. The section between Dutton East Road and Halfway House Road is a section of road that has had a works program on it for more than 18 months—18 months—and it is still an unsealed section of the Sturt Highway.

For those who are unaware, the Sturt Highway is a federal highway. It is a main freight thoroughfare from the eastern seaboard into South Australia and also a connection to the west of our nation. For far too long, it has been going on under the eye of this current government. It all started out with an \$87.9 million safety program to upgrade and make the highway safer with safety upgrades, overtaking lanes, parking bays, a lot of roadside safety barriers and a lot of signage, and that was all great.

But now we are not seeing the completion of this project—unlike what we saw with one of the great outcomes for the Mallee district in Chaffey, the Browns Well Highway, a road that is becoming more and more used with heavy vehicles and permit vehicle loads coming through the region. Coming from the eastern seaboard to the west, it is a road that is regularly used. It has now become a very common thoroughfare for tourists coming from one side of the nation to the other. We saw the Goyder Highway with safety barriers and shoulder upgrades. We saw the Old Sturt Highway, which was in an appalling condition. We have seen a little bit of resurfacing, but there is much more to be done.

I do want to also take aim at both state and federal governments that have taken away over \$400 million in regional road programs, none more evident than the Truro freight bypass. Yes, it is in the electorate of Schubert, and yes, it does concern some of the residents in Schubert, but I can assure them that if we look at history, towns have usually been able to benefit from a bypass. We have seen towns, communities, progress associations and businesses adapt and allow visitation that is unhindered by the steady stream of heavy vehicles and trucks blasting their way up the main street of Truro.

We need to understand that the Truro freight bypass was, in its initial stages, a single lane freight bypass. It was put to both the then Coalition federal government and the cabinet of the state government that there be consideration for it to be duplicated to a dual-lane highway. That was never realised, sadly. We had a change of government, both state and federal, and they have just walked away on what I would consider is one of the most important freight route upgrades in this state.

Of course, there are a number of roads, and many in this chamber would be aware of the unprecedented flood that the River Murray had. There were no more affected communities than along the river from the border down to the mouth. In the electorate of Chaffey, 550 kilometres of the River Murray saw inundation at almost every point. We saw six locks submerged, and that meant that there was no restriction on unregulated water flow coming into South Australia.

It did significant damage not only to houses, to communities and to the shack community but to our road infrastructure. There is still much to be done. Eighteen months on from a flood, we are still seeing damage to a number of state-owned roads, local government-owned roads and, to a lesser degree, the federal highway. It is all connected.

As I look out of my lounge room window I look at the Lyrup causeway, which is now restricted down to one lane. That was impacted by the power of those floodwaters, which have washed away some of that sub-base. We are now in a bit of a 'he-said, she-said, who's going to pay for it'. We have a local government that do not want to pay for it; they evidently do not have the capacity. We have a state government that have washed their hands of it because they have said that it is not their road.

There was a lot of federal government money that was put on the table to deal with the rebuild and to get those river communities back into operation, as they were prior to the flood. That

is simply not happening in many instances. I think by and large we saw the majority of our road network unscathed. Much of it was inundated with floodwaters, and there is still work to be done—roads to be either rebuilt or repaired—to make sure we have a safe and efficient road network, particularly through the flood zone of the 2022 floods.

Of course, we look at the opportunities within the health system and the health network. If we look at where we are suffering at the moment, it is those marginal communities that have seen either doctors or nurse practitioners that have moved on. We have seen a shift of focus away from sustainable river communities into a health system here in Adelaide that is on the brink of collapse.

We have seen a government come into place promising to fix ambulance ramping; that is clearly not happening. As the stats today would demonstrate, we are experiencing twice the lost hours on the ramp that we did when this government came into government. We are seeing the uncertainty with building a Women's and Children's Hospital on a site that was not a preferred site of the health department and definitely not a preferred site of the police. That is going to cost significant money, just like the NRAH did in its build and its shakedown.

What we are now experiencing in the South Australian health system is just the tip of the iceberg of what is happening statewide. We are seeing Karoonda hospital being converted into a nursing home. We have seen a number of Riverland hospitals, other smaller community hospitals and now these communities not even having a nurse practitioner and not even having a visiting doctor. That is something that must be addressed in this upcoming budget.

I do want to touch a little bit on portfolio responsibilities. As I have always said, on this side of the house we have always been passionate about promoting South Australia to the world. I say that with all due care, because the former Labor government continued to look a gift horse in the mouth. A number of international trade offices were closed in one way, shape or form. If they were not closed, they were de-staffed, and when they were de-staffed, the doors were locked—the lights were on but no-one was home and no-one was there to serve a growing economy that was just beckoning in South Australia.

Obviously, the global investment that has boosted industry and the economy has been demonstrated, but from 2018 up to 2022 we saw the opening of new trade offices. They were opened strategically. It was a hub and spoke approach, where we would have hub offices strategically located in some of our leading global trading partners and the spokes were other countries, emerging countries. We would be able to utilise those hub offices to be able to look at how we could grow and install trust in South Australian produce, merchandise, services and the like and then, potentially, down the road, those spoke countries would have standalone trade offices. I think that has been an outstanding success.

What we saw is that the former Liberal government broke the Department of State Development into three new entities: Industry and Skills; Energy and Mining; and Trade, Tourism and Investment, which is now obviously called Trade and Investment. That restructure absorbed Invest SA, along with Attraction SA and trade promotions within PIRSA, into Trade and Investment.

We have seen an amended approach to Invest SA, and it is a very good model of how we can entice and promote some of those small South Australian businesses that are currently dealing using a domestic or intrastate approach into taking that next leap and that next leap is to go global. It is about being an exporter to an international destination or to a number of international destinations and that takes a lot of commitment, money and a support base, whether it is through DFAT or whether it is through a standalone trade office.

If we look around the world, we see some of those global trading countries that are doing it so well. We look at New Zealand, as a neighbour of ours, and we look at other trading partners. Obviously, our largest trading partner is China and then we look at the US, Europe, South-East Asia and northern Asia. We look at any potential trading partner as one of our most important.

We do not have to have the biggest number of services or the largest amount of merchandise going into a country because we need to invest in a more diverse trading basket. We saw what happened. The former trade minister, the turncoat, the traitor, who was a Liberal leader, went over to the Labor government and became a Labor trade minister and gave me a belting for almost two

years for saying that South Australia must diversify its trading status into more than one basket and that was the China basket. It was proved that he was, in fact, incorrect.

We learnt a very hard lesson with the sanctions put on trade into China and what it has meant for our Australian economy and the South Australian economy, particularly with red meat but also grains, barley, lobster, wine and feedstocks. Many industries and many commodities have been severely hurt economically and their future viability because of the penalties, the sanctions, the trade barriers and the tariffs that were put on those products or that they were just stopped on the wharf. That has had a significant impact on the viability and the confidence of any South Australian or Australian business that was very comfortable with the prior arrangement, which was dealing with China as the largest trading partner in and the largest trading partner out.

What I have been very buoyed to see is that with some commodities we have explored opportunities for diverse global trading partners, but what we continue to see and hear are the current governments of the day, both federal and state, now saying that we are going to wait to see what China does. We are going to wait to see if China comes back on board. Things will never be the same because of the pandemic. Yes, China is an important trading partner for South Australia, but we have seen through the pandemic and the trade barriers how much reliance on one country can destabilise and hurt another trading economy once those barriers are put in place.

My most recent trade trip away, and I thank the former Minister for Trade for taking me on a bipartisan approach, was to India. That was instigated through a conversation. As a former trader before life in this place, it gave me an understanding that we have to actually focus on not just outbound trade missions, we have to focus on inbound, and we have to focus on better trading relations. Trading relations are built on trust. They are built on that continual return delegation or visitation. It does not just have to be outbound; it has to be inbound as well.

We have to remember that a lot of our trading partners want to see where their food is grown. They want to see that we are growing it with clean water. They want to see that we have a blue-sky approach. They want to see that we have accountability. When a trading partner puts their trust and many millions and millions of dollars into an economy, that leap of faith has to be justified, and that is exactly what I am calling on this government to continue to do, to build on the great work that the former Liberal government put in place to make sure that South Australia is a trusted trading partner to any global economy and not deal in more of the same rhetoric that we are hearing from both the federal government and the state government. It is all about putting our eggs back into the China basket because it is easy. I can assure you, it is not.

The wine industry is probably one of the biggest losers in this country with those trade barriers. Prior to those barriers being put in place, as an example, a Riverland litre of wine was fetching somewhere in the vicinity of up to \$2 a litre. We have Chinese buyers in the marketplace at the moment looking to pay between 30¢ and 35¢ a litre. It does not cover costs. It does not make anyone viable.

What it does show you is that, as Australian trading exporters and trading partners, we have to get a lot smarter about what we do. We have to be much more versatile, and we have to go out there and put much more effort into a diverse model of trading partners globally. We need to put our trust back into those businesses that are putting their life, their money, and everything on the line to making sure that their venture into a global trading relationship is a successful one. South Australia is a great place to trade. South Australia is a great place, a great destination for exporting, and I look forward to making more contributions in this place.

S.E. ANDREWS (Gibson) (12:57): I rise to indicate my support for the Supply Bill presently before the house. This bill, importantly, is to allow continued provision of public services in South Australia, including the salaries of our hardworking public servants while the state budget process is underway.

I am so proud of the positive effect that this Labor government is having on our health system. In just the last few weeks, we have opened 20 new beds at Flinders Medical Centre in an acute care medical ward for older patients in a purpose-built environment. The Malinauskas Labor government has recruited an additional 1,432 health staff since the 2022 election. We have ended the cutting of

doctor and nurse numbers, the cutting of staff in hospitals, and have actually begun a serious recruitment drive.

This has meant our health system now has 691 extra nurses, 329 extra doctors, 219 extra ambos, and 193 extra allied health workers full-time equivalent above attrition. These figures smash our election promises with double the 300 additional nurses promised at the election, while the 329 additional doctors are more than triple the 100 pledged.

Additionally, a brand-new purpose-built hospital avoidance hub for older patients opened at the Repat Health Precinct last month. The new care service replaces an existing service, which has been operating at the Repat for 2½ years in a temporary space. In that time, it has helped more than 10,000 people avoid an unnecessary visit to the emergency department. The new purpose-built and larger \$3.5 million facility improves the existing service, providing an environment specifically designed for older people to get the care they need. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

Sitting suspended from 13:00 to 14:00.

Parliamentary Procedure

ANSWERS TABLED

The SPEAKER: I direct that the written answer to a question be distributed and printed in *Hansard*.

PAPERS

The following papers were laid on the table:

By the Speaker—

House of Assembly—

Register of Members' Interests—Primary Returns Registrar's Statement, May 2024
[Ordered to be published]

Parliament of South Australia—The Parliamentary Service of the House of
Assembly, Annual Report, 2021-22

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

Regulations made under the following Acts—

Controlled Substances—Controlled Drugs, Precursors and Plants—
Prescribed Equipment

Parliamentary Committees

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mr BROWN (Florey) (14:02): I bring up the 82nd report of the Public Works Committee, entitled Lyndoch Recreation Park Redevelopment.

Report received and ordered to be published.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: Before we move on, there are a fair few people in the gallery today and we would like to make them all very welcome. First of all, we have students from Unley High School, who are guests of the member for Unley.

We have students from Prince Alfred College, in the member for Dunstan's electorate, and I think they may also be guests of the Hon. Heidi Girolamo in the upper house. Welcome to all of you.

We also have students who were here a bit earlier in the day and they are student leaders from across the electorate of Narungga. They are guests, of course, of the member for Narungga.

They saw how everyone was well behaved in the 11.30 to noon slot. So we know how well they can behave; it is up to all the Narungga people to make sure that they are just as quiet and well behaved in the 2 o'clock slot.

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: Mr Speaker, on indulgence, I would also like to welcome all those students, particularly those from the seat of Narungga, and those from the Stansbury Primary School. I met Lewis today, who is the only year 6 student in that school. It is great to have Stansbury here and Lewis as well. As a product of a small school in Scotland, and I know you were in a small school too, Mr Speaker, in the South-East, let me say that small schools are good.

Question Time

WHYALLA STEELWORKS

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition) (14:04): My question is to the Premier. I actually told the students what I was going to ask the Premier, so I hope no-one tweeted him. Can the Premier update the house on the continuing situation at the Whyalla Steelworks, including any change to the situation in the past fortnight?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:04): I thank the Leader of the Opposition for the question—it's actually a really important one because the steelworks obviously isn't just critical for the people of Whyalla, it's actually critical for the nation. The Whyalla Steelworks is the only producer of significant structural steel, particularly for the purposes of rail, in the country and we need to be able to have a secure, sovereign supply of those materials for the betterment of our nation's economy.

The state government is concerned about the developments we have seen over the course of the last couple of weeks at the Whyalla Steelworks. I understand, from memory, it's not the first occasion that this has been raised during the course of this forum. Over the last fortnight, the state government has been in receipt of further advice both from GFG but also independent experts that the state government has commissioned to provide us with updates on the status of the works at Whyalla.

The advice that we have received is that the blast furnace, which, of course, is the most delicate and critical piece of capital at the steelworks, will eventually get back to full capacity. It is anticipated that that will happen during the course of the first half of this year, but there have been delays to the exercise with some complications that have occurred throughout the journey, with the taphole process not being executed in the way that was originally anticipated.

This has had a deleterious consequence on workers at GFG, at the steelworks. We have seen overtime, which was something that had become almost customary for so many employees at the steelworks, lost. We have also seen changes to shifts and operations, which has meant workers are not working in the way they traditionally have in the past, which, in turn, has had a pretty severe consequence on their take-home pay and their wages. That, of course, has implications on families and then in turn the Whyalla economy more broadly.

We seek to remain engaged with GFG. We are grateful for the collaboration that GFG have sought, not just with the government but also with other steel operators around the country, particularly BlueScope Steel, to ensure that they are procuring the best experts in the nation around how to address the delicate situation with the blast furnace.

This is something that the government is keeping abreast of on a frequent basis, if not daily basis. The Minister for Mining and Energy, who of course is currently overseas, in Europe, in no small part is there because of works related to GFG, meeting with Danieli, who of course is due to supply GFG with the electric arc furnace which is critical to its ambitions of decarbonisation.

The state government is very bullish about the future of Whyalla. It's exactly why we are investing well north of \$500 million in the brand-new green hydrogen project, our Hydrogen Jobs Plan. It's also why we are so engaged on the opportunities around green iron production through the State Prosperity Project. We are confident that whatever happens with GFG themselves will not deter the government from realising its ambitions for a green energy powerhouse being based in and around the Upper Spencer Gulf through hydrogen and green iron production, through the abundant

source of renewables that this state is so blessed to have, as a result of the leadership that this government shows and others that have come before us.

ANTISEMITISM

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition) (14:08): My question is again to the Premier. Has the Premier had feedback from South Australians concerned about increasing acts of antisemitism in schools, university campuses and the community, and what action has the government taken to address this?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:09): I thank the Leader of the Opposition for his question—again, an important subject. There is no doubt that antisemitism exists within our community. It is intolerable. It should be called out at every opportunity, and that is particularly true for people who are blessed with the opportunity to work in this place. We have a particular responsibility to demonstrate that at the highest levels of government and our parliaments we reject antisemitism in all its forms.

We have seen evidence of antisemitism, of course, well before 7 October last year. I acknowledge that a number of people in this place have been particularly enthusiastic about wanting to see reforms around where we see Nazi symbols or other gestures that align themselves with extreme forms of Nazi-type behaviour. We reject it, we abhor it and we stand up against it. Since 7 October, we have also seen antisemitism present itself in the context of the events that have occurred in and around the Middle East, in Gaza in particular. Our position regarding that behaviour is no different to what was the case prior to 7 October.

Can I also take the opportunity to say this: we should also acknowledge that antisemitism isn't the only form of racism. There is also Islamophobia within our community, and I don't think anyone would suggest for a moment that Islamophobia is less offensive than antisemitism. There is no place for anybody being diminished on the basis of their faith or their culture, their colour or their creed, and we call that out too.

The tragic events in Gaza and Israel that have occurred over the course of the last few months have shocked us all and have heightened tensions in elements of the community. On one level, that is human. We saw an unprovoked attack against innocent Israelis, including children, and over 1,000 people lost their lives. Any member of the Jewish or Israeli community anywhere in the world would be right to be emotional about that, upset and angry about that.

Similarly, we have now seen over 30,000 people killed in Gaza, often innocent people, at the hands of the IDF post 7 October. We have seen schools destroyed, hospitals obliterated, women and children lose their lives. That in turn has understandably resulted in the Islamic community being desperately concerned about the plight of their brothers and sisters, and they too are right to be angry and upset about that.

That cauldron of tension is something that we should recognise and seek to understand, but we should also remember this: first and foremost, everyone in this country is Australian, whether they have citizenship or not. This nation has afforded so many people a home which is peaceful and prosperous and safe, to be able to demonstrate, to be able to exercise their own political views. We should continue to appreciate that.

I would actively encourage the members of the Jewish and Israeli community, and the Palestinian community and the Islamic community, to continue to advocate their cause but to do it with peace at the forefront of their minds and, on occasions where they can find the opportunity to do so, show compassion to others, including those on the other side of the debate, because if we are able to achieve that then hopefully Australia and South Australia can make a positive contribution to the sense of tension that exists around the issue more broadly.

FLINDERS MEDICAL CENTRE

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition) (14:13): My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. What action is the government taking to address concerns of the South Australian Salaried Medical Officers Association (SASMOA) following its attendance at the Flinders Medical Centre on 25 March? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: SASMOA was called to conduct a safety inspection of the emergency department of the Flinders Medical Centre on 25 March, 12 days after a code yellow had been declared. Following the inspection, SASMOA reported that there were seven alleged breaches of South Australia's Work Health and Safety Act.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurana—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:14): I am very happy to address issues at the Flinders Medical Centre, although obviously I am being asked specifically in relation to what happened in March, which I think we also answered questions on a few sitting weeks ago. Clearly, back in March there was a code yellow declared at the Flinders Medical Centre, given the significant demand that was in place. The incident management team was put in place to make sure that every step possible could be taken to make sure patients could get the care that they needed within that hospital.

