

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 10 September 2024

The SPEAKER (Hon. L.W.K. Bignell) took the chair at 11:00.

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

The SPEAKER read prayers.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: We have some students from Seymour College with us this morning. They are guests of the member for Bragg. I am sure the member for Bragg has given you a good look around parliament, and we hope that you enjoy watching the proceedings this morning.

Bills

SENTENCING (SERIOUS CHILD SEX OFFENDERS) AMENDMENT BILL

Second Reading

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) (11:03): I move:

That the time allotted for the second reading debate and committee stage of the bill be 90 minutes.

Motion carried.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD:

That this bill be now read a second time.

I am very pleased to bring to this house the Sentencing (Serious Child Sex Offenders) Amendment Bill 2024. The subject matter of this bill goes to the most heinous criminal acts, and I dearly wish that they did not exist and that this bill was not necessary. But, sickeningly, they do, and we are determined to act. Our government is committed to doing everything within our power to help protect the community from the vile child sex offenders who commit these acts.

As part of this stringent focus, prior to the state election the government committed to progress new laws around indefinite detention so that serious child sex offenders will rightly stay in prison until they can prove they are no longer a danger to children and our community, and should they re-enter the community will face lifetime electronic monitoring.

This bill brings our commitment to life and is one of a suite of measures we have implemented or are implementing to help ensure we fulsomely and severely deal with those who prey upon children and young people—children and young people who always deserve to be safe. The bill we progress in this house today amends the Sentencing Act 2017 to create a new sentencing scheme, rightly providing for indefinite detention for serious child sex offenders. This bill provides that a person will automatically be taken to be a serious child sex offender when they are found guilty of a triggering child sexual offence, if they have been previously convicted of a serious child sexual offence, including serious commonwealth child sex offences and child sex offences committed in other jurisdictions, including overseas jurisdictions, for which they served time in prison.

When sentencing a serious child sex offender for a triggering offence, the court must first consider whether a custodial sentence of imprisonment will be imposed for the offence. If so, there will not be any need for a prosecutor or the Attorney-General to apply to the Supreme Court to seek an order of indefinite detention. Instead, the bill provides that the court is required to impose a

mandatory sentence of indefinite detention. This means that the serious child sex offender will not be able to be released from prison into the community without further authorisation by the Supreme Court via a process designed to ensure that the safety of the community is absolutely the paramount consideration.

A serious child sex offender will only be able to apply to the Supreme Court to be released on licence with mandatory electronic monitoring and any other conditions that the Parole Board or the Training Centre Review Board considers necessary after serving a minimum period of imprisonment. This minimum period is four-fifths of the sentence that would have been imposed if the offender were not a serious child sex offender, subject to mandatory indefinite detention.

To be released on licence, the offender will have to satisfy the Supreme Court that they are capable of controlling and willing to control their sexual instincts or that they no longer present a risk of safety to the community. This requires assessment by two appropriately qualified medical professionals who will be appointed by the court. This is the same test that currently applies for both release on licence or discharge of a detention order under the existing scheme applicable to offenders who have been found to be incapable of controlling or unwilling to control their sexual instincts, contained in part 3, division 5 of the Sentencing Act.

The bill rightly imposes a mandatory requirement for electronic monitoring if an offender is released into the community on licence. That condition is also rightly not able to be varied or waived in any circumstances whatsoever. The Parole Board will be empowered to cancel the release on licence and return the offender to custody if it is satisfied that the offender has contravened or is likely to contravene a condition of their licence.

A serious child sex offender will be able to apply to have the sentence of indeterminate duration, including the requirement for electronic monitoring, brought to an end only after having served the minimum period of imprisonment in prison as well as having spent a further period of at least five years being supervised and monitored on licence in the community.

Further, to have their sentence of indeterminate duration brought to an end the offender will also, again, have to satisfy the Supreme Court that they are capable of controlling and willing to control their sexual instincts or that they no longer present a risk of safety to the community following assessment by two appropriately qualified medical professionals appointed by the court. It should be noted that because the test for extinguishment of the sentence involves consideration of the offender's capability to control, or willingness to control, their sexual instincts without licence conditions, it will be a harder test to satisfy than the test for release on licence.

Finally, it is recognised that even when dealing with vile child sex offenders there may be very, very rare situations where the imposition of a sentence of indefinite detention would result in an unjust outcome. Accordingly, the bill provides that if the court is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances and that in all the circumstances it is not appropriate for the person to be subject to indefinite detention, the court will have the ability to revert to sentencing the offender to an appropriate sentence in the usual way. Exceptional circumstances may emerge for consideration by the court from consideration of the circumstances of the offending, the circumstances personal to the offender or some combination of both.

Our courts have extensive experience in applying exceptional circumstances tests as part of sentencing in other contexts, for instance, when setting non-parole periods that are shorter than the mandatory minimum pursuant to section 48 of the Sentencing Act, in the context of sentencing serious repeat offenders pursuant to section 54 of the Sentencing Act and in the context of the prohibition against suspended sentences for certain classes of offenders pursuant to sections 51 and 96 of the Sentencing Act.

Again, the Malinauskas Labor government is absolutely committed to protecting our South Australian community from vile child sex offenders. On coming to government, one of our very first pieces of legislation was to lift the maximum penalties applicable to a range of child sex offences. In the past two years, we have also closed loopholes in child sex offence laws, including tightening Carly's Law to ensure those who target children online are subject to the full force of the law.

Earlier this year, we passed laws to prevent registered child sex offenders and those accused of registrable child sex offences from working with children, and we have made clear in our draft Children and Young People (Safety and Support) Bill that we absolutely intend to more severely punish those predators who deliberately target children and young people in care.

This bill is another crucial initiative integral to keeping the children of South Australia safe from those who would do them harm. I commend the bill to the house. I seek leave to insert the explanation of clauses into *Hansard* without my reading it.

Leave granted.

Explanation of Clauses

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

2—Commencement

These clauses are formal.

Part 2—Amendment of *Sentencing Act 2017*

3—Amendment of section 5—Interpretation

This clause inserts definitions of key terms used in the measure into section 5 of the principal Act.

4—Amendment of section 26—Sentencing for multiple offences

This clause makes a consequential amendment resulting from the enactment of new Part 3 Division 2A by this measure.

5—Insertion of Part 3 Division 2A

This clause inserts new Part 3 Division 2A into the principal Act as follows:

Division 2A—Sentencing of serious child sex offenders

Subdivision 1—Preliminary

48A—Interpretation

This clause contains definitions of key terms used in the new Division.

48B—Capable of controlling, and willing to control, sexual instincts

This clause deems serious child sex offenders to not be capable of controlling, and willing to control, their sexual instincts unless evidence to the contrary exists. The clause shifts the onus of proving that a serious child sex offender is capable of controlling, and willing to control, their sexual instincts onto the serious child sex offender.

48C—Prescribed child sex offences

This clause lists the offences that constitute prescribed child sex offences.

48D—Triggering child sex offences

This clause lists the offences that constitute triggering child sex offences.

48E—Application of Division to youths

This clause clarifies the application of the Division to youths.

48F—Disapplication of certain provisions of Act

This clause disapplies the specified provisions of the principal Act to the sentencing of a serious child sex offender for a triggering child sex offence.

Subdivision 2—Serious child sex offenders

48G—Serious child sex offenders

This clause defines who is a serious child sex offender, and when a person ceases to be a serious child sex offender.

48H—Effect of spent convictions

This clause provides that the scheme set out in this new Division is not affected by a conviction of a serious child sex offender becoming spent.

Subdivision 3—Sentencing of serious child sex offenders for triggering child sex offences

48I—Sentencing of serious child sex offenders for triggering child sex offences

This clause sets out the scheme by which serious child sex offenders who are convicted of a triggering child sex offence are to be sentenced.

Subdivision 4—Court may declare that Subdivision 3 does not apply to certain serious child sex offenders

48J—Court may declare that Subdivision 3 does not apply to certain serious child sex offenders

This clause provides that the sentencing court may make a declaration that new Subdivision 3 does not apply in relation to the sentencing of certain serious child sex offenders in the circumstances referred to in the clause.

Subdivision 5—Release of serious child sex offenders on licence

48K—Release on licence

This clause provides that a serious child sex offender who is serving a sentence of indeterminate duration may be released on licence in the circumstances referred to in the clause. Before they can be released, however, the offender must serve the minimum period of imprisonment fixed under new section 48I(2)(d). The clause also sets out the conditions that attach to the release, including the wearing of electronic monitoring at all times.

48L—Arrest and detention of serious child sex offender released on licence without warrant

This clause provides that police officers may, on the authorisation of a senior officer, arrest a serious child sex offender who has been released on licence if the officer suspects on reasonable grounds that the serious child sex offender has breached a condition of the release on licence.

Subdivision 6—Extinguishment of sentence

48M—Extinguishment of sentence

This clause sets out the scheme whereby a serious child sex offender or the DPP may apply to the Supreme Court for extinguishment of a sentence of indeterminate duration. The clause sets out the matters of which the court must be satisfied, or have regard to, before extinguishing a sentence under the section.

Subdivision 7—Miscellaneous

42N—Inquiries by medical practitioners

This clause sets out the way in which medical practitioners are to carry out inquiries into the mental condition of a person under the Division.

6—Amendment of section 55—Declaration that youth is recidivist young offender

This clause makes a consequential amendment resulting from the enactment of new Part 3 Division 2A by this measure.

7—Amendment of section 57—Offenders incapable of controlling, or unwilling to control, sexual instincts

This clause makes a consequential amendment resulting from the enactment of new Part 3 Division 2A by this measure.

8—Insertion of section 59A

This clause inserts new section 59A into the principal Act, allowing police officers to arrest a person released on licence under section 59 if the police officer suspects on reasonable grounds that the person has breached a condition of the release on licence. This aligns with new section 48L.

Schedule 1—Related amendments

Part 1—Amendment of *Correctional Services Act 1982*

1—Amendment of section 64—Reports by Board

This clause amends section 64 of the *Correctional Services Act 1982* to make a consequential amendment resulting from the enactment of new Part 3 Division 2A by this measure.

Part 2—Amendment of *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*

2—Insertion of section 5AB

This clause inserts new section 5AB into the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935* to provide the penalties (including a sentence of indeterminate duration) for the commission of a triggering child sex offence by a serious child sex offender.

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (11:14): I rise to indicate the opposition's support for the bill and that I am the lead speaker for the opposition. We have just heard in the house the minister rehearse a speech given in another place on 21 March this year. It was a rather lengthy speech. It took the better part of a quarter of an hour to rehearse that, more or less word for word, and that is off the back of a 90-minute guillotine being applied to this debate by the government at the outset. In circumstances where this bill is inspired by and is responsive to events that occurred on 22 January this year, the government—the Premier—got a headline on 23 January saying they would be bringing laws into this place to address the circumstances that had arisen at that time.

The bill passed through the Legislative Council back in April, and now we are here in September of this year—so-called urgent legislation that is a priority for the government, and we see this. We see a rehearsal of a speech, a guillotine of a debate, all in circumstances where the opposition has made clear that it supports the legislation. It is really important that we do not insult the intelligence of South Australians in terms of progressing matters through this house.

I am not going to stand here and rehearse the contents of the bill. They are well known and they have been the subject of debate in the lead-up, first in the immediate aftermath to those terrible events in January, then in the course of the preparation of this legislation—and I recognise the Attorney-General for his work in that regard—and then in the course of the debate in another place.

Of course, it is well to remind ourselves that for the range of heinous offenders, for whom the serious penalties the subject of this bill are there to protect the community, there needs to be a wide range of measures applied. Time will tell whether, and to what extent, these changes make that positive contribution. It is important also to note that in the circumstances of the attack that occurred in January, arguments ought be made about the proper resources to safety on public transport and the proper resources and recourse available to policing, and, of course, serious offences with serious penalties to match have their role to play.

We all know that this is somewhat extraordinary legislation in terms of the application of the penalty that it does. The views about that from a jurisprudential point of view and a point of view of principle have been well aired now. There has been plenty of opportunity to do so over the course of the better part of the last year, but here we are finally. The government has decided that this is now the moment to bring this to the House of Assembly and to bring these measures into law. The opposition supports the changes, and now let us get on with legislating.

Bill read a second time.

Third Reading

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) (11:19): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debated adjourned.

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

Second Reading

Mr ODENWALDER: Sir, I draw your attention to the state of the house.

A quorum having been formed:

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (11:22): I move:

That the time allotted for all stages of the bill be 60 minutes.

Motion carried.

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS: I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

I rise to introduce the Criminal Law Consolidation (Recruiting Children to Commit Crime) Amendment Bill 2024. The bill sets out a new criminal offence in the Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935, referred to hereinafter as the CLCA, of adults recruiting children to commit criminal offences.

The objective of the offence is to target adults who recruit children to commit criminal offences seeking to avoid criminal culpability. Several Australian jurisdictions, including Victoria and New South Wales, have specific offences targeting the conduct of recruiting others to commit criminal offences. South Australia does not have a general offence provision dealing with adults who recruit children to engage in criminal activity and, therefore, our government has taken the decision to develop a new criminal offence in the CLCA to ensure that adults who recruit children to commit criminal offences will be subject to criminal penalties.

The new offence in the bill will apply to adults who recruit a child to commit criminal activity, a 'child' being defined as a person aged under 18 years. An 'adult' is defined as a person aged 21 years and over, or 18 years and over if they are a member of a criminal organisation. This is to ensure that the types of relationships targeted by the offence are ones where there is an element of power differential, as evidenced by a greater age gap. The exception to this is where the recruiter is a member of a criminal organisation, as there is a need for greater protection for young people from being recruited into criminal conduct by organised crime groups.

The maximum penalty will be 15 years in prison. 'Criminal activity' will be defined as a major indictable offence—which is largely in line with the position taken interstate—to ensure the offence captures recruiting for serious criminal activity only.

The offence will also provide that a person can be convicted of the recruitment offence whether or not the child actually engages in criminal activity, and whether or not the child is or can be prosecuted for, or is found guilty of, the criminal activity. This aspect is important, as it emphasises that the conduct and persons being targeted are the adults engaging in the recruiting conduct rather than the child itself who is being recruited.

This offence will help to ensure that children and young people are protected from those unscrupulous individuals who would seek to encourage them into committing criminal activity, behaviour which would certainly have an adverse impact on the child or young person. This bill should have a particular deterrent effect for those who may seek to exploit any possible change to the minimum age of criminal responsibility.

Public consultation on a discussion paper with a proposed alternative diversion model for a raised minimum age of criminal responsibility closed on 25 March 2024. As the discussion paper makes clear, the government does not have a position on what it may or may not do in relation to the issue of raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility.

This is a complicated policy area, and the submissions received during the consultation will take some time to consider. However, the bill introduced today is a sensible development in the criminal law, one that will protect the children in our community, and the community at large, from adult criminals. I commend the bill to members and seek leave to have the explanation of clauses inserted in *Hansard* without my reading it.

Leave granted.

Explanation of Clauses

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

2—Commencement

These clauses are formal.

Part 2—Amendment of *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*

3—Insertion of Part 7D

This clause inserts new Part 7D into the principal Act, establishing a new offence for certain adult persons to take steps to require, recruit or otherwise encourage children to commit certain serious criminal offences. The new

offence carries a maximum penalty of 15 years imprisonment, or, if the serious criminal offence itself has a maximum penalty of more than 15 years imprisonment, then that higher maximum.

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (11:28): I rise to indicate the opposition's support for the bill, something that is well known. I refer to the debate that took place in another place back in April, and I commend the work of the Attorney in relation to the development of the legislation.

The context of the debate is well known. What we have seen, yet again, coming from the minister, is a rehearsal, word for word, of what was a relatively short contribution of the Attorney in another place—you can just read along with this. There are standing orders that permit reference to copious notes and all that sort of thing, but the relevance of debate in this place is about getting to grips with what the house is dealing with and ensuring that members who have something to contribute in this place do so with a view to adding to the debate. We have not seen that further elucidated because we have it both on the written page and in the *Hansard* record. The Attorney placed all of that on the record some several months ago.

To add insult to injury, it is not yet 11.30 on the first sitting morning back and we have seen the second guillotine applied by this government for no apparent reason. First, they apply a guillotine of 90 minutes to a debate that they then occupy 90 per cent of the roughly 20 minutes required for the debate after delaying the passage of that bill for months and months, then they do not pass the bill, then we are standing here on a second guillotine not half an hour in and, for no reason that is apparent to anyone on this side, we are left in this house in this sort of invidious position that we are both dealing with a fully formed rehearsal of something that is already on the public record, and then we are told that we have only moments to deal with the legislation and, if the last bill is anything to go by, we are going to see the bill adjourned. What a combination of chaos and disarray in this place.

So what is the government on about? Is it on about attention seeking when it feels that it is going to get maximum bang for the buck in the media? Is it actually on about informing the public of South Australia? Is it actually going about the task of governing? If so, treat this place and its members—and the people of South Australia—with a greater level of respect than to roll in here with your guillotines, your parliamentary tactics and then a failure even to do the work of government in legislating a bill that has support throughout the parliament.

All of the matters of substance in terms of this bill have been aired in the course of debate. It was open for the minister to have sought leave to introduce those remarks onto the house's record without reading them, as he did for the explanation of clauses. That would have at least provided some merciful relief and we would have been five or eight minutes better off. I just indicate, with that protest about the way that the business of legislating is being conducted in the house today, I certainly hope that we do not see a trend of unannounced, unwarranted, repeat guillotines coupled with the most opportunistic of scheduling of legislation in this place.

If we are serious about legislating, let's get on and do the work that we need to do productively in the interests of all South Australians. The opposition supports the bill—that is well known—and I hope that the government will see fit now to pass it.

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (11:33): I thank the member for his contribution and his support for the bill.

Bill read a second time.

Third Reading

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (11:33): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr ODENWALDER: Sir, I reluctantly draw your attention to the state of the house.

A quorum having been formed:

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL*Second Reading*

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (11:36): I move:

That the time allotted for all stages of the bill be 60 minutes.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes23
 Noes.....11
 Majority12

AYES

Andrews, S.E.	Bettison, Z.L.	Brown, M.E.
Champion, N.D.	Clancy, N.P.	Close, S.E.
Cook, N.F.	Fulbrook, J.P.	Hildyard, K.A.
Hood, L.P.	Hughes, E.J.	Hutchesson, C.L.
Koutsantonis, A.	Michaels, A.	Odenwalder, L.K. (teller)
O'Hanlon, C.C.	Pearce, R.K.	Piccolo, A.
Picton, C.J.	Savvas, O.M.	Szakacs, J.K.
Thompson, E.L.	Wortley, D.J.	

NOES

Basham, D.K.B.	Batty, J.A.	Brock, G.G.
Cowdrey, M.J.	McBride, P.N.	Pederick, A.S.
Pisoni, D.G.	Pratt, P.K.	Teague, J.B. (teller)
Telfer, S.J.	Whetstone, T.J.	

PAIRS

Mullighan, S.C.	Tarzia, V.A.	Stinson, J.M.
Speirs, D.J.	Boyer, B.I.	Gardner, J.A.W.
Malinauskas, P.B.	Hurn, A.M.	

Motion thus carried.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

The bill I seek to introduce today is the Evidence (Aboriginal Traditional Laws and Customs) Amendment Bill 2023. In 1986, the Australian Law Reform Commission released Report 31, the Recognition of Aboriginal Customary Laws, which made recommendations about recognition of Aboriginal customary laws about a wide range of issues, including marriage, property, criminal law and traditional hunting, fishing and gathering rights.

The report also considered the ways the laws of evidence and procedure adversely affected the proof of Aboriginal customary law.

The SPEAKER: Point of order, member for Heysen.

Mr TEAGUE: There is a point of order. I suppose it is relevance. This appears to be the wrong bill.

The SPEAKER: Yes, I think that is being sorted now. Thank you for your help.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I apologise to the chamber for inadvertently reading the beginning of the wrong second reading speech.

I rise to introduce the Aboriginal Heritage (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2023. The bill implements the Malinauskas Labor government's election commitment to increase penalties for Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 offences, including by introducing powers for the courts to make remedial compensation and profit forfeiture orders against offenders who have breached the act's offences of damaging Aboriginal heritage.

SA Labor's heritage election policy committed to legislate increased protection of Aboriginal heritage. Specifically, SA Labor promised to increase financial penalties for serious breaches of Aboriginal heritage laws so that penalties for destroying the past are not seen just as the cost of doing business.

Since that policy was announced, the Supreme Court judgement in *Bilney & Ors v Kelaray Pty Ltd, Premier of South Australia (2022) SASC 91*, a judicial review of an authorisation granted under the Aboriginal Heritage Act, was delivered on 25 August 2022. That decision created uncertainty for government and other land use proponents that hold or seek to hold an authorisation under the act to damage, disturb or interfere with Aboriginal heritage to enable development projects.

In early 2023, the government consulted publicly on draft legislation to increase penalties in the act in line with the election commitment, as well as to address the uncertainties arising from the first instance, the Kelaray decision, by enshrining in the act clear requirements for reporting discoveries of Aboriginal heritage. Mining exploration company, Kelaray Pty Ltd, appealed the Supreme Court decision to invalidate an authorisation held by the company under section 23 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act.

On 11 May 2023, the Supreme Court of South Australia Court of Appeal allowed the appeal that held Kelaray's authorisation was valid. Importantly, the Court of Appeal confirmed that the requirement in section 20 of the act should report discoveries of Aboriginal heritage immediately to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the ability for the minister to make an urgent direction under section 24 of the act to protect the discovered heritage still applied to the holder of an authorisation to affect heritage within an authorisation area.

The government's proposed reforms arising from the Kelaray case are needed to enshrine certainty into the act around the requirements for reporting discoveries of Aboriginal heritage whether within an area where impacts to Aboriginal heritage have been authorised or otherwise.

I seek leave to have the remainder of the second reading explanation inserted in *Hansard* without my reading it.

Leave granted.

As mentioned, discoveries of Aboriginal heritage will now also include discoveries of significant new information about known heritage.

This will help South Australia to avoid tragedies such as that which occurred in Juukan Gorge in Western Australia in 2020. There, the discovery of significant new information about an outstanding and irreplaceable Aboriginal site could not be used by the Minister to save it because the information was discovered after an authorisation to destroy it was granted.

The Bill amendments propose mandated timelines for Ministerial notification and response in relation to heritage discoveries. This is to address any potential concerns about open ended work stoppages and create greater certainty for proponents for project timelines.

The Bill will also amend the Act to make explicit the accepted principle, confirmed again by the Court of Appeal in the *Kelaray* appeal, that section 21 and 23 authorisations may be granted to classes of persons and cover all heritage in the area, known or unknown.

The Bill amendments provide for a mandated notification process for Aboriginal heritage discovered within an existing authorisation area (including the submitting of details, or methodologies, on how it is proposed to manage the discovered heritage). This process will allow the Minister an opportunity to consider protecting the discovery where a proposed methodology for managing the discovery is assessed as insufficient—for example, for discoveries of extraordinary importance that cannot be relocated or avoided—without the lengthy consultation or notification requirements currently in sections 13 and 24(4) of the Act.

The notification process will require the developer or other proponent to pause works near the discovery for up to 5 business days for Aboriginal sites or objects or up to 10 business days for Aboriginal remains – to allow the Minister to respond to the notification.

During this time, the Minister will assess the importance of the discovery and the proponent's proposed methodology for dealing with it, and whether any urgent action needs to be taken by the Minister to protect the discovery – as opposed to the current situation where the proponents generally decide what to do with a discovery before reporting to the Minister.

In practice, any works pauses upon heritage discoveries are likely to be for lesser times than these statutory maximums.

In concert with the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee, the Government will develop detailed guidelines for promulgation under the Act addressing what is required for a heritage management 'methodology' to be approvable. These guidelines will be made public and provided to proponents whenever seeking an authorisation. Given the discovery management methodology will apply within the context of an authorisation to impact Aboriginal heritage, in most cases, unless there is an extraordinary discovery like Juukan Gorge, proponents will be able to continue work without having to observe the full legislated pause work period. In this way, the newly legislated process will largely formalise and continue current practices under heritage discovery protocols, which are imposed as conditions to most existing authorisations.

However, to further lessen the uncertainty associated with these requirements to pause works, and in particular to encourage proponents to engage early with the Traditional Owners, the amendments in the Bill provide that this legislated pause works period need not apply to those proponents who engage with the Traditional Owners early. The new provisions encourage proponents to seek to identify Aboriginal heritage in their areas of interest, and to develop appropriate methodologies to manage them in consultation with Traditional Owners, before they apply for an authorisation. Developing heritage management methodologies before works begin is best practice and common within Cultural Heritage Management Plans. However, many proponents do not currently seek to engage with Traditional Owners or to develop such plans before applying to damage Aboriginal heritage under the Act. Now, where early engagement occurs and an appropriate discovery methodology is developed, the Minister can approve it at the same time the authorisation is granted. While discoveries would still have to be reported to the Minister so the Minister can consider taking protective action under section 24, proponents could immediately manage the discovery in accordance with their own pre-approved procedures.

Compliance with a pre-approved heritage discovery methodology will be a condition of authorisation. The Minister's urgent protective directions power under section 24 will apply in this scenario, to ensure the Minister can intervene if compliance with the condition becomes relevant.

In relation to the penalties for offences in the Act, the existing penalties in South Australia's Aboriginal Heritage Act are significantly less than those under equivalent legislation in all other Australian jurisdictions. Also, the offences have proven difficult to successfully prosecute.

The Bill will implement the Government's election commitment to increase penalties for Aboriginal Heritage Act offences by significantly increasing penalties for knowingly damaging Aboriginal heritage.

At present, the maximum penalty for destroying Aboriginal heritage in South Australia is \$50,000 for body corporates and \$10,000 or six months prison for individuals.

There has yet to be a successful prosecution, due to a requirement to prove that the offender intended to damage Aboriginal heritage.

Under the changes, a separate offence will be created where a defendant would need to prove that they did not know, and could not reasonably have been expected to know, the site was an Aboriginal site. This lower level offence is designed to make it easier to successfully prosecute the 'damage heritage' offence in appropriate cases.

In addition, penalties for an offence where the defendant was either reckless or intended to damage Aboriginal heritage will be increased to two million dollars for organisations and a quarter of a million dollars and/or two years prison for individuals.

The Bill will also introduce powers for the courts to make remedial, compensation and/or profit forfeiture orders against offenders who have breached the Act. These are modelled on equivalent provisions in interstate equivalent Acts and also on environmental harm offences in section 133 of the South Australian *Environment Protection Act 1993*.

The Bill will expressly provide that monetary penalties and/or forfeiture order amounts ordered in favour of the Crown be paid into the Aboriginal Heritage Fund established under section 19 of the Act.

Broad public consultation was undertaken on the draft Bill over five weeks from early March to early April 2023.

In addition to the Government's election commitments and the need to respond to the *Kelaray* case, the Bill was developed within the context of currently proposed national reforms to Aboriginal heritage legislation being considered by the Australian Government in response to the Juukan Gorge disaster. A broad Commonwealth review

of Aboriginal heritage protection legislation across Australia is now underway in partnership with an alliance of peak Aboriginal representative groups. This process is expected to make recommendations for more extensive reforms to national Aboriginal heritage protection, including in respect of Aboriginal decision-making, heritage damage offences and penalties, national consistency and enhanced, early engagement and due diligence requirements for proponents seeking to impact Aboriginal heritage.

The amendments in the Bill are broadly consistent with these reforms being considered at a national level and appropriate precursors to those broader improvements to the protection of Australia's cultural heritage. Future reforms in this area will also benefit from the involvement of South Australia's First Nations Voice to Parliament.

I commend the Bill to Members and seek leave to have the Explanation of Clauses inserted into Hansard without my reading them.

Explanation of Clauses

1—Short title

2—Commencement

These clauses are formal.

3—Interpretation

This clause defines terms used in the measure.

4—Objects

This clause sets out the objects of the measure.

5—Ayers House vested in Minister

Ayers House is vested in the Minister but the clause contains restrictions on the Minister's entitlement to grant rights of interests in the property.

6—Care, control and management vested in National Trust

Care, control and management of Ayers House vests in the National Trust subject to the rights of public access and any other requirements set out in notices under the provision.

7—Liability

The National Trust will bear the liability for any claims arising in respect of Ayers House or any use of Ayers House.

8—Exemption from council rates

No council rates are payable in respect of Ayers House.

9—Regulations

This clause is a regulation making power.

Schedule 1—Related amendments and transitional provisions

Part 1—Amendment of National Trust of South Australia Act 1955

1—Amendment of section 5—Objects of Trust

This clause makes a consequential amendment to the *National Trust of South Australia Act 1955*.

Part 2—Transitional provisions

2—No change in use of land

This clause clarifies that the resumed use of Ayers House by the National Trust will not constitute a change in use for the purposes of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

3—Assignment of leases and licences to National Trust

Existing leases and licences with respect to Ayers House are to be assigned to the National Trust.

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (11:46): In the sort of chaotic manner in which the government has proceeded with business this morning, I was just now otherwise engaged trying to identify the provenance of a book of amendments to this bill that the government apparently filed just now. It was placed in my hand after I came to the chamber about 45 minutes ago and I am advised it was received by my office at around 19 minutes to 11 today, so it will be necessary for the house to go into committee—I will just flag that.

With that rider, because I have had a chance to have a look at the page but hardly to get to some grips with what are 15 government amendments that have been filed just now and provided to me without notice or briefing, as far as I am aware, I will need to hear what these amendments are about.

Having said that, we are yet again in territory where the government has decided to bring to this house debate on a bill that it has long known the opposition supports. I am the lead speaker for the opposition. The opposition supports the bill. There has been what I would describe as an edifying and fairly thoroughgoing process of briefing and work in relation to this bill that dates back many months.

Again, I recognise the Attorney, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, for his work and for his office and his advisers—his departmental advisers, ministerial advisers and others—all months ago. And yet I am presented with this bundle of 15 amendments with obviously no opportunity to form a view about them, at the same time as the government presents the house with not the first, not the second but the third guillotine within the first hour of sitting in this place, on the Tuesday morning of sitting.

It has demonstrated absolutely no reason for any one of those guillotines. We, on this side of the house, are here to participate in the debate, to add something of substance to the debate where that is relevant, and if the government has a good reason to move on a guillotine then it ought to have the decency to tell us about it, to come and explain all the reasons why there is an urgency, to highlight the importance of the legislation, and the reason why it might need to keep going all the way through. But not, at no notice, to land a guillotine on us, then another one, then another one in circumstances where at least one out of the three bills that we have found ourselves debating here this morning they have then not proceeded to pass.

We are now 50 minutes in, we are on a third guillotine and we have 60 minutes for debate on this bill. Again, we have the benefit of the explanation of clauses that the Deputy Premier has sought and obtained leave to incorporate now into our *Hansard*, because those explanation of clauses are available to us from the *Hansard* of another place, just as we have the benefit of the contribution of the Deputy Premier just now because that was a rehearsal of what took place in another place many months ago.

There are all sorts of reasons why the government wants to or needs to put on the record the matters that are orderly for the purposes of debate in each chamber, and that might involve a certain degree of rehearsal, but then that is overlaid with a combination of this bludgeoning of the house around a limitation on debate, a certain sort of grandiosity on the part of the government in delivering this wonderful beneficence to the house, all of which we know about, all of which there has been a whole lot of work done on. We have members of the minister's staff who are here present and have been closely involved in the development of this bill, and we have heard it all.

The combination of circumstances that we have been presented with this morning by the government just beggars belief. South Australians hearing about this approach to legislating on what are described as important matters will be dismayed. So I am not going to reflect on debate in relation to other bills, but that is there for all to see, for anyone who might be willing to put themselves through an analysis of the last 50 minutes of *Hansard*, and there will be more to say about that.

This is a bill that addresses what I will describe are a number of core matters, essentially about increasing penalties applicable to those circumstances in which Aboriginal heritage is damaged, desecrated, interfered with and so on. It updates the 1988 act. It is a range of amendments to penalties which apply the relevant necessary seriousness to those actions.

We have seen that, perhaps in the most infamous way, the desecration of Aboriginal heritage can occur in the most devastating of ways. It is well known that precious and ancient Aboriginal heritage was destroyed at Juukan Gorge. I might add that those circumstances are not entirely analogous to what this bill would cover. There is work to do in terms of the scope and nature of the permission for works of the kind that saw the destruction of the sites at Juukan Gorge, but we are in that territory. Thankfully, we are not in this bill traversing the kind of territory that we saw briefly aired in the subject of the ill-fated proposal of the Western Australian government. I just want to be clear

that there has been perhaps a range of different endeavours in this regard. This bill, as I have indicated, is focused on the penalties side and their increase.

There has been some cause for reflection in this place this morning about proper process. I do acknowledge that this was a government election commitment; that is something that is an important matter to reflect on in the course of debate. The government has brought this legislation to the house. It is in line with, or pursuant to, what it has described as its election commitment. Interestingly, the government's election commitment finds its voice in the heritage section of the government's election commitments, alongside a Labor commitment to protect Adelaide's Parklands. We have seen a bit about what became of aspects of that commitment; I will just mark that along the way.

The election commitment that the Malinauskas Labor government described in its heritage election commitments document contains a commitment headed 'Aboriginal heritage protection' and it there describes the nature of the election commitment. If it perhaps does not rise as high as a sole triggering event, it is certainly an event of significance that has precipitated serious consideration in this area—that being what happened at Juukan Gorge—so it is unsurprising that the election commitment is described as follows:

The destruction of Juukan Gorge in Western Australia was a wake-up call to all Australians that our unique heritage can be wiped out in an instant. In South Australia, nuclear fuel dump proposals and drilling approval for Lake Torrens show the risks to Aboriginal heritage and the need to better include Aboriginal people in decision making.

I just pause there to indicate that we see examples cited in this part of the description of the election commitment. There is nothing more specifically about addressing particular matters of controversy.

I will come back to the case of *Dare, Bilney and Ors v Kelaray Pty Ltd* and the Premier of South Australia, the decision of the South Australian Court of Appeal and of the Supreme Court prior to that in the beginning of 2022. There is some reference to *Dare*, but here we see a reference to the relevant penalties being increased across the board, for which future actions and examples have been cited but we do not see that there is some clear, specific legislative objective to deal with a particular approval or a particular decision that the election commitment is said to remedy. Bear in mind the election commitment by definition comes along prior to March 2022. It has to. We see the decisions in *Dare* proceeding through 2022, and so there is context, time and subject matter. The words of the election commitment document then continued as follows:

Labor will ensure local Aboriginal communities and traditional owners are fully consulted on any proposal that would risk damaging Aboriginal heritage.

So there is an undertaking for consultation in relation to heritage. Let's be clear, this bill is fulfilling—and the government only asserts that this bill is fulfilling its election commitment, insofar as it increases penalties, including powers for the courts to make remedial compensation and profit forfeiture orders against offenders who have damaged Aboriginal heritage.

I do not see the government asserting that this bill fulfils the entirety of the election commitment that is the subject of these four paragraphs in the heritage section of the election commitment document, but we see that anyway up-front and centre as the undertaking of the government to ensure that local Aboriginal communities and traditional owners are fully consulted on any proposal that would risk damaging Aboriginal heritage.

Here we have a bill that is dealing with penalties, but I think I am given to understand that the government will need to do more should it wish to progress on that part of the election commitment. It goes on to say:

In consultation with local communities, Labor will increase financial penalties for serious breaches of Aboriginal heritage laws so penalties for destroying the past are not just seen as the cost of doing business.

That is the bit that is the subject of the bill. We have long known that. I will just complete the reference to the election commitment that moving penalties into a space where serious breaches of heritage law are not just seen as a cost of doing business.

By the way I do not think anyone, right up to including Rio Tinto that, I stress, in the circumstances of Juukan Gorge, were dealing with circumstances not analogous to this in a direct sense at all because my understanding is there is a different problem at play in those circumstances.

There are actions and activities that are being undertaken with the benefit of approval, and it is the approval process in that case that needs closer review and consideration. There is no doubt that that is part of the picture.

So we have a whole chunk, if you like, of the election commitment which is still out there, to put it that way—this point about legislation for consultation on any proposal, this provision for local Aboriginal communities and traditional owners to be fully consulted. Here we are, dealing with the financial penalties part of it only, and it is well to understand that that is the context in which this is occurring. The election commitment then goes on to say that:

Labor will establish a mechanism to ensure a company cannot benefit from breaching Aboriginal heritage protection laws.

Whatever that means, I guess. If it starts with a proposition that the penalties will no longer be able to be described as a cost of doing business, well that is one way of indicating that the company cannot benefit. The question of the proper processes for approval so that everybody can have confidence that what is occurring is occurring in the light of the best knowledge and then with a view to benefits in all directions has got to be the goal and surely is the objective of all participants. I am not sure that it is necessary to couch the commitment in terms that there is some kind of mala fides at play and that actors in the space will be out there looking to get away with whatever they can get away with, to put it bluntly.

What is true is that we have seen that there can be serious consequences of actions occurring with or without approvals in place. So we need to have a high-quality application and approval process, one that is reliable, and, where there are breaches of that high-quality and reliable process, then, sure, we need to be in a space where such breaches are not regarded as a cost of doing business. I just suggest that the mutual interests of all concerned ought to be really put to the fore in terms of the way that that is described. Hence, here in the house today, talking about the increasing of penalties is a kind of asinine aspect of the process in a way.

It is always the simplest resort, in a whole variety of ways—you increase penalties, then you create a kind of signal of intent or something but you do everybody a favour if the substantial work is done to ensure that there can be confidence in the processes that we have for the consideration, appreciation and understanding of heritage that is in everybody's interest, and then, in turn, that proposals are undertaken for the benefit of all South Australians and particularly the benefit of relevant local Aboriginal communities. Just so as not to do a disservice to the election commitment, it concludes by stating the following:

Better protection will preserve priceless heritage and, where culturally appropriate, ensure that it can continue to be shared with visitors from home and overseas.

So, again, that is the commitment. It is there, and in its own words, the government has described its objectives in this regard. If there is something that I stress and, indeed, stress to the point of repetition, it is that penalties alone will not do the necessary work. We need to ensure that there is a quality of decision-making and that there is confidence in that process for the benefit of all concerned. In that regard, the jury will remain very much out in terms of how this matter proceeds.

It is perhaps also timely to note in the context of all of this the work of the now defunct Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee, working as it did in the early part of this Fifty-Fifth Parliament to complete its inquiry into Aboriginal heritage. Already well documented is my dismay at the government's decision to disband the standing committee to the extent that that has been the subject of a bill before the house. I will not reflect on it in that way.

To the extent that it is the subject of a bill in my name before the house to reinstate the committee, I will not reflect on that either, but a matter of dismay and the dismantling of productivity of this place it remains, in my view. But I do reflect, perhaps to advertise the work that a standing committee working in the interests of Aboriginal lands and other matters of particular interest to Aboriginal people can do, that this work which the eventual final report of the committee's inquiry into Aboriginal heritage was—and I just want to do the right thing by our former presiding member, the Hon. Tung Ngo, in this regard, and be accurate about this.

The work of the committee spanned over both this parliament and the previous parliament. As the presiding member observed, the inquiry was originally advertised in February 2021, it commenced receiving oral evidence in October 2021, and then it was not progressing too much further due to the March 2022 election. So it was for the newly established committee, at the commencement of this parliament, to determine what to do about that, and the committee on its re-establishment decided to proceed with the inquiry and to complete the inquiry.

So, somewhat unusually, it was work done over two parliaments, and I was pleased to contribute in some small way to participate in the committee at the time that this work was done. I highlight it because it is a useful point of reference, I think, for members to consider a wrap-up of a number of different aspects of reforms in Aboriginal heritage that are relevantly in play.

I have spent some moments focusing on the government's election commitment. This has also been an area of considerable focus of the parliament—by the standing committee, as it then was—in terms of the consideration of reform to Aboriginal heritage legislation, which primarily focused on the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988.

The six recommendations of the committee are there for all to reflect on, and, perhaps for reasons that might be obvious, they go wider than what this bill is addressing. They include recommendations for the Aboriginal Heritage Act to increase financial penalty provisions. I might just set out what that is. It is the subject of recommendation 1(b). For context, recommendation 1 provides as follows:

The Committee recommends a comprehensive reform of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 (SA)...be undertaken by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs...taking into account the evidence received in this Inquiry to date and the Commonwealth review of Aboriginal Heritage legislation. The Committee supports a modernisation of the State's current Aboriginal heritage protection regime in accordance with community expectations, the Best Practice Standards in Indigenous Cultural Heritage Management and Legislation—

that 'standards' reference is further particularised in the report, and I commend it—

and recent reforms made to heritage protection legislation in other jurisdictions. The Committee recommends that the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs introduces the following amendments to the [Aboriginal Heritage] Act...

I will get to (b), but (a) provides:

The Committee recommends that the current definitions of Aboriginal heritage protection in the [Aboriginal Heritage] Act be expanded. The Committee supports the inclusion of intangible heritage and expanding the definition of Aboriginal remains to include all bodily remains, instead of limiting it to skeletal remains. This has been recently reformed in the Western Australian Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021...

Moving to (b), and this is the subject of the narrow focus of this bill:

The Committee recommends that the [Aboriginal Heritage] Act financial penalty provisions be increased, to reflect community expectations in relation to the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage. The Committee also recommends that civil penalties and expiation notices be introduced for harm to Aboriginal heritage (rather than solely criminal offences), similar to that which have been introduced in other Australian jurisdictions such as the ACT and Victoria.

The report in its recommendations goes on to deal with reforms to registered native title bodies corporate and it recognises Aboriginal representative bodies. I will not pause to reflect on the balance of those recommendations, but we see it there, the subject of the work of the standing committee as it then was, in the course of this parliament a bit over a year ago recommending that penalties be in the mix of reforms.

It is no surprise, therefore, against the background of the government election commitment that I have endeavoured to articulate and put in some sort of context, and the work of the standing committee, as well as the broader debate of course, that we see this piece of legislation coming to the parliament. As I indicated at the outset, the opposition has made clear its support for the bill, and the bill has been around the place now for the better part of the year, or more now. It was introduced after the work done in the early part of 2023, and the minister in another place moved and addressed the second reading back in May 2023.

Support has long been well known, so in those circumstances to have a bundle of amendments now here at the last minute is something that I think would be better dealt with by other means. If the house is of that view, I foreshadow that it may well be practicable to deal with the

content of these amendments, other than by means of a sudden committee process. It may well be that these are entirely uncontroversial and that the house can be unanimous in its approach to this aspect of the debate. It is with those sentiments that I would for the time being seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

FORFEITURE BILL

Second Reading

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Veterans Affairs, Minister for Local Government) (12:23): I move:

That the time allotted for all stages of the bill be 60 minutes.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes	22
Noes.....	12
Majority	10

AYES

Andrews, S.E.	Bettison, Z.L.	Brown, M.E.
Champion, N.D.	Clancy, N.P.	Close, S.E.
Cook, N.F.	Fulbrook, J.P.	Hildyard, K.A.
Hood, L.P.	Hughes, E.J.	Hutchesson, C.L.
Koutsantonis, A.	Michaels, A.	Odenwalder, L.K. (teller)
O'Hanlon, C.C.	Pearce, R.K.	Picton, C.J.
Savvas, O.M.	Szakacs, J.K.	Thompson, E.L.
Wortley, D.J.		

NOES

Basham, D.K.B.	Batty, J.A.	Brock, G.G.
Cowdrey, M.J.	McBride, P.N.	Patterson, S.J.R.
Pederick, A.S.	Pisoni, D.G.	Pratt, P.K.
Teague, J.B. (teller)	Telfer, S.J.	Whetstone, T.J.

PAIRS

Malinauskas, P.B.	Hurn, A.M.	Mullighan, S.C.
Speirs, D.J.	Stinson, J.M.	Tarzia, V.A.
Boyer, B.I.	Gardner, J.A.W.	

Motion thus carried.

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS: I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

I am pleased today to introduce the Forfeiture Bill 2023, which reforms the common law forfeiture rule. Stated briefly, the common law forfeiture rule prevents an unlawful killer from receiving any profit or benefits as a result of their crime. The rule stems from a longstanding and powerful maxim of public policy—that is, that no person should benefit from his or her wrongdoing.

The rule has a long history, dating back to Jewish and Roman law, and was established in its modern form in the 1892 case of *Cleaver v Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association*. It was extended to both murder and manslaughter in the 1914 case in the matter of *Hall*. The rule has been endorsed by courts in countries around the world, including the High Court of Australia. At common law in

South Australia, the rule applies to all cases of murder and manslaughter, with no discretion to modify the operation of the rule, regardless of the presence of extenuating circumstances.

While the premise of the rule remains sound, the scope and operation of the rule has been criticised in recent times for its uncertainty and rigidity. In particular, concerns have been raised that the strict operation of the rule may lead to potential unjust outcomes in situations involving a lesser degree of moral culpability or diminished capacity.

It is conceivable that the rule could lead to potential unfair implications in such situations as the survivor of a suicide pact, infanticide, where the offender has a major cognitive impairment, or especially in a context of domestic violence where a victim of domestic violence kills an abusive spouse and is convicted of manslaughter on the basis of excessive self-defence or provocation. The strict application of the rule in such circumstances has been described as unnecessarily harsh, inconsistent and irrational and injudicious and incongruous with its public policy foundations.

In 2011, former Attorney-General the Hon. John Rau MP commissioned the South Australian Law Reform Institute (SALRI) to review the role and operation of the common law forfeiture rule in South Australia. Specifically, SALRI was asked to consider whether there was any need for legislative intervention and to permit the application of the rule to be mitigated in appropriate cases.

SALRI published its report, titled 'Riddles, mysteries and enigmas: the common law forfeiture rule', on 20 February 2020. The SALRI report is a substantive piece of work, containing 67 recommendations for reform, including the creation of a new standalone act, the Forfeiture Act, to clarify the scope and the application of the rule. Members may recall that an earlier version of this bill was tabled in parliament in 2021 by former Attorney-General the Hon. Vickie Chapman MP. I understand that this bill was tabled for the purpose of conducting public consultation but did not progress before the conclusion of the parliament.

I am pleased to formally introduce this bill to the parliament in this place, which is substantially the same as the 2021 bill. In accordance with the recommendations of the SALRI report, the bill provides a statutory basis for the application of the common law forfeiture rule, in the form of new standalone legislation. In particular, the bill provides that the forfeiture rule applies to any benefit that an offender would otherwise obtain as a result of the unlawful killing. For the purposes of the bill, the term 'benefit' is defined broadly to include any property—whether real or personal—interest or entitlement under the estate of the deceased person.

As recommended by SALRI, the bill also extends the common law forfeiture rule so that it applies not only to murder and manslaughter but to all forms of homicide in the Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935, including any person who aids, abets, counsels or procures the commissioning of those offences.

Turning to the substance of the bill, part 2 of the bill provides for a range of applications that can be made to the Supreme Court for orders in respect of the application and operation of the forfeiture rule. Clause 6(2)(a) of the bill allows for the executor or administrator of the deceased estate to apply to the court for an order specifying whether, or how, the forfeiture rule applies to the distribution of the estate. Alternatively, clause 6(2)(b) of the bill provides that the executor or administrator of the estate may distribute the assets of the estate without having to obtain an order from the court if:

- the offender has been found guilty, in criminal proceedings, of the unlawful killing; or
- a court has, in civil proceedings, found that the offender committed the unlawful killing.

As recommended by SALRI, and in keeping with the position at common law in South Australia, the bill clarifies that the forfeiture rule does not apply to a person who is alleged to have unlawfully killed another person and has been found by a court to have been mentally incompetent or to commit the offence. A person who is found by a court to be mentally incompetent to have committed the offence does not commit a crime and it is therefore appropriate that the forfeiture rule does not apply in these circumstances.

In the case of a person who has been found mentally unfit to stand trial, the bill makes provisions for an interested person to apply to the court for an order that the forfeiture rule apply to

the person as if they had been found guilty of the charge. The court is empowered to make the order if it is satisfied that:

- the objective elements of the offence have been established either to the criminal or civil standard of proof (as the case may be); and, further
- it is in the interests of justice for the forfeiture rule to be applied.

Part 3 of the bill makes provision for the offender or any interested person to make an application for an order to modify the application of the forfeiture rule. In accordance with the recommendations of the SALRI report, clause 9 of the bill provides that the court may only make the order where exceptional circumstances exist, such that it is in the interests of justice to modify the effect of the rule. In determining whether exceptional circumstances exist, the court is required to have regard to:

- the circumstances of the offence;
- the effect of the application of the rule on the offender or any other person; and
- such other matters as appear to the court to be material.

In doing so, the bill seeks to allow for greater consideration of individual circumstances whilst ensuring that the underlying policy rationale of the forfeiture rule is not unduly diminished. In accordance with SALRI's recommendations, part 4 of the bill empowers the court to make ancillary orders in relation to the operation and effect of the forfeiture rule. This includes an application by any interested person:

- for interim orders to preserve property or any other benefit that may be subject to the forfeiture rule where there are reasonable grounds to suspect that an unlawful killing has occurred (clause 10); and
- for orders relating to other property interests which the offender may have acquired as a result of an unlawful killing, but that do not otherwise form part of the deceased's estate and are therefore not subject to the forfeiture rule (clause 11).

There will be some cases where an offender is convicted or their conviction is overturned long after the deceased has been killed and their estate has been distributed to any beneficiaries. In these circumstances, the SALRI report recommended that the court should have the power to trace the inheritance and to make appropriate orders to ensure those who have benefited from the deceased's estate do not receive an unjust enrichment. To that end, the bill includes power for the court to make orders in relation to the enforcement of the forfeiture rule where the benefits of the estate have already been distributed.

Conversely, there is scope for the court to make orders for the return of benefits in circumstances where the offender is found not guilty of the unlawful killing by a court or a conviction for the unlawful killing is subsequently quashed on appeal.

Further to the creation of new standalone legislation, schedule 1 of the bill makes related amendments to the Probate and Administration Act 1919 (Probate and Administration Act) and Criminal Assets Confiscation Act 2005 (Criminal Assets Confiscation Act) to support the operation of the Forfeiture Act.

Schedule 1 part 1 makes amendments to the Probate and Administration Act to codify the effects of the forfeiture rule on the succession rights of third parties. Schedule 1 part 2 amends the Criminal Assets Confiscation Act to exclude the operation of the act in circumstances where the property vests in a person in accordance with the forfeiture rule, forfeiture modification order, or other order made by the Supreme Court pursuant to the Forfeiture Act.

While the government expects that this legislation will be used in rare circumstances—that is, where the forfeiture rule applies—it nonetheless addresses an important aspect of law which is very clearly in need of reform. Specifically, the bill will provide for greater clarity and certainty regarding the operation of the forfeiture rule. It will also enhance justice outcomes for the community by enabling the Supreme Court to modify the application of the rule in those exceptional circumstances where it is in the interests of justice to do so.

On behalf of the government I would like to thank everyone involved at SALRI for their excellent work in delivering the report that informed the drafting of this bill. During the consultation period some stakeholders expressed surprise that there is no statutory basis for the rule of forfeiture. The government is pleased that, under this bill, this will no longer be the case, and the forfeiture rule can be dragged firmly into the 21st century. The application of the rule in increasingly complex property, inheritance and succession contexts is another driver for this important reform.

I commend the bill to the chamber and seek leave to insert the explanation of clauses in *Hansard* without my reading it.

Leave granted.

Explanation of Clauses

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

2—Commencement

These clauses are formal.

3—Interpretation

This clause defines terms used in the measure.

4—Application of Act

The measure applies to property within or outside the State and unlawful killings whether occurring within or outside the State.

5—Property subject to forfeiture rule

This clause clarifies that the forfeiture rule applies to any benefit that an offender would otherwise obtain as a result of the unlawful killing.

Part 2—Application of forfeiture rule

6—Application of forfeiture rule by executor or administrator

An executor or administrator who knows (or ought reasonably to know) that the forfeiture rule applies in relation to the distribution of an estate, must distribute that estate in accordance with the rule and any agreement to modify or disapply the rule is of no effect. It is possible to apply to the Supreme Court for an order specifying whether, or how, the forfeiture rule applies to the distribution of the estate or, if the unlawful killing has been proved in criminal or civil proceedings, the estate can be distributed in accordance with the rule without any court order.

7—Rule does not apply to person who was mentally incompetent or unfit to stand trial

The forfeiture rule does not apply to a person who is found to have been mentally incompetent to commit the unlawful killing and, subject to an order under clause 8 of the measure, the rule does not apply to a person found to be mentally unfit to stand trial on a charge of the unlawful killing.

8—Forfeiture application orders

This clause allows an interested person to apply to the Supreme Court for an order that the forfeiture rule applies to a person who has been found by a court to be mentally unfit to stand trial on a charge of an unlawful killing.

Part 3—Modification of forfeiture rule

9—Forfeiture modification orders

This clause allows the offender or any other interested person to make an application to the Supreme Court for an order modifying the effect of the forfeiture rule.

Part 4—Other orders

10—Interim orders

The Supreme Court may, on the application of an interested person, make any interim orders in order to preserve property or the value of any benefit that might be subject to the forfeiture rule or to protect the interests of any interested person.

11—Orders relating to other property and interests

If the Supreme Court is satisfied that an offender will or may be entitled to obtain any property or interest as a result of an unlawful killing (not being a benefit that is subject to the forfeiture rule), the Court may, on the application of an interested person, make orders under this clause to prevent the offender from obtaining the property or interest.

12—Enforcement of forfeiture rule etc after distribution of benefits

If a person has received a benefit as a result of an unlawful killing (otherwise than pursuant to a forfeiture modification order), an interested person may make an application to the Court for an order requiring the person to deliver up the benefit, or to pay an amount determined by the Court to be equivalent to the value of the benefit, to any person who would have been entitled to the benefit if the offender had died before the deceased person.

13—Return of benefits where conviction quashed etc

This clause allows for the return of benefits that were distributed in accordance with the forfeiture rule (or payment of their equivalent value) where the offender is subsequently found not guilty of the unlawful killing by a court or a conviction for the unlawful killing is subsequently quashed on appeal.

Part 5—Miscellaneous

14—Proceedings to be civil

Proceedings under the measure are civil proceedings.

15—Orders under Act

An order of the Supreme Court under the measure may be in such terms and subject to such conditions as the Court thinks fit.

16—Time for bringing proceedings

This clause specifies time limits for applying for orders under the measure.

17—Evidentiary

This clause provides for evidentiary certificates.

18—Regulations and fee notices

This clause provides for the making of regulations and fee notices.

Schedule 1—Related amendments and transitional provisions

Part 1—Amendment of *Administration and Probate Act 1919*

1—Insertion of section 36A

Proposed section 36A provides for an alternate grant of probate or administration where the Court considers that there are reasonable grounds for believing that a person otherwise entitled to a grant of probate or administration has committed an offence relating to the deceased person's death.

2—Insertion of section 118

If a person is for any reason disqualified from taking their interest under a will or taking their share in the distribution of an intestate estate, the person is to be treated as having predeceased the testator or intestate (as the case may be).

Part 2—Amendment of *Criminal Assets Confiscation Act 2005*

3—Amendment of section 7—Meaning of proceeds and instrument of an offence

Property that vests in a person from the distribution of the estate of a deceased person in accordance with the forfeiture rule or a forfeiture modification order or other order under the measure will cease to be proceeds of crime for the purposes of the *Criminal Assets Confiscation Act 2005*.

Part 3—Transitional provision

4—Application of Act

The measure only applies in relation to an unlawful killing occurring after its commencement.

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (12:42): I rise to commend the minister on his rehearsal of the Attorney's speech in another place about 18 months ago.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are you the lead speaker?

Mr TEAGUE: I was just getting to that. I also rise in circumstances where—because there must be separate and distinct reasons in each case—here we are 102 minutes or so into the sitting

week and we are languishing under not the first or the second, or even the third guillotine, but the fourth guillotine on debate of a bill that the government well knows has the support of the opposition.

The opposition has engaged in another place in a debate, including in relation to the one and only amendment through which the government has seen fit to alter the standing of the Attorney-General. It is the subject of the bill that was prepared but not progressed to its conclusion by the Marshall Liberal government and the former Attorney in the previous parliament, the Hon. Vickie Chapman.

So we are here in circumstances where the bill has wholehearted bipartisan support. It has been the subject of analysis in the debate in another place, and we now have the benefit of the minister having rehearsed at least the second reading speech of the minister in another place. It perhaps might have completed the picture if the minister had read the *Hansard* of the committee stage as well in the Legislative Council, then we would know what the debate around the removal of section 10 and the standing of the Attorney, as a person who could make an application in proceedings for an interim order, might have looked like. I just indicate to those following the debate that that is all abundantly available, and I am grateful to the Attorney and to the Hon. Michelle Lensink for consideration of that matter.

The subject matter that the bill addresses has been considered over a period of many years. In particular, recognition of the South Australian Law Reform Institute ought be highlighted in this regard. On 20 February 2022, the South Australian Law Reform Institute's report, titled 'Riddles, mysteries and enigmas: the common law forfeiture rule', set out 67 recommendations for reform, including the creation of a new standalone act, and I just put this debate in that context.

I am not going to stay to set out the history of the debate or the very considerable amount of work that SALRI has done: that goes really all the way back to the commissioning of a review by the then Attorney-General, the Hon. John Rau, in 2011, and so this has been a long time in the making.

Here we are in September 2024, and I suppose it could be said the government has gotten on with it to some extent in circumstances where the bill managed to progress and they dealt with debate on the bill in the other place not quite two years ago. For reasons unknown, it has taken this long until the bill has made it to this place. Some of that I dare say might be down to the sorts of hours that the government has been in the practice of keeping when it comes to sitting days over the last couple of years, but confounded as I am by not the first or the second or the third but the fourth guillotine on debate for no apparent reason I indicate the opposition's support for the bill. I thank the minister. I recognise, in particular, the work of the South Australian Law Reform Institute. I recognise the work of the Attorney and the previous Attorney and the Attorney before that. I commend the bill to the house.

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (12:48): I thank the member for his contribution and note the opposition's support of the bill. Again, I reiterate my thanks and the thanks of the government for the work undertaken by SALRI that has led us to this point.

Bill read a second time.

Third Reading

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (12:49): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time and passed.

STATUTES AMENDMENT (PUBLIC TRUSTEE AND LITIGATION GUARDIAN) BILL

Second Reading

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (12:50): I move:

That the time allotted for all stages of the bill be 60 minutes.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes22
 Noes.....14
 Majority8

AYES

Andrews, S.E.	Bettison, Z.L.	Brown, M.E.
Champion, N.D.	Clancy, N.P.	Close, S.E.
Cook, N.F.	Fulbrook, J.P.	Hildyard, K.A.
Hood, L.P.	Hughes, E.J.	Hutchesson, C.L.
Koutsantonis, A.	Michaels, A.	Odenwalder, L.K. (teller)
O'Hanlon, C.C.	Pearce, R.K.	Picton, C.J.
Savvas, O.M.	Szakacs, J.K.	Thompson, E.L.
Wortley, D.J.		

NOES

Basham, D.K.B.	Batty, J.A.	Brock, G.G.
Cowdrey, M.J.	Cregan, D.R.	Ellis, F.J.
McBride, P.N.	Patterson, S.J.R.	Pederick, A.S.
Pisoni, D.G.	Pratt, P.K.	Teague, J.B. (teller)
Telfer, S.J.	Whetstone, T.J.	

PAIRS

Malinauskas, P.B.	Hurn, A.M.	Mullighan, S.C.
Gardner, J.A.W.	Stinson, J.M.	Speirs, D.J.
Boyer, B.I.	Tarzia, V.A.	

Motion thus carried.

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS: I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

Today, I introduce the Statutes Amendment (Public Trustee and Litigation Guardian) Bill 2023, a bill that will enhance the efficiency of the Office of the Public Trustee, as well as make related amendments to legislation governing the Public Advocate. The Public Trustee has an important role to safeguard and manage the estates of deceased persons and vulnerable persons who are under financial administration due to temporary or permanent mental incapacity. It is important that the Public Trustee can operate in a way that is efficient and consistent with industry best practice.

Several provisions of the Public Trustee Act 1995 have been identified as requiring improvement and are addressed in this bill. The Public Trustee is empowered to invest money from estates under its control in common funds. The Public Trustee Act 1995 determines how income and capital gains and losses of the fund are distributed back to relevant estates.

Currently, capital gains and income are distributed by slightly different methods, which necessitates separate calculations and distributions. This bill would apply the same tests for distributing both types of profits so that the distribution process can be simplified and estates can be finalised more efficiently. This will not place clients in a less advantageous financial position.

The Public Trustee has obtained independent evaluation of the proposed change to ensure that clients would not be materially disadvantaged. The evaluation concluded that any difference in financial position would be negligible and that the change would be in line with industry standards and would lead to efficiency gains.

The Public Trustee is required to conduct a monthly official evaluation of common funds. Currently, this must take place on the first business day of the month. The bill changes this to the last business day of the month, and this is in line with current industry practice. This change is administrative in nature and will not affect clients' financial positions.

The bill also proposes a new method for the Public Trustee to certify its authority to transact on behalf of a client that better protects clients' privacy. When undertaking its functions, the Public Trustee may be called upon to prove its authority to act on behalf of a client or a deceased estate. For example, a bank holding a client's money may seek proof of authority before it releases the funds to the Public Trustee as part of the bank's own due diligence process and to avoid risk of liability.

Currently, the Public Trustee Act 1995 provides that third parties transacting with the Public Trustee may seek a copy of the relevant court order granting the Public Trustee authority. This creates two issues in practice. First, administration orders are made by the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, which is not a court and so is not captured by this provision. Second, it is not always appropriate to provide third parties with copies of court or SACAT orders, as they can contain personal information about Public Trustee clients.

The bill would allow the Public Trustee to issue a certificate attesting that a court or SACAT has granted it authority as a protected person's administrator or the administrator of a deceased estate. The certificate must identify the date of the order and the scope of the authority granted. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

Sitting suspended from 13:00 to 14:00.

HERITAGE PLACES (PROTECTION OF STATE HERITAGE PLACES) AMENDMENT BILL

Assent

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

STATUTES AMENDMENT (SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNAL) BILL

Assent

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

Parliamentary Procedure

ANSWERS TABLED

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

Ministerial Statement

BLUE, THE HON. M.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:04): I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: I rise to pay tribute to former Supreme Court Justice the Hon. Malcolm Blue KC, whose death this past weekend will no doubt be felt by many in the legal profession not just in South Australia but indeed around the country. Renowned for his tireless work ethic and almost encyclopedic knowledge of the law, Justice Blue was well-respected by his peers across the profession.

Demonstrating his academic skills from an early age, Justice Blue matriculated in the honours list of the top 50 South Australian students. He received a scholarship that enabled him to study at the Adelaide University Law School. He was admitted to legal practice in 1977, initially working for the commonwealth Deputy Crown Solicitor before moving into private practice, where he worked primarily in commercial law. Early in his career, he juniored a number of leading counsel at

the time, including John von Doussa KC, Rod Matheson KC and Ted Mullighan KC. In 1996, he joined Bar Chambers and was subsequently appointed Queen's Counsel.

His innate sense of justice was highlighted by his work in a class action during his time with Fisher Jeffries, where he represented around 550 pensioners who had invested their money in a family security friendly society that subsequently failed. The fund was marketed primarily at retirees, and all investors—one of whom was his aunt—lost their money. He worked tirelessly to secure a favourable settlement for his clients, recouping all of the money they had invested.

His commitment to the law was remarkable, both in and outside of office hours. As a member of the Law Society, he was one of the driving forces behind the capped liability insurance scheme for South Australian practitioners and the state's mandatory continuing professional development scheme.

Justice Blue was appointed to the Supreme Court in August 2011, stepping down from the role exactly 13 years later on his 70th birthday. When someone says they are leaving a job to spend more time with their family or to pursue their interests, it is a statement that can be often treated with cynicism, especially in political circles. However, you would be hard pressed to find a single person who would question this in the case of Malcolm Blue. The work requirements for a Supreme Court judge can be challenging and all-consuming. His work ethic was second to none.

There is no doubt in my mind that Justice Blue, after serving the state of South Australia as a respected and tireless judicial officer, well and truly deserved some time amongst the vines at his Willunga vineyard and some well-earned rest. The fact that he is now unable to do so is nothing short of a tragedy.

I extend my condolences to his partner, Angela, his daughters Charlotte, Victoria and Alex, and his many other friends and loved ones. His memory will be cherished among all those who knew him and were fortunate enough to work with and alongside him during his time in the legal profession. Vale the Hon. Malcolm Blue KC.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:07): I also rise to honour the service and contribution of the late Justice Malcolm Blue, who we tragically lost only a few days ago. Justice Blue gave almost 50 years of his life to the law here in South Australia. Serving on the Supreme Court for 13 years, he presided over some of the state's most high-profile criminal and civil cases, including the tragic Hillier triple murder case.

Justice Blue was admitted to legal practice in 1977. He then went on to be appointed Queen's Counsel in 2001 and served as the President of the South Australian Bar Association from 2008 to 2010. In 2011, he was appointed to the South Australian Supreme Court.

Justice Blue was well renowned across the profession not just for his intelligence and demeanour in the court but also for his dedication and contribution to the legal profession and to legal practice in this state.

On behalf of the opposition, I take this opportunity to honour Justice Blue and the significant legacy he leaves. I believe my colleague the member for Heysen, a good friend of Justice Blue's, will also make some further remarks. Our thoughts are with Justice Blue's partner, Angela, his daughters Charlotte, Victoria and Alex, and the rest of his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:09): I am grateful to the house for the opportunity to join with the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition in expressing the house's deep sadness at the passing of the Hon. Malcolm Blue KC. As has been observed, Malcolm had only just a couple of short weeks ago concluded his time on the Supreme Court, having been appointed to the court, perhaps uniquely, on his birthday, on 12 August 2011, and had served with great distinction over the subsequent 13 years until just in recent weeks retiring at the statutory age of 70. He was on his way back to Bar Chambers, back to continue a mediation practice. The members, I know, were very much looking forward to his return.

We were colleagues together there for five or six years before he was appointed to the bench. I juniored him on a number of occasions and I certainly benefited from his leadership and mentoring, both as head of Bar Chambers for many years and as President of the Bar Association.

There are roles of public significance and service in this state, of which the content, the diligence, the hard work and the dedication involved are not ever fully aired. To say that Malcolm Blue was a man of dedication, of capacity, of great skill, of enormous humanity and of human empathy is in no way a trite phrase. Those are all characteristics that were writ large in Malcolm. He was dedicated in that most vocational way to the law, to looking after his fellow human beings and to devoting the entirety of his capacities in the interests of our system of justice and to the legal profession.

