

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

### Wednesday, 27 November 2024

**The SPEAKER (Hon. L.W.K. Bignell)** took the chair at 10:31.

**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:** I would like to begin by acknowledging that we have some visitors with us here in parliament today, the family and friends of Alex Dighton. The reason they are here will become perfectly clear to everyone in just a few moments. We have friends from the other place, Legislative Councillors, who have joined us here as well. We have the Hon. Reggie Martin and the Hon. Emily Bourke.

#### *Members*

#### **MEMBER FOR BLACK, NEW**

**The SPEAKER (10:32):** I have received the return of the writ issued by me for the election of a member to serve in the district of Black in place of the Hon. D.J. Speirs (resigned). Alex Edward Dighton has been certified to be duly elected for the district of Black. I invite the member for Black to come to the table and to take and subscribe the oath of allegiance.

Mr Alexander Edward Dighton, to whom the oath of allegiance was administered, took his seat in the house as member for the district of Black, in place of the Hon. D.J. Speirs (resigned).

**The SPEAKER:** Congratulations to the new member for Black. I would like to take this opportunity to place on the record our appreciation to Mick Sherry, the Electoral Commissioner, and all the staff who did a very good job in conducting the by-election over the past month or so.

#### *Bills*

#### **CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING FUND (APPLICATION OF FUND) AMENDMENT BILL**

#### *Introduction and First Reading*

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10:35):** Obtained leave and introduced a bill for an act to amend the Construction Industry Training Fund Act 1993. Read a first time.

#### *Second Reading*

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10:35):** I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

Skills shortages are the bane of a wide range of industry sectors at the moment and it is well established that the construction sector is one of our most important as we face a dual skills and housing crisis. The opposition has been listening to the people of South Australia. We have been listening to community, businesses and other stakeholders and working dutifully to assist in offering solutions to these challenges.

This bill is one such suggestion that has come about as a result of consultation with stakeholders and observation and analysis of the challenges at hand. This bill is supported by

stakeholders whom we have already consulted, and I am pleased to now present it to the parliament in the hope that it might attract bipartisan support over the summer and pass into law in February.

Let us look at what those stakeholders have said. Master Builders South Australia estimates that by November 2026, South Australia needs an additional 31,149 people to meet demand, including 14,685 tradespersons. Master Builders has said:

We believe that the Construction Industry Training Board has an important role to play in addressing the ongoing skills shortage.

The Construction Industry Board is funded by building and construction industry employers. Our longstanding position is that as much money as possible collected from the training levy should go to directly funding construction workers training. Whilst CITB may have many reasonable expenses that don't fit this definition, we think it is logical that as much money as possible set aside for industry training goes to that purpose.

Master Builders SA strongly supports as much money as possible being allocated to not just course funding, but employee incentives such as driving lessons, tool allowances and completion bonuses. It is becoming more and more difficult each year to attract young people to our industry.

South Australia has a massive infrastructure pipeline. We need to grow our workforce to keep up with demand, and so Master Builders SA would like to see as much of the CITB levy as possible directed to the training that is so badly needed.

The other significant stakeholder in the space of representing industry in the building sector, in building houses, is of course the Housing Industry Association. Their comment is:

Given the unprecedented demand for skilled construction workers, it's imperative that the maximum amount of funds available be directed to training and this includes to regional and rural areas.

This bill proposes two simple measures which will contribute to achieving the goals just described by the MBA and the HIA and supported by other industry groups with which the opposition has engaged, and will come at no additional cost to government, industry or taxpayers.

The first measure is to require that a minimum of 75 per cent of the revenue accumulated by the CITB be spent on training activities—a simple proposition. Businesses in the construction sector contribute tens of millions of dollars to the Construction Industry Training Fund every year for the purposes of supporting the training of their workforce; however, in recent months, we have increasingly heard frustrations from businesses and industry that insufficient priority is being given to this core duty.

The requirement for 75 per cent of revenue to be spent on training activities takes into account current activity. It is proposed as an eminently reasonable floor, below which the board should not sink. The only time in recent years that it has not been achieved was during the 2020-21 COVID year, an extraordinary year, when there were in fact legal impediments to all sorts of activities in society established under the emergency management framework, which of course would supersede this act, as it did so many others.

In that year, training spend increased, but not as much as the government support to keep businesses afloat. The percentage there is not a relevant one, because of course it included inputs that were never designed for that purpose. However, the typical year could be summarised in the 2021-22 year, when 85 per cent of revenue was spent on training: \$25.954 million income and \$22.149 million on training claims and apprentice incentives.

The following year that dropped, however. Income increased, but the training claims and apprentice incentives did not increase by anywhere near as much. It dropped to 78 per cent. We do not want to see that trend continue. This bill will help, instead, to ensure that industry and business money is spent on the purpose for which it is intended.

Noting that our skills shortages are particularly acute in rural and regional areas, this bill proposes that the minister be able to set a prescribed minimum percentage of revenue (from within that 75 per cent) that must be spent in regional South Australia. A specific percentage allocation for this is not identified in the bill, as we believe that it is within the ken of government and a minister acting in good faith to develop a credible, sufficiently ambitious figure that takes into account prevailing conditions, negotiated between industry, regional representatives, the training sector, the CITB and the minister themselves.

This aspect of the bill will, however, require them to do so. It will prioritise those conversations that need to be had about how we can better support our rural and regional areas. We trust that parties acting in good faith will be able to see growth delivered in regional training outcomes as a result of this mechanism, and ideally we could see this percentage grow over several years, as ministers have the opportunity to require of the sector that stretched ambition.

I note that commencement figures overall for construction trades workers have dropped since Labor came to power, from 1,565 in the year leading up to the election, down to 1,280 in the year leading up to March 2024, the most recent NCVER data that we have. It is an 18 per cent drop. The good news, I suppose you could say, if we were to have some, is that this is only an 18 per cent drop compared to some other industry sectors which have suffered more catastrophic declines: defence and hospitality, just to name two. However, each time the government talks about their response, which is to talk about the fractional improvements we have had in completion rates, they never acknowledge that these increases go nowhere close to replacing the radical drops in commencements.

The broader problem, though, is that this 18 per cent drop in commencements has come at the same time as radical skill shortages in the sector, with businesses also finding it increasingly difficult to attract skilled migrants to work in the sector as well. The MBA estimate I cited earlier, that by November 2026 we will need an additional 31,000 people to meet demand, including 14,685 tradespersons, is backed up by figures I shared last sitting week with the parliament from BuildSkills Australia's analysis, showing they believe the shortfall will grow to more than 47,000 by 2035 under current settings.

This bill is by no means the only mechanism that is required to address these challenging systemic issues and it is by no means the last that the opposition will have to say about these issues with our constructive suggestions and our optimistic alternative plan that we will be putting to the people of South Australia, but we do believe that it will make a contribution to the effort, and I commend it to the house.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Odenwalder.

*Parliamentary Procedure*

**SITTINGS AND BUSINESS**

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (10:44):** I move:

That the sitting of the house be suspended until 12 noon today.

Motion carried.

*Sitting suspended from 10:44 to 12:01.*

*Bills*

**SUMMARY OFFENCES (UNLAWFUL SELLING OF KNIVES) AMENDMENT BILL**

*Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 13 November 2024.)

**Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (12:01):** I move:

That this order of the day be postponed.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes .....	22
Noes.....	12
Majority .....	10

## AYES

Andrews, S.E.	Bettison, Z.L.	Boyer, B.I.
Brown, M.E.	Champion, N.D.	Clancy, N.P.
Close, S.E.	Cook, N.F.	Dighton, A.E.
Hildyard, K.A.	Hood, L.P.	Hutchesson, C.L.
Koutsantonis, A.	Michaels, A.	Odenwalder, L.K. (teller)
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. (teller)	Batty, J.A.	Brock, G.G.
Cowdrey, M.J.	Cregan, D.R.	Ellis, F.J.
Patterson, S.J.R.	Pederick, A.S.	Pratt, P.K.
Teague, J.B.	Telfer, S.J.	Whetstone, T.J.

## PAIRS

Stinson, J.M.	Hurn, A.M.	O'Hanlon, C.C.
Pisoni, D.G.	Mullighan, S.C.	Tarzia, V.A.
Fulbrook, J.P.	Gardner, J.A.W.	

Motion thus carried; order of the day postponed.

**PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES (ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE) AMENDMENT BILL***Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 10 April 2024.)

**Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (12:07):** I move:

That this order of the day be postponed.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes .....	24
Noes.....	13
Majority .....	11

## AYES

Andrews, S.E.	Bettison, Z.L.	Boyer, B.I.
Brown, M.E.	Champion, N.D.	Clancy, N.P.
Close, S.E.	Cook, N.F.	Dighton, A.E.
Hildyard, K.A.	Hood, L.P.	Hughes, E.J.
Hutchesson, C.L.	Koutsantonis, A.	Malinauskas, P.B.
Michaels, A.	Odenwalder, L.K. (teller)	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.	Cregan, D.R.	Ellis, F.J.
McBride, P.N.	Patterson, S.J.R.	Pederick, A.S.
Pratt, P.K.	Teague, J.B. (teller)	Telfer, S.J.

Whetstone, T.J.

PAIRS

Stinson, J.M.  
Pisoni, D.G.  
Fulbrook, J.P.

Hurn, A.M.  
Mullighan, S.C.  
Gardner, J.A.W.

O'Hanlon, C.C.  
Tarzia, V.A.

Motion thus carried; order of the day postponed.

**CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY COMMISSIONER BILL**

*Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 28 August 2024.)

**Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (12:14):** I move:

That this order of the day be postponed.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes .....22  
Noes.....13  
Majority .....9

AYES

Andrews, S.E.  
Champion, N.D.  
Cook, N.F.  
Hood, L.P.  
Koutsantonis, A.  
Pearce, R.K.  
Savvas, O.M.  
Wortley, D.J.

Bettison, Z.L.  
Clancy, N.P.  
Dighton, A.E.  
Hughes, E.J.  
Michaels, A.  
Piccolo, A.  
Szakacs, J.K.

Boyer, B.I.  
Close, S.E.  
Hildyard, K.A.  
Hutchesson, C.L.  
Odenwalder, L.K. (teller)  
Picton, C.J.  
Thompson, E.L.

NOES

Basham, D.K.B.  
Cowdrey, M.J.  
McBride, P.N.  
Pratt, P.K.  
Whetstone, T.J.

Batty, J.A. (teller)  
Cregan, D.R.  
Patterson, S.J.R.  
Teague, J.B.

Brock, G.G.  
Ellis, F.J.  
Pederick, A.S.  
Telfer, S.J.

PAIRS

Stinson, J.M.  
Pisoni, D.G.  
Fulbrook, J.P.

Hurn, A.M.  
Mullighan, S.C.  
Gardner, J.A.W.

O'Hanlon, C.C.  
Tarzia, V.A.

Motion thus carried; order of the day postponed.

**ELECTORAL (TELEPHONE VOTING) AMENDMENT BILL**

*Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 16 November 2022.)

**Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (12:19):** I move:

That this bill be withdrawn.

Motion carried; bill withdrawn.

#### *Motions*

### **PHONICS CHECKS**

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (12:24):** I move:

That this house notes the results of the year 1 phonics check this year and commends all of the educators, support staff, parents and children for the work they have done this year in their reading and learning.

It is with great pleasure that I rise to move the motion standing in my name. This is a motion that relates to the year 1 phonics check and the application of evidence-based measures to support our youngest learners in school in the development of their literacy capabilities.

Learning to read is one of the most foundational aspects of all education. It is not the only aspect of education: there is ensuring that our children's developmental needs are considered, ensuring our children are attending school and ensuring that children have access to a broad range of curriculum that will energise their interests, excite them and give them opportunities to learn, to flourish, to thrive and to find pathways to meaningful life outcomes. We want our education system to enable every young South Australian to be their best self and to fulfil their potential.

But, unless you effectively teach children, unless we effectively teach our children to read, all those other aspects of their education are either diminished or rendered incapable, certainly incapable of being fulfilled to their potential. Unfortunately, we have understanding in South Australia that this most prosperous of jurisdictions, by world and historical comparisons, is a jurisdiction where certainly there was a period when we were not putting our most effective resources towards the important goal of teaching our children and young people to read. It is no one specific person's fault. We each of us, as we go about our business—whether as politicians or teachers or any other aspect of society—have an opportunity every day to learn how to do things better, to use the evidence that we are given to best apply ourselves to whatever trade we are seeking to accomplish.

Unfortunately, when it came to teaching kids to read, for 20 or 30 years, or maybe even 40 years, the prevailing wisdom in academia was that a whole-language approach to the teaching of reading was more effective than looking at the evidence. What was seen as old-fashioned in the 1960s and 1970s, and indeed seen as ancient history in the 1980s and 1990s in our universities, was the teaching of phonics to children to be able to decode language and to be able to read the words in front of them, even if they were words that they had not previously encountered or even if they were words that were not accompanied by a picture that might give a clue or a cue as to how that word should be pronounced. That was the prevailing wisdom, and unfortunately we have had a couple of generations of people going through universities who were not given the best evidence base.

When I was appointed shadow minister for education in 2016, I was approached by a number of people. I sought a significant number of stakeholders' time as to how we could best help our children to get better outcomes. In that year, in 2016, our NAPLAN results—and I recognise NAPLAN is not the be-all and end-all; it is a snapshot in time, but it is a very useful snapshot in understanding how a system goes—had South Australia's students drifting backwards from the pack.

There are always reasons why a child might not prosper or might not thrive; but year on year in NAPLAN assessments, when every jurisdiction in Australia is undertaking the same test and you see South Australia's results diminishing year on year—and diminishing compared to other states year on year, as we were through the period from when I entered parliament in 2010 up until 2016 when I became shadow minister for education—you must ask yourself the question: why is this the case? Are we doing the best for our children, such as they deserve? The answer, very simply, was no, we were not. We were failing our children by failing to adopt the most effective, evidence-based techniques to teach them to read.

South Australian students consequently, I think it was in 2016, were last or second last in 16 out of the 20 categories in which NAPLAN was tested. We were behind Tasmania in a lot of these categories of all the states. I do not count the territories because of the small numbers that we are talking about there. South Australia was not doing well enough.

There is the Code Read Dyslexia Network, and there are people like Sandra Marshall from Dyslexia SA and people from SPELD, an outstanding organisation that still continues to this day since their institution some 40 or 50 years ago. SPELD is an organisation that advocates and also offers interventions, and supports government in its work for children with specific learning difficulties.

There were people at that time like Cathie Wilson, who was a former principal at Stradbroke Primary School in my local area and a chair of SPELD and Sandy Russo, a senior figure in SPELD at the time, who is now a learning intervention coach and tutor in my local area in Rostrevor. Stakeholders such as these, but also a number of others, highlighted the need for us to ensure that there was a rigorous and consistent approach to the use of phonics across our schools in South Australia, because unless we did that, then we were failing our children.

But they also consistently highlighted to me that the prevailing wisdom and the academic research was increasingly showing that the science of learning, the science of reading and evidence-based explicit instruction in the early years, when it came to particularly aspects of teaching children to read using approaches like synthetic phonics, was the most effective way to teach all children to read, especially for those with dyslexia and other learning difficulties.

Despite that, many of the teachers who had come through had never been effectively trained in it. Schools were often purchasing programs—and some of them very good programs—but unless taught effectively and rigorously were not having the desired impacts on students. I heard from SPELD that they were regularly called into schools to help them try to pick up their reading instruction and they might have been using a phonics-based program but not using it well and they were finding that they had to teach the teachers how to use the programs.

Meanwhile, in the UK we had a situation with the English government, the UK government, bearing in mind that Westminster has specific responsibility for England's schooling system, not the devolved Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland systems. In England, one of the aspects that was promoted to me by SPELD and by Dyslexia SA was this year 1 phonics check. A year 1 phonics check was a marker that would help particularly students, teachers in their classroom activity, help principals, leaders and indeed the teachers themselves to understand where a child was placed at in their phonics and would also be a signpost for systems, policymakers and those who are interested observers, journalists and the like, such as the good folk we have in our South Australian press corps.