Clearly, we are determined to address that through a variety of different mechanisms in the long term, one of which of course is creating additional capacity, and we were very pleased—the Premier and I—just a couple of weeks ago that we were able to be at Flinders Medical Centre to see the additional new beds that have been constructed and opened at Flinders Medical Centre that are now providing the first steps of that additional capacity across the system that will be coming online this year. Through the course of this year, across major hospitals in Adelaide we will see 150 extra beds and next year 130 extra beds. That's the equivalent of adding a new QEH into the health system.

A lot of the time the issue that we see, and this is true at Flinders Medical Centre as well as other hospitals, is people have been in the emergency department, have had their treatment, are waiting for a ward bed but there isn't a ward bed available for them to get into. That is described as bed block or access block. That means that the next patient from the waiting room or the ambulance can't get in and ultimately impacts ambulance response times as well, despite the fact that we have improved them very considerably over the past two years. That was the situation back in March. Of course, hospitals are still very busy and that's why we need this additional capacity.

At the same time as putting in additional capacity, we are also working on other measures to try to improve the flow and the efficiency of our public hospital system. One of those is working on putting in place teams that can lead to faster senior decision-making in emergency departments, looking at models that have worked successfully interstate and working with our emergency department teams in doing so.

The other key element is looking at what has been working at Lyell McEwin Hospital. At Lyell McEwin Hospital over the past seven months, we have seen a 63 per cent reduction in ramping happening at that hospital. That's a very significant improvement that we have seen over that period of time—63 per cent down—and we need to learn the lessons from what has worked well there and apply them to the other hospitals, such as Flinders Medical Centre.

A number of key measures have worked in terms of what has been happening at Lyell McEwin Hospital, one of which is in terms of having offload beds for those ambulance patients to come in so that they don't have to wait in the ambulance; another is how they have been streaming emergency department patients through the different sections of the emergency department to make sure that they are getting to where they need to be as fast as possible.

The Lyell McEwin is also putting in place discharge ward arrangements, which they haven't had previously. But very importantly as well is they are utilising the funding that we made available to them in last year's budget to put in place additional staff who are working over weekends to make sure that they can improve their discharges through the weekends and reduce the issues that start the week where they are already blocked.

So that's a combination of different measures the clinicians have been working well on at Lyell McEwin Hospital. While we increase the capacity of the rest of the system through the course of this year and next year, we need to also learn those lessons and make sure that that's applied elsewhere.

FLINDERS MEDICAL CENTRE

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition) (14:18): My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Was a Code Yellow declared in March to manage the internal operational challenges of the Flinders Medical Centre? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: On ABC radio on 9 May, Bernadette Mulholland of SASMOA highlighted that Code Yellows exist to deal with short-term crises and imminent risks within a hospital. She went on to claim that Flinders, and I quote, 'was being used for what the doctors considered was quite normal business at the present time, where your hospital's in crisis, there is ramping and there is access block at the front of the house.'

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:19): I'm not entirely sure—is the member suggesting that the issue is that our hospitals are not in crisis and therefore that there is not a problem that needs to be addressed? This is a measure that was put in place by the CEO of the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network, Dr Kerrie Freeman. This was put in place, I think, around two months ago and was removed well in excess of a month ago. We have already answered questions on this in the house previously in relation to that. I am certainly not saying that our hospitals are not very busy; if the leader is suggesting otherwise, then I invite him to say so.

YORKETOWN NURSES' QUARTERS

The SPEAKER: Now the moment the students from Narungga have been waiting for: your local member, your representative in here, has the floor and the call. Member for Narungga.

Mr ELLIS (Narungga) (14:19): I dare say the whole chamber has been waiting for it, Mr Speaker. My question is to the Minister for Health. Can the minister please provide an update on the Yorketown nurses' quarters? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr ELLIS: The Yorketown hospital nurses' quarters are not currently in use and have exposed asbestos that is potentially exposing local health workers to danger. The nurses' quarters could well be repurposed and provide a tremendously attractive proposition in trying to secure health professionals to our regional hospitals, and the LHN needs some help removing that asbestos and repurposing those quarters.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:20): Thank you very much to the member for Narungga. I note his very significant passion for his local health services and, in particular, the Yorketown hospital. I am very familiar with the Yorketown nurses' quarters, having visited Yorketown hospital last year as one of the 53 hospitals across the state I have had the chance to visit in the past two years. The Minister for Human Services also informs me that she once stayed there as a nurse herself, in the nurses' quarters; we won't make guesses as to how many years ago that was.

The Hon. N.F. Cook: Very, very recently.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: Very recently, I'm sure. As the member outlines, the nurses' quarters at Yorketown are in a very poor state of repair. This is a building that has a significant amount of asbestos in it. This is something that the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network has been looking into in terms of whether there can be some repurposing, as the member suggests, of the nurses' quarters for a better purpose.

The initial advice that I have—and I will get more fulsome advice—is that it is unlikely, given the state of the building, that it could be repurposed for another purpose. It is likely that the ultimate fate of the nurses' quarters is that it will have to be demolished, and then something else put there down the track in the future. Obviously, given the amount of asbestos that is in place there, it would be a considerable task and expense to do so. That is being worked through by the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network at the moment.

I am aware that there have also been some particular minor works that have had to happen to stabilise the safety of the nurses' quarters at the moment. In particular, the roof of the nurses' quarters was in disrepair and was identified as a safety risk during periods of strong winds. Minor works have recently been completed to safeguard the roof, including the removal of several dislodged pieces that had deteriorated in recent years. As I said, the executive and the board of the local health network are working through longer-term plans, noting that the likely fate of the building, given that it is in such a state of disrepair, is that it would likely have to be demolished.

SOCIAL MEDIA REGULATION

Ms HOOD (Adelaide) (14:22): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier inform the house about how the Malinauskas government plans to reduce online harm to kids?

An honourable member interjecting:

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:23): I hope they are all over 14. We made a really important announcement on the weekend that this state government is determined to pursue a rather ambitious change to the regulation of social media in our state. We have seen a dramatic increase in a whole range of mental health-related illnesses associated with young people excessively using social media in a number of ways, with social media being used to cause harm, and even the excessive use of social media causing harm in and of itself.

We have announced that we intend to deliver a reform that is consistent with what the state of Florida has been able to achieve, by making it illegal for social media companies to have people under the age of 14 garner social media accounts for themselves; for 14 year olds and 15 year olds, they require parental consent. This will be complex in terms of its delivery, both technologically and legally.

There are significant restraints, obviously, on powers between the states and the commonwealth. The commonwealth ostensibly has most of the powers associated with media and communications. That is why we have engaged probably the best legal mind in the country—a legal mind that is well regarded on both sides of the political divide—in former Chief Justice Robert French, who will provide advice to the government on how best to deliver on that policy.

Since our announcement, I am happy to report that I have been in touch with a number of other state leaders from other jurisdictions who have expressed an interest in paying close attention to, if not actively engaging with, what we are seeking to achieve here in South Australia.

I also want to take the opportunity to note the support that the Leader of the Opposition has indicated that he is willing to provide to the policy. I want to thank the Leader of the Opposition for that. Given the Leader of the Opposition's support, once we get reports back we will then seek to engage with the opposition ahead of obviously the introduction of any legislation, should indeed that be the case.

Our motivations here are simply the interests of young people. There is no more precious resource than the future generations of our state. There is no higher obligation on people in this place than preserving and protecting young people from harm where that can be achieved. Governments and parliaments around the world have always regulated, or curtailed access to those products and services that we know have the potential to do young people harm. I think we now have enough evidence to suggest the need is there to do the same with respect to social media.

The mobile phone ban that has been introduced in schools in the State of South Australia, as a national first, has already made a difference, with a 29 per cent reduction in violence within our schools as a result of that policy change. We see an opportunity to do something similar here on a potentially even greater scale. This is an important piece of work. It should not be seen as being ideological; it is only logical and that is why we are so determined to deliver it, notwithstanding the challenges, the headwinds and the hurdles that we will have to confront as we take on these tech giants. Our young people deserve this. We have an obligation to deliver it to them and that is exactly what we are going to do.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES REVIEW

Ms PRATT (Frome) (14:27): My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Has the minister taken any immediate action to respond to the Dunk review's recommendation about the Royal Adelaide Hospital ED model of care? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Ms PRATT: System findings of the independent review into the care of Mr Shaun Dunk state that the RAH ED model of care is not an appropriate environment to accommodate an acutely unwell mental health patient waiting for a bed. It was reported yesterday by SASMOA that wait times for mental health beds are now up to 95 hours.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:27): I thank the member for Frome for this important question. As has been publicly noted on Saturday, the government released the summary report in relation to the review that I ordered the Chief Psychiatrist to commission into the attack that happened that really shocked the state at the end of last year.

Obviously, there is a man who is before the courts at the moment who is accused of murder and attempted murder and I will, of course, be careful in my comments because the last thing I want to do is do anything that would cause issue for the upcoming court case.

We have released the recommendations of that review. Importantly, I think it is worth noting to the house that the review did state:

...there was no evidence of any individual clinician's assessment, treatment or decisions falling below an acceptable standard or not being justifiable at that point of time with the information available to them.

Having said that, it did make a number of recommendations to systemic issues that needed to be addressed in our mental health care system more broadly, particularly at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and also for the Urgent Mental Health Care Centre, which is the centre we contract on Grenfell Street as well, and a number of more broad recommendations in terms of the management of mental health.

The immediate action I have taken is to instruct both the chief executive of the health department, Dr Robyn Lawrence, and the Chief Psychiatrist of South Australia, Dr John Brayley, to oversee the implementation of all those recommendations. I understand they met with the teams yesterday to begin that work of implementing all those recommendations, and we will ensure they are all implemented.

Clearly the access block I spoke about earlier, in relation to the question from the Leader of the Opposition, is apparent in terms of mental health as well, where you see people waiting, particularly in the Royal Adelaide Hospital emergency department, for an inpatient mental health bed for significant periods of time. That is why we made the decision, in terms of the development of a policy agenda, to invest specifically in terms of additional mental health capacity as a key part of our investments.

What we will see is well over 100 additional mental health beds come into the system, including three key new centres of mental health rehabilitation at Noarlunga, QEH and Modbury Hospital that are being constructed and that will be open by the end of next year, which will provide much-needed additional capacity. As well, the new Mount Barker Hospital will have new mental health capacity in the Adelaide Hills for the first time, and the Women's and Children's Hospital is to have increased mental health capacity, as well as increasing mental health capacity going into mental health Hospital in the Home services. This is as well as what we announced subsequent to the election of expanding mental health services at Flinders Medical Centre and the Margaret Tobin unit there.

There is a very clear emphasis from us on increasing the capacity to reduce the significant access block that mental health clients face when they have been through the emergency department and are waiting for that inpatient bed. Of course, anything we can do to address that, in addition to those beds, we will do as well. Clearly those recommendations, in terms of improving the model of care, are critical as part of that.

THREDDGOLD CORONIAL INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms PRATT (Frome) (14:31): My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Have the four recommendations from the Thredgold coronial inquiry been implemented; if not, why not? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Ms PRATT: The June 2022 inquest examined Mrs Thredgold's death, including her social, medical and psychiatric history, the events leading to her admission to the RAH, and the failings of the hospitals and individuals in her treatment. Systemic failings were examined, with recommendations made to reduce the likelihood of other deaths in similar circumstances. SA Health received and accepted all four recommendations at the time.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:32): I thank the member for this other important question. I have had the pleasure of meeting with James Thredgold, Holly's husband, when the recommendations were released, and committed to him that the government accepted all those recommendations and instructed the health department and our local health networks to implement all those recommendations under the supervision, as well, of Dr John Brayley, the Chief Psychiatrist.

I am advised there has been very substantial progress made on implementing all four of the recommendations. In relation to recommendation 1, which stated that the pro forma document in Sunrise be amended to include a provision for recording the answer to a question as to whether the person is or has recently been under treatment by a psychiatrist or psychologist, and provision for recording that the psychiatrist or psychologist has been contacted to obtain relevant collateral information, Digital Health have added a section to the Sunrise EMR system in relation to treatment by a psychiatrist or psychologist. This has gone through IT production, and an end-user testing process has been implemented and made live on 31 January earlier this year. This system is now being used by public hospitals statewide.

The second recommendation is that SA Health should prepare and issue guidelines titled 'Care of individuals with mental health and substance abuse disorders in acute care settings'. These guidelines may be incorporated into the South Australian Guidelines for 'Working with a Suicidal Person'. A safety advice memo to LHN CEOs was sent to all services. This is still considered an interim response; however, the new suicide prevention pathways standard will address this, as this will be a mandatory requirement and a longer lasting way of incorporating changes into the local services.

Recommendation 3 stated that clinicians practising in hospital EDs should assess with a critical mind a patient's denials of current suicidal intent and should consider the possibility that denials of important and critical circumstances may be endangered by a desire to be discharged from hospital. In particular, denials of suicidal ideation should be evaluated against a patient's documented medical history and collateral history, including collateral history obtained from the person's treating psychiatrist or psychologist. This recommendation is also being addressed through suicide prevention training, that is addresses engagement with consumers and their family, obtaining an accurate understanding of risk and safety planning. This will be further embedded via the suicide prevention pathway standard.

Recommendation 4 was in relation to considering the feasibility of establishing a register of contact details for private psychiatrists to be available in public hospitals. It must be noted of course that the public health system cannot force private practitioners to provide their contact details and for them to be available around the clock. Despite our best efforts, there have been mixed reviews from private psychiatrists and therefore the participation of the registry will be voluntary, but of course we will be proceeding with our end and Digital Health has conducted a feasibility review on utilising various provider directories for recording of those practitioner details with a final update presented earlier this year. Digital Health are progressing incorporating the option for private practitioners to input those phone numbers and email addresses.

WHYALLA BIRTHING SERVICES

Ms PRATT (Frome) (14:36): My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. How many babies have been born at the Whyalla Hospital since June last year? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Ms PRATT: The opposition has been advised that it is now around a year since Whyalla Hospital has admitted any expectant mothers to deliver their babies.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:36): This is a very important question that I'm also happy to answer in relation to Whyalla. Clearly, the situation that eventuated in terms of Whyalla last year was that we got down to almost zero midwives being able to provide services at the hospital, which has led unfortunately to those services having to be suspended, which was something that the government was not at all happy about. It has very clearly directed the board and the executive of the Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network to put in place every possible measure to bring those services back in place.

Since then, I have commissioned an independent report into those services, which outlined why it was that those services had to be suspended and the recommendations that needed to be put in place to resume those services. All of those recommendations were accepted, and all of those recommendations are progressively being implemented.

We have now appointed Charlotte Groves, who is the Director of Midwifery for the Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network, which is a new position. We have also appointed a midwifery unit manager for Whyalla and also a number of midwives involved in that service as well.

In addition to that, we have recruited a number of midwives overseas who are on the way in terms of going through their visa processes. In addition, there are a number of nurses based in Whyalla who we are sponsoring to go through training to become midwives locally. In addition to that, we are also working with the Women's and Children's Health Network to employ people with joint commissions to work across Whyalla and the Women's and Children's Hospital to increase the midwifery staff. So in every possible element we are increasing the staff.

We have seen progress so far and we hope to see those services resumed as soon as possible in a sustainable measure, just like we have been able to achieve, as you know, sir, full well, on Kangaroo Island, where there was a suspension of those services. We put in place measures to be able to see them resumed, unlike what previously happened at Waikerie under the previous government, where they were temporarily suspended and then that was it and they were closed forever. That is what we don't want to happen when it comes to Whyalla Hospital.

LIMESTONE COAST EVENTS

Mr BELL (Mount Gambier) (14:39): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier update the house on government support for events on the Limestone Coast?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:39): Absolutely. I want to thank the member for Mount Gambier for his question but more than that I want to thank the member for Mount Gambier for his advocacy.

When we had country cabinet in the Limestone Coast last year, we were on the ground in Mount Gambier. The member for Mount Gambier, as he frequently does, assiduously arranged a packed program for me to meet a whole suite of various organisations, businesses, community leaders when I was on the ground in Mount Gambier. One of the people I had the opportunity to meet is Mr Dale Cleves who is the principal organiser, amongst others, of the Generations in Jazz festival.

I must confess that despite having made a few different failed attempts to go to Generations in Jazz, up until a couple of weeks ago I had never been there before. The proposition that was submitted to the government via the member for Mount Gambier that, if the state government was able to contribute somewhere in the order of \$700,000—in fact, more specifically, \$720,000—to Generations in Jazz, it would result in them being able to build a whole range of facilities on the site immediately adjacent to The Barn that then would negate an in excess of \$100,000 per annum cost

on bump in, bump out of marquees and other facilities. Also, in turn, the infrastructure would then create a separate revenue stream for Generations in Jazz to the tune of somewhere in the order of \$50,000 per annum.

Now, a \$700,000 investment from government that generates \$150,000 per annum cash being available to Generations in Jazz is a pretty good buyback—it's a pretty good buyback—and we rarely come across those types of opportunities in government. I don't mind saying that through this relationship, as distinct from DIT building the infrastructure, it's probably resulting in a different budget outcome.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: Yes, the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport is not here. I am a bit braver now to say these things. But in all seriousness, it was a really sensible proposition that we considered in the context of this year's budget deliberations and, as an early budget announcement thanks to the Treasurer's work, we were able to make that commitment at Generations in Jazz a couple of weekends ago.

But can I say this: in South Australia we have a lot of different events. They vary in their scope, their scale and their size, but this event is out of the box. There is a tent that gets erected, a temporary tent, the largest in the Southern Hemisphere in terms of its scale, and everyone was telling me how great it is.

I walked into the tent on the Saturday night—the Minister for Arts was there and there were over 6,000 people in that tent, overwhelmingly young people—and it had a unique and special feeling to it. There were a lot of young people high on life, having achieved their grand final in a jazz and music context of playing at Generations in Jazz. It was infectious, it was healthy, it's a good thing to do, and if we are facilitating more young South Australians participating in music, which is yet another contribution to a great upbringing, then that's a good thing and I want to thank the member for Mount Gambier for facilitating it.