It is a matter of great tragedy and enormous sadness that only weeks after his retirement, at a time when he was both entitled and expected to dedicate what ordinarily ought to have been many happy years to his family and friends, that has been taken from him and his family. We are all the poorer for it.

As a colleague, I did not know Malcolm's family. It is a reflection of the nature of life at chambers, though, that we were more like flatmates than colleagues in many ways in those years. I know how devastated we all are as colleagues; I cannot imagine the devastation of his family and loved ones. I extend my condolences to them in expressing my sadness and the sadness of all of us at the passing too soon of the Hon. Malcolm Blue KC. Vale.

Parliamentary Procedure

PAPERS

The following papers were laid on the table:

By the Speaker—

House of Assembly—Register of Members' Interests—Ordinary Returns—
Registrar's Statement—June 2024 [Ordered to be published]
Independent Commission Against Corruption—Annual Report 2023-24

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

Annual Reports 2023-24—
Police Act 1998—Review under Section 74A
Serious and Organised Crime (Unexplained Wealth) Act 2009—
Review under Section 34(1)

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

Regulation made under the following Act—
Single-use and Other Plastic Products (Waste Avoidance)—Waste Avoidance—
Prescribed Food Container

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

Regulation made under the following Act—
Passenger Transport—General

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

Industry Board of South Australia—Phylloxera and Grape (Trading as Vinehealth Australia)
Annual Report 2023-24

By the Minister for Local Government (Hon. J.K. Szakacs)—

Local Council By-Laws—
Adelaide City Council—
No. 1—Permits and Penalties
No. 2—Moveable Signs
No. 3—Local Government Land

- No. 4—Roads
- No. 5—Waste Management
- No. 6—Rundle Mall
- No. 7—Dogs
- No. 8—Cats
- No. 9—Lodging Houses

By the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services (Hon. D.R. Cregan)—
Witness Protection Act 1996—Annual Report 2023-24

Ministerial Statement

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO DEFENCE AND VETERAN SUICIDE FINAL REPORT

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (14:16): I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS: I rise to recognise the release of the commonwealth Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide Final Report and reinforce the South Australian government's commitment to doing everything that we can to support the wellbeing of current and former service men and women, their families and the broader veteran community. There is no act of public service more noble or selfless than defending our nation as a member of the armed forces. These individuals put themselves at the most extreme personal risk to safeguard our freedoms and our peace. They deserve our deepest gratitude, respect and care in return.

The commonwealth government announced the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide in 2021 following a passionate and determined campaign from families of veterans who lost their loved ones to self-harm on return from service. I recognise the power and bravery of these families who persisted through their trauma and pain in the mission to save lives and prevent the suffering of others.

The royal commission reports that between 1 January 1985 and 31 December 2021 there were 2,007 confirmed suicide deaths of individuals who had served at least one day in the ADF since 1 January 1985. It added the qualification that this number is highly likely to be an underestimate of the total. We have a duty to examine the causes of this tragedy and do what we can to prevent it.

The work of this royal commission is important. It included 12 public hearing blocks, which comprised 340 witnesses, 900 private sessions and more than 5,800 submissions. The report, handed down yesterday, runs over 3,000 pages and includes 122 recommendations. These recommendations are framed around five priority areas: prevent harm, intervene early, improve communication, coordination and collaboration, build capability and capacity, and strengthen oversight and accountability.

In my experience I have met many veterans, both current and former serving members of the ADF. It is important to recognise that most commonly those who leave service thrive in the next chapters of their lives, but there is a significant cohort who find the transition difficult or impossible. Some suffer in silence with invisible wounds and are led to the darkest of places. It is a terrible reality for too many that the threat to life does not abate simply because they take off the uniform.

I also recognise that moments such as these in our nation's history can be challenging for many in our community. I remind anyone who needs support that it is available. These services include Lifeline on 13 11 44, or Open Arms on 1800 011 046.

While the commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs has primary responsibility for the post care of our service men and women, our state government has a proud record of advocacy and service provision. South Australia was the first jurisdiction to recognise the importance of a dedicated state-based veterans' affairs portfolio, and Veterans SA was established in 2008. It is the lead advocate across the South Australian government on matters relating to veterans and their families,

and works with ex-service organisations and civic groups that provide support when and where it is needed most.

I note the comments yesterday from Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and his commitment to thoroughly consider every recommendation, to work across the federal parliament and to meet our obligation to step up for the people who defend our country. This is a sentiment on which we can surely all agree. The commonwealth has undertaken to respond to the royal commission in a timely manner, while recognising the complexity and depth of its findings. We look forward to receiving the response, and a plan of action to achieve meaningful reform.

But I make this commitment to our veteran community in South Australia: we see you, we have heard your stories. We are indebted to your service. We will walk with you in the months and years ahead, and strive to protect you as you have served us.

Parliamentary Committees

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mr BROWN (Florey) (14:21): I bring up the 95th report of the committee, entitled Tucker Street Apartment Project.

Report received and ordered to be published.

Mr BROWN: I bring up the 98th report of the committee, entitled Port Pirie Regional Health Service Emergency Department Redevelopment.

Report received and ordered to be published.

Mr BROWN: I bring up the 99th report of the committee, entitled Construction of Water and Waste Water Infrastructure to Enable Metropolitan Growth, tranche 1.

Report received and ordered to be published.

Question Time

AMBULANCE RAMPING

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:22): My question is to the Premier. Did the Premier promise to fix ramping?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:23): I think it's well known that at the last state election my party took to the people of the state a comprehensive plan to deliver a record investment in the number of beds, the number of nurses, the number of ambulance officers, the number of doctors working—

The Hon. D.G. Pisoni: That's too much to put on a single poster. You actually said you would fix the ramping crisis—that's what the poster said.

The SPEAKER: The member for Unley! We are 30 seconds into question time. You will be quiet.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: It was a comprehensive plan, and at the heart of that plan was the objective to address the ramping crisis, to fix the ramping crisis, and we remain utterly committed to that. I have been very grateful in recent weeks to be with the Minister for Health to open up all of those beds that we have been able to deliver. Just yesterday, I enjoyed the opportunity to speak to the CEO of NALHN (Northern Adelaide Local Health Network) and asked her for feedback around what difference it had made in the Lyell McEwin Hospital in terms of patient flow that those beds have made. I was very grateful to hear from her directly about the added advantage of now having general medicine beds adding to the capacity of the Lyell McEwin Hospital and about what that has been able to deliver over the last couple of weeks at the Lyell McEwin Hospital.

We will continue to roll out that plan and that investment, and what I can say is that every single person in the health system is well aware of the activities the state government is engaged in. Every single person in the hospital system understands the distinguishing factors between this government and the opposition. On this side of the house, we have a comprehensive plan to increase

the capacity of the health system, and on the other side of the house we have a consistency of tactics and questions that have continued from one Leader of the Opposition to the next.

AMBULANCE RAMPING

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:25): My question is to the Premier. When it comes to ambulance ramping, what is a crisis? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: Early in September, the Chief Executive of the Premier's Delivery Unit, Rik Morris, told the Budget and Finance Committee, and I quote:

I will leave that to others to define the word 'crisis'.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:25): I was more than happy to define what crisis looked like during the course of the election campaign, and I do not resile from any of those words today. I made it perfectly clear, during the course of the election campaign, time and time again, that what the ramping crisis looks like is people calling 000 and the ambulance not rolling up on time. What were those statistics? What were those statistics? At the election in February 2022, we know that when South Australians were calling 000 with a lights-and-sirens emergency—that is to say, a life-threatening emergency—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Members on my left will listen to the Premier in silence.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —the ambulance would roll up on time around about a third of the time—a third of the time. Today that statistic has improved to the extent of virtually 100 per cent. We now see that for priority 2 lights-and-sirens emergencies—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Frome!

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —life-threatening emergencies, that the ambulance is twice as likely to roll up on time than what was the case two years ago. That is a difference between life and death. The Leader of the Opposition asks, 'What does a crisis look like?' Well, a crisis looks like a family calling 000, the ambulance not rolling up on time, and then the people in charge putting their head in the sand and pretending there is no problem—pretending there is no problem, which is what the policy was—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Members on my left will listen to the Premier in silence.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: —and that stands in stark contrast to—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Chaffey will stop interjecting from outside of his seat. You can return to your seat if you want to make noise, and if you make too much noise you will be chucked out.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: It stands in stark contrast to the policy on this side of the house, which is actually to improve ambulance response times, and that is exactly what we have delivered.

AMBULANCE RAMPING

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:27): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier explain the difference between 'fixing' and 'progressing'? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: In early September, Rik Morris, head of the Premier's Delivery Unit, when asked if the government will fix the ramping crisis, said, and I quote:

...there will be progress to measure that before the term of this government is up.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:28): During the course of the election campaign, and I invite the new Leader of the Opposition—I am getting some stats up for the shadow treasurer; you might want to look at some statistics every now and then in your new role.

Mr Telfer interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Flinders, you are on your second warning.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: At the election, during the course of the election campaign proper—and again, there is oodles of footage of me saying this on the record, which I would welcome the Leader of the Opposition familiarising himself with—we made it clear that our objective was to get ambulance response times back up to a range closer the 2018 levels. At the 2018 levels we saw priority 2 lights-and-sirens emergencies approaching 80 per cent. I am very pleased to report that even just this week, even just this month so far, the month of September, we now have that number at 68.4 per cent, so just shy of 70 per cent. I would like to put on the record my thanks to Rob Elliott, the CEO of the South Australian Ambulance Service, for providing me those statistics, as he does on a weekly basis on a Monday.

We made it clear that that was our objective. We know that when we reduce ramping we improve ambulance response times. We also know we improve ambulance response times when we don't cut the Ambulance Service, which is exactly what the Leader of the Opposition sat around the cabinet table and did.

Their policy, during the course of a global pandemic, was to close beds, cut the health system and become, uniquely in the commonwealth—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Flinders, you are out after any more interjections.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: Uniquely, the Leader of the Opposition endorsed a policy around the cabinet table that was unique in the commonwealth because it was the only jurisdiction to decide to cut the Ambulance Service during the course of a global pandemic—cut the Ambulance Service. Can you believe that in a global pandemic with a growing population and an ageing population that the Leader of the Opposition gladly made himself party to cutting the Ambulance Service? The ambulance response time was a 33 per cent on-time performance; today it's 67 per cent.

Mr BATTY: Point of order: 98, the Premier is debating and he should return to the substance of the question.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: Let me explain it to the new—what are you now?—Leader of Opposition Business. The way it works is that if an ambulance is on a ramp it's not out there responding to someone. Under your predecessor's leadership and under the Leader of the Opposition's leadership, what we saw was ambulance response times down at 33 per cent. Today they are at 67 per cent and we want to see that number continue to go up.

AMBULANCE RAMPING

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:31): My question is to the Premier. Has progress been made to fix the ramping crisis? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: It was reported on 6 September that the total hours lost to ramping in our hospitals was 5,284 hours, the second-worst month in our state's history, bringing the total ramping hours under the Malinauskas government to almost 110,000 hours in just over two years.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:32): As the Premier has articulated and as I have articulated on a number of occasions previously, the key addition that we need to the system to make sure that patients can get through the system in a timely way is capacity, is additional beds.

When we came to office, there were not plans in place for additional beds and there was not construction underway of additional hospital wards. We have had to start from scratch in terms of doing that work and building that additional capacity in our hospital system.

Just in the past couple of weeks, we have seen the first big chunk of that coming online, which has been at the Lyell McEwin Hospital. We took to the election a commitment to build 24 additional beds at the Lyell McEwin Hospital. Upon coming to government, we doubled that commitment and committed to 48 additional beds at the Lyell McEwin Hospital.

That construction work, all the planning, all the architecture and all the construction has been fast-tracked so that 2½ years in we are able to open those new beds in those new wards that have been constructed on top of the existing hospital building.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Leader of Government Business and the Leader of the Opposition will come to order. The Minister for Health has the call and he will be heard in silence.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: In the last couple of days of August, we were able to open those additional 48 beds. As the Premier has articulated, the feedback from the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network, and the Lyell McEwin Hospital in particular, has been that that has made a significant difference in terms of unblocking the patients who were bed-blocked in the emergency department. There had been, on a daily basis at the Lyell McEwin Hospital, up to 30 patients bed-blocked there. This means that they can get access to a ward bed when they need it, meaning that the next patient can come in in a more timely way from the emergency department waiting room or from the ambulance ramp, freeing up those ambulances to better respond to people in the community.

In particular, we can also announce that we are going even further in terms of building additional capacity at Lyell McEwin Hospital. We are converting a number of spaces at Lyell McEwin Hospital, within the existing footprint, to additional beds now as well. They will be coming online next year, so that will be an additional 32 beds coming online next year, on top of the 48 beds that we announced this year, bringing to 80 the total beds at that hospital, compared to the 24 that we committed to at the election, all of which are going towards making sure patients can get treated faster through the emergency department and ambulances can get released to respond to cases in the community.

As the Premier has articulated, we have seen an improvement from where we saw those very dangerous levels of ambulance response times in 2022, I think down to 36 per cent from memory in January 2022 to now in the late 50s or, as the Premier articulated in some weeks, in the late 60 percents, with the ambition to get that back to 80 per cent, where it was in 2018.

Of course, that is only one hospital. There are many other hospitals where we have seen those investments come online. We are about to see in the next few months additional beds coming online at Hampstead, which will help to ensure patients who are stuck in the RAH, Lyell McEwin, Modbury and QEH can get out of those hospitals and other patients can use them, as well as many other investments to come.

REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

Mr McBRIE (MacKillop) (14:36): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier advise the house about the rollout schedule for the 27 proposed mobile base stations for the Limestone Coast? Mr Speaker, with your leave and the leave of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr McBRIE: In October last year, the Malinauskas Labor government announced it will provide \$5.5 million to boost connectivity in the Limestone Coast to install 27 new mobile base stations across the Limestone Coast. In December, the federal Albanese government announced

\$15 million to add to funding already committed by the Malinauskas Labor government. This project now has investment from all three tiers of government, which we welcome. When can we expect to see progress?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:36): It's good to see the member for MacKillop holding the government to account on a recent measure that we have committed to. I know the member for MacKillop is very much focused on serving the people of his electorate and telecommunications has been a consistent theme in terms of the issues that he has raised with me.

The Limestone Coast, unfortunately, despite being one of the most productive areas of the state agriculturally, amongst other industries I should add, doesn't enjoy the economic investment that really befits it in respect of telecommunications, which is exactly why the state government decided to take up the member for MacKillop and also the member for Mount Gambier's calls to engage in what is normally an unprecedented or unusual arrangement where the state government contributes funds of this nature to a specific program.

We elected to do so, and we are very grateful that since then we have seen other announcements and the member for MacKillop is right to refer to the fact that in December last year the federal government announced on the back of the state government's commitment its own \$15 million contribution to the Limestone Coast funding program that will fund the 27 towers.

Since then, the state government continues to be engaged with not just the commonwealth but also local government and we are working to establish exactly what that timeframe will be. We would like to see this rolled out expeditiously. We understand that the commonwealth is going through a process at the moment in respect of round 3 of the Regional Connectivity Program, but we want to know exactly when and where the installation of these projects will commence. I'm more than happy to make sure that, as we get updates on the matter, we liaise with and advise the member for MacKillop so that he can distribute them to his substantial networks in the Limestone Coast.

Be under no misapprehension, this is a priority for us. That's why we have allocated the funding as described. There is no hold-up at all in respect of this South Australian government. We all, of course—and I know the member for MacKillop and his constituents would have loved to have seen this type of attention during the course of the life of previous governments, previous governments who neglected showing any interest in the Limestone Coast. I think, as Premier of the state, I have had the opportunity to visit the Limestone Coast in the space of my first 12 months in office more than what the former Premier was able to achieve during the entirety of the life of their government.

We know that there were slogans and hashtags and trips to Texas. What we didn't see was investment in the Limestone Coast that was serious. We have done that, it is now in the budget, it is being delivered and we will seek to procure for the member for MacKillop as quickly as possible a timeline once that is developed in conjunction with Telstra. We also thank for their partnership and their leadership in this regard Telstra and the federal government.

SOCIAL MEDIA REGULATION

Ms HOOD (Adelaide) (14:40): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier update the house on the Malinauskas government's plan to ban social media for children, along with the reaction to this initiative?

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:40): I want to thank the member for Adelaide for her question. It's a question I know that is on the mind of not just the member for Adelaide or indeed the entirety of the parliamentary team in the Labor Party but of parents around the country.

Today on the front page of every daily metropolitan we saw the announcement that the commonwealth, with bipartisan support at a federal level, is taking up the cause of putting an age limit in place for access to social media. There was one paper in the country that didn't have it on the front page because they had other news they had to cover, and that is quite understandable, but this is an example of South Australia leading the country.

That is something I hope that South Australians can take a degree of satisfaction in, because it was South Australia through this government that initiated the French review that examined how we could implement a ban on social media services themselves providing access to young people getting on their accounts. The reason why this matters so much is we definitively know, from a growing body of peer-reviewed research internationally, that social media platforms are doing children harm. They industrialise addiction, they profiteer very deliberately off that addiction, and it does children harm.

In every other circumstance for every other product and service that we can think of as a community that we know does children harm and there is evidence to demonstrate that, governments and parliaments step in and act. We were willing to do that here in South Australia. It led to the commissioning of former Chief Justice of the High Court Robert French providing the South Australian government with a report—276 pages worth. It is truly a report that best demonstrates what thoughtful engagement with stakeholders looks like and the practical application of the law can look like.

The fact that this report has now not just been accepted by this government but basically every other jurisdiction around the country, including now the commonwealth, demonstrates the value of Mr Robert French's work. I want to pay my gratitude, along with the state government's gratitude, to him for his commitment. He did this without any benefit in terms of remuneration, he did this as a service to the young people of our country, and we all owe him great thanks for it.

The prospect, as announced by the Prime Minister today, that this is legislation that will pass the federal parliament, ideally this year, speaks to the urgency that we want to see. It speaks to the fact that this matters to parents and children now. Every day that passes where these social media companies can operate completely unregulated with reckless abandon to the impact that it is having on children and parents needs to come to an end, and that is why the urgency is very much welcomed.

The other point I will make, as has been reflected in the Prime Minister's remarks and reflected in the report itself, is it is not just about a change in the law, it is not just about an imposition on social media services. It is also about working with families, working with parents. It is almost an impossible task for a parent to look at a young child and tell them they are not allowed to engage with their friends. Social media services have become part of the necessary infrastructure for children to be able to do that, and that represents a sad state of affairs where social media services act as critical infrastructure to engage with one another. We want to remove that from the equation. We want to give parents the ability to be able to say no, in the knowledge that they are supported by the law. The reform that we are delivering here in South Australia is nation-leading to the extent that it is now national policy, and that is something we should be very grateful for indeed.

GP PAYROLL TAX

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:44): My question is to the Minister for Health. Has the cost of seeing a GP increased or decreased under the Labor government? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: At the health services committee of 22 August, the AMA President, Dr John Williams, said that the GP payroll tax has increased the cost of seeing a GP by—and I quote: '\$10 to \$20 per consultation in general practice and usually much more than that in other specialist fields.'

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:45): I think the key issue in terms of availability of general practice was the decade-long freeze of the Medicare rebate under the previous federal Liberal government. For the previous federal government to freeze the Medicare rebate for a decade has put primary healthcare services in this country so far behind and made sure that it is harder for people to access a GP, harder for people to access, very importantly, a bulk-billed service of a GP, and made sure that as people get sicker they have no choice but to go to the emergency department.

We certainly are strong advocates for the important role that primary health care has. That's why the Treasurer, in terms of the negotiations he had in relation to payroll tax, has put in place the most generous of those arrangements that are in place. Particularly when you compare it to New South Wales, Victoria, and the ACT, our arrangements are much more generous in terms of bulk-billing, so that all of those bulk-billed services are now all covered and exempted under that package that the Treasurer has announced.

In addition, we appreciate the fact that the federal Labor government has now put the biggest investment in a decade into primary healthcare services as well, in terms of tripling the incentives for bulk-billed services, and that has helped somewhat. We have seen some increase in terms of the bulk-billing rate, but we will continue to advocate for more, because we know how important those primary healthcare services are for people right across the community and, of course, how important they are in terms of reducing pressure on hospital services.

GP PAYROLL TAX

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:47): My question is to the Minister for Health. Will the GP payroll tax increase or decrease ramping? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: On 24 August, *The Advertiser* reported that the Chairwoman of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Dr Sian Goodson, warned that people delaying GP care due to rising costs is 'a timebomb that is going to explode in our hospital system and EDs in the years to come'.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:47): The current Leader of the Opposition quotes Dr Sian Goodson, the Chair of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners in his question. It is the same Dr Goodson who the Treasurer and I stood next to in announcing the arrangements that we have put in place for payroll tax in South Australia.

There were negotiations with the RACGP, and we appreciate them working constructively, particularly with the Treasurer, but more broadly with the government in terms of securing what is an excellent outcome in terms of all of those bulk-billed services covered. Approximately about three-quarters of those GP services across the state are covered in terms of being exempted under these arrangements.

That's much more generous than what we see, for example in New South Wales, where you have to either reach I think 80 per cent or 90 per cent of bulk-billed services in a practice before you get any relief from their arrangements that have been put in place in that state. We're incentivising bulk-billing. We know how important that is for people's accessibility to their health care but also in terms of reducing pressure on our hospital system as well.

GP PAYROLL TAX

Ms PRATT (Frome) (14:49): My question is to the minister for Health and Wellbeing. Will the GP payroll tax lead to the closing of GP clinics and, if so, what impact will that have on ramping? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Ms PRATT: At the Select Committee on Health Services on 22 August, the President of the Australian Medical Association SA said the tax was reckless and shortsighted. It had caused clinics to increase fees with the risk some could be forced to close adding further stress to the public hospital system.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:49): Again, the arrangements that the Treasurer has negotiated with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners are much more generous than what is in place in other states. If you look at what is in place in New South Wales, you have to reach 80 or 90 per cent of bulk-billed services to get any exemption under those arrangements, compared to here, where all bulk-billed services are covered and exempted under those arrangements. In New South Wales there has been support for those

measures from the AMA. I will leave it to others in terms of what has been happening here in South Australia, but we know that this is something that the RACGP have endorsed. We are supporting bulk-billing services in this state.

One of the critical issues that we do face in terms of primary care is not just those payment arrangements but also in terms of workforce. Availability of GP workforce is a critical factor not just here in South Australia but around the country as well. That is why we have also been working as health ministers in state, territory and federal governments in terms of creating an expedited pathway for general practitioners to be able to receive their registration and start working in Australia, particularly where they are coming from countries that have accreditation—for example, countries like the UK, where we know that their systems are safe and have appropriate training before they have moved to Australia.

We are going to be seeing, through the course of the remainder of this year, that expedited pathway for general practitioners coming on board. We believe that that will help to improve the workforce situation for general practitioners here in this state and around the country. We also need to see an increase in terms of training for doctors across the country as well. This is something that both myself and other state ministers have been advocating for. We need to see an increase in those commonwealth supported places for medicine, which have been capped for a very long time. With increased demand for health care, increased demand for all hospitals hiring extra doctors, increased demand for specialist services and, of course, increased demand for GPs, we need to see increased numbers of doctors being trained through our medical schools as well.

COUNTRY ROAD SPEED LIMITS

Mr ELLIS (Narungga) (14:51): My question is to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. Can the minister advise how much longer motorists will be subject to speed restrictions on the Highway 1 between Port Wakefield and Lochiel?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:52): That is a good question. I know it is frustrating for some motorists when they see new tarmac down and they are seeing speed restrictions in place. I get a lot of correspondence about this. The Augusta Highway duplication from Port Wakefield to Lochiel will provide dual, two-lane carriageways, including appropriate intersection treatments between the Augusta Highway intersection and the Copper Coast Highway and Lochiel. Obviously, the benefits are improved road safety for all road users, improved freight productivity, reduced travel times, improved efficiency and network reliability.

This was a project by the previous government, and it has enjoyed bipartisan support when we were in office. I know that members have concerns that the speed limit is still down to 80 km/h. I can advise the member that the final pavement construction and sealing works for the main carriageway have recommenced, and these works are now expected to be completed by early 2025. Until the traffic switch occurs in the first quarter of 2025, the 80 km/h will remain in place, so you can safely bet that the first quarter of 2025 is when we will lift that speed limit.

I know it is frustrating for motorists. We are trying to bed in and make sure that the tarmac lasts longer than usual. Often a lot of the mistakes we make are lifting the speed limit too quickly, which does damage to the tarmac. We need to let it cure properly and let it settle in. We have had some bad weather as well. As frustrating as it is, we are trying to make the dollar go further here, so it will be a little bit longer. I know it is an inconvenience, but hopefully we can get the mix right.

I am certainly keen to lift that speed limit as quickly as possible, because I know it is frustrating for your constituents and people who are using the Augusta Highway. It does have an impact on productivity and freight, but I think we can get there relatively quickly.

CHILD PROTECTION

Ms THOMPSON (Davenport) (14:54): My question is to the Minister for Child Protection. How is the government recognising the achievements of those involved across the child protection and family support system?

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) (14:54): Thank you very much to the member for her question and for her deep commitment to and recognition of everybody who supports and empowers children and young people engaged with the child protection and family support system.

Recognising the achievements of those who work, volunteer or provide care and support to children and young people across the child protection and family support system is really important. It sends a clear message to children and young people; families, including carer families; workers and volunteers that they are valued, loved and supported. That is why I was so pleased to join over 500 guests at the child protection and family support awards on Friday.

The breadth and diversity of individuals and groups represented, who work so hard together to support and empower children and young people, was inspiring. Each of those present at the awards, and many others, make a choice over and over again to spend their time, energy and passion doing the hard work focused on making a difference in the lives of children and young people.

The collective strength, wisdom and focus of everybody who works for, cares in and is part of the child protection and family support system is absolutely needed to tackle the deeply complex challenges facing families and to drive change that transforms our system to empower children and young people to live safe, healthy and successful lives.

This year's awards highlighted many stories that rightly deserve to be told. I have spoken before about foster carers Gary and Margie, who have cared for over 300 children and young people over a 30-year span. I am really pleased to share that Gary and Margie were named 2024 Foster Carers of the Year in recognition of the dedication, love and support that they have offered to the children they have cared for over those three decades.

I am also really pleased to advise that the Kinship Carer of the Year award was presented to the Mildwaters family, Dale and Keshia, who are outstanding kinship carers for their two nieces and nephew. They said at the awards that they are kinship carers because they are family and could not imagine the children being anywhere else except with them. Keshia and Dale worked so hard to ensure the children could stay together with their siblings, and it was really moving to hear the difference that that has made to them. Thank you very much to Keshia and Dale.

I also highlight the Outstanding Achievement of a Child or Young Person award, which celebrates someone with a care experience. This year's winner is an outstanding young woman named Jacinta. As well as having her own care experience, Jacinta is also a kinship carer for her young niece. Jacinta said at the awards that once she is done with her studies she wants to work in residential care, where she spent part of her life growing up, because it is important to her to look after the next generation.

It is stories like these that should absolutely be highlighted and celebrated. They are at the very heart of the child protection and family support system. They are what makes a difference. I again congratulate and wholeheartedly thank all who were rightly nominated for Friday's awards.

GP PAYROLL TAX

Ms PRATT (Frome) (14:58): My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. What impact, if any, will the GP payroll tax have on the provision of home visits by local doctors? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Ms PRATT: On 28 August Dr Danny Byrne said on ABC radio that, and I quote, 'payroll tax was the nail in the coffin' and that he is no longer able to 'bulk bill a patient or do a home visit or go to a nursing home' due to the cost of running a practice and the impact of the GP payroll tax.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:58): I thank the member for her question. I certainly know Dr Byrne well, and I know he has a different view to the government and the Treasurer in relation to payroll tax.

Ms Pratt: Apparently they all do. You don't agree with any of the stakeholders.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: As I have said, we have negotiated this agreement with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), which all general practitioners are members of and all general practitioners are part of. They are the peak body for general practice in this country, as the member may well know. I did hear comments from Dr Byrne on the radio in relation to his issues in terms of the voluntary assisted dying scheme that he raised, and I have followed them up with the relevant executive director of the Department for Health and Wellbeing. I understand that he had only been involved in one or two cases of the voluntary assisted dying scheme. The department had met with him and tried to work through those issues and were unable to reach agreement satisfactory to Dr Byrne.

I can report that we do have a number of doctors who are able to provide those services across the state and there is a growing number of doctors who have completed the training to be able to do that and we have a payment arrangement in place to make sure that we can support those doctors in doing their work. Certainly, it is up to individual doctors whether they want to participate in the voluntary assisted dying scheme or not. It is certainly up to Dr Byrne whether he would like to do that in the future or not, but certainly my door is always open to him in terms of concerns that he may raise.

MENTAL HEALTH TRIAGE SERVICE

Ms PRATT (Frome) (15:00): My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Has the Mental Health Triage Service been put on a performance plan due to the abandonment of calls and, if so, have any issues been resolved? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Ms PRATT: On 11 July the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist advised by gazettal that multiple inspections had led Dr Brayley to trigger section 96 of the Mental Health Act by placing operational conditions on the service due to the abandonment of calls.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:01): Certainly there is work being done in terms of improving the arrangement for the Mental Health Triage Service. I understand that the improvements to date have already seen performance lifted from where they were under the previous government in terms of those key metrics—and I am happy to take on notice to provide those full statistics in relation to that—but we do want to see further improvement in terms of the Mental Health Triage Service.

We are currently working through the process of that, between the Central Adelaide Local Health Network and also working with the Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network that runs the regional version of the Mental Health Triage Service. I think one of the opportunities we are currently examining is whether we can bring those two services together to get greater efficiencies in terms of the staff and the resources and improvements in terms of response times for people who need that important service.

MENTAL HEALTH TRIAGE SERVICE

Ms PRATT (Frome) (15:02): Can the minister update the house when he was then first advised by the Chief Psychiatrist in regard to the Mental Health Triage Service that the mental health service was abandoning the calls?

The SPEAKER: I won't take that as a supplementary. That will be just a question.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:02): The first time I was aware of the significant issues with the Mental Health Triage Service was when I was the shadow minister for health, because those issues have been pronounced for many years. In fact, my understanding was that they were worse under the previous government and so there has been work undertaken to try to improve those rates. We think that there is more work that needs to happen in the future though as well and that is why that work is happening between the health networks to improve the service even further.

SENIORS CARD FUEL DISCOUNT

Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (15:02): My question is to the Minister for Human Services. Will the minister increase the fuel discount for Seniors Card holders from 4¢ to 8¢ a litre and provide a larger range of participating fuel outlets. Mr Speaker, with your leave, and the leave of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr McBRIDE: In February the government announced that Seniors Card holders would get a 4¢ discount for seniors at participating United Fuel outlets. While this is welcome, there is only one United Fuel outlet in my entire electorate of MacKillop. The cost-of-living crisis is real. Those living in regional areas are further disadvantaged with less choice and access to services.

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well) (15:03): I thank the member for the question, for his commitment to local constituents and also for including us in his various activities whenever we can get down there. I really enjoyed visiting recently and being able to congratulate some of the recipients of local grant funding.

The Seniors Card really is a fantastic initiative from the state government. There are actually about 415,000 people as recipients of the Seniors Card. After the 2022 election we made public transport free 24 hours a day for all Seniors Card holders, and our recent—

An honourable member interjecting:

The Hon. N.F. COOK: I'll get there, relax. Our recent budget expanded public transport concessions even further to help thousands of people with Health Care Cards. Whilst I do appreciate that public transport provides much greater benefits for people in Greater Adelaide compared to regional areas, it's one of the reasons we have been working to redesign our community passenger networks and help more people in areas where there are fewer transport options.

Seniors Card holders get access to a range of discounts and special offers. Apart from free public transport, they are offered as voluntary measures by private businesses. Businesses get involved on the same basis that Origin Energy provides a special offer for people who receive the energy concession, and businesses offer discounts both to be better corporate citizens and to get better access to hundreds and thousands of South Australian consumers.

The discount offers not only benefit businesses and consumers but they come at no cost to government, which is a great outcome for all of us. Consistent with this, the United offer of 4¢ per litre discount is funded entirely by United. So that's not through a government subsidy. I am really pleased, though, to advise that while the member is asking for more, 32,000 people already have registered for the fuel offer since its launch by the health minister earlier this year.

I appreciate the member for MacKillop's request. The government doesn't fund the current offer, so it's not in a position to fund an expanded offer, as that is through the private company. Of course, people are welcome to write letters to the private organisations to encourage them to do more but, despite that, I think the outcome already has been fantastic.

If other members do have businesses in their local electorates that they would like to encourage to link with the Seniors Card, I would be happy to hear from them. Also, I am sure those businesses would welcome the hand of friendship to be included.

STATE PROSPERITY PROJECT

Mr HUGHES (Giles) (15:06): My question is to the Minister for Energy and Mining. Can the minister update the house on the importance of the South Australian mining sector and the state prosperity plan?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:06): I thank the member for his question. The ABS has released its latest round of financial year data, which reinforces the importance of the mining sector to our state's economy. The data shows that mining accounted for 30 per cent of total South

Australian private capital expenditure for the financial year, a 9.7 per cent increase over the previous 12 months.

Our single most valuable overseas export was a product of mining: refined copper and copper products, reaching an all-time high of \$2.6 billion, a 5 per cent increase compared to the last financial year. The opportunity mining presents is no secret to us or private industry. Over the 2023-24 financial year, we saw a 31 per cent increase to private mineral exploration expenditure in South Australia, the highest expenditure since the last Labor government in 2011-12. Of this expenditure, 73 per cent was targeting copper, the commodity at the forefront of our State Prosperity Project, the commodity of decarbonisation.

Mining fundamentally underpins the State Prosperity Project. South Australia has Australia's richest copper resource and superior magnetite iron ore resources, which are all proximal to existing workforce and land, with world-class renewable energy potential. Through our prosperity project, the Malinauskas Labor government is committed to unlocking the full potential of renewable energy to reindustrialise the Upper Spencer Gulf and herald a new era of prosperity for our state.

At the heart of our plan are the copper opportunities and the green iron opportunities. These commodities are critical to decarbonisation and decarbonising economies globally. Whether they be for electrical copper components or structural steel components, both these industries and commodities need to be decarbonised. The real opportunity for these minerals identified in our plan is to take advantage of an energy transition and benefit them cleanly in South Australia. That means that we need to build gigawatt-scale renewable energy, which is why we passed the Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act 2023 through this parliament, a truly revolutionary piece of legislation that will allow gigawatt-scale production of renewable energy.

I am pleased to advise the house that yesterday the South Australian government commenced consultation on an area of land around the size of Greater Adelaide, almost 12,000 square kilometres, that could be opened for renewable energy developments under this act.

Renewable energy companies continue to show a keen interest in these areas due to the significant wind and solar resources and a proximity to the government's investment in hydrogen and renewable energy infrastructure around the Upper Spencer Gulf. To pay tribute to the previous government, they also invested heavily in hydrogen through a hydrogen hub, which they were able to initially begin at Port Bonython. Both the previous government and the current government had an aspiration to see hydrogen being developed in our regional sectors. That bipartisanship unfortunately has been lost, but hopefully it can re-emerge. It's a long-term plan.

The front page of the paper today—I don't know who gave those details to *The Advertiser*, but I do know this: you sent a very clear message to all your colleagues, a clear message to all your colleagues that if anyone crosses you it's straight to the *Tiser*—straight to the *Tiser*. That's okay, I understand.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I understand. Two-votes Texas has got something to say as well. What do you have to say? Nothing. Okay. It's a long-term plan, but the Malinauskas government is moving apace to make sure South Australia seizes these opportunities.

CFMEU

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (15:10): My question is to the Premier. When did the Premier receive written advice from the police commissioner in relation to the investigation into alleged criminal activities within the CFMEU in South Australia? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: On 4 September, the police commissioner told ABC radio, 'We provided written advice to the Premier, relating to the presence or otherwise of organised crime within the CFMEU in South Australia.'

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (15:11): Thank you—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Members on my left, the Premier will be heard in silence.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I thank the Leader of the Opposition for his question. As the Leader of the Opposition referred to in his remarks, as soon as news started to emerge of the allegations against the CFMEU, while I was on leave, I took the opportunity to call the police commissioner and ask him to make some inquiries into whether or not the CFMEU's conduct in South Australia had any criminal element to it, or whether there had been any investigations or examination of that.

I was very grateful that I received—I don't have a copy of it with me—a piece of advice from the police commissioner on the morning of his radio interview, whenever that was. He gave a radio interview, and my office received a piece of advice from the police commissioner sometime after that, making clear that the work that South Australia Police had undertaken following the phone call that I had had with Commissioner Stevens, which I am grateful for, indicated that they weren't able to establish any criminal activity. SAPOL, as ever, always remains vigilant, but they weren't able to establish any reportable criminal activity. That was the advice that we received, and I was grateful for the work of South Australia Police and their communication of that to me.

CFMEU

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (15:13): A supplementary: will the Premier make this advice publicly available, and if not, why not?

The SPEAKER: I don't think that is a supplementary; that is a fresh question. Premier.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (15:13): I think the police commissioner has done that himself. I think, to the best of my knowledge, he did that on radio.

CFMEU

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (15:13): My question is to the Premier. Is the Premier satisfied with the police commissioner's advice about alleged criminal activities within the CFMEU within South Australia? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: The administrator of the CFMEU has recently been critical of Victoria Police, saying: 'They have been nowhere near close enough, they have been ineffective in this space, and they need to be better.'

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (15:14): The Leader of the Opposition has asked whether or not I take the police commissioner at his word and value the work of South Australia Police. Well, you bet I do. You bet I do. And do I accept the advice and the integrity of the opinion that is provided to the South Australian government from South Australia Police? You bet I do. And the very fact that you have asked that question directly implies a degree of inexperience and ill-thought-through questioning on behalf of the Leader of the Opposition.

I know, and as the Leader of the Opposition as a former police minister should well know, that South Australia Police operate with nothing but integrity, particularly the police commissioner. We value the advice of South Australia Police and we accept it. We would never accept a comparison being drawn between Victoria Police and South Australia Police, given that we know that it's not just this government that values the work and the integrity of South Australia Police, it is also the South Australian people. We have seen survey after survey consistently demonstrate that the South Australian people believe in the South Australian police force and their leadership and the Leader of the Opposition should take note.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Chaffey! The member for MacKillop has the call.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (15:15): My question is to the minister for roads. Could the minister for roads please inform the house regarding major works that have taken place over a number of years and the reworks that have gone on since they have been in government and what is the minister doing about the reworks because of poor quality workmanship?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:15): I take it that he is talking about the level of major investment being made on South Australian roads by the South Australian government. Yes, it is a constant task to upgrade—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Chaffey, you have been out of your place all question time. You can go back to your office or wherever your other place is, because you have just been calling out all day from out of your place, until the end of question time.

The honourable member for Chaffey having withdrawn from the chamber:

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I have never seen the house so happy. It is true that the South Australian motorist is now seeing a lot more roadworks on South Australian roadways because of the government's record infrastructure spend. I do note that that is inconvenient for some motorists. Seeing roadworks that were previously done, now having to be worked on again, is frustrating for people. I understand.

When those roadworks were being done in a way that weather damages them and we need to go back and fix them, we are trying to do more with less and we are trying to maintain a very large regional network. We are about 7 per cent of the country's population, with about 5 per cent of the national funding for our roads, but we have over 10 per cent of the nation's roads, so we are clearly up against it.

I know our regional friends are the ones who see it because they have the longest lengths but the least volumes. It is difficult, I understand that, it's very, very difficult. We do try to prioritise. I know that the frustration I get from regional members is, 'Look, you've just fixed this road; you are going back there again to do that work again,' and it is because our regional roads are hit the hardest. They have a lot of heavy traffic. They have a lot of very heavy freight moving on their roads. They have a lot of agricultural equipment moving on their roads. These vehicles do a lot of damage to our roads and the base is old.

The average base in South Australia is nearing 50 years. We are absolutely living off the work of our grandparents who did a lot of investment in our regional roads. The truth is: to redo that base now would be crippling for the state. We have to work our infrastructure and sweat it harder. I know it's frustrating. I do. It frustrates me as well.

The truth is the state is doing what it can with its valuable resources to try to make sure we can maintain a good network of freight and productivity on our roads and reprioritise it. I do say this: I have colleagues here, who make up a majority of the metropolitan seats, who say that we are spending a lot of our road maintenance money in regional areas. I say to the member opposite who asked this question he would be surprised to know that an overwhelming majority of our regional road maintenance program is being spent in his community.

I have members in metropolitan Adelaide who say, 'Hang on a second.' But, again, we know that regional areas do need a lot more attention because of the type of congestion, the type of freight, that you are moving on your roads and the value it gives to our state, so we do try to allocate on the basis of need. I know it's frustrating, but we are trying to do more with less. It would have been a lot easier had the previous people not privatised all the road maintenance work, but, again, you can't help stupid.

ADULT SAFEGUARDING UNIT

Ms CLANCY (Elder) (15:19): My question is to the Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well. Can the minister please update the house on protections and support for older South Australians?

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well) (15:20): I thank the member for the question and also for her steadfast commitment to the wellbeing of her constituents. The Adult Safeguarding Unit, commonly known as the ASU, was established in 2019 in response to concerns about elder abuse. In our first two budgets, we included more than \$12 million to support its work, including the expansion to help all vulnerable adults, particularly those with disability, and not just seniors.

The ASU was developed in response to reports of neglect, abuse, exploitation and also potential gaps in our systems where police or other agencies may have not been able to intervene. As the responsible minister, I regularly see the value of the ASU's work, but a recent call from a fellow MP reminded me of just how critical this is. Their electorate office was approached by an older person and their acquaintance seeking a JP service—this happens all the time. A warning bell rang when staff realised they wanted a witness to a loan agreement that would move hundreds of thousands of dollars out of an older person's account.

After further conversation with the older person alone, the MP's office declined to be involved and suggested they seek professional financial advice. Importantly, the MP's office didn't just leave it there, they actually picked up the phone and rang the Adult Safeguarding Unit. To the MP's relief, a follow-up call from the ASU confirmed the transaction had not gone ahead and the funds remained untouched.

We can't always stop situations when people are scammed over the phone or online by dodgy operators from overseas, but we do have a chance to stop people getting fleeced by those whom they know. But it's not just about responding when something happens. Older South Australians have a range of opportunities to plan ahead proactively, protect themselves and ensure their wishes and resources are protected. With this week being Plan Ahead Week, we remind people about six steps to take control of their future, which are:

1. Have a conversation with trusted people like family, friends, or your GP about your wishes and how they can help ensure they are followed.
2. Complete an advance care directive for future health care, end of life, living arrangements, pets and other personal matters.
3. Consider an enduring power of attorney, so someone can manage finances and legal matters.
4. Create a will to clarify administration, inheritance and guardianship issues.
5. Register as an organ and tissue donor, so you can help other people after you have gone.
6. Lastly, importantly, lodge, copy, communicate and share your documents with your trusted circle.

Last week, I joined Gabrielle Canny from the Legal Services Commission and residents from my local aged care service, Cottage Grove, to highlight the importance of documenting your wishes. Both Judy and Marion emphasised that planning ahead can take stress off your loved ones from having to guess the wishes and make decisions at a tough time. It gives you peace of mind also.

In contract, no advance care planning can leave us vulnerable to mistreatment and harm. All members in this place can lead by example, while also encouraging our constituents to do the same, by providing guidance, referrals and information. People often joke that there are two certainties in life: death and taxes. Well, we can be pretty sure that governments will take care of the taxes, but individuals and families are in a better position to plan ahead and make the best possible arrangements for end of life.

Grievance Debate

AMBULANCE RAMPING

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (15:24): I rise today to again talk about the biggest lie that was ever told to the people of South Australia by this Labor Party. Of course, I am talking about the biggest lie that was told by the South Australian Labor Party to the

people of South Australia before the 2022 state election and that was that they would fix ramping and the ramping crisis.

In July 2024, the Premier delivered the worst month of ramping in our state's history. We lost a total of 5,539 hours on the ramp, and that was after this Labor government put our health system into an unprecedented 10-week Code Yellow internal emergency which saw elective surgeries right across our electorates cancelled for thousands of South Australians, bringing the elective surgery waitlist to over 20,000 patients right across our state. What difference did this Code Yellow make? It does not look like absolutely anything at all. This government went on to deliver the second worst month of ramping in our state's history in August 2024—a grand total of 5,284 hours. That brings the total ramping hours under this government to nearly 110,000 hours in just the first two years or so of this government.

Under the former Liberal government, we had 74,991 hours across the entire four years and during that time we also had a global pandemic. But this Labor government told the people of South Australia to vote a certain way, that people had to vote Labor like their life depended on it. Now, even one of the biggest backers of the now government at the time, the Ambulance Employees Association, has lost faith in this Premier and this health minister.

Not even the Premier's Delivery Unit can spin their way out of this one. They have now simply given up. The goalposts, as we have seen recently, have actually moved. No longer is the government planning to fix the ramping, but now the Premier's Delivery Unit has told us that they are looking at achieving progress rather than fixing it. You know things are bad when the President of the AMA even says that there are surely few times in history when it has been 'so worrisome to be a person who may need care in South Australia's public hospitals'.

This health minister has broken records very badly when it comes to ramping in this state. Not only is the Labor government not fixing ramping like they promised, but they are making it worse with their GP payroll tax grab. We know that we should be making it easier for people to see their GP, not harder. We know that this GP payroll tax is only going to make life harder for South Australians. It is only going to make it harder for people to see their GP. So we are going to see more line-ups and more ramping as well. It is going to drive up the cost of primary care in what is the middle of a cost-of-living crisis.

The questions are: where are the corflutes now, where is the chalk now? You see, at the time of the 2022 state election, the challenges that exist today also existed then. Bed block existed then. Aged care pressures existed then. NDIS pressures existed then. Were all factors back then as they are now? In addition to that, you also had a global pandemic back then. Despite that now, ramping is amongst the worst that it has ever been under this Labor government.

We were honest about the challenges, but this Premier and this Labor government have not been. They told South Australians that they would fix it, but ramping has never been worse in our history.

CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (15:28): I rise today to pay tribute and to highlight the important work that Smiles All Round child psychology is providing in the South-East of South Australia. Smiles All Round was established in 2006 and has grown to become one of the largest private psychology and counselling centres in our region. At one time they had around 200 clients, with teams operating from Naracoorte, Mount Gambier and Goroke in western Victoria. Their diverse team of psychologists, social workers, teachers, counsellors, support workers and administrative staff is united by a common goal: to promote mental health and resilience in young people and their families.

I think we would all agree that children are the heart of our community and therefore fostering emotionally strong young people is vitally important. Yet, as we all know, the world they grow up in is complex and often challenging. There are academic pressures, social pressures, changes in family dynamics, all of which affect a child's mental and emotional health. This is where Smiles All Round steps in, providing an invaluable resource to our community. Their dedicated team of child psychologists offers a compassionate, expert approach to addressing the diverse needs of our young ones.

Smiles All Round has a vision which is simple yet profound: every child in Australia knows 'I am the boss of how I think, feel and act.' The vision encapsulates the commitment to empowering children to take charge of their emotional and mental wellbeing. Smiles All Round offers a wide range of services tailored to the unique needs of young people. This includes emotional regulation and social skill development, through to anxiety management, confidence-building and support for conditions such as autism and ADHD.

However, the path to expanding these services and reaching more families is not without its challenges. One of their biggest issues is being able to attract skilled professionals to work in regional locations. Their unique approach of integrating former teachers, who have become counsellors, sets them apart, but they still have ongoing barriers such as securing funding, managing costs for clients, and making people aware that nurturing mental health is a sustained effort and not a quick fix.

I asked Smiles All Round what they would do if they could allocate \$2 million towards enhancing psychology and mental health services for youth. Their priorities would be clear. They would invest in evidence-based pilot programs to support parents, from prenatal stages through to early childhood, helping them to understand and navigate the complexities of child development. They would expand their service offerings to include a broader range of allied health practitioners that would address needs such as speech and language delays with more immediacy. Additionally, they would focus on early development screening and provide professional development for preschool and school staff to ensure consistent support across home and school environments.

Governments can play a crucial role in this space by making mental health services more affordable for families, and supporting allied health students during their placements. Expanding opportunities for entry into postgraduate programs and increasing funding for early years support are essential steps towards building a more robust and accessible mental health support system.

We see the government now investing in early learning, and early childhood learning between the ages of three and four is about to be rolled out in 2026, 2027 and beyond, based on previous Prime Minister Julia Gillard's findings about the value of capturing students in the early years before school. It is one of the things I really do support the government in, and I wish them well in their endeavours and the money they spend.

I have also heard that from ages one to five it sets a student—and perhaps an adult in future—up for life when those early years are done and created well. There are two things that come to mind that early learning can do. The first is to see that the school—teachers, learning and education—is a pathway from a very young age, and that it is something to be excited about, something to be trusted, and something where the student knows that, by the end, there is something greater in later life.

In closing, I commend Smiles All Round for its contribution to the young people who live in the South-East. It is more than just a service, it is a movement towards a future where every child feels empowered to manage their mental health and wellbeing.

HEYSEN ELECTORATE

Mr TEAGUE (Heyesen) (15:33): I rise to celebrate the fact that we are able, as members in this place, to welcome visitors. I think almost daily certainly the opportunity is frequently taken up by members, on behalf of their communities, to bring to the chamber and, indeed, through the parliament, visitors from schools in our electorates. It is one of those opportunities to work with school-aged children that I welcome very much.

I want to bring to the house's attention, in particular today, visits in recent weeks from two schools within Heyesen: first, 27 year 6 students from St Catherine's at Stirling, who came along and who were seated where we all sit in the chamber. By experiencing and being in the place, we had the opportunity to go through the way in which the parliament functions, to think about the history of the place, things that have been achieved in the parliament and the sorts of things that they as students, thinking about life ahead, might bear in mind, as they have an appreciation of one of our most important public institutions.

I want to pay tribute in particular to the students of St Catherine's, because we worked through a whole range of different moving parts of the place, how it works and all the rest of it. We

then wanted to put into practice the functioning of the place by having a debate on a topic, as is often the case. There was a keenness in the cohort to say, 'Right, actually what we want to debate is nuclear energy.' Often schoolchildren will debate whether or not homework is a good idea or whether we should have school uniforms, whether we should go to school every day or not, but on this occasion St Catherine's year 6 students wanted to debate whether or not nuclear energy was a good thing for South Australia.

We proceeded then to have a series of contributions from the students, views expressed for and against, that certainly did the school a great service, did the speakers and participants in the debate a great service. I think it would have actually reflected well in terms of a debate that we might have about that matter. It was certainly memorable, and I want to praise the students for their thoughtfulness in that and the entirety of the visit, and so it is a shout-out to St Catherine's and particularly those year 6 students who were visiting.

Also in recent weeks, I was fortunate to welcome back to the parliament students from Norton Summit Primary School. It is always a very special occasion to have students from Norton Summit come to the parliament. This is special about the South Australian parliament, which is unlike the federal parliament, where the history only goes back as far as Federation, and it is a relatively modern thing, and then if we sit in the new parliament, then all the more, the history and the opportunity to think about those members past really only goes back to 1988 and the opening of the new parliament when it comes to sitting in the seat.

Students from Norton Summit, however, in this place that has been here throughout the course of the last century, going back to 1890, were able to sit in the very seat that Sir Thomas Playford sat in and look up at the portrait of Sir Thomas on the wall of the chamber. Of course, Sir Thomas Playford came from Norton Summit, and his statue sits outside of Norton Summit Primary School. I can tell you that it is particularly meaningful to those students.

In this case, it was all of the student representative council students of all ages through the school who were here. They participated as well in a debate about whether dogs or cats were better. This was one of those fascinating debates, because even after opinions were expressed on both sides, there was a division that proved up that there was unanimity; there was a unanimous outcome. All voted in favour of the proposition that dogs are, in fact, better than cats. It was very revealing, and so we moved to the Legislative Council to prove up the merits of that particular proposition. So a shout-out to Norton Summit Primary, and welcome back again, I hope, soon.

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

Ms CLANCY (Elder) (15:38): Today is World Suicide Prevention Day. I start by acknowledging all those we have lost to suicide, those of us who miss them deeply and those with a lived experience. This day serves as a crucial reminder of the need to work together to prevent suicide, raise awareness and foster meaningful conversations and connections. It is a call to make these efforts part of our daily lives. Whether it involves upskilling through suicide prevention training, learning about the effects of suicide on our communities or making time for important conversations with those around us, each of us has the power to make a difference.

Since my appointment as Premier's Advocate for Suicide Prevention, I have had the privilege of engaging with suicide prevention networks, groups, individuals and service providers, each with their own unique experiences and perspectives. Their insights have been invaluable in understanding challenges as well as opportunities for positive change, and I thank them so much for their time and their efforts.

I hear from people experiencing increased pressures and heightened levels of situational distress due to factors such as the cost of living, housing instability and domestic violence. The Malinauskas Labor government's commitment to new additional public housing, our Housing Roadmap, and record cost-of-living relief show we understand some people are struggling and we are working hard to make things better.

We are supporting domestic violence services, and last sitting week introduced our coercive control bill. We are significantly increasing funding to organisations like Foodbank and supporting community centres across South Australia, providing the essential infrastructure for people to feel

connected and supported. Our state Suicide Prevention Plan and act both call for a whole-of-government and whole-of-community approach to suicide prevention, and I see how we are working and supporting the work of others to improve the wellbeing of South Australians in so much of what we do.

Our government is also investing in both acute and community mental health services across the state. We are providing additional mental health supports and care for patients outside of hospitals to help prevent demand on emergency departments. We are building 72 new beds across The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Noarlunga Hospital and Modbury Hospital in brand-new additional rehabilitation mental health wards. We are building 10 extra mental health beds in the new Women's and Children's Hospital, six additional mental health beds in the Mount Gambier hospital, and a new 12-bed mental health ward in the Mount Barker hospital, the first inpatient mental health care in the Adelaide Hills.

We are working to improve mental health services for our children and young people, including the recruitment of an additional 10 child psychologists and five psychiatrists working in the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service.

Implementation of the Suicide Prevention Plan 2023-2026 has commenced and I will continue supporting those prescribed agencies in the Suicide Prevention Act in developing and implementing their suicide prevention action plans. A whole-of-government approach to suicide prevention is essential, and I am committed to promoting collaboration and coordination across government departments.

A really great example of what cross-agency collaboration looks like is the SAPOL mental health co-responder program, which operates out of the northern Adelaide and central Adelaide local health networks. Established in 2022, this program pairs a police officer with a mental health clinician to attend mental health related incidents together, allowing for onsite assessments of individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

This collaborative approach has led to better outcomes for those in crisis, reduced the number of unnecessary emergency department visits, and improved access to mental health assessments for detainees in police custody. Since 1 January this year, the program has prevented 1,125 emergency department presentations, enhanced service delivery, created efficiencies, and generated agency savings. Additionally, SAPOL employees say they have gained a deeper understanding of how to effectively support individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

I would really like to encourage all South Australians to talk openly about how you are doing and to seek help when needed. By fostering these conversations, we can break down barriers and stigma and make it easier for people to feel comfortable seeking support. Suicide prevention is a collective responsibility. We all have a role to play in creating safe, compassionate spaces and having meaningful conversations. Every action, no matter how small, can contribute to a safer, more supportive community.

PATERSON, MR N.D.

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:43): I rise today to speak about a great man, Norman Donald Paterson OAM. Sadly, Norm, as we affectionately called him, passed away on 6 July 2024 after living a great life from 22 January 1933.

Timing can be a terrible thing sometimes. I could not be there for Norm's funeral, so two days beforehand I got in touch with David Speirs, our former leader, and I was grateful that he accepted the role to speak on my behalf at Norm's send-off at the Bridges Event Centre, which is the Murray Bridge Racing Club. I just want to go through the eulogy that I penned and David put to the group that day. These are my words.

I have known Norm for most of my life. He was a footy trainer at Border Downs. I also remember him carting grain to the local silos. When the new Volvo truck came along I can remember Preston parking it outside Coonalpyn oval while he trained for footy and then drove on to Melbourne.

Norm was a husband, family man, community man and businessman. He gave a lifetime of commitment to Marg and was always there when it counted. Like the time Marg suffered burns and

Norm looked after her so well. Norm's vision in seeing opportunities and seizing on them is a great success story. He built Paterson Bulk Transport which has prospered with Norm, Preston and Sam making it the success story it is today.

Also with Norm, recognising the opportunity with the Cooke Plains gypsum mine and its usefulness in agriculture. Norm was also a fertiliser agent and I can remember him on the sack truck helping me load bagged super. His support for my father and I during a tough couple of years in the early 1990s will never be forgotten.

Norm was awarded a well-deserved medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) on 8 June 2009 for service to the community and to the road transport and fertiliser industries. Norm was a giant of the Liberal Party over almost 70 years. He was awarded a Meritorious Service Award and a Distinguished Service Award for his service to the Liberal Party. He held many senior positions, including being my campaign manager continuously. I have truly cherished the support given to me by Norm on my political journey. A true friend and confidant during the rollercoaster ride of politics.

He did all of this with the unwavering support of Marg, who was always by his side. I truly respect Norm's straightforward approach and telling it like it is. He was a great man and friend. It was a very proud moment to present him recently with his 60-year service medal from the CFS. I am truly sorry for not being there today, but as Norm would say, 'Just get on with it.'

Norm is my political father and I will miss him deeply. To Marg and the family, my deepest condolence. You and all of us were privileged to have Norm in our lives. Vale Norman Donald Paterson OAM.

KING ELECTORATE

Mrs PEARCE (King) (15:48): Over the weekend in Salisbury East one of the local high schools—Salisbury East High School—hosted a Show up and Shine. It was for motorbike, pushbike and car enthusiasts to be able to come together to launch this very, very special event. It was, in fact, planned by the Year 10 and 11 alternative learning students who planned the event as part of their EIF and community studies activity, which actually goes towards their SACE as well. There was absolutely something there for everyone. There was fantastic food and drinks and with that in mind I would like to thank the Dirty Devils Car Club for putting on a great barbecue, and a thankyou to the amazing students from the ALT cafe for keeping everybody fuelled throughout the day.

There was also live music cranking throughout the day, with many thanks to the local school rock band, keeping everybody absolutely revved and the energy and vibes high. I cannot overstate how truly impressive this event was, with so many across the school community working together to provide what they could to help ensure the event was an absolute success. Even the trophies were impressively created by some of the technology classes at the school.

It really was a beautiful showcase of what can be achieved by students at this school, students who have a variety of interests and skills but by being able to come together were able to create something truly beautiful, which they should all be so incredibly proud of. I am very confident that next year will be just as impressive and I encourage all car and bike enthusiasts to reach out to the school and get involved and support this great initiative.

Over the weekend, I was also out and about at Hillbank talking to local residents on the doors about a very serious priority of this government; that is, working on making our health system bigger and better. It was an opportunity to discuss the initiatives that we have announced and are delivering in our neighbourhood since coming into government.

I was particularly pleased to share that in August we delivered on our commitment to increase capacity at the Lyell McEwin Hospital. We have now opened 48 new beds, with more to come online in early 2025. On top of that, we also announced we will create an additional 12 new fast-tracked acute surgical beds that are also due to open in the first half of next year. On top of that, plans are progressing on 20 new acute beds that we announced in this year's budget, with South Australian business Cheesman Architects recently appointed to lead on the designs.

Once all these projects are complete, the hospital's bed capacity will increase by nearly 20 per cent—that is, 442 beds to 522. These extra beds being built at the Lyell McEwin Hospital are

more than triple what we first committed to going into the election, which was, of course, to deliver 24 more beds. My constituents were so pleased to hear this and they also rightly asked about the staff, who are essential in ensuring that these beds can come online. I was really pleased to share with them that we have recruited more than 100 full-time equivalent healthcare workers to operate the beds, including 12 medical officers, 85 nurses, 12 allied health and pharmacy staff and four administrative roles.

What also has been welcomed in the community are other initiatives that are helping out in this space that we have implemented, initiatives such as weekend discharge, helping with the flow that we are experiencing within our hospital, the 16-bed crisis stabilisation centre that we are building adjacent to the Lyell McEwin Hospital, and, of course, the 24/7 pharmacy that has been established at Saints which, as I am really pleased to share, had seen as of 4 July this year over 26,000 customers who visited the Salisbury Plain Chemist Warehouse in the hours where the pharmacy would previously have been closed.

I am more than pleased to share with this house some of the feedback that I have received from my local community regarding this initiative. Tania is very grateful for the new opening hours. Donna has said that she uses it so often as she is a shiftworker. She said that it was much needed a long time ago and she is so glad that people are making the most of these services. Nikki, who is also a shiftworker, agrees with this sentiment, and Stephen has said that this place has been an absolute lifesaver.

Without this pharmacy being open at all hours of the night, customers like Tania, Donna, Nikki and Stephen may have had to visit the busy hospital emergency department to get the treatment they required or taken the risk to ignore seeking assistance, exacerbating the condition they faced. I look forward to continuing working with them for better outcomes.

Private Members' Statements

PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey) (15:53): It was busy over the weekend in the Riverland and Mallee, with lots of sports finals and I have many to rattle out, so I will be quick. The under 13 premiership at Panther Park saw Loxton defeat Barmera-Monash. Best on ground was Lucas Deren. The under 15 premiers were Barmera-Monash, that defeated Renmark by one point. Best on ground was Mitchell Johnson. The under 18 premiers were Barmera-Monash, defeating Berri. Best on ground was Tony Drogemuller. The B grade premiers were Loxton. They defeated Barmera-Monash. Best on ground was Talyn Eagle. The A grade, the premier match of the day, saw Renmark get up over Barmera-Monash, with Tim Woolford best on ground. In the Murray Valley League, Murrayville defeated Brown's Well down at Cambrai, and in the netball we saw Murrayville defeat Sedan Cambrai.

In the netball, the 11A Premiers saw Renmark get up over Loxton, and Elsa Malinovski was best on court. The 11B Premiers saw Loxton get up over Renmark, and best on court was Marlia Serafin. In the 11C Premiers, Loxton got up over Berri, and Olivia Curtis was best on court. In the 13A Premiers we saw Loxton get up over Berri, and Nyah Uren was best on court.

The A1 Premiers saw Loxton get up over Loxton North, and Summer Smith was best on court. The A2 Premiers saw Berri get up over Barmera, and Mackenzie Pitt was best on court. In the B1 Premiers, Loxton North got up over Waikerie, and Sara-Jane Wharton was best on court. There are many more, but I know I have to stop.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (15:55): Today I rise to honour Raymond Gobell, a World War II veteran and a master carpenter and general builder in our region. He celebrated his 100th birthday yesterday. Raymond served as an airframe fitter in the Royal Australian Air Force and trained as a pilot during World War II. Given how Raymond described flying low through Tanunda on one occasion, I am surprised he did not attract demerit points under the Road Traffic Act.

After his service, he retrained as a carpenter and built his own home on Lyndoch Road, where he still resides today. Raymond's craftsmanship is evident across Gawler and the Barossa in homes and iconic buildings like the old Mitre 10 building in Gawler and the Weintal Hotel in Tanunda.

His dedication and skills were evident in homes, where he was able to do all the work himself, except for the electrical wiring, which is truly inspiring.

Raymond's family revealed that his secret for longevity includes a healthy lifestyle, good country food and strong genetics. It was heartwarming to see his family gather from across the state and Queensland to celebrate this milestone. Raymond's life is filled with rich experiences, including witnessing Don Bradman play at the Adelaide Oval and a passion for gold prospecting and aircraft. Yet his greatest joy was in marrying Jean, who sadly passed away in 2014, and in raising their six children. Happy 100th birthday, Raymond, and thank you for your contributions to our community.

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (15:57): I rise today to celebrate and recognise our 2024 Paris Paralympic team who competed at games that will be remembered for iconic venues, inspired performances and continued forward steps, inclusion and opportunity on the back of the Paralympic Movement.

There was Alexa Leary's comeback victory and story in the pool, Tim Hodge securing his first individual gold medal in the 200-metre individual medley, and Vanessa Low jumping further than she ever has, with her young son watching in the stand, and with her husband and coach, Scott Reardon, there as well. Lauren Parker dominated not one but two sports to claim redemption in the triathlon and gold in the tense cycling road race, and there was James Turner's 400-metre and 100-metre double, with a last 10 metres that you would not believe.

Can I specifically highlight some of our South Australian medallists, in particular Jed Altschwager and Nikki Ayers in the rowing mixed-doubles sculls, where they took gold. Amanda Reid also took gold in the 500-metre time trial in the track cycling. Jesse Aungles, a member of the significant 4 x 100-metre medley mixed relay team, also took home his first gold, at his third games. Michael Roeger took silver in the T46 1,500 metres. Meg Lemon, on the road time trial, took a silver, while Darren Hicks took bronze in the road time trial and Sam Von Einem took bronze in the men's singles in the table tennis.

I congratulate all our South Australian Paralympic athletes, and we look forward to welcoming both them and our Olympic representatives home this weekend.

Ms SAVVAS (Newland) (15:58): I thought I would take a moment today to acknowledge all the successes of netball in my community in the north-eastern suburbs in the last few weeks. My own club, the Strikers Netball Club, made it into nine grand finals last week, which is an incredible feat by a club that only officially started in 2020. I am so impressed by not just the sports ability of the girls in our netball club but also the sportswomanship of each and every player in our club. When I started playing for the club about a year ago, I could not believe just how much I was welcomed into the Strikers family, particularly as not a particularly great netballer. I well and truly enjoyed it so much.

Last week, playing in the grand final with my team was so wonderful, but not quite as wonderful as watching all the sub-juniors, the juniors and the other primary teams in their grand finals, looking at how excited they were. Lots of them had matching glitter in their hair and matching ribbons, and also, of course, watching the Strikers v Strikers grand final on the Tuesday night was particularly cool, seeing a club play against each other, but show each other such wonderful support.

I would like to acknowledge all the teams playing at SADNA and John Adams and the team at SADNA who have put in so much in the grand finals of the last few weeks. I would also like to acknowledge our umpires Eva and Imogen from the Strikers, who were awarded umpire's awards in their grades. We are so proud of you all.

Parliamentary Committees

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (16:00): By leave, I move:

That Mr Telfer be appointed to the committee in place of the Hon. V.A. Tarzia (resigned).

Motion carried.

*Bills***STATUTES AMENDMENT (PUBLIC TRUSTEE AND LITIGATION GUARDIAN) BILL***Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading (resumed on motion).