They were signposts into how systems were going in teaching our youngest learners, because by the time a student's year 3 NAPLAN results come about, if they are identifying that a student is falling short in reading, the student is already eight years old and has already been at school for certainly 2½ years and in many cases 3½ years. Indeed, that is quite a late time to be starting an intervention that could be readily identified much earlier.

In the UK, in England when they started this phonics check, in the first year of results the results were very poor and that acted as a signpost for the system to improve their results. Indeed, over the subsequent decade those results have improved and what followed consequently—and not just as a result of phonics becoming the dominant methodology for teaching little children to read, but also through a rigorous evidence-based approach to the rest of the curricula and to the rest of teaching across English schools—was the international rankings, which again are a moment in time, a snapshot, but a very useful one, saw England's education system, having diminished from the top five and top 10 across reading and math some 20 years ago into the 20s and the 30s, had turned around. After 10 years of phonics, and as it is now, they are now back in the top five and back in the top 10 according to those measures.

I thought it was really important we have that opportunity in South Australia and we developed a suite of measures—we called it our Literacy Guarantee suite of measures—which we announced and took to the 2018 election. Steven Marshall had an ambition for South Australia to have the best schools in Australia. As I said many times as minister, we wanted every child in every classroom, no matter what suburb or town or city they lived in in South Australia, to have the best

opportunity to thrive, to succeed in life and to fulfil their potential. Getting the basics right in those early years is absolutely critical.

It included literacy coaches, who indeed through that Literacy Guarantee Unit have been providing direct coaching to teachers in schools, particularly where there is a deficit. It included school holiday programs, opportunities for teachers to upgrade their own professional development. It included the year 1 phonics check, and I was very pleased to again thank Nick Gibb when I spoke to him at a Centre for Independent Studies conference a few weeks ago when he was visiting Australia. I thanked him for the way the UK government had provided their check free of charge to South Australia to be able to adapt and use for our local needs. Indeed, it also included a range of other metrics.

One of the things the education department did that worked really well was providing resources to schools identifying best practice and helping those principals and year 1 teachers—and even better when you had a whole-school approach with buy-in from all of the teachers—enabling them to upgrade the way in which they were doing their work.

When we first implemented this, there was a trial that was conducted in 2017 at 50 schools. I have previously commended, and will again, the Deputy Premier, the former Minister for Education, for implementing that trial. It was very complementary and enabled us to move more quickly on our policy. It probably improved the speed by six months to 12 months in how we were able to then roll it out, because the findings of that trial, through some Flinders University research by Anne Bayetto amongst others, were able to identify a couple of adjustments to the English check that worked well for South Australian standards.

That trial was then able to be adapted into a full rollout, which we committed to in May 2017. I will also acknowledge that Labor committed two days before the 2018 election to doing the same. For what it is worth, James Sadler and the Xenophon party that were running at that time made that same commitment in between, so we have full bipartisan support for this approach now in South Australia. That approach over the last six years has helped back up the work of principals in schools, who have helped get teachers on board.

When we had the first check in 2018 in all schools, it is fair to say that a significant number of our teachers were sceptical. The union was sceptical. A large number of people of course had been plying their trade as they were taught in university, and they believed themselves to be doing the very best possible job. It is completely understandable they would feel that way. Many were surprised to discover a lower proportion of their students meeting the standard than they had expected. Across South Australia, only 43 per cent of our year 1 students met that standard in the first years—45 per cent in the metropolitan area, 36 per cent in the country, only 18 per cent in low SES communities, 21 per cent in Aboriginal communities and 14 per cent for students with a disability.

It was a wake-up call for them. Many responded in a way that made me so proud to be Minister for Education at the time: they looked for ways that they could do better. They took on board the training that was being offered. What we have been seeing since is these whole-school approaches, not just the phonics check and the interventions that it therefore allowed but also the way that whole schools across South Australia have changed their approach to the teaching of literacy.

Over subsequent years, we had a 9 per cent improvement in the first year and another 11 per cent in the second year. We have gone, over the six years of the checks up to last year, from 43 per cent to 71 per cent of our students achieving the benchmark. Even more impressive is the improvement in low-SES communities, from 18 per cent to 47 per cent. Aboriginal communities have improved from 21 per cent to 44 per cent, and students with a disability have improved from 14 per cent to 45 per cent.

What that demonstrates is that the students who are benefiting the most are actually the ones whose need was the most acute, and that benefit is something of which we can be proud. There is always more work to do. It cannot be assumed that, because the year 1 phonics check and the work that has been done to improve the teaching of reading for our year 1s has improved, that is the end of the story.



The government has recently introduced a numeracy check. It is a logical next step to do so, and I look forward to getting a briefing on how that numeracy check is working and whether it is exactly the right model, but it was always going to be the logical next step. The UK government followed its phonics check with a times tables check. The South Australian government has followed the phonics check with a numeracy check, and we will work with the government in a bipartisan way to fashion the best possible future way forward for that, I am sure.

It is also worth noting, though, that there are a range of challenges that the system confronts. Our NAPLAN results, having had that low point in 2016, were the fastest improving in the nation between 2017 and 2022. We overtook Tasmania, we overtook Queensland and we were catching up to Western Australia in everything other than year 9, where they put significant stakes on their NAPLAN tests.

We plateaued, I think it is fair to say, this year. It will be really interesting to see what the 2024 phonics check shows. Most of all, I want to congratulate all of the educators, the support staff, the parents and the children on the work they have done in their reading and learning this year. I am sure those phonics checks will be good, and I look forward to seeing the work that these young people and their educators do in the months and years ahead, because with a great education they can achieve anything.

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills) (12:39):** I rise to support this motion and acknowledge the words of the shadow minister. I am pleased to provide some comments of my own around both the importance of the phonics check to South Australian students over a number of years now and the results we have seen from that. I am sure it will greatly excite the member for Morialta that I have this year's data as well, which I will share with this place.

Perhaps there are a few things I could say before I do that about the importance of phonics. I agree with a lot of what the member for Morialta just said, particularly around what felt at the time like an endless debate we were in here in South Australia and elsewhere in Australia around whether or not phonics was something that was worthwhile of introduction and use in the South Australian context. We got past that debate, thankfully, when the then education minister did the trial and the member for Morialta continued the rollout in his time, to give them both credit for the work they did there.

It is remarkable to think there are still jurisdictions in this country of ours all those years later which, despite the great results we have seen from phonics (the data does not lie—it is clear around what the benefit has been), are still arguing about whether or not having phonics is something they should or should not do. I use this opportunity to suggest to those jurisdictions that they have a very close look at the South Australian experience with phonics and the results we have seen from that.

I will speak in a bit more detail soon around our new numeracy check that I announced just last week with the member for Newland at the Modbury South Primary School. Both those things should be taken as very strong evidence of how thoroughly we believe in the benefit of phonics and what it has done for South Australian students since the trial started in 2017 and the full rollout in 2018, but also that we are adopting the same kind of model in many respects for a year 1 numeracy check so that we can identify whether there are issues early in the piece with what is quite a simple but effective check or test or assessment—whatever you would like to call it. Then if that does identify some issues, that it is not at the expected standard mathematically or that it is vulnerable—however you want to describe it—then we add in that extra support really early in the piece.

What we definitely know, and what is certainly not up for debate in any state, territory in Australia or in any other country, is that the longer you leave it to address that stuff the harder it gets to fix it. The thing that has stuck with me is conversations I have had with high school principals but also adult community education providers around the incredible lengths some young adults will go to to hide the fact that they are illiterate or innumerate, and some can do that very well. But they often get to a point where it needs to be addressed. They might be in their early 20s and the task of addressing the failures of the years prior is an exponentially harder job than it would be had we put in the resources for that young person when they were in junior primary school and at the point at

which we should have identified that they were struggling with their literacy or numeracy. That is the real benefit of phonics, in my mind.

I have had my own three daughters all do the year 1 phonics check, so I got to see up close how that worked, and I had discussions with them and their teachers around the benefit of that. It certainly has my very strong endorsement as the current minister in South Australia. We have certainly continued that work. For instance, we have continued the role of the Literacy Guarantee Unit that the former government put in place. We have kept that because we think it is important.

The new South Australian Curriculum has a really strong focus—it is something that the chief executive, Martin Westwell, and I have focused on a lot and discussed a lot and something I was able to touch upon at the Premier's Reading Challenge reception just last week—on inspiring kids to find a love of reading. Of course, that is in some respects connected to, but different from, phonics and the ability to read and be literate, but it also fosters in young people an actual love of reading so that when they have time available to them they might actually choose to pick up a book instead of doing something else. That is a really strong feature of the new South Australian adapted curriculum.

We have continued the annual Literacy Summit. It will be back in person next year. We have been doing a rotation of that with the Numeracy Summit because we need to have a focus on both of those things. We think the summit is a good thing and that is why we have continued it, but our focus needs to be on both literacy and numeracy and for that reason we have added both and are rotating them. I can update the house today to say that the 2025 in-person Literacy Summit will have a focus on the development of oral language and its importance to all the other aspects of literacy, including reading.

As I said before, I was at the Premier's Reading Challenge recently. That still goes strong after many years of operation. I would imagine that for members in this place, their own kids may have been involved. I know the member for King's and the member for Davenport's children have been involved in the Premier's Reading Challenge. It is important. It is an added tool in the toolkit for parents and educators to get kids to pick up a book or find a series of books that they might like.

That is what we have done with our kids; I think it is *Wolf Girl* in our house at the moment. From what I can see, there are about 500 of those in the series, but the fact that our daughters have found them interesting and have sequels to read after it is a really fantastic thing because they look forward to finishing the book and getting onto the next one, and of course the Premier's Reading Challenge was the way they were introduced to that. I think after all the years of that challenge it maintains its importance.

We have updated reception to year 2 phonics and spelling scope and sequence resources. The resources include progress monitoring tools, card decks to support instruction, and independent tasks to support students to apply their knowledge and skills. It is important that, despite the success of phonics over a number of years now, we continue to refresh the resources to make sure that they are as good as they possibly can be.

I might just now move on to the results for this year. I know everyone is waiting with bated breath. Again, we have seen 70 per cent of all students who actively participated in the check scoring at or above the expected achievement score, on par with 2023. In 2018—I think the member for Morialta used this data as well—43 per cent of year 1 students were able to correctly decode 28 words or more. The 2024 results represent an improvement of 27 percentage points since back then in 2018. This is a really significant improvement and 11,884 year 1 students actively took part, which is great.

I might quickly refer back to the numeracy check, because the data is eerily similar in terms of what I just spoke about in the check of 2018 with 43 per cent of year 1 students able to correctly decode 28 words or more. In the survey of sorts of, I think, more than 5,000 students that was conducted when Susan Close, the member for Port Adelaide, was minister, from memory it found that 58 per cent of those who did the assessment were not meeting the expected standard.

The almost identical survey that we did that led to the announcement of the numeracy check, 7,000 students across 95 schools, found that when it came to maths 60 per cent were not meeting the expected standard. Again, we find ourselves in similar territory where once we actually do the

hard work of digging down—instead of a kind of vague 'finger in the air' sense of where things are in the system—we see some actual hard, solid data around where individual kids are at. I might say that to me has always been the benefit of NAPLAN, which is sometimes glossed over, and that is that it is a real asset to parents as well as the school in terms of getting an individualised idea of where their child might be at.

To finish off, the results are strong again. It is something that we are absolutely committed to maintaining, refreshing and keeping relevant, but it has also really informed last week's announcement about introducing a numeracy check for all year 1 students from the start of the 2026 school year.

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (12:49):** I thank the minister for his comments and agree with many of his sentiments. I thank the minister for updating the house as to the 2024 phonics check results. With, unfortunately, 70 per cent of students at the mark, I think we can keep improving. Last year it was 71 per cent, so it is broadly the same—there is a statistical glimmer of difference—but what we would hope to see is continued improvement because if our advantaged schools are at 80 per cent, there is no reason they cannot be at 90 per cent or 95 per cent.

There are schools with socio-economic disadvantage in this state that are achieving 80 per cent, 85 per cent, 90 per cent. I remember visiting places like Noarlunga Downs, Woodville Gardens or Salisbury North, schools where the staff were so proud of their achievements, as they had improved from it might have been 20 per cent, 30 per cent, 40 per cent in the first year, to within a few years being above 60 per cent, 70 per cent, 80 per cent. Seventy per cent of our year 1 students being at the mark is much better than we were when we embarked upon this bipartisan journey. It cannot be the end point that we find acceptable.

The minister detailed some of the work that continues. I acknowledge that the government has kept some of the policy interventions we put in place, the Literacy Guarantee coaches and the literacy day. A lot of those measures and the resources have been important and continue to be important. I think perhaps one of the signposts that the results the minister just outlined suggests that it is not an appropriate time to declare mission accomplished on rigorously improving all of our schools' approaches to early years literacy. There is clearly opportunity for further improvement.

The tyranny of low expectations that might be visited upon students who are in schools that have not yet achieved the bar should be countered with the optimism and the courage to consider that there are schools that have seen dramatic improvement from numbers in the teens or the 20s, through to the 70s, 80s and potentially even 90s. It is an opportunity for the minister in the work that he does over the next year and a half—until obviously he is replaced by a future Liberal minister—to burnish his reputation with that continued improvement.

Obviously these checks are relevant for our public schools and our non-government schools, who have the checks made available to them. Some of them use them and some of them do not. We are able to talk about the public system when we talk about these checks. The opportunity is there to reinforce and reinvigorate the value of this work.

I think that it is not for lack of the resources being available in this case. I think that the minister and the chief executive have ensured that the resources remain available, and I commend them for that. I think it is a matter of focus, and there is an opportunity for some schools potentially to have a look at their results and think to themselves: 'Is this something that we can do better? Is this an opportunity for us to reach out to the Literacy Guarantee Unit and see how they can help us improve our work? Are there things that we can be doing differently?'

I know it has been an extraordinarily complex time for schools. The pandemic presented its own challenges, but in that 2022 school year when the department was dealing with teachers or students being sick, there were changing regulations, as is natural as we were coming out of the pandemic and resuming normal life, in many ways as our community resumed a level of normality that they had been yearning for for two years, our schools went from being the most stable places in our community to some of the most destabilised in that 2022 school year. There were teachers and students being sick, being out of school, being in school.

There are many factors that have resulted in a teacher shortage that we are now dealing with, but we have hundreds of teaching students who are working in our schools as well, so I recognise that there are many causes for disruption. These phonics checks are welcome, these phonics check results are to be welcomed. It is not a significant deterioration: it is 1 per cent. I do not want to overstate it by any means.

It is a glad piece of news that we are still above 70 per cent, but it is also an excellent opportunity to re-energise our focus on our children's literacy, because very few things, if any, are more important in enabling them to fully grasp and succeed in their curriculum. Once again, thank you to the minister and to all of the educators, families and especially the students for the work they have done in their learning this year.

Motion carried.

### PROBUS MONTH

**Mrs PEARCE (King) (12:55):** I move:

That this house—

- (a) acknowledges that Probus Month is held throughout the month of October and coincides with the Week of Ageing Well from 1 to 7 October;
- (b) notes that the theme of this year's Probus Month is 'Celebrating community and companionship';
- (c) acknowledges the amazing work of the 141 Probus clubs across South Australia, of which 69 clubs operate across regional SA, and in total represent a membership of over 6,800 members;
- (d) notes the importance of both the Week of Ageing Well and Probus Month for both promoting community connection, the importance of older people in our community, and supporting ageing well; and
- (e) acknowledges all social and service clubs throughout South Australia for their work in promoting the mental health and wellbeing of their members through providing a sense of belonging and connection to community.

I seek to note the incredibly important role that Probus clubs play in communities all across our state thanks to their incredible efforts in bringing people together through the promotion of connection and friendship. We know that loneliness is detrimental to one's mental and physical wellbeing. It has been linked to premature death, poor physical and mental health, greater psychological distress and general dissatisfaction with life, and as recently as 2022 it was described as one of the most pressing public health priorities in Australia.