APY ART CENTRE COLLECTIVE

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:43): My question is to the Minister for Arts. On what grounds was the APY Art Centre Collective referred to ORIC and the ACCC? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr TEAGUE: The South Australian government referred APY arts to ORIC and the ACCC. This referral on the original review has damaged the reputation of APY arts and its artists.

The Hon. A. MICHAELS (Enfield—Minister for Small and Family Business, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, Minister for Arts) (14:43): As the member would be aware, I instigated a review panel comprising Anne Sibree, a very highly regarded South Australian barrister; and Megan Krakouer and Cameron Costello, two First Nations people, one from Queensland, one from WA to review some of the public allegations on APY Art Centre, in particular in terms of how staff and others were dealing with Aboriginal artists. Those allegations are on public record.

They undertook a very thorough review and talked to many people and formed the view that there was sufficient evidence in their mind to refer certain matters of governance to ORIC and certain matters relating to unconscionable conduct to the ACCC. Those referrals have been made. Those federal bodies are currently investigating and I hope that is done as promptly as possible. From our perspective, we have given the information that we have been requested to provide to those agencies and I have no further update at this stage.

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Ms HUTCHESSON (Waite) (14:45): My question is to the Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence. How is the government supporting women experiencing violence in regional communities?

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence, Minister for Recreation, Sport

and Racing) (14:45): Thank you to the member for this really important question and for her steadfast commitment to helping prevent the horrific prevalence of violence against women, a prevalence that our government is utterly determined to tackle.

We want support services for women experiencing domestic, family or sexual violence to be local, accessible and relevant. That is why we are really proud to be bolstering staff in the 10 regional safety hubs across the state. With support through the federal government's initiative of 500 additional frontline support workers across Australia, we have secured our state share and we are working diligently to ensure this additional resource is benefiting communities everywhere.

A further allocation to all 10 regional safety hubs sees each hub now employing a full-time staff member to help women access information, local connections and early support should they experience domestic, family or sexual violence. As I have previously spoken about, prior to coming to government, sadly, these hubs had no paid staff members allocated to them.

The safety hubs offer a free service that is open to local people, including those who are concerned for friends, colleagues or relatives. Often co-located within other easily accessible public facilities such as community centres, service provider organisations or libraries, the hubs are designed to be safe and welcoming spaces that break down any stigma women may face when seeking support with an experience of domestic, family or sexual violence.

Just last week, during our country cabinet, I was really pleased to visit the Women's Wellbeing and Safety Centre in Port Lincoln, operated by Yarredi Services, which provides an extraordinarily valuable safe space for women and their children to access early support. I am really pleased that through the additional FTE allocation for Port Lincoln, service availability through the hub and through the Port Lincoln Domestic and Aboriginal Family Violence Service can be extended to more women and children on Lower Eyre Peninsula.

It was particularly pleasing to see the therapeutic play space created here for children, staffed by the remarkable Yarredi children's workers, who are undertaking groundbreaking play space work that helps to break the intergenerational trauma and cycles associated with violence.

As well as seeing benefits in Port Lincoln, with half of our state's additional frontline workers set to support regional and remote communities, each of our safety hubs, as well as local services, will have increased capacity to ensure they are meeting the needs of women experiencing violence through services based where they live.

I can further advise that, amongst other new workers employed through our state's rollout of the additional frontline workers, there are two new workers employed in our southern domestic violence prevention and recovery hub, The Yellow Gate, as well as additional staff to support programs such as MAPS and the Women's Safety Contact Program run by the incredible people at Women's Safety Services.

I thank the excellent workers in Port Lincoln and across our regions, who provide such a welcoming and supportive environment for women as they traverse the horror of violence. Their work and the way in which they undertake it is kind, compassionate and always unfailingly focused on empowering women at their hardest moments.

APY ART CENTRE COLLECTIVE

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:49): My question is to the Minister for Arts. Has the minister sought or received advice about whether the APY Art Centre Collective has breached the commonwealth Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act (CATSI Act)? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr TEAGUE: The South Australian government referred APY arts to ORIC (Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations). ORIC investigates breaches of the CATSI Act, which concerns matters of governance.

The Hon. A. MICHAELS (Enfield—Minister for Small and Family Business, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, Minister for Arts) (14:50): As the member would be aware, that

is a federal piece of legislation. What the review panel did was undertake a very thorough investigation. They formed the view that there was sufficient evidence to warrant a referral to ORIC for breaches of the CATSI Act. That referral has been made. This was a very sensitive investigation. I have not been provided with a report from the investigation. The panel formed that view and made direct referrals to ORIC and to the ACCC. At this point in time, those investigations I understand are currently active and I won't make any further comment on those investigations to prejudice them.

APY ART CENTRE COLLECTIVE

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:51): My question is again to the Minister for Arts. Will the government restore grant funding to APY arts after it's been cleared of any wrongdoing?

The Hon. A. MICHAELS (Enfield—Minister for Small and Family Business, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, Minister for Arts) (14:51): That is a hypothetical question. We will await the results of those federal bodies' investigations to see what will happen. What we do want to make sure of is that Aboriginal artists are respected. The integrity of their work is paramount. There are safe terms of references and safe workplace practices in terms of engagement with those artists and workplace practices for those artists. That is key. We are looking at the best support we can provide for our First Nations artists across the state. They do amazing work and we are very proud of our First Nations artists and very proud to support them.

APY ART CENTRE COLLECTIVE

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:51): Supplementary to the Minister for Arts: has the minister's department retained funds in a budget allocation to restore APY arts' funding, dated back to when the funding was withdrawn, in the event that it is cleared of wrongdoing?

The Hon. A. MICHAELS (Enfield—Minister for Small and Family Business, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, Minister for Arts) (14:52): I have asked the department to consider various options available to us to support Aboriginal artists across the state and there is funding allocated to be able to do that.

SINGLE EMPLOYER MODEL

The SPEAKER: And now for the Prince Alfred College students, we have one of your finest. He was part of the 1986 vintage, a fifth-generation student and his son Phillip, who graduated in 2014, was the sixth generation, I give you the member for MacKillop.

Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (14:52): Thank you, Mr Speaker, and thank you for that introduction, and how true you were. My question is to the Minister for Health. What will the recent announcement by the state government of a trial to attract and retain more GPs in regional areas mean for the Limestone Coast? Mr Speaker, with your leave and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr McBRIDE: The Single Employer Model aims to support an additional 60 GPs across five local health networks, which includes the Limestone Coast. However, there are concerns the trial won't assist with doctor shortages in smaller towns.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:53): Thank you very much to the member for his question. It's a really important question about what is a really exciting program that the Premier and I announced on Friday.

For decades and decades, there have been issues in terms of regional workforce of doctors. There have been a lot of different things tried. Some of them have been okay, and a lot of them haven't resulted in change, but what we are embarking upon here we can see that there is benefit and there is the ability that this starts to move the needle in terms of getting more doctors into regional areas.

The reason why we can is because this is based on a model that has been working for the past two years in the Riverland and we are now taking this statewide across all of our regional areas, including the Limestone Coast. What is it? It is called the Single Employer Model and it is a change in the arrangements where, up until now, if you work in primary care as a GP you get paid through

Medicare on a fee for service basis, and if you work for the hospital you get paid from SA Health a salary or other arrangements through there.

This allows doctors in training to come through a program, predominantly through five-year contracts with new doctors coming in, for all of their postgraduate training that allows them to be paid as an employee from SA Health and for us to receive that funding that would otherwise go through Medicare for their work in primary care and then pool that with hospital resources to be able to pay them a salary.

Why is that important? Because it is more attractive for doctors, particularly at that stage in somebody's life. If you imagine you are in your mid-twenties and have graduated medical school, it is a time in their life when people are thinking about starting a family and so suddenly maternity leave and paternity leave are important considerations. If you are doing GP training, you don't have access to those benefits, let alone all the other leave and salary abilities that you have as an SA Health employee.

That is an attractive element. Having the certainty of that contract is attractive. Having the ability to do all of this training in the country areas is attractive as well. What this has meant is that the Riverland has seen really strong uptake in terms of doctors being part of this program. I want to thank the team up there—Wayne Champion, Paul Worley and Caroline Phegan—who have spearheaded this over the past few years.

What they are seeing up there is an astonishing 98 per cent retention rate through this program, I am advised. That is really exciting, and there are now 30 of those trainees going through the RACE program up there. It has translated to a 25 per cent increase in the hospital and general practice workforce in the Riverland.

Now we have the approval from the federal government to turn this into a statewide program, and all of our local health networks are working with their local GPs on the ground to put in place training and to have that work between the hospital system and general practice to enable this to occur. I think the Limestone Coast is an area where we will see a strong interest in this program and work between GPs and the hospital system. Already, there have been some indications of that.

The member raises questions in terms of what this means for the really small communities. I think we can see already in terms of the member's own community, in terms of Lameroo and Pinnaroo, that the fact that we now have more doctors based in the Riverland has meant some of those doctors have been able to come and support those smaller hospitals as well.

I think we will start to see the same thing happening in other areas as well. As we build the workforce overall, then the lifting tide lifts all boats. That is ultimately what we want to see happen, to make sure that every community across the state can get access to the care it needs. I want to thank everybody involved in this program. I am really excited about it. Hopefully, it is going to make a big difference.

OFFICE FOR REGIONAL HOUSING

Mr HUGHES (Giles) (14:57): My question is to the Minister for Housing and Urban Development. Can the minister provide an update on the Office for Regional Housing?

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning) (14:57): I thank the member for Giles for his interest in regional housing. Of course, there is nowhere where the national housing crisis has bitten harder than in the regions, and so it was great to go up to Port Augusta at the start of the year with the Premier and look at the site where Constructwell was going to construct four homes.

Of course, that is part of the strength of country cabinets, where the Premier takes his ministers out to the regions. I have been really fortunate to meet with the members for Stuart, Mount Gambier and MacKillop and, of course, the members for Giles and Narungga, all of whom have been very powerful advocates for regional housing. It is an important area, an important area where this government is absolutely committed to having real policy change.

We have established the Office for Regional Housing. We have secured funding for the Regional Key Worker Housing Scheme across five of those areas, which will soon be expanded to

six. That is all about providing housing to healthcare workers and teachers and police, and people who make our regional communities and towns tick along and work.

Of course, we have also, after talking to local government, established a \$10 million regional housing ROI, which is all about kickstarting their housing projects across South Australia. We want to work in partnership with local government. I want to update the house on all the work that we are doing in the regions, and I also want to thank the Executive Director of the Office for Regional Housing, Mr Matt Hunt, and his team for doing all of the hard work of getting around and talking to councils about all their projects.

There is an enormous amount of work out there that needs to be done. I don't want to reflect upon what had been done previously—which was absolutely nothing. Occasionally, we hear a few interjections from across the aisle, but let's not forget that very little was done out in the regions.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: It was left up to the member for MacKillop—

The SPEAKER: The minister will return to the answer.

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: —to talk about these things. So we have been out there—

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

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: Point of order, sir: I would ask you to ask the deputy leader to contain himself.

The SPEAKER: I think the person who needs to be reprimanded is the minister, because everyone has been nice and quiet all day, and then you come up and you can't help but provoke and antagonise the other side—so let's just stick to the answer.

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: You are absolutely right, Mr Speaker; I will obey your ruling. I was talking about the Office for Regional Housing. They deserve a lot of credit, and here is all the work that's being done: in Port Augusta, the framework and external walls have been erected on four homes; in Mount Gambier, the framework is completed on two homes with a slab being poured on another two homes, and the builder selected for another two homes on the second site—so six all up; in Kadina, civil works are being prepared for the construction of five homes.

The Office for Regional Housing has also received planning approval for five homes in Renmark and four homes in Moonta Bay. In Ceduna, R.J. Scott Building has been selected to build six homes, with construction expected to commence in weeks, and we should see these homes completed by September next year. All these works will see 17 new dwellings under construction by the end of this financial year, with at least eight ready to be called home in early 2025.

The ROI process, which is really an important process, has yielded significant interest from local government, with the process receiving over 30 project proposals from every corner of the state. Those opposite should be very excited about this.

Mr Telfer: Super excited.

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: Super excited. The Office for Regional Housing will now formally assess those projects, and of course priority will be given to those projects that are investment ready, that are able to commence within the next 12 months, and I look forward to providing the house with a further update about those really important projects. We are committed to the regions and we are committed to regional housing. It's going to be, I think, one of the great policy achievements of this government.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCES

Mr TELFER (Flinders) (15:02): My question is to the Minister for Local Government. What is the minister's response to the latest ESCOSA reports into local government financial sustainability? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr TELFER: The latest tranche of ESCOSA reporting has designated several councils as financially unsustainable or potentially unsustainable, bringing that number to 11 over the last two years of reporting.

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (15:02): I thank the member for his question. He is obviously particularly familiar with some of the background on this matter and heavily involved with his time as president of the LGA. I am following this matter closely. Obviously I have received updated advice from my agency, the Office for Local Government, particularly around some of these findings. What I think it does demonstrate is the strength of this scheme, the importance of this scheme and the need for this scheme to be not only supported but understood as to why the significant value-add is there for councils.

Councils have a big task ahead of them. I do note in the member's question he has identified that there are some really good performers. There are some councils who are, by assessment of ESCOSA in their most recent round, doing a good job and in a sustainable and strong position moving forward. There are other councils who are in a less strong and less advantageous position. That is of course a matter that were it not for this scheme those councils would not have the magnitude of spotlight on. This government and I are strong supporters of this scheme. We want to see it through. Certainly, the mayors and chief executives who I have been speaking to understand the need for this scheme.

In particular, we as a government, in our commitment to the public and most importantly in our commitment to the Local Government Association, committed to having the LGA present to our cabinet on a regular basis—regular engagement, hearing directly from the LGA and their most senior leadership. They have raised these matters with government, and I will be very pleased to oversee as minister that continual engagement with the LGA. I am not sure when they are due at cabinet next, but I know it is in the very near future and I look forward to seeing them then.

Grievance Debate

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES REVIEW

Ms PRATT (Frome) (15:04): Last week, two suburban men did something extraordinary, and I want to pay special attention to their actions. A lovely man, whom I have never met, called Chris Smith and another man called Sean Sykes spoke to the media about the lovely ladies in their lives. Chris Smith was engaged to Julie Seed, and Sean Sykes is the partner of survivor Susan Scardigno. With my following comments, I want to assure them that I will commit to being respectful about the experience that they continue to live with.

These two men came into the media space and spoke out against gendered violence. It was an extraordinary, touching thing for them to do, given what they are still living with, and that is the tragedy of the death of Julie Seed and the terrifying attack on Susan Scardigno. I want to take this opportunity today to reflect on the report and the review that we have been waiting for from the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist: an independent review into the care of Mr Shaun Dunk.

There is an opportunity in front of me today to speak about what the findings tell us as South Australians, what the learnings are, what we need to understand from that incident that is before the courts, and how we move forward, testing the capacity of the mental health system. We know that yesterday, SASMOA reported that people presenting to the RAH ED with mental distress are waiting up to 95 hours, which is extraordinary given the findings from this independent review, and points us to what we already knew: systemic failings in our state's busiest ED. The RAH services not just metropolitan patients, it receives and admits patients from Broken Hill, Darwin, Alice Springs and, of course, regional South Australia.

The report was quick to say that there was no evidence of any failing by clinicians, and I uphold and respect that. This is not a complaint or a prosecution of the clinicians who work hard every single hour in our mental health system. But there were systemic failures, and we did discover that the model of care that is being used at the RAH ED is unworkable and it is an inappropriate place for people presenting with extremely acute mental health issues.

The findings also pointed us towards the requirement for another service level agreement which, I would argue, is just replicating service agreements that are already in place: for example, the memorandum of understanding that exists for the mental health and emergency services steering committee which is already represented by SAAS, SAPOL, RFDS and SA Health. There is an opportunity, I think, for the signatories to that agreement to perhaps include the RACGP in more capacity—certainly, police are telling me that—and to ask whether there is an opportunity for the Urgent Mental Health Care Centre to become a signatory to that current MOU, rather than creating a standalone service agreement that just adds more red tape. We know that our fabulous and highly valued Urgent Mental Health Care Centre was unable to access the information it needed—or needs on a daily basis, perhaps, for those who present to the centre.

I continue to ask the government about the Coroner's findings into the Thredgold inquiry. I think there are missed opportunities, given that four recommendations that were handed down two years ago pointed to a need to establish a register of after-hours contact details for private psychiatrists. We heard from the minister today that there were mixed views from the profession about that.

The good old EPAS comes back to dog us all again, because the electronic recording system is still in progress in its capacity to ask the patient if they have a treating psychiatrist and to contact that psychiatrist. There is much more work to be done. With that, I conclude my remarks.

NEWLAND ELECTORATE

Ms SAVVAS (Newland) (15:10): Today is a wonderful opportunity to update the house, and of course my constituency, on the progress of election commitments made in and around the electorate of Newland. We are very lucky in Newland to be something of a hub seat there in the north-east, and I know that the number of the commitments we have made in my electorate will benefit surrounding electorates as well, particularly King, Wright, Torrens and Florey. A lot of the residents in those seats come to Newland for a number of services.

One of those, of course, is Westfield Tea Tree Plaza, which is a beloved centre not just for residents of my electorate but from all around the place. One of the first election commitments we were able to deliver in my electorate was legislation to stop Westfield from bringing in paid parking. That has been incredibly successful, and I still hear all the time from residents and workers who are very pleased that we were able to commit to that and deliver it.

We have also had a number of commitments at Modbury Hospital, and earlier in the year—I think it was the first day back after the Christmas break—we made some announcements at Modbury Hospital showing off the designs of the work that is going to be taking place there commencing this year. We had a look at the mental health beds that will be put into Modbury Hospital, noting that the former government wanted to close down mental health services at Modbury Hospital altogether. Not only did we commit to keep them, we are rebuilding them and doubling the capacity: it will go from about 20 beds with the final number, I believe, being 48, including an older persons' mental health unit as well.