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (16:00): In continuing my second reading remarks, I would continue by saying that the bill would allow the Public Trustee to issue a certificate attesting that a court or SACAT has granted it authority as a protected person's administrator or the administrator of a deceased estate. The certificate must identify the date of the order and the scope of the authority granted.

Third parties can then rely on the certificate to satisfy themselves of the regularity of a transaction with the Public Trustee and, therefore, no liability lies on the third party for relying on the certificate. I note that the certificate only relates to the position of third parties. A certificate cannot render a transaction valid on the part of the Public Trustee if it were not actually authorised by the original order. This provision simply lets third parties transact with the Public Trustee with confidence in regard to their own obligations to satisfy themselves of the regularity of the transaction.

The bill also provides guidance to courts on whether to appoint the Public Trustee as a litigation guardian. A litigation guardian is a person appointed to take responsibility for a court action on behalf of a party who is under a legal incapacity, meaning a minor or an adult who has a mental incapacity. The litigation guardian interacts with the court and instructs legal counsel on behalf of the party. It is common for the Public Trustee to act as a litigation guardian.

The conduct of proceedings for persons under a legal incapacity, including the process for appointing a litigation guardian, is ultimately at the discretion of the court and subject to the court rules. However, the bill provides statutory factors that must be considered when exercising the discretion to appoint the Public Trustee as litigation guardian to ensure a consistent approach is taken.

Factors to be taken into account are whether the litigant is already a client of the Public Trustee, the nature of the proceedings, and whether there is a relative, friend or associate of the litigant who is willing and able to act as litigation guardian. The bill also makes equivalent amendments in relation to appointment of the Public Advocate as litigation guardian to further ensure a consistent approach.

Finally, the bill amends the Guardianship and Administration Act 1993 to provide the Public Trustee limited powers to finalise transactions after its administration has been revoked. The Public Trustee's ability to act on behalf of a client under a mental incapacity is only allowed as authorised by SACAT. If SACAT decides that the Public Trustee should no longer be administrator, either because a friend or family member is able to take on the responsibility or because the client has regained mental capacity, then the Public Trustee's powers are revoked and it can no longer act on behalf of the client or use client funds. As a general position, this is of course entirely appropriate.

However, this can sometimes create inconvenience for both the Public Trustee and the new administrator during the process of handing over administration of the estate. If the Public Trustee had engaged a service provider on behalf of a client during its administration but not received or paid the invoice at the time its administration is revoked, it is unable to pay it, no matter how small it is. Legally, the debt belongs to the estate and so must be paid by the person responsible for the estate.

The Public Trustee must refer the creditor to the new administrator, who is responsible for arranging payment. If the debt is routine, it would be much more efficient for the Public Trustee to finalise it as part of its handover process.

The bill creates a power for the Public Trustee to pay minor bills during the handover period in order to settle any routine transactions where payment was outstanding at the time administration was revoked, making the handover process smoother. The Public Trustee must inform the person newly responsible for the estate that this has occurred and must also inform any guardian that is currently acting.

The power is only allowed up to a prescribed limit to ensure that it is only used for routine transactions, such as storage fees or perhaps property maintenance. The limit to be prescribed will be subject to further consultation after this bill's passage, but it is expected to only be a few thousand dollars.

I look forward to the passage of this bill and commend it to members. I also seek leave to insert the explanation of clauses in *Hansard* without my reading it.

Leave granted.

Explanation of Clauses

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

2—Commencement

These clauses are formal.

Part 2—Amendment of *Guardianship and Administration Act 1993*

3—Insertion of section 41A

This clause inserts new section 41A into the *Guardianship and Administration Act 1993* as follows:

41A—Public Trustee may retain money to pay outstanding debts etc

This section allows the Public Trustee to retain money belonging to a protected person to apply in or towards the payment of any debts, obligations or liabilities of the protected person, or incurred by the Public Trustee in the exercise of powers or duties under Part 4 Division 3 of the Act, that are outstanding at the time the administration order appointing the Public Trustee as administrator (of all or part of the protected person's estate) is revoked or the protected person dies.

The section restricts the amount that may be retained to the amount the Public Trustee considers is reasonably required or the amount prescribed by the regulations, whichever is less. It requires the Public Trustee to notify the person who takes over control and management of all or part of the protected person's estate and the guardian of the protected person (if any) of the amount retained and the nature of the outstanding debts, obligations or liabilities. The Public Trustee is required to apply the money in or towards the payment of the outstanding debts, obligations or liabilities and provide any money retained in excess of those debts, obligations or liabilities to the person taking over control and management of all or part of the estate as soon as reasonably practicable.

4—Insertion of section 83

This clause inserts new section 83 into the *Guardianship and Administration Act 1993* as follows:

83—Matters to consider when deciding whether to appoint Public Advocate as litigation guardian

This section sets out the matters a court or tribunal must consider in determining whether the Public Advocate should act as litigation guardian for a person in a proceeding.

Part 3—Amendment of Public Trustee Act 1995

5—Amendment of section 28—Money from several estates may be invested as one fund

This clause amends section 28 of the principal Act to remove the requirement for the period of each investment to be taken into account when dividing income arising from investment of money from more than one estate under the Public Trustee's control as one fund between estates.

6—Amendment of section 29—Common funds

This clause amends section 29 of the principal Act to remove the requirement for the period of each investment to be taken into account when dividing income arising from the investment of a common fund between investors.

It also changes the day on which the value of each common fund is to be determined to the last business day of the month (currently the first business day of the month) for the purposes of effecting investments in and withdrawals from a common fund and for the purposes of calculating the maximum monthly management fee that may be charged by the Public Trustee for managing the fund.

7—Amendment of section 44—Fee for administering perpetual trust

This clause amends section 44 of the principal Act to change the day on which the value of a perpetual trust is determined to the last business day of the month (currently the first business day of the month) for the purposes of

calculating the maximum monthly administration fee that may be charged by the Public Trustee for administering the trust.

8—Amendment of section 54—Indemnity to persons having dealings with Public Trustee

This clause amends section 54 of the principal Act to allow the Public Trustee to provide a person entering into a transaction with the Public Trustee with a certificate certifying that the Public Trustee has been given certain authority by the Supreme Court or SACAT, rather than the order or a copy of the order giving the authority. It sets out the information the certificate must include.

9—Insertion of section 54A

This clause inserts new section 54A into the *Public Trustee Act 1995* as follows:

54A—Matters to consider when deciding whether to appoint Public Trustee as litigation guardian

This section sets out the matters a court or tribunal must consider in determining whether the Public Trustee should act as litigation guardian for a person in a proceeding.

10—Transitional provision

This clause is a transitional provision in respect of the amendments to section 54 of the *Public Trustee Act 1995*.

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (16:06): I rise to indicate the opposition's support, which is well known, and that I am the lead speaker. I also rise for the fifth time today under a guillotine that the government has imposed on the debate, yet again for no known purpose. These are truly extraordinary circumstances and I highlight that again in the interests of those who are following and for the sake of posterity.

While we are considering posterity, I also put on the record that it is important that debates in this regard are meaningful—that is why we have *Hansard* and it is why we have the galleries open so that people can hear our views.

In a good democracy bills are debated and members' views are heard. To have those views heard is important for the democratic process, as it is important for the parliament and the people of South Australia to hear the views of all 47 members of this house. To simply guillotine debate—

which is what we are experiencing now for the fifth time today—

...I think takes away our democratic freedoms. I think that using the guillotine...is an abuse of the parliamentary system and a measure that should be used sparingly, unless it is in the public interest.

Those are not my words. With a tiny amount of paraphrasing, those are the words of the Leader of the Government, the member for West Torrens. Those are words he said in this place on 24 July 2008. I note that, in the course of making those remarks, he said that this might one day come back to haunt him. Well, I think that day has well and truly come.

The depths to which this house has been taken by the government in the course of debate today with not one, not two, not three, not four, but five and counting guillotines, all of which are entirely without rationale and entirely without need and, I might say, the first of them, the subject of a bill that the government did not even pass and so here we are.

I say this in all seriousness, Mr Deputy Speaker, because I know you take these matters as seriously as any of us. Those reflections on the fact that we have the *Hansard* and the fact that the galleries are open begs the question in these circumstances: if the leader of the government is willing in a few short years so dramatically to turn the tables on his own stated principle to behave in such a hypocritical manner, then what are we going to see next? Are we going to see circumstances in which the government says, 'Actually, the scrutiny afforded to the people of South Australia via the *Hansard* and via the public galleries is in the same category as the guillotine.' When the government decides that it is going to, perhaps the government might close the galleries and shut down the *Hansard*. Here we are.

The Hon. J.K. Szakacs interjecting:

Mr TEAGUE: The fifth guillotine. In one day, the fifth guillotine. We are here dealing with legislation once again that has been the subject of a considerable amount of thought and debate. It has been the better part of a year ago that we first heard the words that the minister has just now rehearsed in this place. I recognise the work of the Attorney in the other place in this regard.

I highlight that the matter that exercised the other place and that I raise again on this occasion—it is not the subject of an amendment, it is not my present intention to direct the house to committee. It is the new prescribing of circumstances in which the court may direct the appointment, particularly the Public Trustee the subject of clause 9. There are, as the minister has referred just now, similar stipulations for the matters to consider when appointing the public advocates the subject of clause 4.

I raise the concern, particularly in relation to the appointment of the Public Trustee, and I note the Law Society has expressed concern in this regard as well as a practice note in terms of what we will now see happening in the courts. The Law Society speaks on behalf of the profession and it is concerned to ensure that in terms of the processes that are involved here, and the courts need to intervene for the purposes of the appointment, there are practical time and cost issues for those who are needing to avail themselves of the court services for the appointment.

There is a concern that the Law Society raises and that I share that by stipulating the matters that the court must consider when deciding whether to appoint the Public Trustee as litigation guardian, we are going to now see a situation where it will be necessary for a practitioner to file an affidavit that will address these now mandatory matters. That is in circumstances where there is already, as I understand it, a reluctance on the part of the Public Trustee to be appointed to be stepping into that role, unless there is no relevant family member or suitable person who can do so. It is an example of a situation in which at the moment the practice is consistent with the stipulation, but it is 'If it ain't broke, why fix it?'

I understand the Attorney's response in the other place to that is that it would take away that body of stipulations. Yes, it would. That would be in response to what the current practice is, but I just articulate what those mandatory matters for the court to consider are and, by extension, to demonstrate that it is considered and now going to be.

They are, firstly, whether the Public Trustee has been appointed or otherwise empowered to act in a specified capacity in respect of the person; (b) whether there is a relative, friend or associate of the person who is willing and able to act as a litigation guardian for the person; and (c) whether in all the circumstances and taking into account the nature of the litigation, the Public Trustee is the most appropriate person to act as litigation guardian for the person.

It is really (b) where the practical issue will arise most, in that you are going to need to undertake a formal process of providing proof in respect of (b), which occurs as a matter of practice presently but will now involve, it is feared, a process of unnecessary formality in terms of the proving up of that particular part perhaps in the most apparent way. The nub of the Law Society's concern is that it is going to be then incumbent upon the relevant practitioner to exhaust all possible relatives, friends and associates of the person before asking the court to have the Public Trustee to act as a litigation guardian.

Those matters have been aired and I am conscious that the government does not support the proposition as I have put it and as the Law Society has raised. That is going to be a matter that I would urge the government to keep a close eye on, to seek feedback from the profession, and perhaps the profession more than the court in that yes, the court is there to make the necessary appointment, but the burden will fall in particular on the practitioner to serve those criteria as a matter of practice.

With those words, and with a particular eye to the necessity, and possibly the desirability later to revisit those circumstances of appointment, I commend the bill to the house.

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Veterans Affairs, Minister for Local Government) (16:17): Again, I thank the member for his contribution and note particularly the matters that he has raised, and in doing so commend the bill to the house.

Bill read a second time.

Third Reading

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Veterans Affairs, Minister for Local Government) (16:18): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time and passed.

BAIL (TERROR SUSPECTS AND FIREARM PARTS) AMENDMENT BILL

Second Reading

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (16:19): I move:

That the time allotted for all stages of the bill be 60 minutes.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes22
 Noes.....12
 Majority10

AYES

Andrews, S.E.	Bettison, Z.L.	Brown, M.E.
Champion, N.D.	Clancy, N.P.	Close, S.E.
Cook, N.F.	Cregan, D.R.	Fulbrook, J.P.
Hildyard, K.A.	Hood, L.P.	Hughes, E.J.
Hutchesson, C.L.	Koutsantonis, A.	Odenwalder, L.K. (teller)
O'Hanlon, C.C.	Pearce, R.K.	Picton, C.J.
Savvas, O.M.	Szakacs, J.K.	Thompson, E.L.
Wortley, D.J.		

NOES

Basham, D.K.B.	Batty, J.A.	Brock, G.G.
Cowdrey, M.J.	Ellis, F.J.	McBride, P.N.
Pederick, A.S.	Pisoni, D.G.	Pratt, P.K.
Teague, J.B. (teller)	Telfer, S.J.	Whetstone, T.J.

PAIRS

Stinson, J.M.	Tarzia, V.A.	Mullighan, S.C.
Gardner, J.A.W.	Boyer, B.I.	Speirs, D.J.
Malinauskas, P.B.	Hurn, A.M.	

Motion thus carried.

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS: I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

The bill contains two distinct parts, one dealing with a definition in the Bail Act 1985, herein referred to as the Bail Act, of 'terror suspect' and the other dealing with the use of the terminology 'any part of a firearm' in the Bail Act. Both sets of amendments contained in the bill have arisen from submissions to the Attorney-General by South Australia Police, who have identified the issues related to both the definition of 'terror suspect' and the use of 'any part of a firearm' during the course of their ordinary operations. The government is grateful to South Australia Police for bringing the issues to our attention so that they can be addressed.

The bill corrects a loophole in the way in which the presumption against bail applies to applicants for bail who are terror suspects. The Bail Act was amended by the Statutes Amendment (Terror Suspect Detention) Act 2017, referred to as 'the amending act', in 2017 in response to the decision of first ministers at the then Council of Australian Governments meeting of 9 June 2017 that there should be a presumption against bail and parole for persons who have demonstrated support for, or have links to, terrorist activity. The amending act commenced operation on 26 February 2018.

The presumption against bail for terror suspects operates as part of the prescribed applicant scheme inserted into the Bail Act by the amending act. The definition of 'prescribed applicant' includes an applicant who is a terror suspect. In accordance with section 10A of the Bail Act, a prescribed applicant is not to be granted bail unless they can demonstrate that there are special circumstances justifying their release on bail.

If an applicant has no past terrorist offence convictions or charges, but the current bail application follows an arrest for a state terrorist offence that is not dealt with under the commonwealth Crimes Act, they are not a terror suspect pursuant to the Bail Act and will not fall within the prescribed applicant scheme, and the regular presumption in favour of bail being granted will apply to that defendant. This will occur when an applicant has been charged with a state-based terror offence and has no previous convictions, terror offence-related charges or terrorism notification.

The proposed amendments will act to correct the anomaly in the way in which the provisions of the Bail Act apply to persons charged with state-based terrorist offences and include them in the definition of terror suspect such that they will be subject to the presumption against bail.

In the Bail Act, the terms 'firearm' and 'ammunition' are both defined by specifically referencing the definitions used in the Firearms Act 2015. However, the Firearms Act also contains a definition of 'firearm part', which is not picked up in the Bail Act. In the Firearms Act a firearm part means:

a barrel, firing mechanism, magazine, cylinder, hammer, bolt, breech block or slide designed as, or reasonably capable of forming, part of a firearm.

This definition is intended to cover firearm parts that are essential to its function and therefore can present a risk to public safety.

Rather than using the term 'firearm part', the Bail Act uses the terminology 'part of a firearm'. The term used in the Bail Act, 'part of a firearm', is not specifically defined but has been interpreted more widely to include any part of a firearm, including non-operational or cosmetic parts. The difficulty that the South Australia Police have encountered as a result of the use of 'part of a firearm' phrase in the Bail Act relates to the automatic condition of every bail agreement pursuant to section 11 that the applicant is prohibited from possessing 'a firearm, ammunition or any part of a firearm.'

Therefore, a person is required to surrender these items to avoid breaching a condition of their bail. If a person breaches a bail condition, all of their items in their possession falling within the ambit of 'part of a firearm' are liable to be seized by police, who are then required to store the items. This presents a particular difficulty if the person in question is a firearms dealer, as this results in their entire stock having to be seized, including items such as pins and bolts.

Another example of the issues caused by the discrepancy between the Firearms Act and the Bail Act relates to firearms prohibition orders (FPOs), pursuant to section 45(2) of the Firearms Act. Currently, a person who is on bail will be required to surrender all firearms, ammunition and 'any parts of a firearm.' If they were subsequently convicted and an FPO imposed on that person, they would be prohibited from possessing firearms, ammunition and 'firearm parts', requiring police to return to the person all the items seized under the Bail Act that are 'parts of a firearm' but not a 'firearm part'. This causes confusion and additional work for police.

As the non-operational parts of a firearm do not present a public safety risk, there is little reason for them to be seized. Therefore, to address this issue, the bill amends the Bail Act to replace the use of the terminology 'part of a firearm' with 'firearm part', and defines 'firearm part' in the same way as the Firearms Act. This will ensure that the terminology is consistent between both the Bail Act and the Firearms Act. I commend this bill to members in the house and seek the leave of the house to have the explanation of clauses inserted in the Hansard without my reading it.

Leave granted.

Explanation of Clauses

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

2—Commencement

These clause are formal.

Part 2—Amendment of *Bail Act 1985*

3—Amendment of section 3—Interpretation

This clause inserts a definition of *firearm part*.

4—Amendment of section 3B—Terror suspects

This clause amends section 3B to apply to persons charged with a terrorist offence under State law.

5—Amendment of section 11—Conditions of bail

6—Amendment of section 11A—Bail authority may direct person to surrender firearm

These clauses are amended to refer to the new defined term of *firearm part*.

Schedule 1—Transitional provision

1—Transitional provision

The proposed amendments to section 3B of the *Bail Act 1985* would only apply in relation to a person taken into custody on a charge of an offence allegedly committed after the commencement of that provision.

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (16:32): I rise once again to indicate the opposition's support for the bill, as is well known, and I give the minister 10 out of 10 for reading once again, in terms of bringing it to this house, the contribution of the Attorney in another place back in February of this year. I will not stay to repeat that. The speech adequately describes those two parts of the bill. It is an uncontroversial matter. That we are here under the shadow of the sixth guillotine in the course of the day will be a matter to the eternal shame of the member for West Torrens.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Brown): Member for Heysen, I am loath to interrupt you while you are complaining about the guillotine, but can you let us know whether you are the lead speaker for the opposition on this bill?

Mr TEAGUE: I indicate that I am the lead speaker for the opposition and, in doing so, just once again make clear that the opposition's support for this bill is well known. It remains to be seen whether or not the government, in fact, has the courage of its convictions in terms of actually passing the bill today, but I indicate that I will not stay to reiterate those matters that have been the subject of debate in this and another place over the course of the year.

I say again that the member for West Torrens' remarks in relation to the use by government in particular of the guillotine on 24 July 2008 now stand diametrically opposed to the government's hypocritical behaviour, led by the member for West Torrens now in his capacity as Manager of Government Business. There is no articulated purpose, let alone necessity, for accord with any of those sentiments, in terms of opposing the use of a guillotine in ordinary circumstances, that has been indicated by the government.

The fact that it has been necessary for the opposition to indicate its distress at the repeated use of that process alone is a source of reflection, I suggest, for all members of this house. The member for West Torrens, in his remarks in 2008, identified that elements of the quality of the debate included the capacity for all of the 47 members of this place to contribute to debate and that debate was public in the sense that the gallery is open, that the *Hansard* is recording what is said and that there be a great reticence to apply a guillotine, and what we have seen today is directly to the opposite.

It stands particularly to the shame of that particular member. It is yet another stain on the government's reputation, a government that from very early days indicated that it would avoid transparency where it could. Now it adds to that the desire to impose itself belligerently on this

parliament, and to do so not once but six times and counting in the course of just one day. With those remarks, again indicating my appreciation for the Attorney in another place and his staff and advisers in terms of the work they have done in relation to the bill and the provision of a briefing to me for the purposes of the opposition's consideration, I commend the bill to the house.

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (16:37): I again note the member's contribution and, again, support for this bill, and others that have been passed today.

Bill read a second time.

Third Reading

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (16:38): I move:

That this bill be now read third time.

Bill read a third time and passed.

EVIDENCE (ABORIGINAL TRADITIONAL LAWS AND CUSTOMS) AMENDMENT BILL

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 1 June 2023.)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS: I move:

That the time allotted for all remaining stages of the bill be one hour.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes21
Noes.....13
Majority8

AYES

Andrews, S.E.	Bettison, Z.L.	Brown, M.E.
Champion, N.D.	Clancy, N.P.	Close, S.E.
Cook, N.F.	Fulbrook, J.P.	Hildyard, K.A.
Hood, L.P.	Hughes, E.J.	Hutchesson, C.L.
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Pearce, R.K.	Picton, C.J.	Savvas, O.M.
Szakacs, J.K.	Thompson, E.L.	Wortley, D.J.

NOES

Basham, D.K.B.	Batty, J.A.	Brock, G.G.
Cowdrey, M.J.	Cregan, D.R.	Ellis, F.J.
McBride, P.N.	Patterson, S.J.R.	Pederick, A.S.
Pisoni, D.G.	Teague, J.B. (teller)	Telfer, S.J.
Whetstone, T.J.		

PAIRS

Boyer, B.I.	Gardner, J.A.W.	Malinauskas, P.B.
Hurn, A.M.	Mullighan, S.C.	Tarzia, V.A.
Stinson, J.M.	Speirs, D.J.	

Motion thus carried.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (16:44): I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

In 1986, the Australian Law Reform Commission released Report 31, Recognition of Aboriginal Customary Laws, which made recommendations about recognition of Aboriginal customary laws, about a wide range of issues, including marriage, property, criminal law and traditional hunting, fishing and gathering rights.

The report also considered the ways the laws of evidence and procedure adversely affected the proof of Aboriginal customary law. It observed that the rules of evidence gave rise to two main difficulties in this area: the distinction between the ability to give evidence about matters of fact and opinion, the opinion rule, and the requirement for the firsthand evidence based on personal knowledge, the hearsay rule.

The Australian Law Reform Commission reconsidered this aspect of the Recognition of Aboriginal Customary Laws report nearly 20 years later during its examination of the operation of the commonwealth Evidence Act. This examination was undertaken in conjunction with the New South Wales Law Reform Commission and the Victorian Law Reform Commission.

Australian Law Reform Commission Report 102 on Uniform Evidence Law was published in February 2006. It noted the central problem in this area was the discord between the rationale underpinning the hearsay and opinion rules in the common law system and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander oral tradition of knowledge and observed that while law in Australia had been moving towards greater acceptance of oral evidence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditional laws and customs, the laws of evidence continued to present undesirable barriers to the admission and use of evidence of traditional laws and customs.

Australian Law Reform Commission Report 102 made several recommendations for reform of the uniform Evidence Acts in operation in other jurisdictions, including specific recommendations on the uniform Evidence Acts that they be amended to provide an exception to the hearsay rule of evidence relevant to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander traditional laws and customs and an exception to the opinion evidence rule for evidence of an opinion expressed by a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander group about the existence or non-existence or content of the traditional laws and customs of the group.

The commonwealth Evidence Amendment Act 2008 substantially implemented the recommendations of the ALRC Report 102, including these two recommendations, which found expression in sections 72 and 78A of the commonwealth Evidence Act, which commenced on 1 January 2009. These provisions now operate in all the uniform Evidence Act jurisdictions: the commonwealth, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, the ACT and the Northern Territory.

However, as a non-uniform Evidence Act jurisdiction, these provisions were not adopted in South Australia. In July 2022, the Law Society of South Australia wrote to the Attorney-General to ask him to consider amending the South Australian Evidence Act 1929 to enact provisions in similar terms to sections 72 and 78A of the commonwealth Evidence Act. The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement also raised this issue with him.

Having considered their request, the work of the Australian Law Reform Commission to which I have already referred and the South Australian law, it is clear that it is time for South Australia to amend the Evidence Act 1929 to create a statutory exception to the hearsay and opinion rules of evidence to allow evidence of Aboriginal traditional laws and customs to be given by Aboriginal people.

As has already been recognised in the uniform Evidence Act jurisdictions, it is not appropriate for the laws of this state to continue to treat evidence given by an Aboriginal person of Aboriginal traditional laws and customs as being prima facie inadmissible because it is based on what they have been orally told by older generations, when this is the very form by which traditional law and custom is maintained.

Similarly, restricting Aboriginal people from being able to give opinion evidence about the laws and customs of an Aboriginal group, unless they can satisfy the requirement of being an expert by establishing that they have specialised knowledge based on training, study or experience, is not appropriate. The bill addresses these concerns.

As a non-uniform Evidence Act jurisdiction, the drafting of the exceptions does not precisely mirror the provisions of the uniform Evidence Acts. The South Australian Evidence Act differs in structure, style and language to the uniform Evidence Acts. Accordingly, the bill has been drafted in a manner that is appropriately adapted to the South Australian context. However, it still clearly provides that, if an Aboriginal person gives evidence relating to the existence or non-existence or the content of traditional laws and customs of an Aboriginal group, evidence that would ordinarily be inadmissible under either the common law hearsay rule or the common law opinion rule will be admissible.

It is important to remind members that admissibility is not the same as proof; that is, evidence given under the new exceptions will continue to be weighted by the court in the usual way. For example, the evidence may still be tested by the opposing party via cross-examination or repudiated by calling alternative evidence. The court will still need to consider issues of reliability and veracity. This means that the ordinary adversarial processes and safeguards continue to apply, notwithstanding the removal of the barrier to admissibility. This ensures that the process remains fair for all parties to the litigation.

In addition to the two exceptions, the bill provides for the court to make orders relating to the reception and protection of evidence about Aboriginal traditional laws and customs in a culturally sensitive manner. This is not something that has been included in the uniform Evidence Acts, but is something that has received support during consultation on the bill.

The bill includes a broad discretion for courts to make orders or other arrangements about how it may receive or deal with evidence relating to Aboriginal traditional laws and customs. This might include orders to facilitate the reception of the evidence in a culturally appropriate manner, such as permitting more than one person to give evidence at the same time, providing for evidence to be given by song and dance, or restricting who is permitted to be in the courtroom at the time the evidence is given, such as only permitting people of a particular gender to be present. It also provides for the court to make orders to protect the evidence given, if necessary, for example by restricting access to and publication of it.

Although it may be argued that the existing suite of powers available to the court already permits it to make such orders, the bill makes this clear. It also ensures that the court and parties to litigation give due weight and consideration to issues of cultural sensitivity about evidence of Aboriginal traditional laws and customs under the new exceptions.

Aboriginal people are best placed to give evidence about their culture, the oldest living culture on earth. This bill recognises that truth. I commend the bill to the chamber and seek leave to insert the explanation of clauses without my reading it.

Leave granted.

Explanation of Clauses

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

2—Commencement

These clauses are formal.

Part 2—Amendment of *Evidence Act 1929*

3—Insertion of Part 3 Division 5

This clause inserts a new Division into Part 3 as follows:

Division 5—Evidence relating to Aboriginal traditional laws and customs

34ZA—Evidence relating to Aboriginal traditional laws and customs

The proposed section sets out a number of provisions that will apply when an Aboriginal person gives evidence relating to the existence, or non-existence, or the content, of traditional laws and customs of an Aboriginal group, namely, that:

- evidence that would otherwise be inadmissible under the hearsay rule at common law is admissible as evidence of the fact stated;
- evidence that would otherwise be inadmissible under the opinion rule at common law is admissible to prove the existence of the fact about the existence of which the opinion was expressed;
- the court may make orders or other arrangements that the court thinks fit (including, but not limited to, making orders or arrangements relating to the giving, receiving or publication of evidence) having regard to Aboriginal traditional law and custom, but not so as to prejudice unduly any other party to the relevant proceedings.

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (16:52): I note the restatement just now by the Deputy Premier of the contribution of the Attorney in another place. I indicate that I am the lead speaker for the opposition, and I indicate that the opposition has a rolled-up amendment to move in committee. The government has indicated that it is not, at least as presently advised, supporting that amendment, but I will just speak to what is going on in the bill and by comparison to the uniform Evidence Act.

It is right for a start to reflect on the Australian Law Reform Commission that has preceded this and time flies in a way, but I just make particular reference to the contribution of the then Attorney-General, Robert McClelland, in his contribution to the debate in the federal parliament on 28 May 2008, setting out the work that had led to wideranging reforms to the Evidence Act 1995, the commonwealth act, and including among them changes to the opinion and hearsay rules that were the subject of the uniform Evidence Act.

I just note, in particular, in terms of the Attorney-General's contribution in 2008, the following, in so far as it relates to the subject matter here:

The bill also provides new exceptions to the hearsay and opinion rules for evidence/opinion given by a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander group about the existence or non-existence, or the content, of the traditional laws and customs of the group.

He goes on:

The oral tradition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditional laws and customs does not fit well with the existing hearsay and opinion rules. Yet evidence of these matters is relevant in a variety of ways such as native title, family law, criminal law defences and sentencing. These amendments will make that evidence easier to provide and more appropriately reflects how knowledge of traditional laws and customs is recorded.

Then we see expressed in the Evidence Act the exceptions to hearsay and the opinion rule, as it is described in the uniform Evidence Act. I will deal firstly with the hearsay point. The uniform Evidence Act provides at section 72 that, under the heading—Exception: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditional laws and customs, the hearsay rule does not apply to evidence of a representation about the existence or non-existence or the content of the traditional laws and customs of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander group. That is the provision. Pause there.

I indicate that the uniform Evidence Act does not limit the source of that evidence to being an Aboriginal person but rather is applying itself to a representation coming from wherever it might come about the existence or non-existence or the content of traditional laws and customs in an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander group.

I hear the Deputy Premier in terms of the overall view that such evidence is best coming from Aboriginal persons. There are examples that might be cited that give way to the application of the uniform Evidence Act in that universal way, not limiting it to being evidence given by an Aboriginal person about the existence of those things. It might be that there is somebody who is not Aboriginal but they have lived in community and on lands and they happen to be the only source of that oral evidence. It might be argued that such a person might qualify as an expert in the ordinary way.

But that would not always be the case. They might be a mechanic or a teacher and they might have heard matters that are no longer available to be given in evidence by an Aboriginal person and so the provision in the uniform Evidence Act has work to do in terms of not limiting the source of that evidence to being an Aboriginal person. That is section 72 of the uniform Evidence Act and it finds expression in the third part of the amendment that is on the file.

The bill that we have before us—and peppered through the debate, including in the other place, have been references to the fact that of course South Australia is not a uniform Evidence Act jurisdiction. We have the common law and we are different and so on. That does not mean that logic does not apply or the force of the effect of provisions does not apply. There is no reason, in my view, why the amendment for the purposes of the South Australian act cannot be or should not be in terms that permit of that evidence being admitted and enjoying exemption from the hearsay rule that would otherwise apply. To the extent that there is an explanation, I have not heard it.

The second point is of perhaps even more immediate and relevant concern in terms of the practical effect and is more directly responsive to the point that the Deputy Premier makes about Aboriginal people being the best source of opinion evidence in relation to the existence and customs of an Aboriginal group.

The uniform Evidence Act, as a result of those amendments that Robert McClelland outlined and that were so celebrated universally in the federal parliament at that time—it is a single word but it makes all the difference—provides in section 78A, and I will cite the provision as a whole for an exception to the opinion rule:

78A Exception: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditional laws and customs

The opinion rule does not apply to evidence of an opinion expressed by a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander group about the existence or non-existence, or the content, of the traditional laws and customs of the group.

That is, the uniform Evidence Act requires that in order to enjoy the exception, the relevant evidence about the existence of the group, and the content of the traditional laws and customs of the group, needs to be about the group of which the Aboriginal person is a member.

In contrast, the bill that is before us, the relevant provision, rather than using the definite article deliberately uses the indefinite article, with the effect that the evidence that will be deemed admissible will be in line with the uniform Evidence Act provision in every other way, except in the use of the definite article, with the result that the Aboriginal person is the one eligible to give the evidence and that person, in line with the provision, will be able to give evidence about each of those matters in the same form, I think—I think it is described in the same way—relating to the existence or non-existence, or the content, of traditional laws and customs of an Aboriginal group.

So you are very clearly contemplating—and I have tested this with the Attorney and the Attorney's staff, and so it is not inadvertent—the circumstances in which an Aboriginal person gives evidence about all of those matters in relation to any Aboriginal group.

It might be straightforward to say in response, 'Alright, if an Aboriginal person is wanting to give evidence of that kind about a group about which they do not know anything of any particular usefulness to the court, then the court will accord little if any weight to that evidence.' But it is not a good answer in principle to have a situation in which the court is required by statute to admit evidence which is, in those circumstances, quite considerably removed from the core purpose of the uniform Evidence Act amendment.

I go back to those remarks of the Attorney-General in 2008, Robert McClelland, where clearly in the second reading speech he observes, as the uniform Evidence Act then subsequently provides, that the exception to the hearsay and opinion rules for evidence given by a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander group about the existence or non-existence, or the content, of the traditional laws and customs is applicable to the group.

I hope that is not too terribly repetitive for the house. I am satisfied that that is a conscious matter of drafting. I am not persuaded that that is somehow the necessary result of South Australia being a blend of common law and statute in terms of its evidence rules. In fact, I am pretty confident it is not, and there is no reason why the provision cannot be couched in terms that are consistent with the uniform Evidence Act. In both respects, I highlight in particular the point about the evidence that is provided by an Aboriginal person about the group.

Perhaps for completeness, it might rise as high as to say that there is a principle that the evidence is best coming from an Aboriginal person. There may be no member of an immediately neighbouring group, and so the provision is therefore to achieve both the purpose of limiting the

source of the evidence to an Aboriginal person and, really, for practical purposes, to apply to the existence of some closely connected group, either geographically or some other way that I cannot think of, and so therefore it is leaving all options open. But that is not what the uniform Evidence Act provides, and there is no need for the departure, in my view.

So I just unpack those particular elements and indicate that the amendments to address those matters are filed. There will be an opportunity for the government to put on the record reasons for opposition to that in the course of the committee.

Bill read a second time.

Committee Stage

In committee.

Clauses 1 and 2 passed.

Clause 3.

Mr TEAGUE: I move:

Amendment No 1 [Teague-1]—

Page 2, line 13 to page 3, line 6 [Clause 3, inserted section 34ZA]—Delete the section and substitute:

34ZA—Evidence relating to Aboriginal traditional laws and customs

- (1) This section applies to evidence given relating to the existence, or non-existence, or the content, of the traditional laws and customs of an Aboriginal group.
- (2) If a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander group gives evidence of a kind to which this section applies in respect of the group—
 - (a) any evidence that would otherwise be inadmissible under the hearsay rule at common law is admissible as evidence of the fact stated; and
 - (b) any opinion evidence that would otherwise be inadmissible under the opinion rule at common law is admissible to prove the existence of the fact about the existence of which the opinion was expressed.
- (3) If any person gives evidence of a kind to which this section applies, any evidence that would otherwise be inadmissible under the hearsay rule at common law is admissible as evidence of the fact stated.

I want to recognise in particular the contribution of the Law Society in respect of consideration of both the process of reform more broadly and the particular provision and a suggested amendment. The Law Society has drawn attention—in particular by the letter of its then president, James Marsh, to the Attorney-General dated 15 February 2023—to the divergence from the commonwealth provisions.

I note also in this regard the debate that occurred in the Legislative Council; I note for the committee's record that that took place a bit over a year ago, in May and June of last year. The upshot of that, insofar as it related to the amendment and the drawing of attention to the divergence from the commonwealth provision, was a welcome indication from the Attorney-General to take up the matter with me between the houses. I think I have adverted, in the course of the second reading contribution, to an appreciation of the capacity to communicate these matters to the Attorney and his office, and I am satisfied that, as I say, the changes that are the subject of the existing clause 3 are not inadvertent. That work has been done.

The amendment in the form that I have moved it will achieve two things that are then applying South Australian law consistently with the uniform Evidence Act. Apart from the point about consistency with the uniform Evidence Act—that has been touted as one of the reasons to advance the legislation here, so I claim a minor tick for that—the reasons for moving this way would apply regardless of the attraction of them being consistent with the uniform Evidence Act, insofar as we are applying particular exceptions so as to ensure that the court has the benefit of relevant evidence.

In one respect, the amendment is providing for the possibility of a non-Aboriginal person to give evidence in certain circumstances, avoiding the hearsay rule. Secondly, and perhaps with all the more force in line with the way that the government has couched the objective, it would ensure

that the evidence of an Aboriginal person about the existence of a group and the customs and other relevant matters applicable to the group were in fact about that person's own group. That is really revolving around the deliberate substitution of the definite article for the indefinite article.

It is an amendment, therefore, that in my view is good according to principle but also has the attraction of being in line with those much-vaunted reforms that were applied by the federal parliament 16 or so years ago.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: This amendment proposes to repeal the entirety of proposed section 34ZA and substitute a different version. The government opposes the amendment and I will explain why.

There are two main differences in the version proposed by the opposition. The opposition's version makes specific provision to allow non-Aboriginal people to give evidence about the existence or non-existence, or content, of traditional laws and customs of an Aboriginal group and for that evidence to be admitted as evidence of the facts stated, notwithstanding that the evidence they propose to give is hearsay in nature. Secondly, it removes proposed section 34ZA(c), which makes specific provision for the court to make orders or arrangements about the giving, receiving or publication of evidence, having regard to Aboriginal traditional laws and customs.

As to the first point, the hearsay rule is based on the inherent unreliability of hearsay evidence as a class. That is why, as a general principle at law, hearsay evidence is inadmissible. The exception to this principle proposed by the government abrogates the general prohibition only to the extent necessary, recognising that Aboriginal people may be able to more reliably give evidence about traditional laws and customs, including those made known to them via oral tradition than the general population at large. We consider the government's bill has the balance right.

As to the second point, I repeat what was stated in the second reading speech, that is, that although it could be argued the existing suite of powers available to the court already permit it to make such orders, the bill puts this beyond doubt. Not only that, it serves the purpose of ensuring the court and the parties to litigation give due weight and consideration to issues of cultural sensitivity when considering issues of reception of evidence of Aboriginal traditional laws and customs.

The rationale of the opposition in opposing the provision that would ensure that the court can make orders to facilitate the reception of evidence in a culturally appropriate manner and to make orders for the protection of such evidence if necessary is unclear. Inclusion of a provision to achieve this was requested and supported by several stakeholders during consultation on the proposal. It was not opposed by anyone. For these reasons the government opposes the amendment.

Mr TEAGUE: I thank the Deputy Premier for that contribution. It did not address at all the question of the use of the definite article as opposed to the indefinite article—we will call it the definite article point. It is really about the evidence of an Aboriginal person about the existence of a group of which that Aboriginal person is a member. I do not know if the Deputy Premier wishes to address that or has overlooked it. That is really at the nub of what is being proposed

The subsection (c) point is really a red herring to a large extent; the court has powers to do that. But to the extent that that is a source of controversy, then there is no issue from the opposition about (c), and we can certainly work on it. So subsection (c) is not an issue. Indeed, it is such a red herring I did not even address it. I think the court has that capacity anyway.

The point about the possibility for a non-Aboriginal person to give evidence—alright, there can be a range of views about that: the necessity or the rarity of such circumstances should they arise. I can think of practical examples of where someone might not qualify as an expert, but that might be the only source of the hearsay evidence and therefore there is work for the uniform Evidence Act to do in that regard.

But really, the key point—if we are to focus on providing a means by which Aboriginal people can avoid the opinion evidence rule by giving evidence about their own group, then you can go to McClelland and the second reading speech, you can go to the uniform Evidence Act, and I do not see anywhere else suggested, in terms of statute, circumstances in which there is a generalised exception for the giving of ostensibly expert evidence about the existence of an Aboriginal group, and of that group's laws and customs, to any Aboriginal person about any Aboriginal group. It might

be reasonably said that this is likely to be not a practical problem, it won't arise very often, and so on.

There is also the neighbour point that might be raised—well, there is the only source of the evidence. But there is a serious concern that much as experts to give evidence to courts on a whole variety of topics will make themselves available nationally, experts who are sought in injury matters or in construction matters or a range of different circumstances in which expert evidence is required by the court, acquire national reputations for expertise and they will be found giving evidence in a whole variety of jurisdictions around the country, the same could certainly occur as a result of this provision.

It is not that I am raising some sort of generalised risk or fear and it is not a matter of respect or otherwise for the integrity of Aboriginal groups, but we are talking about an exception to the opinion evidence rule that is addressed by the commonwealth Attorney-General and by the uniform Evidence Act in terms of the use of the definite article I suggest for an important reason.

Yes, the integrity of Aboriginal people, oral evidence history and then application to the group of which the giver of the evidence is a member are all important principles. As I say, I open that further contribution by indicating that I do not think the Deputy Premier addressed that point at all, and to the extent that the two issues that the Deputy Premier did address our problem is the government, well, I can stand here and jettison them if that would help and maintain the point about the use of the definite article so as to do justice, for want of a better word, to the integrity of the evidence that might be given in line with section 78A, and that is applicable to the group of which the person giving the evidence is a member.

Progress reported; committee to sit again.

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (DESIGNATED LIVE MUSIC VENUES AND PROTECTION OF CROWN AND ANCHOR HOTEL) AMENDMENT BILL

Final Stages

The Legislative Council agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the following schedule, to which amendments the Legislative Council desires the concurrence of the House of Assembly:

No. 1. Clause 4, page 4, line 18 [clause 4, inserted section 135A(5)]—Delete 'The' and substitute 'Subject to subsection (5a), the'

No. 2. Clause 4, page 4, after line 25 [clause 4, inserted section 135A]—After subsection (5) insert:

- (5a) The following provisions of the *Heritage Places Act 1993* apply in relation to the Crown and Anchor Hotel building as if that building were a State Heritage Place:
- (a) section 36;
 - (b) section 38A;
 - (c) section 39A;
 - (d) section 39B.

Consideration in committee.

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: I move:

That the Legislative Council's amendments be agreed to.

The CHAIR: Mr Teague, you wish to speak to the amendments?

Mr TEAGUE: Yes, just insofar as to invite the minister to place on the record some indication of what the amendments are achieving and their source and so on, for the purposes of the record, if nothing else.

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION: I am happy to put those matters on record for the house. These amendments just seek to incorporate sections 36, 38A, 39A and 39B from the Heritage Places Act into this bill. Most of those, or nearly all of those, relate to demolition by neglect. We do not think that

will be an issue for the Cranker hotel, but as far as these amendments strengthen the bill we are happy to accept them.

The CHAIR: The question before the Chair is that the amendments be agreed to.

Motion carried.

EVIDENCE (ABORIGINAL TRADITIONAL LAWS AND CUSTOMS) AMENDMENT BILL

Committee Stage

In committee (resumed on motion).

Clause 3.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I am responding to the question and comment that were made before. The government's position in opposing this amendment remains steadfast. The member is interested in why we would oppose a change that restricts Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people to be only from the particular group that would be the subject of whatever is being considered by the court, and why it is an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person from 'a group' rather than from 'the group'.

The argument really is over why one would restrict, unnecessarily, a court from hearing from an Aboriginal person who may have evidence of traditional law or custom that is of relevance and worthy of being heard by the court. It is only the first test of admissibility that is being offered through our bill. The relevance and usefulness of the evidence would then be weighed by the court.

To unnecessarily restrict by saying that a person from one group would be incapable of offering evidence that would be of use to understanding the impact on another—maybe because of interactions that the two cultures had, or the cultural knowledge of that group that might have bearing on understanding the experience of the other, is something that one could imagine could be the case and that a court would be very adept in the specific to know whether that was of relevance.

It is unlikely that someone from the Torres Strait Islander group would come down to try to give evidence on something that occurred for Kurna people, and it is unlikely, if they did, that that would be something the court would find useful. It is very likely that people from different groups who have had long, intertwined histories would have things of relevance to say. Therefore, we see it as an unnecessary step to unduly restrict who is able to benefit from being able to speak as an Aboriginal person about traditional laws and customs.

Mr TEAGUE: I am grateful to the Deputy Premier for putting those matters on the record. It makes it clear that that is the government's view on the matter. I would just indicate again that that is a novel approach. It is an unusual approach by reference to the uniform Evidence Acts. I guess we will see whether the particular proposition that the Deputy Premier makes in relation to someone coming down from the Torres Strait Islands to give evidence about traditional laws and customs of the Kurna people occurs. It highlights an example of where there is a significant distance involved, but that is the very possibility.

I have identified, by analogy, the common practice of experts in Australia, and even worldwide, who will develop a specialised practice in giving opinion evidence in a subject area of expertise. It is obviously the case that there will not be a geographical relevance in the same way—perhaps in a variety of different areas, personal injury being one example.

It ought to be borne very clearly in mind that the uniform Evidence Act that applies in a range of jurisdictions in Australia, including the commonwealth, is quite distinctly clear about this matter and so in terms of the Deputy Premier couching this in terms of the government not wanting to restrict or not wanting to limit or not wanting to avoid the possibility of there being some evidence given in circumstances where there has been interaction or something of that nature, let there be no doubt that the provision is contemplating evidence of the existence or non-existence, or the content, of traditional laws and customs of any Aboriginal group by an Aboriginal person. It is unusual and it is contrary to the uniform Evidence Act.

Again, I do not think endless worked examples necessarily assist. The point is well made. We are talking about evidence in a court that is in circumstances where by definition there is highly

likely to be some conflict, some disputation around what is in fact the case. Yes, there may be circumstances where it is just a question of the adequacy of unchallenged evidence, but in circumstances where there are opposing sides and there is a motivating purpose to call admissible evidence, then this provision will, and quite deliberately so, provide for such evidence in what can be a really wideranging and open-ended way.

I draw particular attention to its divergence from the uniform Evidence Act. It appears that the government is both cognisant of that and deliberate in that course. The outcome in practice will further inform where we go from here. It may be that it rises to no particular height in practice. It may be that it is the source of a particular problem that will need to be revisited in terms of future reform.

Amendment negatived; clause passed.

Title passed.

Bill reported without amendment.

Third Reading

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (17:33): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

I thank all the participants.

Bill read a third time and passed.

STATUTES AMENDMENT (IDENTITY THEFT) BILL

Second Reading

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Defence and Space Industries, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (17:34): I move:

That the time allotted for all remaining stages of the bill be one hour.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes23
 Noes.....11
 Majority12

AYES

Andrews, S.E.	Bettison, Z.L.	Brown, M.E.
Champion, N.D.	Clancy, N.P.	Close, S.E.
Cook, N.F.	Fulbrook, J.P.	Hildyard, K.A.
Hood, L.P.	Hughes, E.J.	Hutchesson, C.L.
Koutsantonis, A.	Michaels, A.	Odenwalder, L.K. (teller)
O'Hanlon, C.C.	Pearce, R.K.	Piccolo, A.
Picton, C.J.	Savvas, O.M.	Szakacs, J.K.
Thompson, E.L.	Wortley, D.J.	

NOES

Basham, D.K.B.	Batty, J.A.	Brock, G.G.
Cowdrey, M.J.	McBride, P.N.	Pederick, A.S.
Pratt, P.K.	Tarzia, V.A.	Teague, J.B. (teller)
Telfer, S.J.	Whetstone, T.J.	

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Boyer, B.I.

Hurn, A.M.
Stinson, J.M.
Gardner, J.A.W.

Mullighan, S.C.
Pisoni, D.G.

Motion thus carried.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

In doing so, I acknowledge, as did the Attorney-General in the other place, that a version of this bill was introduced by the former government in 2021 and I acknowledge the work of the former Attorney-General in the development of the earlier bill.

This bill updates the laws that apply to identity theft by making amendments to the Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935, the Criminal Procedure Act 1921, the Sentencing Act 2017 and the Youth Court Act 1993. South Australia was the first jurisdiction to introduce identity theft provisions back in 2003. Since that time, the world we live in has changed almost beyond recognition in terms of technological advancements and the role that the internet plays in all our lives. The first iPhone was announced by Apple in 2007 and the first Android smartphone in 2008. Online shopping is now a way of life and the use of smartphones and tablets in our everyday lives is ubiquitous.

Unfortunately, as technology has improved, the criminals have also taken advantage of it. We have all seen the recent large-scale cyber attacks where millions of Australians have had their data stolen and put up for sale on the dark web for the use of other criminals who then use it to commit identity theft and other crimes.

Amendments are needed to our criminal laws to ensure that the laws keep pace with society and enable our law enforcement agencies to effectively respond to identity theft crimes. This bill updates the provisions in part 5A of the Criminal Law Consolidation Act to make it easier to prosecute identity theft and increases penalties associated with the crime. Changes will also support victims by making it easier to quickly obtain verification from a court that they have been a victim of identity theft which will assist victims to restore their creditworthiness.

The bill inserts a new offence into the Criminal Law Consolidation Act for possessing or using another person's identification information without reasonable excuse. The new offence in section 144DA places the onus of proof on the defendant to show that they have a reasonable excuse for possessing another person's personal identification information (PII). This offence is a summary level offence carrying a maximum penalty of two years' imprisonment. The reverse onus nature of this offence aims to address the fact that identity theft offences are becoming increasingly prevalent, are generally committed remotely from the victim, leave little physical evidence and are far harder to track than other property theft offences.

Varying the burden of proof in this way recognises that the reasonable excuse for possessing another person's identity information relates to facts which, if they exist, are readily provable by the accused as matters within his or her own knowledge or to which they have ready access. The new offence is limited to the possession of the personal identification information of natural persons rather than bodies corporate. The new offence does not include the possession of public identification information. This is defined to include name, address or other contact details, date or place of birth, marital status and relatives. These details are readily available publicly and possession of them does not constitute an offence.

When the bill was considered by parliament in 2021, the Attorney-General—at the time Leader of the Opposition in the other place—supported amendments aimed at removing the reverse onus of proof provisions in this clause. Upon coming to government, I am advised that the Attorney-General consulted with the police commissioner on this question and whether the bill could be effective without the reverse onus. The commissioner's response noted his support for the inclusion of the reverse onus for this offence. He noted that it was not uncommon in legislation and is utilised

in a number of offence settings, including the summary offences of unlawful possession and carrying an offensive weapon.

Given the feedback from the commissioner, the government has formed the view that this element of the bill should be maintained. However, an additional exemption has been added to the bill beyond what was included in the previous government's bill.

There are a number of exemptions to the reverse onus aspect of the offence, including for use in the ordinary course of a lawful occupation or activity, where the defendant is a close relative of the victim, where the defendant holds a power of attorney for the victim, where the defendant is a guardian or administrator for the victim, or where the PII consisted of a single set of PII that was readily publicly available. Where the defendant falls into one of the abovementioned categories, the onus is then on the prosecution to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the defendant had possession of the relevant material without reasonable excuse.

The existing identity theft offences are very narrow. Currently, sections 144B and 144C require the prosecution to prove that the assumption of a false identity or the misuse of personal identification information was done with the intent to commit a serious criminal offence. A serious criminal offence is defined in section 144A as an indictable offence or one prescribed by regulation. This requirement has meant the threshold for prosecution has been unreasonably high and failed to capture many modern identity theft schemes. For instance, card-not-present fraud, skimming, payWave and other high-volume and low-value offences are not usually captured.

It is proposed within the bill to remove the requirement for intent to commit a serious criminal offence and simply refer to 'a criminal offence.' With this amendment, police will be able to target a wider spectrum of offending. The bill also increases the penalty for the existing offence of producing or possessing prohibited material in section 144D from three years to five years' imprisonment to provide a greater deterrent for this type of offence.

Finally, the bill modifies the existing provisions regarding the issuing of identity theft certificates. An identity theft certificate is a document which can be provided by a court to verify that the victim is a victim of identity theft. Victims then use the certificate to provide to relevant authorities that their identity has been compromised.

Under the current framework, many victims are not able to obtain an identity theft certificate. Currently, section 125 of the Sentencing Act requires, first, the conviction of the offender, and, second, an application by the victim to the court that arrived at the finding of guilt for a certificate to be issued. This process presents difficulties for victims. Many perpetrators are never found or charged as it is common for them to be located outside Australia and, even if the perpetrator is found and charged, it can take years for prosecutions to be completed. There is also a low rate of successful prosecution.

In the meantime, victims can spend significant amounts of time and effort convincing government departments, agencies, utilities, and credit-reporting agencies that their identities have been compromised before it is possible for them to obtain credit or services. In cases where there is a prosecution, the long wait for a court outcome exacerbates the final detriment and emotional stress experienced by victims.

The bill inserts a new section 84 in the Criminal Procedure Act 1921, enabling the Magistrates Court or, in the case of minors, the Youth Court, to issue a certificate to a victim of identity theft where the court is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that they are the victim of identity theft. As the ability to obtain a certificate is no longer contingent on a conviction of the perpetrator, the certificate provision has been removed from the Sentencing Act to the Criminal Procedure Act. The bill also makes consequential amendments to the Youth Court Act to allow the Youth Court to also issue identity theft certificates where the victim is a minor.

Finally, I note that the former Liberal government's bill included further provisions which rolled back the current exclusion of persons under 18 from the identity theft provisions in the Criminal Law Consolidation Act. Labor in opposition opposed these provisions at the time and we have removed them from the bill I introduced today.

The reintroduced bill presents a timely and sensible modernisation of the criminal law of identity theft aimed at giving the police the tools that they need to successfully investigate and prosecute these offences. I commend the bill to the chamber and seek leave to insert the explanation of clauses in *Hansard* without my reading it.

Leave granted.

Explanation of Clauses

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

2—Commencement

These clauses are formal.

Part 2—Amendment of *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*

3—Amendment of section 144A—Interpretation

This clause inserts, amends and deletes definitions for the purposes of the measure.

4—Amendment of section 144B—False identity etc

This clause amends section 144B(3) so that it will be an offence to make a false pretence to which the section applies intending, by doing so, to commit, or facilitate the commission of, any criminal offence (where now the section refers to a serious criminal offence).

5—Amendment of section 144C—Misuse of personal identification information

This clause amends section 144C(1) so that it will be an offence to make use of another person's personal identification information intending, by doing so, to commit, or facilitate the commission of, any criminal offence (where now the section refers to a serious criminal offence).

6—Amendment of section 144D—Prohibited material

This clause increases the penalty for an offence against the section from 3 years to 5 years imprisonment.

7—Insertion of section 144DA

This clause inserts a new provision as follows:

144DA—Possession of personal identification information

This provision makes it an offence to have possession of personal identification information of another person without reasonable excuse. Subsection (2) specifies circumstances in which the offence will not apply and subsection (3) specifies circumstances in which the prosecution will be required to prove that the defendant had possession of the relevant material without reasonable excuse (rather than the burden of establishing reasonable excuse resting with the defendant as is normally the case pursuant to section 5B of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935*).

Part 3—Amendment of *Criminal Procedure Act 1921*

8—Insertion of Part 4 Division 6

This clause inserts a new Division as follows:

Division 6—Identity theft certificates

84—Certificate for identity theft victims

The Magistrates Court may, on application by a person, issue them with a certificate under the proposed provision if satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that the person is an identity theft victim.

Part 4—Amendment of *Sentencing Act 2017*

9—Amendment of section 125—Certificate for identity theft victims

This is consequential to clause 8.

Part 5—Amendment of *Youth Court Act 1993*

10—Amendment of section 7—Jurisdiction

This amendment gives the Youth Court the same jurisdiction as the Magistrates Court to issue an identity theft certificate under Part 4 Division 6 of the *Criminal Procedure Act 1921* if the applicant for the certificate is a child or youth.

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (17:48): I rise to indicate what is well known, that the opposition supports the bill. I am the lead speaker and, unsurprisingly, the opposition supports the bill as it is a Marshall Liberal government bill in most respects. It was introduced in the present parliament by the Attorney in another place not quite a year ago—in fact, a few months longer than a year ago, on 15 June 2023.

Other than it being a complete mystery as to why it has taken this long for the bill to be progressed in this place, I would just confine my remarks to making the further observation that, when the other place considered this bill in the last parliament back in 2021, the Labor opposition supported amendments that were aimed at removing some of the reverse onus of proof provisions. Since coming to government and having the benefit of receipt of advice from the commissioner that the reverse onus of proof is not all that uncommon in legislation of this kind, utilised in a number of offence settings, including summary offences of unlawful possession and carrying an offensive weapon, Labor in government has changed its position and now proposes those provisions—the benefits of advice in government.

With those short further contributions, I again thank the Attorney for bringing this bill back to the house of the current parliament and for the assistance of the Attorney's office and advisers in the course of navigating the progress of the debate. I commend the bill to the house.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (17:51): I commend the bill to the house.

Bill read a second time.

Third Reading

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (17:51): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time and passed.

SPENT CONVICTIONS (PART 8A FINDINGS) AMENDMENT BILL

Second Reading

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (17:52): I move:

That the time allotted for all stages of the bill be 60 minutes.

Motion carried.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

This bill amends the Spent Convictions Act 2009 to bring findings made under part 8A of the Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935 within the spent convictions regime. Part 8A of CLCA sets out the process and outcomes that apply when a person is facing criminal charges but there is a question about whether they were mentally competent to commit the offence or mentally unfit to stand trial. The Spent Convictions Act sets out a regime providing for eligible convictions to be spent after a designated period of crime-free behaviour. In general, a spent conviction is not required or permitted to be disclosed to, and may not be considered by, employers or prospective employers.

A finding of not guilty by reason of mental incompetence or unfitness to stand trial under part 8A of the CLCA is not treated as a conviction for the purposes of the Spent Convictions Act. However, as part of the information release process for criminal history checks, part 8A findings are included along with convictions. This creates a situation where a person who is found not guilty of an offence by reason of mental incompetence or due to mental unfitness can never apply to have that finding removed from their criminal record in the same way as a person who was instead convicted

of the same offence. This bill addresses this by requiring a part 8A finding to be treated as a conviction for the limited purpose of the Spent Convictions Act only.

It is worth explaining in general terms how part 8A of both the CLCA and the Spent Convictions Act operate at present to put the changes contained in the bill in context. In criminal matters, a court may make a finding of not guilty because of mental incompetence or mental unfitness to stand trial in accordance with part 8A of the CLCA. A part 8A finding will be made when the court is satisfied that the objective elements of the offence are proven but the defendant is either found to have been mentally incompetent to commit the offence or mentally unfit to stand trial.

A person subject to a part 8A finding will be declared to be liable to supervision and may either be released unconditionally or be subject to supervision within the community or via detention. When a person is subject to a supervision, the court must set a limiting term equivalent to the length of imprisonment that would have been imposed if the person had been convicted of the offence. In this way, part 8A of the CLCA ensures that people who are so mentally unwell that they should not be held criminally responsible for their offending behaviour are not convicted, while ensuring community protection is achieved where required.

Turning now to the Spent Convictions Act, convictions for the most serious offences cannot ever become spent. Convictions are only eligible to become spent if:

- a sentence of imprisonment was either not imposed at all or was 12 months or less, or 24 months' detention in the case of a juvenile;
- they relate to a designated sex-related offence—that is, offences involving consensual sexual activity; or
- they relate to a prescribed public decency offence—offences against public decency by which homosexual behaviour was historically punished.

A conviction for an offence other than a sex offence will generally become spent automatically following a crime-free period: 10 years post-conviction for adults or five years post-conviction for eligible juvenile offences. Once a conviction becomes spent, it is not required or permitted to be disclosed to, and may not be considered by, employers or prospective employers. However, the spent convictions regime is complex, containing rules about the treatment of convictions, exclusions to the rules, and exemptions to the exclusions.

Under section 1 of the Spent Convictions Act, several agencies and activities are exempted from the provisions that remove the need to disclose a spent conviction and create offences about disclosure of them. This means that spent convictions information is still required to be provided where the exemptions apply. For example, justice agencies, intelligence agencies, the Parole Board, prescribed screening units, assessments relating to the care of children, and assessments relating to employment as a police officer are some of the agencies and activities that come under these exemptions.

Under clauses 7 and 8 of schedule 1 of the Spent Convictions Act, spent convictions must still be disclosed and considered as part of assessing a person's fitness to care for vulnerable people and as part of a statutory assessment of fitness and propriety relating to an occupation, profession, position or activity, often referred to as a 'character test'.

However, under section 13A of the Spent Convictions Act the person may apply to a magistrate for an order that the exclusions in clauses 7 and 8 do not apply in relation to an offence. The magistrate is required to consider various factors before making such an order, including the circumstances and seriousness of the offending, whether the offence involved a vulnerable person, and whether the removal of the exclusion might present a risk to children, vulnerable people or the public, amongst other factors.

The effect of an exemption order is that the applicant is permitted to revert to not having to disclose those convictions, including when assessing a person's fitness to care for vulnerable people. However, there is also a legislative exclusion to an exemption order permitting a prescribed screening unit to continue to access and rely on those convictions.

Similarly, a convicted person can apply to a magistrate under sections 8A, 8B and 8C of the Spent Convictions Act for a conviction for an eligible sex offence; that is to say where no sentence of imprisonment was imposed, a designated sex offence or a prescribed public decency offence to be spent. These categories of offences do not become automatically spent after the relevant period.

Again, the Spent Convictions Act sets out several factors that the magistrate must consider when deciding whether to order these convictions become spent. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

Sitting suspended from 17:59 to 19:30.

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL

Standing Orders Suspension

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (19:30): I move without notice:

That standing orders be so far suspended as to enable rescission of the order for limitation of debate on the bill.

The SPEAKER: An absolute majority not being present, ring the bells.

An absolute majority of the whole number of members being present:

Motion carried.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Pursuant to order that the order allotting 60 minutes for all stages of the bill be rescinded.

Motion carried.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

That the time allotted for all remaining stages of the bill be two hours.

Motion carried.

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading (resumed on motion).

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (19:33): The exact stage of where we are at on this is one that might be noted by the house. Here we are, back from a dinner break. We are now in the I think literally globally unprecedented territory of being technically the subject of 10 guillotines for nine bills. Moreover, I have been criticised, albeit by way of disorderly interjection in the course of members filing their way in here for the purposes of the suspension of standing orders, for needing to get on with doing my job. I am gladly willing to do that. I am rapidly feeling as though I am somehow personally the subject of these guillotines. I am loath to take matters personally, but that would be a regrettable circumstance indeed, not only for the electors of Heysen but for all South Australians, to have a sense that some members of this place are unequal and indeed some members are more equal than others.

I am reminded of the contribution of the member for West Torrens, not 17 years ago, just a few short years ago in this place, in July 2008, when he made clear what were at least then his principles in relation to the quality and capacity for debate. Those are matters of record both then and earlier today and I will not stay here to repeat them. It is really rather astonishing that after what has been a day—it must be unprecedented—when we have seen this parliament subjected to not one rare guillotine, but nine guillotines followed by the rescission of one of them and then the reapplication of one of them so that we have now, I think—and I stand to be corrected because it took a bit to keep notes—nine, then rescission reimposed, 10 guillotines on debate.

An honourable member interjecting:

Mr TEAGUE: I hear the Deputy Premier interjecting and saying, 'Well, we are legislating.' Yes, we are legislating; that is the task of this house and it ought to be the occasion at which all 47 members of this place are allowed to participate in accordance with the standing orders for the progress of legislation. It has been a matter of record that it has been this government's practice to rise in accordance with the standing orders at exactly 5.31pm day after sitting day so as to sit for the absolute minimum period of time.

The SPEAKER: Point of order?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, point of order, sir. I wonder if you can consider whether the member is reflecting on a vote of the house?

The SPEAKER: Yes, I think the member is and I would ask the member to come back to the legislation and the focal point of the bill. It seems every time there has been a discussion today, a lot of your discussion has been about guillotines and not about the legislation. Perhaps if you could come back to what the bill is meant to be debated about, that would be handy.

Mr TEAGUE: I thank you, Speaker, and within the confines of what the guillotine provides me I will, as I think I have ably demonstrated I have been able and willing to do in the course of the passage of nine separate pieces of legislation today, none of which have required remotely the amount of time that has been pre-imposed by a completely unreasoned, unnecessary, undisclosed set of guillotines that have been applied in this place. All of that just sits at the government's feet. We are here doing our job and I will continue to get on with doing exactly that.

I think at the time that I sought leave to continue my remarks earlier today I was reflecting on the fact that this bill addresses, in part, a Labor election commitment and I addressed the part of it that this bill addresses. There are a whole bunch of other matters that are the subject of those four paragraphs and we wait to hear from the government about how it might go about fulfilling those aspects of the election commitment the government has made.

I have reflected also on the consideration of the then Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee—over two parliaments—and drawn the attention of the house to the report, relevantly in relation to matters of Aboriginal heritage, that was tabled in this place shortly before the committee was disbanded by this government, leaving us with no standing committee in any way focused on matters of particular interest to Aboriginal people, let alone Aboriginal heritage.

In terms of continuing my contribution, the particular circumstances in which I sought leave to continue my remarks were upon the receipt, after the commencement of sitting this morning, of a bundle of 15 amendments, in the name of the Deputy Premier, to this bill, the Aboriginal Heritage (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2023, which has been observed was introduced in the other place by the minister on 18 May 2023 and was received from the other place and read a first time in this place on 8 February this year.

Notwithstanding that history and the fact that the bill has been sitting on the *Notice Paper* for the better part of the year—and I do not point this out for any other reason, really, than the practicality—for reasons that are not entirely apparent, these 15 amendments to the bill have been, as it were, in gestation throughout the period since the bill was introduced in the other place. They had not come to be articulated prior to the bill finding its way into the house, and they reflect a number of changes, including in response to a change of the name of certain legislation, but I am satisfied, as presently advised, that the balance of these changes are, broadly speaking, improvements to the bill in the form in which it passed in the other place and then found its way here.

The problem with that is that the house is left in circumstances where we have had a bill sitting on the *Notice Paper* for the bulk of this year. We have seen these amendments landing in this place after the commencement of sitting today, and, notwithstanding that, having been handed these amendments, as the lead speaker for the opposition I found myself on the receiving end of the third of those 10 guillotines. I just cannot express how unprecedented and outrageous those circumstances are, all of which arise against a background of it being well known that the opposition supports the bill and that constructive work has been done in that regard, with a view to ensuring that it can do some work in the interest of improving Aboriginal heritage protection in this state. I am at a loss as to why we are finding ourselves in these particular circumstances.