Fortunately there are preventative measures that can be taken to help tackle this issue, which include maintaining active relationships through community organisations, which is exactly where Probus comes into play. Probus clubs are non-political non-fundraising groups that promote a network of like-minded individuals who are all eager to share their time, their experiences and friendship, meeting regularly across a range of activities and events.

Around the world you will find Probus operating in 23 countries thanks to its establishment in 1966 through the Rotary Club of Caterham. Australia would follow 10 years later, in 1976, with the formation of the Probus Club of Hunters Hill, with Probus finally finding its home here in South Australia in 1981 with the very first SA Probus club, the Probus Club of Brighton and Glenelg, being established. Since then we have become home to 141 Probus clubs across the state: 72 in metropolitan Adelaide and, just as importantly, 69 across our regions, all hosting a combined membership of over 6,800 people.

I have had the great joy of experiencing firsthand the power of Probus and the positive impact it can have on a community thanks to my local Probus club, Golden Grove Probus. They exemplify the spirit of connection and friendship and are a testament to the values Probus can bring to a community. Members go to great lengths to support one another and create opportunities for engagement with one another that span across a wide range of interests.

There is always something in the calendar ready to bring people together, be it cultural outings, visits to historical venues, shared lunches and entertainment events, group activities and so

on. Probus is not short of events to keep their membership engaged, with numerous opportunities to forge and strengthen friendships within the group.

They have actually even visited this parliament, and some will be in here a little later today. I must say it was absolutely the greatest pleasure to be able to share this place with them earlier this year with the member for Newland, although I must say that Dr Weste was absolutely the star of the show during the tour as we wandered through the parliamentary library, and rightly so. It was so much the case that when we caught up with Probus after that day they asked whether in the future we could have one just for the library and then another one just for parliament. There is just so much to see and discover and discuss within this building that we can be proud of as South Australians.

October is a very special month for the Probus community, as it marks Probus Month. It is a time to celebrate the Probus movement and the friendships that have been forged by all who have become part of the Probus community. The inaugural Probus Day celebration was held just four years ago on 1 October 2020 and now extends to a whole month of celebrations, with the United Nations International Day of Older Persons marking the beginning of festivities for the month.

Also kicking off in conjunction with the United Nations International Day of Older Persons is our own Week of Ageing Well, which this year celebrated the diversity of older South Australians and their contributions to our society and also highlighted the opportunities for older South Australians to connect, supporting them to live happy and meaningful lives. In alignment with this year's Probus Month theme, the Office for Ageing Well's theme was 'Celebrating community and companionship', very fitting when one considers that this is at the very core of what the Probus club movement seeks to deliver.

Throughout South Australia there are many opportunities for people to get involved in service clubs, with each in their own way promoting the mental health and wellbeing of their members through providing a sense of belonging and connection to community. Whether it is through Rotary clubs, Lions clubs—

Debate adjourned.

*Sitting suspended from 13:00 to 14:00.*

#### *Petitions*

### **GOODWOOD ROAD SCHOOL CROSSING**

**Ms STINSON (Badcoe):** Presented a petition signed by 403 residents of South Australia requesting the house to urge the government to take immediate action to improve the safety of the Goodwood Road school crossing by implementing a timer counting down the time to a red signal on the pedestrian actuated crossing and to implement a time-based speed limit of 40 km/h for vehicles through the crossing.

#### *Parliamentary Procedure*

### **ANSWERS TABLED**

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

### **STATE FIRST NATIONS VOICE ADDRESS**

**The SPEAKER (14:06):** I lay on the table the minutes of proceedings of the joint sitting of the two houses held today to receive an address from the State First Nations Voice.

### **PAPERS**

The following papers were laid on the table:

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

Annual Reports 2023-24—

Ambulance Service, South Australian

Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board

Health Advisory Council Annual Reports 2023-24—

Ceduna District  
 Country Health Gift Fund  
 Lower Eyre  
 Mid West  
 Millicent and Districts  
 Mount Gambier and Districts  
 Murray Bridge Soldiers Memorial Hospital  
 Port Augusta, Roxby Downs, Woomera  
 Port Broughton District  
 Port Pirie  
 Quorn Health Services  
 Renmark Paringa District  
 Southern Flinders  
 Waikerie and Districts  
 Whyalla Hospital and Health Services  
 Yorke Peninsula  
 Local Health Network Annual Reports 2023-24—  
 Eyre and Far North  
 Flinders and Upper North  
 Northern Adelaide

By the Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs (Hon. A. Michaels)—  
 Club One—Annual Report 2023-24

By the Minister for Arts (Hon. A. Michaels)—  
 Annual Report 2023-24—  
 Carrick Hill Trust—  
 JamFactory Contemporary Craft and Design Inc  
 State Opera South Australia  
 State Theatre Company of South Australia.

*Parliamentary Committees*

**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (14:07):** I bring up the 54<sup>th</sup> report of the committee.  
 Report received.

**Mr ODENWALDER:** I bring up the 55<sup>th</sup> report of the committee.  
 Report received and read.

*Question Time*

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:10):** My question is to the Premier. What salary for the Premier's new executive director, Government Advertising and Insights Hub, does the Premier say would pass the pub test? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** On 22 November—

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Point of order: the leader is asking for an opinion of the Premier rather than a question seeking an answer.

**The SPEAKER:** If the leader could perhaps rephrase the question.

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** Certainly, sir. My question is to the Premier. What salary for the Premier's new executive director, Government Advertising and Insights Hub, is appropriate? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** If I can't ask that, sir—I mean, really.

**The SPEAKER:** Maybe just have one more go, and when you seek leave, maybe include some of—

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** My question is to the Premier. What is the salary being offered for the Premier's new executive director, Government Advertising and Insights Hub, and what would pass the pub test? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** On 22 November, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet advertised a position for executive director, Government Advertising and Insights Hub, with a salary range of up to \$429,104. The Premier conceded this morning on AM radio that the proposed salary for this new spin doctor doesn't pass the pub test.

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:12):** I thank the Leader of the Opposition for his question. As the Leader of the Opposition is well aware, the government frequently advertises for a range of positions in executive levels of government. They are advertised with salary bands—that's standard operating procedure. I think there is more than one position that has been recently advertised in that regard from within government, including from within DPC.

I think the other example was the DPC is currently in the process of employing or recruiting a new strategic director of arts (an arts director), an executive director, and I think that has the same SAES 2 band that has been referred to, a SAES 2 band that is essentially consistent with the same SAES 2 band range that was applied throughout the entirety of the former government.

The Leader of the Opposition quite reasonably asked a question about this yesterday and I explained, and I am happy to reiterate, that this is actually an exercise within government to consolidate the government advertising functions across various agencies within government. We have been a rather disciplined government when it comes to expenditure within the public sector, being able to deliver three budget surpluses thus far, and we would like to, as best as we possibly can, maintain that trajectory.

One of the ways we have been able to achieve that is by deploying substantial savings across a range of agencies and various efficiencies where we can, and we don't think government advertising should be any exception. In fact, to that end, over the last financial year there has been an 18 per cent reduction of \$7.9 million that we have been able to achieve in respect of government advertising, as those opposite would be aware.

More than that, the inquiry from the opposition has invited some scrutiny over what past practice has been in this regard. I note that in 2021, under the leadership of the former Liberal government, an executive director of strategic communications was employed within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and guess what the salary band was? It was the SAES 2 salary band that applied to the exact same role with the same salary band—in fact, adjustment for inflation that was higher than what was the case in the advertisement that the Leader of the Opposition referred to. What's most interesting about this is for the—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members on my left will come to order! The leader, you have asked your question. Please stop with the repetitive interjections.

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS:** The director of strategic communications who was employed and who presumably wasn't part of a consolidation efficiency-saving exercise, was at the same SAES 2 band level, but the difference between then and now, apart from that band being less if you adjust for inflation, is, of course, the fact that it wasn't a merit-based appointment. It wasn't an open selection process. The difference between the policy being applied by this government versus

the former government has nothing to do with the salary band but has to do with the open merit-based appointment process that this government is going through. We have this side of the house executing a policy to realise savings across government advertising, across a whole range of agencies, asking someone to head that up and that person to be merit appointed through a competitive selection process, which is very different from that deployed by those opposite.

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:17):** Supplementary: does the salary amount of \$299,999.99 pass the pub test?

**The SPEAKER:** That's not a supplementary question. I am not sure that the Premier is responsible for what happens in pubs and the discussions that happen in pubs.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Point of order. I point out that questions cannot seek opinions of ministers.

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:17):** My question is to the Premier. Does the Premier support establishing a cross-party committee of parliament to approve government advertising?

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:17):** No, we have seen what the world looks like when those opposite have anything to do with government advertising. We all know what that looks like so why on earth—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Morphett, the member for Heysen, the leader and the member for Morialta, you are all on your final warnings.

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS:** We all remember the multimillion dollar campaign of the Building What Matters exercise that we had from the former government. Building what matters? Building nothing at all. That's what the former government was advertising: building nothing at all. We had ads talking about what would get built maybe one day but no-one actually building anything. So we know what the world looks like when you are in charge of advertising, so no. Something tells me that this government doesn't want you anywhere near that responsibility in the future.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Hammond, you're on your final warning. Members on my right will also come to order.

#### COP29

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:18):** My question is to the Premier. Does the Premier support the action taken by the federal Labor government at COP29? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

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

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** We can't ask about that either?

**The SPEAKER:** The Leader of Government Business with a point of order.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** That question without an explanation is indecipherable. Questions should be plain and should not require an explanation. Without an explanation, that question is unanswerable.

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** Point of order, sir. The leader of the house has used that as an attempted point of order on a number of occasions, which you have often ruled out of order. In this case, it's also nonsensical. He is making a straw man. The question as it stands does benefit from an explanation, but it doesn't even require it necessarily. The member is making a bogus point of order.



**The SPEAKER:** If there's a bogus point of order, I am not sure it came from that side of the chamber, member for Morialta. I will ask the leader to rephrase the question.

**The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner:** On what basis, sir?

**The SPEAKER:** On the basis that there needs to be some more information in the question.

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** Sir, if it's a broad question, it might be a broad answer which you might also permit, with your guidance.

**The SPEAKER:** Leader, rephrase the question.

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** The question was: does the Premier support action taken by the federal Labor government at COP29? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

**The SPEAKER:** It's the same question.

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** What is the issue with the question? I am just trying to understand.

**The SPEAKER:** Which action did the federal government take?

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** So, I am asking if the explanation—

**The SPEAKER:** Which action are you talking about? I asked you to rephrase the question.

**The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner:** Have you seen the way they do government questions, sir? 'Can you update the house on X.'

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Morialta will leave the chamber until the end of question time.

*The honourable member for Morialta having withdrawn from the chamber:*

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** Can the Premier provide an update to action taken by the federal Labor government at COP29? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

**The SPEAKER:** It's the same question that I have asked you to rephrase.

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** I have changed the question.

**The SPEAKER:** I am going to move on to the member for MacKillop for a question.

#### **PATIENT ASSISTANCE TRANSPORT SCHEME**

**Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (14:21):** My question is to the health minister. Can the minister give an update on the wait times for the processing of Patient Assistance Transport Scheme claims? With your leave, Mr Speaker, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr McBRIDE:** Earlier this month, in the house, the minister said that work was underway to process claims more quickly. PATS staff are still saying there is six to eight weeks turnaround, and this is apparently still too long.

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:21):** I thank the member for MacKillop for his question and for his interest in this important topic for members of his community, but also other regional communities across the state of note. The crossbench are always asking very pertinent questions in terms of healthcare services for their local communities, different to some other questions that we get in the house.

PATS, of course, is a very important scheme and this government has made very significant changes to improve the payments that people are receiving, particularly by doubling the fuel rebates that people have received—the biggest change in the PATS scheme for 20 years. That has led to more people claiming for PATS, which has put pressure on the team, no doubt, in terms of those timeframes.

As I outlined to the member before, we are putting in extra resources in terms of the processing. An additional two FTE were being recruited to the PATS team. I am advised that, as of now, one of those staff members has commenced and the other will be commencing within the next

two weeks. These additional staff members will help, obviously, in terms of reducing those timeframes.

Other improvements being implemented include temporary staff who are helping free up the time of assessors by answering phone calls, two FTEs from other teams are also being provided for three months to PATS to assist the current applications and a quick claims assessment process has been introduced, where the team leader is able to review bulk claims on the system and provide payment to simple straightforward applications that can be quickly assessed.

So there has been a strategy and this has run through the Rural Support Service, which is the old offshoot of what was Country Health SA. It now sits within the Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network as an administrative arm, but has a committee of governance that has a chair, whom I have corresponded with, and made sure that they know the importance of addressing these areas in terms of improvements of the processing time.

I am pleased to be able to report that we have seen some improvements in those processing times. These are the online claims assessments—not all the paper claims—but for people who have submitted online. If you look back to the week starting 3 October, at that stage there were 822 people who had been waiting over six weeks for their claims. In the most recent week that we have the data for, I am advised, starting 14 November, that was down to three. So that's a substantial improvement in terms of those people waiting over six weeks, albeit that is for the online claims. There may be others who have submitted paper claims.

They have also significantly improved the number of payments that they are making every week. If you go back to the week of 3 October, that week there were 562 claims that were processed and payments made in that week. If you look at the most recent week, the week starting 14 November, that has skyrocketed over that period to 1,637 processes that were paid out in that week, so there has been substantial improvement in terms of the payments being made. We hope to see more improvements as those additional staff come onboard, because we know it is important, particularly as people face cost-of-living concerns and also their healthcare concerns, to get these payments made in a timely way.

### NUCLEAR ENERGY

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:25):** My question is to the Premier. What is the state government's policy on nuclear energy and is it consistent with the approach taken by the federal government at COP29? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** David Penberthy said in *The Australian* last week in relation to the federal government's action at COP29 and I quote:

It puts Australia in a kind of energy dunce's corner away from so many liberal democracies which have realised and are showing that nuclear is a valuable and affordable part of the energy mix in achieving a decarbonised future. You could only defend the status quo on energy in Australia if you are completely inured to cost-of-living concerns. Federal Labor are 'embarrassing themselves and they are damaging our state'.

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:25):** I have been on the record about my views on nuclear energy for many, many years—in fact, going back long before I was in this parliament—and it is a position that I have held consistently ever since, and my colleagues at a federal level are well aware of it. With respect to the various range of opinions that we see coming from those opposite on the nuclear energy debate and what it means for the people of Australia in terms of cost, it is an interesting point because it strikes me as somewhat absurd that the proponents of nuclear energy from the Coalition talk about how we need to have nuclear energy because it will reduce costs, yet the only cost that has not been released is from the Coalition themselves and what the cost of their nuclear energy policy is.

Just think this through for a second. How can you argue as a party of government and the alternative prime minister of the country that you are going to reduce power bills through having nuclear energy and then when people ask, 'Well what is the cost of that nuclear energy?' you say, 'Well I don't know, I can't tell you.' There are two things I would say to that: either the federal Leader

of the Opposition knows what the cost of nuclear power is and will not tell people, which begs the question why not, or two, he announced a policy without knowing what the cost is.

This is the conservative party of government in this country and they purport to represent economic responsibility. I cannot imagine a John Howard standing up before the people of Australia and saying, 'I want to talk to you about costs, but I am not going to tell you what the costs are.' I just cannot imagine something so reckless, let alone a policy that says a conservative government, if elected, will have a state-owned intervention into power generation in a privately owned market. 'We are going to have a state-run intervention, it is going to reduce costs but we are not going to tell you what the cost is.' It is unbelievable.

How does that compare with respect to this government's position and my position? My position is this: nuclear power does have a role to play in decarbonisation globally. There is no prospect of net zero being achieved, or the Paris targets being achieved globally without nuclear power playing a role. That is consistent with South Australia's interests, given the fact that we are home to an economic uranium mine that exports to the civil industry globally. So we are quite comfortable with the prospect of a civil nuclear industry globally—in fact, we support it. In terms of an Australian context, our simple response is this: there is no evidence of nuclear power being an economic proposition in an Australian context.

You do not have to take my view about that, you simply only have to look at all the independent analysis that has been conducted by a range of organisations, including the CSIRO, amongst others, who make it clear that nuclear power in the Australian context doesn't stack up economically. Until such time as that changes, I am not too sure why we would be debating it.