We are also building a cancer centre there, so that there are treatment spaces for cancer patients in the north-east for the first time in history. That is really important; we all know just how much cancer affects the lives of our loved ones, and I have heard from many residents who have spoken about just how pleased they are to know that they will be able to receive that treatment closer to home.

Something else at the hospital that is really interesting—and again, part of that parking plan—is a new car park at the hospital, which has been called for for many years. That, alongside the new park-and-ride that we opened just behind Tea Tree Plaza a few months ago and the free parking at Westfield Tea Tree Plaza, will go a long way to easing congestion in the precinct, which we know is building.

We also had a sod turn at the Golden Grove ambulance station just up the road in the seat of King, with works commencing there. We know there have been a number of paramedics who came online last year in anticipation of that station being built to service the community, and that has gone a long way to assisting the paramedics based at Parafield.

We have had numerous sporting commitments as well. We had a big commitment at the Modbury Hawks Football and Cricket Club, which will be going ahead—I believe work should commence this year—and a commitment at Tea Tree Gully Gymsports, an incredible facility servicing gymnastics not just across the community but across the state. There are not many large gymnastic clubs here in South Australia, and Tea Tree Gully Gymsports well and truly pulls its weight there.

We have a commitment at Tea Tree Gully Tennis Club, which is not just the home of the tennis club but also of a number of other clubs, including my beloved netball club, the Strikers Netball Club. They will be seeing a commitment there. We have also seen a master plan at the Tea Tree Gully Football and Cricket Club which will incorporate that entire Banksia Park sports area, incorporating gymnastics, Little Athletics, the tennis club and the two netball clubs that are based there as well.

Those are just some of the commitments we have made in and around my electorate, but one that is incredibly relevant, incredibly important, and that affects over one-third of my seat is the CWMS commitment, the commitment to transition 4,700 homes onto SA Water mains but also to transfer the management and ownership of that system into SA Water hands even before the physical homes have been transitioned to the network. That was a huge commitment that we made in my electorate that meant that residents stopped paying the Tea Tree Gully CWMS levy of \$745 even before they were physically transitioned onto SA Water mains, which was a huge difference from the lack of commitment made by the former government in that space.

We have seen some wonderful works going on with the CWMS, not without hiccups of course with such a major infrastructure project. Overall, we are really happy with the progress, watching houses transition and continually getting our residents contacting us to thank us and let us know just how professional the work has been. I am very much looking forward to seeing continued work on my commitments in the months and the year to come.

WATER-RELATED MATTERS

Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey) (15:15): I rise to speak on a number of issues, all water related, and I am going to start off with the former minister's legacy, particularly with SA Water, and the grave concerns I have with the way South Australia, particularly regional South Australia, has been the loser when it comes to decisions made through the minister's office, particularly in relation to floods but also in understanding the cost-of-living pressures that every South Australian is experiencing at the moment.

I hope that the Treasurer will have some form of relief for the cost of SA Water bills. We have seen a significant rise in water bills. As history would tell us, bills rose by 232 per cent when the former Labor government was in power, so I am hoping that this Treasurer will be able to bring some relief to South Australian households.

In recent times, we have seen serious water outages. The southern suburbs have had significant outages over the last year, with 5,000 connections affected and five schools seriously affected and ongoing issues with burst water mains. I had a conversation with the member for Hartley, the Hon. Vincent Tarzia, and he said that he had to go out there on a weekend and get his shoes wet because of a pipe break in Hamilton Terrace that he described as like an earthquake. That is a good local member going out there to look after his constituency.

If we look at the Murray River floods, we saw that the department got floodwater modelling wrong. They described river heights and got that wrong. They used historical data and didn't use modern-day reporting. The 23-gigalitre flow was actually higher than what was reported. With drinking water, the river corridor residents lost capacity to store water. With potable drinking water, particularly with rainwater tanks and the like, they lost those rainwater tanks in most instances in those floodwaters. My office was inundated with calls asking why the government had stopped subsidising potable water and then SA Water moved to a case-by-case approach. In case anyone did not notice, it was at the height of summer when the flood came through and so we had no rainfall. These people had no potable water and that really did leave them stranded.

We look at the Murray-Darling Basin Authority's push to have the environmental water put back in through water efficiency programs. As an example, the department purchased water from

the Marion council at over \$21,000 a megalitre. That is almost three times the market value of water. That is a risky move that has the opportunity to distort market prices. There are also similar projects in the works for Salisbury, Playford and Charles Sturt councils at the same cost.

I urge every South Australian to understand the priorities that this minister and this government have when it comes to buying water from irrigators and buying water from local government. I think it is very much distorted. Food producers were offered well below market price in the most recent findings, particularly in a survey put out by the state government and by the federal government.

We have a water commissioner, Beasley, who is an absolute mouthpiece for the minister. He lives on the North Shore of Sydney and gives advice to South Australians on water infrastructure and on how the basin plan should be rolled out. I think it is an absolute disgrace that we have someone who does not even live close and who does not understand the impacts of what water buybacks mean because he is saying that water buybacks are the only mechanism that should be used to recoup for the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

I also wanted to remind him that I was an irrigator and I experienced the swiss cheese effect when the federal government used water buybacks to recoup water for the basin plan, so please watch this space.

As to the Cobdogla Steam Museum, the minister has seen fit to defund it. It has the only working Humphrey pump in the world, yet we have a department that has locked the gates and walked away. It is not only home to the Humphrey pump but some of the great traction engines, steam cranes, and it was once an iconic Riverland tourist attraction. I urge the now minister for SA Water to come and look at how he can fund and keep this museum piece alive. There are many more issues with water-related issues, but what I must say is we have a new minister: please be kind.

ELIZABETH ELECTORATE SCHOOLS

Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (15:20): I rise to speak briefly about round 2 of the federal government's Schools Upgrade Fund and to really give a bouquet to the education minister in the way this particular fund was dealt with. Members would be aware that this is a federal government fund, this is obviously round 2 of it, and South Australia's share was \$17 million for 18 schools across the state.

Before I forget to, I want to thank Matt Burnell, the member for Spence. I know he went in to bat for his schools in the electorate. He made it clear to both me and the minister that this funding directed to schools in the north was very important to him, and I am pleased to say that once the state minister considered the applications—and there were some 235 applications—of the six schools in the metropolitan area that got funding, four of them were in the electorate of Elizabeth. I am really pleased about that and I am in the process of visiting some of those schools now. Of the other two, one was in the minister's electorate of Hurtle Vale and the other, Swallowcliffe Primary School, was close by to me in the electorate of Taylor.

I took the time last week to visit three of the four schools in my electorate that received that funding and I want to congratulate Elizabeth Park Primary School Principal Kath Best, Elizabeth Grove Primary School Principal Julie Brown, Elizabeth East Primary School Principal Thomas Harvey, and Kurna Plains School Principal Angela Walkuski. Kurna Plains School is a lovely little school in my electorate. I know that they all put in quality applications.

The criteria, I am pleased to say, was very much focused on disadvantage. There is a formula they go through. I am often a bit wary of these formulas. I sometimes think that when these funding formulas are applied by the education department, the data does not quite read the need and does not quite convey the need in some of these schools. But in this case I think they got it right.

Elizabeth East Primary School received \$400,000 for primary classrooms and corridor refurbishment, and I was pleased to have a walk around with Thomas Harvey to see the work they were doing there. They do have some empty classrooms that need refurbishment so that they can actually be used for a decent purpose.

I also went to Elizabeth Park Primary School. That was one I particularly pushed with the minister and I am particularly proud that they received \$1,500,000 for the refurbishment of their STEM centre—really, the establishment of a decent STEM centre in their school—and also the refurbishment of a classroom that they use. They are very much near capacity and that classroom was in desperate need of refurbishment. I was particularly pleased that, after talking to the minister and impressing upon him the need for this funding, it matched up with the decision he made based on the data and disadvantage.

I also visited Julie Brown at Elizabeth Grove Primary School, another great school in my electorate. I visit there very often. She was particularly pleased. I hope she does not mind me saying she was very, very pleased with the \$1,760,000 grant for an upgrade of their administration building, which sounds like they are serving the principal and the admin staff, but what they are actually doing is building more spaces for kids in need who demand more intensive teaching by teachers, in some cases one on one, to provide them with spaces where they can feel safe and also where the staff including the principal can have a good line of sight to them, because that is very important. It is not just a simple case of refurbishing an old transportable classroom on the edge of the school and conducting those activities there. It needs to be done in a place where the student and the teacher can be seen, for a variety of reasons. Julie Brown was very, very pleased and I was also very, very pleased to give her the good news.

The last one is Kaurua Plains. I have not had a chance to visit Kaurua Plains yet since this funding has been announced, but obviously I have visited Kaurua Plains many times. I am looking forward to their governing council meeting soon. They have had an extension again to their administration area, which could mean many things, as I have said, and also to their gym. It is a very small school. It is a very small footprint. They try to share facilities with the nearby high school, but that sometimes does not work. But having said all that, I do just want to commend the minister and the education department for making these decisions. I thank Matt Burnell, the member for Spence, and I look forward to visiting Kaurua Plains next week.

MORPHETT COMMUNITY ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:25): I would like to take the opportunity today to speak in parliament about the way that the Morphett community commemorated Anzac Day. This year's Anzac Day service was conducted by the Plympton-Glenelg RSL at Moseley Square at Glenelg beach. The Plympton-Glenelg RSL was founded in 1919 by World War I and World War II veteran Bob McGhee and the club has a long history of supporting veterans in our community.

The dawn service is held at the Anzac Beach Memorial, which is on the elevated western side of Moseley Square. The Anzac Beach Memorial is made up of black granite and it was built back in 2015 when I was Mayor of the City of Holdfast Bay. It is in the shape of the setting sun, which is so very appropriate at Glenelg beach. Inscribed on the memorial are the words:

At the going down of the sun

We will remember them

Prior to the dawn service the crowd grew in number to a few thousand, as people came, not only from Glenelg but the surrounding suburbs, and they congregated around the memorial at Moseley Square. While the crowd did so, they did so very respectfully and also in silence. Looking around that crowd there were so many familiar faces from the local area of all different age groups.

At exactly 6 o'clock the service started, with the Master of Ceremonies Chelsea Carruthers starting proceedings before we heard the ANZAC address from Josh Rooney. The Catafalque Party, which was made up of Air Force cadets from the Warradale Barracks, marched in the direction of the Glenelg Town Hall, through the crowd to take up their place around the memorial. I was honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of a grateful community, alongside fellow dignitaries representing all levels of government.

This was followed by community groups and individuals having the opportunity to lay a tribute, and it was pleasing to observe schoolchildren from the local schools, St Mary's Memorial, Glenelg Primary and St Leonards Primary, lay wreaths to honour our service men and women. The school principals were also present to pay their respects on behalf of their school communities.

After the wreath laying, Rob Gilles, who served on active service in South Vietnam from 1970 to 1971 with the 7th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, recited the Ode. The bugler, Harold Bates Brownsword, then did the *Last Post* before the crowd fell quiet for the minute's silence. The minute's silence is haunting and occurs just as dawn is starting to break. The crashing of the waves is the only sound to focus people's thoughts, taking them back to Anzac Cove those 109 years ago in 1915.

The crowd then comes to life again with the *Reveille* played and followed by the national anthem of New Zealand, that was beautifully sung by Lara Mutu, and the Australian anthem sung by Raechel Summers. Many people remarked afterwards how moving and well organised the ceremony was, and it is worth reiterating that it is run solely by volunteers from the Plympton-Glenelg RSL. Thank you to those volunteers from the Plympton-Glenelg RSL, including Vice President Tich Tyson and his granddaughter Chelsea Carruthers who ensured that the dawn service ran smoothly. The volunteers, and also everyone in the crowd, contributed to making the dawn service a fitting way to remember the sacrifice made by all our service men and women of the armed services. As was said in the service: we will remember them.

Shortly after ANZAC Day on 5 May, we received the sad news that Plympton Glenelg RSL's President, Bill Hignett, had died after a short illness. Bill served in the 86 Transport Platoon in Vietnam and afterwards was heavily involved in the veterans community, including being the Plympton Glenelg RSL's President from 2021. His dedication and wise leadership focused on restoring the true purpose of the RSL to recognise the fallen and support those who returned, especially those who served in the most recent conflicts in Afghanistan.

Bill was involved in the wellbeing of veterans and their families at a national level and was instrumental in the initiative to set up veterans kiosks in regional areas, from Mount Gambier to Port Elliot. Bill's efforts improved so many lives and his service to the veterans community was rightly recognised when he was awarded the RSL National ANZAC of the Year in 2023 for his endeavours and leadership. On behalf of the Morphett community, I offer my condolences to Sally and his family. Vale Bill Hignett.

GOLDEN GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs PEARCE (King) (15:30): Last week, I had the pleasure of visiting Golden Grove High School with the Minister for Education. It was an opportunity to meet with students, parents, teachers and school leadership to hear about all the amazing things that are underway at the school. I would like to share just how blown away I was by the considerate and thoughtful feedback that was provided by the students. They are an amazing cohort of students, spanning across years 9 to 12, all with their own individual passions, be it sport, music, the arts, social justice, mental health and wellbeing, just to name a few.

What was great to see was that they all had a very keen focus on doing what they can to support greater learning outcomes and wellbeing, not only for themselves but for their peers as well. It was also great to see that whilst they think about this matter they have come up with different solutions and ideas to help be productive and practical in this space. It was great to see the school not only get behind them on this in implementing some of the suggestions that they have made but also investing time to build up these students in terms of the leadership skills that they have.

We often see school leaders within the community appointed by their peers most often, but to see the extra step being taken to then work with these students and build them up in these particular skill sets is incredibly valuable and commendable to the school community. I certainly look forward to catching up with them again very soon to continue discussions about what we can do together.

It was also great to hear about how well the specialised entry dance program is going at Golden Grove. This year actually marks 30 years of dance at Golden Grove High School, with 1994 seeing the first general and SACE dance classes. It also marks 20 years of their special entry dance intake. With that in mind, I would like to thank Ann Young for all her valuable work that she has undertaken in this space over the years. Ann has just retired after 49 years in public education, first starting out at Modbury South Primary School back in 1975.

She came to Golden Grove High School in 1993 and was the person responsible for starting the dance program. She is the one responsible for teaching and building up a phenomenal local talent in our community, across our state and nationally now as well. She is responsible for individuals such as Hanna Minchin, a dance teacher at Port Lincoln High School, and Maxwell Trengove, a professional dancer and choreographer, doing absolutely amazing things in the UK. Carter Rickard is a professional dancer and choreographer. He actually won the Minister for Arts Award when he was in year 10 and recently won a Green Room Award, which celebrates extraordinary talent, innovation and creativity and is often seen as a beacon for artistic endeavours both in Australia and beyond.

We also have Shenayde Wilkinson-Sarti, who runs the local dance studio, TIDC Performing Arts Studio. She is a professional dancer with the Adelaide Strikers and a choreographer as well and she has won some amazing awards, including Can Dance Australia's adjudicator's choice for 2023. Of course, there is also Miranda Miller, who is a professional dancer who had toured with the Edinburgh Tattoo. I would like to wish Ann all the very best for her next chapter. I am very confident that her legacy will continue to shine through the students that she has inspired over the years.

It would be very fitting now to share with you all that I would like to thank and welcome Alyssa Valentine, who has taken up the position at Golden Grove High School to replace Ann, but, more importantly, Alyssa is actually a graduate herself of the very first specialised class at Golden Grove High School. I am very confident that she will do amazing things and I look forward to visiting and seeing one of their amazing performances again soon.

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Mr BATTY (Bragg) (15:35): Last month, it was my honour to attend the Rotary Club of Burnside's Volunteer of the Parks and Leadership in Conservation Awards presentation at the Kensington Hotel. This is an award that has been presented annually by the Rotary Club of Burnside since 1983. For me, it was a very happy intersection between my role as the local member and member of the Rotary Club of Burnside, as well as my role as the shadow assistant environment minister, celebrating the great work that our volunteers and park rangers conduct. I would like to put on the record my very sincere thanks to Bob Cooper, who has taken charge of this event for many, many years now, including this year. He puts in an enormous amount of work and as a community we are so grateful for what he and the whole Rotary Club of Burnside does in relation to these awards.

I also want to acknowledge all of the finalists for the awards, but in particular the winner of the Volunteer of the Parks Award, which was Penny Kothe, a volunteer ranger in the Flinders and outback region; and also the winner of the Leadership in Conservation Award, which this year was Tammy Leggett, who is the senior North Lofty district ranger. Congratulations to all of the finalists and in particular the winners and the Rotary Club of Burnside for organising the awards.

Ms HUTCHESSON (Waite) (15:37): In 1939, after years of local community members working together to protect our beautiful Coromandel Valley, the Coromandel Valley firefighting organisation was formed. After years of members just using wet sacks and milk containers to fill with water and even a pair of pants at one stage, the fire brigade came together with the help of a couple of the local community's families.

The original fire control officers were Otto Scherer and Alec Magarey, whose family still is so important in our community today with the Magarey Orchard. The member for Newland spent the weekend at their orchard. It is still an important part of the brigade all the way through. In 1940, local families helped by providing privately owned trucks, which then had big water tanks put on the back. Some of those families, again, are still in our community today: the Watchmans, the Hamats and, of course, the Magareys.

In 1958, the organisation became affiliated with the emergency services of South Australia and there are lots of incredible stories of heroics over the years. This Saturday, the brigade will be celebrating their 85th year, and we are very excited to be able to celebrate with them. Originally located on Main Road, they are now on Ackland Hill Road, sharing a station with the SES. As a

member of the Sturt group, the brigade consists of 32 volunteers. In 2023, they responded to 172 incidents. I wish them a very happy birthday and look forward to sharing with them on the weekend.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (15:38): In the role of local member of parliament, you have the opportunity and honour to meet a wide range of people from different backgrounds and circumstances. Two of those people who have had a lasting and positive impact on the way I view the history and wellbeing of Aboriginal people would be two incredible women, the late Mary Graham and the late Kaylene Brown. Sadly, both have passed away now, with Kaylene passing away recently. Gawler has lost one of its beautiful personalities in Kaylene, formerly Kaylene Jackson, and by beautiful I mean she had grace, compassion, wisdom and a heart of gold. Kaylene had a similar impact in our community in her efforts to help others, servicing various organisations, including the Grannies Group, EMU Group and Circle of Hope, and becoming a board member of the Lyell McEwin Hospital. She was an active and strong advocate for raising the wellbeing of Aboriginal people in our urban communities.