Having addressed the substance of the bill, I will not stay longer. It is necessary for the house to go into committee to address these 15 amendments. I foreshadow that while it has not, for obvious reasons, been practical for me to obtain a view of my party, and for the opposition to have, therefore, a view about the amendments, I was afforded a briefing at about five minutes past six this evening in relation to these amendments. I appreciate that very much. I appreciate the diligence of those advisers in the office and the department who have stayed this evening in order to provide that briefing and further to assist the government in terms of the passage, and so I look forward to the committee stage and the opportunity for the government to explain itself in terms of these amendments to a bill which I otherwise commend and look forward to seeing the passage of shortly.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (19:46): I would like to thank the opposition for their support and the honourable member for his support for this piece of legislation. I am glad that we were able to suspend the debate earlier today, once I realised that the amendments had been filed so recently, so belatedly, for the member to be able to be briefed. Of course, I thank the staff for their willingness and capacity to do that. I look forward to seeing how we go in committee. I commend the bill.

Bill read a second time.

Committee Stage

In committee.

The CHAIR: Which is the first clause you wish to discuss, member for Heysen?

Mr TEAGUE: Can I just indicate at the outset that the only reason that we are in committee at all is by necessity; the government needs to move its 15 amendments. I just flag that I do not propose to raise questions in respect of the bill as it stands unamended. The opposition supports the bill.

The committee is an opportunity for the government to move its 15 amendments. In the circumstances, I would invite the government to do so amendment by amendment. That may not be the Deputy Premier's plan but, in the circumstances, that would assist me and I think it might assist the committee and the record, so I just indicate that at the outset.

The CHAIR: Just to clarify, is your aim to get the government to put on record the reason why they are moving the amendments?

Mr TEAGUE: Yes, basically.

The CHAIR: So any clauses without amendments, you are happy just to endorse them?

Mr TEAGUE: Yes.

Clauses 1 and 2 passed.

Clause 3.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Amendment No 1 [DeputyPremier-2]—

Page 3, line 11—Delete '*Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*' and substitute:

Energy Resources Act 2000

This amendment updates a reference to the formerly named *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act* which was renamed the *Energy Resources Act* with effect from 11 April 2024.

Amendment carried.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Amendment No 1 [DeputyPremier-1]—

Page 3, after line 11—Insert:

- (2) Section 3, definition of *owner*—delete 'a reference to the owner of the land extends to the holder of the tenement' and substitute:
 , or a licence or permit under the *Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act 2023*, a reference to the owner of the land extends to the holder of the tenement, licence or permit
- (3) Section 3, definition of *private land*, (c)—after 'tenement' insert:
 , or a licence or permit under the *Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act 2023*

This amendment would amend the definitions of 'owner' and 'private land' in section 3 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act to include, respectively, persons who hold and land that is subject to a licence or permit under the Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act 2023.

Under existing section 20 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act an owner or occupier of private land must report to the minister, as soon as practicable, the discovery on their land of an Aboriginal site, object or remains. Private land is in turn defined under the act as including land subject to a mining tenement, with a mining tenement currently defined as including a lease, licence or permit under the Mining Act, Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act, Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act or Offshore Minerals Act.

This amendment follows the enactment of the Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act 2023 which passed after the introduction of this bill, and will ensure that licence and permit holders under that act will be required to report the discovery of an Aboriginal site, object or remains on the relevant land in the same way as holders of other types of resource permits.

Amendment carried; clause as amended passed.

Clauses 4 and 5 passed.

Clause 6.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Amendment No 2 [DeputyPremier-2]—

Page 3, line 23 [clause 6, inserted paragraph (d)]—Delete paragraph (d)

Amendment No 3 [DeputyPremier-2]—

Page 3, lines 25 to 27 [clause 6, inserted paragraph (e)]—Delete 'authorising the uncovering, damage to, disturbing of, interference with or removal of additional Aboriginal sites, objects or remains' and substitute:

authorising 1 or more of the following:

- (i) excavation for the purposes of uncovering additional Aboriginal sites, objects or remains;
- (ii) damaging or disturbing additional Aboriginal sites, objects or remains;
- (iii) interference with or removal of additional Aboriginal sites, objects or remains); or

Although this explanation will appear lengthy to those listening, or reading in future, it will then shortcut further explanations for some of the subsequent amendments. This amendment is the first in a set of proposed government amendments to the bill to incorporate more flexibility into the requirements in the bill to pause works and report discoveries of Aboriginal heritage where a proponent developer is acting under an authorisation to affect heritage which has been granted under the act.

This bill was introduced in the wake of the Court of Appeal decision in the case of *Kelaray* which interpreted the Aboriginal Heritage Act as requiring holders of an authorisation under the act to pause works and report the discovery of an Aboriginal site, object or remains to the minister to give the minister an opportunity to consider issuing a direction under the act to protect the discovery. The bill aimed to put parameters around those requirements to stop and report in order to provide certainty to proponents.

Since the decision in *Kelaray*, Aboriginal affairs and reconciliation officers have been administering the act as interpreted in *Kelaray* in respect of existing authorisations and projects and new authorisation applications. This has afforded AAR the opportunity to test the application of the proposed amendments in this bill.

That experience has led to growing concerns by both AAR and proponents that stopping works and reporting up-front all new discoveries of heritage before dealing with or managing the discovery and resuming works, as envisaged by the amendments, is potentially unworkable in some circumstances, with little or no benefit for heritage protection in those circumstances.

The post Kellaray experience with administering stop and reporting requirements for discoveries has revealed the need for the legislation to provide a more bespoke approach to different types of discoveries. Accordingly, this set of government amendments to the bill will remove the requirement to pause works and report immediately to AAR the discovery of Aboriginal objects as opposed to sites or remains.

Past and future authorisations under the act often require that anticipated discovered objects be managed by Aboriginal monitors or retained archaeologists on site—for example, by being bagged, catalogued and safely stored. This is considered to be sufficient protection for those objects without unnecessarily disrupting development works and requiring reporting to occur before the proponent proceeds with managing that discovered object and resuming works. Instead, such discoveries could be reported to AAR periodically at a later date.

This set of amendments will also incorporate more flexibility into the bill requirements to pause works on discovery of an Aboriginal site or remains. They do this by removing the default timeframes for pausing works and replacing these with a requirement that the timeframes be in accordance with conditions attached to the authorisation which, in turn, will facilitate bespoke arrangements for different projects with different risk profiles.

As with the current provisions in the bill, these amendments will apply also to extant authorisations, adopting the same modified approach to discoveries of objects and sites and remains, noting that after the Kellaray decision existing section 20 of the act is interpreted to require holders of extant authorisations to report discoveries of all Aboriginal sites, objects and remains up-front to the minister and stop works to allow the minister to consider taking action under the act in respect of the discovery.

The bill, as introduced and passed by the Legislative Council, includes a provision to make it clear that the minister can issue a direction to protect Aboriginal heritage following receipt of new information about heritage that was known at the time of granting an authorisation under sections 21 or 23 of the act. This is to address what occurred in the case of the destruction of Juukan Gorge in WA in 2020.

This set of amendments expands on that existing provision to also expressly state that the requirement to report discoveries of Aboriginal sites and remains includes the requirement to report discoveries of new information about known sites and remains. Again, the precise details about what must be reported in terms of degree of significance will be as set out in the authorisation instrument and adapted to different types of projects.

The substantive changes are contained in a new section 20A, to replace sections 20A and 20B, proposed to be inserted by the bill. This particular amendment is consequential to those changes in deleting a reference to a type of authorisation to resume works after a discovery that will no longer exist in the bill and act, and therefore no longer need to be excluded from the section 13 consultation requirements applying to certain authorisations under the act.

Mr TEAGUE: I am grateful that the Deputy Premier has, as it were, rolled up a set of amendment explanations, as it were. I wonder is it convenient, again, for the purpose of the record and the committee, to indicate the clauses to which that rolled-up explanation applies? That might help us to get through the committee rather more quickly.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: The linked amendments are in the schedule [Deputy Premier-2], Nos 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14.

Mr TEAGUE: They will all need to be moved, obviously, but I just indicate that that explanation suffices for my present purposes in relation to those clauses.

The CHAIR: You do not want them repeated 14 times, do you?

Mr TEAGUE: No, unless the Deputy Premier has anything to add when we come to each of those, if there is anything specific, but otherwise that might serve the committee's purpose.

Amendments carried; clause as amended passed.

Clause 7 passed.

New clauses 7A and 7B.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Amendment No 2 [DeputyPremier-1]—

Page 4, after line 3—Insert:

7A—Amendment of section 17—Powers

- (1) Section 17(1)—after paragraph (ba) insert:
 - (bb) in the following circumstances, use reasonable force to break into or open any part of, or anything in or on, any land, premises, vehicle or place:
 - (i) with the authority of a warrant issued under section 17A;
 - (ii) if the inspector reasonably believes that immediate action is required;
 - (iii) with the permission of the owner of the land, premises, vehicle or place;
- (2) Section 17(1)(c)(ii)—delete 'that affords evidence of an offence against' and substitute: used in, or that affords evidence of, a contravention of
- (3) Section 17(1)—after paragraph (f) insert:
 - (g) require any person to produce any documents, including a written record that reproduces in an understandable form information stored by computer, microfilm or other process, as reasonably required in connection with the administration or enforcement of this Act;
 - (h) examine, copy or take extracts from any documents or information so produced or require a person to provide a copy of any such document or information;
 - (i) take photographs, films, audio, video or other recordings as reasonably required in connection with the administration or enforcement of this Act;
 - (j) take onto or into any land, premises, vehicle or place, and use, any equipment or apparatus (including, for example, ground penetrating radar, audio visual recording equipment or other measuring or recording apparatus) as reasonably required in connection with the administration or enforcement of this Act;
 - (k) require a person who the inspector reasonably suspects has knowledge of matters in respect of which information is reasonably required for the administration or enforcement of this Act to answer questions in relation to those matters, to state the person's full name and usual place of residence and to produce evidence of the person's identity;
 - (l) give any directions reasonably required in connection with the exercise of a power conferred by a preceding paragraph.

7B—Insertion of sections 17A and 17B

After section 17 insert:

17A—Warrants

- (1) Where, on the application of an inspector, a magistrate is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds to believe—
 - (a) that a contravention of this Act has been, is being, or is about to be, committed in or on specified land, premises, a vehicle or place; or
 - (b) that something may be found in or on specified land, premises, vehicle or place that has been used in, or constitutes evidence of, a contravention of this Act,

the magistrate may issue a warrant in respect of the land, premises, vehicle or place authorising an inspector, with such assistants as the inspector considers necessary, to use reasonable force to break into or open any part of, or anything in or on, the land, premises, vehicle or place specified in the warrant.

- (2) An application for the issue of a warrant may be made either personally or by telephone.
- (3) The grounds of an application for a warrant must be verified by affidavit.
- (4) An application for the issue of a warrant may not be made by telephone unless in the opinion of the applicant a warrant is urgently required and there is insufficient time to make the application personally.
- (5) Where an application for the issue of a warrant is made by telephone, the following provisions apply:
 - (a) the applicant must inform the magistrate of their name and identify themselves as an inspector, and the magistrate, on receiving that information, is entitled to assume, without further inquiry, that the applicant is an inspector;
 - (b) the applicant must inform the magistrate of the grounds on which they seek the issue of the warrant;
 - (c) if it appears to the magistrate from the information furnished by the applicant that there are proper grounds for the issue of a warrant, the magistrate must inform the applicant of the facts on which they relied as grounds for the issue of the warrant, and must not proceed to issue the warrant unless the applicant undertakes to make an affidavit verifying those facts;
 - (d) if the applicant gives such an undertaking, the magistrate may then make out and sign a warrant, noting on the warrant the facts on which they relied as grounds for the issue of the warrant;
 - (e) the warrant will be taken to have been issued, and will come into force, when signed by the magistrate;
 - (f) the magistrate must inform the applicant of the terms of the warrant;
 - (g) the applicant must, as soon as practicable after the issue of the warrant, forward to the magistrate an affidavit verifying the facts referred to in paragraph (c).
- (6) An inspector who executes a warrant must, as soon as practicable after execution of the warrant—
 - (a) prepare a notice in the prescribed form containing—
 - (i) their name and a statement that they are an inspector under this Act; and
 - (ii) the name of the magistrate who issued the warrant and the date and time of its issue; and
 - (iii) a description of the land, premises, vehicle or place to which the warrant relates and of the authority conferred by the warrant; and
 - (b) give the notice to the occupier or person apparently in charge of the land, premises, vehicle or place in respect of which the warrant was issued or leave it for them in a prominent position on the land, premises, vehicle or place.
- (7) A warrant, if not executed at the expiration of 1 month from the date of its issue, then expires.

17B—Self-incrimination

- (1) It is not a reasonable excuse for a person to fail to answer a question or to produce, or provide a copy of, a document or information as required under this Act on the ground that to do so might tend to incriminate the person or make the person liable to a penalty.

- (2) If compliance by a natural person with a requirement under this Act might tend to incriminate the person or make the person liable to a penalty, then—
- (a) in the case of a person who is required to produce, or provide a copy of, a document or information—the fact of production, or provision of a copy of, the document or the information (as distinct from the contents of the document or the information); or
- (b) in any other case—the answer given in compliance with the requirement,
- is not admissible in evidence against the person in proceedings for an offence or for the imposition of a penalty (other than proceedings in respect of the making of a false or misleading statement).

This amendment expands the powers of inspectors in the Aboriginal Heritage Act to enforce the act. In particular, to add into section 17, setting out the powers of inspectors, powers to break or force entry into land, premises, places or vehicles and to require persons to answer questions. These powers in particular were found lacking in recent investigations of breaches of the act after the introduction of the bill.

The more robust inspector powers inserted by these amendments are modelled on enforcement powers contained in the Environment Protection Act 1993 and Landscape South Australia Act 2019, including the same accompanying provisions regarding obtaining the warrant of a magistrate before exercising the forced entry power and regarding protection against self-incrimination in the case of the requirement to answer questions.

New clauses inserted.

Clause 8.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Amendment No 3 [DeputyPremier-1]—

Page 4, after line 4—Insert:

- (1) Section 18(b) and (c)—delete paragraphs (b) and (c) and substitute:
- (b) contravene a requirement or reasonable instruction of an inspector under this Act, or a direction of an inspector under section 17.

This amendment is consequential on amendment No. 2 of [DeputyPremier-1]. This amendment will extend the current offence for contravening a requirement or reasonable instruction of an inspector to include contravening a direction by an inspector in connection with the exercise of the inspector's expanded powers.

Amendment carried; clause as amended passed.

Clauses 9 to 11 passed.

Clause 12.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Amendment No 4 [DeputyPremier-2]—

Page 4, after line 29—Insert:

- (3a) Section 20(2)—after 'traditional owner' second occurring insert:
- (other than where the traditional owner is an employee or agent of, or is otherwise acting for or on behalf of, persons engaged in commercial activities on the land where the discovery is made)

I am only moving amendment No.4 [Deputy Premier-2] at this stage. Consistent with existing provisions in the bill and the proposed replacement of section 20A that is part of this set of amendments, this amendment clarifies that traditional owners are still required to report discoveries of Aboriginal heritage if they are working as an Aboriginal monitor or otherwise on behalf of the proponent.

Amendment carried.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Amendment No 5 [DeputyPremier-1]—

Page 7, line 15 [clause 13, inserted section 20A(7), definition of *prescribed period*, (b)]—Delete 'business' and substitute 'working'

This amendment is linked, not in terms of how we are passing these amendments but in terms of what work they are doing.

Amendment carried; clause as amended passed.

Clause 13.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Amendment No 6 [DeputyPremier-2]—

Page 5, line 9 to page 8, line 19—Delete clause 13 and substitute:

13—Insertion of section 20A

After section 20 insert:

20A—Cessation of activity and reporting to Minister on discovery etc of certain sites, objects or remains while acting under authorisation

(1) A prescribed person who, while acting, or purportedly acting, pursuant to an authorisation given by the Minister under section 21 or 23 or both after the commencement of this section (the *relevant authorisation*)—

- (a) discovers an Aboriginal site, object or remains; or
- (b) discovers a site, object or remains that the person suspects, or ought reasonably to suspect, may be an Aboriginal site, object or remains; or
- (c) becomes aware of new information relating to an Aboriginal site or remains, must, in accordance with the requirements set out in the relevant authorisation—
- (d) in the case of an Aboriginal site or remains—cease undertaking activity within the prescribed distance of the site or remains; and
- (e) in any case—report the discovery or new information to the Minister.

(2) A prescribed person who, while acting, or purportedly acting, pursuant to an authorisation given by the Minister under section 21 or 23 or both before the commencement of this section (the *relevant authorisation*)—

- (a) discovers an Aboriginal site, object or remains; or
- (b) discovers a site, object or remains that the person suspects, or ought reasonably to suspect, may be an Aboriginal site, object or remains; or
- (c) becomes aware of new information relating to an Aboriginal site or remains, must—
- (d) in the case of an Aboriginal site or remains—
 - (i) cease undertaking activity within the prescribed distance of the site or remains for such period as may be reasonably necessary to allow the Minister a reasonable opportunity to take action under this Act in respect of the site or remains; and
 - (ii) as soon as is reasonably practicable after the discovery, or after becoming aware of the new information, report the discovery or new information to the Minister; or
- (e) in the case of an Aboriginal object—manage the object, and report the discovery of the object to the Minister, in accordance with the requirements set out in the relevant authorisation.

(3) To avoid doubt, subsection (2)(d) applies despite a provision of an authorisation to the contrary.

- (4) A prescribed person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) is guilty of an offence.
- Maximum penalty:
- (a) in the case of a body corporate—\$500,000;
 - (b) in any other case—\$250,000 or imprisonment for 2 years or both.
- (5) Except as is contemplated by subsection (6), subsections (1) and (2) do not apply in relation to the following Aboriginal sites, objects or remains:
- (a) Aboriginal sites, objects or remains that are known to the Minister and disclosed to the applicant in the course of their application for the relevant authorisation (whether or not the discovery of the sites, objects or remains has previously been reported under this Act);
 - (b) Aboriginal sites, objects or remains the discovery of which is reported under section 20;
 - (c) Aboriginal sites, objects or remains that are the subject of a management methodology approved by the Minister for the purposes of this section;
 - (d) Aboriginal sites, objects or remains that are the subject of a local heritage agreement;
 - (e) any other Aboriginal site, objects or remains, or Aboriginal sites, objects or remains of a kind, prescribed by the regulations.
- (6) Despite subsection (5), subsections (1) and (2) continue to apply in relation to new information relating to an Aboriginal site or remains of which a prescribed person becomes aware (whether or not the site or remains themselves are referred to in subsection (5)).
- (7) Before approving a management methodology for the purposes of this section, the Minister must be satisfied that—
- (a) consultation with traditional owners, and other Aboriginal persons or Aboriginal organisations that have a particular interest in the matter, was carried out in accordance with any requirements set out in the regulations or guidelines in the development of the management methodology; and
 - (b) the management methodology includes provisions requiring consultation with traditional owners, and other Aboriginal persons or Aboriginal organisations that have a particular interest in the matter, in relation to sites, objects or remains discovered in the course of undertaking an activity pursuant to the relevant authorisation; and
 - (c) the management methodology includes provisions that provide the Minister with a reasonable opportunity to take action under this Act in respect of sites or remains discovered in the course of undertaking an activity pursuant to the relevant authorisation, or where new information relating to a site or remains becomes known; and
 - (d) a condition is imposed on the relevant authorisation requiring the person to whom the authorisation is given to comply with the management methodology in relation to sites, objects and remains discovered in the course of undertaking an activity pursuant to the authorisation; and
 - (e) the management methodology complies with any other requirements set out in the regulations or guidelines.
- (8) Nothing in this section limits a direction that may be given by the Minister or an inspector under this Act (and, in particular, nothing in this section authorises a person to contravene such a direction).
- (9) In this section—
- prescribed distance*, in relation to a site or remains, means—
- (a) if the regulations prescribe a distance for the purposes of this section—that distance; or
 - (b) if the site or remains are discovered in the course of undertaking an activity pursuant to an authorisation of the Minister under section 21 or 23, and that authorisation specifies a distance for the purposes of this section—that distance; or

- (c) in any other case—
 - (i) in the case of a site—3 metres; or
 - (ii) in the case of remains—5 metres.

prescribed person, in relation to a relevant authorisation, means—

- (a) the person to whom the relevant authorisation is given; and
- (b) a traditional owner of the site or remains to the extent that the traditional owner is an employee or agent of, or is otherwise acting for or on behalf of, a person to whom the relevant authorisation is given; and
- (c) an employee or agent of, or a person otherwise acting for or on behalf of, a person referred to in a preceding paragraph; and
- (d) any other person prescribed by the regulations.

This amendment is the principal change in the set of government amendments to incorporate more flexibility into the bill's stop and report requirements. As I have already given an explanation of this matter, I will not reiterate all of the details.

Amendment carried; clause as amended passed.

Clause 14.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Amendment No 7 [DeputyPremier-2]—

Page 9, after line 28 [clause 14(4)]—Before inserted subsection (2) insert:

- (1a) Without limiting any other condition that may be imposed on an authorisation, the Minister must not give an authorisation for the purposes of this section unless the authorisation contains the following conditions:
 - (a) a condition requiring that where—
 - (i) a site or remains are discovered in the course of undertaking activities pursuant to the authorisation; or
 - (ii) new information relating to a site or remains becomes known to a person undertaking activities pursuant to the authorisation,

such activity must immediately cease within a specified distance of the site or remains (which must not be less than the prescribed distance within the meaning of section 20A); and
 - (b) a condition requiring that a specified person or body must, as soon as is reasonably practicable, report a discovery or new information referred to in paragraph (a) to the Minister; and
 - (c) a condition that prevents the resumption of activities pursuant to the authorisation during the period specified in the condition (being a period that is sufficient to allow the Minister a reasonable opportunity to take action under this Act in respect of the site or remains); and
 - (d) any other condition required by the regulations.

This amendment is consequential on the set of government amendments that we have already discussed. It will in particular add requirements that future authorisations under section 21 for excavation a site, object or remains include conditions requiring proponents to pause works and report the discovery of a site or remains, or new information about a site or remains, as soon as practicable to the minister. Conditions to this effect have routinely been added to past authorisations, but the amendment would ensure that the act makes this clear, with the details for how far and long to stop to be flexibly determined in the authorisation instrument, as intended by the proposed new section 20A.

Amendment carried.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Amendment No 8 [DeputyPremier-2]—

Page 9, lines 5 and 6 [clause 14(4), note to inserted subsection (4)]—Delete 'under section 20B' and substitute:

in accordance with section 20A

It requires no further explanation.

Amendment carried; clause as amended passed.

Clauses 15 and 16 passed.

Clause 17.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Amendment No 9 [DeputyPremier–2]—

Page 9, after line 33 [clause 17, inserted section 23]—After inserted subsection (2) insert:

(2a) Without limiting any other condition that may be imposed on an authorisation, the Minister must not give an authorisation for the purposes of this section unless the authorisation contains the following conditions:

- (a) a condition requiring that where—
 - (i) a site or remains are discovered in the course of undertaking activities pursuant to the authorisation; or
 - (ii) new information relating to a site or remains becomes known to a person undertaking activities pursuant to the authorisation,

such activities must immediately cease within a specified distance of the site or remains (which must not be less than the prescribed distance within the meaning of section 20A); and

- (b) a condition requiring that a specified person or body must, as soon as is reasonably practicable, report a discovery or new information referred to in paragraph (a) to the Minister; and
- (c) a condition that prevents the resumption of activities pursuant to the authorisation during the period specified in the condition (being a period that is sufficient to allow the Minister a reasonable opportunity to take action under this Act in respect of the site or remains); and
- (d) any other condition required by the regulations.

Amendment No 10 [DeputyPremier–2]—

Page 10, lines 14 and 15 [clause 17, note to inserted section 23(6)]—Delete 'under section 20B' and substitute 'in accordance with section 20A'

The amendments are consequential and part of the set of government amendments to incorporate more flexibility into the stop and report requirements. It will add requirements that future authorisations under section 23—Damaging, disturbing or interfering with sites, objects or remains, include conditions requiring proponents to pause works and report the discovery of a site or remains, or new information about a site or remains, as soon as practicable to the minister. Conditions to these effect have routinely been added to past authorisations, but the amendment will ensure that the act makes this clear.

Amendments carried; clause as amended passed.

Clause 18.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Amendment No 11 [DeputyPremier–2]—

Page 11, line 10 [clause 18(6), inserted subsection (1b)(b)]—Delete 'section 20A(3)(d)' and substitute 'section 20A'

This is a consequential amendment.

Amendment carried.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Amendment No 12 [DeputyPremier-2]—

Page 11, lines 15 to 17 [clause 18(7)]—Delete subclause (7) and substitute:

(7) Section 24(2)—delete 'under subsection (1)(c)' and substitute:

(other than a direction given in the circumstances contemplated by subsection (1a)) under subsection (1)(c) that have the effect of prohibiting or restricting access for a period of more than 3 months

This amendment would amend section 24(2) of the act with broader application in the current bill amendment. The current bill amendment would provide that the minister does not first require the Governor's approval before making a direction that would prohibit or restrict access to a site following the discovery of Aboriginal heritage or new information about known Aboriginal heritage.

This proposed broader amendment would also allow the minister to make a direction temporarily restricting access to a site for a period of up to three months without the Governor's approval. This is necessary because an urgent inspector's direction under section 25 of the act only applies for a maximum of 10 working days. Allowing for a longer temporary access restriction by direction of the minister will allow for the restriction to be maintained for a period long enough to obtain the approval of the Governor where necessary.

Mr TEAGUE: As I understand it—this might be an exception to the approach for the balance—there is no change to the inspector's capacity to hold up for 10 days; all clear. We now have an extension for practical purposes for the minister to make a direction for up to three months. That is to permit the practical capacity for the Governor to make a more permanent, long-lasting direction. The question in the broader context is: why not just give the minister that power across the board? Is there some consideration of the government on that front? What work is there still to be done in terms of involving the executive and so on?

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: The way the act will work is that the ongoing restriction, the restriction of access to a site, is considered to be such a weighty decision that it ought to be elevated to the level of the Governor approving. The 10 days is something that an inspector is able to do, but it is recognised that frequently, if it were to need to be an ongoing restriction, 10 days is not sufficient for that evidence to be gathered and for the Governor to be able to consider, and therefore the minister is able to extend that to three months. It is not considered appropriate—and I guess you could describe it as a policy judgement—to leave the ongoing restriction to being purely a ministerial decision. That does rise to the test of being better done through the Governor.

Amendment carried.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Amendment No 13 [DeputyPremier-2]—

Page 11, line 25 [clause 18(8), inserted subsection (2a)(b)]—Delete 'section 20A(3)(d)' and substitute 'of section 20A'

This is a consequential amendment.

Amendment carried; clause as amended passed.

Clause 19.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Amendment No 14 [DeputyPremier-2]—

Page 12, line 10 [clause 19(6), inserted subsection (1ab)(b)]—Delete 'section 20A(3)(d)' and substitute 'section 20A'

I note that this is another consequential amendment.

Amendment carried; clause as amended passed.

Clauses 20 to 29 passed.

New clause 30.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

Amendment No 15 [DeputyPremier-2]—

Page 15, after line 19—Insert:

30—Amendment of section 46—Regulations

Section 46—after subsection (2) insert:

- (3) The regulations may—
- (a) be of general or limited application; and
 - (b) make different provision according to the matters or circumstances to which they are expressed to apply; and
 - (c) make provisions of a saving or transitional nature consequent on the amendment of this Act or the regulations; and
 - (d) provide that a matter or thing in respect of which regulations may be made is to be determined according to the discretion of a specified person or body.

I think this is the last of the amendments. This amendment would expand the regulation-making power in the act to support subdelegation of matters such as prescribing sites, objects or remains to which various provisions apply, if necessary, to ensure the new provisions operate as intended.

Mr TEAGUE: What we are concerned with here in this final amendment is an amendment to section 46 of the act, which at present provides there are two subclauses. This amendment would add a third subclause. The two subclauses at present are:

- (1) The Governor may make such regulations as are contemplated by this act or as are necessary or expedient for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) In particular, the regulations may prescribe penalties not exceeding \$2 000 for the contravention of, or non-compliance with, a regulation.

Now we are seeing this extra particularisation of those regulations, in that the regulations may—it seems to me that 3(d) is the most interesting of them, but this is in the recently acquired part. We have capacity for the regulations more particularly to now, in 3(d):

provide that a matter or thing in respect of which regulations may be made is to be determined according to the discretion of a specified person or body

Presumably that would be a senior officer of the department or someone of that nature.

Apart from drawing attention to the fact that this is an amendment that is particularising the nature of the regulations that might be made, and I might have just picked that by way of example, can the Deputy Premier indicate to the committee and for the purposes of the record the reasons why it is desirable to be more particularly providing for regulations in this way—including, perhaps, with direct reference to 3(d)?

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I will attempt to explain this. The view was formed by parliamentary counsel and AARD that this is such a complex bill, with potentially so many working parts when you are on the ground, that it required a flexible regulatory mechanism to be able to capture all of the different circumstances that might require different approaches. There might be sites of a certain sort that are within existing Aboriginal sites; there might be objects that would largely be considered to be part of a burial ground but might be found somewhere else. Being able to delegate, say, to a chief executive to be able to make a decision that that forms part of a continuous site, or not, enables the flexibility that might be required to be reasonably agile facing the complexity on the ground.

New clause inserted.

Title passed.

Bill reported with amendment.

Third Reading

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Defence and Space Industries, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (20:20): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

In so doing I thank the member for the committee stage, which I hope was informative not only for the chamber but also for future readers of *Hansard* to understand the mechanisms of the act. I particularly thank the advisers who have sat in the box and also done a briefing in the middle and come back in. I really appreciate the work they have done to get this to this stage; I think it is a good piece of legislation and I am very pleased to have had a small part to play.

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (20:20): I rise to indicate that, in the circumstances in which the amendments have come to my attention and eventually to the opposition's attention just today, I am cautious, and I hope appropriately so, in terms of indicating that the opposition will determine its support or otherwise of the amendments the subject of [Deputy Premier-2] that have been received today, and we will take the opportunity between the houses to do that.

I expect that will not be something that will require in the usual convention such a rush as to be determined in the course of this sitting week. It may be that that view more particularly can be expressed when those amendments go to the other place.

Bill read a third time and passed.

SPENT CONVICTIONS (PART 8A FINDINGS) AMENDMENT BILL*Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading (resumed on motion).

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Defence and Space Industries, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (20:22): The effect of an exemption order is that the applicant is permitted to revert to not having to disclose those convictions, including when assessing a person's fitness to care for vulnerable people. However, there is also a legislative exclusion to an exemption order permitting a prescribed screening unit to continue to access and rely on those convictions.

Similarly, a convicted person can apply to a magistrate under sections 8A, 8B and 8C of the Spent Convictions Act for a conviction for an eligible sex offence (that is, one where no sentence of imprisonment was imposed), a designated sex offence or a prescribed public decency offence to be spent. These categories of offences do not become automatically spent after the relevant period. Again, the Spent Convictions Act sets out several factors the magistrate must consider when deciding whether to order these convictions to become spent.

However, as explained at the outset, a part 8A finding is not a conviction. This means a part 8A finding does not become automatically spent in the same way a conviction for the same offence does. It also means that, although the part 8A finding will appear on a person's criminal history, that person is not able to apply under the Spent Convictions Act to have the finding declared to be spent under sections 8A, 8B or 8C of the Spent Convictions Act, nor can they apply for an order under section 13A of the Spent Convictions Act.

The bill remedies these anomalies by providing that a part 8A finding will be treated as if it were a conviction for the limited purpose of the Spent Convictions Act. This means that people who have not been convicted of an offence due to mental incompetence or unfitness to stand trial are not treated more harshly than people who have been convicted of an offence. I commend the bill to the house and seek leave to have the explanation of clauses inserted in *Hansard* without my reading it.

Leave granted.

Explanation of Clauses

1—Short title

2—Commencement

These clauses are formal.

Part 2—Amendment of *Spent Convictions Act 2009*

3—Amendment of section 3—Preliminary

This clause makes sure that terminology used in the Act works in relation to Part 8A findings. References in the Act to a sentence of imprisonment will extend to limiting terms fixed under section 269O(2) of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935* (or an equivalent under the law of another jurisdiction) and a finding by a court that the objective elements of an offence are established in proceedings under Part 8A of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935* (or an equivalent under the law of any other jurisdiction) will be treated as a conviction under the Act.

4—Amendment of section 4—Meaning of spent conviction

This clause sets out when Part 8A findings that are treated as convictions for the purposes of the Act will be taken to be immediately spent.

Schedule 1—Transitional provision

1—Findings made before commencement

The amendments will apply in relation to a finding by a court whether the finding was made before or after the commencement of the measure.

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (20:24): I rise to indicate the opposition's support for the bill and indicate I am the lead speaker. This is a bill that, as is the practice in so many circumstances in this Fifty-Fifth Parliament, was introduced by the Attorney in another place on 28 September 2023. We are shortly to celebrate the anniversary of that event, and it has found its way here to this place, and the Deputy Premier has put on the record the government's observations in the second reading, provided also in the other place.

I will not stay too long except to highlight the reason in principle why this is good legislation and ameliorative legislation in the interests of those who are found not guilty under part 8A. They should not be treated more harshly than those who are convicted and have the opportunity for their conviction to be spent. It is for the reason of the special status of a part 8A finding that the finding of not guilty in those circumstances is never spent, whereas a conviction for the same, eligible offence may be spent. The spent convictions process is otherwise unaltered.

I just note again with appreciation the Law Society's contribution, in supporting the bill, querying why an 8A finding is inevitably the subject of the 10-year conviction period before automatically being spent and whether the bill could go further to provide for the court to provide a further equality in terms of its capacity to deal with a conviction in the ordinary course sooner than that or regarded as automatically spent.

The contribution of the Law Society, again for the record, is the subject of then president James Marsh's letter to the Attorney dated 15 March 2023, and it makes that observation succinctly. That is all on the record. If in closing the debate the Deputy Premier has anything further to add then that might help do away with the possibility of raising that as a matter in committee.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (20:29): I think we will discuss that through committee, because I would rather have an adviser with me. Therefore, I commend the bill for a second reading.

Bill read a second time.

Committee Stage

In committee.

Clause 1.

Mr TEAGUE: I take up the question that I raised in the second reading debate by reference to the Law Society's query, the subject of its 15 March 2023 letter to the Attorney. Just for completeness, I note that the president writes as follows:

The Bill was considered (and supported) by the Society's Human Rights and Criminal Law Committees. In their consideration of the Bill, Committee Members queried the condition of a 10 year period before a Part 8A finding is automatically spent, noting there is opportunity for consideration being given to a Part 8A finding being immediately spent, as is the case where a person is found guilty of an offence by a court (or a finding by a court that an offence has been proved) but no conviction is recorded against the person, as per sections 3(5) and 4(1a) of the Act. It was observed that a similar approach is currently taken in Victoria.

So that is the nature of the query.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: A word of caution, which I am sure the member would be aware of in comparing to Victoria, is that Victoria has a three-tier system, and so it is not a simple borrowing from one state to the other. In response to the concerns that were raised in the letter that you read out, clause 4 was added to the bill, which provides that if someone is convicted in section 8A and they are released unconditionally, then that is immediately treated as a spent conviction. The other part of what has been raised is simply a decision that the government has made in forming this piece of legislation.

Clause passed.

Remaining clauses (2 to 4), schedule and title passed.

Bill reported without amendment.

Third Reading

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (20:35): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

I thank, sincerely, the advisers who have not only helped guide us through but have done that reasonably late in the evening, and I appreciate their dedication.

Bill read a third time and passed.

EXPLOSIVES BILL

Second Reading

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (20:36): I move:

That the time allotted for all stages of the bill be 60 minutes.

Motion carried.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE: I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

A wide variety of different industries in South Australia are affected by the regulation of explosives. Those include transport and logistics, mining and quarrying, agriculture, manufacturing, construction, automotive and aircraft, and the entertainment and pyrotechnic industries. The licensing, transportation and use of explosives has long been regulated by the Explosives Act 1936. That act has only been amended in an ad hoc manner since its introduction and has long been recognised by industry stakeholders as archaic and out of touch with contemporary standards and practices.

Each jurisdiction in Australia has its own explosives legislation. However, there has been a recent recognition nationally that the explosives industry has been negatively affected by inconsistent regulation. In 2018, commonwealth, state and territory work, health and safety ministers approved a set of consistent national policy proposals that each jurisdiction should reflect in their own legislation. These principles relate to key areas, including the definition of 'explosives', the licensing framework, the notifications process, and the authorisations process.

This bill seeks to modernise the regulation of explosives in South Australia in line with those national policy proposals, ensuring we deliver the highest level of safety standards whilst also

delivering efficiencies for businesses by way of reduced regulatory and administrative burden. The bill provides for a licensing framework for explosives, including security-sensitive substances and fireworks. It offers significant opportunity for bespoke licensing arrangements better tailored to address the needs of key industry stakeholders without compromising on safety and security requirements.

The key changes proposed in the bill include improved clarity around the definition of 'explosives'; establishment of a licensing framework, including the improved capability for issuing of bespoke licence conditions; the use of digital capability to assist in the administration process and red tape production; an improved notifications process, which provides information to explosive regulators about activities, events or incidents; and an authorisation process, which better accommodates jurisdictional consistency and the removal of duplicate processes.

Part 1 of the bill establishes the objects of the act and contains the definitions. The definition of 'explosives' is consistent with the national policy proposals and is supported by industry. Part 2 of the bill introduces new safety and security duties and contains the offence categories. Duty holders must take reasonable precaution and care to eliminate or minimise safety and security risks for activities involving explosives and ensure that all people involved in activities within the scope of the legislation comply with these primary duties. There are four categories of offence for failure to comply with the duties determined by the degree of harm that results from the breach: death, harm to a person, property or the environment, or a dangerous situation.

Part 3 of the bill prescribes that the minister may appoint a regulator and sets out the functions of the regulator. It is intended that the regulator will be the Executive Director of SafeWork SA consistent with, current practice.

Part 4 of the bill prescribes the process for the authorisation of explosives by the regulator. Once an explosive is authorised, a person with an appropriate licence can manufacture, store, transport, supply, use, import or export the explosive. In addition to being consistent with the national policy proposals, the authorisations process in the bill provides for the recognition of authorisations from other jurisdictions under corresponding laws. Part 5 of the bill provides the regulator with the power to declare an explosive as a prohibited explosive and contains offence provisions for dealing with prohibited explosives.

Part 6 of the bill establishes a licensing scheme and gives the regulator power to grant, renew, refuse, suspend or cancel the licence and impose conditions on a licence. Licensing is the key regulatory control of explosives. Under the bill a person must not carry on any activity involving an explosive, unless authorised by licence. The new framework will contain licences to authorise activities (an activity licence), and licences to authorise a person to engage in an occupation involving explosives (an occupational licence). Activity licences include licences to manufacture, import, export, supply, store, transport or use explosives. Occupational licences include for firework contractors and operators and for driving and blasting.

Part 7 of the bill deals with enforcement measures. The bill provides for the appointment of authorised persons and sets out their powers and functions, including the ability to issue improvement notices and prohibition notices for noncompliance. Parts 8 and 9 and schedule 1 of the bill provide for reviews of decisions and matters that relate to the administration of the legislation, such as delegations, exemptions, regulation-making powers and transitional provisions. Notices and licensing decisions will be externally reviewed by the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

Penalties contained in the bill are higher, and in some cases substantially higher, than in the current act. The penalties are consistent with other legislation and reflect the potential for catastrophic harm to people, property and the environment should the duties be breached. The bill reflects widespread consultation incorporating the views of a range of industries, government agencies and other stakeholders, including the Australasian Explosives Industry Safety Group and South Australia Police.

I also particularly wish to acknowledge the significant work which has been done at a departmental level by SafeWork SA over a number of years to develop this legislation in consultation

with stakeholders. I commend the bill to members and seek leave for the explanation of clauses to be inserted into *Hansard* without my reading it.

Leave granted.

Explanation of Clauses

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

2—Commencement

These clauses are formal.

3—Objects of Act

This clause establishes the objects of the measure.

4—Interpretation

This clause defines terms for the purposes of the measure.

5—Explosives

This clause provides that an *explosive* is a substance, mixture or article that—

- (a) is an explosive within the meaning of Chapter 2.1 of the *United Nations Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)*, as in force from time to time; or
- (b) is declared by the Regulator under subsection (2) to be an explosive; or
- (c) is prescribed by regulation to be an explosive,

but does not include a substance, mixture or article that is declared by the Regulator under proposed subsection (2) to not be an explosive.

The clause enables the Regulator to make a declaration declaring a substance, mixture or article to be an explosive in certain circumstances.

The clause also provides that the regulations may refer to or incorporate, wholly or partially and with or without modification, a specified code, standard or classification scheme.

6—Interaction with other Acts

This clause provides that the proposed Act is in addition to and does not limit or derogate from the provisions of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012* or any other Act.

7—Civil remedies not affected

This clause provides that the provisions of the proposed Act do not limit or affect any civil right or remedy and compliance with the Act does not necessarily indicate that a common law duty of care has been satisfied.

Part 2—Duties for safety and security

Division 1—Duties

8—Safety duty

This clause establishes that a person must, in carrying on an activity involving an explosive, take reasonable precautions and care to eliminate or minimise the safety risks associated with the activity.

9—Security duty

This clause provides that a person must, in carrying on an activity involving an explosive, take reasonable precautions and care in order to keep the explosive secure.

Division 2—Offences

10—Failure to comply with duty with knowledge or indifference—Category 1

This clause sets out the elements for a category 1 offence.

11—Failure to comply with duty with indifference—Category 2

This clause sets out the elements for a category 2 offence.

12—Failure to comply with duty—Category 3

This clause sets out the elements for a category 3 offence.

13—Failure to comply with duty—Category 4

This clause sets out the elements for a category 4 offence.

14—Alternative with lesser penalty

This clause provides for a court that is not satisfied that a defendant is guilty of an offence charged but is satisfied that the defendant is guilty of some other offence against the Division for which a lesser maximum penalty may be imposed to find the defendant guilty of the latter offence.

Part 3—Regulator

15—Regulator

This clause relates to the appointment of the Regulator for the purposes of the Act.

16—Functions

This clause provides for the functions of the Regulator.

Part 4—Authorisations

Division 1—Register of authorisations

17—Register of authorisations

This clause provides for a register of authorisations for the purposes of the Act.

Division 2—Authorisations—General

18—Authorisations

This clause provides for authorisations relating to explosives.

19—Determination of application

This clause relates to the grant, renewal or variation of an authorisation under the Part.

20—Classification

This clause provides for the classification of explosives authorised under the Part.

21—Period of authorisation

This clause provides for the period for an authorisation has effect.

22—Renewal of authorisation

This clause makes provision in relation to the renewal of authorisations.

23—Variation of authorisation

This clause provides for the Regulator to vary an authorisation under the Part.

24—Cancellation of authorisation

This clause provides for the Regulator to cancel an authorisation under the Part.

25—Corresponding law authorisations

This clause provides for the Regulator to register an authorisation granted under a corresponding law that complies with any requirements prescribed by the regulations.

Division 3—Applications

26—Form of application

The form of applications under the Part is provided for.

Division 4—Unauthorised explosives

27—Unauthorised explosives

An offence of dealing with an unauthorised explosive, or contravening a condition of an authorisation, is provided for.

Part 5—Prohibited explosives

28—Prohibited explosives

This clause provides for the Regulator to declare an explosive to be a prohibited explosive. An offence of dealing with a prohibited explosive is included.

Part 6—Licensing

Division 1—Requirement to hold licence

29—Requirement to hold licence

An offence of carrying on a business or other activity involving explosives as specified in the provision, except as authorised by licence, is set out.

An offence of engaging in specified activities involving explosives, except as authorised by licence, is also set out.

Related offences are also provided for.

It is also provided that a person need not hold a licence in prescribed circumstances or in circumstances determined by the Regulator.

30—Requirement to produce licence

A requirement for licence holders to produce their licence is provided for.

Division 2—Activity licences

31—Activity licence

Activity licences will be of the classes prescribed by the regulations.

Division 3—Occupational licences

32—Occupational licences

Occupational licences will be of the classes prescribed by the regulations.

Division 4—General provisions

33—Grant or renewal of licence

A licence may be granted or renewed by the Regulator on application by a person.

34—Term of licence

The term of licences is provided for.

35—Licence non-transferable

A licence is not transferable.

36—Surrender of licence

The Regulator may approve the surrender of a licence.

37—Corresponding law licences

The granting or renewal of a licence granted under a corresponding law that complies with any requirements prescribed by the regulations is provided for.

38—Application

Provision is made in relation to applications for licences.

39—Safety, security and emergency plans

Applicants for licences may be required to submit safety, security or emergency plans.

40—Criteria—general

Criteria for determining an application under the Part are provided for.

41—Security clearance

Provision is made for applicants for licences to have security cleared persons approved by the Regulator.

42—Fit and proper person

The Regulator may refuse an application for the grant, renewal or variation of a licence if the Regulator is not satisfied that the licensee or proposed licensee is a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

Division 5—Suspension, cancellation, extension or variation

43—Variation of licence

Provision is made for the Regulator to vary a licence (or a condition of a licence).

44—Suspension, cancellation or variation of licence or approval by Regulator

Provision is made for the Regulator to suspend, cancel or vary a licence on certain grounds.

45—Extension or reinstatement of licence

Provision is made for the Regulator to extend a licence or reinstate a licence that has expired in certain circumstances.

Division 6—Licence conditions

46—Licence conditions

A licence is subject to conditions determined by the Regulator.

47—Offence to contravene licence conditions

If a licence condition is contravened, the licensee is guilty of an offence.

48—Responsible person

The business conducted under a licence must be managed by an individual who meets certain criteria (a *responsible person*).

49—Reporting of loss, theft or unauthorised interference

Provision is made for the reporting of loss, theft or unauthorised interference with an explosive to which a licence relates by a licensee.

Division 7—Reconsideration of decisions

50—Reconsideration of decisions

Provision is made for a person affected by a decision of the Regulator under the Part to apply to the Regulator for reconsideration of the decision.

Part 7—Enforcement measures

Division 1—General

Subdivision 1—Authorised persons

51—Interpretation

Definitions are inserted for the Division.

52—Appointment of authorised persons

The Minister may appoint authorised persons for the purposes of the Act.

53—Identification of authorised persons

Provision is made in relation to the identification of authorised persons.

54—Warrant procedures

The issuing of warrants for the purposes of the Division by magistrates is provided for.

Subdivision 2—Powers of entry

55—Power to enter

An authorised person may enter any place or vehicle to which the Division applies.

56—Entry into residential premises

Residential premises cannot be entered under the Part without the permission of the occupier or the authority of a warrant.

57—General powers of authorised persons

The general powers of authorised persons are set out.

Subdivision 3—Miscellaneous

58—Provisions relating to seizure

Provisions relating to seizure orders are set out.

59—Offence to hinder etc authorised persons

Actions in respect of authorised persons (including hindering or obstructing authorised persons) are set out in an offence provision.

Division 2—Improvement and prohibition notices

Subdivision 1—Improvement notices

60—Issue of improvement notices

The issuing of improvement notices is provided for.

61—Contents of improvement notices

Provisions relating to the contents of improvement notices are set out.

62—Compliance with improvement notice

A person to whom an improvement notice is issued must comply with the notice within the period specified in the notice.

63—Extension of time for compliance with improvement notices

Provision is made for an authorised person to extend the compliance period for an improvement notice.

Subdivision 2—Prohibition notices

64—Power to issue prohibition notice

Provision is made for authorised officers to issue prohibition notices in certain circumstances.

65—Contents of prohibition notice

Provisions relating to the contents of prohibition notices are set out.

66—Compliance with prohibition notice

A person to whom a prohibition notice is issued or a specified direction is given must comply with the direction or notice.

67—Remedial action

Provision is made in relation to remedial action to be taken in certain circumstances.

68—Costs of remedial or other action

Regulator may recover the reasonable costs of any remedial action taken from the person to whom the notice (to take action) is issued.

Subdivision 3—General requirements applying to improvement and prohibition notices

69—Directions in notices

Certain matters about directions in notices are provided for.

70—Changes to notice by authorised person

Provision is made for changes to notices by authorised persons.

71—Regulator may vary or cancel notice

Provision is made for the Regulator vary or cancel notices given under the Division.

72—Formal irregularities or defects in notice

This provision is technical.

Division 3—Other matters

73—Self-incrimination

Provision is made in relation to the privilege against self-incrimination.

74—Notification of certain situations

Certain requirements apply in relation to a notifiable situation (which is defined).

75—Power to recall

If the Regulator considers that the supply or use of an explosive is unreasonably dangerous, the Regulator may give directions relating to recalling the explosive (or a class of explosives).

76—Action in emergencies

Authorised officers are authorised to take action or cause action to be taken in an emergency.

77—Review of notices by Regulator

Review of certain notices by the Regulator is provided for.

Part 8—Reviews

78—Reviews

Provision is made conferring jurisdiction on SACAT to review certain decisions of the Regulator.

Part 9—Miscellaneous

79—Exemptions

Provision is made for the Regulator to grant exemptions from compliance with the Act or specified provisions of the Act.

80—Delegation by Minister or Regulator

Delegation by the Minister or Regulator is provided for.

81—Forfeiture of explosive on conviction

Forfeiture of an explosive on conviction of an offence is provided for.

82—Prohibiting offender from involvement with explosives

The power to grant an order prohibiting an offender from involvement with explosives is conferred on a court that finds a person guilty of an offence against the Act.

83—Adverse publicity orders

A court that finds a person guilty of an offence against the Act may make an adverse publicity order in relation to the person.

84—False or misleading statements

An offence of making a false or misleading statement in information provided under the Act is provided for.

85—Statutory declaration

The Minister or Regulator may require that information required to be provided by or under the Act be verified by statutory declaration.

86—Confidentiality of information

Provision is made in relation to confidentiality of certain information.

87—Giving of notice

The means of giving a notice under the Act is provided for.

88—General defence

A general defence in criminal proceedings in respect of an alleged contravention of the Act is provided for.

89—Notice of defences

Notice of reliance on a defence under the Act must be given to the Regulator.

90—Proof of intention etc for offences

It is declared that it is not necessary to prove any intention or other state of mind in order to establish a contravention of the Act (except if there is an express provision in the Act to the contrary).

91—Imputation in proceedings of conduct or state of mind of officer, employee etc

Provision is made for the imputation of the conduct or state of mind of an officer, employee or agent of a body corporate acting within the scope of their actual, usual or ostensible authority to the body corporate in proceedings. Similar provision is made in relation to employees and agents of individuals.

92—Statement of officer evidence against body corporate

In proceedings for an offence against this Act by a body corporate, a statement made by an officer of the body corporate is admissible as evidence against the body corporate.

93—Liability of officers of body corporate

Provision is made in relation to the liability of officers of body corporate for contraventions of the Act by the body corporate.

94—Continuing offences

Provision is made for additional penalties for continuing acts or omissions constituting an offence against the Act.

95—Commencement of proceedings for summary offences

Provision is made in relation to commencement of proceedings for summary offences against the Act.

96—Evidence

Evidentiary provisions are set out.

97—Recovery of administrative and technical costs associated with contraventions

Provision is made in relation to the recovery of certain costs associated with contraventions of the Act.

98—Cost recovery for dealing with dangerous situations

Provision is made in relation to the recovery of certain costs for dealing with dangerous situations.

99—Government magazine

Provision is made in relation to the establishment, control and supervision of a Government magazine (being a place for the storage of explosives).

100—Harbors and vessels

The Regulator may publish standards relating to certain activities involving explosives in or in relation to vessels or harbors.

101—Prohibition of explosives being transported on prescribed roads

The transport of explosives on prescribed roads is prohibited.

102—Compulsory acquisition of land

A power to compulsorily acquire land for certain purposes is provided for.

103—Requirement to return licence on request

A requirement for a licensee to return a licence on request is provided for.

104—Regulations and fee notices

Provisions relating to making regulations and fee notices under the Act are set out.

Schedule 1—Amendments, repeals and transitional provisions

Part 1—Amendment of *Tattooing Industry Control Act 2015*

1—Amendment of section 21—Offence to possess certain items in premises where tattooing services provided

2—Amendment of section 22—Further powers of police officers—random weapon and explosive searches

These clauses make related amendments to the *Tattooing Industry Control Act 2015*.

Part 2—Amendment of *Work Health and Safety Act 2012*

3—Amendment of section 4—Definitions

This clause makes a related amendment to the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012*.

Part 3—Repeals

4—Repeal of *Explosives Act 1936*

This clause repeals the *Explosives Act 1936*.

5—Repeal of regulations under *Explosives Act 1936*

This clause repeals all regulations made under the *Explosives Act 1936*.

Part 4—Transitional provisions

This Part sets out transitional provisions relating to the measure.

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (20:43): I commend the Deputy Premier for ably rehearsing the contents of the government's speech, for the first time aired, at its premiere, if you like, back on 4 May

of last year in another place, and so we had the benefit of that and it is also well known that the opposition supports the bill. I am the lead speaker for the opposition but I will not need anything like the period of the guillotine in this case, at least as presently advised the eleventh guillotine in a day.

I do just take a moment to indulge a memory of my wife Maria's grandmother who, back in the day travelling on public transport in Stockholm, used to make a habit of carrying the explosives with her on the bus to get to the block to be able to then build the family home. That is a family story that is told. The Swedes are big on explosives, Alfred Nobel perhaps having been the most famous entrepreneur, scientist and developer of that technology. The ad hoc use of explosives is something that perhaps belongs to another era—not so routine.

While reflecting on people's grandparents, I remember that, on those rare occasions when my grandparents used to fly over from Western Australia, it used to be my grandfather's practice to put his chainsaw in the hand luggage. That is something that would not happen today either.

So we have better, particularly as far as industry is concerned, and hopefully nationally consistent laws in terms of the regulation of the use of explosives, and this is such an example. It has been observed that the old act, the 1936 act, is both long in the tooth and has been the subject of ad hoc amendment over the journey. What we are now going to see is a nationally consistent approach. Each of the relevant parts are going to now take on, hopefully, something that those who are involved in transport logistics, mining and quarrying, agriculture, manufacturing, construction, the automotive and aircraft industries, as well as the entertainment and pyrotechnic industries, are all going to benefit from.

The work that has been done nationally goes back some significant number of years, back to 2018. I commend the work of the minister in another place for bringing the legislation here. I again express my surprise that it has now taken well over a year, since the time that we first heard about it from the minister in another place, to get here. It has long been known that the opposition supports the bill, and the government has been in a position to progress debate for many months. It is high time that it did. I commend the bill and commend its speedy passage through the house this night.

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (20:47): I thank the member for his contribution and support of the legislation. I look forward to its passage.

Bill read a second time.

Third Reading

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (20:47): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time and passed.

RETIREMENT VILLAGES (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 29 August 2024.)

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (20:48): I move:

That the time allotted for all stages of the bill be 60 minutes.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes	22
Noes.....	10
Majority	12

AYES

Andrews, S.E.	Bettison, Z.L.	Brown, M.E.
Champion, N.D.	Clancy, N.P.	Close, S.E.
Cook, N.F.	Fulbrook, J.P.	Hildyard, K.A.
Hughes, E.J.	Hutchesson, C.L.	Koutsantonis, A.
Michaels, A.	Odenwalder, L.K. (teller)	O'Hanlon, C.C.
Pearce, R.K.	Piccolo, A.	Picton, C.J.
Savvas, O.M.	Szakacs, J.K.	Thompson, E.L.
Wortley, D.J.		

NOES

Basham, D.K.B.	Batty, J.A.	Bell, T.S.
Cowdrey, M.J.	Ellis, F.J.	Pederick, A.S.
Pratt, P.K.	Teague, J.B. (teller)	Telfer, S.J.
Whetstone, T.J.		

PAIRS

Stinson, J.M.	Pisoni, D.G.	Boyer, B.I.
Tarzia, V.A.	Mullighan, S.C.	Gardner, J.A.W.
Malinauskas, P.B.	Hurn, A.M.	

Motion thus carried.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I continue my remarks I made in relation to the second reading speech. I will be brief. Obviously, the key element in terms of this legislation is making sure you have the balance right between residents on the one hand and providers and the industry on the other hand.

I think the government has formed the view originally, through the course of the PEG review that was undertaken by the previous government and also the consultation that we have undertaken since coming to government, that the balance was not right in terms of being slanted in the way of the operators previously, and this is seeking to rebalance that but not in such a way as would create an imbalance on the other hand.

We have sought to make a number of amendments to the legislation; some have been provided to the house and provided to the opposition today. This is following consultation that we have made following that desire to get the balance right between the providers and the operators and also the residents, and consultation that we have had with the Property Council and also with the South Australian Retirement Villages Residents Association (SARVRA). I want to thank all of them for their cooperation as part of this work that we have done.

This is putting in place a number of measures. One is removing section 20 which was seen as an impediment to future investment in the retirement village space—obviously, we want to see continued investment happening, particularly as we are facing a housing crisis right across the country at the moment—but also to address the issue that had been raised by residents in terms of the capital contribution and a retrospective application of that, in order to particularly protect a small number of residents who had contracts that were out of balance with what we think is appropriate and what the modern legislation will set forward for the future, but also where most of the industry was at as well.

This is different to some of the grandstanding that we had in the second reading contributions from members opposite who, to my understanding, did not seek to file their own amendments. We have sought to work with both industry and residents to get the balance right in relation to this very important piece of legislation. There are also a number of amendments that have been filed in terms of addressing some minor issues in terms of the legislation. I will outline some of them:

- amend clause 34 to clarify the costs that a resident may be liable for if they choose to terminate their contract during the settling-in period;
- amend clauses 38 to 40 to remove the proposed 10-year waiting period before an operator may apply to the court or minister for approval to partially terminate a village;
- amend clauses 42 and 43 to clarify the classes of people who are captured by the training requirements; and
- amend clause 36 to allow the tribunal to refer a matter or any aspect of a matter in dispute between an operator and a resident for mediation with the express consent of the parties.

We have sought to work with the industry and with residents. I want to thank the Office for Ageing Well for holding so many of the information sessions: 13 information sessions across metropolitan and regional South Australia attended by 420 residents. I specifically thank Cassie Mason, Vanessa Clarke and Rebecca Carrigan for their work in consultation and the drafting and preparation of the bill.

I also acknowledge the Retirement Villages Residents Association, particularly president Roger Adamson and past president Bob Ainsworth for their tireless advocacy on behalf of their members and village residents across South Australia. I thank the operators and the peak bodies, including the Retirement Living Council and the Property Council. I highlight Bruce Djite and Daniel Gannon who have worked constructively to try to seek an appropriate balance in relation to this legislation. I thank all those people who have provided their extensive and valuable feedback, as well as my office and Dylan Anesbury for his work on this legislation.

With those comments, I look forward to the committee stage and I commend this legislation to the house. I also thank my chief retirement village adviser, my grandmother Ruth Picton, who lives in Netley Grove in the member for West Torrens' electorate and who will always be a very passionate advocate to me personally for the needs and the requirements of retirement village residents in South Australia.

Bill read a second time.

Committee Stage

In committee.

Clauses 1 to 7 passed.

Clause 8.

Ms PRATT: Minister, just a simple question at clause 8 where there is a reference to the annual report and a deletion of the date of 30 September with the substitution of 31 October. Can you explain very simply why the change?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: The advice that I have is that this is simply to align with other reporting requirements, in particular the Office for Ageing Well's annual reporting requirements aligning with that date.

Ms PRATT: There are no further questions.

Clause passed.

Clause 9.

Ms PRATT: This relates to the register where subsection (3)(b) refers to 'a website determined by the minister'. My question is: can the minister expand on the meaning of 'a website determined by the minister'—which one, is it binding? What is the clause referring to?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I am tempted to talk, as the Hon. John Rau would about the interweb and his definition of it, but my advice is that this is likely to be the Office for Ageing Well website. Now that it is moving to DHS from the Department for Health, I presume it will be connected to the DHS website.

Ms PRATT: Following on from that, as it relates to the register, does that website currently exist or is it going to come into effect after this amendment?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: My advice is that the information is currently available from Data.SA and you can also request it from the Office for Ageing Well and then, after the passage of this section, it will become available on the Office for Ageing Well's website.

Clause passed.

Clauses 10 to 13 passed.

Clause 14.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I move:

Amendment No 1 [HealthWellbeing-2]—

Page 9, lines 11 to 15 [Clause 14, inserted section 20(3)]—Delete subsection (3)

This clause substitutes section 20 of the act, expanding the types of information that must be included in a resident's contract. It incorporates an authority provision currently found in section 25 of the act. Expanded information includes whether alterations can be made to the residence; who is responsible for repairing or replacing fixtures, fittings and furnishings; responsibilities for reinstating; renovating the residence; fees and charges responsible for.

This amendment makes changes to clause 14 to remove the proposed subsection 20(3), which provided that standard contract terms may be prescribed that may apply to all residents' contracts or a class of residents' contracts. This amendment was not considered by the review. It was raised during public consultation. Since the inclusion of this amendment, a large number of stakeholders have raised concern regarding its operation, and getting the balance right regarding safeguarding the rights of residents and providing an operating environment that enables investment, innovation and growth in the sector is essential.

Ms PRATT: I would like to ask the minister a question about clause 20(3), noting an amendment that was dropped during the dinner break. If the minister can speak to his thinking or the process in bringing this amendment on top of previous amendments to the house, what consultation has been undertaken for this late amendment and can he expand on the process that brought us to debate this tonight without a consultation opportunity?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: This was not something that was originally part of our bill that we released for public consultation. It was added subsequently before introduction to the parliament. I think it is fair to say that this was one of two areas where there was significant concern leading into this debate. One was in relation to the capital contribution rate (CCR) that has been noted in the debate already, and that has been clearly a concern raised in relation to residents.

This section was clearly a cause of concern in terms of the operators, that they believed that this would lead to a lack of investment in the sector and issues in terms of proper financing for future investment in the sector, undermining future growth. What we have been able to do is have negotiations with both operators, particularly through the Retirement Living Council through the Property Council, but also through the South Australian Retirement Villages Residents Association.

We have sought a compromise where we would essentially go back very similar to what was in place under the consultation document, which was retracting what was proposed in this bill in relation to section 20 back to where that was not proposed in relation to the original consultation document that was put out, but also putting back retrospective application in terms of caps of the capital contribution rate, which we will get to later in the committee stage.

This is I think where all parties have sought to work together. I think this is a reasonable compromise. As with all things, not everybody gets everything that they want, but I think this is a compromise that certainly the government is comfortable with and something where those key stakeholders on both sides have been able to reach comfort and address the main concerns that they had leading into this debate.

Ms PRATT: In relation to subsection (3), the minister has reflected on the process—and I thank him for stepping us through that—but part of the reflection was that this amendment has really

taken us back to the guidelines that were part of the YourSAy consultation process in the first place, which is where residents certainly were optimistic about their contracts being included. So my question to the minister is: from the YourSAy consultation process and those guidelines being released, where there was in writing a commitment of contracts being recognised and captured that were before the commencement of the act, what has changed in that time—from the guidelines that suggested that would happen, to the government's introduction of a bill that was silent on that and, at the eleventh hour, a reintroduction or return to that?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: As I said, subsection (3) was not in YourSAy. This was not part of the consultation. This was not something that we went to the community and asked them about. This was an idea that was developed subsequent to that and was introduced into the bill, and it was clearly a cause of concern once we did so. We have listened to that feedback, we have listened to the fact that there was concern that this would affect investment decisions in the sector, and we have been able to reach a compromise in terms of working with both the residents and also providers to seek to address their main concerns.

I thank both of those parties for coming constructively to the table to work on this issue. Going back to what was originally proposed in YourSAy, where additional provisions could be set by regulation in future, if we take that off the table, addressing that concern that this would affect future investment decisions and also, at the same time, as we will subsequently get to in the committee stage, having that provision where we can have that retrospective application of the capital contribution rate cap is an acceptable compromise in the view of the government and therefore something that we would ask the parliament to support.

Mr BATTY: This amendment removes a provision which allows a resident's contract to be taken to include any other terms prescribed by regulations, and those terms would prevail over any inconsistent contractual term. What types of terms was the minister envisaging could have been inserted into these contracts by way of regulation, and is there any concern now that you will not have the ability to do that?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I think the member for Bragg has fairly articulated that one of the reasons why we really have agreed to remove this is that we did not have in our mind a particular reason why we need to go down this path. There were not clauses where we had a plan or an articulation of what needed to be added to regulation through this subsection (3), and providers quite rightly were raising with us, 'What do you have in mind?'

There were not any particular plans in place, and obviously they were concerned that there could be a whole range of things that could have been added through this clause, that banks and other financiers would be concerned in terms of what this would mean in terms of future investments, that it could disrupt business models, and hence I think we have sought a reasonable compromise in terms of addressing those concerns, going back to what was originally part of the YourSAy consultation and at the same time addressing the concerns that have been raised for the capital contribution rates, with both parties coming to the table to be able to address and negotiate those concerns.

Mr BATTY: Would it have been possible, if this clause had remained, that one of those terms could have been, for example, the capping of the capital fund payments that is foreshadowed later in the bill? Is that the type of term that could have been included through regulation if that clause had remained?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I do not seek to get into particular hypotheticals about what could have been included. We are seeking to remove this because I think it was so broad that it clearly raised concerns. With the government not having a particular plan for what that was going to entail, the risk of a whole range of things that could have potentially been included here I think was quite rightly argued as too great. I think it is something where, certainly as a government, we have been seeking to articulate and have legislated the changes that we want to make in the law.

We are doing that in the parliament. The bill is open. We have the opportunity to say what we think the legislation should be. We do not have other things in mind that are outside what we are proposing to the parliament today, hence I think it is appropriate that we should consider through this committee stage what we want the provisions to be and debate them openly through this process.

We do not need this other provision that was put forward in subsection (3), and we can go back to what was the original proposal through the YourSAy process.

Mr BATTY: Thank you, minister. I think you are right that the clause was very broad and could have allowed a lot. I am not surprised it caused concern to many, including the Property Council, who I am sure thought this clause abandoned understanding of contractual principles. I guess it begs the question of how it ended up there in the first place. You mentioned it was not in the original YourSAy draft. It has ended up in the bill that you have introduced to this parliament. What was the genesis for this clause appearing?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I think it was something that had been considered through the final drafting as something that would enable future issues to be dealt with without having to come back to the parliament. There is always ambition to have ability to deal swiftly with issues as they may arise and deal with problems as we come across them, but I also think that it is appropriate that there should be, and I think that there can be—and hopefully we will see it through the process through this house and the other place—cooperative work through the legislation to address those issues. So while there was original consideration of the need for this, the government has been minded to decide that that is not necessary.