#### POWER PRICES

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:29):** My question is to the Premier. Will the COP31 conference reduce power prices for South Australians and, if so, how? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** The Australian Energy Regulator's wholesale markets quarterly report has shown that power prices in South Australia have skyrocketed by 35 per cent in the last three months, making us once again the most expensive jurisdiction for power bills in the nation.

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:30):** The Minister for Energy is equipped to go into the detail about some of the inaccuracies and the misleading nature of the Leader of the Opposition's question, but the question was put to me, 'Is a conference in Azerbaijan going to reduce power prices in South Australia?' I think that question speaks for itself.

#### ADELAIDE 500

**Mrs PEARCE (King) (14:30):** My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier update the house on the 2024 Adelaide 500?

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:30):** I am very happy. The last time the parliament met a couple of weeks ago, the Leader of the Opposition made it clear that there is a sentiment—to which you are entitled; it is a democracy; it is a sentiment to which you are entitled in a liberal democracy—that the Liberal Party retain a sentiment of opposition and derision towards the Adelaide 500, and that's fine. I have to say, I think it was prescient—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members on my right will come to order.

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS:** I think it was prescient that you had the honesty and the integrity to nail your colours to the mast in the lead-up to a by-election so that the people of Black could make an informed decision.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Unley with a point of order.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** The Premier was asked a question about the Clipsal 500 but is actually talking about the Liberal Party.

**The SPEAKER:** I don't think it has been called the Clipsal 500 for a few years now, but a nice little flashback here in question time today.

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS:** I wasn't able to get to the Adelaide 500 on the Saturday because I think most people in this place had other commitments, but I did—

*The Hon. D.G. Pisoni interjecting:*

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS:** And again; he's at it again.

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS:** He's at it again.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Unley will leave the chamber for the rest of question time. He can spend some time in the pits and we will see him back here for grievances. You will be missed.

*The honourable member for Unley having withdrawn from the chamber:*

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS:** The Adelaide 500 was last weekend and I've got to say that, notwithstanding the legitimate cost-of-living challenges that we see evidence of around the country, amazingly South Australians were able to support the event in a way that was exceptionally strong and exceeded expectations. In fact, in terms of economic benefit, we saw a \$61.6 million benefit to the South Australian economy in 2023, and that was higher than was the case in 2022.

What I am very pleased to report is that over the course of the weekend we saw a crowd—across the four days I should say—of 259,400. Most pleasingly, though, we saw the economic benefit increase in 2023 on top of 2022. We will wait to see what the 2024 numbers are but, critically, numbers that aren't measured by the government—this is measured independently of government by the industry, and I know the Minister for Tourism pays a lot of attention to this—are the RevPAR numbers, revenue per available room in Adelaide, publicly available data from the industry itself.

What that showed is that on Thursday night revenue per available hotel room in Adelaide, despite the growing volume of stock—so stock is up—increased by 34 per cent from the same time last year. It was 34 per cent on Thursday night, 29 per cent on Friday night, 29 per cent on Saturday night and 31 per cent across the four days. So revenue per available room across the four days was up 31 per cent. What does that mean? That means more money coming from outside of our state inside to our state for South Australian small and medium businesses. That is good news. That is why we brought the Adelaide 500 back, and that's why for as long as this government is around we will make sure it stays.

## HYDROGEN PLANT

**Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (14:35):** My question is to the Premier. Will the hydrogen plant be delivered on time and on budget? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr PATTERSON:** Prior to the 2022 state election, Labor promised to build their \$593 million hydrogen facility by December 2025.

**The Hon. V.A. Tarzia:** You don't need notes.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:35):** Everyone needs notes; we are all human. It is fair to say that every infrastructure program in the state is facing complexities. This project is no different. As the Premier said earlier this week, we are in procurement for the Hydrogen Jobs Plan. That procurement is not yet completed. When it does complete, we will make a full and frank statement to the public about our expectations.

We are committed to building a hydrogen facility in the Upper Spencer Gulf. We are committed to building a brand-new generator. That generator is critical. That generator has been mentioned by AEMO as being a critical piece of infrastructure. When members opposite privatised the back-up generators the previous Weatherill government bought, we saw displacement within the

grid. We saw our thermal capacity drop and no new capacity in the system, which means that we are now short. What we have also seen, through the former government's pressing of the interconnection to New South Wales, is more generation come off the system, so these pieces of infrastructure are critical and we are determined to deliver them.

#### HYDROGEN PLANT

**Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (14:36):** My question is to the Premier. When will the government sign the final contracts for the hydrogen plant? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr PATTERSON:** The Office of Hydrogen Power Chief Executive, Sam Crafter, told the Budget and Finance Committee that final contracts for the hydrogen plant will be signed by the end of the year. However, the Premier on ABC radio yesterday refused to commit to this timeline.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:37):** We will sign those contracts once the procurement is complete.

#### HYDROGEN PLANT

**Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (14:37):** My question—

*Members interjecting:*

**Mr PATTERSON:** Don't worry; hold on, I've got plenty. I want to get them in order. My question is to the Minister for Energy and Mining this time. How many B-doubles per day will be required to truck in gas to the hydrogen plant?

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:37):** I have never met an opposition that is more confused about its identity than the one sitting opposite. Either they are a pro-gas, pro-energy—

**The Hon. S.E. Close:** Pro-nuclear.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** —pro-nuclear, pro-coal-fired power, pro-anything that emits carbon into the atmosphere party, or they are not. I have to say, despite all the interjections, I saw the social media page of the SA Liberal Party boasting about deferring a piece of legislation in the upper house that would keep thermal generation in the National Electricity Market longer—about deferring that and then boasting about it—and now today complaining about diesel. I have to say the identity of the Liberal Party is—

**Mr TEAGUE:** Point of order.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** It's the KC.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Heysen with a point of order.

**Mr TEAGUE:** Standing order 98: he is debating the point. It's a simple question: how many trucks—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members on my right!

**Mr TEAGUE:** It might be single digits, double digits.

**The SPEAKER:** Sorry, member for Heysen. I call members on my right to order. I can't hear the member for Heysen with his point of order. The member for Heysen, you will be heard in silence.

**Mr TEAGUE:** Standing order 98: the minister is debating it. It's a simple question. He should answer it.

**The SPEAKER:** Minister, come back to the point, thank you.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** If he can't convince his peers, how can he convince us? The number of B-doubles that will be required will depend in turn on how much gas availability will be in the lateral from Pirie across to Whyalla. That is to be determined. We are in the market for procurement. We believe that gas startup is important. It also gives us a bit of redundancy.

The great thing about the generators that we bought from General Electric is that these generators operate on gas and hydrogen—100 per cent gas or 100 per cent hydrogen or a blend. That is the great thing about aeroderivative generators and the technology that General Electric has. I know it is a foreign concept to members opposite: freight moves using trucks, trucks use diesel, freight is not a dirty word.

**Mr Patterson:** Supplementary, sir.

**The SPEAKER:** We will see if it is a supplementary.

#### HYDROGEN POWER STATION

**Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (14:40):** What year and what month will this power station run on green hydrogen?

**The SPEAKER:** That is a new question. The last question was about how many trucks or B-doubles and this one is a different question. We might move over to the member for Narungga. We can come back to you in a minute.

#### GYNBURRA FESTIVAL

**Mr ELLIS (Narungga) (14:40):** My question is to the Minister for Tourism. Will the minister commit to funding the Gynburra Festival at Port Victoria? With your leave and that of the house, sir, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr ELLIS:** The Gynburra Festival is an annual festival celebrating the Narungga people and their traditions and customs and it is an expensive proposition to run, with the organiser having to fork out his own money some years to cover costs.

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (14:41):** I was really pleased that you wrote to me about this situation, and I have recently responded. Obviously, Garry Goldsmith does a great job. I know Garry. His son goes to school with my son in the northern suburbs. He is very proud of this festival, this event, that is based around a fishing competition, but of course also talks about culture and traditions in Port Victoria in January. He asked and you have asked about regional event funding. That is a competitive process to go through that has very strict criteria and it goes through a panel.

One of the key things we want to do is look at new and innovative events and we also want to look at events that are drawing people in. As I understand it, currently we are looking at events that would attract more than 500 people. However, we are coming up for another round of regional event funding. This year, it has supported 37 different events around our great state. I have suggested through the member for Narungga that Garry and his team have a conversation with the Tourism Commission because, while we have these strict criteria, I think it is always worth having that conversation, having a diversity of events and having events that speak to many different parts of who we are, whether it be regionality, food and wine or culture. These are all really important things.

I think it would be really important to understand what the barrier is here. Is it the amount of people who are coming and maybe with a little bit of extra marketing that is something that could be overcome? It is something we would like to look at and I am pleased to also say to people that in mid-December that will go out again for people to apply for regional events. When I look around the chamber here, people have approached me for different events over different times. As I said, it is competitive because we want to make sure we have new events coming in. We want to make sure we have a variety of events that we have happening as well.

There is an information session that will be held before we actually go out to run this competitive process, so I would say to anyone here who has different events in their regional area

who may not get regional event funding now, it is something to consider. Particularly, there were quite a few events that stopped during COVID. I talked to the member for MacKillop about his Taste the Limestone Coast event that came back but needed a little bit of extra support to make sure it came back at its full capacity.

There is no doubt at all that we know holding festivals and events has increased in cost as well. We have seen those costs go up, whether it be security or hosting the event or hiring the equipment or marketing. We want to make sure that we remain known for our festivals. We have our really large festivals here in the CBD. We have seen that becoming more and more attractive and attracting people from interstate to come here.

We know that our favourite time of the year is Mad March, with the Fringe Festival and WOMAD, but regional events throughout the whole of the year are just as important. I know Generations in Jazz has been something that has been going for quite some time. We have been able to support it over a long period of time and watch that event develop and be a great drawcard for people from all over our state and interstate as well. These events are incredibly important. I am keen for the Tourism Commission to reach out to Garry Goldsmith through yourself to see what we can do.

### DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

**Ms HOOD (Adelaide) (14:45):** My question is to the Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence. How is the government working to raise awareness of domestic, family and sexual violence?

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:45):** I thank the member for her question. As is every member of our government, she is deeply committed to working together with our community and the sector to help prevent and end violence against women. Domestic, family and sexual violence is pervasive, gendered and has horrific consequences for women and children. It is not acceptable and it is preventable.

Monday marked International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence—a time when communities right around the world are urged to gather, act, speak up and use their spheres of influence to drive change. And drive change together, we must, because the fact that one woman is killed every four days in this country is devastating and a call to relentless action.

Communities in South Australia are heeding this call, with events spanning candlelight vigils, education sessions and marches in locations including the Adelaide Hills, Gawler, Port Noarlunga, Mount Gambier, Berri and Goolwa. Our government is heeding the call and acting through our comprehensive legislation, policy and investment reform, and through the institution of the Royal Commission into Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence. And while that crucial process continues, we are continuing to innovate and do more.

Across online platforms and through bus shelter advertising, the state government is leading work to deliver key messages to inform older women at risk of violence and those around them. Sadly, we know that violence perpetrated against older women has often spanned their lifetime and that there is a burden of shame and conditioning that can prevent them from speaking up and finding support.

Crucial research through a partnership between the state government and the Council on the Ageing (COTA) has identified gaps in service provision and the dissemination of educational materials will raise awareness that older women do not have to suffer in silence, that help is out there. I thank COTA for their work on these essential tools.

This past week I have also spoken with incredible young women from culturally diverse backgrounds who have participated in a program designed to raise understanding of coercive control. Multicultural Youth SA's Community Circles program, supported by the state government, has provided a safe forum for young women to learn together about coercive control in intimate relationships. Coercive control is an insidious form of violence that can manifest in many ways and

look different in different relationships. That is why it is essential we empower the unique voices and experiences of diverse communities in our quest to raise awareness about coercive control.

The theme of this year's 16 Days of Activism, #NoExcuse, highlights the importance of all of us supporting one another to individually and collectively create lasting change. Although attitudes about violence against women are slowly improving, we have a long way to go. We know that online misogyny is rife and chipping away at every respectful relationship program we run. We know women continue to be harmed, forced to flee their homes and tragically murdered, and we know the impact violence has on children.

Our government has progressed reform. We have progressed comprehensive legislative reform to combat violence and establish crucial support through our hubs, perpetrator intervention programs, court assistance services, and work to tackle housing insecurity. We very much look forward to the recommendations of the royal commission and we will relentlessly continue our work to tackle domestic, family and sexual violence.

### MAST 2024 CONFERENCE

**Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (14:49):** My question is to the Deputy Premier. Was the recent MAST 24 conference that the Deputy Premier attended reminiscent of the Fyre Festival? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr PATTERSON:** The 2017 Fyre Festival was advertised as a luxury festival, but quickly turned into an unmitigated disaster that went viral. The ABC has reported a defence industry figure describing the recent MAST 24 conference in Adelaide as, and I quote:

...an utter embarrassment and total [expletive] show—not even the South Australian Defence Minister or Defence SA boss turned up, it reminded me of the Fyre Festival.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Point of order: standing order No. 1. This is from the House of Commons:

Extracts from newspapers or books, and paraphrases of or quotations from speeches are not admissible. Similarly, questions must not seek confirmation that something is the case when there is no reason to believe otherwise, or ask a minister whether they are aware of a particular fact, report or situation.

Sir, that question is simply a trap.

**The SPEAKER:** Perhaps the member can rephrase the question.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members on my right will listen to the question in silence.

**Mr PATTERSON:** My question is to the Deputy Premier. Can the minister update the house on the recent MAST 24 conference?

**The SPEAKER:** Much simpler; much better. The Deputy Premier.

**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) (14:51):** Thank you, Mr Speaker. Yes, I attended the opening of the MAST conference in my capacity as Acting Premier. Not only was the Premier overseas at COP but also the defence industries minister and the head of Defence SA, I believe, were overseas and still are, or are on their way back at present, and therefore I attended in order to open the beginning of the proceedings.

### MAST 2024 CONFERENCE

**Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (14:51):** My question is again to the Deputy Premier. Can the Deputy Premier advise the house if the Minister for Defence and Space Industries sent his apologies, and if so, when?

**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) (14:52):** I am sure that was out of order. I have simply no way of knowing if a minister who isn't currently here sent an apology to an organisation I am not part of.

### SCHOOL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

**Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (14:52):** My question is to the Minister for Education. Would the minister please inform the house what he is doing to address the Auditor's concern regarding the cost of construction and maintenance in South Australian schools?

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills) (14:52):** Thank you to the member for MacKillop for this question, and a timely one it is too. I am sure many members of this place will have heard comments and commentary made recently about the whole-of-government facilities maintenance contract we have, currently run by Ventia, which was a contract signed under the former government.

I know that the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport recently made some strong comments regarding the nature of that contract, and I must say I agree with those. My own observation, as the Minister for Education who has visited hundreds of schools right around the state in every corner of the state, is that almost the only consistent thing raised with me across each one of those schools or preschools is that there is a general lack of satisfaction with the way that that contract is currently managed by Ventia. We are talking about delays—

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER:** Yes, not our contract, this one. We are, unfortunately, locked into it by virtue of the former government signing it and, of course, we are now feeling the effects of what is—I think the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport referred to it as 'a dog of a contract'. I've got to say, if people in this place had spoken to as many school leaders as I have—so many of whom have raised the same issue around timeliness of repairs to important things and the cost of repairs. I've got to say, it's the cost of repairs which can really come back to bite schools as well.

If this is general maintenance that schools are covering through their own infrastructure fund, their SASIS fund, and they are being, in their own words, overcharged for that work, well, that's money that that school doesn't have for future works. The member for MacKillop knows all too well, as does, I would say, every single member of this place who no doubt has a public school or public schools in their electorate, the kind of basic and fundamental maintenance that they need done.

With every bit of work that is done under this contract, which perhaps costs more than it should, that is another bit of funding that we don't have to do another school or do further work at that school. I raised this issue personally upon meeting the person who at that stage was the new head of Ventia, or managing the contract in South Australia. Upon meeting that person, I think my words were something along the lines of, 'I think you have a lot of work to do. The reputation of your organisation here in South Australia amongst schools is not a good one.' I have to say, to that person's credit, they acknowledged that and said they wanted to turn it around. That is a good first step, but we haven't seen that yet.