The day she joined the Australian Labor Party began our lifelong friendship, as her personality lit up a room. However, she was no shrinking violet either and never held back when she witnessed injustice. She was a devoted mother and grandmother, finding purpose and joy in caring for her family and grandchildren, which gave her life meaning and hope. Her legacy continues through her family and the many lives she has touched with her compassion and strong presence. She had such a beautiful soul and that has not changed with her passing.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley) (15:40): I rise to speak about the change to a 50 km/h speed zone that has been supported by the City of Unley on Unley Road and speak in support of such a measure. I had some luck last time a change to Unley Road was proposed. That was the extending of the clearway parking. Of course, it would have devastated the strip shopping and removed the very thing that draws people to Unley Road if there was more difficulty in parking vehicles.

With the transport minister at the time, I was able to push back on the department's recommendation to expand clearway times on Unley Road, and so now we still have the clearway times that have been historically there, not the expanded clearway times that go to 10am and start earlier at 3pm. I am pleased that the government is looking favourably at the 50 km/h zone, supported by the council. It will mean that the pedestrian traffic, the bike traffic and people crossing the road in that busy CBD area of Unley will be able to do so much more safely, including those, of course, who are dining on the footpath.

Sitting extended beyond 18:00 on motion of Hon. N.F. Cook.

Bills

SUPPLY BILL 2024

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading (resumed on motion).

S.E. ANDREWS (Gibson) (15:42): I am proud that thousands of South Australian women can now access an assessment through their new community pharmacy urinary tract infection service due to the work of our parliamentary committee, led by the member for Badcoe, which I was pleased to be a part of. This service, now available at participating pharmacies, allows South Australian women aged 18 to 65 with symptoms of an uncomplicated UTI to speak with a trained community pharmacist for assessment and, if appropriate, access to a one-off course of antibiotic treatment without needing a prescription.

This, of course, is another way in which we are providing women in our community with safe, accessible treatment for their health concerns. So often, a woman experiencing a UTI cannot, unfortunately, access a doctor in a timely fashion and finds themselves in an emergency department although they would rather not be there, which of course creates a greater strain on our health system. Having the provision of community pharmacists to support them and dispense them their antibiotic treatment is incredibly helpful.

In a further boost to women's health, eligible women are also now able to visit participating pharmacies for assessment to access a resupply of their oral contraceptive pill without needing to see a doctor for a script, another way women are avoiding difficult waiting times to see a GP. This service is available to women aged 17 to 50 who have been prescribed an approved contraceptive by a registered medical practitioner previously. This is in addition to the opening of three 24/7 pharmacies following an investment by the state government. The pharmacies are at Clovelly Park—one accessed by members of my community—Norwood and Salisbury.

On average, more than 300 people are accessing these pharmacies each night during their extended hours, with an average of 130 prescriptions dispensed and 28 phone calls received each night across these pharmacies since they began operating 24/7—another way we are seeking avoidance from the hospital emergency system. With the health system on track, what we need is for South Australians to have a safe and affordable place to live.

Unfortunately, there has been a history in South Australia of governments of both persuasions selling public housing. This has been stopped by this Malinauskas Labor government. Since the 2022 election, this state government has announced an additional \$232.7 million investment into public housing which will see 564 new homes built across the state, including Dover Gardens and Marion in my electorate, and major upgrades to 350 vacant properties.

In addition to this massive new investment, the government has cancelled the planned sale of 580 public housing properties. The opposition may try to duck and weave, but they were going to sell almost 600 homes had they been re-elected. The SA Housing Authority is building more than 1,000 new homes over four years under its ongoing capital programs and the government's additional investment.

The state government has also released, purchased or rezoned land that will deliver nearly 28,000 homes over the next few years. This includes 10,000 homes at Concordia and Dry Creek, 2,000 at Hackham, 1,700 at Sellicks Beach, 800 at Aldinga, 600 at Noarlunga Downs and 500 at Golden Grove. I note previously members opposite were laughing at the addition of six homes being created in the community, but of course they all add up. When we look at the numbers this state government is producing, it is absolutely worth applauding.

Locally, in Gibson, work is underway to deliver more than 680 new homes. South Australia's largest social housing regeneration project in decades has commenced at Oaklands Park under an innovative partnership between the community sector and state government. Led by South Australian developer Housing Renewal Australia, the Oaklands Park renewal project will transform a 16.5 hectare site between Barry Road, Bombay Street and Doreen Street, adjacent to the electrified train line. Oaklands Green is a fantastic development in our local community.

The state Labor government has also approved a code amendment to rezone land at Virginia for 150 low-density allotments, and is considering two code amendments in Freeling which have the potential to create 415 new allotments. South Australians in rental properties have benefited from the reforms introduced by our government. Pets are now allowed in rentals—a reform welcomed by 68 per cent of South Australians who own pets.

For the first time this year, South Australia has the best unemployment rate in the nation, a stunning sign of the strength of the state's economy. This state government understands families are struggling in this cost-of-living crisis and that is why this year we are delivering discounts to school fees, assistance to purchase laptops and subsidised home internet for students in need. Further, breakfast programs are also being made available in more schools this year following a \$6.5 million boost from the state government over four years.

With tourism in mind, we have seen the second AFL Gather Round, the magnificent WOMAD, the record crowds at the Fringe and the Festival, plus the Adelaide 500 as just some of the major events on our calendar throughout the calendar year. Of course, with our state pumping, we are delivering for all South Australians. It is certainly true that this government is able to support arts events and sports events at the same time.

Heading south, major works have started on the Southern Expressway and Majors Road interchange project, which will have a significant impact on my community by reducing congestion on Brighton Road as traffic, instead, will travel along the north-south corridor.

For the seniors in our community, I would like to thank Minister Picton for the Retirement Villages (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2024, which will deliver increased consumer protection for retirement village residents, mandate greater contract transparency, strengthen the role of the regulator and enhance industry standards. I am lucky to have many retirement villages in my electorate.

Further, a new social housing development for Aboriginal elders at risk of homelessness is being built in Adelaide, delivering a much needed supply boost in Adelaide's south. This will deliver 40 modern and culturally appropriate homes at Warriparinga near the Sturt River, with the village built and managed by Aboriginal people.

To sport, my community is so fortunate to have excellent community sports clubs. I would like to congratulate the Brighton District Table Tennis Club, Marion Bowling Club and Sacred Heart Old Collegians on receiving Active Club Program grants. I also mention the Warradale Park Tennis Club, where an upgrade supported by local, state and federal governments is underway.

I would also like to highlight the work of the Marion Tennis Club which, despite having their home taken away from them behind closed doors by the City of Marion, is now growing. It has double the membership that it had at the beginning of the year. People want to support their local tennis club and have come out in droves to participate in this fantastic community club. Speaking of sports clubs, I must not forget to acknowledge my own club, Westminster Old Scholars' Soccer Club, which is once again fielding two women's teams and three men's teams this year. I am so fortunate to be part of a supportive, inclusive soccer club.

But not everyone plays sport, and that is why I am proud also that this state government has expanded the \$100 Sports Voucher program to include Scouts and Girl Guides for the first time: another cost-of-living relief delivered by this government to benefit families with children who want to learn life skills and leadership while also having fun and being engaged in our community.

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

The pressure of urban infill impacts our streets and our neighbourhoods, making urban infill synonymous with congestion and inconvenience. Of course, we need urban infill to meet the needs of our growing population, but development must not compete with community, it must serve our community. That is why my constituents and I were so pleased to see the state government adopt the recommendations of the planning review, and I look forward to seeing them being implemented.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our surf lifesavers for their work this last summer. I am so pleased to have both Brighton Surf Life Saving Club and Somerton Surf Life Saving Club in my community. I know that members of our community are so grateful to see them patrolling our beaches every weekend, knowing that they are swimming safely and participating in water activities safely and, should something go awry, there are people who are trained, ready and pleased to assist. While we are on our beaches, I am pleased that on 1 March this year our government banned smoking and vaping on beaches between and within 50 metres of patrol flags and within five metres of jetties, meaning cleaner air for everyone at our beaches.

I would also like to thank our frontline workers, whether they be nurses, doctors, ambos, police officers, or retail or hospitality workers. These are workers who continue to work hours far beyond the normal business hours that many of us enjoy, in order to keep us safe or to provide products and services we need at all hours of the day. I am so pleased to be part of a government that delivered appropriate, fair and reasonable pay for these workers on Easter Sunday, a move derided by those opposite.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents of my community who I have met at my mobile office, community forums, community catch-ups with ministers, while out

doorknocking and at street-corner meetings. They have provided me with so many ideas and suggestions to improve our community, and I am proud to work alongside them and for them.

I look forward to the upcoming budget, and seeing this Malinauskas government announce further initiatives and projects to improve the lives of South Australians, in particular the people of Gibson. I commend the bill to the house.

Ms PRATT (Frome) (15:54): I also rise to speak to the Supply Bill for 2024, and thought I would treat it as an annual report, if you like, on some of the activities that have been happening within my electorate, allowing direct reflection on the presence or lack thereof of government services throughout my region.

Frome is 200 kilometres long, and extends from Two Wells to Terowie; as you know, Mr Speaker, once the city slickers cross the Gawler River they are in our backyard. It is an electorate carved up across seven councils and, as I reflect on the services I am focused on for my electorate, I thought that a way to paint a picture for my own constituents is to talk council by council and reflect on the work they do for their local communities—but that I also hope we do together.

Once that commuter has crossed the Gawler River and entered the Adelaide Plains Council area they are in the district of Mayor Mark Wasley. I have a unique affection for the Adelaide Plains Council because it is the only little bit of coastline that my country electorate has, extending out west to Port Parham, Port Gawler, Middle Beach and Thompson Beach—the communities along the Samphire Coast.

Whether you live along that coastline or inland around Dublin, Lower Light, Windsor or Two Wells you care about that coastline. There are a number of people who are focused on developing the Samphire Coast for ecotourism opportunities, but the community that lives along there is fiercely protective of their environment—and rightfully so.

I thank Mayor Mark Wasley for the work he does through the Adelaide Plains Council, supporting the community of Two Wells as it expands exponentially with a housing boom that is really testing the services and level of infrastructure required for the thousands of people coming into this region. Housing is a constant theme throughout the seven councils in my electorate of Frome.

Two Wells community members will often say to me that they are looking for a number of things, public transport being one of those major elements. Many people who have relocated to Two Wells have been able to maintain their work in the city, so they become commuters back into those jobs in the metro area but also enjoy a lovely lifestyle in Two Wells, which we still claim as country SA. So it is infrastructure and access to public transport, and there are elements such as letterboxes that are still in the main street rather than house by house.

The community is very much engaged in its football club as well as other sporting pursuits. I was there recently on the weekend supporting the Two Wells Melodrama Group out at the community shed. It is a community that is growing but it still has a country element to it, and the leadership that Mark Wasley demonstrates through that council allows for an open relationship as we start to look at the services that a growing community like this needs that come back to state government priorities and decisions.

Down the road on the Nine Mile, leaving Mallala and entering Balaklava, you come into the Wakefield Regional Council, ably led by Mayor Rodney Reid who, like me, was a teacher. That shines through in his endeavours to teach, to share information, and to bring his community along. I particularly enjoy listening to the mayor's conversation, learnings and outlook on life during citizenship ceremonies. Mayor Reid is very enthusiastic. He loves his community. He lives in amongst it. We see through the pride Balaklava has and the investment by council in services that they are well led by Rodney, representing not just of course Balaklava but, off to the west, the Port Wakefield region and my hometown of Blyth and my birth town of Snowtown. I have a special spot for the Wakefield Regional Council.

To the east of these councils is the Light Regional Council and its mayor, Bill O'Brien. He is well known to you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Kapunda and Freeling towns are in particular a focus of mine. We can look at the housing boom that is coming through that corridor from Riverlea and Buckland Park on the coastline, inland past Lewiston and through the Gawler ward belt, picking up

Roseworthy and Two Wells in my electorate. Councils are integral to the planning required for these expansions that we are seeing in our country farming areas that will forever more accommodate many thousands of people. They are an on the ground, grassroot level of government, quite close to the action.

The township of Kapunda has extraordinary pride in its own school system. It is well recognised through Johnson's for hay exporting. Kapunda is well served by the leadership of council executives and Mayor Bill O'Brien, who is always imagining the next great thing to celebrate in his region. He is very proud of it.

In my own hometown of Clare, we have the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council, ably led by the very colourful mayor, Allan Aughey. This entire region of the Clare and Gilbert Valleys is integral to my electorate. It is the capital, if you like, of Frome, the population of Clare leading all the rest for now, although Two Wells is knocking on that door.

With the 40th anniversary of the Clare gourmet festival kicking off this Friday, there are so many fantastic elements that make up the Clare and Gilbert Valleys. Mayor Aughey is one of the best ambassadors you could come across for his experience, his network, his connections to the region, his flamboyant approach, his articulation, his work knowledge and his love of the arts and culture and our region. We have in Mayor Aughey a wonderful ambassador for a region that does not really need any introduction, although I am still surprised by the number of people who are coming to Clare for the first time.

As a wine region, it is very different to the Barossa, Adelaide Hills, Coonawarra, McLaren Vale and even Port Lincoln. It still has its raw, natural beauty. These cellar doors and wineries are tucked away off the beaten track. Of course, it needs no explaining that the wines that are made locally are world standard. I thank Anna Baum for her leadership of the grapegrowers' association, given some of the challenges they have faced and continue to face.

Heading north from the Clare and Gilbert Valleys are the northern areas. Only a little part of the northern areas is captured by Jamestown and Spalding, but I am delighted to have come to know our newish mayor, Mayor Sue Scarman, who is doing a fantastic job in the northern end of my electorate.

Jamestown is not a difficult town to manage. It is one of the towns that constantly captures my surprise for its level of volunteering, its town pride, its can-do attitude, and the spick-and-span elements of clean main streets and a beautiful oval, and its centre of excellence for shearing. Mayor Sue Scarman does a great job in supporting that community.

Just around to the east is the Goyder council, where we see Mayor Bill Gebhardt taking the reins in the most recent election, with an extraordinary renewable sector in the back blocks of the Goyder council. In fact, the project was implemented by French company Neoen. Those projects, Goyder South and Goyder North, are significant for the region.

I recently went for a ride through the Stockman, Geiar and Rowe properties to inspect the wind turbines that are being installed, and they are monolithic in their size. What the council is managing at that very local level is an injection of investment in the region and that is very present by the workforce who are living around the Burra region. We know that those pressures have run down the road to Clare because that workforce has hoovered up housing through Burra all the way down to Eudunda and certainly in Clare.

I will touch on housing shortly, but the final council that I give a nod to is the fabulous Mid Murray Council and Mayor Simone Bailey, who I have very limited interaction with; she would admit that as well. The lovely little community of Dutton is captured within the ward of Mid Murray Council and therefore is encompassed in Frome, so I acknowledge Simone Bailey as well.

In my relationships with all of these councils what was clear is that we have collectively a number of common interests and we are frequently frustrated by two budgets now that have not met the needs of my community. So establishing the Frome Economic Forum—with all of my mayors, their CEOs and the two Regional Development Australia boards of Barossa Gawler Light and Yorke and Mid North—has given an injection of enthusiasm and focus to some of the things that we are fighting for for our region and no-one else's.

It is very difficult to list them in an order of priority because they are all connected. Housing is creating a pressure point and has done for a while now and, whether that is access to housing, affordability of housing or even the frustrations of construction of housing, we are hitting infrastructure roadblocks with SA Water to brand-new slabs where residents I know are being told, 'No water to your first new home for the better part of the next four years, 2024 to 2028.' I beseech the government to resolve this. It is a handbrake on essential construction for those blocks that have been identified, for those slabs that have been poured—and you know this yourself, Mr Speaker. We have this in common in our areas of commonality.

It is such a frustration for those people who have been single mums, working hard, saving up, renting, trying to get out of the rental market, and therefore freeing up a rental for someone else. Having put down a deposit on that slab only to be told there is no water possibly for four more years is a blight on those households and something the government is in a position to rectify immediately. Actually, this is two years old.

Water is tied to housing, whether it is water supply, whether it is pricing, whether it is quality, whether it is the infrastructure of the pipes, which certainly in Freeling need to be upgraded. We have a community post Pinery that is tense and anxious about the threat of another fire down the track. What does it mean to not have the water infrastructure it requires to defend itself?

The Frome Economic Forum has been focusing on housing, on water supply. We have talked about the quality and the state of the roads. Councils are often beaten up for the state of local roads and, while they have responsibilities, there are limits to the budgets that they hold. Certainly, for our regional councils, these are roads that the rest of the state are using, but an individual council may be responsible for the entirety of a road that is shared by everybody.

That is why the opposition has launched the Report Your Road campaign, because every one of my country colleagues is inundated with complaints and reports of grave concern where potholes have become craters and where tyres have exploded—my own included. There is no reimbursement for the repairs on the axle and the parts of your car that are beaten up travelling our country roads.

We know that the RAA has reported an ongoing backlog of up to \$2 billion of maintenance on our roads. If we are on our feet talking about the Supply Bill and therefore the budget and the revenue coming into the government, then look no further than the primary industries: our farmers, our growers and our producers who are generating that income, generating that revenue, sending that back to the government through tax and maybe naively still expecting that this government will understand that there needs to be a return on investment and we need to see that money flow back into our communities.

The Frome Economic Forum with my councils has been a vehicle where we will continue to collectively negotiate and position back to this government what it is we need to see invested in our region. One of the topics that we have talked about is education. It is a pet passion of mine, having been an educator for the better part of 16 years. I do not know if you ever stop. There is an extraordinary pool of talent in the Mid North, going back to Sue Pratt who was the ag teacher at Balaklava High School and has now been seconded, as the Minister for Education knows, to his own ag teacher program.