Amendment carried; clause as amended passed.

Clauses 15 to 20 passed.

Clause 21.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I move:

Amendment No 2 [HealthWellbeing–2]—

Page 16, line 36 to page 17, line 6 [clause 21(2), inserted subsection (3) and note]—Delete subsection (3) (including the note to that subsection) and substitute:

- (3) If any amounts are deducted from an exit entitlement as contributions to 1 or more capital funds, the total amount that is deducted must not exceed—
- (a) in relation to an amount deducted under a residence contract entered into before the commencement of this subsection—an amount that is 12.5% of the current market value of the residence to which the exit entitlement relates; or
- (b) in relation to an amount deducted under a residence contract entered into after the commencement of this subsection—the lesser of the following amounts:
- (i) an amount that is 1% of the current market value of the residence to which the exit entitlement relates multiplied by the number of years (including any part year) of occupation of the residence under the residence contract;
- (ii) an amount that is 12.5% of the current market value of the residence to which the exit entitlement relates.

Note—

This subsection provides a cap on the deductions. If the residence contract provides for some lesser amount as the deduction, then this subsection will not apply.

Ms PRATT: In relation to amendment No. 2, which we are discussing today, it is an amendment that again was perhaps not anticipated but has been brought to the house for consideration. I welcome it, as I am certain do stakeholders on both sides, whether they be residents or private providers. As I was with the previous amendment, I am interested in the process that the government undertook through its consultation, or if the minister can speak to the consultation process.

The minister, in his response to second reading speeches, did call out the opposition for grandstanding during our own second reading speeches. I think it is unbecoming of the minister given the intention that we brought to our observations. Here we are a parliamentary week on, and the very balance and compromise that we were calling for has in fact eventuated through, if I am being ungenerous, a backflip or, if I am being kind, continued advocacy and negotiation.

I genuinely welcome the amendments that are before us this evening because it is clear that we have finally landed on a bill that reflects the original intention, and that is to improve the transparency and consumer rights, if you like, of a resident, whether they live in Netley Grove or Plympton or Golden Grove or Leabrook or anywhere else in our state.

I want to put on the record in relation to this amendment that while it is very welcome and the feedback that the opposition has had this evening during the dinner break is one of adulation about the progress that has been made, I think that last week's reflections and texts being read out to the chamber in real time reflected a smugness that was unwelcome. I will not copy that behaviour by reading out the texts that have been shared with the opposition.

My question to the minister on this clause is: who have you consulted in delivering these amendments to the house during the dinner break?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: As I have articulated, this has been firstly a matter of very extensive consultation leading into the debate before the parliament. There was, of course, an original PEG Consulting report done through consultation under the previous government that led to a consultation paper and a series of forums that we held throughout the state where this matter was something that we put forward as a matter for discussion. Not surprisingly, it received significant support from residents and it received significant concern from providers.

Following that, in the formulation of the final bill that came to presentation before the parliament we were concerned in terms of what was being put forward by providers. We did not put forward this particular section in terms of its retrospective application, based on those concerns from the providers, and then that very openly caused concern for the residents. Hearing that concern, we sought to not proceed rapidly with this debate until we had really sought to see if there was some way of addressing those issues between the residents and the providers.

Through quite a series of consultations with the Retirement Living Council through the Property Council of Australia, we were able to reach agreement with them and also the Retirement Villages Residents Association to see this clause proceed for a retrospective application, similar to what had been originally put forward in the consultation process through YourSAy and the forums, etc. As I said very clearly, that was also a matter where there had been give and take on both sides, and that was clearly also in relation to section 20, which we have compromised on and sought an amendment on as well.

As with all these matters, it is a matter of balance and it is a matter of people being willing to work together. As a government, we have been very keen to work with both the providers and the residents. While not everybody has 100 per cent of what they want, I think that we now have an appropriate balance where we are, as a government, happy to proceed and ask for the parliament's support for the final passage of these measures. As the member said herself, hopefully it sounds like there is adulation for the changes that we are proposing and hopefully they will be supported.

Ms PRATT: I am happy to signal support in principle as we move through in the committee stage. My question following on from those remarks relates to subsection (3)(a), as I read from the amendment:

- (a) in relation to an amount deducted under a residence contract entered into before the commencement of this subsection...

To continue the theme of adulation, there should be a sense of some meeting in the middle, recognition of compromise and sentiment being shared by those who I know are tuning in, minister, and that is to ask you whether you can clarify and confirm that the insertion of this clause, the addition of this amendment, is to capture all existing contracts before the commencement of this act?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: Yes, that is correct.

Mr BATTY: Minister, you mentioned this bill as a whole has been subject to many years of consultation, exposure drafts, YourSAy—the bill that has been introduced today I am sure has been a very painstaking process for you and government. You also mention now, finally, as we are moving this amendment that this finally tonight strikes the right balance. At what point did you realise that this struck the right balance? Were you not aware of concerns about the bill you introduced into this house? Were you not aware of them two weeks ago when you were ridiculing other members in this

place for raising their own constituents' concerns? At what point did you realise that this now is the right balance?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I thank the member for Bragg for his question. I think my comments in the previous sitting week—and I am happy to repeat them—were quoting what I had been provided by the Executive Director of the Property Council, Mr Bruce Djite, in terms of his reflections on the views of the opposition and their status as a reflection on their policy process and political force in South Australia. He gave me permission to quote them in the parliament, and I did so.

I think we have been seeking to work with all the stakeholders in this matter to try to achieve the right balance. I do not think, when it comes to a difficult issue like this, that everyone ever gets 100 per cent of exactly what they want, and through the process of, first, the PEG Consulting report that was done, subsequently the further consultation we were able to do, including a number of matters such as this one, which were not in the original PEG Consulting report, and also in terms of the reduction of the repayment period from 18 months to 12 months—we sought to go even further—in that process of consultation and following the introduction into the parliament, where a number of concerns were raised with the final bill presented to the parliament, we have sought to work constructively and have now achieved a balance where two of the main stakeholders on either side are now much more comfortable than they were in terms of the final proposition we are putting to the House of Assembly today.

Mr BATTY: What impact will this amendment have on retirement village operators?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: That obviously depends upon the particular contract, and this clause will apply retrospectively to existing contracts, similar to the question the member for Frome had. A number of contracts are in place where this will not be an issue whatsoever, and there are at least a small number of contracts where this will give those residents additional protections to what they have in their existing contract at the moment.

Mr BATTY: Minister, do you think that this amendment moved by you represents you abandoning any understanding of commercial contracts as you worry about one or two squeaky wheels?

Ms Pratt interjecting:

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: The member for Frome interjects that they are my words. That is not correct. I was, in fact, quoting directly from the Executive Director of the Property Council, Mr Bruce Djite, and he gave me permission to read his views into the parliament. I want to thank Bruce and even go as far as to thank Mr Daniel Gannon, who has worked constructively with the government in terms of finding an outcome here.

We appreciate their work. They have actually had engagement also with residents on this matter as well. I think that we have reached a matter where we can bring to the parliament a series of amendments that taken together will address the key concerns from operators and residents—those particular two groups representing them.

Amendment carried; clause as amended passed.

Clauses 22 and 23 passed.

Clause 24.

Ms PRATT: Minister, it has been put to me, in relation to this clause on certain taxes, costs and charges that must not be charged to residents, that accreditation and recruitment costs may be passed on as a result of this clause. Can you rule that in or rule that out?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: My advice is that, following the passage of this legislation, for new contracts it will have to be specified in the contract. For existing contracts they will have to be reasonable costs, and if there is an issue about that then obviously that could be potentially challenged.

Clause passed.

Clauses 25 to 33 passed.

Clause 34.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I move:

Amendment No 1 [HealthWellbeing-1]—

Page 25, after line 16 [clause 34(3)]—After inserted paragraph (c) insert:

- (d) subject to subsection (5b), the costs to reinstate the residence to the condition it was before an alteration was made by the resident (or to some other agreed condition).

Amendment No 2 [HealthWellbeing-1]—

Page 25, after line 22 [clause 34(4)]—After inserted subsection (5a) insert:

- (5b) A resident is only liable to pay reinstatement costs under subsection (5)(d) if the resident, having made alterations to the residence, is bound under an agreement made with the operator to reinstate the residence to the same condition as before the alteration was made (or to some other agreed condition), but has failed to do so.

Amendments carried; clause as amended passed.

Clause 35 passed.

Clause 36.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I move:

Amendment No 3 [HealthWellbeing-2]—

Page 27, after line 15—After subclause (4) insert:

- (4a) Section 46(4)—delete subsection (4)

Amendment carried; clause as amended passed.

Clause 37 passed.

Clause 38.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I move:

Amendment No 3 [HealthWellbeing-1]—

Page 30, lines 34 to 40 [clause 38(3)]—Delete subclause (3)

Ms PRATT: I have a quick question on clause 38, termination of retirement village scheme. I was interested to see this amendment introduced and, on the other side of the scale, I am sure that it pleases private providers to see what I consider to be an arbitrary length of time in 10 years. I thank the Office for Ageing Well, during its briefing, for answering some questions that I had at the time. My question to you about this deletion of the subsection is: what was the minister's thinking or the government's thinking in deleting this clause in reference to the timeframe of 10 years?

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: This amendment makes changes to clause 38 to remove the restriction that prohibits an operator from applying to the Supreme Court for the termination of part of a retirement village scheme under this section if within the previous 10 years an operator has made an application to the minister under the new section 59 in the same or substantially similar terms and the minister has declined to make the termination.

Following further feedback from the sector, the 10-year waiting period has been assessed as creating an unnecessary obstacle which could impede timely decision-making in some circumstances. This could have flow-on implications, such as adversely impacting the financial sustainability of a village or impeding innovation and redevelopment. Strong accountability is maintained, and the court will continue to determine each matter on the unique circumstances before it.

Amendment carried; clause as amended passed.

The CHAIR: Your next clause?

Ms PRATT: Given the government's appetite for guillotining bills today and this evening, I have no more questions.

Clause 39 passed.

Clause 40.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I move:

Amendment No 4 [HealthWellbeing-1]—

Page 32, lines 23 to 27 [clause 40, inserted section 59A(4)]—Delete subsection (4)

Amendment carried; clause as amended passed.

Clause 41 passed.

Clause 42.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I move:

Amendment No 5 [HealthWellbeing-1]—

Page 35, line 25 [clause 42(3), inserted subsection (6)]—Delete 'Subsection (5) does' and substitute:

Subsections (4) and (5) do

Amendment No 6 [HealthWellbeing-1]—

Page 35, line 29 [clause 42(3), inserted subsection (6)(a)]—After 'operations of the village' insert:

or require direct contact with residents of the village

Amendments carried; clause as amended passed.

Clause 43.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I move:

Amendment No 7 [HealthWellbeing-1]—

Page 36, line 30 [clause 43, inserted section 63A(2)(a)]—After 'operations of the village' insert:

or require direct contact with residents of the village

Amendment carried; clause as amended passed.

Remaining clauses (44 to 48) passed.

Schedule 1.

The Hon. C.J. PICTON: I move:

Amendment No 4 [HealthWellbeing-2]—

Page 39, line 26 [Schedule 1, clause 1, inserted definition of *capital fund*]*fund*—Delete the definition of *capital*

Amendment No 5 [HealthWellbeing-2]—

Page 39, line 31 to page 40, line 6 [Schedule 1, clause 2]*2*—Delete clause 2 and substitute:

2—Residence contracts

Section 20 of the principal Act, as inserted by this Act, applies in relation to a residence contract entered into after the commencement of section 14 of this Act except where, before that commencement, the information (including the residence contract) required to be given to a person under section 22 of the principal Act had been given to the person, in which case section 20 of the principal Act as in force before that commencement continues to apply.

Amendment No 6 [HealthWellbeing-2]—

Page 40, lines 24 to 27 [Schedule 1, clause 6]*6*—Delete clause 6

Amendments carried; schedule as amended passed.

Title passed.

Bill reported with amendment.

Third Reading

The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (21:40): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

Mr ELLIS (Narungga) (21:40): I thank the house for its indulgence. I, for whatever reason, missed the opportunity to make a second reading contribution, and, as such, would like to make a very brief contribution now at the third reading stage, primarily to thank some constituents who went out of their way to come to my office to provide feedback to me on the original bill. I know there have been some more amendments done this evening, but, for all intents and purposes, they provided me with feedback that was most invaluable for the original bill.

I would like to thank Jill Cundy, Margaret May and Jan Camporeale for coming in. They went through a thoughtful process of laying out their concerns with me, including sharing with me their outgoing resident settlement estimates, of which I had not seen before, to show the difficulties that they perceived they were having and the different intricacies of those forms. I would like to thank those three wonderful ladies for coming into the office and providing me with that feedback. It certainly made the job of forming a position on this bill that much easier and, as I said, I would like to thank them.

Their chief concern was the deferred management fees were becoming quite onerous and chewing up quite a significant part of their exit entitlements. As the value of their lease went up, so did the deferred management fees. The owner was therefore standing to make a decent profit on the next lessee and having to pay out less as well. They shared their concerns with me and I thank them for that.

The other really brief thing I would like to say is that we need to remember, I think—and I am sure that we all do—that retirement village operators come in all shapes and sizes. There are obviously those really big companies, but some really reasonably little ones and some not-for-profit ones as well.

I well recall a friend of mine, David Rosewarne, operated six or so retirement units as a sole practitioner, essentially, in Kadina. At a different time in the property cycle, when he had one of his vacated, he found it exceedingly difficult to sell that licence to occupy thereafter. It got to the point where he was up against the then 18-month time limit I think, or maybe two-year time limit, upon which he had to pay that entitlement to the person who had left the premises and had not yet resold that licence to occupy and as such found himself in an extremely difficult financial position on the basis of the fact that he was a sole practitioner and a business owner and someone who was out of pocket hundreds of thousands of dollars to pay out that entitlement.

We need to remember that it is not always a big business that operates these villages. The best example I had of that recently was an opening in Kadina of the Materne Estate, named after Dr Maurice Materne, the long-time GP in Kadina for some 40 years. The Kadina Community Hospital board opened this new retirement village in Kadina with six or eight units. They reckon they are the only profitable hospital in the country because they do not actually operate a hospital anymore, it is just the premises that are rented out to allied health professionals and the proceeds of that are used to benefit the community. In this case, they have bought and developed the property and established these units for aged care and they will be operated under the Retirement Villages Act.

What we have here is an incredibly complicated act now and we have a board of eight community volunteers who will be stewards of that act for those six or eight residents in their new facility. I firstly congratulate the chair, Dean Rodda, and his committee for building that, and Gary Wahlstedt for constructing it. They did a marvellous job. We went to the opening and they looked tremendous. Well done to all of them on that. I do want to put on the record my concerns about how they will go navigating that act as a community organisation and not-for-profit group. I am sure they are not alone but that is the most recent example. I look forward to seeing it in action and hope that those residents there enjoy a comfortable retirement as they move forward and age.

Mr BATTY (Bragg) (21:44): As we pass the Retirement Villages (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill tonight, including increased consumer protections for retirement village residents right across my electorate, I want to thank all of my constituents who have engaged with me over the

course of this legislative process and for their advocacy in this process as well. I have literally engaged with hundreds of my constituents on this issue in a really thoughtful and constructive manner.

I want, in particular, to acknowledge and thank many of my constituents at On Statenborough retirement village who will be very impacted by the bill we have passed tonight, including the amendments we passed tonight, as well as Victoria Grove Retirement Village in my electorate, Pineview Retirement Village in my electorate and Wattle Grove retirement village.

I also want to thank the Retirement Living Council, the other major stakeholder on this bill, for engaging with me and the opposition in a really constructive manner over the past months and indeed years. I want to in particular thank Daniel Gannon, Annabel Wilkins and Ollie Luckhurst-Smith, as well as the retirement village operators who I met with in the course of discussing this legislation. All I have ever sought to do in the course of this debate is advance my own constituents' best interests, to put their views forward and I hope that we have got a good result for them tonight. It is something that I will not cease to do in this place.

Ms PRATT (Frome) (21:46): I want to echo the sentiments that have been shared by the member for Bragg and the member for Narungga. It pleases me to be able to stand and recognise in the third reading speech all of those people who have interacted with me as the shadow minister for ageing. While the member for Bragg certainly was a strong advocate for his constituents, not only was I representing members of the Frome community who are looking to their retirement futures, but across the state from Port Elliot on the Fleurieu Peninsula to the electorates of the member for King, the member for Newland, the member for Elder and the member for Dunstan.

We have been inundated as an opposition by those who were very anxious about the finality of this bill. I welcome the amendments that have landed at the eleventh hour. A rising tide lifts all boats and it is clear from particular clauses that speak to existing contracts before the commencement of this act, that as residents wake up tomorrow and are notified by their membership body, SARVRA, led ably by not just the former president Bob Ainsworth, the outgoing president Roger Adamson, but in her role Margaret Hawkins. They are a strong advocacy body who made sure that their members' needs, their residents' needs were being advocated for at the highest level.

I also want to recognise the support and contributions and advice that I have benefited from, from Ollie Luckhurst-Smith, Annabel Wilkins and Daniel Gannon. The Retirement Living Council represents as a peak body a significant sector in the space of providing housing options for our ageing population and I do not say elderly, I say ageing. They are ageing well and they are entitled, after many years of hard work, to see options available to them.

I include my own parents in the category of baby boomers and a hardworking generation who are looking to the government, at the state and federal level, for signals that we are open for business, that there are options for ageing well, whether that is ageing well at home, whether it is retirement living, separate to retirement villages, or a residence that, through virtue of innovation and tech in this space, is going to give them their best life.

On behalf of the opposition, I am proud of the role that we have played in nudging the government in working with stakeholders and listening to residents' concerns that this bill was not going far enough to meet their needs.

In fact, here we are, through the dinner break having been in receipt of amendments that did not afford us any opportunity to further consult or seek feedback. The best timeframe available to us was the 90 minutes in the dinner break, and yet many things are possible when there is a deadline to meet.

I thank the minister for the work that he has done and the role that he has played in receiving the PEG Consulting piece that really triggered the YourSAy consultation process. Many hundreds of submissions came in from across the state, and there was the thoughtful, considered approach that residents took—and so they had to, because everything was on the line: their nest egg, their income, their asset, their home and, for many of these residents, a future inheritance or gift that they had considered for their children, their family, their loved ones. This bill was an opportunity to find that

balance. I am grateful and pleased that the amendments that dropped through the dinner break met those needs. I am pleased to support the bill.

Mr BASHAM (Finniss) (21:51): I rise to thank a couple of my local constituents who have been important in this debate; they are Jodie and Mark Prosser. They have certainly been great advocates for that sector for many years and have done a great job in actually delivering for their sector by communicating, particularly to the shadow minister. I think they have done a fantastic job in what has been able to be achieved and are really thrilled that they have been able to be involved in that process.

Bill read a third time and passed.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (PUBLIC ACCESS) (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 28 August 2024.)

Mr BATTY (Bragg) (21:52): I rise to speak on the Automated External Defibrillators (Public Access) (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2024. This is a bill that amends the Automated External Defibrillators (Public Access) Act 2022, which was of course introduced by the Hon. Frank Pangallo in the other place, back in 2022. At that time it was the opposition that raised a number of questions in relation to the practical operation of the legislation. I understand the opposition at that time tried to move a number of amendments that might have better operationalised the legislation, but they did not have any success.

This bill seeks to make a number of amendments to the act, including the installation of AEDs in buildings or facilities that are publicly accessible. It also makes some operational changes, including the removal of annual testing requirements and the exclusion of certain buildings and facilities.

There are a number of key provisions in this bill that are worth reflecting on. It includes a definition in clause 3 for an 'owner' in the act, and this is in there to ensure a distinction is drawn between the obligations imposed by the legislation on a building owner versus obligations that might be imposed on a building tenant, which we see in clause 3(5) where the definition of 'owner' is better outlined.

The bill also makes AEDs mandatory in public buildings such as schools, universities, libraries, sporting facilities, local council offices, theatres and swimming pools. We see that in various clauses of this bill and, importantly, certain exceptions for other facilities as well in clause 6, with the insertion of section 6A, which seeks to ensure the act does not apply to various other buildings and facilities. These include a hospital or other medical facility, a correctional facility, a licensed children's residential facility and a building or facility where the entire building or facility is not accessible to the public. These are excluded from the act that was originally introduced a couple of years ago.

We also see in this bill the removal of the requirement for the minister to establish a training scheme under the act as well as the provision of a power for the minister to appoint a suitable person to be an authorised officer under the act. We see that through the insertion of part 3A in clause 14. Finally, we see this bill removing vehicles from the AED register requirement, as it is unable to capture non-static locations.

The opposition, I can indicate, will be supporting this bill today. In particular, the opposition supports the amendment to section 9 of the act which removes the requirement for mandatory testing of AEDs. That was a requirement that was in there requiring mandatory testings of these devices at least once every 12 months, and it substitutes it with a different requirement now, simply to:

...ensure that the Automated External Defibrillator is maintained in accordance with any instructions of the manufacturer of the Automated External Defibrillator.

We say that in particular is a good and sensible amendment to this act. We understand also that it is in accordance with advice from the department's biomedical experts. It is supported by that advice.

Importantly, it is also supported by various peak bodies, including, importantly, the South Australian Business Chamber.

I want to take this opportunity to echo the concerns of the South Australian Business Chamber, who have asked the government to ensure that business representatives are included on the across-government AED steering committee. In this current cost-of-living crisis that we are all experiencing, we know businesses right across the state are doing it really tough, with costs continuing to rise on the one hand and no relief ever being provided by this government on the other hand. The penalties in this bill for non-compliance I do note are really high, indeed up to \$20,000 in fines. As we legislate in this space, we need to always make sure that government is doing all it can to remove red tape and to allow businesses to operate with as little administrative burden as possible.

So we note our support for those sections in particular. I should note that while we will be supporting this bill tonight, we remain concerned that a couple of years ago the government pushed this initial legislation through fairly quickly, I think, without any due regard at that time to how it was actually going to operate. It is only now, some time after, that we are trying to fix this mess and some of the issues that the opposition probably identified at that time. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

At 22:00 the house adjourned until Wednesday 11 September 2024 at 10:30.

*Answers to Questions***WHYALLA STEELWORKS**

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black)** (1 May 2024).

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): On 7 July 2024, GFG announced it had resumed operations of its blast furnace.

*Estimates Replies***SPACE ASSEMBLY INTEGRATION AND TESTING FACILITY**

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The Space Assembly Integration and Testing facility is proposed to be accommodated in the next stage of development at Lot Fourteen.

The Lot Fourteen development program, inclusive of construction timeframes, is currently under review. It is anticipated that an updated development schedule will be publicly available by the end of 2024.

DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET STAFF

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Between 1 May 2023 and 31 May 2024, 66 DPC employees resigned from government. Of these, 39 were employed on a term basis and 27 were employed on an ongoing basis.

This is compared to 75 (43 term basis and 32 ongoing basis) DPC employees who resigned from government during the previous 12-month period (1 May 2022 and 31 May 2023).

These figures do not include employees who transferred to another state government agency.

As at 30 June 2024, the department had a total of 515 FTE employees.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MOTOR SPORT BOARD

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Under section 27D of the South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984, the South Australian Motor Sport Board are required to provide a report setting out the total attendance at the Adelaide 500 event and any other information as required under the regulations.

This report was tabled in both houses of parliament on 19 March 2024.

GOVERNMENT LAND IMPROVEMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Land and improvements non-current assets include land holdings, buildings, construction works in progress and right-of-use assets from leases.

The increase in land and improvements from 2023-24 estimated result (\$224.389 million) to 2024-25 budget (\$400.990 million) is \$177.601 million.

Total investing expenditure in 2024-25 is budgeted to be \$200.608 million as outlined in the investing expenditure summary. Of this, \$183.581 million relates to the increase in land and improvements non-current assets balance in 2024-25.

Land and improvements budgeted investing expenditure in 2024-25 is made up of the following:

- Northern Water project (\$78.340 million);
- Tarrkarri—Centre for First Nations Cultures (\$36.000 million);
- Cultural institution collections storage facility (\$25.000 million);
- Lyndoch Recreation Park redevelopment (\$16.000 million);
- The Innovation Hub at Lot Fourteen (\$14.025 million);

- Arts accommodation for the State Theatre Company, State Opera of South Australia and Country Arts SA (\$11.192 million); and
- Minor capital works undertaken as part of the annual program (\$3.024 million).

The increase of \$183.581 million in land and improvements relating to investing expenditure is offset by budgeted depreciation of assets during 2024-25 of \$5.980 million.

DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET STAFF

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

GovSAfety is the public sector's work health and safety system which is currently used by DPC as the mechanism for reporting incidents, injuries, and hazards including records of incidents or injuries relating to psychological or psychosocial hazard (i.e. stress).

I can confirm that during the preceding 12 months there have been no hazards, incidents or injuries reported of a psychological or psychosocial hazard nature within DPC.

CROSS BORDER COMMISSIONER

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

In terms of regional advertisement, the Cross Border Commissioner advertisement was listed in *The Border Watch*. The advertisement was also featured in *The Advertiser* and *Australian Financial Review*.

ADELAIDE 500

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Less than 5 per cent of all event tickets are provided on a complimentary basis. The vast majority of these tickets are provided for the schools day on the Thursday of the event.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Since 1 July 2023, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Chief Operating Officer, Northern Water	EXEC00
Director, ESG – Northern Water	EXEC00
Principal WHS Specialist – Northern Water	EXEC00
Associate Director Land Access – Northern Water	EXEC00
Associate Director, Marine and Environment – Northern Water	EXEC00
Major Contract Manager	EXEC00

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$1,719,350 (excluding on-costs).

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Since 1 July 2023, there were zero (0) executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
N/A	N/A

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

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The total value of the termination payments was \$0.00 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2023-24 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$1,356,327.00.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Nous Group	Energy sector challenges study	\$115,321 (GST exclusive)
AMC	Magnetite processing advice	\$38,691 (GST exclusive)

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
APEM	Strategy resource	\$77,315 (GST exclusive)
Pier2pier Consulting Pty Ltd	Assurance review	\$15,360 (GST exclusive)
TSA Management Pty Ltd	Assurance review	\$14,960 (GST exclusive)
Efficientsee Pty Ltd	Assurance review	\$13,200 (GST exclusive)

In addition, to the assurance reviewers contracted above, an additional \$1,081,480 (GST exclusive) is estimated to be spent on assurance reviewers for a total amount of \$1,125,000 (GST exclusive).

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	\$302	\$304	\$311	\$319

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities.

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
Infrastructure SA	FTE	0	0	0	0
	\$m	0	0	0	0

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
TOTAL	FTE	0	0	0	0
	\$m	0	0	0	0

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

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

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

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

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Portfolio Name				
Infrastructure SA	N/A	-	-	-

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

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

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years—administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Portfolio Name				
Infrastructure SA	N/A	-	-	-

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

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

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	0	0	0

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

Since 1 July 2023, there were no executive appointments made.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

Since 1 July 2023, there were no executive positions abolished.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

There were no termination payments.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2023-24 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$124,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
54 Point Consulting	Economic Impact Statements & Business case studies.	\$20 000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Chris Selwood	Event Ambassador/Spokesperson for event-specific services for the World Solar Challenge	\$25 000
Alec Stevens	Security & Groundstaff Manager, Adelaide 500	\$24 000
Flashpoint Events (Peter Darwin)	Concert Site and Production Coordinator, Adelaide 500	\$55 000

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Total goods and services	46 426	46 718	46 313	47 511

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
SAMSB	FTE	4	4	4	4
	\$m	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
TOTAL	FTE	4	4	4	4
	\$m	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

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

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years—controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Portfolio Name (e.g. Premier and Cabinet, Arts etc)				

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Portfolio Name (e.g. Premier and Cabinet, Arts etc)			

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years—administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Premier and Cabinet	Execution and delivery of the Adelaide Rally	525	538	
Premier and Cabinet	Execution and delivery of the Adelaide Motorsport Festival	1 450	1 486	

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Premier and Cabinet	Massive Events Corp	Execution and delivery of the Adelaide Rally	512 000
Premier and Cabinet	Massive Events Corp	Execution and delivery of the Adelaide Motorsport Festival	1 415 000

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	NIL	NIL	NIL

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Since 1 July 2023, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Nil.	

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

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Since 1 July 2023, there were no executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Nil.	

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

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The total value of the termination payments was \$0.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$0.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Nil.		

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Nil.		

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	391	367	377	366

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
Premier's Delivery Unit	FTE	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	\$m	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	FTE	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	\$m	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

There are nil grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

All ICT services, including remote work infrastructure, are provided by a service level agreement with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

Since 1 July 2023, no executive appointments were made.

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

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

Since 1 July 2023, there were 0 executive positions abolished.

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

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

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

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2023-24 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$0.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-24.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
n/a	n/a	0

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
n/a	n/a	0

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	354	356	346	333

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
TOTAL	FTE	0	0	0	0
	\$m	0	0	0	0

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

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GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

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

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission	n/a	0	0	0

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission	n/a	n/a	n/a

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years—administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission	n/a	0	0	0

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission	n/a	n/a	n/a

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

All ICT services for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission are provided by DPC through a service level agreement, no additional charges have been included in the service level agreement for the management of remote work infrastructure.

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	0	0	0

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Since 1 July 2023, the following executive appointments, excluding appointments or reappointments of existing DPC executive employees, were made.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Cabinet Office	SAES 1
Director, Children in the North	SAES 1
Director, Population Strategy	SAES 1
Director, Secretariat to the Council for Australian Federation	SAES 1
Director, People and Culture	SAES 1
Director, State Development	SAES 1
Deputy Director, Strategy and Architecture	SAES Specialist—ICT

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$1,656,444. (excluding on-costs).

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Since 1 July 2023, there were nine executive positions abolished.

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

Role Title	Classification
Technology Strategist	SAES 1
Director Strategy Projects & Social Policy	SAES 1
Executive Director, Royal Commission	SAES 2

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

Role Title	Classification
Director, Arts and Cultural Policy	SAES 1
Director, Policy & System Reform	SAES 1
Executive Director, Communities & Corporate	SAES 2
Executive Director, Government Process	SAES 2
Executive Director, Cabinet Office	SAES 2
Executive Director, Major Programs	SAES 2

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is approximately \$2,233,561 (excluding on-costs). The employment cost of the vacant SAES 1 and SAES 2 role were calculated at the base of the remuneration range.

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The total value of the termination payments was \$232,643.53 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2023-24 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants in 2024-25 is \$0.350 million and contractors in 2024-25 is \$2.965 million.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
ALT Event Management Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Provide expert advice in global tourism and technology driven immersive experiences for Tarrkarri cultural centre	\$219,154

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Wallmans Lawyers	Direct Negotiation	Development and delivery of pilot program to support The Circle members to transition from sole trader to company structure.	\$49,900
Wavemaker	Public Invitation to Supply (ITS)	Supply specialist services including strategy development, planning and buying of advertising media for whole of government	Commercial in confidence
Enth Degree PTY LTD	Direct negotiation	Independent media auditing services for the whole of government master media contract managed by the department	\$23,910
Hannan and Partners	Direct Negotiation	Specialist IT Programmers and Systems Support	\$44,813
Scyne Advisory Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Specialist IT Programmers and Systems Support	\$433,665
SecAIS Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Specialist IT Programmers and Systems Support	\$193,220
Integral Technology Solutions Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Specialist IT Programmers and Systems Support	\$36,000
IAS Fine Art Logistics Pty Ltd—	Multi-Stage Process	Development and implementation of a plan for relocation of collections to the Cultural Institutions Storage Facility	\$243,600

Contractors	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Ventia Australia Pty Ltd	Direct negotiation	Sensory bus design	\$46,802

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	\$75,057	\$69,288	\$67,671	\$69,456

This includes budgeted expenditure that relates to business units that will transfer from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, as a result of machinery of government transfers, as budgets are yet to be formally transferred.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
Government Communications	FTE	21.8	21.8	21.8	21.8
	\$m	2.81	2.85	2.90	2.94

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

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

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years—controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Business Events Bid Fund	The Business Events Bid Fund was established with the purpose to attract more international and domestic business events to South Australia.	11,853	9,000	5,000

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Autism Works in the Community Grants Program	The Autism Works in the Community Grants Program will provide once-off funding to eligible organisations for activities that increase knowledge, understanding and belonging for Autistic people and autism communities in South Australia.	250	250	250

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

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Business Events Bid Fund	Adelaide Convention Centre (Adelaide Venue Management Ltd)	Conferences to be held	2,447,500
Business Events Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide Ltd	Conferences to be held	1,249,000
Autism Works in the Community Grants Program	N/A – there are currently no commitments from the Autism Works in the Community Grants Program		

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years—administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Promotion of the State	A non-competitive grant fund available to support government and non-government organisations in activities that promote the economic, social and cultural aspects of the state.	1,906	2,271	2,328

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

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

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

There is no specific budget allocated to remote working arrangements.

Standard ICT infrastructure and support for departmental staff facilitates remote and flexible working arrangements. Therefore, costs associated with employee's ability to work remotely are being met within the existing budget of the department.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

Since 1 July 2023, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
No executive appointments	

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$nil.

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

Since 1 July 2023, there were no executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
No executive positions abolished	

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$nil.

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

The total value of the termination payments was nil which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2023-24 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$2,145,000. The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Ernst & Young	Actuarial review of liabilities	\$98,900
KPMG	Actuarial review of liabilities	\$95,000
Pitcher Partners Corporate Pty Ltd	Review of asset valuation model	\$18,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Galpins	Sub-contract auditing services	\$455,000
Ernst & Young	Sub-contract auditing services	\$178,400
Grant Thornton	Sub-contract auditing services	\$100,000
KPMG	Sub-contract auditing services	\$97,400
Bentleys (SA) Pty Ltd	Sub-contract auditing services	\$84,500
Aktis Performance Management	Review of Positions	\$21,600

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	4,210	4,259	4,366	4,474

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
TOTAL	FTE	0	0	0	0
	\$m	0	0	0	0

(1) Excludes resources used in production and communication associated with the Auditor-General's reports and internal communications.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

The Audit Office of South Australia does not undertake government-paid advertising other than minor costs associated with advertising a small number of job vacancies.

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

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The Audit Office of South Australia does not administer grant programs, nor does it make grants.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier): I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	0	0	0

(1) Audit Office of South Australia employees are required to work remotely at client sites and as such the office incurs expenditure to enable its employees to work at client sites. Our work from home policy specifically states that:

- The office site (SAC or client site) is regarded as the primary place of work and appropriate equipment will be provided for this workplace. Whilst home workplaces will still need to be assessed as compliant with health and safety legislation and practices, taxpayers' money will not be used to set up home offices.

- Employees are responsible for all costs they may incur while working from home, including telephone, electricity, data usage and insurance. They are also responsible for any costs (including time) incurred in travelling from home to attend any scheduled work commitments.

ABORIGINAL LANDS TRUST

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised of the following:

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (AAR) continues to support the Aboriginal Lands Trust (trust), through the provision of annual grant funding, amounting to \$1.082 million for 2024-25.

Trust communities receive funding for municipal services through the Office of Local Government and may receive support through other state and federal government agencies for programs, including to support youth, family violence prevention, Community health and wellbeing.

In addition to the above, AAR provides advice and support to the trust, as required, to manage its affairs and that of its communities, in accordance with the objectives of the Aboriginal Lands Trust Act 2013 (ALT Act).

ABORIGINAL MONUMENTS

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised of the following:

The Attorney-General's Department has a budget of \$1 million across 2023-24 and 2024-25 for this election commitment. Whilst no direct spending has been incurred as at 30 June 2024, consultation continues to be undertaken on this project.

The former Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement, Dr Roger Thomas, led statewide engagement in 2022 with Aboriginal community leaders and organisations to obtain their views about Aboriginal leaders who should be commemorated. There was a high level of support in the Aboriginal community for this initiative.

Dr Thomas also held preliminary discussions with metropolitan and regional councils about co-funding and identifying suitable sites.

I have met with Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM, Lord Mayor, City of Adelaide to discuss potential sites for some of the statues or monuments in Adelaide's CBD, and the Attorney-General's Department is continuing these discussions with Adelaide City Council.

FIRST NATIONS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised of the following:

The budget established to support the ongoing operations of the First Nations Voice to Parliament (the Voice) comprises the following three components:

1. Local and State First Nations Voices, covering items such as sessional and annual fees, ICT costs, travel and accommodation, and meeting facilities.
2. Annual conference and advisory committees to the State Voice, including:
 - Youth Advisory Committee
 - Elders Advisory Committee
 - Stolen Generation Advisory Committee
 - Native Title Advisory Committee.
3. A secretariat to support the Voice with its administrative functions and to assist their engagement with the Parliament of South Australia, government agencies and the community. The secretariat is based in Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation within the Attorney-General's Department (AGD).

Funding for items 1 and 2 above is held in AGD's administered Items budget whilst funding for item 3 is held within the Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation budget (Program 1 in the AGD Agency Statements). The table below provides a current breakdown of this funding:

	2024-25 Budget	2023-24 Estimated Result	2023-24 Budget	2022-23 Actual
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Local and State Voices	715	397	699	-
Conference and committees	107	-	105	-
Secretariat	690	389	680	-
Total	1,512	786	1,484	-

Expenditure incurred by the Local and State Voices to 31 May 2024 was approximately \$230,000.

Expenditure incurred by the secretariat to 31 May 2024 was approximately \$296,000.

Total expenditure to 31 May 2024 was approximately \$526,000.

In relation to the second dot point on page 17 of the AGD Agency Statements, which refers to an increase of \$0.4 million in expenses in the 2023-24 estimated result compared to the 2022-23 actual, this increase comprises additional funding provided in the 2023-24 budget for the Voice secretariat support (\$0.7 million), offset by one-off savings recognised in 2023-24 due to the Voice elections being held later than originally planned (\$0.3 million).

LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised of the following:

Section 18 of the Criminal Law (Legal Representation) Act 2001 sets out the funding arrangements for state expensive criminal cases.

The 2023-24 estimated result of \$7.329 million, as published in the 2024-25 budget, represents a number of state expensive criminal cases. This funding does not relate to Operation Ironside matters.

VICTIMS OF CRIME FUND

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised of the following:

The 2024-25 budget for Victims of Crime Fund payments for supplies and services has decreased compared with the 2023-24 estimated result.

The number of compensation applications received can vary each year which has an impact on payments from the fund.

Consistent with the approach taken in 2023-24, this budget will be revisited once actual activity (for example, the estimated number of compensation payments) in 2024-25 is known with more certainty. This is likely to occur as part of the upcoming Mid-Year Budget Review.

Whilst the interest inflows on page 60 of Budget Paper 4, Volume 1 relate to the Victims of Crime Fund, the interest outflows on page 61 do not relate to the Victims of Crime Fund.

DISTRICT COURT LODGEMENTS

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised of the following:

The 38 per cent pending completion in the District Court of over 12 months, reported in the budget papers at page 129, represents 680 lodgements out of 1789.

TREATMENT INTERVENTION COURT

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised of the following:

The 67 per cent of participants completing the program in the six-month drug treatment, reported at page 130 of the budget papers, represents eight program completions out of a total of 13 participants accepted. One participant is still active on the program.

The 68 per cent of participants completing the program in the 12-month drug treatment, reported at page 130 of the budget papers, represents 27 program completions out of a total of 41 participants accepted. One participant is still active on the program.

The 10 per cent of participants who did not complete the program in the 12-month drug treatment but who completed a minimum of six months, reported at page 130 of the budget papers, represents four participants out of the total of 41 participants accepted.

TREATMENT INTERVENTION COURT

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised of the following:

Participants on a program for lesser periods can also be indicative of success in terms of a program providing an alternative to a custodial sentence. This performance indicators reflect the per cent of participants who did not complete the 12-month program but who completed a minimum of six months.

During their time on the program, they undertake drug counselling and are monitored regularly with urine testing while on home detention bail, which means they are not in custody.

ADELAIDE BEACH MANAGEMENT

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): The Department for Environment and Water has advised me:

In the 2023-24 financial year, 1,000 cubic metres of sand was moved from the accumulation at the Torrens Outlet to Henley beaches.

A delivery of 15,000 cubic metres of quarry sand to Henley Beach commenced on 28 June 2024.

ADELAIDE BEACH MANAGEMENT

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I am advised:

The cost to deliver and place 100,000 m³ of quarry sand to West Beach in the 2024-25 financial year is approximately \$65 per cubic metre.

In the 2023-24 financial year, 100,000 m³ of quarry sand was delivered to West Beach at a cost of \$6.5 million.

ADELAIDE BEACH MANAGEMENT

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I am advised:

The trial is based on the recommendation from the Adelaide Beach Management Review's Independent Advisory Panel. The trial will confirm the viability of dredging as a long-term, sustainable solution to managing sand on Adelaide's beaches.

1. The Department for Environment and Water will continue to inform the public as details of the trial are determined, including from where sand is to be sourced.

2. The long-term cost of a dredging solution per year will be informed by the trial and will depend on how many dredging campaigns are required to achieve the agreed objective.

ADELAIDE BEACH MANAGEMENT

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I am advised:

On completion of the dredging trial, the results will be reviewed and used to inform the government's decision on the appropriate next steps.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for units under my responsibility within the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee):

Since 1 July 2023, the following executive appointments have been made. This includes, and is largely comprised by, appointments made to vacant positions.

Role Title	Classification
Executive Director Operations	SAES2
Executive Director Royal Commission	SAES2
Executive Solicitor	SAES1
Legal Counsel	SAES1
Manager Commercial Crime & Confiscations	SAES1
Director Aboriginal Affairs & Reconciliation	SAES1
Project Director	SAES1
Director Voice Secretariat	SAES1
Director Justice Policy & Analytics	SAES1
Senior Solicitor	SAES1
Senior Solicitor	SAES1
Senior Solicitor	SAES1
Senior Prosecutor	SAES1
Managing Prosecutor	SAES1
Assistant Director Operations	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$3.2 million (excluding on-costs).

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for units under my responsibility within the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee):

Since 1 July 2023, five executive positions have been abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Executive Director Royal Commission	SAES2
Director ICT Services	SAES1
Director Royal Commission Response Unit	SAES1
Director Operations and Engagement	SAES1
Legal Counsel	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$1.1 million (excluding on-costs).

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for units under my responsibility within the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee):

There have been no executive position terminations since 1 July 2023.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for units under my responsibility within the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee):

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2023-2024 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

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The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for units under my responsibility within the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee):

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants in 2024-25 is \$0.4 million.

The following is a summary of external consultants that are likely to be engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (GST inclusive)
SafeWork SA		
Nery Ergonomics	Qualified, skilled, and experienced external experts (primarily Engineering services) to assist SafeWork SA with investigations and prosecutions.	\$54,000
Field Engineers		\$33,000
Eliot's Automotive Services		\$14,000
MBP Engineering		\$13,000
Attar		\$13,000
Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation		
Pricewaterhouse Coopers Indigenous Consulting	Prepare draft Closing the Gap Annual Report	\$37,000

The majority of expenditure on contractors within AGD is related to the engagement of temporary labour hire. Based on expenditure incurred in recent years, it is estimated that expenditure on contractors in 2024-25 will be approximately \$4 million.

A significant component of this estimated expenditure relates to specialised ICT/project contractors which reflects the need for specialised resources in this field.

The estimated expenditure on contractors within the Public Trustee for 2024-25 is \$1.2 million.

The following is a summary of external contractors (excluding temporary labour hire engagements) that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (GST inclusive)
SafeWork SA		
SRA	Management of SWSA's InfoNET System	\$200,000
Aplo	Procurement partner and project management services for the implementation of the new SWSA case management system.	\$400,000
Ernst and Young	To conduct a review of the South Australian Government Explosives Reserve (SAGER) licensing fee structure.	\$40,000
Synergy	To provide change management advisory services for the implementation of the new SWSA case management system.	\$40,000
Public Trustee		
KPMG Australia Technology Solutions Pty Ltd	Replacement of ageing customer financials system	\$1,015,000
Randstad Pty Ltd	Test Manager – new customer financials system	\$91,000
Information Management Group Pty Ltd	Document Scanning Services – customer invoices	\$57,000

GOODS AND SERVICES

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The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for units under my responsibility within the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee):

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
AGD	140,161	141,537	145,085	142,380
Public Trustee	4,959	5,278	5,314	5,453

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised:

The AGD Strategic Communications Group undertakes communication and promotion activities for all AGD business units.

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee) for 2024-25 and the estimated employment cost of those FTEs:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
AGD & Public Trustee	FTE	8.45	8.45	8.45	8.45
	\$m	1.115	1.130	1.131	1.127

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for units under my responsibility within the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee):

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website:

<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for units under my responsibility within the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee):

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27—controlled items:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Attorney-General				
Aboriginal Justice Advocacy Services	Provides advice and advocacy on behalf of Aboriginal South Australians and their interactions with the justice sector.	248	-	-
Australian Pro Bono Resource Centre	Services for promoting and supporting pro bono work in South Australia	8	8	8
Crime Stoppers SA	Provides a program to enable the community and media to help police solve crime.	311	319	327
ACCO Connect	To establish and facilitate a program that pairs Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) with a law firm to build long term and sustainable partnerships that support capacity building in areas of organisational and governance law.	180	-	-
Operation Flinders	Provides a crime prevention program for young offenders and young people at risk of reoffending.	527	540	554

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Road Trauma Support Team	Provides support to people impacted by road trauma.	109	112	115
Treatment Intervention Court	Provide general legal defence services for defendants referred to, and accepted into, the Treatment Intervention Court Program.	199	204	209
Australian institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) – Annual Contribution	Contribution to administrative support.	15	15	16
AIJA – National Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Bench book	Funding for the National DFV Bench Book and the Family Violence in the Court training program for judicial officers.	2	2	2
Department of Human Services— Australian National Research Organisation for Women's Safety Limited (ANROWS)	Contribution to deliver relevant and translatable research evidence which drives policy and practice leading to a reduction in the levels of violence against women and their children.	22	23	23
AustLII	A free online service that provides access to legal information from Australia and New Zealand.	2	2	2
Australian Institute of Criminology	Australian Crime Prevention Awards	2	2	2
Australian Institute of Criminology Research contributions	Provides national research and knowledge on crime and justice and seeks to promote justice and reduce crime by undertaking and communicating evidence-based research	17	17	18
National Coronial Information System (NCIS)	The NCIS is a data repository containing information about deaths reported to a Coroner in Australia and New Zealand.	40	41	42
National Criminal Court Statistic Unit (NCCSU)	State contribution to the NCCSU to compile, analyse, publish and disseminate uniform national criminal courts statistics, subject to the provisions of the <i>Census and Statistics Act 1905</i> .	22	23	23
SAPOL Serious Offender Management Plan	Contribution to administrative support.	14	15	15
South Australian Law Reform Institute	Contribution to administrative support.	58	59	61
National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020-25 (NLAP) (Commonwealth funding)	To administer and provide funding under the NLAP for the provision of legal assistance services to vulnerable people in South Australia.	42,832	-	-
Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency (ANZPAA) National Institute of Forensic Science	Jurisdictional contribution to National Institute of Forensic Science.	37	37	37
Department of Premier and Cabinet—Better Services Initiative	Contribution to Better Services Initiative.	12	12	12
Professor Ross Vining Forensic Research Grant	Provide funding for collaborative research to improve casework.	50	50	50
Aboriginal Affairs				
Aboriginal Lands Trust	Administration of the Aboriginal Lands Trust Act 2013.	1,056	1,082	1,109
Aboriginal Visitors Scheme	To provide care, comfort and support to Aboriginal people who are in police custody.	201	206	211

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Administration of the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Land Right Act 1981	Administration of the <i>APY Land Right Act 1981</i> .	1,974	2,024	2,074
Bringing Them Home -Link-Up SA Program	To provide family tracing, reunion and counselling services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families.	91	94	96
Administration of the Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights Act 1984	Administration of the Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights Act 1984.	779	799	819
Implementation of Reconciliation SA's Business Plan	Implementation of Reconciliation SA's Business Plan.	225	230	236
South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Network (SAACCON)	To support the functions of the SAACCON which provides advice, recommendations and guidance to the Coalition of Peaks, and the South Australian, Commonwealth and Local Governments on the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.	1,539	1,577	1,616
NAIDOC SA Activities	NAIDOC SA activities and Premier's NAIDOC Awards.	25	25	25
NAIDOC Gold Sponsorship	National NAIDOC Gold Sponsorship.	50	-	-
Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) Growth Fund	ACCO Growth Fund.	1,337	-	-
Gladys Elphick Awards	Gladys Elphick Awards Ceremony.	10	10	10
Dr Alice Rigney Prize	Dr Alice Rigney Prize for Year 10-12 Aboriginal student in nominated school.	3	3	3
Industrial Relations				
Asbestos Diseases Society of South Australia	To support advocacy work, along with education programs that seek to increase awareness in the community about the dangers of exposure to asbestos.	53	54	-
Asbestos Victims Association	To support advocacy work, along with education programs that seek to increase awareness in the community about the dangers of exposure to asbestos.	53	54	-
Mates in Construction	To support suicide prevention work, along with case management support for workers in need in the construction and mining industry	63	65	-
Augusta Zadow Award	This funding is used to meet the costs of a work health and safety initiative that benefits young workers or working women, which may involve practical solutions, research or further education.	25	25	25
SA Unions	The Mind Your Head initiative is committed to bringing employers, workers, unions, insurers, and renowned academics together to improve workplace mental health across Australia, using best practice, proven approaches to identifying, preventing, and managing workplace mental health hazards.	42	-	-
Safe Work Australia	South Australia's contribution to the administration of Safe Work Australia.	876	898	920
Sponsorships Program—South Australian Mines Emergency Response Competition	Contribution for various work health and safety awards, expos and conferences. The South Australian Mines Emergency Response Competition is designed to test the skills and knowledge of teams who would be called on to respond to a mine emergency.	5	5	5

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Sponsorships Program—Human Factors & Ergonomics Society of Australia Conference	Contribution for various work health and safety awards, expos and conferences.	5	5	5

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
Attorney-General			
Aboriginal Justice Advocacy Services	Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement	Provides advice and advocacy on behalf of Aboriginal South Australians and their interactions with the justice sector.	248
Australian Pro Bono Resource Centre	Australian pro Bono Resource Centre	Annual contribution towards services for promoting and supporting pro bono work in South Australia.	8
Crime Stoppers SA	Crime Stoppers SA	Provides a program to enable the community and media to help police solve crime.	311
ACCO Connect	JusticeNet SA	To establish and facilitate a program that pairs Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) with a law firm to build long term and sustainable partnerships that support capacity building in areas of organisational and governance law.	180
Operation Flinders	Operation Flinders	Provides a crime prevention program for young offenders and young people at risk of reoffending.	527
Road Trauma Support Team	Road Trauma Support Team	Provides support to people impacted by road trauma.	109
Treatment Intervention Court	Legal Services Commission	Provide general legal defence services for defendants referred to, and accepted into, the Treatment Intervention Court Program.	199
Australian institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) – Annual Contribution	AIJA	Annual contribution to the AIJA for judicial administrative functions.	15
Australian institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) – National DFV Bench book	AIJA	Funding for the National Domestic and Family Violence Bench Book and the Family Violence in the Court training program for judicial officers.	2
Department of Human Services—Australian National Research Organisation for Women’s Safety Limited (ANROWS)	Department of Human Services	Contribution to deliver relevant and translatable research evidence which drives policy and practice leading to a reduction in the levels of violence against women and their children.	22
AustLII	AustLII Foundation	Annual contribution towards a free online service that provides access to legal information from Australia and New Zealand.	2
Australian Crime Prevention Awards	Australian Institute of Criminology	Annual contribution towards the Australian Crime Prevention Awards.	2
Australian Institute of Criminology Research Grants	Australian Institute of Criminology	Annual contribution towards the provision of national research and knowledge on crime and justice and seeks to promote justice and reduce crime by undertaking and communicating evidence-based research.	17

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
National Coronial Information System (NCIS)	Vic Department of Justice and Community Safety	Annual contribution to the National Coronial Information System which is a data repository containing information about deaths reported to a Coroner in Australia and New Zealand.	40
National Criminal Court Statistic Unit (NCCSU)	Australian Bureau of Statistics	Annual contribution to the NCCSU to compile, analyse, publish and disseminate uniform national criminal courts statistics, subject to the provisions of the <i>Census and Statistics Act 1905</i> .	22
Serious Offender Management Plan (OMP) Admin Support	South Australia Police	Annual contribution to assist with the cost of a portion of an Administrative Support Officer position for the OMP.	14
South Australian Law Reform Institute	University of Adelaide	Annual contribution towards administrative support.	58
National Legal Assistance Partnership	Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement	Provision of legal assistance services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in South Australia.	7,840
National Legal Assistance Partnership	Community Justice Services	Provision of legal assistance services to vulnerable people in South Australia.	1,933
National Legal Assistance Partnership	Legal Services Commission	Provision of legal aid services (Commonwealth funding).	23,473
National Legal Assistance Partnership	Northern Community Legal Service	Provision of legal assistance services to vulnerable people in South Australia.	1,584
National Legal Assistance Partnership	Uniting Communities Law Centre	Provision of legal assistance services to vulnerable people in South Australia.	1,734
National Legal Assistance Partnership	Westside Community Lawyers	Provision of legal assistance services to vulnerable people in South Australia.	1,581
National Legal Assistance Partnership	Women's Legal Service SA	Provision of legal assistance services to vulnerable people in South Australia.	4,015
National Legal Assistance Partnership	Working Women's Centre	Provision of legal assistance services to vulnerable people in South Australia.	672
Aboriginal Affairs			
Administration of the Aboriginal Lands Trust (ALT) Act 2013	Aboriginal Lands Trust	Administration of the ALT Act 2013.	1,056
Aboriginal Visitors Scheme	Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement	To provide care, comfort and support to Aboriginal people who are in police custody.	201
Administration of the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Land Right Act 1981	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara	Administration of the APY Land Rights Act 1981.	1,974
Bringing Them Home	Nunkuwarrin Yunti	Bringing Them Home – Link-Up SA Program	91
Administration of the Maralinga Tjarutja (MT) Land Rights Act 1984	Maralinga Tjarutja	Administration of the <i>MT Land Rights Act 1984</i> .	779
Implementation of Business Plan	Reconciliation SA	Implementation of Reconciliation SA's Business Plan	225
South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Network (SAACCON)	SAACCON	To support the functions of the SAACCON which provides advice, recommendations and guidance to the Coalition of Peaks, and the South Australian, Commonwealth and Local Governments on the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.	1,539
NAIDOC SA Activities	NAIDOC SA Committee	NAIDOC SA activities and Premier's NAIDOC Awards	25
NAIDOC Gold Sponsorship 2024	National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)	National NAIDOC Gold Sponsorship	50
ACCO Growth Fund	Round 3 not released	Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) Growth Fund	1,337

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
Gladys Elphick Awards	Gladys Elphick Awards Committee	Gladys Elphick Award Ceremony	10
Dr Alice Rigney Prize	Warriappendi Secondary School	Dr Alice Rigney Prize for YR 10-12 Aboriginal student in nominated school	3
Industrial Relations			
Asbestos Diseases Society of South Australia	Asbestos Diseases Society of South Australia	To support the advocacy work along with education programs that seek to increase awareness in the community about the dangers of exposure to asbestos.	53
Asbestos Victims Association	Asbestos Victims Association	To support advocacy work, along with education programs that seek to increase awareness in the community about the dangers of exposure to asbestos.	53
Mates in Construction	Mates in Construction	To support suicide prevention work, along with case management support for workers in need in the construction and mining industry	63
Augusta Zadow Award	Residents of South Australia who are selected following and application and judging process. Application process is currently open.	This funding is used to meet the costs of a work health and safety initiative that benefits young workers or working women, which may involve practical solutions, research or further education.	25
Mind Your Head	SA Unions	The Mind Your Head initiative is committed to bringing employers, workers, unions, insurers, and renowned academics together to improve workplace mental health across Australia, using best practice, proven approaches to identifying, preventing, and managing workplace mental health hazards.	42
Safe Work Australia	Safe Work Australia	South Australia's contribution to the administration of Safe Work Australia.	876
Sponsorships Program	Contribution for various work health and safety awards, expos and conferences undertaking by South Australian organisations. Beneficiaries are: South Australian Mines Emergency Response Competition	To support work health and safety initiatives in South Australia.	10
	Human Factors & Ergonomics Society of Australia Conference		5
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The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27-administered items:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Attorney-General				
Child Protection Fund	To fund work which protects children.	454	464	474
Justice Rehabilitation Fund	To fund programs and facilities that will further crime prevention and rehabilitation strategies.	2,242	4,000	4,181
Legal Services Commission – Legal Aid	Legal Aid Services (State)	26,078	26,721	27,171

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
State Expensive Criminal Cases	To fund legal representation for persons charged with serious criminal offences under the <i>Criminal Law (Legal Representation) Act 2001</i> .	9,000	1,770	422
Victims of Crime Fund	To advance the interests of victims of crime or assist in the prevention of crime.	5,255	5,370	5,504
Aboriginal Affairs				
APY Lands Taskforce Fund	To address the impacts of petrol sniffing and associated issues.	7,842	7,993	8,125

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
Attorney-General			
Child Protection Fund	Port Adelaide Football Club	The Aboriginal Power Cup is an early intervention strategy that engages young Aboriginal people in education and career pathways through sport.	112
Child Protection Fund	Crown Solicitor's Office	To meet the demand for legal work on care and protection matters undertaken on behalf of the Department for Child Protection.	152
Child Protection Fund	SA Health	SA Health receives funding to support social workers at the Child Protection Service (North and South) and an additional service at the Lyell McEwin Hospital.	147
Child Protection Fund	Department of Public Prosecutions	To fund a Witness Assistance Service Officer to provide support and referral services to child and adolescent victims and witnesses who have been subjected to serious sexual offending and high-risk children and their families in domestic and family violence matters.	45
Justice Rehabilitation Fund	Department for Correctional Services	Keeping Victims Informed (KVI)—KVI provides information to high risk victims of domestic and family violence who register to receive services and whose accused perpetrators are in the custody or under the supervision of the Department for Correctional Services to facilitate victim safety planning.	406
Justice Rehabilitation Fund	Department for Correctional Services	For DCS to design, develop and deliver Aboriginal cultural programs for Aboriginal men and women under DCS supervision (Prison and/or Community Based Order).	315
Justice Rehabilitation Fund	Metropolitan Youth Health	SPACE—The SPACE program provides early intervention support to young parents aged between 12 and 25 years who experience or perpetrate domestic and family violence. The program aims to reduce the risk of children being exposed to domestic and family violence.	215
Justice Rehabilitation Fund	Courts Administration Authority	Operation of a two-year trial of the Youth Aboriginal Community Court Adelaide.	360
Justice Rehabilitation Fund	Department for Human Services	For the development and implementation of a 12-month pilot responding to individuals between 10 -18 years who identify as being part of the African community, and who have a pattern of high-risk offending.	303
Justice Rehabilitation Fund	Courts Administration Authority	To jointly coordinate a nine-month review of the Abuse Prevention Program with the AGD.	151

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
Legal Services Commission – Legal Aid	Legal Services Commission	Legal Aid Services (State funding).	26,078
State Expensive Criminal Cases	Legal Services Commission	To fund legal representation for persons charged with serious criminal offences under the <i>Criminal Law (Legal Representation) Act 2001</i> .	10,770
Victims of Crime Fund	South Australian Housing Authority	24/7 DV Gateway—The Domestic Violence Crisis Line provides crisis counselling, support and referral to safe accommodation.	854
Victims of Crime Fund	Yarrow Place	Country Response Program—The Country Response Program provides sexual assault counselling in the Riverland, Mount Gambier and Whyalla, as well as outreach to surrounding areas including Port Augusta and Port Lincoln.	538
Victims of Crime Fund	Yarrow Place	Forensic Medical Services—The 'Provision of Forensic Medical Services to Victims of Rape and Sexual Assault' program contributes to the recruitment and training of casual medical officers and the on-call allowance to medical officers for after-hours forensic medical services.	135
Victims of Crime Fund	Victim Support Service	Court Companions—The program is a free and confidential service providing trained volunteers to accompany victims of crime during their time in court, until the victim is dismissed.	165
Victims of Crime Fund	Victim Support Service	Safer Spaces—The Safer Spaces program will provide confidential telephone support to victims of crime navigating the criminal justice system between the hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.	110
Victims of Crime Fund	Office for Women	Family Safety Framework—FSF ensures families at high risk of family and domestic violence can access services in a structured and systematic way, through agencies sharing information and supporting victims to navigate the service system	137
Victims of Crime Fund	Northern Adelaide Local Health Network	Forensic Victims Register -Funding is provided to the Forensic Mental Health Service to maintain a Forensic Victim Register of victims and next of kin where the defendant is mentally ill.	138
Victims of Crime Fund	Homicide Victim Support Group (HVSG)	HVSG is a community-led organisation supporting people who have experienced the trauma of homicide. The organisation is run by volunteers and offers support and information to anyone affected by homicide.	29
Victims of Crime Fund	Relationships Australia South Australia	Rebuild—A state-wide, trauma responsive counselling and support service for victims of crime.	1,687
Victims of Crime Fund	Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Service (WDVCAS)	WDVCAS provides expert and specialist information, legal advice and legal representation to women navigating the court system with difficult or complex domestic and family violence matters that fall outside the remit or expertise of other Commonwealth and State domestic and family violence legal services	768
Aboriginal Affairs APY Lands Taskforce Fund	Department for Education	Swimming Pools Program—APY Lands & Yalata.	743

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
APY Lands Taskforce Fund	Department for Health & Wellbeing (SA Health)	Aboriginal Environmental Health Worker Program – APY Lands – Environmental health activities in APY communities.	448
APY Lands Taskforce Fund	Department for Health & Wellbeing (SA Health)	Amata Family Wellbeing Centre— Management of Health & family wellbeing programs and services provided to Amata Community at the Centre.	627
APY Lands Taskforce Fund	Department for Infrastructure and Transport (Services SA)	APY Lands Service Delivery Program – Delivery transaction & support services via the APY hotline from Port Pirie’s Customer Service Centre	105
APY Lands Taskforce Fund	Department of Human Services (DHS)	Delivery of youth programs and family services on APY Lands services on the APY Lands.	2,527
APY Lands Taskforce Fund	SA Health – Drug and Alcohol Services	Delivery of the APY Lands Outreach Program – Support Anangu, families, communities and primary healthcare services improve health and wellbeing across APY.	450
APY Lands Taskforce Fund	Mai Wiru Regional Stores Council Aboriginal Corporation	APY Community Administration Support – Support the employment of the Coordinator for the Community administration Support Officers and administrative and utilities for community offices in APY communities.	297

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the Attorney-General’s Department:

The department does not segregate remote work infrastructure costs from general business costs for digital tools, cybersecurity, and support services. It is estimated that the percentage of the total AGD budget allocated specifically to the management of remote work infrastructure is less than 0.1 per cent, which is in line with previous years’ estimates.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

Since 1 July 2023, no executive appointments were made.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

Since 1 July 2023, there were no executive positions abolished.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

The total value of the termination payments was nil, which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013 – Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-2024 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$219 thousand.

There were no external consultants engaged at an estimated cost above \$10,000.

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Roslyn Cox and Mark Williams Consulting Pty Ltd Trading as Managing for Performance	eBrief and Digital Evidence Stakeholder Engagement	\$24,000
Scyne Advisory Pty Ltd	Internal audit services	\$42,828
Talent	Review of Service Desk procedures and Information Technology Service Management	\$103,304
JRM Consulting	Project work IT Division	\$49,090

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	26,213	25,607	25,667	25,719

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
Communications	FTE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
TOTAL	\$m	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

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GRANT PROGRAMS

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The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that the Courts Administration Authority does not administer any grant programs or funds.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	46	68	28

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised:

Of the eight chief executive recruitment processes, three did not obtain three or four quotes from recruitment companies, as listed below:

- Chief Executive, Forestry SA—two quotes were obtained
- Commissioner, Commission on Excellence and Innovation in Health—one quote was obtained
- Mental Health Commissioner—one quote was obtained.

The above roles are unique with a narrow field of potential candidates. Quotes were sought from recruitment agencies who had a thorough understanding of the particular industry, all of which are specialist in nature.

The recruitment agencies who were invited to provide a quote were also able to provide a targeted search, ensuring candidates with relevant skills and experience were aware of the role.

In addition, as advised during the estimates session, the Chief Executive, Office for Early Childhood Development was directly appointed to the position due to the highly specialised nature of the role.

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised:

The South Australian Public Sector Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) Secondment Pilot supported two secondees into ACCOs. The secondees were from the Attorney-General's Department and the Department for Education.

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised:

The data for financial years ending June 2019 to June 2023 of employees who have disclosed a disability is available on pages 37 and 38 of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment's 2022-2023 Workforce Information Report.

The data for financial year ending June 2024 will be published by the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment in the coming months.

PUBLIC SECTOR SALARY SACRIFICE PROVIDER

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised:

The key performance indicators that will be used to manage the contract performance at the frequencies specified in the contract have been grouped in themes due to the commercial in confidence nature of the content. These are:

- customer service
- supply and accuracy of the agreed reports
- participation numbers
- data security
- production and processing of payroll files
- periodic review of the novated lease financier's performance
- ongoing achievement of the supplier's commitment as stated in the approved Tailored Industry Participation Plan

The supplier has developed a dashboard that will display performance against the key performance indicators that the contract manager will access via the supplier portal.

SAFEWORK SA

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised:

SafeWork SA undertook 6,821 site visits in 2023-24.

SafeWork SA recorded a total of 2,798 reactive compliance and enforcement site visits that were not attended to by the next calendar day in 2023-24 (out of a total of 4,118).

SafeWork SA adopts a risk-based approach in determining the required response and allocation of matters. The key considerations will be:

- the severity and scale of actual or potential harm
- the seriousness of any potential breach of the law
- whether it involves a priority harm element
- whether it is a matter for which SafeWork SA has a statutory obligation to respond

SAFEWORK SA

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised:

SafeWork SA undertook a communications campaign to create community and industry awareness about the introduction of new industrial manslaughter laws in South Australia from 1 July 2024. The total cost of the statewide campaign was \$33,338 (excluding GST).