Perhaps I could just let the member for MacKillop know a few of the things that we are trying to do. We have put in place an improvement plan between the Department for Education and Ventia on the back of surveys conducted on the level of satisfaction of service delivery, which, it won't surprise anyone after my earlier comments, were not very good. That plan will focus efforts on preventative maintenance, which is really important now for a few reasons but particularly because the average age of a building in the public education system is 44 years and still going north.

Off the top of my head, I think the amount that we are spending on essentially fixing up dilapidated stock has gone up in the last few years something like \$80 million to \$120 million. That's not the best use of that money because that is fixing up stock that has most likely passed the end of its use-by date. We have increased attendance by Ventia and department staff at department forums, which is considered crucial to a partnership approach. We are making sure that every time something is raised when we go and visit a school, whether it's the chief executive or me, we are in contact with Ventia to make sure that things are followed up.

I will just finish by saying that we are aware of the concerns, we share your concerns, and so does the minister responsible for managing the contract, and we are committed to doing something about it.

**The SPEAKER:** Before I call the member for Newland, I welcome back the member for Morialta. I had a bit of a change of heart. I was missing him, so I thought we would get him back with 15 minutes left on the clock.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you. I'm sure everyone missed him. You are always very welcome. The member for Newland.

### **NEW WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

**Ms SAVVAS (Newland) (14:57):** My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Can the minister update the house on the progress of the new Women's and Children's Hospital?

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:57):** I thank the member for Newland for her question and note her significant interest in terms of making sure that we improve the healthcare infrastructure for women and children in this state. As members will no doubt know, this has been a project which has been talked about for a very long period of time, since it was first announced back in 2013, so 11 years ago, and we are actually now getting on with the job.

Since we came to office, we had a good look at this project. We got a review done of this project, which identified that the site that was originally being looked at was simply too small to be able to deliver it and also it would significantly impact in terms of the future provision of expansion of the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Also, the previous plans that were in place were only going to have one extra overnight bed in the brand-new hospital, which we regarded as insufficient.

We made this decision to move the hospital to the new site, the barracks site, and work has been significantly underway in terms of the demolition and early works on that site. The Premier and I were able to visit that site the other day and see that work underway. On the barracks site, on the former SAPOL site, some 42 buildings have now been demolished. There are four significant buildings that remain, which will be coming down in coming months. There have also been substantial works where the car park will be going, adjacent to the site. Some 60,000 tonnes of bulk earthwork material have been exported, 18,000 tonnes of material imported for the piling. The piling installation was completed last Friday and the piling rig has been demobilised from the site. That work is substantial in terms of that site. On the barracks site, seven machines are being used to complete the demolition of those 42 buildings. There have been 2,100 tonnes of waste during the demolition stage, 98 per cent of which has been recycled.

We were able to announce the other day the next stage of works now, which is a \$427 million package of works for the next stages of work, which will be going to the Public Works Committee next Monday as well. This includes critical underground services, cabling works, all the telecommunications, SA Water, SA Power Networks works, as well as substantial transport work that will be undertaken with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport on Port Road to allow for lane widening and additional lanes on that road, as well as the entry and exit from the hospital site.

I want to thank everybody involved in the project for the substantial work that's already happened there. Critically, this is about making sure that we've got a hospital that can meet the needs of the long term, a hospital which is going to have additional beds—some 56 additional beds with a capacity for 20 more compared to the original plan, which was one extra overnight bed in the hospital—and a range of additional services, such as four ICU women's beds on site, a helipad on site and pathology services on site as well.

Of course, we will then open it up into the Parklands. It will be essentially a hospital in the park and it will give the ability for future expansion on that site and also, critically important as well, critical expansion capacity for the Royal Adelaide Hospital, which we know at some stage in the future will have to expand. If we took up that expansion space for the Royal Adelaide Hospital, then future generations would be looking back at us making a bad decision.

This is a big decision that has been made, looking to the future. We can see that progress going on at the site now. There will be cranes that will be erected within the next few months to start that big construction work with the car park that will be underway. They will be highly visible and we are getting on with the job.

#### MAST 2024 CONFERENCE

**Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:01):** My question is to the Premier. How much funding did the state government contribute to the MAST 2024 conference?

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (15:01):** I would have to take that on notice, and I am happy to do so.

#### EYRE PENINSULA DESALINATION PLANT

**Mr TELFER (Flinders) (15:01):** My question is to the Premier. Is the Premier ignoring the voice of the Barngarla people? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr TELFER:** The government announced this week that it has approved a plan to build a \$330 million desalination plant at Billy Lights Point. The Barngarla people, the traditional owners, have expressed an ongoing and unwavering opposition to this location.

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning) (15:02):** The government's policy is clear. We are building a desalination plant at Billy Lights Point because there are urgent water security issues on Eyre Peninsula. There are a number of processes that you have to go through to undertake such a construction, and one of them is planning, which we have just gone through. There is a separate process under the Aboriginal Heritage Act, and we are seeking a section 21 and a section 23 determination in order to do that. As part of that process, there is an ongoing consultation with the Barngarla people.

#### EYRE PENINSULA DESALINATION PLANT

**Mr TELFER (Flinders) (15:02):** My question is to the Premier. Does the Premier support the right of Indigenous communities to veto major government projects? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr TELFER:** In 2022, the Premier was very forthright in his view that the Barngarla people should have the right of veto over a federal government project in their area.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Point of order, sir: my understanding is that the shadow minister has given an explanation to the house, by leave of the house, saying that the Premier said by fact that the Premier believes that there should be a right of veto on all federal government projects in South Australia. I would ask him to substantiate that to the house right now.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Flinders.

**Mr TELFER:** I am afraid the Leader of the Government—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members on my left and members on my right will be quiet while I try to listen to the member for Flinders.

**Mr TELFER:** I can repeat it for the Manager of Government Business. He obviously misheard the explanation. I can ask the question again and the explanation.

**The SPEAKER:** If you wouldn't mind.

**Mr TELFER:** The question was: does the Premier support the right of Indigenous communities to veto major government projects? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

**The SPEAKER:** Leave has been granted.

**Mr TELFER:** In 2022, the Premier was very forthright in his view that the Barngarla people should have the right of veto over a federal government project in their area.

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (15:04):** I thank the member for Flinders for his question. He is right. In respect of the proposed nuclear waste site in Kimba, I expressed as the leader of the parliamentary Labor Party both in the lead-up to 2022 and I suspect post then as well, that this party under my leadership would continue the policy that we had under Premier Weatherill's leadership, that we had the view that the proposed nuclear waste dump outside Kimba should enjoy the support of Indigenous communities before it went ahead.

#### **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM**

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (15:05):** My question is to the Premier. Does the Premier have confidence that the Chief Executive of the South Australian Museum is progressing the recommendations endorsed in the Premier's review? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** More than two months after the Premier committed support to recommendations contained in his review, I have been advised that a number of Museum staff are most concerned they have not seen evidence of steps taken to implement those recommendations. Further, in contradiction to the commitment the Museum cease some proposed changes, the move to discontinue association with the molecular lab has continued with the Uni of Adelaide being told that the Museum will not contribute funds or staff to service the lab anymore as they have for the last 21 years.

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (15:06):** I thank the Deputy Leader of the Opposition for his question. I know he has had an interest in this subject for a sustained period of time and I acknowledge his advocacy in that regard. The government, of course, did conduct a Premier's review of the proposed changes to the Museum that made a number of recommendations that also did result in changes, including at a board level.

The Minister for Arts subsequently has also made changes in respect of the appointment of a new board chair in Rob Saint, former Deputy Vice Chancellor at Flinders University who has a credentialled science background, which we thought was important given some of the challenges that were happening around the Museum. It is the government's absolute expectation that under the leadership of Mr Saint, who is the person who ultimately reports to the minister, the recommendations that were made and accepted by the government are implemented in full. For the purposes of the political architecture of the government or the cabinet architecture of the government, to the extent that we should have confidence in anybody who is in a board chair, we absolutely do.

#### **BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS**

**Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (15:07):** My question is to the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services. Could the minister please explain what preparedness has been carried out in the regions for the oncoming fire season? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr McBRIDE:** As was reported in this house not long ago by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the road maintenance contract by Fulton Hogan is not meeting expectations and we have seen our roadsides being left unsprayed and unslashed. The concern here is motorists pulling off onto the side of the road on a hot day will start fires on the sides because of this long regrowth.

**The Hon. D.R. CREGAN (Kavel—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Special Minister of State) (15:08):** I thank the member for the question. He is a particularly dedicated member to his community and they recognise his skill and commitment to them as well. I must say that this is a matter that a number of parliamentarians have raised with me, but I am particularly appreciative of the question.

In terms of preparations for the bushfire season overall, of course, you would anticipate that the Country Fire Service and supporting agencies are now at a high level of readiness. All districts across the state, of course, are declared for the season and all brigades are understanding of their responsibilities.

In terms of the member's specific question, which is directed at the fuel load that might exist in his community and elsewhere across the state, there are three matters that I want to raise. In areas that are managed by the state that fall into other agency responsibilities, there are actions taken throughout the year to try to minimise the fuel load, and that doesn't just relate to the areas of roadside that the member for MacKillop mentions, but it is sometimes the case that other agencies of the state are involved in managing that fuel load or that vegetation.

Then, of course, it may be that there are individual landowners, depending on who owns the road, and various other factors that are relevant to surrounding activities, including agricultural activities or other matters, including forestry. As the member is aware, there are areas of vegetation that are managed by local councils. It can be the case that the local council will have an annual program and then a specific program that is focused on ensuring that the roadsides are ready for the bushfire season. Often, there would be longstanding contracts in place to manage that roadside vegetation.

Of course, what is plain to all of us is that there can be areas of the state that need additional attention. In that case, it's important for all of us as a community to be alert to where additional work might be required and to engage with all agencies, to alert those agencies or local councils to that additional work. As well, there is a role I think for the community to play; for example, there may be landowners who have an interest in managing and are capable of managing and must manage the vegetation on their properties. I know in the member's community, there are many landowners who are preparing for what is likely to be a very tough fire season. In the South-East, in particular, we know that soil dryness levels are particularly low, and we are very concerned about the fire season to come.

#### *Parliamentary Procedure*

#### **VISITORS**

**The SPEAKER:** I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to parliament today members of South Australian Probus clubs, who are the guests of the member for King. It is great to have you in here today. I hope you have enjoyed your time.

#### *Grievance Debate*

#### **BEAMES, SGT R.P.**

**Mr COWDREY (Colton) (15:11):** I rise today with a great level of regret to recognise and acknowledge the life of Sergeant Rodney Beames. On Monday night this week, the West Beach Neighbourhood Watch held their first meeting since the passing of their long-time chair, Mr Rod Beames, and there was certainly something missing at that meeting.

Rod has been an integral part of the West Beach community and the community in South Australia for a significant period of time, and his contributions to so many of our local community groups, sporting clubs and, to be completely honest, the suburb generally, have been immeasurable. Rod was very proudly not just involved in those local community groups but also was the president of the Royal South Australian Regiment Association due to his meritorious service in our armed forces.

Rod joined the Australian Citizen's Military Forces as a signaller in 1968, and later transferred to the infantry in 1970 before reaching the rank of sergeant and instructing many recruits in promotional courses at the Hampstead Barracks, El Alamein, Torrens Training Depot, Murray Bridge and many other locations across the years. He served with the 144<sup>th</sup> Signal Squadron, 43 RSAR, 27 RSAR, 4 Training Group and 10 RSAR, and was well known for his loud, booming voice that certainly continued into his later years and later service and contribution through many other organisations.

Rod was probably most well known in the local West Beach area as chair of the community Bendigo Bank. He had been the chairman there for I think nearly 20 years. As part of that role, he had the opportunity to touch just about every sporting club and community organisation in the local area. Most recently, one of the projects that Bendigo Bank supported was an expansion of an overhead shade structure at the Henley and Grange RSL, just to the west of the clubrooms. Rightfully so, given his connection to the RSL generally as well, a plaque was erected to recognise his memory on that new structure in just the last couple of weeks.

As I said, Rod's involvement was vast and varied, whether that was as Chair of the Bendigo Bank or as Chair of the West Beach Neighbourhood Watch group. He was also the secretary of the SA Shack Owners Association. He was the president of the Kellidie Bay Shack Owners Association. He was involved with the Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee. He was also a representative on the Defence Reserves Association of SA and it just goes to show the breadth and involvement that Rod had across many, many areas. Very few people have had as much impact on their local community as he has had.

I just want to recognise his passion for improving the local area with simple things like the change of the traffic sequences at traffic lights and intersections, through to the upgrade of Apex Park, in particular. He was like a dog with a bone when it came to the need for increased parking for a park which was, essentially, on a main road and which did not have adequate parking and needed more, through to development issues with Adelaide Airport, West Beach Road and so many other local grassroots issues. The West Beach community has one of the strongest Neighbourhood Watch organisations in the whole of South Australia and that is in no way, shape or form due to any other factors but Rod's involvement over the years. His ability to grab other involved community members, to build consensus and to have his finger in just so many pies was exemplary.

He had a long and protracted battle with cancer and was just one of those people who you would always want to sit down with, have a beer with and have a chat with, because that was the sort of bloke he was. To his son-in-law Michael, who has taken on the role as acting chair of the Neighbourhood Watch in Rod's absence, thank you for what you are doing. But to Sergeant Rodney Beames, vale.

### PROBUS MONTH

**Mrs PEARCE (King) (15:16):** Probus clubs play an incredibly important role in communities all across our state. Our thanks for their efforts in bringing people together. We know that loneliness is detrimental to one's mental health and physical health. In fact, in 2022 it was described as one of the most pressing public health priorities in Australia. Fortunately, there are preventative measures that can be taken to help tackle this issue, which does include maintaining active relationships through community organisations, and that is where Probus comes into play.

Probus is a non-political, non-fundraising group that promotes a network of like-minded individuals who are all too eager to share their time, experiences and friendships meeting regularly across a range of activities and events. It originally found its home here in South Australia back in 1981 with the very first Probus club, the Probus Club of Brighton and Glenelg being established. We are now home to 141 Probus clubs across the state, 72 of which are based in metropolitan Adelaide and, just as importantly, 69 of which are across our regions, all hosting a combined membership of up to and over 6,800 people.

I have had the great pleasure of seeing firsthand the incredible work that Probus clubs do, particularly in my local community thanks to the Probus Club of Golden Grove. This particular Probus exemplifies the spirit of connection and friendship and is a true testament to the values that Probus is and the value that it can bring to a local community. The members of this Probus club go to great lengths to support one another and create opportunities for engagement with one another that span across a whole range of interests, something that I know is reflected across all Probus clubs in our state.

There is always something in the calendar ready to help bring people together, and it was my absolute pleasure that earlier this year we were able to invite members of the Probus into Parliament House for the member for Newland to give them a tour, and I really cannot wait for the next visit. I think we might have to do one simply for the library, because I know that is a huge

attraction piece and John Weste, our amazing research officer there, has just so much to share with you all and I cannot wait to have you all back in for that.

October was a really special month for the Probus community as it did mark Probus Month. It was a time to celebrate the movement and the friendships that have been forged by all who have become a part of the Probus community. It also links in really well with our own week of ageing well, which this year celebrated community and companionship, which is incredibly fitting considering that this is exactly at the core of what Probus clubs seek to deliver.

Groups like Probus are more than just social groups, they are the backbone of our local community. They play an essential role in combatting social isolation, particularly among our older residents. Through regular meetings, shared activities and volunteer opportunities, they give members a sense of purpose and belonging that is absolutely fundamental to healthy ageing. The relationships formed within these groups often become lifelong friendships. They create support networks that extend well beyond the club meetings and the outings themselves. They are helping to enrich the lives of others.

I sincerely thank members of the Probus clubs for the collective impact that they have been having on South Australian communities, and this work cannot be overstated. They are absolutely essential partners in helping to build resilient, connected and caring communities. I know that certainly is what is occurring in our local community and surrounding communities thanks to the local Probus clubs in the area.