I see with great delight investment in our ag teachers. We need them to be supporting the rest of our teaching workforce in our country schools: people such as Karen Bromley at Kapunda High School and my cousin Amanda over on the island, who is doing something similar. It is just fantastic to see our young people getting their hands dirty, getting out in the fresh air, learning how to manage these massive expensive implements and dabbling in ag tech now, applying the research and development that we see coming from the Marshall Liberal government's establishment of Lot Fourteen. The innovation that comes from space and defence has an automatic translation back to the agricultural sector, and I am really pleased to see that my electorate is right in the mix for those learnings, teachings and advancements.

At the southern end of my electorate, of course, is the University of Adelaide's Roseworthy Campus. I am so proud that that remains in my electorate. I continue to stay in touch with this

university community because I am looking for higher education opportunities: uni, training, voc ed, whatever it is, for my community.

Clare and Jamestown no longer have a TAFE. We are in a corridor that is removed from the Barossa, further from the city and not part of Spencer Gulf. The establishment of the Uni Hub Spencer Gulf in Port Pirie and Port Augusta and a satellite community being established in Kadina gave me hope that something similar would be possible for the Clare Valley. In constant meetings with Anita and with great encouragement to the Goyder council, I am delighted that Uni Hub Spencer Gulf is now going to establish itself in Burra.

I know that because it can expand, there are possibilities for the Clare community as well. To meet a mother and daughter who drive from Clare to Port Pirie to study a Bachelor of Nursing together just reminds me that there is more that we can do, through technology that is available, to bring these opportunities to study and learn much closer to home.

The final thing I want to talk about today is, having invited the Mental Health Commissioner, Taimi Allan, to Clare, I was delighted that she said yes straight away. It is strange that the government, after three or four months of her being in office, have not really encouraged or invited her to get out into the regions, but I know that the Liberal Party welcomes anyone who is in a position to come and sit and listen to communities about their mental health and wellbeing, and I thank her for coming. With that, I support the bill.

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (16:14): I was biding my time just in case others wanted to contribute to this debate about the Supply Bill.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We are waiting for your contribution.

Mr PATTERSON: Yes, fair enough. We see the Supply Bill come into parliament each year. It precedes, of course, the Appropriation Bill, which is centred around the state budget, so it is apt while we are talking around those financial bills that we have the federal budget tonight, and we will wait to see what measures are announced there. That does, in quite a significant way, affect what happens here in South Australia, so we will watch with interest and concern, to be honest, around some of the measures that seem to have been announced and what effects they might have on inflation.

In terms of here in this parliament and the Supply Bill we have here, the opposition will be providing support for that bill, which is the convention. It is a very important aspect to running the state's finances because the Appropriation Bill each year provides funding up to 30 June and so the Supply Bill is that mechanism to allow funding to continue on into the next financial year before the actual Appropriation Bill is finally passed, usually in July, maybe early August.

We do that because it helps to fund and continue funding essential public services. Of course, with hospitals, it pays for nurses and doctors to continue providing life-saving treatments and makes sure the hospitals are running; it pays for our emergency services workers; the police, for example, to make sure they are able to keep the community safe; and also our teachers and our schools, both secondary and primary schools, to make sure that our children continue to be educated by allowing the teachers to be paid.

Interestingly, when you look at the amount that is being proposed to be legislated by the Supply Bill, it is some \$7.7 billion. Of course, when governments talk about budgets, they are in the billions, but what is startling about that figure is the fact that last year, and in previous years as well, that figure hovered around the \$6.5 billion mark, so there has been a massive step change in the amount required to offer supply here in South Australia, up by \$1.2 billion.

You might think that maybe inflation accounts for that, but I think it will be very interesting to see what the upcoming budget has to say about the government's spending, because the fact that the government needs an extra \$1.2 billion just to see its way through the passing of the Appropriation Bill I think speaks a lot to the amount of spending going on in the government. The fact that they need an extra \$1.2 billion to see them through is startling.

We know, when we were going through the budget last year and going through the Auditor-General's workings through government spending, we saw there was already massive

overspending underway. Of course, the budget promised that departments would be able to run as per an allocated amount and what we found was that there was massive overspending in just about every single department. I think there were only two departments that managed to not overspend, so it is symptomatic of the ministers in this house not being able to control their departments and keep their spending in check.

Of course, we know that households are being smashed by inflation. I think this time last year, around the budget, inflation was running at 7.9 per cent in South Australia. It was the highest inflation rate in the nation. Just recently, we have had the inflation figures released up to March and they showed that over the 12 months to March, while inflation is coming down, South Australia at 4.3 per cent again had the highest inflation rate in the nation. That inflation is directly impacting on households. The cost of their goods is going up. They are being hammered by these big, massive increases.

They are having to cut back. They are having so much less discretionary spending. Their kids want to go to the football, they want to go out, and it is not possible because they are having to pay just for the basics. At the same time, the RBA knows the imperative is that inflation eats into people's standard of living so it is important to be able to manage it appropriately and keep it under control. The RBA is having to fight inflation by putting up interest rates and holding them. The effect is that that takes discretionary spending away from households and businesses, which I talked about before. Their discretionary spending is being eaten into.

You would expect that governments, both federal and state, would be working hand-in-hand with the RBA, not allowing all the heavy lifting to be done by the RBA, not sheeting the blame home to the RBA. What you find is that while households are having to cut back and businesses are having to cut back this state government is certainly not cutting back. In fact, they have massive overspending problems.

How that impacts families, of course, is that that is all baked into what is going on with inflation. The massive money going into the economy is causing inflation to continue to run. It makes the RBA's job that much harder. It is simply unfair on households. The last figures showed that consumer spending, household spending, was actually down by 1 per cent and so that 4.3 per cent inflation rate is being driven not by households but by other spending going into the economy.

The government has a big role to play in that. As I said, they have overspent and it seems that is going to continue through into the next budget. What that inflation means for the average family with two children and an average mortgage is that they are over \$20,000 per year worse off than in March 2022, when this Malinauskas Labor government came into power in South Australia.

This is a real issue for households, and for businesses as well. Of course, 10 per cent of the spending that is being driven, the increases in costs of food, petrol and groceries that consumers are paying, is GST. Those increases are being paid by households and businesses and that is finding its way back to the state government, as all the GST collected in this country, of course, gets sent back to state governments.

The state governments have massive increases in GST revenue and also from stamp duty, from the cost of housing going up. I know others have talked here about the housing crisis that is going on, and also payroll tax. Instead of returning that to provide support and productivity gains to help bring down inflation, the government is having to do it to pay for all the overspending. I think figures by the shadow treasurer show that that spending amounted to about \$1.3 billion for the last financial year, with estimates that that is going to grow upwards to \$2 billion. This has real issues for the budget going forward.

Yes, this is smashing households. It is also affecting businesses. Again, the shadow treasurer talked about the real impact that this is having on business. We are seeing businesses having to close their doors. Just about each week, unfortunately, another business says that they are closing their doors. Many of the commentators around that are saying that it is worse than during COVID. They were hoping to be able to spring back from COVID. They were offered significant support to keep their doors open, and now they are getting really pressured in terms of keeping the doors open because of the significant costs.

In Glenelg, on Jetty Road we had Hog's Breath Cafe close in February. In March we had the much-loved Cardone's close as well, an iconic restaurant in Glenelg. It was certainly not for lack of quality of their meals; it was a magnificent dining experience. As I have said previously, just this Valentine's Day I had a fantastic dinner with my better half at Cardone's. The service was magnificent. Nick himself had a hands-on approach. Unfortunately, he has had to close.

When I talked to him about it, just to share my disappointment and that of so many others, he said it was a double whammy. One was that the costs had gone up, especially costs in his electricity to be able to keep things running, and, at the same time, those costs were also being felt by households and they were simply not able to come in and spend money in his fine establishment. These are real issues that are occurring, not only in Glenelg but certainly in wider areas well.

I talked a little bit about electricity and I will probably save my comments around that for when we talk through the Appropriation Bill, but there is no doubt that in the last two years electricity costs have skyrocketed. We know this government had no plan going into the election to ensure that electricity was affordable and reliable. The current government just hoped that the good work undertaken by the former Liberal government, to basically fix up the mess we inherited, would continue the downward trajectory on electricity prices.

The average household bill came down by over \$400 under the former Liberal government. Instead, as we have seen with successive default market offers, those electricity bills have not just gone up but actually skyrocketed. The average household bill, up to the last default market offer, so after the two, had gone up by \$710. For businesses it was worse; it was \$1,300, which is simply unsustainable.

Thankfully in the draft default market offer released in February, we have not seen the prices go up but what we have seen is that they effectively stabilised. For households, they came down as little as \$12. For businesses, they did come down more than that, around \$400, but they are still highly elevated.

As was said by a number of businesses we have spoken to, the federal budget last year, in conjunction with the state budget, provided an energy bill rebate, but that, in their own words, barely touched the sides. The real way to tackle this is to actually bring electricity prices down, not to provide rebates because ultimately the underlying problem still exists. As soon as the government turns the tap off, those that were on rebates are going to experience exactly what working families, who are not able to get access to these rebates, are currently experiencing and that is just being overloaded with energy bills.

Looking back at the previous budget and some of this money and supply, how that effect has played out in my local electorate, if I go back again to Jetty Road, where I talked about businesses being impacted, another real concern for not only the businesses but certainly the community who love Jetty Road, love shopping there and supporting local business, is the antisocial behaviour that is going on. We are seeing a surge in crime across metropolitan Adelaide. It is a bit like a balloon, where it pops up and the police do their best to address issues in certain spots and then it filters out and pops up in other areas. Certainly Glenelg has experience with that.

It is not the police that I have any issue with; they are doing a remarkable job in difficult circumstances. They are very attentive and responsive whenever I contact their office expressing concerns that the community have brought up with me, looking to address crime and looking to prevent crime, because ultimately that is the best way. They are also under pressure because of concerns that the shadow minister, the member for Flinders, has brought up around the resourcing of the police.

I have experienced an example of antisocial behaviour. I was walking up Jetty Road from Bayside Village with my staff, and Lois—who is a 72-year-old grandmother—was walking, minding her own business, when she was attacked by a person sitting on a seat who verbally berated her. Lois kept on walking, but he got up and physically pushed her into the window of one of the shops. Thankfully, my staff and I were close enough to put ourselves in between the attacker and Lois, chaperone her away from harm and immediately phone the police. Within 15 minutes they were able to attend the scene.

Certainly, we need a greater police presence along Jetty Road—a physical presence—not only the cars and the mobile patrols but a foot presence to act, as I said before, as a deterrent as well. Much more recently, in the last couple of weeks, we had that horrendous event that could have ended in disaster at Century 21 real estate. Someone experienced a mental health episode from a past trauma in previous years. They arrived at the back door of that real estate agent with a knife, obviously traumatised, and they could have caused physical harm or death to the staff, who are terrific staff. Being real estate agents they are very open, and Glenelg being Glenelg it is very friendly.

Thankfully, the police were able to attend and take away that assailant to be treated for mental health purposes at Flinders. Over the course of four or five days, they got to the stage where they were to be released. The family of that person implored that they not be released. Unfortunately, that did not happen, and the real issue is that they got straight in a taxi and instead of going home—so no guidance to make sure they left the hospital and arrived into the waiting arms of support—they went straight back to the real estate agents, effectively picking up where they left off. Luckily, they phoned beforehand to say they were coming to cause harm with a knife, and it gave the staff a chance to attend at the police station and alert the police.

That again highlights the breakdown of communications between departments, where the police should have been informed of what was going on and that there was a release; this went missing. It goes to the member for Frome in her role as shadow minister for mental health talking about the real core need to have more support and effort put into mental health here in South Australia. Certainly, the former Liberal government set up the Urgent Mental Health Care Centre in Grenfell Street. That is an exemplar and offers a way forward. There are I think 19,000 people in SA living with unmet needs. They are in hospital waiting, I think in the RAH, for nearly 100 hours to be treated. This is causing huge issues in hospitals, and it is having massive impacts on ramping as well.

It is worth making this final point around what this Supply Bill should have principally been about, and that was to fix ramping. That was the claim, and that is what this Premier and this government said they would do back in March 2022. What we have had since, though, and what people were not told was that as part of that you would get 22 months of the worst ramping in the state's history. In November, you would get I think 4,285 hours lost. In March this year, you would get over 4,000 hours—the second-worst ramping ever. In fact, what you would get is 86,317 hours of ramping in the last two years, which is more than what occurred during the former Liberal government where there were 74,991 hours of ramping.

This is what needs the government's utmost focus, for the reasons I have explained, so that South Australians can be safe in our hospitals. The Premier promised to fix this; he has not.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley) (16:35): I use this opportunity to speak about some spending initiatives, either real or faux, that I think are important for my electorate of Unley. I have been on a bit of a campaign in recent months, certainly over the last 12 months, to see significant safety improvements for pedestrian crossings on major roads in my electorate, particularly those that are adjacent to schools.

We have a lot of schools in the Unley electorate: government primary schools, independent primary schools, Catholic primary schools and independent schools throughout the electorate. Consequently, there are lots of reasons for traffic to be aware of the fact that there are schools nearby, particularly those schools that are adjacent to major roads. On Goodwood Road, we have Goodwood Primary School and St Thomas School just up the road behind the church precinct in Millswood, we have St Raphael's School on Glen Osmond Road and we have Walford Anglican School for Girls on Unley Road.

None of these schools are protected through warning devices that we see available through GPS systems on modern vehicles that send a warning to drivers that they are entering a school zone. I have written to the government about looking at how it can expand the system that works on side streets and, in states like Victoria, even on main arterial highways that link major cities but does not operate on main roads like Unley Road, Glen Osmond Road and Goodwood Road.

I did notice the other day, on the way back from the airport, that on Marion Road the GPS warning comes on. Marion Road and Unley Road: I do not know what difference there is between

the status of those roads under Department for Infrastructure and Transport language but, to me, if we can have that system working on a road like Marion Road, why can we not have it working on a road like Unley Road or Goodwood Road?

I also think that in this day and age there are ways that we could have other physical means, particularly in areas that are heavily populated with shopping districts, like Goodwood Road and Unley Road, where visibility can be difficult at times because of cars parked on the side of the road and trees on the footpath. We could have some sort of physical mechanism, such as a rumble on the road in the lead-up to a pedestrian crossing, just to make people aware.

I know it has a much slower speed, but Arthur Street in Unley is the first place that I am aware of in South Australia to have wombat crossings. These are where you have, more or less, a raised zebra crossing; that is called a wombat crossing. That has worked very well. People recognise what they are. We also have them without the raising. We have had zebra crossings introduced, which are not very common in South Australia.

South Australian drivers are getting used to them. They are certainly used to the ones that have been there for a number of years now—it is probably close to three years on King William Road—and cars stop when a pedestrian wants to cross, but we do not have a lot of those so it is not common practice. Seeing more of them will make drivers more aware that they are in an area of heavy pedestrian traffic.

It is also important that drivers are made aware of the fact that they are in a school zone, where anything can happen—particularly with primary schools. We know that an excited child can very easily run across a road without consideration for any of the consequences, but if drivers are aware that they are in a school zone they are able to be more prepared for the unexpected than if it were a complete surprise for them.

I would like to see that technology used, and I cannot see how it would be very difficult or expensive to do so. We already know that at every set of traffic lights data is being collected from mobile phones about the cars going past. That is how we know, when we are on our GPS on the phone, when there is a traffic jam ahead; when we see that yellow road turn red we know it is because the cell system is telling the GPS provider that the traffic is not moving or is moving very slowly. We already have the technology in place; we have it in side streets and feeder streets but we do not have it on main roads—even though they do in other states.

It is also very confusing that we have signs saying '25 km/h when children present'. Other states have hours and 'on school days' when that is the case. It is very confusing for drivers and probably, to some degree, a little bit frustrating. It would also be difficult to determine the legal context in terms of what the intention is if someone defined legally as a child, maybe a 17 year old, was standing in front of a primary school that had a sign saying '25 km/h when children present' on a weekend.

If that does not connect to a driver that they may be committing an offence, how would the court see that? If they challenge that expiation notice, for example, how would that be dealt with? It is very clear in other states, where it is particular times on particular days, and people get used to slowing down at the peak times for the crossing points on the roads in front of schools. I am very keen to see the department work on that.

I had a briefing on the intersection of Glen Osmond Road and Young Street last week, and I raised this issue again with the department and the ministerial adviser who was there. I was also very pleased to advise them that I was fully supportive of the 50 km/h speed zone being introduced to Unley Road as well, for many reasons, predominantly lifestyle reasons for those who live in Unley or shop in Unley or who walk to Unley Road or drive on Unley Road and wish to stop along the way.

I am very pleased that will happen, to ensure strip shopping on Unley Road. I know the member for Morphett is very proud of the strip shopping he has on Jetty Road and other streets in his electorate. It brings vibrancy to the whole neighbourhood and increases the desirability of that suburb for residents and visitors, so it is important we ensure that what I will call those 'heritage' parts of Adelaide, those strip shopping parts of Adelaide, can continue to provide the services loved by so many of us living here.

I have also spent quite a bit of time finding out the news about the cuts to the Museum in South Australia by the Malinauskas government. It strikes me as extraordinary that at every opportunity the government is telling students to do more science, maths and STEM and then in one fell swoop they propose a plan to sack 27 scientists and researchers at the Museum. That is 170 years of scientific research in the Museum out the window in one fell swoop. Of course, despite the denials of the Premier that some of the most precious and loved galleries—the Egyptian gallery and the mammal gallery in particular—are not under threat, we see leaked documents released over the weekend through a media outlet confirming that that is very much on the cards.

I encourage South Australians to sign the petition to trigger the parliamentary inquiry into these cuts so we can stop them and hold this government to account. It is an extraordinary amount of damage for what is a very small amount of money in the overall scheme of things. It just seems extraordinary that such a focus would be put on destroying an institution that is so loved and so valuable for putting South Australia on the map when it comes to intellectual debate and scientific endeavour.