The cost included the design and placement of advertisements in *The Advertiser* and six regional newspapers as well as digital and social media advertising.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the ReturnToWork Corporation of South Australia:

Since 1 July 2023, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Executive Leader Finance & Investments	Executive

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the ReturnToWork Corporation of South Australia:

Since 1 July 2023, there was two executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Executive Leader Technology Systems and Service	Executive
Chief Financial Officer	Executive

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the ReturnToWork Corporation of South Australia:

The total value of the termination payments was nil which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the ReturnToWork Corporation of South Australia:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2023-2024 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the ReturnToWork Corporation of South Australia:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$24,852,649.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Finity Consulting	Actuarial advice	\$1,098,375
Frontier Advisors	Investment advice	\$546,343

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Scyne Advisory	Digital Transformation implementation	\$1,172,881
DataSpark	Tableau support	\$50,400

The difference between the estimated total for contractors and consultants and the amounts disclosed above relates to planned work for which the contractors and consultants have not yet been engaged.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the ReturnToWork Corporation of South Australia:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25
	\$'000

	2024-25
Total goods and services	48,577

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the ReturnToWork Corporation of South Australia:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget
TOTAL	FTE	4.6
	\$m	0.694

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the ReturnToWork Corporation of South Australia:

There is nil budgeted cost for government paid advertising.

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REMOTE WORK

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The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised that for the ReturnToWork Corporation of South Australia:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	142	101	90

SURPLUS EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised the following:

The Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment maintains the excess employee database for the South Australian public sector.

The following table has been prepared based on data as at 30 June 2024 and is presented in a format to ensure employee privacy is maintained.

A number of employees do not work full time and the enterprise agreement that applies to the individual employees specifies the rates of pay as either hourly, weekly, or annual rates of pay. The rates shown are as they

appear in the enterprise agreement, with the exception of Department for Infrastructure and Transport employees where actual base salary is shown.

The enterprise agreements also specify increments for the rates of pay and this information is provided in the table as the salary/wage range payable for a full-time employee.

As of 30 June 2024, there were a total of 118 employees declared as excess to requirements across the SA public sector.

Agency	Class	Salary/Wage Payable (for a full-time employee) (\$) per annum
Department for Education	ASO3	66,590 – 70,968
Department for Health & Wellbeing	ASO3	66,590 – 70,968
Department for Health & Wellbeing	ASO4	75,430 – 79,070
Department for Human Services	ASO4	75,430 – 79,070
Department for Human Services	WMF6	83,139—84,883
Department for Human Services	WHA3	56,496 – 57,123
Department for Human Services	WHA2	55,349 – 55,923
Department for Human Services	WHA2	55,349 – 55,923
Department for Human Services	WHA3	56,496 – 57,123
Department for Human Services	WSE4	58,875—59,485
Department for Human Services	WMF6	83,139—84,883
Department for Human Services	WMF6	83,139—84,883
Department for Human Services	WMF6	83,139—84,883
Department for Industry, Innovation & Skills	ASO7	106,512—115,137
Primary Industries & Regions SA	ASO3	66,590—70,968
Primary Industries & Regions SA	PO2	96,223—102,641
TAFE SA	LECT 03	99,269
TAFE SA	LECT 04	103,172
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	ASO2	57,842 – 62,221
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	ASO2	57,842 – 62,221
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	ASO3	66,590 – 70,968
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	ASO3	66,590 – 70,968
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	ASO3	66,590 – 70,968
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	ASO4	75,430—79,070
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	ASO8	119,317—123,822
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PO1	67,466—73,172
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	OPS6	89,265—94,003
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	OPS6	89,265—94,003
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	OPS6	89,265—94,003
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Rail Ops Supervisor	85,799
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Rail Com. Trams	67,828
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Rail Com. Trams	76,102
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C10	88,808
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C10	88,808
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Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C10	88,808
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C11	90,914
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C11	90,914
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C12	94,542
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C13	99,909
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C13	99,909
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C3	65,909
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF2	62,844
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF3	65,624
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF4	79,625
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF4	79,625
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF4	72,386
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF5	79,625

Agency	Class	Salary/Wage Payable (for a full-time employee) (\$) per annum
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF5	79,625
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF5	79,625
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Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF5	79,625
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF5	79,625
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF5	79,625
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF6	102,951
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF6	102,951
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF6	102,951
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF6	102,951
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF6	102,951
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	NOS1	84,117
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Rail Com Main Elec	96,208
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Other	66,498
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Other	76,408
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	STD	80,398
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	STD	97,854
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	STD	80,398
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	STT1	65,841
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	STT1	80,398
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	STT1	80,398
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PSA (Passenger Service Assistant)	71,434
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PSA	71,434
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Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PSA	71,434
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PSA	71,434
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Rail: Platform Coord	61,271
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Rail: Platform Coord	63,317
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WME052	92,515
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMF052	90,949
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM052	90,949
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM052	90,949
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Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM052	90,949
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM052	90,949
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM052	90,949
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM062	87,420
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM112	64,822
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM5A2	94,438
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM5A2	94,438
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM5A2	94,438
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM5A2	94,438
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM5A2	94,438
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM5A2	94,438
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM5A2	94,438
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM5A2	94,438
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WPA202	93,427
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WPA202	93,427

Agency	Class	Salary/Wage Payable (for a full-time employee) (\$) per annum
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WTB602	73,445
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WTB902	83,931
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WTBX02	87,420
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Electrical TL	107,340

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector): I have been advised the following:

The South Australian public sector offers flexible working arrangements, including remote working, to attract and retain a productive, diverse and inclusive workforce.

To meet this longstanding commitment, individual agencies will have developed business continuity plans to ensure service delivery and productivity while considering the operational needs of teams and the circumstances of individual employees.

Remote working is not possible for most public sector employees as they work from dedicated sites to deliver essential services to the community. Other flexible working arrangements are available to these employees to balance work and personal commitments.

For other employees, their requests for flexible working arrangements, including remote working, are balanced against operational requirements, assessed in accordance with business continuity plans, and approved requests are expected to be reviewed regularly.

The greater use of mobile technology since the COVID-19 pandemic has enabled more opportunity for those employees who can work remotely to do so. These employees can access relevant systems and communications that underpin their productivity, regardless of location.

Technology has also helped managers remain connected with staff who work remotely and to lead hybrid teams where employees work across multiple locations. This connection allows managers to work with employees to continue professional development and promote employee engagement and collaboration within teams.

Every agency has a performance management and development system to optimise employee performance. Each system is tailored to suit the agency's context, culture and workforce, and is based on guidance from the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment (OCPSE).

OCPSE, through its leadership academy, also offers training to managers to engage, set direction, and manage employee performance, to supplement written resources for managers of employees working remotely.

PUBLIC HOUSING

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised:

1. The redevelopment will include 388 existing public housing homes and allotments (not including stage 1) within the area bordered by Frederick Road, Glenburnie Street, West Lakes Boulevard and Tapleys Hill Road. Within this area there are 36 newer public housing dwellings that will be retained.

2. Renewal SA has engaged a buyer's agent to assist in acquiring strategic properties identified within the project area. This process began in March 2024 with the agent writing to identified owners to gauge their interest in selling and has periodically communicated with owners since that time.

In addition, Renewal SA wrote to all residents within the area in June 2024, and invited residents to the community engagement sessions held on Saturday 29 June 2024 and Wednesday 3 July 2024.

3. Dwellings completions will occur generally within 8-12 months of commencement. The projected timing of dwelling commencements for the Seaton project (incl. stage 1) are as follows:

	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28+	
Social	27	12	38	342	
Affordable	69	14	11	196	
Market Sales	38	38	49	618	
Total	134	64	98	1,156	1,452

4. See answer to question (3) above.

5. It is anticipated that civil works on stage 2 will commence in 2025, with house construction commencing in 2026.

6. The projected timing of dwelling commencements for the Noarlunga Downs project are as follows:

	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28+	
Social	0	0	27	53	626
Affordable	0	10	19	96	
Market Sales	0	40	94	287	
Total	0	50	140	436	

RENEWAL SA

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised:

1. Renewal SA pays a dividend in June each year, based on the forecast profit for the financial year. Where there is a variation between the forecast and final audited profit, a dividend adjustment is made in the following financial year.

Renewal SA's estimated 2023-24 dividend of \$98.8 million, as reported in table 5.2 of the 2024-25 Budget Statement, includes:

- \$18.5 million in relation to the estimated profit for the 2023-24 financial year; and
- an \$80.3 million dividend adjustment as a result of the final audited profit for the 2022-23 financial year being \$80.3 million higher than the June 2023 forecast.

The estimated profit for 2023-24 includes up-front revenue recognition in 2023-24 for the development agreement for a land sale at Aldinga in accordance with accounting standard AASB15 (revenue from contracts with customers).

The higher than estimated final audited profit for 2022-23 was mainly due to material year end valuation adjustments to Renewal SA's property assets.

2. Renewal SA is acting as the master developer for the Seaton redevelopment. The South Australian Housing Trust (SAHT) will transfer 388 vacated public housing dwellings/lots to Renewal SA on a staged basis for nil consideration. Renewal SA will create serviced allotments for transfer back to SAHT on a staged basis for nil consideration for SAHT to construct 388 new public homes.

3. If any surplus is generated from Renewal SA's development activities at Seaton, funds will be provided to SAHT for the construction of additional public housing.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries):

In relation to question 1, I advise of the following interactions with ESCOSA relating to the setting of the regulated asset base (RAB).

On 24 January 2024, ESCOSA published its draft regulatory determination to apply to SA Water for the four-year period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028. The draft regulatory determination included positions in relation to the values for the RAB for water and sewerage retail services for each year of the 2024 regulatory period. The draft of the regulatory determination can be found on ESCOSA's website at <https://www.escosa.sa.gov.au/projects-and-publications/projects/water/sa-water-regulatory-determination-2024>.

The pricing order, which I issued in February 2024, specifies how ESCOSA's regulatory determination is to be prepared and presented. In particular, that pricing order states that the RAB is to be rolled forward consistently with Principle 5 of the National Water Initiative (NWI) Principles for the Recovery of Capital Expenditure. All pricing orders that have been issued under the Water Industry Act 2012 are available at: <https://www.treasury.sa.gov.au/economy,-taxes-and-rebates/economic-regulation>.

Section 6 directions were issued by the Minister for Housing Infrastructure under the Public Corporations Act 1993 in June 2024. Section 6 directions include reference to capital expenditure for the regulatory determination period commencing 1 July 2024. Capital expenditure is a component of the RAB roll forward methodology.

On 25 June 2024, ESCOSA published its final regulatory determination to apply to SA Water for the four-year period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028. The final regulatory determination included positions in relation to the values for the RAB for water and sewerage retail services for each year of the 2024 regulatory period.

By way of background, chapters 12 and 16 of ESCOSA's statement of reasons for the regulatory determination to apply to SA Water for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028 provides further details regarding RAB values (for example, see pages 294-299, 348-349). The final regulatory determination can be found on ESCOSA's website at <https://www.escosa.sa.gov.au/projects-and-publications/projects/water/sa-water-regulatory-determination-2024>.

In relation to question 2, I advise that, as part of ESCOSA's regulatory determination to apply to SA Water, ESCOSA determined the RAB values for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028.

By way of background, the values of the RAB commencing 1 July 2024 have been set by ESCOSA in conformance with the statutory requirements and set out outlined in its statement of reasons. The opening values of the RAB, as at 1 July 2024 and presented in December 2022 dollars, are: \$9,619 million for water retail services, and \$4,882 million for sewerage retail services (refer to table 12.4). Chapter 16 of ESCOSA's statement of reasons for the SA Water regulatory determination 2024 presents the RAB for each year of the regulatory period (refer to table 16.3).

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised:

Consumer and Business Services (CBS) was investigating 7 Star Construction in June 2023, following several consumer complaints regarding delays in the completion of building works by the builder. SAFA informed me of the issues with 7 Star Construction in June 2023.

In August 2023, CBS informed SAFA that the builder had appointed an administrator, following which SAFA then informed my office and the office of the Under Treasurer of the appointment.

I was informed by SAFA that Felmeri's eligibility for building indemnity insurance had been restricted by QBE in March 2023, due to delays in the completion of building works by the builder. CBS advised SAFA that Felmeri had appointed an administrator in May 2023, following which SAFA then informed my office and the office of the Under Treasurer of the appointment.

It is not uncommon for SAFA or CBS to become aware that a builder is displaying signs of being at risk of a building indemnity insurance claim event, before the event occurs. Due to the commercially sensitive nature of that information, it is not usually commented on publicly at that time, as it may diminish any opportunity the builder may have to recover and continue to operate.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FINANCING AUTHORITY

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised:

The estimated dividend result for FY 2023-24 of \$110.1 million includes a true-up dividend payment of \$62.1 million from FY 2022-23.

The true-up dividend of \$62.1 million from FY 2022-23 comprises of \$42.6 million from SAFA's treasury operations and \$19.5 million from SAFA's fleet operations.

The \$42.6 million from SAFA's treasury operations primarily resulted from favourable market value movements in its liquidity portfolio and valuation increments in several investments made by the SA Venture Capital Fund.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FINANCING AUTHORITY

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised:

1. No school applications for the Non-Government School Loans Scheme (scheme) were received in 2023-24.

Although four applications were assessed and processed by SAFA in 2023-24. These applications were from the following schools:

- St George College—\$9 million;

- Seymour College—\$7 million;
- St Peter's Woodlands Grammar School—\$2 million; and
- Dara School Inc—\$1.6 million.

2. SAFA has not received any formal requests from schools to increase the cap and there have been no changes to the scheme guidelines in this regard.

FUNDS SA

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that original estimated value of the Russian assets was as follows:

- Immediately preceding the onset of the conflict: AUD \$60 million.
- Valuation of these assets fell sharply upon the onset of the conflict to AUD \$9 million.

SUPER SA

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised:

The new data management terms and clauses have been provided by the Crown and will be applied to all new relevant contracts.

Super SA is ensuring all new contracts, where data (personal and confidential) and IT security protections are required, have included the new clauses, and will continue to do so.

Super SA has identified those contracts (which have significant risk in terms of data and security and are ongoing / longer term contracts where renegotiation of these clauses will be beneficial) which require the new clauses and will soon commence the process to negotiate their inclusion, noting that the inclusion of the new clauses in existing contracts requires supplier agreement. When all relevant contracts require renewal, the relevant clauses will be included as part of the procurement and or renegotiation process.

SUPER SA

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that on 30 June 2024, the budgeted FTE at Super SA was 256.

From 1 July 2024 the number of vacancies was 16.

SUPER SA

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised:

The costs of the changes to unit pricing will be met by the various superannuation scheme's administration reserves.

The scheme administration reserves represent the accumulation of previous years surplus of administration fees collected from members, less the costs of administering the schemes.

Therefore, the costs of these changes do not have a direct impact on individual superannuation accounts.

HOMESTART

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that regarding question one, the average deposit for the last financial year where a customer had a 2 per cent deposit was \$11,322, up from \$10,110 in the 2023 financial year and up from \$8,452 in the 2022 financial year.

With respect to question two, it is not possible to accurately ascertain specifics for this group of customers, but the result would be captured in the response to question one.

SHARED SERVICES

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised:

For the period 1 February 2023 to 31 March 2024, 89.11 per cent (by volume) and 85.87 per cent (by value) of invoices processed by public authorities were paid in 15 calendar days or less.

For the same period, the aggregate value of invoices:

- paid within 15 days was approximately \$20.213 billion; and
- not paid within 15 days was approximately \$3.326 billion.

The \$19.36 billion figure referenced in *Hansard* was the total value of invoices paid by public authorities for the 2022-23 financial year.

In 2021-22, the requirement was to pay invoices in 30 days, these are the relevant figures:

- The value of invoices paid in 30 calendar days or less was approximately \$19.146 billion (97.6 per cent); and
- The value of invoices not paid in 30 calendar days was approximately \$0.470 billion (2.4 per cent).

For comparison these are the 2023-24 figures

- The value of invoices paid in 30 calendar days or less was approximately \$21.690 billion (98.1 per cent); and
- The value of invoices not paid in 30 calendar days was approximately \$0.417 billion (1.9 per cent).

DEFENCE SA

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): Since becoming Minister for Defence and Space Industries I meet consistently with Defence SA to be briefed on their regular meetings with the South Australian defence industry. This includes receiving briefings on the many regular meetings and discussions with defence and space primes which occur regularly between industry, academia and government.

I have held many meetings and discussions with members of the defence and space industry directly, these include;

- Australian Industry and Defence Network
- ASC
- BAE Systems Australia
- Babcock
- Boeing
- Bombardier Defence Office
- Defence Academy
- Defence Science and Technology Group
- Defence Teaming Centre
- Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment Group
- Nova Systems
- REDARC Electronics
- Saab Australia
- Southern Launch

SPACE ASSEMBLY INTEGRATION AND TESTING FACILITY

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised:

1. In addition to my response provided on this matter, the development of such a facility needs to be constructed in a manner that considers all aspects of a major project. The completion date is not a 'long period of time' however, it considers specialist fit-out, equipment procurement, integration and final operation. This is a common feature of how capital projects are reported in Budget Paper 4. Those estimated completion dates are project close-out dates rather than the completion of major construction or from building handover or access.

2. Operational date will be in line with building construction completion.

AUSTRALIAN SPACE PARK

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): In the 2023-24 state budget, funding was allocated to support and expand the South Australian space industry. This initiative provides investing expenditure of \$20.0 million over two years from 2024-25, and operating expenditure of \$2.5 million in 2023-24 and \$3.5 million per annum from 2024-25 to support the South Australian space ecosystem. This will build on the existing space presence at Lot Fourteen and assist in the attraction, growth and retention of space companies in South Australia.

I have been advised that we are undertaking several measures to support our space companies involvement in space-related defence projects.

- Kanyini—building of a satellite to deliver space-derived services to the state. It will strengthen the competitiveness of South Australian businesses in the small-satellite supply chain and pave the way for external investment and future growth in Australia and abroad.
- Space Collaboration and Innovation Fund—an investment focused grant scheme intended to drive the growth of South Australia's space sector through industry ingenuity and international partnerships.
- Venture Catalyst Space Program—has supported 40 space startups since inception in 2018, with 90 per cent still operating as of June 2024. The program has provided \$345,000 in direct funding to these space startups, and our alumni collectively raising over \$35.3 million in declared additional investment while creating more than 230 new jobs in the sector. The program specialises in developing commercial space ventures through equity-free funding, industry mentorships, business development support, access to resources and a thriving startup community.
- Andy Thomas Space Foundation—has made great strides in advancing space education and outreach across Australia—igniting a curiosity for space. The foundation also delivers the annual Australian Space Forum to an international audience of over 1200 and 70 exhibitors. This has enabled international partnerships across academia, industry and government.
- Lot Fourteen—space and defence is one of four focus industry clusters at Lot Fourteen, which is also home to the Australian Space Agency; Mission Control Centre; Australian Space Discovery Centre; SmartSat CRC; private companies Myriota, Neumann Space, Inovor, Saber Astronautics and SITAEL Australia; plus businesses and organisations in other sectors that work with the space industry.
- Space Assembly Integration Facility—soon to established will be a will be a nationally leading and unique facility that will enable space companies and the wider ecosystem to use state-of-the-art equipment to validate, test, and assemble a myriad of high tech and innovative technologies.
- Engagement with key defence space stakeholder, Defence Space Command—1 Space Surveillance Unit Commercial Data Mission Centre (1SSU CDMC) located at Lot Fourteen. As the first Joint Space Unit in the Australian Defence Force, 1SSU CDMC brings together members of the Royal Australian Air Force, Australian Army, Royal Australian Navy and Australian Space Agency, in an integrated headquarters. 1SSU CDMC is well positioned to leverage data from commercial providers to deliver diverse and timely space domain awareness (SDA). This growth at Lot Fourteen showcases how co-location can improve collaboration between Defence and the commercial space industry and is testament to South Australia's strength as the defence and space state.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Treasury and Finance:

Since 1 July 2023, the following new executive appointments were made. This is a net increase of one.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Digital Investment Fund	SAES1
Director, Advisory and Professional Development (Accounting & Financial Services)	SAES1
Director, Finance Reform Program (Shared Services SA)	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for the three new appointments is \$706, 492 (excluding on-costs)

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

I have been advised that for the Lifetime Support Authority:

Since 1 July 2023, the following new executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Nil	

I have been advised that for HomeStart Finance:

Since 1 July 2023, the following new executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Nil	

I have been advised that for the Essential Services Commission of South Australia:

Since 1 July 2023, the following new executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Nil	

I have been advised that for Funds SA:

Since 1 July 2023, the following new executive appointments were made. This is a net increase of zero.

Role Title	Classification
Technical Program Manager	FUN600
Assistant Portfolio Manager, Responsible Investment	FUN600

The total annual employment cost for these new appointments is \$363,700 (excluding on-costs).

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Treasury and Finance:

Since 1 July 2023, there were two executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Projects	SAES1
Director, Financial Services	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$435,128 (excluding on-costs).

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

I have been advised that for the Lifetime Support Authority:

Since 1 July 2023, there was one executive position abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Senior Manager Quality and Safety	EXEC-OA

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$154,902 plus super at 11 per cent = \$17,039 yields a total of \$171,941 (excluding on-costs).

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

I have been advised that for HomeStart Finance:

Since 1 July 2023, there were zero executive positions abolished.

I have been advised that for the Essential Services Commission of South Australia:

Since 1 July 2023, there were zero executive positions abolished.

I have been advised that for Funds SA:

Since 1 July 2023, there have been two executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Chief Operating Officer	FUN700
Senior Business and Change Specialist	FUN600

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$600,225 (excluding on-costs).

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Treasury and Finance:

The total value of the termination payments was \$536,037.84 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

I have been advised that for the Lifetime Support Authority:

The total value of the termination payments was \$184,097.36 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

I have been advised that for HomeStart Finance:

There were no executive position terminations.

I have been advised that for the Essential Services Commission of South Australia:

There were no executive position terminations.

I have been advised that for Funds SA:

The total value of the termination payments was \$449,045 (gross) which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Treasury and Finance, Lifetime Support Authority, HomeStart Finance, the Essential Services Commission of South Australia and for Funds SA:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2023-24 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Treasury and Finance:

Due to the 2024-25 financial year having just commenced, total costs and details in relation to external consultants and contractors for 2024-25 is not yet available. However, the current budget for consultants in 2024-25 is \$0.656 million and contractors in 2024-25 is \$26.699 million.

DTF will continue to disclose throughout the year the appointment of consultants and contractors publicly on the SA tenders and contracts website in accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular 27. In addition to this, information relating to annual expenditure on consultants and contractors is disclosed in DTF's annual report.

I have been advised that for the Lifetime Support Authority:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$1,703,197.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Finity Consulting Pty Ltd	Invited open tender	Actuarial services	\$395,418
Guy Carpenter Pty Ltd	Invited open tender	Reinsurance brokerage	\$105,000
Scyne Advisory Services Pty Ltd	Tender	Actuarial valuation peer review	\$50,835
Scyne Advisory Services Pty Ltd	Tender	Internal audit	\$172,500
Intelligent Business Research Services Pty Ltd	Tender	IT Advisory services	\$16,875

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Robert Walters Recruitment Agency	Temporary Staff Services whole of Government panel	IT contractor services	\$168,000
Department of Premier & Cabinet	Direct	Website support and maintenance	\$20,000
Action Market Research Pty Ltd	Tender	Participant survey	\$60,000
Deloitte Consulting Pty Ltd	Tender	IT maintenance and support services	\$179,520
Soji Pty Ltd	Tender	Deliver LSA leadership program	\$81,690
ShowPony Adelaide Pty Ltd	Tender	Photography, video production and event video	\$20,000

I have been advised that for HomeStart Finance:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants in 2024-25 is \$422,123 based on available information as at 20 June 2024.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have already been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Escient	Change Management and Project Management Support	\$250,102
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Capital Structure Review	\$95,021

Contractors

HomeStart Finance does not publicly disclose expenditure on individual contractors as part of its annual report as Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements does not apply to HomeStart Finance or as part of its annual financial reporting.

I have been advised that for the Essential Services Commission of South Australia:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$545,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Houston Kemp Pty Ltd	Review of potential improvements and issues relating to the SA Ports access regime	\$23,900
ACIL Allen Pty Ltd	Review of Gas Metering Code	\$8,755

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Nil		

I have been advised that for Funds SA:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$2,653,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Protecht	Governance and Compliance System implementation	\$25,000
Advance	Document management system implementation	\$27,000
Beacon Legal	Recruitment	\$28,000
Heidrich and Struggles	Recruitment	\$20,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Various (*)	Investment tasks and advice	Based on daily rates per assignment
Kapital Consulting	Data Governance advisory contractors	\$143,000
Robert Walters	Accounting and related tasks contractors	\$68,000
Nuago	ICT managed services provider	\$178,000
KPMG	Internal audit	\$178,000
Rimes	Specialist ICT contracting for Investment Data & Technology Program	\$810,000

(*) Various short-term contractors engaged to perform specific investment related tasks based on day rates. Amount of expenditure will depend on length of assignment.

I have been advised that for the CTP regulator:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$0.7 million.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Taylor Fry Pty Ltd	Scheme Actuarial Services	\$414,200
Scyne Advisory Pty Ltd	Internal Audit Services	\$75,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Haymakr	Claimant Service Rating Services	\$126,200
Various Accredited Medical Practitioners	MAIAS Compliance	\$55,000

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): The following information is provided on behalf of all ministers:

The 2022-23 budget included a 50 FTE executive reduction measure. Frontline services agencies such as Health and Education were exempted from the application of the savings.

To the March 2024 quarter data collection, agencies had identified 38 abolished positions.

A June quarter data collection will be undertaken in July to identify reductions for the remaining positions.

SAVINGS TARGETS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): The following information is provided on behalf of all ministers:

No new agency savings are included in the 2024-25 budget.

The savings targets commencing from 2024-25 are shown in table 2.4 of Budget Paper 3: 2024-25 Budget Statement. They largely reflect existing operating efficiency measures.

Chief executives have the flexibility to deliver the savings in a manner that best suits the needs of their agency. Savings do not need to include FTE reductions and a range of options can be pursued including reducing expenditure on consultants, contractors, marketing, communications, accommodation, travel, and other goods and services.

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): The following information is provided on behalf of all ministers:

The FTE count for each agency at 30 June 2024 will be published in the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment's Workforce Information Report later in 2024.

As the numbers are notional, forward estimates of FTEs are not included by agency in budget statements. However, each agency statement provides an estimate for the budget year of FTEs for the agency.

The total employment cost and FTE levels for each year of the forward estimates can be found in tables 2.7 and 2.8 respectively of the 2024-25 Budget Statement.

The government does not have a TVSP target for FTEs. While each agency has a savings task over the forward estimates, any FTE reductions associated with this task are notional, based on estimates of how the savings across the forward estimates may be delivered and may or may not require TVSPs to be offered. Chief executives have the flexibility to deliver the savings in the manner that best suits the needs of their agency. Agencies are responsible for managing costs associated with TVSPs and separation payments.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Treasury and Finance:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25 (1)	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services (2)	120,293	75,777	75,484	76,568

(1) 2024-25 includes funding for the replacement of the Masterpiece system. Once the implementation plan is finalised funding for the outyears will be provided.

(2) Budget numbers do not include recently announced machinery of government changes effective 1 July 2024.

I have been advised that for the Lifetime Support Authority:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	67,038	72,709	81,757	87,897

I have been advised that for HomeStart Finance:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	18,606	17,359	16,421	16,885

I have been advised that for the Essential Services Commission of South Australia:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Total goods and services	2,093	2,126	2,177	2,229

I have been advised that for Funds SA:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	8,985	9,308	9,644	9,991

I have been advised that for the CTP regulator:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	110 108	112 465	114 917	117 430

I have been advised that for the Office of the Industry Advocate:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	322	329	336	344

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Treasury and Finance:

The total budgeted FTE and expenses to provide communication and promotion activities across the department for 2024-25 and the forward estimates is as follows:

DTF	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
FTE	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5
\$m	1.635	1.659	1.683	1.708

The above FTEs provide communication and promotion activities to support the Department of Treasury and Finance in delivering all key services including the collection of state taxes, business and procurement services, fines recovery, insurance, and superannuation. Please note it does not reflect recent machinery of government changes effective from 1 July 2024.

I have been advised that for the Lifetime Support Authority:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

LSA		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
TOTAL	FTE	3	3	3	3
	\$m	0.340	0.347	0.354	0.361

I have been advised that for HomeStart Finance:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE as of June 30 of each year to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

HomeStart		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
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		Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Total	FTE	6	6	6	6
	\$m	0.82	0.80	0.83	0.86

I have been advised that for the Essential Services Commission of South Australia:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

ESCOSA		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
TOTAL	FTE	1	1	1	1
	\$m	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.13

I have been advised that for Funds SA:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
Corporate Engagement	FTE	0.5	tbc	tbc	tbc
	\$m	0.08	tbc	tbc	tbc
TOTAL	FTE	0.5	tbc	tbc	tbc
	\$m	0.08	tbc	tbc	tbc

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): Requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years is as follows:

Department of Treasury and Finance:

Grant program/ fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Budget \$000	2025-26 Budget \$000	2026-27 Budget \$000
Administered Items				
Community Support Grants and Donations	Provides grants and donations to the South Australian community.	162	166	170
Contribution to Racing SA	Grants to assist the racing industry in South Australia.	14 385	14 781	15 193
Economic Recovery Fund	To assist business and industry in key areas to grow, secure well paid jobs, improve productivity, increase exports and support innovative, value adding technologies in South Australia.	31 349	32 849	28 500
Electric Vehicle Subsidies	Provides grants to support the uptake of electric vehicles in South Australia.	1 026	916	579
First Home Owner Grants	Provides grants to eligible first home owners.	37 000	49 500	58 425
Future Jobs Fund	Support development of globally competitive industries and industrial capabilities that will create jobs of the future following the closure of South Australia's car industry.	500	500	-
HomeBuilder	Provides grants to assist the residential construction market by encouraging the commencement of new home builds and renovations. This is a Commonwealth funded initiative administered by states and territories.	3 830	1 639	-

Grant program/ fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Budget \$000	2025-26 Budget \$000	2026-27 Budget \$000
Jobs and Economic Growth Fund	Provides targeted industry financial assistance.	7 250	250	-
Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program	Provides support to councils to accelerate spending on community infrastructure projects to enable growth in the future.	16 284	1 200	-
Local Government Disaster recovery assistance arrangements	Grants to assist local councils with managing the cost of disaster recovery activities following a natural disaster.	16 919	1 967	2 016
Industry Financial Assistance Fund (1)				
Regional Growth Fund and Thriving Regions	To pursue economic opportunities for South Australia and aims to build and strengthen regional communities.	7 665	-	-
Research and Innovation Fund	Supports researchers, entrepreneurs and businesses to accelerate their progress with funding from the South Australian Government.	485	-	—
Other grants	Funding for the establishment and operation of an aircraft base in Adelaide and to provide accommodation assistance for new business ventures.	600	-	-
Total grant programs/funds Budget		137 455	103 768	104 883

Due to the 2024-25 financial year having just commenced, further details in relation to the grant program/fund beneficiaries and commitments is not yet available.

Lifetime Support Authority:

The following table shows the budgeted payments into the grant fund for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Estimate
Lifetime Support Authority – Research, Education & Programs (REP) - Grants	Pursuant to s16c of the Motor Vehicle Accidents (Lifetime Support Scheme) Act 2013 (SA), the LSA is to 'provide support and funding for programs that will provide high-quality services to participants in the Scheme; and research and education in connection with services provided to participants in the Scheme'.	3 000 000	3 000 000	3 000 000

The following table shows the currently budgeted expenditure from the grant program for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years:

Description	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Estimate
Budgeted expenditure (*)	2 617 710	388 715	167 082

(*) Note the actual expenditure may be higher once the grant allocation process is completed in each of the years shown.

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 first table.

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value (\$)
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Central Adelaide Local Health Network	Physiotherapy Clinical Practice Guidelines for People with Spinal Cord Injury—Expanding a NSW initiative to involve South Australia	13 162

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value (\$)
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	The University of Adelaide	Prevalence, management and treatment of cognitive dysfunction after spinal cord injury: A new way to train the brain	67 400
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Brain Injury SA	Reconnect Transition Program	195 462
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Monash University	Capacity building ABI services to improve outcomes for adults with challenging behaviours: A Feasibility Evaluation	84 699
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Royal Automobile Association of South Australia	Street Smart Primary	100 000
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Flinders University	The Patient Journey for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples with a Road Traffic Injury	212 070
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	The Paraplegic & Quadriplegic Association of SA	Peer Support Advocacy Service	259 322
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Flinders University	Where do I start? Tailoring information to empower people with serious trauma injuries	42 290
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	University of South Australia	Effect of Immersion Therapy delivered by an Accredited Exercise Physiologist on physical and psychosocial recovery following traumatic injury when transitioning from hospital inpatient to outpatient care	184 083
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	The Paraplegic & Quadriplegic Association of SA Regional Peer Network	SA Regional Peer Network	99 219
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	The University of Adelaide	Mind the gap: are intrathecal pressure and flow the missing links in spinal cord injury treatment?	585 850
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	University of South Australia	Activity levels, mobility skills and quality of life in adults with acquired brain injury who cannot walk when they are discharged from acute care	110 516
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Flinders University	Pilot trial of a motivational conversational agent for brain injury rehabilitation	18 328
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	The University of Adelaide	Do head and neck posture before head-first impact determine the risk of neck dislocation injury during a motor-vehicle accident?	92 192
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	The University of Adelaide	A feasibility, acceptability and effectiveness trial to assess combining the Progressive Goal Attainment Program and Vocational Rehabilitation to maximize vocational outcomes and participation following Acquired Brain Injury	35 042
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Flinders University	From roadside to rehabilitation: improving outcomes for older people after trauma	162 816
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Brain Injury SA	Brain Injury Peer Support Program	296 001
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Flinders University	Sleep Check before Shift Work: A sleep education, screening and management approach to prevent road trauma in Australia's young adults	148 078
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Brain Injury SA	Be Well for Carers—Strengthening our contribution to wellness in families and carers of people with brain injury	9 337

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value (\$)
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Flinders University	Supporting and educating children and families after a familial acquired brain injury: enhancement, evaluation and implementation of the 'Brain Connect' platform	184 762
	Central Adelaide Local Health Network	Phase 2—Australian Arm of the International Spinal Cord Injury (Aus-InSCI) Community Survey	212 878
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Transport for NSW	Motorcycle Clothing Assessment Program (Moto-CAP)	60 000

EXPENDITURE TARGETS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): The government is often required to make decisions between budgets as circumstances dictate. In making these decisions, consideration is given whether to provide any additional resources to agency budgets. In circumstances where it is agreed to provide additional resources, agencies' expenditure is increased to the approved level.

In the absence of a decision to increase an agency's budget, it is the government's expectation that chief executives will manage their resources and meet the budget targets that were approved by cabinet in the 2024-25 budget.

Agency budgets will continue to be monitored over the course of 2024-25 to track agency progress against approved budgets.

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): Due to the recent commencement of the 2024-25 financial year, details in relation to what South Australian businesses will be used in procurement and what percentage of total procurement expenditure does this represent are not yet available for 2024-25.

The details of 2023-24 expenditure on South Australian businesses against total procurement expenditure are currently being finalised and will be made publicly available in the departmental annual report in September 2024.

The Malinauskas government has made significant changes to state procurement policy to make South Australian dollars work for South Australians. The below changes have been made to support South Australian businesses:

- Adopt the following principles for government procurement, value for money, creating SA jobs, increasing the numbers of apprentices and trainees in SA, stimulating innovation and new businesses and achieving environmentally sensitive, low carbon, socially-just outcomes.
- Mandate SA workers deliver a minimum 90 per cent of labour hours on major infrastructure projects; impose penalties on lead contractors for not achieving these targets.
- Require the use of South Australian manufactured products on public housing construction and maintenance programs, where available.
- Require departmental procurement staff to undertake regular training on the industry participation policies of government, and education of local industry participants and providers.
- Require chief executives to sign off on procurements where the successful tenderer is not South Australian.
- Undertake a broad market assessment to identify SA businesses that can deliver projects, goods or services to government and advise departmental procurement staff of industry capability.
- Establish an independent complaints process for tenderers who feel they have unreasonably missed out on government work.
- Require that apprentices, trainees, Aboriginal workers, and long-term unemployed deliver 20 per cent of all labour hours on major projects.
- Assist local business to become tender ready, holding regular industry-specific workshops conducted by the Industry Participation Advocate, helping more local businesses win work.

- Only use local project managers, architects, designers, engineers, surveyors, planners, and other professional services providers on government projects.
- Broadly publicise government procurement opportunities three months in advance.
- Publish an annual project pipeline of coming infrastructure projects over \$10 million over the next three years, to enable lead contractors to prepare thoroughly.
- Ensure that public projects above \$500m are broken into smaller stages / components to allow multiple South Australian companies the opportunity to participate on projects, unless that nature of the project makes this unfeasible; and
- Tenders for major projects will be released within 30 days of funding being available for the project.

These changes are producing real results for South Australian businesses and building on the Malinauskas governments strong record of supporting local businesses.'

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Treasury and Finance:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	47	35	35

DTF expenditure on remote work infrastructure enables a modern work culture and supports our people to work from wherever they are including when travelling for work, when not within a South Australian state government building, and from home.

I have been advised that for the Lifetime Support Authority:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	Nil	Nil	Nil

I have been advised that for HomeStart Finance:

The ability to work remotely is incorporated into underlying technology infrastructure and it is not possible to isolate specific items or costs.

No specific budget for remote work infrastructure has been made for HomeStart Finance for the financial years 2024-25 or for the previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24.

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	Nil	Nil	Nil

I have been advised that for the Essential Services Commission of South Australia:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	10	10	10

I have been advised that for Funds SA:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	26.93	9.47	13.00

I have been advised that for the CTP regulator:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	Nil	Nil	Nil

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the 2023-24 financial year, 48 procurements valued greater than \$55,000 (GST inclusive) were undertaken by the department and, of this total, 15 contracts were awarded to interstate businesses.

Of the total awarded to interstate businesses, 13 were approved by the chief executive. The remaining two contracts did not require chief executive approval as there were reasonable grounds to believe that no South Australian business could supply the required good or service.

In accordance with the requirements of the Procurement Services SA sourcing policy, in this circumstance, an appropriate procurement authority delegate can approve a procurement outcome awarding a contract to a non-South Australian business.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised over the period 1 July 2023 to 31 May 2024, the Department of Treasury and Finance paid 13,377 invoices.

12,323 invoices (92.12 per cent) were paid within 15 days and 1,054 invoices (7.88 per cent) were paid outside of 15 days. It should be noted that these figures include all payments and are not limited to contractor invoices.

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised the following:

In 2023-24 the Office of the Industry Advocate (OIA) conducted 45 training sessions attended by a total of 379 public sector staff, covering the South Australian Industry Participation Policy (SAIPP) procedural guidelines, and how to report and apply the process to their procurement operations.

Each session was conducted in an online format and communicated via various channels across whole-of-government, targeting staff participating in procurement activity for their public authority.

I am unable to quantify the total percentage of staff who undertake procurement activities, that may have participated in the training offered by the OIA due to the varying structure and complexity of each public authority and their purchasing requirements.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Treasury and Finance:

Since 1 July 2023, the following new executive appointments were made. This is a net increase of 1.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Digital Investment Fund	SAES1
Director, Advisory and Professional Development (Accounting & Financial Services)	SAES1
Director, Finance Reform Program (Shared Services SA)	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for the three new appointments is \$706, 492 (excluding on-costs)

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

I have been advised that for the Lifetime Support Authority:

Since 1 July 2023, the following new executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Nil	

I have been advised that for HomeStart Finance:

Since 1 July 2023, the following new executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Nil	

I have been advised that for the Essential Services Commission of South Australia:

Since 1 July 2023, the following new executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Nil	

I have been advised that for Funds SA:

Since 1 July 2023, the following new executive appointments were made. This is a net increase of 0.

Role Title	Classification
Technical Program Manager	FUN600
Assistant Portfolio Manager, Responsible Investment	FUN600

The total annual employment cost for these new appointments is \$363,700 (excluding on-costs).

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Treasury and Finance:

Since 1 July 2023, there were two executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Projects	SAES1
Director, Financial Services	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$435,128 (excluding on-costs).

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

I have been advised that for the Lifetime Support Authority:

Since 1 July 2023, there was one executive position abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Senior Manager Quality and Safety	EXEC-OA

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$154,902 plus super at 11 per cent = \$17,039 yields a total of \$171,941 (excluding on-costs).

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

I have been advised that for HomeStart Finance:

Since 1 July 2023, there were zero executive positions abolished.

I have been advised that for the Essential Services Commission of South Australia:

Since 1 July 2023, there were zero executive positions abolished.

I have been advised that for Funds SA:

Since 1 July 2023, there have been two executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Chief Operating Officer	FUN700
Senior Business and Change Specialist	FUN600

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$600,225 (excluding on-costs).

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Treasury and Finance:

The total value of the termination payments was \$536,037.84 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

I have been advised that for the Lifetime Support Authority:

The total value of the termination payments was \$184,097.36 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

I have been advised that for HomeStart Finance:

There were no executive position terminations.

I have been advised that for the Essential Services Commission of South Australia:

There were no executive position terminations.

I have been advised that for Funds SA:

The total value of the termination payments was \$449,045 (gross) which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Treasury and Finance, Lifetime Support Authority, HomeStart Finance, the Essential Services Commission of South Australia and for Funds SA:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2023-24 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Treasury and Finance:

Due to the 2024-25 financial year having just commenced, total costs and details in relation to external consultants and contractors for 2024-25 is not yet available. However, the current budget for consultants in 2024-25 is \$0.656 million and contractors in 2024-25 is \$26.699 million.

DTF will continue to disclose throughout the year the appointment of consultants and contractors publicly on the SA Tenders and Contracts website in accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular 27. In addition to this, information relating to annual expenditure on consultants and contractors is disclosed in DTF's annual report.

I have been advised that for the Lifetime Support Authority:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$1,703,197.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Finity Consulting Pty Ltd	Invited open tender	Actuarial services	\$395,418
Guy Carpenter Pty Ltd	Invited open tender	Reinsurance brokerage	\$105,000
Scyne Advisory Services Pty Ltd	Tender	Actuarial valuation peer review	\$50,835
Scyne Advisory Services Pty Ltd	Tender	Internal audit	\$172,500
Intelligent Business Research Services Pty Ltd	Tender	IT Advisory services	\$16,875

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Robert Walters Recruitment Agency	Temporary Staff Services whole of Government panel	IT contractor services	\$168,000
Department of Premier & Cabinet	Direct	Website support and maintenance	\$20,000
Action Market Research Pty Ltd	Tender	Participant survey	\$60,000
Deloitte Consulting Pty Ltd	Tender	IT maintenance and support services	\$179,520
Soji Pty Ltd	Tender	Deliver LSA leadership program	\$81,690
ShowPony Adelaide Pty Ltd	Tender	Photography, video production and event video	\$20,000

I have been advised that for HomeStart Finance:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants in 2024-25 is \$422,123 based on available information as at 20 June 2024.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have already been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Escient	Change Management and Project Management Support	\$250,102
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Capital Structure Review	\$95,021

Contractors

HomeStart Finance does not publicly disclose expenditure on individual contractors as part of its annual report as Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements does not apply to HomeStart Finance or as part of its annual financial reporting.

I have been advised that for the Essential Services Commission of South Australia:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$545,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Houston Kemp Pty Ltd	Review of potential improvements and issues relating to the SA Ports access regime	\$23,900
ACIL Allen Pty Ltd	Review of Gas Metering Code	\$8,755

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Nil		

I have been advised that for Funds SA:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$2,653,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Protecht	Governance and Compliance System implementation	\$25,000
Advance	Document management system implementation	\$27,000
Beacon Legal	Recruitment	\$28,000
Heidrich and Struggles	Recruitment	\$20,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Various*	Investment tasks and advice	Based on daily rates per assignment
Kapital Consulting	Data Governance advisory contractors	\$143,000
Robert Walters	Accounting and related tasks contractors	\$68,000
Nuago	ICT managed services provider	\$178,000
KPMG	Internal audit	\$178,000
Rimes	Specialist ICT contracting for Investment Data & Technology Program	\$810,000

*Various short-term contractors engaged to perform specific investment related tasks based on day rates. Amount of expenditure will depend on length of assignment.

I have been advised that for the CTP Regulator:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$0.7 million.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Taylor Fry Pty Ltd	Scheme Actuarial Services	\$414,200
Scyne Advisory Pty Ltd	Internal Audit Services	\$75,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Haymakr	Claimant Service Rating Services	\$126,200
Various Accredited Medical Practitioners	MAIAS Compliance	\$55,000

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): The following information is provided on behalf of all ministers:

The 2022-23 budget included a 50 FTE executive reduction measure. Frontline services agencies such as Health and Education were exempted from the application of the savings.

To the March 2024 quarter data collection, agencies had identified 38 abolished positions.

A June quarter data collection will be undertaken in July to identify reductions for the remaining positions.

SAVINGS TARGETS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): The following information is provided on behalf of all ministers:

No new agency savings are included in the 2024-25 budget.

The savings targets commencing from 2024-25 are shown in table 2.4 of budget paper 3: 2024-25 Budget Statement. They largely reflect existing operating efficiency measures.

Chief executives have the flexibility to deliver the savings in a manner that best suits the needs of their agency. Savings do not need to include FTE reductions and a range of options can be pursued including reducing

expenditure on consultants, contractors, marketing, communications, accommodation, travel, and other goods and services.

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): The following information is provided on behalf of all ministers:

The FTE count for each agency at 30 June 2024 will be published in the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment's Workforce Information Report later in 2024.

As the numbers are notional, forward estimates of FTEs are not included by agency in budget statements. However, each agency statement provides an estimate for the budget year of FTEs for the agency.

The total employment cost and FTE levels for each year of the forward estimates can be found in tables 2.7 and 2.8 respectively of the 2024-25 Budget Statement.

The government does not have a TVSP target for FTEs. While each agency has a savings task over the forward estimates, any FTE reductions associated with this task are notional, based on estimates of how the savings across the forward estimates may be delivered and may or may not require TVSPs to be offered. Chief executives have the flexibility to deliver the savings in the manner that best suits the needs of their agency. Agencies are responsible for managing costs associated with TVSPs and separation payments.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Treasury and Finance:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25 (1)	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services(2)	120,293	75,777	75,484	76,568

(1) 2024-25 includes funding for the replacement of the Masterpiece system. Once the implementation plan is finalised funding for the outyears will be provided.

(2) Budget numbers do not include recently announced machinery of government changes effective 1 July 2024.

I have been advised that for the Lifetime Support Authority:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	67,038	72,709	81,757	87,897

I have been advised that for HomeStart Finance:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	18,606	17,359	16,421	16,885

I have been advised that for the Essential Services Commission of South Australia:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	2,093	2,126	2,177	2,229

I have been advised that for Funds SA:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	8,985	9,308	9,644	9,991

I have been advised that for the CTP Regulator:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	110 108	112 465	114 917	117 430

I have been advised that for the Office of the Industry Advocate:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	322	329	336	344

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Treasury and Finance:

The total budgeted FTE and expenses to provide communication and promotion activities across the department for 2024-25 and the forward estimates is as follows:

DTF	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
FTE	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5
\$m	1.635	1.659	1.683	1.708

The above FTEs provide communication and promotion activities to support the Department of Treasury and Finance in delivering all key services including the collection of state taxes, business and procurement services, fines recovery, insurance, and superannuation. Please note it does not reflect recent machinery of government changes effective from 1 July 2024.

I have been advised that for the Lifetime Support Authority:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

LSA		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
TOTAL	FTE	3	3	3	3
	\$m	0.340	0.347	0.354	0.361

I have been advised that for HomeStart Finance:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE as of June 30 of each year to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

HomeStart		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
Total	FTE	6	6	6	6
	\$m	0.82	0.80	0.83	0.86

I have been advised that for the Essential Services Commission of South Australia:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

ESCOSA		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
TOTAL	FTE	1	1	1	1
	\$m	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.13

I have been advised that for Funds SA:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
Corporate Engagement	FTE	0.5	tbc	tbc	tbc
	\$m	0.08	tbc	tbc	tbc
TOTAL	FTE	0.5	tbc	tbc	tbc
	\$m	0.08	tbc	tbc	tbc

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): Requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years is as follows:

Department of Treasury and Finance:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Budget \$000	2025-26 Budget \$000	2026-27 Budget \$000
Administered Items				
Community Support Grants and Donations	Provides grants and donations to the South Australian community.	162	166	170
Contribution to Racing SA	Grants to assist the racing industry in South Australia.	14 385	14 781	15 193
Economic Recovery Fund	To assist business and industry in key areas to grow, secure well paid jobs, improve productivity, increase exports and support innovative, value adding technologies in South Australia.	31 349	32 849	28 500
Electric Vehicle Subsidies	Provides grants to support the uptake of electric vehicles in South Australia.	1 026	916	579
First Home Owner Grants	Provides grants to eligible first home owners.	37 000	49 500	58 425
Future Jobs Fund	Support development of globally competitive industries and industrial capabilities that will create jobs of the future following the closure of South Australia's car industry.	500	500	-

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Budget \$000	2025-26 Budget \$000	2026-27 Budget \$000
HomeBuilder	Provides grants to assist the residential construction market by encouraging the commencement of new home builds and renovations. This is a Commonwealth funded initiative administered by states and territories.	3 830	1 639	-
Jobs and Economic Growth Fund	Provides targeted industry financial assistance.	7 250	250	-
Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program	Provides support to councils to accelerate spending on community infrastructure projects to enable growth in the future.	16 284	1 200	-
Local Government Disaster recovery assistance arrangements	Grants to assist local councils with managing the cost of disaster recovery activities following a natural disaster.	16 919	1 967	2 016
Industry Financial Assistance Fund ¹				
Regional Growth Fund and Thriving Regions	To pursue economic opportunities for South Australia and aims to build and strengthen regional communities.	7 665	-	-
Research and Innovation Fund	Supports researchers, entrepreneurs and businesses to accelerate their progress with funding from the South Australian Government.	485	-	—
Other grants	Funding for the establishment and operation of an aircraft base in Adelaide and to provide accommodation assistance for new business ventures.	600	-	-
Total grant programs/funds Budget		137 455	103 768	104 883

Due to the 2024-25 financial year having just commenced, further details in relation to the grant program/fund beneficiaries and commitments is not yet available.

Lifetime Support Authority:

The following table shows the budgeted payments into the grant fund for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Estimate
Lifetime Support Authority – Research, Education & Programs (REP) - Grants	Pursuant to s16c of the Motor Vehicle Accidents (Lifetime Support Scheme) Act 2013 (SA), the LSA is to 'provide support and funding for programs that will provide high-quality services to participants in the Scheme; and research and education in connection with services provided to participants in the Scheme'.	3 000 000	3 000 000	3 000 000

The following table shows the currently budgeted expenditure from the grant program for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years:

Description	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Estimate
Budgeted expenditure*	2 617 710	388 715	167 082

(*) Note the actual expenditure may be higher once the grant allocation process is completed in each of the years shown.

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 first table.

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value (\$)
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Central Adelaide Local Health Network	Physiotherapy Clinical Practice Guidelines for People with Spinal Cord Injury— Expanding a NSW initiative to involve South Australia	13 162
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	The University of Adelaide	Prevalence, management and treatment of cognitive dysfunction after spinal cord injury: A new way to train the brain	67 400
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Brain Injury SA	Reconnect Transition Program	195 462

Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Monash University	Capacity building ABI services to improve outcomes for adults with challenging behaviours: A Feasibility Evaluation	84 699
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Royal Automobile Association of South Australia	Street Smart Primary	100 000
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Flinders University	The Patient Journey for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples with a Road Traffic Injury	212 070
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	The Paraplegic & Quadriplegic Association of SA	Peer Support Advocacy Service	259 322
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Flinders University	Where do I start? Tailoring information to empower people with serious trauma injuries	42 290
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	University of South Australia	Effect of Immersion Therapy delivered by an Accredited Exercise Physiologist on physical and psychosocial recovery following traumatic injury when transitioning from hospital inpatient to outpatient care	184 083
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	The Paraplegic & Quadriplegic Association of SA Regional Peer Network	SA Regional Peer Network	99 219
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	The University of Adelaide	Mind the gap: are intrathecal pressure and flow the missing links in spinal cord injury treatment?	585 850
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	University of South Australia	Activity levels, mobility skills and quality of life in adults with acquired brain injury who cannot walk when they are discharged from acute care	110 516
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Flinders University	Pilot trial of a motivational conversational agent for brain injury rehabilitation	18 328
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	The University of Adelaide	Do head and neck posture before head-first impact determine the risk of neck dislocation injury during a motor-vehicle accident?	92 192
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	The University of Adelaide	A feasibility, acceptability and effectiveness trial to assess combining the Progressive Goal Attainment Program and Vocational Rehabilitation to maximize vocational outcomes and participation following Acquired Brain Injury	35 042

Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Flinders University	From roadside to rehabilitation: improving outcomes for older people after trauma	162 816
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Brain Injury SA	Brain Injury Peer Support Program	296 001
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Flinders University	Sleep Check before Shift Work: A sleep education, screening and management approach to prevent road trauma in Australia's young adults	148 078

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value (\$)
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Brain Injury SA	Be Well for Carers—Strengthening our contribution to wellness in families and carers of people with brain injury	9 337
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Flinders University	Supporting and educating children and families after a familial acquired brain injury: enhancement, evaluation and implementation of the 'Brain Connect' platform	184 762
	Central Adelaide Local Health Network	Phase 2—Australian Arm of the International Spinal Cord Injury (Aus-InSCI) Community Survey	212 878
Lifetime Support Authority REP Grants	Transport for NSW	Motorcycle Clothing Assessment Program (Moto-CAP)	60 000

EXPENDITURE TARGETS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): The government is often required to make decisions between budgets as circumstances dictate. In making these decisions, consideration is given whether to provide any additional resources to agency budgets. In circumstances where it is agreed to provide additional resources, agencies' expenditure is increased to the approved level.

In the absence of a decision to increase an agency's budget, it is the government's expectation that chief executives will manage their resources and meet the budget targets that were approved by cabinet in the 2024-25 budget.

Agency budgets will continue to be monitored over the course of 2024-25 to track agency progress against approved budgets.

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): Due to the recent commencement of the 2024-25 financial year, details in relation to what South Australian businesses will be used in procurement and what percentage of total procurement expenditure does this represent are not yet available for 2024-25.

The details of 2023-24 expenditure on South Australian businesses against total procurement expenditure are currently being finalised and will be made publicly available in the departmental annual report in September 2024.

The Malinauskas government has made significant changes to state procurement policy to make South Australian dollars work for South Australians. The below changes have been made to support South Australian businesses:

- Adopt the following principles for government procurement, value for money, creating SA jobs, increasing the numbers of apprentices and trainees in SA, stimulating innovation and new businesses and achieving environmentally sensitive, low carbon, socially-just outcomes.
- Mandate SA workers deliver a minimum 90 per cent of labour hours on major infrastructure projects; impose penalties on lead contractors for not achieving these targets.
- Require the use of South Australian manufactured products on public housing construction and maintenance programs, where available.
- Require departmental procurement staff to undertake regular training on the industry participation policies of government, and education of local industry participants and providers.
- Require chief executives to sign off on procurements where the successful tenderer is not South Australian.
- Undertake a broad market assessment to identify SA businesses that can deliver projects, goods or services to government and advise departmental procurement staff of industry capability.
- Establish an independent complaints process for tenderers who feel they have unreasonably missed out on government work.

- Require that apprentices, trainees, Aboriginal workers, and long-term unemployed deliver 20 per cent of all labour hours on major projects.
- Assist local business to become tender ready, holding regular industry-specific workshops conducted by the Industry Participation Advocate, helping more local businesses win work.
- Only use local project managers, architects, designers, engineers, surveyors, planners, and other professional services providers on government projects.
- Broadly publicise government procurement opportunities three months in advance.
- Publish an annual project pipeline of coming infrastructure projects over \$10 million over the next three years, to enable lead contractors to prepare thoroughly.
- Ensure that public projects above \$500m are broken into smaller stages / components to allow multiple South Australian companies the opportunity to participate on projects, unless that nature of the project makes this unfeasible; and
- Tenders for major projects will be released within 30 days of funding being available for the project.

These changes are producing real results for South Australian businesses and building on the Malinauskas governments strong record of supporting local businesses.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the Department of Treasury and Finance:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	47	35	35

DTF expenditure on remote work infrastructure enables a modern work culture and supports our people to work from wherever they are including when travelling for work, when not within a South Australian state government building, and from home.

I have been advised that for the Lifetime Support Authority:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	Nil	Nil	Nil

I have been advised that for HomeStart Finance:

The ability to work remotely is incorporated into underlying technology infrastructure and it is not possible to isolate specific items or costs.

No specific budget for remote work infrastructure has been made for HomeStart Finance for the financial years 2024-25 or for the previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24.

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	Nil	Nil	Nil

I have been advised that for the Essential Services Commission of South Australia:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	10	10	10

I have been advised that for Funds SA:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	26.93	9.47	13.00

I have been advised that for the CTP Regulator:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	Nil	Nil	Nil

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised that for the 2023-24 financial year, 48 procurements valued greater than \$55,000 (GST inclusive) were undertaken by the department and, of this total, 15 contracts were awarded to interstate businesses.

Of the total awarded to interstate businesses, 13 were approved by the chief executive. The remaining two contracts did not require chief executive approval as there were reasonable grounds to believe that no South Australian business could supply the required good or service.

In accordance with the requirements of the Procurement Services SA sourcing policy, in this circumstance, an appropriate procurement authority delegate can approve a procurement outcome awarding a contract to a non-South Australian business.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised over the period 1 July 2023 to 31 May 2024, the Department of Treasury and Finance paid 13,377 invoices.

12,323 invoices (92.12 per cent) were paid within 15 days and 1,054 invoices (7.88 per cent) were paid outside of 15 days. It should be noted that these figures include all payments and are not limited to contractor invoices.

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (20 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries): I have been advised the following:

In 2023-24 the Office of the Industry Advocate (OIA) conducted 45 training sessions attended by a total of 379 public sector staff, covering the South Australian Industry Participation Policy (SAIPP) procedural guidelines, and how to report and apply the process to their procurement operations.

Each session was conducted in an online format and communicated via various channels across whole-of-government, targeting staff participating in procurement activity for their public authority.

I am unable to quantify the total percentage of staff who undertake procurement activities, that may have participated in the training offered by the OIA due to the varying structure and complexity of each public authority and their purchasing requirements.

PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition)** (21 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): I am advised that the projects below are included in the \$6.946 million allocated in the 2024-25 budget to small projects:

- Alberton Train Station upgrade
- driver training reform
- extended bus depot—Mt Barker

- Granite Island Causeway
- Lightsview to CBD
- Military Road pedestrian crossing
- Nairne intersection upgrade
- new state school roadworks
- Noarlunga Interchange upgrade
- north-south corridor—Darlington upgrade
- north-south corridor—South Road Superway
- Nurlutta Railway Station pedestrian access
- station refresh program
- West Croydon Train Station CCTV.

VICTOR HARBOR OVERTAKING LANE PROJECT

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (21 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises that two properties were impacted (partial land acquisitions) by the Victor Harbor overtaking lane project, and vacant possession was obtained in October 2021.

The department maintains confidentiality with respect to individual compensation claims, ensuring that all negotiations are approached in good faith and in accordance with the Land Acquisition Act 1969.

CYCLONE TIFFANY WEATHER EVENT

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (21 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): I am advised the 2023-24 expenditure for Cyclone Tiffany weather event went towards:

- road pavement reinstatement works on Borefield Road.
- flood damage repairs to Outback Highway between Maree and Lyndhurst.
- flood damage repairs to Adventure Way.
- flood damage repairs to Flinders Ranges Way and Outback Highway between Leigh Creek and Hawker.
- in pre-construction activities associated with Birdsville and Oodnadatta Tracks and William Creek Road reinstatement works.
- culvert repairs on the Stuart Highway.
- isolated unsealed shoulder scour and pavement defects on Barrier Highway.
- flood damage repairs to fabric seal on Kempe Road.

THE OFFICE OF HYDROGEN POWER SOUTH AUSTRALIA, TURBINE COSTS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (21 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Office of Hydrogen Power South Australia is unable to release costs due to ongoing negotiations with interested parties.

THE OFFICE OF HYDROGEN POWER SOUTH AUSTRALIA, ELECTROLYSERS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (21 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Office of Hydrogen Power South Australia is unable to release costs due to ongoing negotiations with interested parties.

THE OFFICE OF HYDROGEN POWER SOUTH AUSTRALIA, CONNECTIONS COSTS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (21 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Office of Hydrogen Power South Australia is unable to release costs due to ongoing negotiations with interested parties.

THE OFFICE OF HYDROGEN POWER SOUTH AUSTRALIA, INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (21 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Office of Hydrogen Power South Australia is unable to release costs due to ongoing negotiations with interested parties.

THE OFFICE OF HYDROGEN POWER SOUTH AUSTRALIA, DESIGN WORK COSTS

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (21 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Office of Hydrogen Power South Australia is unable to release costs due to ongoing negotiations with interested parties.

PORT BONYTHON HYDROGEN HUB

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (21 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): I am advised the funding for the common user infrastructure for the Port Bonython Hydrogen Hub is focused largely on increasing the export capacity of the Port Bonython jetty. The funding also provides for studies on other common user infrastructure including:

- power supply
- water supply
- precinct infrastructure (roads, stormwater and services)
- export transfer pipelines
- process cooling water
- port module offloading facility.

THE OFFICE OF HYDROGEN POWER SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (21 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): I am advised that the generator model is GE Verona aeroderivative LM6000VELOX.

THE OFFICE OF HYDROGEN POWER SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (21 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): I am advised that the operating parameters for the facilities continue to be refined with project partners through the early contractor involvement phase. It would not be appropriate to comment on specifics whilst there is an active procurement process underway.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (21 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining): The Department for Infrastructure and Transport, Department for Energy and Mining and Office of Hydrogen Power South Australia do not allocate between remote work infrastructure and other infrastructure, including digital tools, cybersecurity and support services.

GREEN INDUSTRY FUND

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised of the following for 2023-24:

Grant Program	Applications received in 2023-24	Funded in 2023-24	Funded Metro	Funded Regional
Circular Economy Market Development Grants	27	17 11 awarded prior to 23-24	10	7
Regional Transport Subsidy	37	36	0	36
Charitable Recyclers Subsidy	9	9	Some charities operate stores in both metropolitan and regional areas, however, submit one application with a total for all stores	
Business Sustainability Program	Nil Grants closed for application	20 all awarded prior to 23-24	14	6
Recycling Infrastructure Grants	Nil Grants closed for application	27 all awarded prior to 23-24	16	11
Food Waste for Healthy Soils	Nil Grants closed for application	1 awarded prior to 23-24	0	1
Recycling Modernisation Fund grants	5	3 all awarded prior to 23-24	2	1
Kerbside Performance (Food Waste) Incentives	Nil Grants closed for application	4 all awarded prior to 23-24	0	4
Council Modernisation Grants	Nil Grants closed for application	1 awarded prior to 23-24	1	0
Total	73	107	36	62

GREEN INDUSTRY FUND

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised of the following

The key agency output in the Agency Statements referred to by the member for Batty relates to opportunities for businesses and industries identified through Green Industries SA's (GISA) Business Sustainability Program.

In 2023-24, Business Sustainability Program projects identified over \$881,000 in operational cost savings across 14 businesses for efficiency improvements in energy, waste and carbon. If the projects are implemented, the improvements will reduce the businesses' operating costs. The majority of those savings can be realised through improvements to energy management and efficiency, which also reduces greenhouse gas / carbon emissions, and can also be realised through waste management improvements.

These projects also have the potential to reduce 702 tonnes of carbon dioxide-equivalent and divert at least 206 tonnes of waste from landfill.

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY STAFF

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised of the following

As of 24 June 2024, the Environment Protection Authority had 25 vacancies.

CITIZEN SCIENCE FUND

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised of the following

42 applications were received for the Environmental Citizen Science Large Grants program and 14 applications were received for the Environmental Citizen Science Small Grants program.

LANDSCAPE SOUTH AUSTRALIA ACT

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised that all money collected by councils is paid to the Landscape Administration Fund (LAF). The money is then disbursed in full from the LAF to regional landscape boards and Green Adelaide.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

Since 1 July 2023, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Corporate Services	SAES1
Chief Executive	SAES2

The chief executive's total remuneration package value (TRPV) is publicly available on the website of the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment.

PC027—Disclosure of Government Contracts establishes processes around the disclosure of other executive contracts and provides that the TRPV of other executives will not be disclosed.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

Since 1 July 2023, there was one executive position abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Legislative Reform	SAES1

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

There have been no executive terminations.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2023-2024, information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been

advised that for the Department for Environment and Water there is a notional budget allocation of \$0.256 million for consultants in 2024-25 and a notional budget allocation of \$1.007 million for contractors in 2024-25.

These notional budget allocations are based on historical average expenditure and will be subject to change during the 2024-25 financial year in accordance with departmental requirements.

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2023-24, information relating to actual expenditure on consultants and contractors in 2024-25 including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for DEW controlled for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	98 630	74 534	56 483	57 441

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for DEW administered for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	566	567	568	569

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

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Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
Communication and Engagement	FTE	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
	\$m	0.91	0.92	0.94	0.95
Green Adelaide	FTE	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
	\$m	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.31
Botanic Gardens and Herbarium	FTE	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
	\$m	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Coast and Marine	FTE	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
	\$m	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
TOTAL	FTE	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8
	\$m	1.29	1.30	1.33	1.34

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Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Environment and Water				
National Parks and Wildlife Program	The sustainable, proactive conservation and management of South Australia's natural places, parks and wildlife ensures the environmental, social and economic prosperity of the state	9 159	7 179	6 354
Water and the River Murray Program	Water is managed sustainably for the benefit of the community, environment, and economy	30 825	31 220	31 797
Environment, Heritage and Sustainability Program	Develop and deliver strategies, policies and projects that protect and conserve the state's environment and heritage and support sustainable development, in partnership with key bodies, in the face of a changing climate	1 422	1 825	350

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Grant program/ fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Environment and Water				
Administered Items	Financial support grant for Zoos SA, Stormwater Management Authority, Landscape Priorities Fund, Adelaide City Council Parklands, Customer Advocacy and Research Fund, Qualco Sunlands Ground Water Control Trust and South Australian Drought Resilience Fund	19 137	18 163	20 750

REMOTE WORK

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The budgeted expenditure for information and communications technology (ICT) for the 2024-25 financial year is \$12.502 million. This budget is consistent with previous years, and includes costs associated with the management of remote work infrastructure, including digital tools, cybersecurity and support services.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

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Since 1 July 2023, no executive appointments were made.