With that in mind, I would like to thank all members of the Probus community who are here with us today. In fact, I would like to thank all 141 clubs that are based all across our state for all that they do to help support active and connected communities across our state. We are better off in our local communities for having you be a part of it, and I thank you for all that you do.

#### **PREMIER'S FOOD AND BEVERAGE INDUSTRY AWARDS**

**Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey) (15:21):** Friday night was a great night to celebrate what South Australia does so well. We had the 2024 SA food and beverage industry awards. Some great South Australian businesses, individuals and exporters were on show on the night, and it really did highlight their dedication as world-class food producers and manufacturers.

A couple of notable businesses were on show on the night, one of which was one of my local constituents, Nippy's. They were a finalist in the Consumer Choice Award, voted on by the public. It has been an iconic South Australian brand and family business, with roots firmly in the Riverland. I was joined by Jeff and Ben Knispel on the evening. The packing house base and processing facility at Waikerie is a great staple of the area, as is their Moorook production facility where they package a lot of long-life products, both juice and milk, which are distributed all over the globe. It really is a credit to the dedication of the Knispel family. They also have major facilities at Regency Park here in Adelaide as the only fresh juice company manufacturing facility in South Australia, and it really is a testament to their contribution.

One of the export award winners was the Macro Group. They are family owned and operated, supplying the world with quality kangaroo meat products for over 30 years. They have also just opened up their new Summit laboratories, and they are doing an outstanding job within the food sector. Congratulations to Ray Borda, his family and his beautiful wife, Narelle, who is by his side at every opportunity.

Another export award finalist was Ashton Valley Fresh, another great juice and beverage producer. The fresh fruit up in the Adelaide Hills is second to none. The Yoghurt Shop was again on the winner's list. They recently won the Agribusiness Food and Beverages export awards as South Australia's business and export winner, and they really were on show. Fleurieu Milk Company seemed to be the company of the evening. They took out a number of awards for their great initiative. Obviously, the re-usable glass bottles is bringing back some history, and that really is a great marketing tool of that company.

Congratulations to the 29 winners and all the finalists who were on show on the night, and I must say congratulations to Food SA. The newly appointed CEO, Victoria Dixon-Whittle, is leading that organisation in great strides. Congratulations to Victoria and to the board on a great initiative.

A local issue I want to talk about was the opening of the Ricca Terra cellar door. That is another great South Australian product. Ashley Ratcliff has been a stalwart within the wine industry, but he has spread his wings with a lot of the alternative wine varieties. He is celebrating the opening of this cellar door with a new flair in Renmark right on the riverfront, which I think is an absolute game changer for the wine industry.

As I understand it, it is the only winery on the river that is of a cellar door style. We have Whistling Kite, Bassham, 919 Wines and some other boutique wineries, but Ricca Terra is a cellar door with a difference. It is in a heritage building, as I said, on the foreshore of the river. It opened just in time for Ricca Terra's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. It has been a long time in the making, and it is creating a real sense of vibe around Renmark. It is also becoming a destination for people coming to the Riverland. If you do not want to drink wine, go to the Woolshed Brewery. If you do not want to drink beer, go to the 23rd Street Distillery. They are all great institutions and destinations.

Also late last week was the Renmark Riverfront Wharf opening, just across the road from the Ricca Terra cellar door. Did you know 1,200 cubic metres of concrete, 2,620 metres of piles and 100 tonnes of reinforced steel have made a beautiful entrance and gateway to the Riverland via the river? As you come out of Victoria, it really is a treat to behold. Congratulations to the Renmark Paringa Council on the waterfront wharf. They have done an outstanding job, and it really does highlight the beauty the Riverland has to offer to everyone in this place.

**The SPEAKER:** I agree, member for Chaffey. It is a fantastic spot up there, particularly that brewery that I had the pleasure of opening a few years ago. It must be about the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I think you were there. Tom and Sarah; is that right?

**Mr Whetstone:** Yes.

**The SPEAKER:** Very good people.

#### ADELAIDE ELECTORATE

**Ms HOOD (Adelaide) (15:26):** I rise to talk about what has been an incredibly busy couple of weeks in my beautiful community. Starting with the official opening last Saturday of the RL Pash Park upgrade, it was a really beautiful community celebration to come together with lots of locals to celebrate the upgrade of this local park. This is an election commitment I made at the last state election in partnership with the City of Prospect. We have been able to deliver a real refresh to the park whilst retaining the open green space, upgrading the exercise equipment, adding some stormwater management, nature play and also some activities for kids as they grow older in our community, including a climbing boulder, which is very popular with my two kids. I just want to say a big shout-out to the City of Prospect, Prospect and Blair Athol Lions Club for providing the barbecue, and Gary's famous pancakes. It really was a beautiful morning.

A few days later, I was at Pulteney school. Their year 9 students every year undertake what is called a 'City Week', which looks at ideas from their young people around how we can make our city a better place. It was an absolute privilege to be the keynote speaker and talk about the passion I have for our city and around delivering projects that really do connect the community.

We have also had a bumper week in the parliament last week with visitors. I understand there were more than 1,000 people who visited our Parliament House, which is absolutely wonderful. It was my honour, of those 1,000, to have almost 200 from my local community undertake tours with me. We had the Rosary School year 5s, who were such an engaged group of kids. They asked so many questions. We had two big groups of year 9s from Botanic High. I also invited in community members who were celebrating a milestone birthday. I say to them, as always, happy 21<sup>st</sup>. I hope you had a beautiful birthday and then an opportunity to come in and learn more about our beautiful parliament and get to know other members of the community.

I was also privileged last week to undertake a tour of the Marino Fine Foods factory on the outskirts of Prospect. This is an incredible small family business. Ricardo does an amazing job. They have award-winning hams and salamis. I was very excited by his hanging Santa salami. If you are looking for a Christmas gift for the meat lover in your family, I would definitely recommend maybe getting a Santa salami—or 'Santalami' as I have called it—to hang on the Christmas tree and enjoy over the very busy festive period.



As we all know as members of parliament, it is graduation season, and it has been a real joy getting to go around to the various schools for their graduations. I have so far had the privilege of attending graduations at Adelaide High School, Christian Brothers College and Blackfriars. It is wonderful to see our young leaders coming through, finishing their education and going on to very exciting things.

Just yesterday I was able to attend the final assembly of St Dominic's to present my Lucy Hood Community Kindness Award and I want to congratulate Amelia Peacock. She is a student who always has a smile on her face and is always willing to welcome other students into the school and make it a really beautiful, positive, community-minded and friendly school. Congratulations, Amelia, and all the best for your next stage of schooling.

On Monday evening, I had the privilege of going along to be the keynote speaker for the Adelaide Rotaract Club at the Caledonian, which was lovely. We got to attend a local pub and support a small business, while also getting to engage with young Rotaract members in my community. Thank you to Steph, the president at Adelaide Rotaract, for allowing me to come along. It was really an opportunity to provide an update on all the projects that are happening in my community, whether it is upgrading the Adelaide Aquatic Centre, creating pocket parks, investing in our main streets or really just investing in those community projects that bring people together and create community hubs.

We have a few big Christmas events coming up, which I cannot wait for. On Friday night, we have our Prospect Blair Athol Lions Carols in the Park, which will be a beautiful celebration. I cannot wait to go along there with my kids. On Saturday night, we have the City Lions of Adelaide Christmas Spirit and cake decorating competition. I will be there with bells on. Also on the Sunday, we have our Christmas in Prospect Community Fair. As always, I will be jumping on Red, my red Vespa, and welcoming Santa into our community. It is going to be a beautiful community celebration and I hope to see you there.

## HEALTH SYSTEM

**Mr TELFER (Flinders) (15:31):** I want to speak today on the state of the health system within my electorate and my concerns for its future. This month's AGM of the Lower Eyre Health Advisory Council saw my community's concerns writ large for all to see, with a large swathe of the HAC resigning out of frustration with the health system, including the presiding member. These are members who have been on the HAC for over a decade—loyal, hardworking community members who have had enough of the bureaucratic health system.

With her permission, I want to quote from a letter which was written to the health minister by Liz Mickan, who has been on the HAC for a very long time. It states:

Dear Mr Chris Picton:

It is with heavy heart I submit my resignation as a Council member of the Lower Eyre Health Advisory Council (LEHAC). As the only inaugural member of the LEHAC still holding a position from inception, 16 years, I have contemplated this decision for 12 months and finally need to act. As a member you cannot voice your opinion publicly.

The Health System is broken, and I have no role I can play as a LEHAC member to repair it.

In regional South Australia, our HACs are a vital part of the health system not just as an important conduit between the community and our health system but also to ensure that there is a local understanding of the impacts of decisions that are made by bureaucracy. Especially in the regional parts of our state, our HACs also work hand in hand with local hospital auxiliaries to raise funds for investment into otherwise neglected parts of our regional health network.

The amount of investment that has been fundraised and delivered through those volunteers has truly been incredible. The facilities and structures that have been delivered for regional communities through the time and effort of these volunteers is remarkable. If we have such people like this who have been volunteering for so long sounding the alarm about the state of the health system in regional South Australia, we should be listening. Another longstanding member of LEHAC wrote to me saying:

I am putting forward my resignation from the LEHAC...

I have enjoyed my time on LEHAC and have seen great outcomes. But the past 12 to 18 months have been frustrating and I am feeling stressed about the future of our Health system and the way it is going. I am a volunteer, travelling at times over 70km to go to a meeting that is I feel bashing its head against a brick wall.

Our regional communities are being let down by the health system and I am imploring the Minister for Health to please listen to these community members. Do not just listen to what your bureaucrats tell you, listen and please act. These are concerns that have been voiced by people who have had an insight and involvement in our health system in regional South Australia for a long time and you need to listen.

There are concerns as well about the decisions being made around the delivery of health care in Ceduna. This week it was announced that a locum doctor position has been cut from Ceduna. There are significant concerns in the community about the impact this will have in such an isolated area. What will the wait times balloon out to? What will the direct and indirect health outcomes be? Who is accountable for such decisions? These are health patients who cannot just pop around the corner to the next medical centre, so a lesser level of service will in its own nature result in a lesser level of care. That should be an unacceptable scenario for the government for such an important area, such an important community, like Ceduna. The impact that this can have on health outcomes should be considered and fully understood.

What about the added pressure and workload that is going to fall on the shoulders of the other GPs in town? The community is seriously worried, and I am calling on the minister to please listen to these concerns: do not allow our communities to be further disadvantaged. We are already disadvantaged enough with restrictions on accessibility, treatment options, and time and distance that we have to deal with. The people of Ceduna do not deserve to be disadvantaged anymore.

Last sitting week we also heard about the uncertainty around the delivery of mental health treatments on Eyre Peninsula, with clients being referred to services, having their application for allied health rebates rejected. It is seriously disadvantaging people residing in my community where access to health services is already incredibly difficult. We have had promises from the federal and state governments but unfortunately that solution is still not at all clear for my community. It is hanging in the breeze; there is still certainty.

There is also the uncertainty that has been created with the malaise around the payment process for the PATS system—for my people in Flinders especially and across regional South Australia—where people are having to wait for weeks, sometimes even months, for these important payments which they have already had to fork out their own money for. These delays are unacceptable and we need better from our government.

Decisions around future medical care have been delayed because of these payment delays. Minister, please listen, please learn, please act and please be better.

### PALESTINE

**The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (15:36):** Mr Speaker, 29 November each year is commemorated as the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, as declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 1977. The day acknowledges the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine has its origins in the Nakba when approximately 700,000 Palestinians were either killed or forced from their homes as the result of the partitioning of Palestine by the United Nations in 1948.

The conflict between Israel and Palestine continues to be unresolved, resulting in the loss of innocent lives, most recently the 1,200 Israeli lives taken by Hamas on 7 October 2023 and the over 40,000 lives taken by the State of Israel since that date, and more recently the killing of over 3,700 Lebanese people. The world community has rightly condemned both Hamas and the State of Israel for the indiscriminate killing of civilians.

I raise this matter because many South Australians of all backgrounds are concerned by the ongoing conflict and humanitarian crisis in the region. And, sadly, the situation in Palestine is worse today than it was 12 months ago when I spoke on this matter in this place.

In the recent decisions made and opinions expressed by the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court and the United Nations Security Council regarding the ongoing

conflict between Israel and Palestine, these international bodies have recognised that article 1 of the Charter of the United Nations adopts the principle of equal rights and self-determination by all peoples; the ongoing illegal occupation and annexation of the Palestinian territory is a significant barrier to finding a lasting peace in the Israel-Palestine conflict and contrary to international law. International humanitarian law must be observed by all state and non-state actors in times of both conflict and peace, and they should be held accountable by the international community when such standards are not upheld. Quite rightly, the human rights abuses committed by both Hamas and the State of Israel will be investigated by independent international tribunals.

Palestinian people in the occupied territories continue to live under oppressive conditions and are subject to ongoing violence by settlers whose behaviour appears to be sanctioned by the State of Israel. Pro-Palestinian advocacy, when based on humanitarian norms, should not be interpreted as antisemitism and used to shut down legitimate debate about Israel's response to the Hamas attack on 7 October 2023. All forms of racism are not acceptable, irrespective of the person or group experiencing it. All racism attacks the dignity of human beings. Equally, no human life should be considered more important than another. That in itself is a form of racism by implying that the inherent humanity of one person is less than another. That concept offends my faith.

It goes without saying that both the Israeli and Palestinian people have the right to live in equality and peace, free from violence and oppression, and should be able to enjoy prosperous lives within internationally recognised borders alongside their Arab neighbours.

While it is understandable that many people in Australia believe our federal government should be doing more, we should acknowledge that the federal Labor government has acted to reverse the decision of the Morrison Coalition government to recognise West Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and reaffirm the commitment to Australia's embassy remaining in Tel Aviv; reinstated Occupied Palestinian Territory as the official term to refer to those areas in East Jerusalem and Gaza which have been occupied by Israel since 1967; resulted in Australia voting in favour of the United Nations General Assembly motion to express the General Assembly's aspiration for full Palestinian membership of the United Nations; and, more recently, voted to recognise the 'permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, over their natural resources.'

The federal Labor government should continue to actively promote measures to end the conflict between Israel and Palestine on the basis of relevant UN resolutions and international law; work with humanitarian organisations to provide humanitarian assistance and support for civilians affected by the conflict; and build a coalition for peace in the Israel-Palestine conflict. In my opinion, the federal government should also acknowledge the Palestinians' right to immediate statehood and give effect to the decisions of the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court regarding the Israel-Palestine conflict.

We should all mourn the senseless loss of life in this conflict and believe that the killing of innocent civilians, particularly women and children, can never be justified. An immediate, permanent and durable ceasefire respecting the interests of all parties to this conflict is the only way to end the suffering of the Palestinian people. Once this is achieved, we can start the task of rebuilding the Palestinian nation.

#### *Private Members' Statements*

#### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley) (15:41):** Today, I would like to use this opportunity to share with the house the success of the Unley Rotary Club's opportunity shop on Unley Road. It has been in various locations since the 1970s—I think it was first established in 1973—predominantly on Unley Road but has been on other roads in Unley, such as Glen Osmond Road. Currently, it is at 130 Unley Road and is open six days a week, 10am to 4pm.

I have the great privilege of working as an emergency fill-in every now and then, when an email goes around when somebody has called in sick or they are not able to meet their regular roster. If my diary is free at that time, I am always happy to jump in and go back to my roots as a shopkeeper on Unley Road. There is no doubt that you meet so many people from the neighbourhood but you

also learn more about the good work that Unley Rotary does with the money that it raises. It contributes in excess of \$30,000 a year on top of the other fundraising for projects that they do for children in particular, not just local children but children around the world.

**Mr ELLIS (Narungga) (15:43):** I rise with exciting news for our electorate, that being that our health petition inquiry is finally open and accepting submissions. It was some two and a bit years ago that we launched our petition and secured nearly 11,000 signatures from constituents right across my electorate who were decrying the fact that our local health system is not operating to a standard at which they expect it to operate, so it is really exciting that this is now open. We congratulate and thank the Economic and Finance Committee on their work in that.