I am very pleased with the response we have been getting outside of the Museum and in shopping centres. Many people are aware of it. They are very surprised at the government's decision to do this and we are determined to make sure the government is made aware of how unpopular it is and the disapproval that there is in the community for this change.

A week ago on Saturday I was at the opening of the new Unley Oval. We call it the new Unley Oval because it is the first time in my lifetime, as I understand it, that it has had a major overhaul. I think about \$650,000 was provided by the previous Marshall government to completely rebuild the pitch. Those who know me know that in a choice between a hot poker in the eye and an invite to a footy game I will take the hot poker anytime.

I was told the oval was in such poor repair after the last season and it was because of the fact that no work had been done. With the drainage, it was like a quagmire basically. There has been a complete rebuild of the oval. I was there for a Sturt match last weekend and it was terrific to see how green it was—run-off has been provided for when it does rain—and how many of the public use the oval, which is open to the public when it is not being used for football. It is enjoyed very much by the residents. We do not have a lot of open space in Unley and this is very treasured. It is a lovely precinct.

I will also use this opportunity to congratulate the City of Unley for keeping its rates below the rate of inflation, with a rate increase of 3.7 per cent. When you see what has been happening with some other councils around South Australia, it is an extraordinary achievement.

Congratulations to the mayor, Michael Hewitson, for his leadership. I think a lot of people forget that Trinity College is the largest private school in South Australia. I am sure that you, Deputy Speaker, know the success of Michael Hewitson for the innovative way in which he built that school, which was a combination of strategic planning, real estate development and good quality education and of course hiring you to do the books.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It was a stroke of genius.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: Suggesting it was a stroke a genius, the Deputy Speaker. Well, I cannot argue with that.

But he was very focused on financial issues. I will also mention members of the audit committee: Monica Broniecki, Michael Rabbitt and Jack Gaffey, who have all had a role in ensuring that council rate rises are kept to a minimum.

I have to say that I know many members of parliament get a lot of complaints about council and pass those complaints on, but certainly in recent years I do not get the sorts of complaints I used to get when I was first elected 18 years ago in the City of Unley. I think they are delivering a good service and value for money. Certainly, as to the rate in the dollar compared with similar properties just over Cross Road in my electorate in the City of Mitcham there is a significant difference in what the same house value will pay in rates. It is lower in Unley than it is in the City of Mitcham. So congratulations to the City of Unley in the way they are managing their accounts and looking after the pockets of ratepayers as best they can in Unley.

I will finish my contribution by mentioning how disappointed I am with the government's announcement about focusing on the eastern suburbs for a new round of 20-storey towers. It is extraordinary that the government cannot see the opportunities for a bigger range of housing and the use of tired industrial land or tired residential land in the north-western suburbs which are serviced by a well-maintained railway line, a tramline to Port Road, a wide road in Port Road right down to the Port. I visit my mother regularly who lives at Semaphore and I drive past opportunity after opportunity for towers to be built at a much more affordable price than would be the case for similar projects in the inner eastern suburbs of Adelaide.

We have really punched above our weight in those suburbs for increasing density. It has come at a massive cost to open space, to car parking. We have had to have intersections widened because of the extra traffic that has come in. I think the people of Unley are right to question whether there are other alternatives. I have never met anybody who says, 'We do not want this to happen. We do not want growth in Adelaide.' They have all said they want it to be planned, to be considered, for there to be choice in housing. You will not get choice in housing if you just keep focusing on the top end.

I know that many people who have downsized in Unley would have liked to have been able to do that within five kilometres of where they brought their families up, and that is happening. Nobody is complaining about that, providing it is done within scale, providing it is adding amenity and not removing amenity. I understand it is a balancing act, but certainly for my electorate I think the balance is out of whack. It is time for the government to be looking at rezoning for these types of developments, mainly around shopping districts like Noarlunga shopping centre and Elizabeth shopping centre where real, affordable housing can be provided.

What is wrong with the ambition to buy a house? Why can we not have housing designed at such a level on land that is much cheaper than land in Unley, in Norwood or in Prospect, for example? Why can we not have affordable housing developed on land that is much cheaper to start with, which has all the amenities and the transport ready to go? There is a long way to go on housing choice but we think we have pulled our weight in the City of Unley.

Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (16:55): I rise today to speak on the Supply Bill 2024. This bill, of course, is a necessity enabling our state's public sector to keep operating. In speaking to this bill, it provides an opportunity to reflect on the important work being done in our community and highlight where more work is needed ahead of this year's state budget.

Health is a priority for my region. We have a doctor shortage across many regional towns, from Robe and Beachport up to Lameroo and Pinnaroo and places in between. While I welcome last week's announcement of the extra 60 GPs across the regions, we may need good incentives to make this work as it should and could. We are relying heavily on the locum doctors and that is obviously backed up with the fact that there is a shortage of GPs.

Changes to community health in Lucindale, Coonalpyn and Tintinara and the importance of the community health nurses and the need to cut red tape and make it easier to see nursing staff: this gives me the opportunity to highlight that recently the two community health hubs were basically put under pressure. Their structures were changed, and their integration into the local communities of Tintinara, Coonalpyn and Lucindale was found to be more difficult and more cumbersome. Local nurses were not being used as they have in the past.

One of the things that comes to mind is the fact that in our region we are waiting four to six weeks to see a local GP and one of the things we need is community health at least as a benchmark, a base, to move on from. An important thing for a community is that community health has structure in that it can do vaccinations, it can do wound care, it can do palliative care, it can do in-house care, and it can look after our veterans.

The community health model has changed over the last 20 to 30 years. I am going to harp on in this place and work with the health minister to make sure that community health is not only valued but actually comes back to the real principle that they are an effective organisation, an effective health model, that should be of a base that we can all expect and rely upon.

The Naracoorte Hospital and the \$1 million review, which was rolled out by the new Malinauskas Labor government, and why this is important: in my time as the member for MacKillop we saw \$3.6 million rolled out by the Marshall government. We then saw a more than doubling of that by the Malinauskas Labor government of \$8-odd million going into the Naracoorte Hospital upgrade. In the last budget we saw another \$1 million going into reviewing that hospital and what it might mean for my town of Naracoorte and its surrounds.

I am lucky enough to work with the Limestone Coast Local Health Network and with the minister's blessing to expand that to all the other regional hospitals that surround Naracoorte to see how they could all work together in a collaborative way and what role they will all play around Naracoorte and how it is meant to work, build, operate and redevelop and the services provided.

There is the need for an upgrade to Millicent Hospital's sterilisation unit. Millicent plays a very important role, being only about 30 minutes north of Mount Gambier. The Mount Gambier hospital is very well utilised. There are not a lot of spare beds. We know that we have specialists who come into our region of the Limestone Coast. They will perform functions at Mount Gambier and they can double their output if they turn up at Naracoorte because there are more spare beds to recover in than there are in Mount Gambier.

We know that day surgery operations are met by the Millicent Hospital, which is north of Mount Gambier, because Mount Gambier cannot cope with all the day surgeries, so the Millicent Hospital plays a very important role. Their sterilisation unit is not keeping up with the new standards that have been changed in recent years.

There is also the issue of ambulance officers and the need to expand the programs, such as the road paramedic program. It is really interesting when it comes to paramedics. We really are suffering from a lack of ambulance volunteers. We do have paid ambulance officers in our region and they play an important role, but paramedics are as valuable if not more than the community health model itself. They back up community health, they back up doctors and they back up volunteer ambulance drivers. Paramedics are seen as one of the new solutions to our shortage of health services and needs in our region.

I will back putting a paramedic into Robe. I know we need a paramedic in the Keith hospital, which has a new model, which I will talk about in a minute. I know that paramedics and the role they play in our regional health model is ever so important.

The PATS (Patient Assistance Transport Scheme) was really well used by my region. The services perhaps have become less available, particularly, I have heard, around Bordertown. Certainly, in Naracoorte and Mount Gambier, it probably has always been valuable. It probably has not increased, but I know in Bordertown it has because people are having to go to Adelaide for these services whereas 10 years ago I think these services were more available than they are today. That is becoming a very valuable health system for my constituents in MacKillop.

In general, in this budget and budgets to come, what I will be advocating for for MacKillop is a greater health system for our region. We say this is where the benchmark is; this is the base and hopefully it is all up from here.

I will just touch on the Keith hospital. We have seen the Liberal government keep it going. They tried to keep it operating as a private hospital. It was in the infancy of looking at all the other models under the previous Marshall government. The Malinauskas government came and advocated even stronger for a medical hub, backed up by two paramedics. There was meant to be a nurse practitioner and those two paramedics. We only have one paramedic in Keith.

It is difficult to get paramedics. I would love to see another one to back up the one we have there. I know that the nurse there is a very valuable nurse. It is not the nurse practitioner that we first talked about, but I know that the nurse is doing a wonderful job. Again, the more service we have in these systems, the more we are going to be looked after.

In jumping to the next one, I would like to talk about housing, the importance of the Office for Regional Housing, investment in regions like Bordertown and the latest Bordertown announcement by the housing minister, Nick Champion. Bordertown has the longest-running housing issue, I would

probably have to say, in the state. They have records that go back to 2002, where they were wondering what they could do to address this shortage.

It is absolutely wonderful, it is exciting, and I can only encourage the government, investors and so forth to look at Bordertown as an investment to build houses because it is struggling to meet demand. The rollout of the government housing program they are doing there is really welcome. I know it is even hard to get principals and teachers at the two schools, the high school and the primary school. Also, I think the police station has even found it hard to get police to actually fill the station there again. That public housing bill by the now Malinauskas government will be welcome in Bordertown.

One of the things I will just touch on is that both Bordertown and Naracoorte have a major industry that I will touch on at the end of my speech. The meatworks and the processing businesses of Teys in Naracoorte and JBS in Bordertown play a pivotal role for our region and for our state.

Let me tell you, the meatworks in Bordertown and JBS had to go and buy a motel to find enough accommodation for their staff, which is innovative in itself and it is working, but one thing now we do not have is motel bedrooms for when there are any major functions in Bordertown because there is a whole motel that is not even a motel anymore. It does fill that shortage, but it just goes to highlight the shortage that is out there when a large business has to be innovative to solve the housing shortage in the region.

Not to forget, though, that we do have a housing shortage right across the region. I would say, and I am going to say it out loud that, even in a township like Robe, where house values have been sky high, most people do not live in Robe, they only have a house in Robe. In fact, I think about 20 or 30 per cent of the people who own a house in Robe are Victorian. They do need houses in Robe. One of the problems we are suffering—and we have seen it in Naracoorte—is the native vegetation rules. Even vegetation that is regrowth is hampering our housing development and solutions that we need to see in our small local towns, such as in Robe and Naracoorte and there are probably others. I hope that over the coming years we can address it and get the balance right there, where housing is seen as important and native vegetation and environment equally so, but the answers of 'No,' 'You can't' and 'You won't' I will not accept. That does not find a solution to this housing shortage.

Regarding migration, there is a need for more skilled migrants to be encouraged to come to our regions to work in agriculture, building and abattoirs. Just recently, I touched on where we have had visa workers in the building industry. We know we need visa workers in the meat processing sector. We know that we need visa workers with their skills right across the spectrum.

I met with a couple of nurses who are bringing in nurses on visas, from African countries, from Europe, from London in Britain, even from America, trying to attract them into Australia and find them work with the visa, getting them into our regions. They have not come to my region. They have been working on Port Augusta at the moment. Obviously, that would be the seats of Stuart and Giles, because Port Augusta is split into two. I know that the nurse shortage could even get worse if we cannot get this visa contract to work better than it is now, to pick up the skills that we need to look after not only the people who are here today but those who are going to be here in the future.

We need to encourage more teachers to our regions so that our children receive the best quality public education, perhaps even independent schools and then moving on to the private schools. There is a need for more childcare places. I cannot emphasise child care more strongly. We talk about labour shortages and we talk about couples. How is it acceptable that when you do not have child care one of the parents, male or female, ends up having to stay home and their skills and service are lost, just because they cannot find child care so that they can attend and integrate into the workforce?

I think it is a sad situation. I know it is new. I know it has even become more important, but I think it is a fact that we need to make sure that we have child care and that we find a model that works. Early learning is important as well, because there are benefits there right through to year 12 by the fact that these children get into the education system earlier and will end up on the same ledger at year 12 in an education system readying them for the workforce beyond.

There is a need for more mental health support, and community hubs in regional towns are important. Absolutely right across the board there is a shortage. We need to back up our schools, teachers and students, their workforce. We need to make sure that we actually have those resources there, keeping people in good sound mind so they can integrate into our community.

There is a need for safer roads work. The roads in our electorate are struggling to cope with the heavy traffic flows and the fact that they are nearly 20 years past their use-by date. I cannot wait to see the iPAVE machine's results, even though I do not know where they are right now. They are meant to be around somewhere. They have been down through the Limestone Coast. I have a suspicion that the iPAVE results on our roads are going to say they are very much deteriorated and in high need of either resurfacing or rebuilding, because it has been a long time since they have had any major works to them.

All who travel on my roads—the heavy transport sector, the forestry sector, the tourism sector, the mums and dads, families, businesses and the like, school buses, ambulance drivers—know our roads are well below a lot of areas in the rest of the state. I would accept that sometimes if you go into Victoria the roads can be worse, but that is a Victorian problem, not ours.

The Southern Ports Highway is one of the main highways we want to see upgraded, as are the Naracoorte-Bordertown road, the Bordertown-Frances road and the Princes Highway. For those who do not know where that is, it is Tailem Bend, Kingston, Millicent and on through to Mount Gambier. The section of road between Millicent and Mount Gambier is mostly in MacKillop. I would have to say that the road section in the member for Mount Gambier's electorate is probably the best section.

All credit to him; in fact, it is probably more about what Mount Gambier has. It has had independence and been well supported. On our section in MacKillop the road has been falling to pieces. It does not meet standard. We have seen some major overtaking lanes there, but I can tell you that the Princes Highway from Tailem Bend all the way to Mount Gambier is in dire need of upgrade for a major arterial route. The Naracoorte to Lucindale road is also in major need of upgrade.

There is a need to upgrade sporting facilities in our electorate. The Naracoorte sporting stadium is an opportunity. It is high up there. I would never have put it at the same level as health and the roads, but it is still sport, family, mental health, supporting families, children and development. The sporting stadium will be a wonderful addition to Naracoorte. The town has 5,000-odd people and we need to always consider that Naracoorte sporting stadium as an opportunity.

In regard to jetty funding, we have a number of jetties in our region. One that comes highly to mind is Kingston jetty, which needs a \$6 million upgrade to last another 10 years and then we have to spend even more money on it. It is a strong piece of infrastructure that is well attended by tourists and locals. It is a landmark on what is a pretty desolate coastline: it is very plain, there is no surf, there are no islands—but the jetty was always a focal point and they have fishing competitions on there. There is hardly any standing room at the young junior fishing competition: the entanglement, the kids and the families enjoying what that jetty provides—it is amazing.

There is also the feasibility study on an upgrade to tourism facilities at the World Heritage listed Naracoorte Caves—one of the biggest, largest, strongest tourist attractions in our region, with huge visitor numbers. Yes, it looks amazing, it is amazing and I think the opportunities there are endless. I know that my staff in my electorate office are really keen to see some sort of accommodation investment there. We would love to see some opera/musicals in the caves attracting tourists—small things that would just bring it up another level to where we are and what we have been doing there over the last 20 to 50 years.

With the cost-of-living crisis, there is the need for more assistance for those who can least afford it, especially the elderly and those on the pension. They probably have not been keeping pace with inflation and I know that they have also found it really tough.

While I talk about what our electorate needs, I also want to highlight what has been done. I am pleased that this government has invested in mobile telephone towers with the rollout of 27 new towers across the Limestone Coast. We are really pleased to see that. There is certainty in the Keith hospital, with the paramedic and nurse practitioner or the registered nurse we have now. Still,

it is working; it is a medical hub. It is not a health vacuum—it is working. There are 28 individual rooms there that are fully occupied and fully appreciated by the Keith community. Naracoorte Hospital had \$8 million in funding and a \$1 million review. It is going to be wonderful to see what actually comes from that review, what it will look like and how we are going to make that work.

The Penola bypass that was started by the previous Labor government and finished off by the Marshall government is a good bypass. Yes, the main street is a little bit quieter now; they got rid of the B-doubles out of the main street. We have some overtaking lanes on the Riddoch Highway but people would like to see more. The Keith playground is really important for fatigue and getting people to stop halfway between Melbourne and Adelaide. There is a major upgrade there, and we are looking forward to seeing what the state government with the war memorial fund in Keith, and all those volunteers, are putting those funds towards: I think it is a nearly \$1 million playground, so it is another good reason to stop off in Keith for a toilet stop, coffee, lunch, and then obviously being safe on the roads.

The Kingston Main Street upgrade project looks a lot better than what it ever used to with better drainage, although I have to say the town of Kingston is not like it used to be without a boat-launching facility anymore. With the downturn after COVID, we have not recovered as well in Kingston as perhaps other towns have. The Marshall government rolled out sprinklers to the Kingston Lighthouse Lodge aged-care facility, and we have seen the Malinauskas government roll out some bathroom and room upgrades which have been most needed with a tired aged-care facility.

The turnoff into the Teys abattoir is really being welcomed. It is a major intersection and a major set of works there between Naracoorte and the border where the abattoir sits. The turnoff is working well. The Naracoorte roundabouts in the town are working well, although some people think that we should have stoplights there. I am not totally convinced. I have heard their argument and they say that we would have more parking in the town if the roundabouts were not in place, but certainly the traffic and the B-doubles and road trains are getting around and through that town now better than they were.

Regarding the Naracoorte High School upgrade, Naracoorte needs a high school, needs to keep pace with the rest of the education system not only in my region but in the state. The \$8 million that has been spent on the Meningie Area School—I think it is \$6 million by the Marshall government and another \$2 million added by the Malinauskas government to finish it off. It has been welcomed. The school is in need. It has an Indigenous population at Raukkan, and then you also have the locals around Meningie. It is an area school from reception through to year 12. It needs to keep pace. We also need housing in Meningie for those teachers.