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Since 1 July 2023, there were no executive positions abolished.

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There were no executive termination payments made during this period.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

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GOODS AND SERVICES

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The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	8,602	8,776	9,057	9,298

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Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
Strategic Communication and Engagement	FTE	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.3
	\$m	0.4655	0.415	0.421	0.428
TOTAL	FTE	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.3
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The Environment Protection Authority does not deliver grant programs or funds where payments are distributed to beneficiaries.

REMOTE WORK

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The Environment Protection Authority does not allocate specific budget for the management of remote work infrastructure. All servers that support remote working for the EPA as well as cybersecurity infrastructure are controlled and maintained by the Department for Environment and Water.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

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As of 1 July 2023, no executive appointments have been made.

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The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$48,600 (ex GST).

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (Ex GST) \$
Aryton Consulting	Selective Tender	Review the Single-use and Other Plastic products (Waste Avoidance) Act 2020	48,600

The estimated total costs for engagement of contractors in 2024-25 is \$4,092,868 (ex GST).

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Estimated contractor costs in 2024-25 (excluding River Murray flood)

Contractors	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (Ex GST) \$
CLEANAWAY OPERATIONS PTY LTD	Open Tender	Household Hazardous Waste and Farm Chemical Program	710,000
KEEP SOUTH AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL INC (KESAB)	Service Level Agreement	Promote community education, action, and to support implementation of South Australia's Waste Strategy.	494,000
BOOMERANG ALLIANCE INC	Direct	Plastic Free SA program	127,422
WAVEMAKER AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Media Panel	Which Bin? 2024 (Media spend only)	83,389
LGA	Service Level Agreement	Provide broad advocacy, guidance and practical assistance to councils in waste management and resource recovery	70,000
BIZ HUB AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Direct	GRID Stage 4	69,624
CLEANAWAY OPERATIONS PTY LTD	Direct	Backlight Program 2024-25	60,000
AURECON AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Limited RFQ	Sustainable Public Procurement Policy Research Review	59,801

Contractors	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (Ex GST) \$
MCGREGOR TAN RESEARCH PTY LTD	Direct	Litter Survey using Australian Litter Measure (AusLM) Methodology	45,500
WASTE MANAGEMENT & RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSOC. OF AUSTRALIA SA BRANCH	Service Level Agreement	Enhance industry knowledge and expertise related to the Government Party's policy and programs	39,000
BIZ HUB AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Direct	GRID Stages 2 and 3	18,507
IMAGEWORKS INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	Direct	ESG Government Uniform Masterclass	14,750
Total Contractor (excluding River Murray Flood)			1,791,993

Estimated contractor costs in 2024-25 for the River Murray flood clean-up program

Contractors	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (Ex GST) \$
BENNIER NOMINEE TRUST & RICHARD HOOPER FAMILY TRUST T/A ADELAIDE AIR MONITORING	Direct	Air monitoring/clearance certification—conducting air quality monitoring for asbestos fibres during asbestos removal works in line with Safework regulation. Inspection of site following asbestos removal works and certification that the site is free from asbestos	These contractors are engaged as Fee for Service based on actual work completed – total estimated cost is \$2,280,875 (continued) These contractors are engaged as Fee for Service based on actual work completed – total estimated cost is \$2,280,875
TREE TECH SA PTY LTD	Direct	Arborist for Tree Removal	
TMK CONSULTING ENGINEERS PTY LTD	Direct	Assessment of flood impacted structures for identification of hazardous materials, structural hazards, electrical hazards, health hazards to identify the scope of demolition or hazard reduction works on the site.	
RIDER LEVETT BUCKNALL SA PTY LTD	Direct	Quantity Surveyor	
WASTE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES PTY LTD	Direct	In-Field Waste Assessments/Disaster Waste Specialist	
WAGNER, MARINA Trading As Sustainable Solutions	Direct	In-Field Waste Assessments/Disaster Waste Specialist	
THE TRUSTEE FOR MINERDS FAMILY TRUST Trading RIVERLAND SKIPS	Not required	Provision of skip bins	
IELECTRICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS PTY LTD	Panel Contract— Selective Tender	Electrical Certificates of Compliance—for all sites where demolition is required or work scope involves electrical wiring.	
LEVEL ELECTRICAL & DATA RIVERLAND			
AHT GROUP Pty Ltd			
DE-CONSTRUCT PTY LTD			
ALL STATE GROUP SERVICES PTY LTD			
MCPMAHON SERVICES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Panel Contract— Selective Tender	Demolition of flood affected structures. Hazard Reduction of hazards identified through a structural assessment. (procured separately) to allow property owners to safely enter their property and organise any further repairs	
GP & SONS DEMOLITION PTY LTD			
G D & R J BLYTHMAN PTY LTD trading as WATTS ASBESTOS			
ROYAL PARK SALVAGE			
RAWTEC PTY LTD	Direct	Review of the 2022-24 Flood Clean-up Program: South Australian River Murray	20,000

Contractors	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (Ex GST) \$
Total Contractor – River Flood program			2,300,875
Grand Total—Contractor			4,092,868

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	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	4,434	4,183	4,303	4,209

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Engagement & Communications	FTE	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
	\$m	0.55	0.41	0.42	0.43
TOTAL	FTE	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
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Green Industries SA				
Recycling Infrastructure Grants (including Recycling Modernisation Fund and Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund grants)	Funding towards the construction of new and upgraded materials recovery and processing facilities, including to assist the resource recovery sector respond to challenges and opportunities presented by international market conditions	1,500	1,500	1,500
Regional Transport Subsidies	Funding to provide regional councils with temporary relief to subsidise the transport of kerbside collected recyclables to recovery / processing facilities	800	800	800
Business Sustainability Program	Funding for businesses and industry associations to engage third party technical advisers to identify, prioritise and implement improvements in resource/material efficiency, and other circular economy practices	560	500	500
Council Modernisation Grants	Funding to support modernisation and innovation of Local Government waste management systems	320	330	330
Circular Economy Market Development Grants	Funding to support South Australian businesses to further their market development efforts for recycled and recyclable materials	500	500	500
Kerbside Performance (Food Organics) Incentives	Funding to Local Government towards the implementation and maintenance of food waste recycling systems via kerbside organics bins	391	626	660
Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program	Funding to provide charitable recycling organisations with partial relief from the costs of the solid waste levy	246	252	258
Total		4,317	4,508	4,548

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Regional Transport Subsidies	Adelaide Plains Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	1,600
	Barunga West Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	2,835
	Berri Barmera Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	12,109
	City of Mount Gambier	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	48,465
	City of Port Lincoln	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	34,236
	Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	5,511
	Coorong District Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	2,543
	Copper Coast Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	13,421
	District Council of Elliston	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	4,818

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
	District Council of Grant	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	13,996
	District Council of Loxton Waikerie	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	13,047
	District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	9,646
	District Council of Mount Remarkable	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	2,443
	District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	864
	District Council of Peterborough	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	1,770
	District Council of Robe	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	5,077
	Light Regional Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	3,681
	Mid Murray Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	3,102
	Mount Barker District Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	25,620
	Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	11,412
	Port Augusta Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	16,039
	Port Pirie Regional Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	13,860
	Regional Council of Goyder	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	2,385
	Rural City of Murray Bridge	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	10,989
	Southern Mallee District Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	1,420
	Tatiara District Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	4,662
	The Barossa Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	7,218
	The Flinders Ranges Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	2,440
	Wakefield Regional Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	3,180
	Wattle Range Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	23,225
	Whyalla City Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	33,778
	Yorke Peninsula Council	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	11,950
	Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority	Transport of recyclable materials 2023-24 (Feb–Jun 2024 claim)	22,166
Kerbside Performance (Food Organics) Incentives	City of Port Lincoln	Kerbside Performance Plus Food Organics Incentives	3,000
	Port Pirie Regional Council	Kerbside Performance Plus Food Organics Incentives	25,800
	Copper Coast Council	Kerbside Performance Plus Food Organics Incentives	42,000
Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program	Salvos Stores	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2023-24 (Jan-Jun 2024 claim)	60,206
	St Vincent de Paul Society SA Inc	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2023-24 (Jan-Jun 2024 claim)	46,653
	AWR Charity for People	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2023-24 (Jan-Jun 2024 claim)	15,494

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
	RSPCA (SA) Inc.	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2023-24 (Jan-Jun 2024 claim)	5,587
	Foodbank of South Australia Inc.	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2023-24 (Jan-Jun 2024 claim)	4,782
	Uniting Communities	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2023-24 (Jan-Jun 2024 claim)	3,217
	The Quaker Shop	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2023-24 (Jan-Jun 2024 claim)	86
	ADRA Whyalla	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2023-24 (Jan-Jun 2024 claim)	70
	ADRA Op Shop Victor Harbor	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2023-24 (Jan-Jun 2024 claim)	2,760
	Australian Red Cross Society	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2023-24 (Jan-Jun 2024 claim)	351
	CareWorks SA	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2023-24 (Jan-Jun 2024 claim)	1,170
	Lutheran Care	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2023-24 (Jan-Jun 2024 claim)	117
	Save the Children	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2023-24 (Jan-Jun 2024 claim)	11,625
	Lifeline Broken Hill Country to Coast	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2023-24 (Jan-Jun 2024 claim)	527
	Red Nose Australia Ltd	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2023-24 (Jan-Jun 2024 claim)	468
	United Country SA	Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program 2023-24 (Jan-Jun 2024 claim)	2,223
Business Sustainability Program	Barossa Australia	LEAP Grant: Zero Carbon Glass Wine Bottle & 'Green Gas' Initiative	44,900
	Business Victor Harbor	LEAP Grant: Fleurieu Region Circular Business Program	49,493
	Festival City Adelaide	LEAP Grant: Festival City Adelaide: Leading Environmental Sustainability and Responsible Practice 2.0 (Mentoring and Professional Guidance for Sustainability Action Plans)	44,000
	Food South Australia	LEAP Grant: Guiding the South Australian Food and Beverage Industry in Sustainability	50,000
	Motor Trade Association SA/	LEAP Grant: Automotive Industry Energy and Electric Vehicle Capability Assessment	49,200
	Distillers SA / South Australian Spirit Producers Association	LEAP Grant: Boosting Sustainability for South Australian Distillers	50,000
	Australian Wine Research Institute	AIM Grant—implementation of identified net zero emissions project (reusable labware trial)	2,900

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Council Modernisation Grants	Central Adelaide Waste and Recycling Authority (CAWRA)	Interactive 3D touch screens for the education room, to help build visitor's understanding and knowledge of the recycling process at CAWRA	23,910
Total			910,047

REMOTE WORK

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The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	%	%	%
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003

Less than 0.003 per cent of the agency's budget has been allocated for the management of remote work infrastructure, including digital tools, cybersecurity and support services. The amount allocated is comparable with previous years.

CLELAND NATIONAL PARK

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised of the following

The grant funding deed for the Nantu Wilderness Retreat project in Cleland National Park has been executed and the proponent is working through the planning and development approval process.

The Department for Environment and Water continues to work closely with the proponent to progress the project in accordance with the project milestones.

NUYTS ARCHIPELAGO

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The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised of the following

EP Cruises held three separate licence/permits to undertake a pilot tour program in the Nuyts Archipelago Wilderness Protection Area from 2020-2023 that were issued seasonally:

1. Commercial tour operator licence
2. Filming and photography permit (including drone usage)
3. Marine mammal interaction permit

There were several breaches of the special conditions in the EP Cruises permitting package each year. The breaches were judged to be minor and were addressed during the season with the operator and/or in review at the completion of each year.

DEW issued licences to EP Cruises on the express basis that future access to St Francis Island was not guaranteed, as the draft management plan for Nuyts Archipelago and Investigator Group Wilderness Protection Areas in development would determine access arrangements for the Nuyts Archipelago Wilderness Protection Area.

CULTURAL SURVEYS

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised of the following

The Department for Environment and Water issues formal notifications for any proposed works on native title land pursuant to the Native Title Act 1993. Where there is a requirement for an Aboriginal cultural heritage survey, the department complies with this legal requirement.

The department also commissions Aboriginal cultural heritage surveys or cultural monitors when appropriate to mitigate risk to cultural heritage sites, objects or remains, prior to undertaking any works that may have an effect on Aboriginal heritage. The surveys are typically undertaken by traditional owner representatives with the support of their cultural heritage specialist and are in line with the Attorney-General's Guidelines for Aboriginal Heritage Risk Management Payments.

The table below outlines the cultural heritage surveys supported by the department during 2023-24.

Program	Works	Cost *
Lower Murray Reclaimed Irrigation Area Levee Recovery	Surveys conducted with Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation (NAC), Mannum Aboriginal Community Association Incorporated (MACAI) and First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee Region #2 (FPRMM#2) to reduce risk to Aboriginal cultural heritage sites in close proximity to levee recovery works.	NAC—\$30,827.20 MACAI—\$17,376.00 FPRMM#2—\$18,449.20
Infrastructure Recovery	Surveys conducted with First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee (FPRMM) prior to works commencing at sites impacted during the 2022-2023 River Murray flood.	\$24,471.60
Sustaining Riverland Environments	Surveys conducted with First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee to help guide design and future works under the Sustaining Riverland Environments program.	\$52,114.01
South Australian Constraints Measures	Surveys conducted with First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee (FPRMM) and Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation (NAC) to help guide design and future works under the South Australian Constraints Measures program.	FPRMM—\$51,815.70 NAC—\$5,980.49
Pastoral Land Management	Surveys conducted with Arabana Aboriginal Corporation to ensure earthwork repairs to Public Access Routes at Halligan's Bay and Level Post Bay did not interfere with, damage, or destroy areas of significance to Aboriginal people.	\$98,189.79
Gawler River Icon Planning	Surveys conducted with Kaurna cultural representatives from Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation and RAWsa. Heritage survey undertaken to gather Kaurna cultural and archaeological information to minimise risk of cultural damage, especially where it is known that current or future landscaping activities are planned for public managed lands.	\$28,741
Flinders and Outback – Nilpena Ediacara National Park	Cultural monitoring – plumbing works	\$675
Riverland and Murraylands Region—Roonka Conservation Park	Replacement of fence damaged by flooding. Inspection of fence line to ensure nothing had been exposed prior to repairing fence. Note works have been completed and the figure reflects the quote for works; final invoice to be received.	\$4,296.49
Limestone Coast Region – fire program	Heritage Assessments to inform on ground works for fire program (database search)	\$1,500
Yorke and Mid North Region – Mambray Creek	Monitor civil earthworks with excavation deeper than 300mm on an existing site	\$6,646.07
Yorke and Mid North Region – Dhilba Guranda – Innes NP Loop Road	Survey proposed corridor (approx. 20m wide) of a new Loop Road (following existing unsealed roads and fire tracks) to complete a sealed road from Pondalowie Bay to Marion Bay Road. Purpose was to identify any Aboriginal Heritage present that may need to be	\$14,329.68

Program	Works	Cost *
	avoided in detailed design, as well as to recommend strategies to mitigate risks to any unknown heritage that may be discovered during construction (i.e. site monitoring, etc.).	
Yorke and Mid North Region – Mt Remarkable Epic Trail	Project scale cultural heritage assessment, advice on trail alignments to ensure sensitive construction, cultural heritage briefings for construction staff and monitoring of trail construction through several identified sensitive sites.	\$25,986.96
Eyre and Far West Region – Osprey Platforms	Nauo Heritage Inspection: Site clearances for Osprey platforms at Tulka and Coffin Bay	\$4,400
	Desktop Heritage Inspection	\$287
Total		\$386,086.19

*Cost are an upper limit and may be slightly reduced during accounts reconciliation

ENVIRONMENT AND WATER DEPARTMENT WARDENS

In reply to **the Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised of the following:

Wardens appointed under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 are trained through a comprehensive general regulators training, which covers legislation, powers, understanding evidence, note taking, evidence collection, interviewing witnesses, and understanding compliance. This includes using phones and cameras for recording evidence. The training also supports wardens to understand wildlife permits and permit conditions.

In addition, the department's Investigations and Compliance Unit includes investigation specialists who are wardens and receive additional training in the use of surveillance, covert cameras, GPS instruments, drones and collecting evidence with the use of body worn cameras.

The training is designed for wardens to achieve an outcome of 'best evidence' when conducting compliance work and when carrying out investigations. The training is fundamental to how wardens operate.

BREAKOUT CREEK

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised of the following:

The decision on timing for cutting the channel at the River Torrens outlet is made by the Torrens Lake Cyanobacteria Advisory Committee (the committee), based on cyanobacteria concentration monitoring results, short to medium-term climate model forecasts, and contractor availability. The channel was cut proactively in November 2023 as climate models were predicting a rapid onset of a hot and dry summer.

Following a committee decision to proceed with cutting the channel, Green Adelaide is responsible for organising the works in consultation with relevant stakeholders. This includes leading communications on behalf of committee member organisations (DEW, SA Water, EPA, City of Adelaide and the City of Charles Sturt) in line with the communications plan, which is reviewed annually.

In November 2023, Green Adelaide led the media program prior to the event, which included a media release and a social media campaign across Green Adelaide and coastal council social media channels. A managed flow was not required at that time, despite predicted conditions. If a managed flow was required then further communication, including direct email contact with relevant organisations, would have been scheduled as had occurred prior to flow events.

The committee has received feedback on the timing of communications and the communications plan has been updated accordingly.

CHIEF ENTREPRENEUR

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised of the following

In 2023-24 \$1.6 million was allocated to the Office of the South Australian Chief Entrepreneur, including support for 10 staff. The Office of the South Australian Chief Entrepreneur business unit was re-branded Innovation and Entrepreneurship when the position of Chief Entrepreneur was not filled following Mr Andrew Nunn's term which ended 31 December 2023.

CHIEF ENTREPRENEUR

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised of the following

In 2024-25 \$1.64 million is allocated to the Innovation and Entrepreneurship business unit, including support for ten staff. The Innovation and Entrepreneurship business unit was rebranded from the Office of the South Australian Chief Entrepreneur when the position of Chief Entrepreneur was not filled following Mr Andrew Nunn's term which ended 31 December 2023.

DEFENCE AND SPACE LANDING PAD

In reply to **Mr PATTERSON (Morphett)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised of the following

The workstations are for the SmartSat CRC located in the McEwin building.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

Since 1 July 2023, one executive appointment was made.

Role Title	Classification
Program Director, Defence Industry Workforce	SAES-1

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

Since 1 July 2023, there was one executive position abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Critical Technologies	SAES-1

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

There have been no executive terminations during the 2023-24 financial year.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2023-2024 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$1.509 million.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25 for contracts disclosed in accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular 27. Consultancy commitment data is subject to change (pending the provision of commitment data to the Auditor-General on 12 August 2024).

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (GST Exclusive)
David Ian O'Connor	Independent Advisor on matters relating to the establishment of the new Adelaide University.	\$230,400
2XE Pty Ltd	Delivery of workshops, consultations, and sustainability assessments to assist South Australian small businesses develop strategies to improve their environmental sustainability and build skills and capability to implement sustainable business practices.	\$157,964
Professor Craig Trevor Simmons	To provide advice to the South Australian government as Chief Scientist.	\$100,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25 for contracts disclosed in accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular 27. Contractor commitment data is subject to change (pending the provision of commitment data to the Auditor-General on 12 August 2024).

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (GST Exclusive)
Data3# Limited	Ongoing operational requirement for the use of Microsoft's Desktop, Server and MSDN support licences.	\$344,272
Datacom Systems AU – SA Division	ICT Managed Platform Services.	\$149,763

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	5 855	5 608	5 697	5 785

The total budgeted goods and services disclosed excludes grant expenditures.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
Strategic Communications and Customer Experience	FTE	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
	\$m	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$1.4	\$1.4

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website:

<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years—controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Industry, Innovation and Science				
Industry and Employer Partnerships	To deliver employment support programs to address skilled migrant underutilisation.	1,000	1,025	—
SA Defence Workforce Skills Report—Degree Apprenticeship Pilots	To support the establishment and implementation of a degree apprenticeship pilot which will enable the defence industry to attract, develop and retain a suitably qualified workforce to ensure the delivery of key projects in South Australia in the medium and long term.	500	250	250
Defence Industry Connection Program	To provide further support and internships to students accessing Commonwealth Supported Places and undertaking broader defence and nuclear-powered submarine-related courses, helping them transition from study into the defence industry.	975	975	1,225
Defence Supplier Capability Uplift Program	To increase the supply chain capability of South Australian companies that have identified potential to supply into naval shipbuilding and sustainment programs, and supply chains.	1,000	—	—
Software Engineering Degree Apprenticeship	To support the establishment and implementation of a software engineering degree apprenticeship pilot.	150	—	—

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Manufacturing Innovation Grant Program	Grant program to boost the state's manufacturing industry.	1,100	700	—
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2019-20 initiative	To provide additional funding over six years to 2024-25 to support six South Australian based NCRIS facilities through the purchase of new equipment and the upgrade of existing equipment.	462	—	—
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Stage 1	To continue supporting the ongoing operations of six South Australian based NCRIS facilities.	3,983	4,029	3,211
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Stage 2 (including funding held in DTF contingencies)	Funding to NCRIS facilities for capital refresh to upgrade equipment to support leading-edge research and innovation.	3,132	811	1,128
Support for Italian Language University Programs	To increase enrolments with the grant recipients in Italian language programs.	250	250	—
Grants to the New Adelaide University to Attract International Students	To support the new Adelaide University to attract international students.	10,000	10,000	10,000
Teaching profession scholarship	To provide \$500k per annum from 2022-23 to offer 400 university scholarships at \$5,000 each to strengthen and diversify the teaching profession in South Australian government schools.	500	500	—
Adelaide Biomed City	To support MTP-IIGC Ltd to undertake the role of External Innovation and Translation Intermediary for the Adelaide BioMed City precinct.	800	100	—
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)	To support South Australian businesses to collaborate with researchers and universities to solve industrial problems, commercialise new products and services and attract research infrastructure investment into the state, as well as to encourage the establishment and growth of start-ups.	10,700	10,754	10,778
International Education Recovery (MoAA)	Funding for StudyAdelaide to attract and retain high quality international students to drive sustained growth following the COVID-19 pandemic.	2,000	2,000	—
StudyAdelaide Operation Funding (MoAA)	Operational funding for Study Adelaide.	2,500	2,500	2,500
SA Young Entrepreneur Scheme (SAYES)	Funding to support the SAYES program which is a business mentoring and learning program designed to help young South Australian entrepreneurs.	190	190	—

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, for any commitments relating to contracts (excluding MOAAs) executed on or before 30 June 2024 and funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer for contracts with a total value of \$200,000 (inclusive GST) and above.

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value (GST Exclusive) \$
Industry, Innovation and Science			

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value (GST Exclusive) \$
Software Engineering Degree Apprenticeship Pilot	University of South Australia	Refer purpose of grant program above.	150,000
Manufacturing Innovation Grant Program	Flinders University	Refer purpose of grant program above.	1,700,000
Manufacturing Innovation Grant Program	Belgravia Group Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	100,000
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2019-20 initiative	South Australian Health & Medical Research Institute	Support the National Imaging Facility	462,000
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Stage 1	Flinders University	Support National Fabrication Facility & Microscopy	1,103,056
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Stage 1	University of South Australia	Support National Fabrication Facility, BioPlatforms and Microscopy	2,992,580
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Stage 1	University of Adelaide	Support National Fabrication Facility, Microscopy and Terrestrial Ecosystem	4,303,318
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Stage 1	South Australian Health & Medical Research Institute	Support Genomics Centre	1,280,000
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Stage 1	South Australian Health & Medical Research Institute	Support National Imaging Facility	1,341,182
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Stage 1	The Australian Wine Research Institute Limited	Support BioPlatforms	1,753,608
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Stage 1	University of Adelaide	Support Australian Plant Phenomics	2,560,010
Support for Italian Language University Programs	University of South Australia and Flinders University	To increase enrolments with the grant recipients in Italian language programs.	500,000
Grants to the New Adelaide University to Attract International Students	Adelaide University	To support the new Adelaide University to attract international students	30,000,000
Teaching profession scholarship	Flinders University	To provide scholarship funding of \$5000 each to up to 140 eligible students commencing tertiary education with the recipient in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree that is accredited by the Teachers Registration Board of South Australia	350,000
Teaching profession scholarship	University of South Australia	To provide scholarship funding of \$5000 each to up to 140 eligible students commencing tertiary education with the recipient in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree that is accredited by the Teachers Registration Board of South Australia	350,000
Teaching profession scholarship	University of Adelaide	To provide scholarship funding of \$5000 each to up to 120 eligible students commencing tertiary education with the recipient in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree that is accredited by the Teachers Registration Board of South Australia	300,000
Adelaide Biomed City	MTP-IIGC Ltd	To support the recipient to undertake the role of External	900,000

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value (GST Exclusive) \$
		Innovation and Translation Intermediary for the Adelaide BioMed City precinct.	
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)	University of Adelaide	Research Consortium Program 5—Unlocking Complex Resources through Lean Processing—Variation 2023	70,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)	Flinders University	Aged Care Centre for Growth and Translational Research	100,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)	Flinders University	Medical Device Partnering Program (MDPP)	450,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)	University of South Australia	Industry Doctoral Training Pilots (IDTC)	90,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)	University of Adelaide	Industry Doctoral Training Pilots (IDTC)	240,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)	Flinders University	Industry Doctoral Training Pilots (IDTC)	60,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)	Stone and Chalk Pty Ltd	Strategic Innovation Provider Agreement (Extension FY'23)	4,476,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)	Financing of Return to Employment Pty Ltd (FORTE)	Financing of Return to Employment (FORTE) South Australia Pilot	3,000,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)	Brandon BioCatalyst (MRCF)	Brandon BioCatalyst, 2022-23 to 2025-26	150,000

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years—administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Industry, Innovation and Science				
Student Transport Concessions	Payments to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) to recognise the value of transport concessions provided for student travel associated with higher education.	14,842	15,646	16,373

Funding is provided to DIT per the table above, there are no further details regarding the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy): I have been advised that for the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science:

A separate budget was not allocated for remote work. Rather, remote work capabilities are inherently enabled by the department's technology infrastructure and costs managed within existing budgets. This includes the replacement of laptops (over a three-year cycle) as the primary device for staff and cybersecurity measures that account for remote connectivity.

Based on the above, the estimated expenditure for technology related to remote work has averaged approximately \$1,000 per FTE per annum in the current financial year and in the last two financial years. This represents approximately 0.2 per cent of the department's budget for the 2023-24 financial year.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

Since 1 July 2023, seven executive appointments were made.

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$1,842,473 (excluding on-costs).

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

Since 1 July 2023, five executive positions have been abolished.

The total annual employment cost for the abolished positions is \$1,374,575 (excluding on-costs).

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

The total value of the termination payments was \$227,021 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

As at 5 August 2024, a total of \$1,042,496 (GST exclusive) has been committed for expenditure on consultants and contractors in 2024-25.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Method of appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
The University of Adelaide	Direct Negotiation	Establish a new trauma-informed case management model for Youth Justice and Exceptional Needs.	\$70,000
Yellow Wig Communications and Project Management	Direct Negotiation	Screening Unit Project Management and expert advice and support	\$288,000
Total			\$358,000

Note: consultancy data has been reviewed as at 5 August 2024. This is still subject to audit and therefore may change once 2023-24 financial statements are finalised.

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Method of appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
3Arc Social Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Provide Strategic Research Agenda	\$26,890
Alcohol and Drug Foundation Incorporated	Direct Negotiation	Develop and implement the Here for the Game Pilot Program	\$303,853
Carers Association of SA Incorporated	Direct Negotiation	Provide Carer Support Capacity Training	\$54,000

Contractors	Method of appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
DWS	Direct Negotiation	Provide ongoing support from a developer skilled in Microsoft Azure, .NET, and SQL Server for system design and development	\$195,000
Flinders University	Direct Negotiation	Evaluation of Aboriginal Community Partner Services Embedding Phase	\$56,250
Lived Experience Australia Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Provide Strategic Research Agenda	\$29,865
The Trustee for Two Worlds Consultancy Trust	Direct Negotiation	Provide Cultural Supervision of Aboriginal Staff	\$18,638
Total			\$684,496

Note: contractor data has been reviewed as at 5 August 2024. This is still subject to audit and therefore may change once 2023-24 financial statements are finalised.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

As at 5 August 2024, a total of \$2,482,977 (GST exclusive) has been committed for expenditure on consultants and contractors engaged since 1 July 2023.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged since 1 July 2023 at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the total estimated cost.

Consultancies	Method of appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
CTG Security Matrix Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Review current scope of cameras at Kurlana Tapa	\$19,800
H/Advisors APA Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Provision of strategic advice to support Disability Services transition to being a NDIS provider.	\$50,000
Mr Richard Dennis AM PSM	Direct Negotiation	Review of the South Australian Disability Inclusion Act 2018 for Strategic Policy and Reform.	\$41,600
The University of Adelaide	Direct Negotiation	Establish a new trauma-informed case management model for Youth Justice and Exceptional Needs.	\$140,000
Yellow Wig Communications and Project Management	Direct Negotiation	Screening Unit Project Management and expert advice and support	\$499,200
Zed Management Consulting	Direct Negotiation	Identify and assess the current gaps in services and support for young people in South Australia for the Early Intervention Research Directorate.	\$59,280
Total			\$809,880

Note: consultancy data has been reviewed as at 5 August 2024. This is still subject to audit and therefore may change once 2023-24 financial statements are finalised.

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged since 1 July 2023 at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the total estimated cost.

Contractors	Method of appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
3Arc Social Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Provide Strategic Research Agenda	\$49,776
Carers Association of SA Incorporated	Direct Negotiation	Provide Carer Support Capacity Training	\$80,000
Central Queensland University	Direct Negotiation	Identify South Australian Adults' Attitudes Towards Sports Betting	\$77,000

Contractors	Method of appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
DWS	Direct Negotiation	Provide ongoing support from a developer skilled in Microsoft Azure, .NET, and SQL Server for system design and development	\$731,818
Fields Group Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Provide Security Guard Services	\$200,580
Flinders University	Direct Negotiation	Evaluation of Aboriginal Community Partner Services Embedding Phase	\$75,000
Jieyun Lian	Direct Negotiation	Provide typesetting services to Concessions and Interpreting Services	\$12,395
Lauren Wilkinson	Direct Negotiation	Plan and manage Client Records Management project	\$181,350
Lived Experience Australia Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Provide Strategic Research Agenda	\$54,300
Partridge Management	Direct Negotiation	Identify vendor interest, cost, timing estimates, and research CRM capabilities for the Screening unit	\$41,300
Peg Consulting Trust	Open Market	Conduct a review of the operations and performance of the Central Assessment Unit for Screening unit	\$121,760
The Equality Project Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Provide the Advance Advocacy Masterclass, an immersive and dynamic program to build the capacity of LGBTIQA+ community leaders and advocates	\$23,000
The Trustee for Two Worlds Consultancy Trust	Direct Negotiation	Provide Cultural Supervision of Aboriginal Staff	\$24,818
Total			\$1,673,097

Note: contractor data has been reviewed as at 5 August 2024. This is still subject to audit and therefore may change once 2023-24 financial statements are finalised.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	60,304	52,044	51,388	51,227

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
Communications and Engagement	FTE	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
	\$m	1.85	1.88	1.91	1.93

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years—controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Communities and Families	Program commissions, funds, and delivers community and family services that improve the lives of individuals and families across South Australia. Program promotes opportunity and affordability for vulnerable and disadvantaged South Australians through a range of state government concessions.	128,859	125,037	126,116
Youth Justice	Provided Statutory services to children and young people in the justice system which aim to reduce re-offending and acknowledge the victims of crime.	868	889	911
Disability Services	Advocacy Services and changing places	300	300	300

The 2024-25 estimate will differ from the agency statement due to machinery of government changes associated with homelessness services as well as the allocation of corporate overheads for presentational purposes in the published statements. This also does not yet include the additional indexation commitment to not-for profit organisations as announced in the 2024-25 state budget.

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	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Communities and Families	Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Aboriginal Corporation	Ceduna Safety and Wellbeing Transport Service	358,050
Communities and Families	Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Aboriginal Corporation	Day Centre Extend Operating Hours Grant	332,310
Communities and Families	Aboriginal Family Support Services Limited	Intensive Family Services	13,329,260
Communities and Families	Aboriginal Family Support Services Limited	Service to Aboriginal Youth (STAY)—Coober Pedy	540,087
Communities and Families	Aboriginal Family Support Services Limited	Strong Families, Strong Communities	601,931
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Limestone Coast)	1,111,962
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Murray and Mallee)	1,339,331
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Berri Community Centre	1,010,523
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Millicent Community Centre	1,010,523

Grant program	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Financial Wellbeing Program (Limestone Coast)	2,565,675
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Financial Wellbeing Program (Murray Mallee)	3,027,699
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Intensive Family Services	3,619,898
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Service to Aboriginal Youth (STAY)—Murray Bridge	540,087
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Service to Aboriginal Youth (STAY)—Riverland	540,087
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program (Limestone Coast Community Hub – Mount Gambier)	1,010,523
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Strong Families, Strong Communities	954,788
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Youth Support Development Program—Murray Bridge	1,279,653
Communities and Families	Anglicare SA Ltd	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Northern Adelaide)	2,276,228
Communities and Families	Anglicare SA Ltd	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Southern Adelaide)	1,146,393
Communities and Families	Anglicare SA Ltd	Crisis Support to Keep Children Safe and Well Grant	765,000
Communities and Families	Anglicare SA Ltd	Financial Wellbeing Program (Northern Adelaide)	10,086,305
Communities and Families	Anglicare SA Ltd	Intensive Family Services—Imminent Risk	3,602,452
Communities and Families	Anglicare SA Ltd	Strong Families, Strong Communities	1,183,106
Communities and Families	Australian Red Cross Society	Extreme Heat Response Service	251,255
Communities and Families	Australian Red Cross Society	Eyre Peninsula & South East Community Passenger Network	1,186,866
Communities and Families	Australian Red Cross Society	Justice Reinvestment Port Adelaide	1,818,747
Communities and Families	Australian Red Cross Society	Mid-Murray Community Passenger Network Service	291,945
Communities and Families	Australian Red Cross Society	Riverland Community Passenger Network	352,085
Communities and Families	Australian Red Cross Society	Upper Spencer Gulf Community Passenger Network	84,572
Communities and Families	Australian Refugee Association Inc	Strong Families, Strong Communities	311,344
Communities and Families	Baptist Care (SA) Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Eastern Adelaide)	821,597
Communities and Families	Baptist Care (SA) Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Northern Adelaide)	1,900,117
Communities and Families	Baptist Care (SA) Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Southern Adelaide)	931,815
Communities and Families	Carer Support & Respite Centre Incorporated	Community Connections—Carer Support Partner (Eastern Adelaide & Southern Adelaide)	944,144
Communities and Families	Carers and Disability Link Incorporated	Community Connections—Carer Support Partner (Adelaide Hills, Barossa, Light & Lower North (part), Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island (part), Yorke & Mid North (part))	310,233
Communities and Families	Carers Association of SA Incorporated	Community Connections—Carer Support Partner (Eyre & Western, Far North, Fleurieu & KI (part), Limestone Coast, Murray & Mallee, Western Adelaide, Yorke & Mid North (part))	3,547,325

Grant program	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Communities and Families	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	Breathing Space Program	2,955,715
Communities and Families	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	Community Connections—Community Partner (Northern Adelaide)	475,028
Communities and Families	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	Community Connections—Community Partner (Western Adelaide)	503,352
Communities and Families	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	Intensive Family Services	21,436,602
Communities and Families	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Wandana Community Centre	1,010,523
Communities and Families	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	Community Connections—Carer Support Partner—(Barossa, Light & Lower North (part), Northern Adelaide)	945,147
Communities and Families	CatholicCare NT as trustee for the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Darwin Property Trust	Aboriginal Partners (Amata, APY Lands)	214,071
Communities and Families	Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation	Service to Aboriginal Youth (STAY)—Ceduna	540,087
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Community Connections—Community Partner (Eyre and Western)	497,931
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Community Connections—Community Partner (Far North)	851,363
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Community Connections—Community Partner (Yorke and Mid North)	1,320,762
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Eyre and Western)	719,513
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Far North)	679,006
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Yorke and Mid North)	866,209
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Financial Wellbeing Program (Eyre and Western)	2,279,519
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Intensive Family Services	4,579,820
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Strong Families, Strong Communities	553,503
Communities and Families	City of Onkaparinga	Southern Metropolitan Community Passenger Network	285,444
Communities and Families	City of Playford	Northern Metropolitan Community Passenger Network	531,181
Communities and Families	City of Victor Harbor	Victor Harbor Community Passenger Network	424,966
Communities and Families	Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council	Mid-North Community Passenger Network	358,494
Communities and Families	Community Care and Transport Incorporated	Northern Community Passenger Network	215,649
Communities and Families	Community Care and Transport Incorporated	Northern Community Passenger Network (CPN) Vehicle Grant	58,000
Communities and Families	Community Care and Transport Incorporated	Yorke Peninsula Community Passenger Network	511,798
Communities and Families	Community Centres SA Incorporated	Community Connections—Capacity Building Partner	1,245,755
Communities and Families	Community House Port Lincoln Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Beyond the Labels	1,035,170
Communities and Families	Community Hubs Australia	Community Hubs South Australia	530,000
Communities and Families	Community Transitions	Community Connections—Community Partner (Western Adelaide)	503,352
Communities and Families	Copley & Districts Progress Association Inc	Raised Garden Beds at Copley Community Garden	30,422

Grant program	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Communities and Families	District Council of Mount Remarkable	Northern Community Passenger Network	529,599
Communities and Families	Eastwood Community Centre Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Eastwood Community Centre	985,876
Communities and Families	Far West Community Partnerships Limited	Service and Partnership Lead Position Funding Grant	357,680
Communities and Families	Foodbank Of South Australia Incorporated	Food Relief Investment Grant	1,452,648
Communities and Families	Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand	Good Shepherd Microfinance	5,699,733
Communities and Families	Goolwa Community Centre Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Goolwa Community Centre	1,010,523
Communities and Families	Grandparents for grandchildren SA inc A38726	Mutual Support and Information 'Villages' Grant	958,161
Communities and Families	Hutt Street Centre	Aspire Extension Program	7,622,616
Communities and Families	Junction and Women's Housing Ltd	Financial Wellbeing Program (Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island)	1,826,844
Communities and Families	Junction Australia Ltd	Kangaroo Island Community Passenger Network	135,025
Communities and Families	Junction Australia Ltd	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—The Junction Community Centre	1,010,523
Communities and Families	Koonibba Community Aboriginal Corporation	Service to Aboriginal Youth (STAY)—Koonibba	341,611
Communities and Families	Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	Intensive Family Services	2,190,791
Communities and Families	Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	Intensive Aboriginal Family Preservation Service (Taikurtirna Tirra-apinhi)—Western	2,300,481
Communities and Families	Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	Strong Families, Strong Communities	311,344
Communities and Families	Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	Strong Families, Strong Communities (KWY Aboriginal Corporation with TACSI)	879,308
Communities and Families	Kura Yerlo Incorporated	Community Connections—Aboriginal Community Partner	1,344,045
Communities and Families	Kura Yerlo Incorporated	Youth Support Development Program—Aboriginal Service	1,285,093
Communities and Families	Life Without Barriers	Strong Families, Strong Communities	518,906
Communities and Families	Lutheran Community Care	Community Connections—Community Partner (Barossa, Light and Lower North)	925,732
Communities and Families	Lutheran Community Care	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Adelaide Hills)	479,513
Communities and Families	Lutheran Community Care	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Barossa, Light and Lower North)	589,738
Communities and Families	Lutheran Community Care	Financial Wellbeing Program (Barossa, Light and Lower North)	1,803,116
Communities and Families	Lutheran Community Care	Financial Wellbeing Program (Adelaide Hills)	1,352,365
Communities and Families	MarionLife Community Services Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Southern Adelaide)	465,905
Communities and Families	MarionLife Community Services Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Elizabeth South Community Centre	985,876
Communities and Families	MarionLife Community Services Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—MarionLIFE Community Services	985,876

Grant program	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Communities and Families	Marra Murrangga Kumangka Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development (Aboriginal Community Centres)	215,552
Communities and Families	Meals On Wheels (SA) Incorporated	Community Meals	548,084
Communities and Families	Mid Murray Support Service Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Mid Murray Support Service (The HUB)	1,010,523
Communities and Families	Midway Road Community House Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Midway Road Community House	985,876
Communities and Families	Milang and District Community Association Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Growing Life Connections	1,010,523
Communities and Families	Money Mob Talkabout Limited	Financial Assistance to APY Lands	424,163
Communities and Families	Morella Community Centre Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Northern Adelaide)	475,028
Communities and Families	Morella Community Centre Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Morella Community Centre	985,876
Communities and Families	Mount Barker District Council	Adelaide Hills Community Passenger Network	584,963
Communities and Families	Mount Barker Family House Inc	Community Connections—Community Partner (Adelaide Hills)	549,161
Communities and Families	Mount Barker Family House Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Mount Barker Community Centre	985,876
Communities and Families	Multicultural Communities Council of SA Inc	Community Connections—Multicultural Coordinating Partner	1,274,407
Communities and Families	Multicultural Youth South Australia Incorporated	Financial Wellbeing Program—Multicultural Capacity Building Partner	188,782
Communities and Families	Multicultural Youth South Australia Incorporated	Strong Families, Strong Communities	289,757
Communities and Families	Multicultural Youth South Australia Incorporated	Youth Support Development—Youth Safe Transport Service	2,537,817
Communities and Families	Multicultural Youth South Australia Incorporated	Youth Support Development Program—Multicultural Service	1,285,093
Communities and Families	Murray Bridge Community Centre Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Murray Bridge Community Centre	1,010,523
Communities and Families	Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (Aboriginal Corporation)	APY Lands Youth Program	6,149,733
Communities and Families	Northeast Community House Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Northeast Community House	985,876
Communities and Families	Northern Area Community and Youth Services Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Northern Area Community and Youth Services	985,876
Communities and Families	Northern Area Community and Youth Services Inc	Strong Families, Strong Communities	207,563
Communities and Families	Northern Area Community and Youth Services Inc	Youth Support Development Program—Barossa, Light and Lower North	1,672,192
Communities and Families	Northern Area Community and Youth Services Inc	Youth Support Development Program—Northern Adelaide	3,810,819
Communities and Families	Northern Volunteering SA Inc	Office for Volunteers Discretionary Grant	134,100
Communities and Families	Nunkuwarni Yunti of South Australia Inc	Strong Families, Strong Communities	611,344

Grant program	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Communities and Families	Pangula Mannamurna Aboriginal Corporation	Community Connections—Aboriginal Community Partner (Mt Gambier/Limestone Coast)	446,310
Communities and Families	Playgroup SA Incorporated	Community Playgroups	630,374
Communities and Families	Plaza Youth Centre Incorporated	Leadership Group, School Holidays Activities and Drop In	135,966
Communities and Families	Plaza Youth Centre Incorporated	Service to Aboriginal Youth (STAY)—Whyalla	540,087
Communities and Families	Plaza Youth Centre Incorporated	Youth Support Development Program—Whyalla	1,366,931
Communities and Families	Point Pearce Aboriginal Corporation	Point Pearce Youth Service Grant	72,965
Communities and Families	Pooraka Farm Community Centre Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Pooraka Farm Community Centre	985,876
Communities and Families	Port Augusta Youth Centre Incorporated	Port Augusta Social Vision Program—Youth Centre Activities	964,193
Communities and Families	Post Polio Support Group of SA Inc	Polio SA Annual Funding Grant	124,000
Communities and Families	Reedbeds Community Centre Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Fulham Community Centre	985,876
Communities and Families	Regional Anangu Services Aboriginal Corporation	APY Lands Youth Brokerage Grant	150,000
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Childhood Sexual Abuse Counselling Services (CSACS)	4,740,322
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Intensive Family Services	3,358,860
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Western and Inner North Safe Start	5,054,768
Communities and Families	Second Chances SA Incorporated	Second Chances Family Care Program Grant	376,306
Communities and Families	Skylight Mental Health Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Western Adelaide)	1,104,533
Communities and Families	Skylight Mental Health Incorporated	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Fleurieu and KI)	587,295
Communities and Families	Skylight Mental Health Incorporated	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Limestone Coast)	781,470
Communities and Families	Skylight Mental Health Incorporated	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Murray Mallee)	888,804
Communities and Families	Skylight Mental Health Incorporated	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Western Adelaide)	1,438,495
Communities and Families	South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Network (SAACCON)	Financial Wellbeing Program—Aboriginal Capacity Building Partner	188,782
Communities and Families	South Australian Council on Intellectual Disability Inc	Transitional Grant—South Australian Council on Intellectual Disability (SACID)	49,000
Communities and Families	South Australian Rainbow Advocacy Alliance	LGBTIQA+ Advocacy and Community Engagement Grant	180,000
Communities and Families	Southern Volunteering (SA) Incorporated	Office for Volunteers Discretionary Grant	134,100
Communities and Families	Southern Yorke Peninsula Community Hub Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—SYP Community Hub	1,010,523
Communities and Families	Survivors of Torture and Trauma Assistance and Rehabilitation Service	Strong Families, Strong Communities	311,344
Communities and Families	Tailem Bend Community Centre Inc	Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network	434,960

Grant program	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Communities and Families	Tailem Bend Community Centre Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Tailem Bend Community Centre	1,010,523
Communities and Families	Talk Out Loud Ltd	Talk Out Loud Grant	100,000
Communities and Families	Tauondi Aboriginal Corporation	Aboriginal Capacity Building	961,250
Communities and Families	Tauondi Aboriginal Corporation	Connection to Country Grant	90,000
Communities and Families	The Australian Centre for Social Innovation Inc	Co-planning CFSS Peer Workforce Strategy	174,538
Communities and Families	The Barossa Council	Barossa Valley Community Passenger Network	363,232
Communities and Families	The Equality Project Ltd	The Equality Project 'Better Together' Conference 2025 Grant	50,000
Communities and Families	The Food Centre Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—The Food Centre	985,876
Communities and Families	The Food Centre Incorporated	Food Centre Social Supermarket and Food Security	245,655
Communities and Families	The GOGO Foundation Ltd	GOGO Foundation Grant	150,000
Communities and Families	The Gold Foundation Incorporated	Gold Foundation Grant	316,744
Communities and Families	The Hut Community Centre Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Adelaide Hills Connected Communities	985,876
Communities and Families	The Junction Community Centre Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—The Junction Community Centre	985,876
Communities and Families	The Moonshine Lab Pty Ltd	Development and Maintenance of the Pavely App	430,000
Communities and Families	The South Australian Financial Counsellors Association Incorporated	Financial Wellbeing Program—Sector Capacity Building Partner	1,164,155
Communities and Families	The South Australian Financial Counsellors Association Incorporated	SAFCA Systems Improvements Grant	44,985
Communities and Families	The Trustee for The Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust	Affordable SA	589,709
Communities and Families	The Trustee for The Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust	Port Augusta Social Vision Program—Youth Safe Transport Service	853,604
Communities and Families	The Trustee for The Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust	Service to Aboriginal Youth (STAY)—Port Augusta	540,087
Communities and Families	The Trustee for The Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust	Return to Country Port Augusta	303,750
Communities and Families	The Trustee for The Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust	Youth Support Development Program—Port Augusta	1,245,748
Communities and Families	The University of Adelaide	Office for Thriving Families Establishment Grant	500,000
Communities and Families	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Bfriend Program	964,414
Communities and Families	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Northern Adelaide)	1,425,089
Communities and Families	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Southern Adelaide)	931,815
Communities and Families	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Eastern Adelaide)	567,694

Grant program	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Communities and Families	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Consumer Credit Legal Service	3,255,310
Communities and Families	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Family by Family	11,626,365
Communities and Families	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Financial Wellbeing Program (Eastern Adelaide)	1,708,216
Communities and Families	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Financial Wellbeing Program (Southern Adelaide)	4,199,216
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Financial Wellbeing Program (Far North)	2,080,239
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Peterborough Community Hub	1,010,523
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Port Pirie Community Hub	1,010,523
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Financial Wellbeing Program (Yorke and Mid North)	2,932,645
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Food Relief Investment Grant	105,617
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Intensive Family Services	4,984,727
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Service to Aboriginal Youth (STAY)—Port Pirie	540,087
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Strong Families, Strong Communities	352,856
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Youth Support Development Program—Port Pirie	1,271,633
Communities and Families	UnitingCare Wesley Bowden Incorporated	Financial Wellbeing Program (Western Adelaide)	5,504,024
Communities and Families	UnitingCare Wesley Bowden Incorporated	Strong Families, Strong Communities	1,086,046
Communities and Families	UnitingSA Ltd	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Taperoo Community Centre	985,876
Communities and Families	UnitingSA Ltd	Youth Support Development Program—Southern Adelaide	1,500,506
Communities and Families	UnitingSA Ltd	Youth Support Development Program—Western Adelaide	1,450,710
Communities and Families	Vietnamese Community in Australia/ South Australia Chapter Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Western Adelaide)	1,006,709
Communities and Families	Vietnamese Community in Australia/ South Australia Chapter Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Community Access and Services SA	985,876
Communities and Families	Volunteering SA And NT Incorporated	Corporate Volunteering Grants	132,400
Communities and Families	West Coast Youth and Community Support Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Eyre and Western)	497,931
Communities and Families	West Coast Youth and Community Support Incorporated	Service to Aboriginal Youth (STAY)—Port Lincoln	540,087
Communities and Families	West Coast Youth and Community Support Incorporated	Night Bus	87,500
Communities and Families	West Coast Youth and Community Support Incorporated	Strong Families, Strong Communities	276,747
Communities and Families	West Coast Youth and Community Support Incorporated	Youth Support Development Program—Port Lincoln	1,237,506

Grant program	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Communities and Families	Yalata Anangu Aboriginal Corporation	Service to Aboriginal Youth (STAY)—Yalata	341,611
Communities and Families	YMCA of South Australia Youth and Family Services Inc	Youth Parliament 2022-2024 Grant	200,000
Youth Justice	Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia Limited	Culturally Safe Brain Injury Training for Mob Grant	9,000
Youth Justice	Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation	MentalHealth First Aid Training Train the Trainer Grant	6,364
Youth Justice	Australian Red Cross Society	Police Call Out Support Program	151,475
Youth Justice	Grandparents for grandchildren SA inc A38726	Essential Team Training Grant	9,055
Youth Justice	Grandparents for grandchildren SA inc A38726	Essential Team Training Grant	8,916
Youth Justice	Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	Aboriginal-led Mental Health First Aid Training Grant	9,020
Youth Justice	Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	Aboriginal NDIS Access Grant	440,000
Youth Justice	Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	Intensive Outreach Case Management Program—Stream 1 (Wanti Tapa)	375,000
Youth Justice	Mind Australia Limited	Intensive Outreach Case Management Program—Stream 2 (Towards Pathways)	375,000
Youth Justice	Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (Aboriginal Corporation)	Tjungu Team staff training	10,000
Youth Justice	Reedbeds Community Centre Inc	First Nation Allyship and Autism Competence Grant	9,478
Youth Justice	SYC Ltd	Community Service Order Program	1,260,500
Youth Justice	Unity Housing Company Ltd	Street Speak—Limestone Coast Grant	10,000
Disability Services	Uniting Communities Incorporated	State-wide Disability Advocacy Services	1,500,000
Disability Services	City of Burnside	Changing Places Grant	53,262
Disability Services	Adelaide Hills Council	Changing Places Grant	159,657
Homelessness	Baptist Care SA	Inner City Extreme Weather Response	250,000
Homelessness	Catherine House	2022 Election Commitment—Service continuity to 30 June 2026	2,759,400
Homelessness	Catholic Family Services	Young Family Support Program	18,595,200
Homelessness	Country North Homelessness Alliance	Country North Homelessness Alliance	39,678,400
Homelessness	Department for Correctional Services	Housing Exits (Corrections)	858,900
Homelessness	Domestic and Family Violence and Safety Alliance	Padninthi Kumangka Wardli Adelaide North-West Homelessness Alliance	91,687,700
Homelessness	Domestic and Family Violence and Safety Alliance	Crisis Accommodation Proposal (Paralowie)—operating	354,910
Homelessness	Hutt Street Centre	Aspire	9,634,255
Homelessness	Northwest and Southern Alliance	Aged Homelessness Assistance Program	1,287,000
Homelessness	NPY Women's Council	Cross Border/APY Lands Aboriginal Family Violence Service	4,769,700
Homelessness	Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Services of SA Inc	Ex-Custodial Homelessness Support Service	19,665,500
Homelessness	Relationships Australia SA Health Promotion Services	Child Focused Support	11,919,800
Homelessness	Southern Country Homelessness Alliance	Southern Country Homelessness Alliance	23,590,100
Homelessness	St Vincent de Paul	2022 Election Commitment—Crisis Men's Centre—resourcing & upgrade	2,076,200

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Homelessness	SYC Ltd	Integrated Housing Exits (Youth Justice)	3,580,900
Homelessness	SYC Ltd	Lived Experience Engagement Program	1,286,708
Homelessness	The Corporation of the City of Adelaide	Homeless and Vulnerable People Project	358,900
Homelessness	Toward Home Alliance	Toward Home Alliance Adelaide South	116,325,600
Homelessness	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Homelessness Connect SA	14,418,200
Homelessness	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Therapeutic Youth Service (Adelaide & Mt Gambier)	34,162,400
Homelessness	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Extreme Weather Response Brokerage Service	1,397,120
Homelessness	Uniting Country SA Inc	Coober Pedy Homelessness and Domestic and Aboriginal Family Violence Service	7,454,900

Note—the above table incorporates grant funding and not for profit funded services agreements but excludes fee for service contracts. The total contract value represents total amounts across the total contract term, which in many cases extends across previous and future financial years. The values do not include any indexation amounts that may be payable under the contract.

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years—administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Charitable and Social Welfare Fund	Established to provide small one-off grants to a wide range of community organisations and service providers	3,913	3,857	3,858
Community Service Obligations	Water and sewerage rate concessions for exempt properties	20,217	20,911	21,671
Gamblers Rehabilitation Fund	Services and projects to minimise or address problem gambling	6,290	5,875	5,852

The 2024-25 estimate may differ from the agency statement due to the allocation of corporate overheads for presentational purposes in the published statements. This also does not yet include the additional indexation commitment to not-for profit organisations as announced in the 2024-25 state budget.

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	Grants SA – Grant Round	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Charitable and Social Welfare Fund				
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	The Cook's Kitchen 2 Grant	2,060
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Aboriginal Community Housing Ltd.	Bradford Court Community Garden Program Grant	13,285
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Brighton Church Of Christ Community Care Inc	Well-being through Food Security Grant	50,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Murray Bridge Community Centre Incorporated	How does your Garden Grow? Grant	42,097
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Bungala Aboriginal Corporation Incorporated	Addressing Food Security in Far North SA Grant	50,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Community Centres SA Incorporated	Garden to Plate: A Community-Based Food Security Project Grant	50,000

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Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Pooraka Farm Community Centre Incorporated	Life Learning through Food Grant	26,012
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Baptist Care (SA) Incorporated	Westcare Foodhub CBD Social Supermarket (a Model of Empowerment) Grant	49,542
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Seeds of Affinity Inc	Sowing the Seeds of Food Security with a Community Garden Grant	23,684
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Food Ladder	Food Ladder School Systems Grant	44,839
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Tailem Bend Community Centre Inc	Cultivating Caring Communities Grant	47,046
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Narungga Aboriginal Progress Association Inc	NourishConnect Grant	46,908
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	St John's Youth Services Incorporated	Young Chefs Project (Pilot) Grant	49,698
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Employment Options Inc	Reimagining Youth Food Security Grant	27,847
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Multicultural Youth South Australia Incorporated	Flavours of Hope Grant	50,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Mount Barker Family House Inc	Cultivate and cook, a Gardening and Cooking Program Grant	8,002
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Living Water Community Church Inc	Double The Hub Grant	41,034
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Junction Australia Ltd	Operation Feed Me—Grow Your Circle Grant	37,183
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Hackham West Community Centre Inc.	Orchard, Bush Tucker and Kitchen Garden Grant	29,568
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Oz Harvest Limited	OzHarvest SA Food Security Resilience and Infrastructure Project Grant	48,800
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Community Health Onkaparinga Inc	Eat Well, Waste Less, Be Connected Grant	49,998
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Northeast Community House Incorporated	Sow Grow Share Care Grant	1,954
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	The Food Centre Incorporated	NourishED: Empowering Communities through Food Security and Nutrition Grant	42,391
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Growing Sustainable Food Security for the People of Port Pirie and the Local Region Grant	49,983
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	The Adelaide Day Centre for Homeless Persons Incorporated	Happy, Homed and Healthy (HHH) Grant	49,271
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Berri Good Grub Community Hub Grant	46,927
Communities and Families	2023-24 Addressing Food Security	Dunjiba Community Council Inc	Community Food Hub Project Grant	49,866
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Energy Education Australia Incorporated	Building belief in one-self	3,946

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Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Orroroo And District Community Road Safety Group	Get Prepared! Driver Training & First Aid Options for Orroroo Students	4,150
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Youth Barossa Incorporated	Drive My Future volunteer recruitment	9,341
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Bedford Phoenix Incorporated	IT for Inclusion	19,629
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Workskil Australia Ltd.	Geared 4 Work	20,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Adelaide's LGBTQIA Arts & Cultural Festival Incorporated	Creative Empowerment: Sustaining Queer Artistry Workshop Program	25,827
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Iwiri Aboriginal Corporation	Improving Disability access to Iwiri workspaces	26,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Jigsaw Group (Aus) Limited	Accessibility upgrades, equipment, and training to underpin Jigsaw's pathway to mainstream employment for people with disability	36,766
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Ngutu College Ltd	Building our Community Capacity through Training and Employment	40,954
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Autism Association of South Australia Limited	Building inclusive recruitment practices of organisations to enhance autistic employment pathways.	41,190
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Australian Refugee Association Inc	Culturally Inclusive Driving and Digital Literacy Program	42,478
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Umoona Community	Umoona Garden and Housing Maintenance Business	42,995
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Hope Foundation International Inc	Drive Forward	45,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Employment Options Inc	Youth Options' Drive Me in Salisbury	46,486
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Royal Life Saving Society Aust South Australia Branch Inc	Inclusive Pathways to Aquatic Employment	47,800
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Elizabeth Church of Christ Inc	Kitchen Upgrade	47,820
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Tauondi Aboriginal Corporation	Volunteer-Driven Social Enterprise Expansion	49,910
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	GoGo Events Pty Ltd	Building skills, confidence, inclusion, and work-readiness women at GOGO events.	49,963
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Multicultural Youth South Australia Incorporated	Expanding on-the-job training opportunities for young neurodivergent people	50,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	Australian Spatial Analytics Ltd	Youth Vantage: Building Sustainable Employment Futures for Young People from Refugee Backgrounds	50,000

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Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Ardrossan Progress Association Inc	Provide Disabled Access Toilet Facilities Grant	9,090
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	The Mount Remarkable Agricultural Society	Complex Floor Covering Grant	9,198
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Mt McKenzie Hall	Mt McKenzie Hall Roof Replacement Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Northeast Community Assistance Project	Infrastructure Refresh Grant	8,600
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Cleve Agricultural Horticultural and Floricultural Society Inc	Cleve Pioneer Hall Storeroom Repairs Grant	9,974
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	The Adelaide Day Centre for Homeless Persons Incorporated	Provisioning Providers Grant	9,984
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Eudunda Community Hub and Shed Incorporated	Disabled Access Toilet Grant	8,371
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Tulka Progress Association	Wind Protection Zip Track Infrastructure Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Carrieton Progress Association Inc	Carrieton Swimming Pool Easier Access Steps and Safe Accessibility Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Narungga Aboriginal Progress Association Inc	Enhancing Community Infrastructure on a Budget Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Berri Community Centre Accessible Entrance Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	UnitingSA Ltd	Uniting through Nature Grant	9,104
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Iwiri Aboriginal Corporation	Arts and Wellbeing Hub Kitchen Upgrade Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	The Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide of the Anglican Church of Australia Incorporated	Large Refrigerator Purchase Grant	2,600
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Southern Yorke Peninsula Community Hub Incorporated	Remote Connections—Upgrading Connective Technology at the SYP Community Hub Grant	8,303
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Camden Community Centre Inc	Outreach Community Kitchen & Food Storage Upgrade Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Fleurieu Environment Centre	Yankalilla Community Garden Infrastructure Grant	9,815
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Alford Progress Association Inc	Active Alford—New Teen Play Space Grant	3,638
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Yunta District Hall Inc	Yunta Digital Technology Upgrade Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Paskeville Progress Association Inc.	Paskeville Community Centre Kitchen Upgrade Grant	8,951
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Murray Bridge Community Centre Incorporated	A Space for All Seasons Grant	9,209

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Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Toymendous Incorporated	Wood for Toy Making Grant	4,300
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Mil-Lel Memorial Park Inc	Mil-Lel Hall Heating Stage 2 Grant	9,246
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Arno Bay District Bowling Club Inc	Replace Electrical Appliances Grant	4,677
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Talk Out Loud Ltd	Empowering Communication: Talk Out Loud IT Equipment Replacement Grant	7,254
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Catholic Family Services	Breathing Space Groupwork Project Grant	9,061
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	The Food Centre Incorporated	Building a HyperHub for Community Growth Grant	9,104
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Wudinna & Lettunte Districts a H & F Society Inc	Fan and Power Installation at Wudinna Showgrounds Grant	9,277
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Hahndorf Academy Foundation Inc	Inclusive Community Development Program for People With Disability Grant	9,500
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Moonta and District Progress Association Incorporated	Growing Connections—Moonta Community Garden Grant	3,853
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Italian Home Delivered Meals and Services Incorporated	Accessible Disabled Bathrooms Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Community Care and Transport Incorporated	Refurbish Wallaroo Building to Improve Community Transport Services Grant	3,033
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Junction Australia Ltd	Connecting across the Island Grant	9,542
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Food On the Table Co Ltd	New Brat Pan for Kitchen Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Dunjiba Community Council Inc	Community Garden Expansion Grant	9,850
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	The Mill Incorporated	The Mill: Inclusive Spaces and Enhanced Facilities Grant	2,654
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Ananguku Arts and Cultural Aboriginal Corporation	Digital Storytelling Project Grant	9,338
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Eyre Business Enterprises Pty Ltd	Eyre Business Centre Accessible Amenities Upgrade Grant	9,412
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Foodbank Of South Australia Incorporated	Safely Increasing Food Distribution via Regional Mobile Food Hub Grant	8,776
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Cleve & Districts Men's Shed Incorporated	Woodshed Reroof Grant	9,900
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Anglicare SA Ltd	PCP Community Growth Program Grant	4,189
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Yanee Public Hall Incorporated	Toward the Ton—Resealing the Ceiling Grant	8,925
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Living Water Community Church Inc	Room to Grow' in the Hub Grant	9,666
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Point Pearce Aboriginal Corporation	Community Bush Fire Protection Grant	9,975
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Coonalpyn Golf Club Inc	The Club In The Scrub Grant	10,000

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Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	Community Stage Blocks Grant	9,996
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Catholic Family Services	Playhouse Upgrade Grant	9,700
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	The South Australian Country Women's Association Inc	SACWA Semaphore Branch links with LeFevre Primary School Grant	5,100
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Gateway Baptist Church and Community Centre	Food Trailer to Support Vulnerable People Grant	9,240
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	The Brain Injury Network of South Australia Inc	BISA Community Garden Grant	7,518
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Country and Outback Health Incorporated	Whyalla Office Accessibility Upgrade Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Tallem Bend Community Centre Inc	Guarding Growth: Securing Our Community Garden Grant	8,955
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Ngutu College Ltd	Building our Community Capacity through Employment and Education Grant	9,847
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Prospect Hill Community Association Incorporated	Air Conditioning for the Prospect Hill Community Centre and the Prospect Hill War Memorial Hall Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Keith Golf Club Incorporated	Reupholster Keith Golf Club Function Centre Chairs Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Jigsaw Group (Aus) Limited	Accessibility and Safety Upgrades to Jigsaw Adelaide Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Heart and Soul Community Group Incorporated	Trestle Tables Grant	9,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Port Augusta Youth Centre Incorporated	Site Preparation for Fake Grass Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Lolly Jar Circus Inc	Taking More Further Grant	8,847
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Western United Sports & Community Club Incorporated	Purchase of a Cool room for WUSCC Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	The Lyrup Community Club Inc	Lyrup Community Club Upgrade Grant	9,994
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Macclesfield Community Association	Maccy Biochar Shelter and Storage Shed Grant	2,120
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	The Echunga Memorial Institute Incorporated	Upgrade of Disabled Access Toilet Grant	4,524
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Community Housing Limited	Bradford Court—Sustainable Social Impacts Grant	5,018
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Access2Arts	Inclusive Festival Training Grant	9,965
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Bridge To Nowhere Arts Association Incorporation	Amenities Upgrade Project Grant	4,900
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Community Transitions	The Southern Women's Hive Busy Bees Garden Grant	9,578

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Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Whyalla Men's Shed	Heavy Duty Industrial Wood Router Grant	3,359
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Umoona Community	Furnishing New Office Building Grant	9,956
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Port Germein Village Association Incorporated	Port Germein Village Upgrade Stage 2 Grant	7,088
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Wallaroo Community Sports Club Incorporated	Facility Utilisation Grant	1,025
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Lifeline Southeast (SA) Incorporated	Lifeline Southeast—Trailer of Hope Project Grant	5,043
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	St John's Youth Services Incorporated	Digital Access Grant	9,300
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Kurlana Tampawardli Children and Family Engagement Area Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Edmund Rice Community Services Limited	Taking the LEAD off Grid Grant	6,229
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Lochiel Progress Association	Connecting People through Nature Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Bungala Aboriginal Corporation Incorporated	Bungala Food Service 'Healthy Meals in Motion' Project Grant	9,050
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Crystal Brook Community Men's Shed Inc	Verandah Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Seeds of Affinity Inc	Streamlining Seeds Administration Grant	9,462
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	Dads Business Board Game Social Group Grant	4,531
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	The Warooka Progress Association	Disabled Toilet Connection Grant	9,680
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	Loxton Mardi Gras Incorporated	Marquees for Community Events Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	In Home Hospice Care Incorporated	Practical Training for Carers Grant	9,842
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact One	The Trustee for The Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust	Riverside Gym Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Adelaide Repertory Theatre Inc	Hearing Loop upgrade	8,952
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Aldinga Bay Surf Lifesaving Club Inc.	Seahorses' inclusive beaches program.	9,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Athol Park Community Garden Incorporated	Athol Park Community Garden Development	7,416
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Backpacks 4 SA Kids Incorporated	Warehouse Shelving	6,317
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Berri Barmera Landcare	Community Space Air Conditioner Replacement	3,500
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Burra Community Management Committee Incorporated Sponsoring Friends of the Burra Railway Station	Refreshment Room Air Conditioning	9,073