This petition languished on the bottom of the Legislative Review Committee for quite some time, but it is now open and I encourage each and every one of those people who signed the petition to now take the time, please, to write a submission to the committee. I am keen for everyone to make a submission. I want to hear stories about the good things that have happened in our local hospital so that we can encourage more of it. I want to hear about the experiences that people may have had that left something to be desired so that we can improve upon them. I want to hear from people who regularly travel long distances to access services that they think should be provided locally, those sorts of straightforward services. We acknowledge that we are not going to get neurosurgeons coming to the Wallaroo Hospital, but I want to hear about those sorts of straightforward services that people think should be provided locally. I would like for them to feature as part of the submissions.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, if you are our local health networker in our region who feels that they have something to offer this inquiry, then please make a submission. You can do so anonymously. It will be most valuable, and I think it would be a tremendous addition. I am hoping the committee comes out to our part of the world to hear directly from people in due course, but in the meantime please make a submission. It is vitally important for our regional health system.

**Mr TELFER (Flinders) (15:45):** I rise with a great degree of concern about the latest development or, you could say, lack of development regarding telecommunications access in the west of my electorate. Telstra recently sought to improve access to reliable phone services by installing a new mobile tower at Ceduna south, but this application has run into a problem. The tower, which is vital for allowing the Ceduna community and surrounding areas to be connected successfully, got approvals through the local government funding stream approved for the Telstra processes, only to have their proposal rejected by the Native Vegetation Council.

The existing native veg laws are overbearing, preventing much development in our regional areas, not just when it comes to housing but, seemingly now, in just basic infrastructure. Mobile phone coverage should not be a luxury. Rather, it is an essential these days, and to have it bogged down by state government regulation, legislation and bureaucracy is a kick in the guts for my community. It is not good enough. I am grateful to Telstra for their efforts in trying to help Ceduna and the West Coast to stay connected, and I will continue to work with them to deliver this important piece of infrastructure but also call on the Minister for the Environment to show some common sense. Please, talk to your department, ensure that the West Coast, the people of Ceduna and surrounds, are not further disadvantaged.

**S.E. ANDREWS (Gibson) (15:46):** I am proud to be a member of the Australian Services Union, the ASU. In fact, I have been a union member since my very first job back when I was at university working in video stores. The ASU held their national conference at Adelaide Oval earlier this month. It was an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of workers in social and community services, local government, energy, airlines and the public and private sectors. These achievements include portable long service leave, family and domestic violence leave, a just transition for energy workers and so many other wins for this large union.

The conference heard from a variety of panels regarding challenges and campaigns ahead, including the Skilled Respected Equal campaign for social and community services. These workers deserve to have their skills respected, experience valued and equal pay protected. Additionally, they have campaigned for building climate safe communities, securing reproductive health leave for all workers and supporting local government workers.

It was fantastic to see the new national secretary, Emeline Gaske, lead the conference. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank state secretary, the amazing Abbie Spencer, and assistant secretary, Scott Cowen, and the whole union team for their hard work to make sure that this conference was successful, and I give solidarity to all ASU members.

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**PROBUS MONTH**

Adjourned debate on motion of Mrs Pearce (resumed on motion).

**Mrs PEARCE (King) (15:48):** It is an absolute pleasure to be able to continue my remarks on such an important motion recognising the hard work and the impact of the work of our local Probus clubs across our state. Whether you are a Probus club member or you are involved in Rotary, Lions, RSLs, church groups, or even your local sporting club, each club and organisation throughout the state gives an immense amount to the community that they serve. These groups are more than just social groups; they are the backbone of our local communities. They provide vital volunteer hours, they raise funds for local causes, and they create the bonds that forge our communities closer together.

Rotary clubs drive important local initiatives and international humanitarian projects. Lions clubs support vision care, diabetes prevention and respond to local community needs. Our RSLs preserve our military heritage while providing crucial support services to veterans and their families. Our sporting clubs help members of our community, both young and old, to live healthy, active lives, and the list goes on. Every single group plays an essential role in combating social isolation, particularly among our older residents, through regular meetings, shared activities and volunteer opportunities. They give members a sense of purpose and belonging that is absolutely fundamental to healthy ageing.

The relationships formed within these groups often become lifelong friendships, creating support networks that extend well beyond the club's meetings and events themselves. Moreover, the organisations serve as repositories of community knowledge and experience, with members often bringing decades of professional and life experience to be able to contribute to a stronger local community. Whether it is organising community events, advocating for local improvements or mentoring the younger generations, these service groups help maintain the continuity of strength in our community bonds. The collective impact on South Australian communities cannot be overstated. They are essential partners in helping to build resilient, caring and connected communities.

With that, I once again would like to thank the incredible members of our Probus who are here today, and all members of local Probus clubs across our state for all that they do to help support active and connected communities. Our communities are absolutely better off for having them. I commend the motion to the house.

**Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey) (15:50):** I rise to support this motion. It is important that we understand the great work that our service clubs do, but particularly the Probus clubs. October was Probus Month, as we have been told. The theme is all about celebrating community and companionship, and the opportunity to celebrate what Probus is all about and to create awareness within our wider community cannot be overstated. Probus creates a sense of belonging. They undertake great companionship via trips, learning skills, hearing from guest speakers and exploring new hobbies. I know that many Probus clubs have come to the Riverland to explore the great wonders of the river and the natural environment, all nestled around one of the great food-producing areas in our state.

What I must say is that the connections and what they contribute to local communities cannot be overestimated, particularly with the great volunteer work and the uplift that they give, particularly when visiting the regions. Those Probus members are dedicated, passionate, proud people contributing to our regions, and they make our communities a better place to live and they provide an invaluable service to our regional communities.

In my electorate of Chaffey, there are quite a few clubs. There are 69 Probus clubs across regional South Australia and 6,800 members across the state. As I said, in the Riverland, in Chaffey, there are eight Probus clubs meeting once a month and they are always on the lookout for new

members. It is always quite an opportunity and a great outing for myself to go along and speak to Probus clubs, as I do, and share my story with them.

At the Berri Probus Club, Lila Blades is the President. At the Barmera Probus men's, Ivan Paschke shares the role with Ned McBride. In Renmark, at the men's Probus, Ian McLaren and at the ladies' Probus, Jenny Natrass are both doing a great job. In Loxton, Dave Kimber is a great community man and he is the president of the men's Probus there, and Judy Falting is president of Probus ladies. Down at Waikerie, at the Probus ladies, Pat Brandon is doing a great job. They are just a few that I have been down to speak to over time.

As I said, it is quite an honour to speak to those community groups, and they have really good numbers at the moment. What it is showing is that they are proactive and a community organisation that really does draw in great membership. As I said, the Riverland is quite a unique experience, not only for the membership base and the guest speakers and some of their activities, but it must provide I guess a level of entertainment when visiting Probus clubs come to regional centres and explore some of the great wonders. I know, looking on the website, that many of the town Probus clubs regularly come up to the Riverland and have a great experience. Riverlanders and their clubs are great hosts and we have a great environment to visit.

The Riverland is quite unique. We have a number of towns, with five major towns all within close proximity to each other. If people are coming to visit and stay, they can actually visit five great communities with great environmental assets and tourist destinations. As I said previously in my griever, if you want to come up and have a little tippie, we have some very new and exciting wineries that are starting to open up with alternative varieties, European-style wines, that are really capturing the imagination of wine consumers.

The Woolshed Brewery is one of the great unique beer experiences on the banks of the River Murray at Wilkadene. I must say that Tom and Sarah are doing a great job. In Renmark, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Distillery is almost second to none. Its backdrop is the old Renmano winery, which has a lot of history, and it also has a great dining experience. Not enough can be said about some of these great destinations.

The backdrop to all of this is the River Murray. We are starting to see more investment into tourism offerings, which sits alongside the great hospitality that the people of the Riverland are offering. We know that some of our food producing assets are under a bit of financial strain at the moment so we call on all people from all walks of life to come up to the Riverland, spend a few dollars and make sure you are part of our local economy and enjoy what I consider to be a world-class experience.

The work that the Probus clubs do is invaluable. It is important that we understand the work that they do and understand the support that they give. They are also about keeping communities connected, particularly the older members. As a guest speaker, I speak to a lot of people and they really look forward to coming out to an occasion to listen to a guest speaker, have a meal and have some companionship. There is no better medicine than coming together and talking about the good times and the rough times and it is also really good for helping people, for mental health and making sure that people leave a Probus meeting in better shape than when they arrived.

Our social clubs are making our regions a better place to live, work and enjoy. They also make sure that we connect and make networks. We are talking about Probus today, but all the other service clubs, whether that be Lions, Rotary or Apex, particularly in the smaller regional communities, are very important.

Probus is instrumental in the networking capability of service to community and is helping thousands of retirees stay engaged and connected. I would like to say a big thank you to all the service club volunteers who come together and provide reassurance that they are there to serve the community, that they are there for companionship and conversation and that they are also there to entertain. They are there to keep people connected, to give people a smile and we should make sure those volunteers are commended.

If you see a volunteer doing their work, stop and thank them for their service and the great work that they do. Whether it be in a small regional community or whether it be in a metropolitan

branch, they are all volunteers, they are doing a great job, they are keeping our communities connected and long should they serve.

**Ms THOMPSON (Davenport) (15:59):** I rise today, also, to celebrate Probus Month and acknowledge the incredible contributions of Probus clubs to our communities. This year's theme, Celebrating Community and Companionship, encapsulates what Probus stands for: fostering connections, combatting isolation and enriching the lives of retirees. Probus is not just a social club—it is a vital community lifeline. These clubs offer opportunities to engage, share experiences and, importantly, develop lasting friendships. In my electorate of Davenport, the men's and ladies' Probus clubs of Flagstaff Hill exemplify the very best of this spirit.

I visit these clubs from time to time, and they are always vibrant, social and welcoming. The ladies' Probus club, led by president Patricia Sharpe alongside past president Shirley Alderton, vice-president Rosemary Read and secretary Cheryle Barry, provides a fun and active space for its members. Their dedicated committee—including treasurer, Sandy Rutherford; tea convenor, Marion Winn; service officer, Margie Kimber; speakers' organiser, Leonie Lindsay; trips and outings manager, Margaret Doyle; and bulletin editor, Jeanne Behrens—ensures the club thrives. Jeanne's informative bulletin, which I am proud to print at my office, is a testament to their commitment.

The men's Probus club is equally impressive, with a large membership and a packed social calendar. Vice-president Tim Magor, secretary Darrell Wise, treasurer Brian O'Shaughnessy and committee members Chris Barber, Kym Penniford, Gerry Kradolfer, Malcolm Keam, Ian Woolley, George Oram and Stephen Lockwood, work tirelessly to keep the club engaging and active. Special mention goes to beer appreciation coordinator, Jerry Vallance, and lawn bowls coordinator, Bill Gates, whose name alone could suggest he is a future treasurer.

The members themselves are the heart of these clubs, bringing their talents, experiences and energy to every activity. I encourage others to join particularly the Ladies Probus Club of Flagstaff Hill, which is actively seeking to grow its membership. I commend the work of Probus to the house and thank them for their service to our communities.

**Mrs PEARCE (King) (16:01):** I would like to say a quick thank you for the contributions that were made on this motion today. It was wonderful to hear more about the contributions made by Probus and the benefit that it not only brings to members but the communities that they visit as well. It is also amazing to hear about some of the amazing individuals who make up our Probus clubs across the state. With that, I would like to provide a very special thank you to the Couzners. I know you certainly do a lot of work in my local community, which is greatly appreciated. With that, I commend the motion to the house.

Motion carried.

### SANFL PREMIERSHIP

**Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (16:02):** I move:

That this house—

- (a) congratulates the Glenelg Football Club for winning the 2024 SANFL League Premiership;
- (b) commends Norwood Football Club for winning the Minor Premiership;
- (c) acknowledges the SANFL for promoting men's and women's football in South Australia; and
- (d) acknowledges the important role local football clubs play in our community and thanks all volunteers for their hard work over the course of the season.

If we look back it is only a few months ago now, and it seems like time flies, but the grand final in the SANFL this season was one of the best grand finals this century. It saw Glenelg, who were the 2023 premiers, taking on Norwood, who of course were the 2022 premiers as well. So, really, this year's grand final was to set once and for all during this period of time which of those two great teams could put their hand up and say, 'We are the dominant force in the SANFL at this point in time.'

Of course, it was very challenging for me on the day having played for Norwood. I have many great friends back at Norwood but, being the member for Morphett, Glenelg is not only firmly geographically situated in Morphett—being at the heart of it—but also really in the emotions of so

many people who live in the area. Because of the ocean, Glenelg is like a magnet for people. So many people who live in the local area barrack for Glenelg and, because you can go in all four directions, you will find so many Norwood supporters everywhere. Of course, in the lead-up to the grand final the shopfronts down Jetty Road put out their support for Glenelg. It really was going to be hotly contested. As I said, Norwood finished on top of the ladder with a dominant season. They should be congratulated and in the motion, of course, I do commend them.

The minor premiership—if it was the English Premier League, of course, finishing top of the premiership in and of itself basically cements you as one of the premier teams for that year, whereas in Australian Rules football that just gives you the first ticket to be able to then go into a final series, and what counts, of course, is the grand final.

Glenelg finished fourth. They had a fairly solid season, but you would have to say they had their challenges. A number of the teams in the top five had beaten them over the course of the year. Norwood certainly had. Sturt had—they were above them—and Centrals had as well. It was certainly not going to be easy. Glenelg had attempted on five prior occasions to come from the elimination final and go through and win the premiership and were unsuccessful on each occasion.

We can obviously remember 1982, which was the last time Glenelg got through to the prelim. Basically it was infamous, due to the carnage that Port Adelaide inflicted upon many of the Glenelg players, Dave Granger amongst them, to the point where they got to the grand final, again against Norwood, and fell short.

It was a hotly anticipated game that was before us. The game day itself was magnificent with perfect football weather. The sun was out, but it certainly was not too hot. The previous year's grand final had been played in temperatures of around 30°. This time it was mid-20s, mild with not much wind, which always makes for a fair game because one side might not get the jump on the other with the weather. Of course, the public of South Australia came out in support. As I said, both teams are greatly supported in their local area so the crowd of 35,000 was fantastic.

You would have to say the vocal and noisy crowd, while not as noisy as maybe an AFL game, was actually much more entertaining because you have two opposing crowds, cheering or crying out in derision in equal numbers. Those games remind me of playing in Melbourne with those big two-sided crowds. It makes for a great atmosphere, and it was.

Just even the entry of the teams onto the ground again reminds you of the halcyon days of SANFL. You had the banners there which the teams came through and fireworks going off. It really was a tribute and it gave significance to the occasion.

The first half was very competitive. You could see Norwood was starting to gain the ascendancy, but just the game style and team patterns of Glenelg probably allowed them to keep in the game. As opposed to the equivalent, they were able to limit the amount of scoring that Norwood could do.

There was certainly one passage of play which I suppose talks to the team, the first nature of Glenelg, and that was, I think, Matty Allen who is a fantastic midfielder for Glenelg. He was running into an open goal and he himself was probably only 30 metres out and could have kicked and had a shot at goal, but instead he passed to his captain, just a little dink kick 15 metres away, which then allowed captain Liam McBean to kick truly and make certain of it. Sometimes those little plays are great because they bring your teammates into the game. Certainly Liam McBean, while he was playing a good game, sometimes that play just gets the star and Liam proved instrumental towards the latter stages of the game.

As I said, the teams were fairly even in the first half and at half-time Norwood went in with a 13-point lead and then straight after the break kicked another goal. So in the premiership quarter, usually known as the third quarter, you were thinking, 'Here we've got the top of the table team making their move.'

In that circumstance, the play ended up with a strong mark again by the captain, Liam McBean, this time on a very tight angle on the boundary 45 metres out. Liam has gone back and basically put it through without the goal umpire having to move. It was a beautiful skill and speaks



to a lot of the talent that is going around in the SANFL. It is a fantastic competition to have those skills on display.