In relation to teacher entitlements, I was really pleased to see this new minister, Blair Boyer, roll out that if you are a Victorian teacher with some holidays owed to you and you are going to move to South Australia, the South Australian government will pick up those holidays and pick up that package and honour what Victoria owes you so you do not lose it, and not have to stay in Victoria until they are all gone or cashed in. I think that is a good relationship and I hope it works both ways.

To finish off in my last minute, I highlight that even though I have just talked all about MacKillop, there is a real fundamental thing about this budget and spending any more money than what you are. I hope the Malinauskas government can look forward over the next two terms—maybe even three—and ask itself: if we finish off the north-south corridor at \$12 billion to \$14 billion, where will we get the labour force from? If we get the labour force, where are they coming from? Are they coming from Australia or are they coming from overseas? If we are going to build a new Women's and Children's Hospital, where does the labour force come from for that? The list goes on.

I want to make sure that if we are going to spend billions of dollars, we recognise that there is already a labour shortage in the economy in South Australia. The private sector is already suffering. Even the public sector is suffering: teachers, police officers, nurses are all suffering. I hope that this is recognised. It is most important that we balance it all out and make sure that this state is prepared and is strong for the future.

Time expired.

Mr BASHAM (Finniss) (17:15): I, too, rise to speak to the Supply Bill. It is certainly a very important bill before this house to make sure that the wheels of government continue to turn as we wait to see what is in the budget going forward. I think it is very important that we manage going forward to make sure that everything is there that we need. It is very exciting to see some government funds being spent in my electorate at the moment. Some of them are Marshall Liberal government commitments that are continuing and Morrison government commitments as well.

Certainly, one of the exciting things going on at the moment is the Goolwa Wharf development. It is quite surprising to head down there right now and see that the boatshed is actually missing at the moment. It has been completely disassembled and stored while they repair the wharf and get the underpinning structures, the foundations of the shed, back and stable. They then plan to reassemble the shed where it was previously. It is quite a strange thing to see that something that has been there all my life is missing at the moment, but I know it is coming back. It is an important piece of infrastructure.

The last time there was a significant upgrade down there goes back to 1988, when we saw Signal Point being built. Part of the redevelopment going on there at the moment is the refurbishment of Signal Point to upgrade it and put some air conditioning in the building so that they can have art exhibitions in a stable environment where it is not too hot or too cold so that the artworks can be managed to achieve a good display as well as protecting the artworks themselves. It is really pleasing to see that continuing.

Interestingly, 1988 was when His Royal Highness at the time, now the King, came to Goolwa to open Signal Point. They travelled on the Cockle Train from Victor Harbor across to Goolwa. It was an extremely hot day. The Cockle Train does not normally operate on total fire ban days, but that was one exception when the steam train was allowed to operate. I have a memory as a child of watching the CFS truck travelling the railway line and following the train to make sure there were not any fires started by the train as it went through.

Mentioning the train, another important spend in the electorate is the money that is being invested in the upgrade of four bridges on the SteamRanger line between Mount Barker and Victor Harbor. It is interesting that all four bridges happen to be in the seat of Finniss. One crosses the Finniss River; one crosses Currency Creek; one crosses the Urimbirra creek, which people may not know—that is also known as Watsons Gap, between Port Elliot and Victor Harbor; and there is the Hindmarsh River bridge as you go into Victor Harbor. All of those bridges need some significant repairs, and SteamRanger has been supported by the state government for those repairs. I am very appreciative of the government committing to those, because it is an important piece of history to our community.

The Cockle Train, particularly the line between Gawler and Port Elliot, is the oldest public railway in the southern hemisphere and has been operating for about 170 years. It is an important piece of line, and we need to make sure we continue to enjoy the operation on that line. It is a great credit to SteamRanger and the work they do in keeping steam engines, in particular, that are over 100 years old operational. It is no mean feat to keep something of that age functional and keep people skilled across their volunteer workforce (they also have some employed staff) to keep those trains running—so a big thank you to that SteamRanger community.

Another exciting piece of development going on at the moment is the building of a new emergency department, which has just recently commenced at the South Coast District Hospital at Victor Harbor. The South Coast District Hospital is nearly 90 years old, and the ED has been upgraded many times; I think the most recent upgrade was back in 2012, but it is certainly not fit for purpose now.

I was recently in the emergency department with my daughter Evie who had experienced an anaphylactic shock. She is allergic to nuts, and must have consumed some without her knowledge. We ended up in the ED, where she needed to be monitored and given some adrenaline to get her system back into a stable condition, so I was able to sit there for a good four hours watching the ED and how it functioned.

It was absolutely full to capacity, and it was really challenging to operate at that capacity. Sadly, they had a gentleman there who was dying, and his partner had to make phone calls to

relatives with everyone listening because there was no ability to isolate in that ED. Fortunately that will be accommodated in the new ED being built; there will be a room available for those sorts of circumstances.

The ED has a bit of history for me, as well. Where the upgrade is all happening is where my Great Aunty Edith's nursing equipment has been on display for many years. Aunty Edith was a nurse at the hospital in the 1930s, and then travelled to the UK and nursed over there. She signed up with the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service in England on 1 September, the day war broke out, and actually served every single day of the war, in places like Malta and the Middle East as well as in England itself.

It is certainly important to me that that historical equipment is preserved in some way. Whether it is displayed at Victor or not I do not really mind, I just do not want that equipment lost because it is an important part of our history, knowing what nursing instruments were used historically in our community.

We are also seeing the building of a new ambulance station in Victor Harbor, also an important asset that needs some upgrade. It has certainly been a challenging space in the community for a long time. They currently share a building with St Johns smack bang in the middle of town; it is a challenging location and certainly not a good place to have their workforce sitting and waiting, so it is important that we have a new one. I am not confident that the choice of the new location—on the way into town on the Victor Harbor Road near Aldi—is the best location, but I hope to be proved wrong. However, it is an important asset for the community.

We must also recognise the spend that goes towards sporting clubs in our communities. Sport is an important part of any regional community, and the clubs do a wonderful job to keep operating their sporting clubs. However, at times, particularly for significant upgrades, they need some support to make sure they are able to keep their assets up to the standard expected.

There certainly have been some amazing changes. The Goolwa sporting complex at Goolwa Oval was certainly one that I very much remember going to visit a few years ago. I had a look at the changing rooms and there was a pole shower in the changing room of the Goolwa home club. There literally was a pole with eight showerheads on it so you stood cheek to cheek while having a shower post the game. There were two of those and they were the showers for the home side.

Then you went to the away change rooms and that was almost worse. The change rooms actually had wooden floorboards with holes in them where over the years maybe some losing sides had gotten a little bit grumpy and stamped their feet on the floor and had gone straight through the floor. Repairs were not done on those floorboards, so there were places where you had to be careful where you walked in the visitors' change rooms. The new changing rooms are fabulous. They have certainly been brought up to a very high standard and are a great asset now for that community.

The other significant expenditure that occurred during the Marshall time was the introduction of the Goolwa Secondary College at Goolwa, which was putting a high school into that community for the first time. It is hard to believe that a town of five and a half thousand people did not have a high school. It was the largest town in South Australia that did not have a high school by a long way. It is something that is hopefully really going to change how that community is seen and how it actually respects itself.

The effects are still continuing today. Many of you may have heard how there was a large score in the football in the northern suburbs. That same weekend there was a very large score down in the Great Southern Football League in the game of Victor Harbor versus Goolwa Port Elliot. Port Elliot and Goolwa are a combined club these days, based at Goolwa. Roughly, it was 52 goals to one point. That is because the town has effectively been losing its players for many years to Encounter Bay and Victor Harbor as the kids hop on the school bus, go across to the high school at Victor Harbor and end up playing footy with their mates over in Victor Harbor, so there has not been the flowthrough from the senior colts' level.

Interestingly, my understanding is that the senior colts from Goolwa Port Elliot actually won, so that shows that, at that lower level where we are now starting to see the kids staying at high

school, the club is getting a bit of strength, so there is certainly a future for that town. Instead of telling its kids to leave town, they are actually starting to stay.

Another important thing I think we need to make sure we get right going forward is how we manage road maintenance. Currently, there is an upgrade going on of an SA Water pipeline along Waterport Road and it is being managed by closing the traffic while they are doing the work. I understand totally that there are times when it is so much safer to operate in that manner, but to me every effort should be made to keep roads open even if there are restrictions such as one-way travel or whatever down those roads because the effect is enormous on the rest of the community.

I did the sums on the number of traffic movements per day on the two roads: the main road through Port Elliot as well as Waterport Road. If we count every person on that road during those days affected over six months—just the weekdays and only the days they were working—it worked out to about \$3½ million at five minutes a car and that is just assuming it is one person in the car at minimum wage. So it really is quite amazing how quickly it builds up and you should not be transferring that cost onto road users of putting that delay in place.

We have also seen those same sorts of strategies being used for a couple of bridge upgrades through the electorate as well: one out on Inman Valley Road and one on Alexandrina Road across to Strathalbyn. We have seen long road closures and large diversions that I just do not think should be the standard method of road maintenance.

I also think there are some things that we need to continue to look at. In the Mount Compass community, for example, the Mount Compass Golf Course has its own water scheme. It is a very expensive scheme and it would be lovely to have a look at that to see whether that could be augmented into the SA Water scheme. Half of the town is already on SA Water and merging the two would give some equity from one side of the town to the other. It is something that certainly should be looked at.

I am also very encouraged from my previous life in the dairy industry by attending recently the launch of the dairy industry plan going forward. I thank the Premier and the minister for their support for the dairy plan and their backing of the dairy industry going forward. It is a very important industry to South Australia and to the regional sector. It is important that we continue to make sure that we have a dairy industry here that will supply dairy products freshly into South Australian homes. We certainly have a very high-quality dairy industry here that produces wonderful products, so we are very appreciative of that support. We need to make sure that the industry is protected going forward.

I very much support the Supply Bill and making sure we do have those projects continuing to function going forward. With those few words, I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Odenwalder.

Parliamentary Committees

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ENDOMETRIOSIS

The Hon. A. MICHAELS (Enfield—Minister for Small and Family Business, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, Minister for Arts) (17:31): By leave, I move:

That the member for Elizabeth be appointed to the Select Committee on Endometriosis in place of the member for Mawson who has resigned.

Motion carried.

Bills

SECOND-HAND VEHICLE DEALERS (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL

Final Stages

Consideration in committee of the Legislative Council's amendment.

(Continued from 2 May 2024.)

The Hon. A. MICHAELS: I move:

That the Legislative Council's amendment be agreed to.

I might make a few brief comments on this amendment and the passage of the bill. To begin with, I want to indicate our support for the amendment proposed by the Hon. Connie Bonaros in the other place. I want to thank her and the RAA for their strong advocacy on behalf of consumers, which has been reflected in this final version of the bill.

I also want to put on record very briefly my thanks to so many of the members in this place and the other place who spoke on this bill and shared their experiences very often on their first car purchase, which was quite enlightening from both sides of this house. I have so much more information than I ever thought I would have.

I want to particularly thank the departmental staff from Consumer and Business Services, in particular Leigh Kinsela, Emily Sims and Acting Commissioner Fraser Stroud. Their great thoroughness in providing information to members probably helped the swift passage of this bill through both chambers.

This bill not only provides improved consumer protections but also puts unlicensed car dealers and those who tamper with odometers on notice that South Australia now has the strongest laws in the country in this respect. As well as the RAA, I want to thank the Motor Trade Association and in particular CEO, Darrell Jacobs, his board and his staff for their strong advocacy to get this bill before the parliament and for their public support on many of the reforms that we now have through this bill.

Mr TEAGUE: I indicate that the opposition also supports the amendment, coming as it does from the other place. I think the minister has indicated acknowledgement of the Hon. Connie Bonaros, who has moved it there. I do too. I acknowledge as well that the course of the passage of time and various additional representations have been made on this discrete topic of the amendment.

I think on a number of occasions the RAA has been singled out for its assistance in terms of those representations. Perhaps not the only party to have participated, but the particular advocacy of the RAA in this regard and highlighting in particular what is regarded as a means by which those who are perhaps young and otherwise unusually vulnerable might benefit from the retention of the witnessing requirement that this amendment results in. So it is a reversion to what is there. I see from the government's attitude to it and also from the opposition, it is regarded as sufficient cause to retain that provision, so hence the opposition joins the government in supporting it.

I otherwise take the opportunity to express my appreciation to those officials at Consumer and Business Services and the assistance of the minister in the course of the debate. I certainly commend the bill now to the house in its final form and we look forward to these reforms steadily continuing to improve the experience of consumers undertaking what is undoubtedly one of the more significant transactions in day-to-day consumer life. I commend the amendment and commend the bill.

Motion carried.

**CRIMINAL LAW CONSOLIDATION (RECRUITING CHILDREN TO COMMIT CRIME)
AMENDMENT BILL**

Introduction and First Reading

Received from the Legislative Council and read a first time.

BAIL (TERROR SUSPECTS AND FIREARM PARTS) AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction and First Reading

Received from the Legislative Council and read a first time.

At 17:39 the house adjourned until Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 10:30.

*Estimates Replies***GRANT PROGRAMS**

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:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24 financial year – *Controlled*:

Note: The Department for Infrastructure and Transport and the Department for Energy and Mining advise that grant programs beyond 2023-24, are subject to approval through the future state budget process. Please note the information provided by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport is as at 12 December 2023, and the information provided by the Department for Energy and Mining is as at 31 June 2023.

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-2024 Estimate \$000
Infrastructure and Transport		
South Australian Boating Facility Advisory Committee	To establish and improve recreational boating facilities in South Australia's coastal and inland waters.	3,225
Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program – Stage 7	Grants from the Commonwealth to local councils in relation to productivity and safety improvement projects on the local government road network. These are administered by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport on behalf of the Commonwealth.	2,182
South Australian Car Club Program	Enable clubs to get more South Australians involved.	500
Energy and Mining		
Demand Management Trials	The Demand Management Trial Program established to advance the use of demand response and distributed energy resources to benefit customers an SA electricity grid.	4,280
EV Charging Network	South Australia's Electric Vehicle Public Charging Network aims to leverage a statewide charging network.	7,854
Grid Scale Storage Fund	The Grid Scale Storage Fund aims to accelerate the roll-out of grid-scale energy storage infrastructure.	5,308
Renewable Technology Fund	South Australia's Renewable Technology Fund aims to catalyse private sector investments in low carbon and renewable energy technologies.	2,575
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	To stimulate exploration activity and accelerate mineral discovery through innovation, collaboration, and the execution of various exploration activities.	2,393

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	Committed Value \$000
Infrastructure and Transport		
South Australia Boating Facility Advisory Committee	Port Pirie Regional Council (Pt Davis Boat Ramp Upgrade)	1,230
	Yorke Peninsula Council (Marion Bay Boat Ramp Upgrade)	1,995
Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program	Yorke Peninsula Council – Gardner Street and Fowler Terrace Upgrades, Price	151
	Light Regional Council – Oates, Hatcher and Wilkinson Roads Upgrade, Ward Belt	32
	Adelaide Plains Council – Mallala and Old Port Wakefield Roads Roundabout Upgrade, Two Wells	240
	District Council of Loxton Waikerie – Loxton Waikerie National Highway Intersection Upgrade Package, Paruna	260
	District Council of Loxton Waikerie – Loxton Waikerie Regional Intersection Upgrade Package	682
	District Council of Loxton Waikerie – Taplan Road Livestock and Grain Productivity Project, Woodleigh	114

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Committed Value \$000
Car Clubs	Applications opened in November 2023 with such applications to be assessed in March 2024.	
Energy and Mining		
Grid Scale Storage Fund	Hornsdale Power Reserve	15,000
EV Charging Network	RAA Innovation Pty Ltd	12,357
Grid Scale Storage Fund	VPP Project	10,000
Renewable Technology Fund	Infigen	5,000
Renewable Technology Fund	Australian Gas Networks Ltd	4,900
Renewable Technology Fund	Hydrogen Utility	4,700
Demand Management Trials	Enel X Australia Pty Ltd	2,000
Demand Management Trials	Rheem Australia Pty Ltd	1,981
Renewable Technology Fund	PA Power Microgrid	1,950
Demand Management Trials	Flow Power	1,068
Renewable Technology Fund	Delorean/Food Energy	1,000
EV Charging Network	Planet Ark Power (Pa Power Eves 1 Pty Ltd)	803
Demand Management Trials	Amber Electric Pty Ltd	800
Renewable Technology Fund	University Of Adelaide	779
Demand Management Trials	University Of Adelaide	675
EV Charging Network	Jolt Charge Pty Limited	558
EV Charging Network	Jet Charge Pty Ltd	357
EV Charging Network	Engie (Ipah Client Solutions Australia Pty Ltd)	354
EV Charging Network	Chargefox Pty Ltd	345
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Boart Longyear Pty Ltd	300
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Barton Gold Holdings Pty Ltd	300
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Hale Energy Pty Ltd	300
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Cohiba Minerals Limited	299
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Onesteel Manufacturing Pty Ltd	270
EV Charging Network	AGL Energy Services Pty Ltd	268
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Flinders Prospecting Pty Ltd	250
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Marmota Limited	225
EV Charging Network	Jet Charge Pty Ltd	219
EV Charging Network	Jet Charge Pty Ltd	177
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Havilah Resources Ltd	175
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Flinders Prospecting Pty Ltd	150
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Petratherm Ltd	148
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Sinosteel Uranium SA Pty Ltd	129
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Fortescue Metals Group Ltd	120
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Western Areas Limited	90
EV Charging Network	The Corporation of The City Of Adelaide	81
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Coda Minerals	75
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Hillgrove Resources Limited	74
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Lady Alice Mines Unit Trust	73
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Petratherm Ltd	67

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Committed Value \$000
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Inception Consulting Engineers	59
The Accelerated Discovery Initiative (ADI)	Envirocopper Ltd	30

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2023-24 financial year – *Administered*:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2023-2024 Estimate \$000
Infrastructure and Transport		
Catchment Management Subsidy Scheme	Flood mitigation	106