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Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Childhood Cancer Association Inc	Equipment Upgrade for Michael Rice Accommodation Units	4,178
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Clare Agricultural and Horticultural Society Inc	Clare Showgrounds Sensory and Calm Room	9,692
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Colours of Ororoo Arts Incorporated	Hub furniture	3,395
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Copley & Districts Progress Association Inc	Copley Youth / Kids Activities	6,107
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Cummins Memorial Recreation Centre	Cummins Swimming Pool redevelopment	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	District Council of Ororoo Carrieton Sponsoring Ororoo Regional Tourism Group	Volunteer Wellbeing: Enhancing Comfort at the Second Chance Store	5,780
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Edithburgh Sporting & Community Club Incorporated Sponsoring Blyth Campsite	Nourishing Futures: Kitchen upgrade	8,430
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Edwardstown Baptist Church Incorporated	Round table encounters	8,937
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Em-Power Foundation Limited	Native Food and Culture Careers Expo	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Encounter Centre	Upgrade of multipurpose space	4,262
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Feast Adelaide Lesbian & Gay Cultural Festival	Community Engagement Officer	8,995
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Greek Orthodox Community of The Nativity of Christ Port Adelaide and Environs	100 Indoor Light Weight Stackable Chairs	9,318
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Happy Valley Church of Christ Incorporated Sponsoring the Happy Pantry Community Food Co-operative	Community Fresh Food and Fridge/Freezer Infrastructure upgrade	8,837
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Heart and Soul Community Group Incorporated	Heart & Soul Love	6,823
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Hope Foundation International Inc	Streetlight Community Connections	9,988
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Lions Hearing Dogs Incorporated	Meeting Technology for deaf and hard of hearing	2,610
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Loxton Community Futures Incorporated	The Loxton Futures Workshop	9,994
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Northern Area Community and Youth Services Inc	Mobile Digital Technology Project	9,103
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Parks Children's Centre Community Development Group	Parks Community Garden—Community Orchard	1,881

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Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Peterborough Community Garden Inc.	Electric Wheelbarrow	2,328
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Pinaroo Golf Club Incorporated	Accessible Toilets	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Playford Men's Shed Incorporated	Safety, Health, and Mental Wellbeing	4,916
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Plaza Youth Centre Incorporated	Peer Mental Support Health, Lego Art & Sculptures	9,770
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Puddle Jumpers Incorporated	Nourishing Futures: Kitchen Upgrade Grant Application for the Blyth Campsite	9,997
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Riverton Community Management Committee	Replace Gazebo shelter and furniture	8,165
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Rockleigh Progress Association Incorporated	Old Rockleigh School House community meeting facilities	2,720
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	RSL and Combined Services Club Inc	Kitchen Upgrade	8,382
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Snowtown Bowling Club Incorporated	Extended Shelter Area	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	St Clair Community Garden Incorporated	St Clair Community Garden, Growing Together	9,996
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Sustainable Communities South Australia Sponsoring Churchill Greening	Churchill Greening Jump Start	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Technical Aid to The Disabled (SA) Incorporated	Materials for technical assistance	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	The Croatian Club Adelaide Inc	Stable Tables	9,260
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	The Hut Community Centre Inc	Crafting Connections: Woodworking as a Tool for Community Inclusion	8,001
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	The Indigenous Marathon Foundation Limited	South Australia Indigenous Marathon Foundation RAW	5,333
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	The Rotary Club of Port Pirie Inc	Providing better meeting audio for hearing impaired members and guests	3,590
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (SA) Sponsoring Noarlunga Uniting Church	Community Hub Centre	9,029
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (SA) Sponsoring Victor Harbor Men's Shed	Kitchen Oven and Office Computer	9,003
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	The Village Co. SA Limited	Enhancing Operational Efficiency and Safety at The Village Co. Warehouse	8,433
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Uniting Church in Australia (SA) Synod North Adelaide Parish	Dishwasher Installation	7,500

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Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Viliwarinha Yura Aboriginal Corporation	Yappala Housing Upgrade	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Waikerie Australia Day	Trailer for Tables and Chairs	10,000
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Walleroo Community Sports Club Incorporated	Project Oven	2,753
Communities and Families	2023-24 Social Impact Two	Woodcroft Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated	Babies & Boomers Intergenerational Playgroup	4,778
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Royal Life Saving Society Australia, South Australia Branch Inc	The Oaks Family Change-room Upgrade Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Energy Education Australia Incorporated	Equipping L2P Murray lands Grant	3,047
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Eastwood Community Centre Inc	Tech for All Grant	9,628
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Two Wells Regional Action Team Incorporated	Rainwater Retention Grant	5,450
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Australian Southeast Asian Women's Association Inc	Bridging the Digital Divide Grant	9,906
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	54 31 Collective Incorporated	The 5431 Connect Create Celebrate (CCC) Project Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Bedford Group Ltd	Accessible Kitchen Garden Grant	4,502
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Riverton RSL Subbranch	Riverton RSL Catering Grant	1,695
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Vision Australia Limited	Creating a Program for Using Digital and Online Content Grant	9,011
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Greek Orthodox Church & Community St Anthony Northern Suburbs Inc	Purchase of Kitchen Equipment Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Mypolonga Combined Sporting Club Inc	Replacement of Interior Blinds and Curtains Grant	7,000
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	The Anglican Parish of The Barossa	St Peters Williamstown Community Garden Project Grant	8,402
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Two Wells Community Centre Inc	Small Equipment Upgrade Grant	8,850
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Paskeville Progress Association Inc.	Upgrade to Paskeville Community Centre Kitchen Grant	8,470
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Reynella Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Birds Nest Swing Upgrade Grant	9,570
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Barossa Farmers Market Incorporated	Barossa Farmers Market Demonstration Kitchen Grant	10,000

Grant program	Grants SA – Grant Round	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	West Coast Youth and Community Support Incorporated	Our Town Cummins Kitchen Upgrade Grant	9,668
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Heart and Soul Community Group Incorporated	Forklift Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Jewish Community Services Inc	Improvement to Community Facility Grant	2,929
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	The Croatian Club Adelaide Inc	A Better Oven Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Molinara Cultural and Community Club Incorporated	Kitchen Equipment Upgrade Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Special Olympics Australia	Delivering Inclusive Sport in Regional Communities Grant	6,655
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Play it On Ltd	Equipping Our Volunteers Grant	6,640
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	University Of the Third Age South Coast Inc	Old School Building Project Grant	8,134
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Adelaide Tamil Association Incorporated	Entrepreneurship Amongst New Migrant Women in Tamil Community Grant	9,940
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Community Health Onkaparinga Inc	Sustainable Catering Program Grant	8,560
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Allendale North Community Group Inc	Retractable Blinds Grant	9,950
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	Crèche Room Grant	9,989
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	The Queer Society Incorporated	Community Growth and Advancement Project Grant	5,944
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Employment Options Inc	Reinvesting in Infrastructure Grant	7,560
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Gateway Baptist Church and Community Centre	Community Food Program Grant	9,998
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Maitland and District Progress Association Incorporated	Information Centre Laptop Grant	1,364
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	The Trustee for The Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust	Community Garden Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Kimba Harvest Christian Centre Ltd	Kidz Klub Grant	5,116
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Allan Campbell & WCH House Inc	Volunteer Room Upgrade Grant	9,458
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Treasure Boxes Incorporated	Shelving Installation Grant	9,780
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Services of SA Incorporated	Women's Reintegration Hub Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Fresh Broadcasters Inc	Increased Participation and Safe Workspace Grant	7,171
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Iwiri Aboriginal Corporation	Developing Therapeutic Space Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Backpacks 4 SA Kids Incorporated	WHS Warehouse Equipment Renewal Grant	8,642

Grant program	Grants SA – Grant Round	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Northeast Community Assistance Project	NECAP Commercial Infrastructure Grant	9,110
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	The Brain Injury Network of South Australia Inc	BISA Community Cafe Grant	7,304
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Ngutu College Ltd	Sound Equipment for Equitable Learning Grant	8,709
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	The Mustard Seed Family Project Incorporated	Renovation Project for Paid 4 U Cafe Grant	6,733
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	The Food Centre Incorporated	Enhancing The Food Centre's Cafe Experience Grant	7,949
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Junction Australia Ltd	Community Engagement Resources Grant	3,534
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	The South Australian Country Women's Association Inc	Library of Things Grant	5,198
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	West Coast Youth and Community Support Incorporated	Secure Safe and Vibrant Youth Hub Grant	6,577
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Moorundi Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service Limited	Social and Emotional Wellbeing Spaces Grant	9,024
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Bedford Group Ltd	Wheelchair Accessible Kitchen Space Grant	9,090
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Baptist Care (SA) Incorporated	WestCare Courtyard Heaters Grant	8,885
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Churches Of Christ in SA & NT Community Care Inc	Connect Enfield Community Social Area Development Grant	8,933
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Shoe Boxes of Love Inc	Collections of Love Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Mount Barker Family House Inc	Mount Barker Family House Kitchen Garden Program Grant	8,907
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Greek Community of Port Pirie SA Incorporated	Construction of Serving Benchtops Grant	9,009
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Childhood Cancer Association Inc	Communication Upgrade Grant	4,846
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Belarusian Autocephalic Orthodox Church (South Australia) Inc	Community Kitchen Upgrade Grant	7,185
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Port Augusta Senior Citizens Club Inc	Indoor Carpet Bowls Grant	1,969
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	The Trustee for The Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust	Installation of Automatic Door to Healthlink Services Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	Creating Safe Spaces and Connections for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Young People Grant	9,997
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Tiddy Widdy Beach Progress Association Inc	Tiddy Widdy Beach Progress Association Structure Extension Grant	4,560

Grant program	Grants SA – Grant Round	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	The Playford Women's Shed	Playford Women's Shed to Support Development of the Women's Shed	120,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	City of Onkaparinga	Men's Shed in Aberfoyle Park Grant	40,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Regency Community Men's Shed	Enhance and Improve the Regency Community Men's Shed Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Black Ops—Veterans Garage INC	Shed Grants—Construction of a Veterans Garage at Willaston	250,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	The South Australian Society of Model & Experimental Engineers Inc	Rebuild Workshop at SASMEE Grant	151,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Municipal Council of Roxby Downs	Construction of a Makers Space at Roxby Downs Grant	300,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Anangu Ngangkari Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation	Strengthening ANTAC's Sustainability and Good Governance Practices Grant	49,973
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	The Village Co. SA Limited	Australian Service Excellence Standards Accreditation Grant	44,690
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Employment Options Inc	Youth Options: A Quality Sustainable Future Grant	46,905
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Muslim Women's Association of South Australia	Building Resilience and Sustainable Governance Grant	24,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Mid Murray Our Town Incorporated	Our Town (Mental Health in the Community) Grant	150,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Tauondi Aboriginal Corporation	Improving Tauondi's service delivery quality with the ASES accreditation and Providing a Communal Space for increased Social Connections and Community Engagement Grant	48,266
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Our Town Berri Incorporated	Our Town Support Grant—Berri	150,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Narungga Nation Aboriginal Corporation	Narungga Nation Aboriginal Corporation Governance and Financial Awareness Training Grant	45,435
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Victim Support Services Incorporated	Building Safer Spaces in SA for LGBTIQ+ Communities Grant	45,362
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Ardrossan Progress Association Inc	Community Sheds: Construction of a Staged Shed Extension Grant	23,137
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Marra Murrangga Kumangka Inc	Community Sheds: Creating Our Community Garden and Men's Shed Groups Grant	6,583
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	The Naracoorte District Mens Shed Incorporated	Community Sheds: Naracoorte District Men's Shed Engine Workshop—Stage One Grant	25,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Owen Community Centre Committee Incorporated	Community Sheds: Sanding Cabinet and Router Table with Built in Dust Extraction Suitable, for Seniors Grant	9,873
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Regency Community Men's Shed	Community Sheds: Establishment of a Community Garden Grant	19,446

Grant program	Grants SA – Grant Round	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Playford Men's Shed Incorporated	Community Sheds: Moving Forward with Change Grant	18,906
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	The Kapunda Shed Incorporated	Community Sheds: Shed Amenities Upgrade and Office Relocation Grant	16,942
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Mount Gambier Men's Shed Incorporated	Community Sheds: Providing more Space Grant	11,100
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Cleve & Districts Men's Shed Incorporated	Community Sheds: Shed Partition/Wall Insulation Project Grant	21,406
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Eudunda Community Hub and Shed Incorporated	Community Sheds: Community Together Room Grant	25,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	The Penola Men's Shed Incorporated	Community Sheds: Shed Safety Improvements Grant	16,023
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Strathalbyn Woodcraft Group Inc	Community Sheds: Welder Strathalbyn Woodshed Grant	2,098
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Whyalla Men's Shed	Community Sheds: Laser Lighting a Brighter Future Grant	4,723
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Port Neill Progress Association Inc	Community Sheds: Port Neill Men's Shed Storage Grant	4,002
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Macclesfield Men's Shed	Community Sheds: Macclesfield Men's Shed Extension Grant	17,192
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Milang & District Historical Society Incorporated	Community Sheds: Men's Shed Safety and Equipment Upgrade Grant	2,299
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	District Council of Karoonda East Murray	Community Sheds: Karoonda Men's Shed Stage 1 Shed Construction	25,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Men's Shed Parafield Inc	Community Sheds: Men's Shed Parafield Grant	25,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (SA)	Community Sheds: The BUC Bike Workshop Extras Grant	16,821
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Rosefield Community Shed Incorporated	Community Sheds: Enhanced Wood Working Safety and Digital Literacy in a Community Shed Grant	9,979
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Woodville West Community Garden Incorporated	Community Sheds: Gathering Space at the Woodville West Community Garden Grant	5,721
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Mannum Men's Shed Incorporated	Community Sheds: Kitchen Upgrade Grant	16,958
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Edwardstown Baptist Church Incorporated	Community Sheds: Grumpiest Bloke's Shed Expanding Grant	22,686
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Berri Community Men's Shed Incorporated	Community Sheds: Shed Extension Grant	22,700
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Mallala & Districts Mens Shed Incorporated	Community Sheds: Metal Workshop Project Grant	13,800
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	The Tatiara Men's Shed Incorporated	Community Sheds: Improvements to Shed Grant	20,258
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (SA)	Community Sheds: Cover Between 2 Sheds Grant	9,555

Grant program	Grants SA – Grant Round	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Cummins and District Enterprise Committee	Community Sheds: Tools Upgrade Grant	4,460
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	The Yankalilla and Districts Community Men's Shed Incorporated	Community Sheds: I2R A SERIES CNC A24 Machine Acquisition Grant	18,939
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Peterborough Men's Shed Incorporated	Community Sheds: External Shelter Grant	7,797
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Australian Plants Society—South Australian Region Incorporated	Community Sheds: Secure Storage Facility for the APS Northern Yorke Peninsula Group Kadina Grant	12,189
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Kadina Agricultural Horticultural & Floricultural Society Inc	Community Sheds: Electrical Upgrades to Sheds Used by Copper Coast Woodworkers on the Kadina Showgrounds Grant	4,273
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	District Council of Coober Pedy	Community Sheds: Coober Pedy Community Garden Grant	3,133
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Mount Barker Family House Inc	Community Sheds: Mount Barker Community Shed Transition Program Grant	13,264
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Wudinna Districts Men's Shed Incorporated	Community Sheds: Wudinna Men's Shed Upgrade Grant	25,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (SA)	Community Sheds: Purchase of a Storage Container Grant	4,845
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Port Germein Progress Association	Community Sheds: Port Germein Men's Shed Revamp Grant	22,747
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Camden Community Centre Inc	Community Sheds: Men's Shed Upgrade Grant	22,243
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Kura Yerlo Incorporated	Community Sheds: Miyurna Taingiwiltarninthe (Making Men Stong) Grant	24,932
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Crystal Brook Community Men's Shed	Community Sheds: Three Phase Power Connection Grant	10,164
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Morella Community Centre Incorporated	Successful Systems—Morella Community Centre Grant	45,918
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Encounter Youth Incorporated	STARService & Volunteer Training Grant	48,387
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Grandparents for grandchildren SA inc A38726	Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Australian Service Excellence Standards Accreditation Project Grant	37,830
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Narungga Aboriginal Progress Association Inc	Yarugarridja (To Gather Food) Grant	20,636
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Adelaide Basketball Pty Ltd	Here for the Game – Additional Partners Grant	114,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Adelaide Giants Baseball Pty Ltd	Here for the Game – Additional Partners Grant	30,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Dunjiba Community Council Inc	Governance Improvements Dunjiba Community Council Grant	44,663

Grant program	Grants SA – Grant Round	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	American River Progress Association Inc	Community Sheds: American River Community Garden Grant	24,846
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Adelaide Thunderbirds	Here for the Game—Adelaide Thunderbirds Grant	100,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Adelaide Football Club Ltd	Here for the Game Partnership – Adelaide Football Club Grant	700,000

Grant program	Beneficiary	Contract Title / Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Gambler's Rehabilitation Fund			
Communities and Families	Aboriginal Family Support Services Limited	Port Lincoln Aboriginal Gambling Help Service	233,635
Communities and Families	Aboriginal Family Support Services Limited	Port Augusta Aboriginal Gambling Help Service	238,031
Communities and Families	Aboriginal Family Support Services Limited	Berri and Barmera Aboriginal Gambling Help Service	238,031
Communities and Families	Aboriginal Family Support Services Limited	Murray Bridge Aboriginal Gambling Help Service	238,031
Communities and Families	Adelaide United Football Club Pty Ltd	Adelaide United FC Raise Community Awareness of Gambling Harm Grant	206,886
Communities and Families	Community Transitions	Criminal Justice Targeted Gambling Help Service	768,906
Communities and Families	Flinders University	Alternatives to Gambling: Pilot Project 1 Grant	50,000
Communities and Families	Flinders University	Southern Metropolitan Aboriginal Gambling Help Service	371,537
Communities and Families	Flinders University	North and West Metropolitan Aboriginal Gambling Help Service	399,028
Communities and Families	Lifeline Southeast (SA) Incorporated	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Limestone Coast	1,800,000
Communities and Families	Overseas Chinese Association of SA Inc	Chinese Targeted Gambling Help Services	692,016
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia (QLD)	SA Gambling Helpline	2,170,856
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Lived Experience in Gambling Harm Program	1,676,133
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Adelaide Hills	720,000
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Barossa, Light and Lower North	720,000
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Eastern Adelaide	2,565,000
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island	1,080,000
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Murray and Mallee	1,755,000
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Northern Adelaide	4,320,000
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Southern Adelaide	3,150,000
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Western Adelaide	3,510,000
Communities and Families	The South Australian Financial Counsellors Association Incorporated	Gambling Harm Minimisation Sector Capacity Building Partner	194,072
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Eyre & Western	1,620,000

Grant program	Beneficiary	Contract Title / Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex) \$
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Far North	1,305,000
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Yorke & Mid North	1,755,000
Communities and Families	Vietnamese Community in Australia/ South Australia Chapter Incorporated	Vietnamese Targeted Gambling Help Service	692,016
Communities and Families	Yadu Health Aboriginal Corporation	Ceduna Aboriginal Gambling Help Service	238,031

Note—the above table incorporates grant funding and not for profit funded services agreements but excludes fee for service contracts. The total contract value represents total amounts across the total contract term, which in many cases extends across previous and future financial years. The values do not include any indexation amounts that may be payable under the contract.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

There is no specific budget allocated for the management of remote work infrastructure.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised:

The increase in net cost of services of \$20.9 million between 2023-24 estimated result is primarily due to the following changes to approved budgets:

- Revision to the state's National Disability Insurance Scheme contribution reflecting adjustments to population share and indexation calculations and the end of in-kind arrangements (\$19.0 million).
- Additional NGO indexation supplementation (extra 2.3 per cent or \$1.2 million from 2023-24 onwards).

GRANT EXPENDITURE

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised:

Grants and subsidies decreased by \$3.5 million from the 2023-24 budget to the 2023-24 estimated result primarily reflecting a change in funding mechanism related to the establishment of the Exceptional Needs Care Service Pathway within DHS. Where previously these services were delivered through referrals to grant funded service providers, the new service model, which involves development of individualised funding packages is reflected under employee expenditure and directly contracted services budgeted within supplies and services expenditure.

GRANT EXPENDITURE

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised:

The increase in grants and subsidies from the 2023-24 estimated result to the 2024-25 budget is primarily due to:

- Additional expenditure on initiatives delivered through the Office for Women, largely related to activities funded under the National Partnership on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses (\$5.5 million).
- Support for the MarionLIFE Inner South Community Hub (\$1.8 million)

- Additional funding for glasses and funerals concessions as part of the cost of living package (\$1.0 million).

The balance of the increase largely relates to standard indexation on continuing agreements.

GRANT EXPENDITURE

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised:

Grants issued through the Grants SA 2023-24 rounds have been distributed and reported based on state government region and statewide delivery as per the table below.

SA Government Region	# projects funded	Funding Allocated
Southern Adelaide	15	\$305,424
Northern Adelaide	22	\$394,090
Western Adelaide	23	\$398,983
Eastern Adelaide	16	\$356,148
Adelaide Hills	9	\$59,986
Barossa, Light & Lower North	3	\$27,506
Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island	6	\$78,804
Yorke & Mid North	34	\$331,518
Murray & Mallee	17	\$283,864
Limestone Coast	4	\$34,131
Eyre & Western	15	\$179,237
Far North	10	\$206,715
Statewide	6	\$135,620

KURLANA TAPA YOUTH JUSTICE CENTRE

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised:

As at 24 June 2024, of the total number of children in Kurlana Tapa:

- 18 young people had been in the centre for greater than 30 days and of those;
- two had been in the centre for greater than three, but under six months;
- one young person had been in the centre for between six and 12 months; and
- four had been in the centre for greater than 12 months.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised:

Guided by a strong evidence base, DHS funds a range of programs and initiatives to improve the wellbeing of Port Augusta's young people, particularly those experiencing disadvantage and marginalisation.

The total DHS budget for youth programs and services in Port Augusta in 2023-24 was \$1,380,096.

DHS does not hold information on the total funding for commonwealth government programs and services to support young people in Port Augusta.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised:

DHS and Grants SA did not have a specific grant round targeted at supporting volunteers in 2023-24. However, within the 2023-24 financial year we estimate that 156 organisations received either DHS or Grants SA grant funding across a variety of not-for-profit grant agreements some of which include the target group of the grant being volunteers or have volunteers as named beneficiaries.

As per the above, for the 2024-25 financial year we are unable to provide an estimated figure relating to the number of volunteer organisations who may be a recipient of grant funding. This is due to funding often being allocated on a merit-based selection process following grant rounds or the status of recipients being unknown.

Please note that the above is limited to not-for-profit grant agreements and does not capture spend or funding provided to volunteer organisations through differing contract mechanisms.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES STAFF

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well): I have been advised:

For the 2024-25 financial year, the total expected salary expenditure for an additional 38 staff (costed at 32.0 FTE) is approximately \$3.0 million per annum.

COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

In 2023-24, needs-based funding was not allocated from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet to Community Language Schools SA for distribution to its active and accredited member schools. On advice from Community Language Schools SA during funding agreement negotiations, resources were instead redirected to capacity-building activities for community language school leaders.

According to Community Language Schools SA, many schools report issues and challenges regarding technology and digital inclusion for their school and students (such as reliable wi-fi), and their interest in exploring opportunities for assistive technology or technology that supports assisted learning.

In response to this feedback, the purpose of needs-based funding has been reformulated and updated.

In 2024-25 and 2025-26, funding previously identified as 'needs based funding' will be allocated from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet to Community Language Schools SA as 'Digital Literacy and Inclusion funding'.

Funding allocations will be negotiated with Community Language Schools SA in due course.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

The Multicultural Festival total expenditure was \$483,500 of which included \$263,000 from the employee benefit expenses line, \$28,500 from the grants and subsidies line and \$192,000 from the supplies and services line.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

As part of our ongoing public relations strategy, the SATC hosts a dedicated familiarisation (famil) program, whereby key national and international media and brand advocates are engaged to visit the state to experience and promote South Australia as a holiday destination.

This type of activity today is commonplace across Australian state tourism organisations and also internationally as famil activity contributes to generating positive coverage about South Australia including regional tourism operators.

I have been advised that the total cost of famils for SATC during the relevant period was \$534,500.

This consists of:

- Traditional media famils \$386,000
- Brand advocate famils \$52,500

- Event-related \$96,000

I have been advised that the budget for all PR activity for 2024-2025 is \$530,000 however this includes all public relations (interstate and international activity) and is not exclusive to family activity.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

The \$13.6 million comprises of funding for major events approved at the time of the state budget. The breakdown of these events cannot be disclosed as they are commercial in confidence and subject to contractual confidentiality restrictions.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management Corporation:

Since 1 July 2023, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Chief Executive Officer	Level D—without fall back arrangement
General Manager Adelaide Convention Centre	Level B—without fall back arrangement

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$585,000 (excluding on-costs).

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management Corporation:

Since 1 July 2023, there were no executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Nil	

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

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management Corporation:

The total cost of executive position terminations since 1 July 2023 cannot be disclosed as there was only one termination.

This information will therefore not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management Corporation:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-2024 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management Corporation:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$2,304,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Sandra K Consultancy	Identify and develop International business events opportunities for the Adelaide Convention Centre	\$72,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Adams Pest Control Services	Pest Control	\$20,000
Fresh & Clean (Alsco)	Hygiene Services	\$11,000
Honeywell Ltd	BMS & Security System Maintenance	\$88,000
Integra Water Treatment Services	Water Treatment Services	\$29,000
Schindler Lifts Australia	Lift Maintenance Services	\$115,000
United Lifts Services Pty Ltd	Lift Maintenance Services	\$31,000
SUEZ Recycling & Recovery / Remondis	AVM Waste & Recovery Management Services	\$17,000
Tennant Australia Pty Ltd A/C No 409510	Tenant CPPED Preventative Service	\$31,000
Trojan Fire Protection Pty Ltd	Fire Protection Service	\$38,000
Air Con Serve	BMS Controls Maintenance	\$21,000

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management Corporation:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	28,334	28,931	29,653	30,394

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management Corporation:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
AVM	FTE	3	3	3	3
	\$m	\$0.3M	\$0.3M	\$0.3M	\$0.3M
	FTE				
	\$m				
TOTAL	FTE	3	3	3	3
	\$m	\$0.3M	\$0.3M	\$0.3M	\$0.3M

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management Corporation:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website:

<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management Corporation:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	\$39	\$29	\$39

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

Since 1 July 2023, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Executive Director, Strategic Communications and Engagement	EXEC0B

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

Since 1 July 2023, there were zero executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
NIL	NIL

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

The total value of the termination payments was nil which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements. There have been no termination payments made.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2023-2024 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

The total current budget for the engagement of contractors in 2024-25 is \$48.5 million which relates to the purchase of goods and services.

There is currently no estimated spend for the engagement of consultants in 2024-25.

All consultants and contractors are appointed in accordance with the Treasurer's Instructions, and Procurement Services SA and SATC procurement and contracts policies.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	50,758	52,738	48,149	48,608

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Estimate ¹	2026-27 Estimate ¹	2027-28 Estimate ¹
TOTAL	FTE	72.5	75.5	72.5	72.5
	\$m	8,652	9,112	8,914	9,047

1. Budgets are set annually based on operational requirements linked to the strategic plans developed and approved at board level. Therefore, the forward estimates are subject to change based on decisions regarding the internal strategic allocation of resources.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. Reports listing all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST), including the proposed budget, total cost and an evaluation summary are disclosed on the DPC website:

<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

Although individual campaigns for 2024-25 are yet to be finalised, the SATC's current budget for advertising and promotion in 2024-25 is \$20.1 million.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years:

Controlled:

Grant program/ fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Regional Event Fund	Develop new and innovative regional events, grow existing events and drive increased visitation and economic stimulus to the regional economy.	500	500	500
Regional Tourism Organisation Funding	Fund local contact officer services to support regional tourism initiatives.	883	905	¹
Experience Nature Tourism Fund	The \$2 million Experience Nature Tourism Fund aims to spur investment in nature-based tourism experiences and make South Australia more competitive in luring domestic and international tourists.	500	500	—
Tourism Industry Development Fund	Support and stimulate private sector investment in new and improved regional accommodation and quality tourism products and experiences.	108	—	—

1. It is not possible to forecast future costs across the forward estimates, because budgets are set annually based on operational requirements linked to the strategic plans developed and approved at board level. Therefore, the forward estimates are subject to decisions regarding the internal strategic allocation of resources.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2024). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	0	0	0

The SATC's infrastructure allows staff to work remotely and at the office. Therefore, there is no additional cost to the agency for remote working.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs): I have been advised that the most recent data collected through the 2021 Census identified that 4.3 per cent of those who have previously served in the ADF were unemployed. This figure compares with 5.3 per cent unemployment for people who have never served.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs): I have been advised that Veterans SA does not collect specific data on the number of veterans affected by homelessness.

The outstanding team at Andrew Russell Veteran Living provides critical services to veterans experiencing homelessness.

The 2024-25 federal budget includes a \$30 million investment to build more housing and provide specialist services for veterans and families who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs): I have been advised that the Veterans SA website has been updated and is regularly monitored.

OPERATING BUDGETS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs): I have been advised of the following:

The operating expenses referenced relate to the Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure and Minister for Planning. The variance does not represent an overspend but approved changes to the 2023-24 budget since the 2023-24 budget, including carryovers. These changes relate to both Trade and Investment, and Planning functions of the department, and are comprised of the initial 2023-24 total expenses budget of \$182.694 million, compared with the 2023-24 estimated result budget of \$201.352 million, a difference of \$18.658 million.

The variance of \$18.7 million (rounded) is comprised mainly of the following:

- \$3.6 million in employee benefit expenses;
- \$9.7 million general supplies and services;
- \$800,000 depreciation;
- \$2 million grants and subsidies; and
- \$2.6 million intra-government transfers.

The \$3.6 million increase in employee benefit expenses mainly relates to:

- \$800,000 for TradeStart contract extension;
- \$900,000 to establish the Housing Infrastructure Planning Development Unit; and
- \$1.6 million in planning fees amendment changes and recoveries.

The \$9.7 million general supplies and services mainly relates to:

- \$5.7 million contractual payments to Land Services SA;
- \$1.1 million regional planning carryover;
- \$1.2 million for hydrogen funding;
- \$600,000 in grant carryovers; and
- \$1.1 million in various other planning related costs and adjustments.

The \$800,000 increase in depreciation is mainly related to leasehold improvements and the e-planning system.

The \$2 million increase in grants and subsidies is mainly related to grant carryovers from 2022-23.

The \$2.6 million increase in intra-government transfers is mainly related to grant carryovers from 2022-23.

BUDGET OVERSPEND

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs): I have been advised of the following:

The 2022-23 budget papers show operating expenses for 2023-24 of \$169 million, not \$174 million as referred to by the member.

The 2023-24 budget papers state \$174 million as the budget estimate for 2024-25, not for 2023-24.

In the 2024-25 budget, operating expenses in 2024-25 are projected to be \$193 million, compared with the estimate at the time of the 2023-24 budget (set in June 2023) of \$174 million.

The \$19 million increase is mainly comprised of:

- \$4.751 million employee benefit costs increase mainly due to:
- \$2.4 million in planning fees amendment expenses.
- \$871,000 for the creation of the Housing, Infrastructure, Planning and Development Unit.
- \$271,000 for the Office for Design and Architecture South Australia contractors and Urban Design Review Panel.
- \$897,000 for housing policy and strategic resourcing.
- \$1.082 million depreciation increase mainly due to valuation of 83 Pirie Street and ePlanning system.
- \$1.5 million increase in grants related to the Investment Acceleration Program and Global Expansion Program.
- \$11.5 million increase in:
- \$7.058 million—supplies and services Real Property Act—adjustments to Land Services SA contract.
- \$1.833 million—grants related to Osaka world expo, China re-engagement and hydrogen.
- \$1.030 million—Brand SA extension.
- \$1.775 million—planning fees amendment.
- Offset by other minor adjustments including superannuation savings of \$251,000.

BUDGET INCREASE

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs): I have been advised of the following:

This relates to the office of the Hon Nick Champion MP, therefore, your question should be directed to him.

WORKFORCE SUMMARY

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs): I have been advised of the following:

The increase between the 2022-23 actuals and the 2023-24 estimate is predominately due to vacancies at the time of the 2022-23 reporting, as well as the establishment of new positions to support the creation of the Housing Infrastructure Planning and Development Unit; additional new positions in the ICT team to meet current cyber and ICT requirements, as well as additional positions in Plan SA.

Note the actual 2023-24 is 360 FTE (as published by the Office for the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment).

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs): I have been advised of the following:

The 2023-24 budget stated 380.6 FTEs (in the 2023-24 Agency Statements, Budget Paper 4, Volume 4 at page 109). The 2023-24 estimated result stated 409.9 FTEs (in the 2024-25 Agency Statements, Budget Paper 4, Volume 4 at page 111).

The difference of 29.3 FTEs is comprised of the following:

Trade and Investment six FTEs:

- six FTEs related to the TradeStart contract extension in 2023-24;
- minus one FTE—Trade—executive reduction; and
- one FTE—ministerial office resources.

Planning and Urban Development 23.3 FTEs:

- five FTEs—creation of Housing Infrastructure Planning Development Unit;
- 16.5 FTEs—planning fee amendment impacts (code amendment services, online consents);
- four FTEs—Valuer General—cost-recovery services with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport;
- two FTEs—native title support for Crown Solicitor's Office;
- 1.8 FTEs—Office for Design and Architecture South Australia—temporary appointment of contractors; and
- -minus six FTEs—regional planning program—change to external service delivery.

TRADESTART

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs): I have been advised of the following:

The net cost of services increase of \$6.1 million is comprised of additional income of approximately \$600,000 (comprised mainly of commonwealth revenues related to the TradeStart program \$400,000), offset by additional expenditure approvals of approximately \$6.6 million (comprised mainly of carryovers with respect to specific grants).

DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs): I have been advised of the following:

The annual programs for minor works and equipment total \$3.277 million as reported in the 2024-25 Agency Statements, Budget Paper 4, Volume 4 at page 112, and comprise the following programs for the Department for Trade and Investment (all related to Planning and Land Use Services functions):

- \$1.9 million—expert panel recommendations, ePlanning system upgrades and enhancements;
- \$1.1 million—ePlanning system upgrades and enhancements;
- \$200,000—SAILIS system upgrades and enhancements; and
- \$100,000—survey equipment purchases.

DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs): I have been advised of the following:

The Wine Export Diversification Program has been very successful and embraced by our wine sector.

Over the last 12 months, 131 wine brands participated in outbound programs. Additionally, 300 South Australian wine brands participated in South Australian Wine Ambassador Club activities here as part of our inbound programs.

We also had 220 wine brands attend workshops across South Australia on our China capability development.

DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans Affairs): I have been advised of the following:

As highlighted in the budget papers, the agency supported over 300 South Australian businesses on outbound business missions and hosted more than 200 international businesses on inbound business missions to South Australia.

Hosting inbound missions is a core function of the department, with DTI officials providing a range of supports to promote South Australian industry capability and expertise. Government activities facilitated by DTI that support inbound missions may include meetings with the minister and/or senior officials, itinerary development, connections to relevant potential business partners, accompaniment or hosting of site visits around the state, and provision of meeting spaces for delegates and businesses. In many cases costs associated with these programs are minimal.

Fourteen outbound business missions were delivered as outlined in the table below. Business missions include responding to conditions that are commercial-in-confidence—the budget for these events, the number of companies that attend, and the outcomes from them should be treated sensitively as we compete with other jurisdictions for commercial opportunities and distributor networks.

All departmental costs associated with international travel are reported via proactive disclosure requirements and available on the DTI website at www.dti.sa.gov.au/proactive-disclosure.

Mission	Destination	Total Cost (\$AU)
Arab Health Conference	UAE	
Bio International 2024	USA	
China International Import Expo	China	
ProWine Mumbai	India	
Foodex 2024	Japan	
Gamescom 2023	Germany	
Gulfoods 2024	UAE	
BIO Korea	South Korea	
SA Wine Grand Tasting Korea 2023	South Korea	
Singapore Week of Innovation and Technology Business Delegation	Singapore	
Tech Delegation to Innovation Leaders' Summit	Japan	
Taste of South Australia Trade Mission to China	China	
Tasting South Australia in New Zealand	New Zealand	
Vinexpo Asia 2024	Hong Kong	
Total cost of outbound trade missions		844,687

All major overseas missions include a review mechanism that seeks specific feedback from South Australian companies that were involved in the program. These reviews measure client satisfaction and allow for participants to reflect on the value of the program and its suitability to further their business interests. Reviews also include follow-up meetings with exporters to hear firsthand what additional service would best benefit them. Depending on the feedback, a process of continual improvement to refine agency service delivery is implemented.

SA WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

SA Water had 28,961 new water customers across RD20 (2020-2024).

Over the coming four years across RD24 (2024-28) SA Water projects approximately 40,000 new allotments to be connected.

SA WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

In reply to **Mr ELLIS (Narungga)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

While there are no immediate planned growth augmentation works for Port Hughes and Daddow Court in Kadina, SA Water will continue to work closely with local developers to understand their forecast growth rates and infrastructure requirements.

SA WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

In reply to **Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

Bordertown: SA Water's existing drinking water network in Bordertown meets current customer demands. SA Water has worked with the Tatiara District Council to identify a range of infrastructure solutions to increase capacity of the town's water network to enable growth. Subject to all required approvals, SA Water expects to commence construction in 2025.

Wellington East: The current Wellington East non-drinking water supply is a private scheme owned by the Coorong District Council. Any questions on maintenance are best directed to the Coorong District Council.

Cape Jaffa: SA Water under section 6 of the Public Corporations Act 1993 has been directed to continue its temporary operation of the non-drinking water and sewerage services at Cape Jaffa until 18 December 2024. SA Water is only operating the supply and undertaking essential maintenance.

Kingston: The Kingston SE town's water supply is sourced from the Kingston Confined Aquifer Management Area of the Lower Limestone Coast Prescribed Wells Area. Any step changes in available supply will arise out of the water allocation plan review.

COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

In the previous regulatory period (RD20), SA Water have spent \$70.4 million installing extensions and connections and on-property works to connect a total of 700 properties to the SA Water sewerage system. SA Water will spend a further \$284 million (real dollars 2022-23) to convert an additional 3,000 properties in the current regulatory period (RD24).

The total cost of the project will not exceed \$459 million (real dollars 2022-23).

COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

SA Water expects to install extensions and connections and on-property works to connect a total of 3,700 properties to SA Water's sewerage network by the end of the current regulatory period (RD24). SA Water plans to move all CWMS customers to the SA Water sewerage network by the early part of SAWRD28.

WATER USE

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The average (or mean) water use is: for residential households, 189 kilolitres each year; and for business use, 983 kilolitres each year.

The median use is: for residential households, 156 kilolitres each year; and for business use, 103 kilolitres each year.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for SA Water:

Section 17 of the South Australian Water Corporation Act 1994 allows the Corporation to appoint the employees it thinks necessary or desirable and on terms and conditions fixed by the corporation. SA Water uses its own industrial framework for employing staff and no positions at SA Water fall within the SA executive service.

SA Water's executive structure comprises its chief executive, its chief financial officer, chief information officer and five general managers. One executive was appointed during this period: general manager customer, community engagement.

As a public corporation, SA Water operates in a commercial environment and competes with other private and public sector entities within South Australia and interstate.

SA Water considers the details of executive remuneration by specific role function to be commercially sensitive.

Salary bands of staff are included in SA Water's annual report.

Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for SA Water:

Section 17 of the South Australian Water Corporation Act 1994 allows the corporation to appoint the employees it thinks necessary or desirable and on terms and conditions fixed by the corporation. Given this, SA Water uses its own industrial framework for employing staff and no positions at SA Water fall within the SA executive service.

SA Water's executive structure comprises its chief executive, its chief financial officer, chief information officer and five general managers. SA Water has not abolished any positions within this executive structure.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for SA Water:

Section 17 of the South Australian Water Corporation Act 1994 allows the corporation to appoint the employees it thinks necessary or desirable and on terms and conditions fixed by the corporation. Given this, SA Water uses its own industrial framework for employing staff and no positions at SA Water fall within the SA executive service.

SA Water's executive structure comprises its chief executive, its chief financial officer, chief information officer and five general managers. One general manager was terminated from SA Water in the 2023-24 financial year.

Details of the termination costs of the former general manager will not be released as it is considered an unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for SA Water:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements and the Public Sector Regulations 2010, information relating to expenditure on consultants in 2023-24 including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in its annual report.

As a major procurer of services in this state, SA Water adheres with the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC027, which relates to the public disclosures of contracts on the government's tenders and contracts website.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for SA Water:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$112.1 million.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for SA Water:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses	742,235	769,549	797,257	823,936
Capital (excluding Contributed Assets)	957,787	1,020,769	1,059,225	1,020,400
Total goods and services	1,700,022	1,790,318	1,856,482	1,844,336

The above values reflect the RD24 final determination position.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for SA Water:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE and estimated employment costs to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
FTE	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.4
Estimated Salary Costs (\$m)	3.21	3.29	3.37	3.46

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for SA Water:

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

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

SA Water does not manage a grant program or fund for which the minister is responsible.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for SA Water:

SA Water does not segregate remote work infrastructure costs from general business costs for digital tools, cybersecurity, and support services. These services/facilities are provided to the business on a consistent basis relevant to the location of the workforce.

SEATON RENEWAL PROJECT

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

Renewal SA has a robust governance framework in place that is overseen by an experienced board of management. Renewal SA also operates with a mature project management framework and significant experience in residential development and the management of risks associated with construction projects that will ensure contract works are completed within expected timeframes and approved budgets.

SEATON RENEWAL PROJECT

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The table below provides a summary breakdown for the Greater Seaton Renewal Project.

Item	Cost (\$m)
Renewal SA capitalised expenditure (FTE's)	19.6
Renewal SA total capital expenditure (breakdown below)	187.2
Property acquisitions, demolition & remediation works	50.3
Civil & infrastructure and landscape works (incl. contingency)	106.0
Dwelling construction (for sale)	21.1
Professional fees, planning and land division	9.8
SAHT costs (388 dwelling construction & tenant relocation)	218.5
TOTAL	425.3

SEATON RENEWAL PROJECT

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The requirement to satisfy the new National Construction Code (NCC) is already mandated within the urban design guidelines for Seaton. The urban design guidelines have been prepared in consultation with the City of Charles Sturt and contains additional recommendations for further sustainability measures.

Urban design guidelines are being developed for the Noarlunga project and the City of Onkaparinga will be consulted in their development. The Noarlunga development also has a target of a five-star Greenstar Community's rating through the Green Building Council of Australia.

Renewal SA will support and facilitate design and specifications for good energy performance across all dwellings while meeting affordability goals.

All SA Housing Trust constructed dwellings will also meet the NCC standard once introduced.

HOUSING SA

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The project area comprises land parcels in the ownership of the South Australian Housing Trust, the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and land previously in the ownership of the Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing. A map showing the project land has been provided to the Member for Flinders.

HOUSING SA

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The ministerial building specification MBS007 definitions are as follows:

- Small allotment means an allotment with the primary street setback less than 10 metres.
- Irregular allotment means an allotment with an area less than 300 square metres and which is unable to contain a minimum 9 metres x 15 metres rectangle beyond the primary street setback.

Advice has been received from Planning and Land Use Services that the small lot definition is incorrect in the current draft and should read 'the primary street frontage being less than 10m' rather than setback. This error is currently being corrected.

The Noarlunga master plan provides 244 allotments (approximately 39 per cent) with primary street frontages less than 10 metres, however one of the development's objectives is a commitment to sustainability in the planning, design and delivery of the development, and to provide housing that responds to future climate needs. A target of a five-star Greenstar Community's rating through the Green Building Council of Australia will also be sought for this development, which means Renewal SA will support and facilitate design and specifications for good energy performance across all dwellings while meeting affordability goals.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FUNDING

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The current service agreement with Hutt Street Centre for delivery of the Aspire X program is for \$4.649 million (excluding GST) for a target of 268 new client intakes over three years.

The budget commitment of \$5.523 million (excluding GST) is to support Hutt Street Centre to deliver a further three years of intake into the Aspire X service, with a total of 264 new clients into the program over this period and funding through to 30 June 2030.

The additional funding for the contract extension brings the total value of the Aspire X contract to \$10.172 million (excluding GST) for a total intake of 532 new clients.

Final contract outcomes are subject to negotiation with the service provider.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FUNDING

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

This allocation of \$5.523 million to the Aspire X program is a bespoke program that represents just a small fraction of the funding provided to support people experiencing homelessness.

We support a range of service providers, most substantively through the Toward Home Alliance, to deliver services for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in Adelaide and the southern suburbs, and reinstated funding to service providers that was cut under the previous Liberal government.

In 2024-25 the following funding, in addition to the Aspire X program, is allocated to specialist homelessness services to support the delivery of services to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in the inner city and southern suburbs.

Service	Provider(s)	Funding (2024-25)
Toward Homelessness Alliance	Baptist Care SA, Mission Australia, The Salvation Army, Sonder, Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Family Support Services and Lead Agency Lutheran Care.	\$18,259,340
Catherine House	Housing Choices South Australia Limited	\$669,836
The Terraces Boarding House	Unity Housing Company Ltd	\$540,700
Common Ground Adelaide	Housing Choices South Australia Limited	\$846,010
Extreme Weather Response Brokerage Service	Uniting Communities Incorporated	\$128,400
Homeless and Vulnerable People Project	City of Adelaide	\$49,70
Uno and Youth 110	Anglicare Australia	\$2,702,700
	TOTAL	\$23,196,706

PUBLIC HOUSING

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

With regard to the Public Housing Improvement Program, as at 2 July 2024, the progress can be summarised as:

Metropolitan Adelaide

- All land allotments have been allocated
- 287 homes have been tendered or currently in the tendering phase

Of the metropolitan tendered homes

- 52 are under construction
- 74 homes are complete

Regional

- All land allotments have been allocated
- 150 homes have been tendered or currently in the tendering phase

Of the regional tendered homes

- 39 are under construction
- 50 homes are complete

In regional SA, PHIP homes have been completed in Mount Gambier, Mount Barker, Murray Bridge, Port Augusta, Port Pirie and Whyalla.

Additional homes in the tendered and under construction phases are taking place in Clare, Kadina, Mount Gambier, Murray Bridge, Port Augusta, Port Lincoln, Renmark, Wallaroo and Whyalla.

PUBLIC HOUSING

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

Funding has been allocated to a number of projects that will be delivered by the South Australian Housing Trust and the community housing sector. Most of these projects are being implemented in the Greater Adelaide metropolitan area.

One project being undertaken by the South Australian Housing Trust is in Ceduna. This project involves the construction of four homes specifically designated for Aboriginal tenants. Funding has been directly allocated to this project and the trust will manage its delivery.

PUBLIC HOUSING

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The terms of the funding agreement for the Social Housing Accelerator Payment program require that all funding is committed by 30 June 2025 and that dwellings are completed by 30 June 2028.

All funding provided to South Australia under this fund has been committed to projects that will be delivered either through the community housing sector or directly by the South Australian Housing Trust.

Eight community housing projects are nominated to deliver 229 social housing outcomes. Of these projects, six have executed contracts with the Trust and are scheduled to commence construction in 2024 or early 2025.

Payments to community housing providers are made when key planning or construction milestones are achieved.

The Trust is delivering its five projects under the South Australian Housing Trust Project management framework, with these projects scheduled to be completed and tenanted during 2026 and 2027, well ahead of the program's deadlines.

HOUSING SA STAFF

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

South Australian Housing Trust (SAHT) employees in customer facing roles are provided with the necessary mandatory training to address challenging customer behaviour.

All new housing officers are provided with an induction program that focuses on a general welcome to SAHT and the housing officer role, communicating with customers and using strategic empathy, risk and vulnerability, and objection handling.

There is an additional combination of mandatory face-to-face and online training relating to staff safety. Draw the Line for Safety offers training on how to identify, respond to and report customer abusive and aggressive behaviour through front counter and telephone/email interactions and when performing field activities. MAYBO conflict management training on how to calm and de-escalate a situation, using non-physical responses and insight on managing challenging situations. Introduction to Gov Safety is a learning module for staff that will enable access, navigation, and lodgements into the Trust's incident reporting platform.

Training is provided in the form of vicarious trauma workshop for frontline staff on the negative impacts of repeated exposure to customers trauma experience and how to implement proactive practices to mitigate impacts, and safety in the field and Safety Link training on how to keep safe in the field and systems training using new safety link application for mobile telephones.

Managers and leaders are provided with training for managing vicarious trauma, including how to recognise and respond to staff who are experiencing vicarious trauma.

In conjunction with the above training the Trust has the managing customer uncivil behaviour procedure. This provides a four-tiered approach to managing customer uncivil behaviour. It defines the actions employees can take when dealing with disrespectful behaviour, and when employees are to disengage with customers when their behaviour becomes abusive and/or aggressive. It also includes a process for escalation to leaders when necessary, including supporting employees who are exposed to abusive and aggressive events as well as consequences to be issued against customers who wilfully and regularly subject employees to abuse and aggression.

The antisocial behaviour procedures states the housing officer can complete a referral to the community response co-ordinator, a specialist role within the Trust, to manage ongoing or complex antisocial behaviour.

HOUSING SA, VACANT PROPERTIES

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

Property turnaround time is reported each year in the report on government services. I note that South Australia has reported N/A since 2013-14 due to a lack of consistency across jurisdictions in how they applied the definition of the indicator.

Turnaround times are complex to calculate due to the possible variances during a vacancy process, including the type of maintenance required depending on the condition of the property and the intended use of the land that the property is on (eg part of a re-development).

The government is committed to reducing vacancy time of properties where possible.

VIRTUAL POWER PLANT

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

It is estimated to save the tenant \$562 based on average energy usage in a South Australian home.

HOMELESSNESS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): Minister for Human Services has advised:

The 2021 Census people experiencing homelessness in South Australia in various categories ranging from people sleeping rough to those in boarding houses or living in overcrowded dwellings.

Separately, the Adelaide Zero Project publishes monthly data specifically on rough sleeping for inner city Adelaide and has done for more than six years these numbers are reported www.saaeh.org.au/azp-monthly-dashboard.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

Since 1 July 2023, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Head of Residential Construction Operations	Executive
Director, Asset Management	Executive
Director, Partnerships and New Projects	Executive
Development Director, Industrial and Defence	Executive
Development Director, Innovation Districts and City	Executive
Development Director, Residential Growth	SAES1
Director, Transformation and Change	Executive
Director, Financial Control and Business Services	Executive
Director, Commercial and Advisory	Executive
Director, Project Services	Executive

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$2,377,450 (excluding on-costs).

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

Since 1 July 2023, there were three executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Project Director, Playford Alive and Lightsview	Executive
Commercial Advisor	Executive
Development Manager Lot 14	Executive

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$732,798 (excluding on-costs).

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

The total value of the termination payments was \$87,992.38 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-24 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$685,750.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Consultancies	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (\$)
Agon Environmental	Direct Negotiation	Franklin St Environmental Investigations	20,770
Forum Studio Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Master Plan for New Projects	26,500
Jacobs Group (Australia) Pty Ltd	Request for Offer	Geotechnical Calsilt Trial and Sediment Sampling	133,172
O'Connor Marsden & Associates Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Lot Fourteen Innovation Centre EOI Probity Advisor	15,000
TOTAL			195,442

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Contractors	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (\$)
AKKODIS Australia Talent Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Solution Architect	12,000
Bardavcol Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Soil Bank Stockpile Management, and Remediation and Stabilisation of River Bank at Snowden Beach	252,762
BDO Advisory (SA) Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Probity Services Regional Housing D&C Developments	28,391

Contractors	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (\$)
Broadway Property Advisory Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Tonsley Property Consultancy General Assistance	24,000
DBD Environmental	Direct Negotiation	Continuation of Garden Island monitoring	33,035
Nexia Edwards Marshall Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Edinburgh Parks Probity Auditor	10,000
SA Security & Communications Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Office for Regional Housing Time Lapse Imaging	35,528
Shane Michael Robertson	Direct Negotiation	Affordable Housing and Commercial Assistance Contractor	41,900
Unitec Global Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Technology Program Management	40,000
URPS	Direct Negotiation	Playford Alive Encumbrance Management	12,693
TOTAL			490,308

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	294,458	265,364	110,846	80,090

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
Marketing (corporate and projects)	FTE	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
	\$m	1.10	1.13	1.15	1.16
Communications	FTE	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
	\$m	0.81	0.83	0.84	0.86
TOTAL	FTE	15	15	15	15
	\$m	1.92	1.96	1.99	2.02

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed and approved via the Government Communications Advisory Committee (GCAC).

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

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years:

Program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Renewal SA				
Regional Housing Initiatives	To provide additional assistance for regional housing	14,000	8,000	8,000

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for Renewal SA:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	0	0	0

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the SA Housing Trust:

Since 1 July 2023, the following executive appointments have been made.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Maintenance and Remote Housing	Executive Level A
Chief Information Officer (*)	Executive Level C
Director, Digital and Business Services (CIO)	Executive Level C

The total annual salary for these appointments is \$637,880 (excluding on-costs) and the total employment cost for the positions is \$739,622.

(*) Note: this executive was appointed on a short-term interim basis for six months.

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the SA Housing Trust:

Since 1 July 2023, 2 executive positions have been abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Chief Information Officer	Executive Level A
Director, Customer Service Improvement	Executive Level A

The total annual salary for the two abolished roles was \$411,400 (excluding on-costs), and the total employment cost for the positions was \$477,018.

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

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the SA Housing Trust:

There were no executive position terminations within the South Australian Housing Trust between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024.

Mr Michael Buchan, Chief Executive of the South Australian Housing Trust was advised his contract, due to expire 31 December 2024 would not be renewed effective 1 July 2024.

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

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the SA Housing Trust:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2022-24 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the SA Housing Trust:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2024-25 is \$1.349 million.

The following is a summary of external consultants and contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2024-25.

Name	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Infrastructure SA	Direct Negotiation	Independent review of the Affordable Housing and Market Solutions function and provide a report with suggestions on how to enhance impact and improve performance.	\$13,636
Transforming Solutions (Aust) Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	The development of two new service model options for consideration by the South Australian Housing Trust to assist in meeting both short-term and long-term operational targets.	\$12,600
Indigenous Psychological Services	Direct Negotiation	Development of a cultural competency profile to gain a clear understanding of specific gaps (and strengths) that exist in essential knowledge, skills and attitudes within the South Australian Housing Trust. This will be used to enhance the ability to work in a culturally appropriate way and provide specific strategies around resources, literature, training or specific skills to improve services.	\$61,500
Ouwens Casserly Projects P/L	Direct Negotiation	Sales and Marketing specialist skills are not available within the South Australian Housing Trust due to the scale and complexity of feasibility work which is outside of business as usual operations.	\$26,000
TBA	Request for Quote	Develop a walk-up-flat (WUF) strategy to help guide future planning and asset decision making. The report will incorporate the analysis and evaluation of the success of the preventive maintenance and major upgrade work recently completed at three WUF sites owned by the South Australian Housing Trust.	\$250,000

GOODS AND SERVICES

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The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the SA Housing Trust:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2024-25 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	265,238	277,360	251,786	248,765

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the SA Housing Trust:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTEs to provide communication and promotion activities for 2024-25 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget
Communications and Engagement, People and Strategy	FTE	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4
	\$m	1.239	1.258	1.276	1.296
TOTAL	FTE	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4
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As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the SA Housing Trust:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years—controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
South Australian Housing Trust				
*National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness—Specialist Homelessness Services	To provide grant funding to Specialist Homelessness Service Providers.	77,166	79,226	81,318
Social Housing Accelerator Payment	Allocation of \$68.4m to Community Housing projects from the Commonwealth's \$135.8m Social Housing Accelerator Payment (SHAP). The Community Housing projects are expected to generate 250 housing outcomes.	30,762	34,180	0
Private Rental Assistance Program	To provide financial assistance to households experiencing difficulty establishing a tenancy in the private rental market.	11,940	12,239	12,545
Emergency Accommodation Assistance	To provide financial assistance into budget hotels or motels for people who need emergency accommodation, often as a result of domestic abuse.	4,577	4,691	4,808

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2024-25 Estimate \$000	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000
Homelessness Support (2022 Election Commitment)	Additional homelessness support, including grants to Catherine House, St Vincent de Paul, and the Hutt Street Centre.	2,772	3,057	0
Aspire Program	To provide funding to the Hutt Street Centre to continue the Aspire program.	1,340	1,671	1,859
National Rental Affordability Scheme	To provide an annual financial incentive to housing providers for up to ten years if eligibility requirements continue to be met.	1,321	179	23
National Partnership on Remote Housing (NPRH)	To contribute to addressing housing need, building more sustainable remote housing management systems; increasing Indigenous employment, workforce participation and education opportunities, housing options and home ownership; and supporting the outcomes of the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement and National Indigenous Reform Agreement.	1,083	0	0
Payment of Spad Street Albert Park Sale Proceeds to Unity Housing	Payment to Unity Housing of the proceeds from the sale of three properties managed by them, to enable reinvestment in a future development.	1,010	0	0
Other Grants & Subsidies	Minor grant payments.	415	332	260
More Affordable Tenancies in Community Housing	Funding to Community Housing Providers (CHPs) to undertake small scale development. CHPs are required to invest an equivalent (or greater) contribution to the project themselves.	310	0	0

*Includes budgets that are transferring to DHS as at 1 July 2024

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

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
South Australian Housing Trust			
National Partnership on Remote Housing	Aboriginal Community Housing Ltd	Provision of support services for residents of the Tika Tirka accommodation facility in Gilbert St, Adelaide.	426,503
National Partnership on Remote Housing	Aboriginal Community Housing Ltd	Provision of advocacy services for Aboriginal housing tenants from remote communities to support employment and education opportunities.	93,182
Homelessness Support	Hutt Street Centre	Aspire Program—Intensive case management for up to 36 months for people who have experienced recurrent homelessness or are at risk of returning to homelessness.	2,099,616
Homelessness Support	Catherine House	Inner-city homelessness – Women's Crisis Accommodation.	1,233,108
Homelessness Support	St Vincent de Paul	Inner-city homelessness—Women and Men's Crisis Accommodation.	1,063,700
National Housing & Homelessness Agreement	Lutheran Care	Specialist Homelessness Services—Toward Home Adelaide South Alliance.	16,599,400
National Housing & Homelessness Agreement	Uniting SA Ltd	Specialist Homelessness Services—Adelaide North-West Alliance.	13,140,673
National Housing & Homelessness Agreement	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Specialist Homelessness Services—Country North Alliance.	6,601,373

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
National Housing & Homelessness Agreement	Anglican Community Care Inc	Specialist Homelessness Services—Southern Country Alliance.	3,365,700
National Housing & Homelessness Agreement	Women's Safety Services SA Incorporated	Specialist Homelessness Services—Domestic & Family Violence Alliance.	17,212,100
National Housing & Homelessness Agreement	Australian Alliance to End Homelessness	Specialist Homelessness Services—Advance to Zero—Support people into permanent housing using a range of proven solutions.	161,600
National Housing & Homelessness Agreement	Catholic Family Services	Specialist Homelessness Services—Young Family Support Program—Support for persons 15-25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.	2,346,182
National Housing & Homelessness Agreement	NPY Women's Council	Specialist Homelessness Services—Aboriginal Family Violence Service for women and children experiencing family or domestic violence.	601,820
National Housing & Homelessness Agreement	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Specialist Homelessness Services—Therapeutic Youth Service (Adelaide & Mt Gambier)—Support for young people aged 0-17 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.	6,237,182
National Housing & Homelessness Agreement	SYC Ltd	Specialist Homelessness Services—Integrated Housing Exits (Youth Justice) for young persons aged 16-25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and exiting a custodial setting or have obligations through the justice system.	451,818
National Housing & Homelessness Agreement	SYC Ltd	Specialist Homelessness Services—Lived Experience Engagement Program—people who have experience of housing and homelessness systems.	230,000
National Housing & Homelessness Agreement	SYC Ltd	Specialist Homelessness Services—Housing Advice, Advocacy & Engagement for people at risk of homelessness or losing their tenancy, with focus on women affected by domestic and family violence, aboriginal people, young people or older people.	934,000
National Housing & Homelessness Agreement	Unity Housing Company Ltd	Specialist Homelessness Services—The Terrace Boarding House accommodation for single individuals who are able to meet tenancy obligations.	491,545

This table includes homelessness commitments that are transferring to DHS.

There are no longer any budgeted administered grant payments for the South Australian Housing Trust.

REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised that for the SA Housing Trust:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2024-25, and actual expenditure for previous years 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	116	246	255

*Figures are GST exclusive

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The increase in net cost of services from the 2023-24 budget to the 2023-24 estimated result is approximately \$4.0 million, comprised of increased expenses of \$5.4 million, offset by increased income of \$1.4 million due to the following:

Additional expenses of \$5.4 million mainly relate to:

- Employee benefit expenses increase of \$2.3 million mainly due to the formation of the Housing Infrastructure Planning and Development Unit (\$0.8 million), fee reforms (\$0.9 million) related to private certifier fees and code amendment fees, and memorandum of understanding agreements (\$0.4 million) with Renewal SA and the Crown Solicitor's Office.
- Supplies and services increase of \$2.1 million mainly due to carryover of regional planning program funding (\$1.0 million) and flood mapping (\$0.1 million), Land Services SA contract savings reversal (\$0.6 million), lodgement fee information technology costs (\$0.4 million).
- Depreciation and amortisation changes of \$1.0 million.

Additional income of \$1.4 million mainly relate to:

- Intra-government transfers increase of \$2.1 million due to major fee reforms impacting on private certifier, code amendment and lodgement fees, offset mainly by fee-related volume adjustments of \$0.9 million.

EPLANNING SYSTEM

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The council levy is a contribution towards the ongoing operational expenses of the ePlanning system and associated support costs.

The council levy is revised through the annual fees and charges process and subject to an annual increase at the consumer price index (CPI) rate approved by cabinet.

Financial Impacts

	2024-25 Budget \$'000	2025-26 Budget \$'000	2026-27 Budget \$'000	2027-28 Budget \$'000
Council Levy	1,895	1,943	1,991	2,041

Background

Councils are categorised and charged according to the table below. A three-year average of approved developments by council area determines the category and charge.

Fee Groupings	2024-25 Levy
Development Value >\$100m	77,300
Development Value >\$50m <\$100m	23,900
Development Value >\$10m <\$50m	7,900
Development Value <\$10m	—

PLANNING AND LAND USE SERVICES

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The stakeholder lists for country regional plans are created specifically for each planning region by planning and land use services and endorsed by the State Planning Commission. They are included in the engagement plans published on the PlanSA portal before engagement commences. All stakeholders contained in the lists will be contacted directly for their input and feedback.

The engagement plans for each country regional plan are accessible on the PlanSA portal via the following links:

- Eyre and Western Regional Plan:
https://plan.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/1135093/Eyre-and-Western-Regional-Plan-Engagement-Plan.pdf.
- Far North Regional Plan:
https://plan.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/1135094/Far-North-Regional-Plan-Engagement-Plan.pdf.
- Kangaroo Island Regional Plan:
https://plan.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/1135095/Kangaroo-Island-Regional-Plan-Engagement-Plan.pdf.
- Limestone Coast Regional Plan:
https://plan.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1135096/Limestone-Coast-Regional-Plan-Engagement-Plan.pdf.
- Murray Mallee Regional Plan:
https://plan.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1135097/Murray-Mallee-Regional-Plan-Engagement-Plan.pdf.
- Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan:
https://plan.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0015/1135104/Yorke-Peninsula-and-Mid-North-Regional-Plan-Engagement-Plan.pdf.

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The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The state government has invested \$3.818 million over three years to implement the ePlanning platform enhancements arising from the expert panel's planning system implementation review through the Mid-Year Budget Review released in December 2023.

As Minister for Planning, I have also committed \$450,000 to Planning and Land Use Services for the implementation of legislative and policy reforms arising from the Expert Panel's recommendations.

ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The Environment, Resources and Development Committee (ERDC) does not have a statutory role in considering amendment regulations (this is a function of the Legislative Review Committee of Parliament, pursuant to the Subordinate Legislation Act 1978) or bills to amend to the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 (the PDI Act).

However, the ERDC will have a role in considering any amendment to the Planning and Design Code (the code) in accordance with section 74 of the PDI Act. Section 74 of the PDI Act provides for parliamentary scrutiny of designated instruments (which includes the code, regional plans, design standards and state planning policies (SPPs) (with the exception of an SPP associated with a special legislative scheme)).

Section 74 of the PDI Act requires me, in my capacity as Minister for Planning, to refer a designated instrument to the ERDC within 28 days of it taking effect. This includes the initial preparation or amendment of a designated instrument. As such, all code amendments carried out in accordance with section 73 of the PDI Act go through this process.

Upon receipt of the designated instrument, the ERDC must consider whether it has any objections to what is proposed. In considering the designated instrument, the ERDC must pass one of three resolutions:

- Resolve that it does not object to the designated instrument.
- Resolve to suggest amendments to the designated instrument.
- Resolve to object to the designated instrument.

Pursuant to section 74(5) of the PDI Act, if it does not consider the designated instrument within 28 days of receipt, it will be 'conclusively presumed' the ERDC has no objections.

In the event that the ERDC resolves to object to a designated instrument, copies of that designated instrument must be laid before both houses of parliament. Either house of parliament may then pass a motion of disallowance to the designated instrument.

MURRAY BRIDGE

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (26 June 2024). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The South Australian government, through the Housing Infrastructure Planning and Development Unit (HIPDU), has been working with the Rural City of Murray Bridge (the council) to progress a pilot infrastructure scheme for the Murray Bridge township growth area.

Council has undertaken investigations to understand future growth across the city, with their structure plan being endorsed by council on 11 June 2024.

HIPDU and council have worked through detail for the next stage of investigations which are focused on specific infrastructure requirements for the growth area. These investigations will form part of the infrastructure scheme for the growth area.

HIPDU meet with council (as well as with representatives from Planning and Land Use Services) through a monthly steering committee meeting, as well as a fortnightly project working group meeting.

Current timelines for this work anticipate that the infrastructure scheme will be finalised in the first quarter of 2025.