Again, it was an arm wrestle. You could not say the third quarter was the premiership quarter. It saw Norwood go into that break 13 points up. You would say, 'Okay, well, they are the minor premiers and they should go on with it,' but that was not to be the case. I am saying Liam McBean's name very often, but that is because of the way the play turned out. He was very instrumental. He kicked the first goal of the quarter, quickly followed by the 2023 Jack Oatey medallist, Lachie Hosie.

Lachie's story is a great one. He was injured early on in the season and was unlikely to play for the whole season, but with a fantastic work ethic he was able to get his body right just in time to contribute in the finals series. Liam McBean then went on and kicked the third of Glenelg's goals for the quarter, putting them up probably for the first time in the game. You could really feel the momentum shifting. I have talked about the crowd, and the cheer squads behind really brought that to life.

Not to be denied, Norwood had plenty of good players in their team. In fact, they had the Magarey medallist Harry Boyd. He was able to wrestle back the lead. He took the ball out of the ruck and kicked a goal in the forward half to then say, 'Okay, well, maybe this could go Norwood's way.' Unfortunately for Norwood, up stepped Liam McBean. The ball was to him at that stage like a magnet and he was able, with one hand, to pluck one in a contest where probably he should not have. Again, kicking from 45 metres, he went back and kicked truly.

The game was line ball all of the last quarter. Both teams deserved to win. I know many people say that, but for me I wish it could be true. Both teams play a big role in my life. Of course, my kids play at Glenelg. My daughter, Violet, plays in the women's league team and my son plays in the under 16s, so they have great affinity for it and great coaching. Ultimately, Glenelg got over the line at siren's end. It really was a case that they just happened to be in front at that point in time.

Commiserations to Norwood and their coach, Jade Rawlings, as well as to the team and the supporters. Congratulations to Glenelg. I talked a lot about Liam McBean, the captain. He had a great day. He ended up winning the Jack Oatey Medal, which is for the best on ground, and he then got to hold the premiership cup aloft.

At the start of the game there was only one player in Glenelg's history who had three premierships to his name, and that is the great Peter Carey, the game's record holder for the SANFL. He was just a fantastic player. By the end of the game, another six Glenelg players had taken their place, namely Matthew Snook, Max Proud, Jonty Scharenberg, Darcy Bailey, Liam McBean and Luke Reynolds. Congratulations to them and to all the other players, as well as coach Darren Reeves, who has done a fantastic job in his two years at the helm.

You would have to say that this win could not have happened without the players. They have a great support structure behind them. The board have done a fantastic job, led by president David Whelan, past presidents Peter Carey and Nick Chigwidden, and all the other board members, including Robert Gillies, Teri Hopkins, Dion Moroney, Lorraine Caruso and Claire Hammond. Congratulations also to the staff. The CEO, Justin Scripps, has done a fantastic job, as has head of football, Paul Sandercock, and talent manager, Darren Trevena. Kristin Jeffery deserves a special mention. She is basically the front face of the club. She deals a lot with supporters, with sponsors and getting everything going. She is always a happy face. She probably has 10 jobs to do and not enough time, so well done to her.

The game itself shows what a showcase the SANFL is. We should be very proud of the SANFL. It has a great history here and it has a great future as well. The young ones coming up really do give a glimpse into the future of footy. We have some great programs run by the SANFL in under 16s and under 18s both for boys and girls.

The under-16 girls won the national championships. Congratulations to them this year. The under-16 boys came within a whisker. As I said, my son plays at Glenelg. He was in the state squad as well. Unfortunately, he did not get to play as he had an injury. The boys played a fantastic first two games and then ran into Victoria Country. The SA boys were leading, probably comfortably too, in the last quarter. Unfortunately, Vic Country came back. It is probably a lesson for them in taking

their foot off the pedal, really. They had the game done and dusted, but somehow the under-16 Vic Country boys managed to mark when it was golden point, because the scores were level at full-time. Vic Country managed to mark on the boundary after an extra play, golden point, and kicked a point to win the championship. It was unfortunate for the SA boys.

The under-18 boys had a challenging season. They beat the Allies and then went on to get beaten by the traditional footy states of WA and Victoria. The under-18 girls had a very good championship. They came off winning the national championships two years running, and so they were looking good. My daughter, Violet, I mentioned before, plays for Glenelg. She was the captain of the under 18s, which is just a terrific honour for her and a testament to her dedication. The team played really well. They took it to the line; they were in the running. They beat the Allies in WA. Unfortunately, playing over in Victoria, they were beaten by Vic Metro, who were certainly the better team on the day. You would have to say the weather probably suited the Victorians, because it was windy and wet, so that was really unfortunate.

I will focus my last comments on some of the local teams as well, because we have some great local teams in Morphett. We have PHOS Camden, which is a great team. We have Morphettville Park, and just outside of the electorate we have Plympton bulldogs. They are all great teams. Plympton Bulldogs, though, is a real magnet, and so they draw a lot of players, both boys and girls, men and women, from the electorate of Morphett. I love heading out to them.

In terms of where we are in the debate and knowing that I will have the opportunity to close, I might delve down a little bit more in my closing remarks about the importance of those local footy clubs. Congratulations to Glenelg Football Club on being back-to-back premiers. They should be truly very honoured with that in terms of where it puts them in the club's history. Well done to Norwood again. You need two teams to make things competitive, and certainly that grand final was a fantastic grand final. Congratulations Glenelg.

**Ms CLANCY (Elder) (16:17):** I rise today on behalf of the government in support of this motion brought to the house by the member for Morphett. No doubt he would have had a bit of a crisis of conscience on the day, as a former Redleg who now represents the community of Glenelg, but it is clear that his family is well established in the Glenelg Footy Club as well, so I am sure it was a great day. Glenelg fought back in the game to win the flag and secure back-to-back premierships. As someone who grew up in Somerton Park, was raised a Bays supporter, is a Bays supporter and cheered them on in 2021 at their unsuccessful grand final bid, I was really stoked with the result. The Tigers are known for their passionate fan base and rich history and have produced numerous AFL stars, and I congratulate them on their success in 2024.

It is fair to say that Norwood were arguably the best team all season and were unlucky in defeat on the day. Nevertheless, they should be really proud of their excellent year and will no doubt be looking forward to bouncing back in 2025. The SANFL for years now has been an exemplar in inclusiveness and equality and have led the way in ensuring all South Australians can be involved with our beloved sport either at a community or semi-professional level. The SANFL plays a pivotal role in promoting and developing Australian Rules football in South Australia. It fosters grassroots football, providing pathways for young players to progress to elite levels, including the AFL. It also strengthens community connections through regional and urban clubs, offering participation opportunities for all ages.

Beyond football, the SANFL contributes to local communities by supporting inclusivity and physical activity. Its enduring tradition and competitive structure remain central to South Australia's sporting identity, but arguably none of this would be possible without the hard work of volunteers at football clubs at all levels, like the Weekley family at Mitchell Park Football Club. They are a big Bays family. You cannot really say Mitchell Park Football Club without mentioning the Weekley family. They are all so integral to that club, along with the member for Waite's cousin, and volunteer in so many different capacities. They are really engaged and we are very lucky to have those types of volunteers around.

Volunteers are the backbone of football clubs, playing a vital role in their operation and success. They contribute their time, skills and energy across various areas, like admin, coaching, event management, fundraising and facility maintenance. Volunteers ensure clubs remain accessible

and affordable, fostering community involvement and participation in sports. Coaches and team managers provide mentorship, guiding players to improve skills and build confidence. Event organisers and fundraisers support financial stability, enabling clubs to invest in equipment, infrastructure and development programs.

Beyond the practical contributions, volunteers create a really welcoming environment, fostering camaraderie and a sense of belonging among members. Their passion helps to sustain clubs and inspires others to engage with sports, promoting physical activity, teamwork and community spirit. Without the dedication of volunteers, many grassroots and amateur sports clubs would struggle to operate, highlighting their indispensable role in the success and sustainability of their much-loved clubs.

So here is to all of the volunteers, especially at the Kenilworth Football Club, Mitchell Park Football Club and Colonel Light Gardens Football Club. Just over the boundary into Badcoe and out of my electorate, we also have the Goodwood Saints Football Club and Edwardstown Football Club, and over the other boundary into Unley we also have the Mitcham Hawks Football Club. Thank you, especially to all of those volunteers, and go the Bays. I commend the motion.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** As a Magpie supporter, I do not agree with you, sorry, member for Elder.

**Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey) (16:21):** I, too, rise to support this little bit of fun. It is a private member's motion that has been brought to this place by the member for Morphett to celebrate Glenelg Football Club's win in the 2024 SANFL league premiership.

I have an interest in this motion, but it is conflicted. The conflict is that I played junior footy at the Bay in the late sixties, my father played footy at Norwood in the late fifties, and my son played footy at West Adelaide in the early 2000s, so it is always a tug of war. But the Bay has always been my team of choice and it was great to watch Glenelg win back-to-back premierships in 2024, with a five-point win over Norwood.

As the member for Morphett said, Liam McBean, the captain, played an outstanding game. He was the difference between winning and losing, I think—and commiserations to Norwood. Glenelg have won back-to-back premierships. It is their seventh premiership since being founded in 1920. Their first premiership was in 1934. I must say that one of the great premierships I attended for Glenelg was in 1973, the grand final at Adelaide Oval. One of the highlights was Barrie Robran. I remember Graham Cornes taking a screamer in the forward pocket, kicking the goal and Glenelg going on to win the grand final.

You have to congratulate Norwood. They were minor premiers throughout the season. They played great footy, but as it came into the finals series Glenelg just hit their straps. There was a real vibe down at the Bay that they could smell success and that the premiership was there to be had.

I must say that South Australia is a sporting hub for AFL and both men and women's football are at a particularly high standard nationally. My view, even unbiased, is that the SANFL is probably the premier football league within the state series. I think the SANFL, particularly with the inclusion of women's football now, is really driving that growth sector.

I have to congratulate CEO Darren Chandler. I think he is doing a great job promoting local footy across the state and beyond, but it also has a flow-on effect to have a great standard at the SANFL. It also makes great footy, with SAFA, the amateur league. My team of choice is of course Prince Alfred Old Collegians. They really are a great institution, the reds. My son went to school at Prince Alfred College. They are an ongoing support base for the Old Collegians. They filled every division, they are up there. It was only a couple of years ago that they were premiers in every division bar one; it really shows the dedication by the volunteers within that organisation.

I also want to acknowledge that footy—sport in general—is a great connector, a great piece of the community fabric. The SANFL are doing a great job but it is particularly important in regional South Australia that football brings communities together. What has been highlighted is the importance of footy and the inclusion of having netball in the same or a similar venue on the same day so that it is bringing families together, and it really does make a great outing for those country communities to come together and be part of a great sporting spectacle as it is.

Up in Chaffey I have three footy leagues and that makes it pretty tough to get along to all of the games all of the time. The Riverland Football League (RFL) is alive and well. Renmark did a great job this year; they were premiers winners and they really hit their straps towards the end of the year and they were again the winners.

The independent league is going along okay; the footy league there is marginal. It is mostly those smaller communities that come together. They do a lot of travelling. I know that some of those clubs travel well over 100 kilometres to a game on a weekly basis, so it really is dedication for them.

The River Murray Football League is also another one in the Southern Mallee. I think they have done a bit of amalgamation over the last season. They have come together and they are making it work. We all understand in the country setting in regional football that it is becoming more marginal, it is harder to get a team on the ground, so we need the dedication of those volunteers of those small footy clubs coming together to make sure that it works. They try to have inclusivity with junior footy so that they have some depth; I think that is very important. Again, as I say, the more footy boots they can get on the oval on a given game day really does bolster the ongoing viability of country footy.

As I said, it is keeping communities together and bringing in young people, keeping them active and healthy, trying to keep them off their devices. That is the bane of a lot of parents in today's society but the best way to do that is to keep them active and moving and playing sport.

I want to take the opportunity to acknowledge the former Liberal government for its investment into sport—\$400 million over the period of government, \$35 million for the infrastructure grants and \$10 million for dedicated grants to the regions. The electorate of Chaffey were recipients of that money. We saw some great pieces of infrastructure go in. We have seen scoreboards, we have seen lighting, in some instances we have seen an amalgamation of grant money that has seen a new clubhouse, change rooms and facilities. That really was a shot in the arm to keep those sporting clubs viable and attractive. We all know that we have to make sure if we want people to continue to attend sporting events, you have to provide facilities and make sure that the grounds are in a safe state and you have to make sure in most instances you have lights. Nowadays people are time-poor and we have to be flexible and make sure that we do everything that we can to accommodate people playing sport and continuing to turn up.

I urge this government to continue to invest in regional infrastructure. It is critically important that they do that—and metro sport as well, but I think it is really important that country sport is a very important part of common society, particularly in regional settings, so we do not want to see them falling behind.

An active community is a healthy community. The volunteers and the work that they do cannot be understated—the hard work over the season, the dedication, making sure that we have umpires on the ovals. As a former soccer coach and a former boundary umpire, anything I can do to contribute to keeping those teams there and make sure that we keep our small clubs alive and well is much appreciated. I want to acknowledge the local families, the volunteers, the umpires and all the volunteers behind the scenes within those clubs. They do a great job and they are the reason that people turn up every game day. They are the people who are the backbone of our sporting clubs, and no more so than in our regional sporting clubs.

Well done to the member for Morphett. The Glenelg footy club is alive and well. It is my team of choice. I must say I have a lot of fond memories and I still have great friendships from those junior footy days. Many would understand that I attended school down south in Somerton Park. Stephen Kernahan was a classmate and his brothers were also part of that era and, of course, we cannot forget Harry, the father. They were a great footy family and they are still involved today. As the member for Morphett would know, it takes great people to keep a great sport alive. What we have seen today is that this motion is acknowledging the great contribution to AFL, SANFL and country footy.

**Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (16:31):** I rise to commend the motion, and what a good motion it is. I hope that we are back again doing precisely this around this time next year for three in a row because it was great last year and again this year. It is particularly fitting that it is the member for

Morphett who is moving the motion in circumstances where the grand final has been such a hard-fought contest between these two great clubs.

Of course, the member for Morphett goes understated and is very modest about it the whole time. He is a best and fairest player for Norwood, best and fairest in '93, and a great champion of that club who went on to glory in the AFL for Collingwood. For him to be graciously shining a light on one of the opponents in the SANFL speaks to his sporting character and as well, of course, to representing his local area.

For me, Glenelg is heart and soul. Growing up and going down to my grandparents on Eton Road at Somerton Park, we spent a lot of time there. This was back in the days of the *Footy Replay*. We would have *KG's Footy Show* and *The Muppets* and you would hear all about heroes like John Paynter, my PE teacher and Jack Halbert and these wonderful heroes of SANFL football. It meant that I grew up heart and soul with Glenelg, and it did not hurt to be right there in the thick of it when I was only learning, as a 10 or 11 year old, that when Glenelg wins back-to-back in '85 and '86 those were only the third and fourth premierships in the club's history. Of course, '73 is this epic moment, and you have to go back decades to '34 for the first one. For Glenelg to go back-to-back in '23 and '24 is a historic achievement for the club. It really cements Glenelg among the echelon. We know—

*Mr Patterson interjecting:*

**Mr TEAGUE:** I was too young. We know what a proud history the SANFL has had. We know that it was the place where the most exciting brand of Aussie rules footy was played during all those VFL years. Of course, everything changed with the advent of the Crows, and going into '91 and all the rest of it. As the member for Chaffey has also reflected, the SANFL has continued to go from strength to strength, and it is true to say that it is the place where footballers now really want to play their best footy. There is no better example of that than Liam McBean, who, it is right to emphasise, was the great champion of the day.

In a close fought contest, if Liam McBean had missed just once, the game goes the other way and Norwood would have been worthy winners. It is a testament to his achievement that—there he is, a champion of the game—he is choosing to play his best footy in the SANFL, and for Glenelg. He now joins Peter Carey, 'Super', as a triple premiership player alongside several others. For a long time, Peter Carey was the only one, having played in 1973, 1985 and 1986. Not only that, but Liam McBean does it wearing Super's No. 5 guernsey. It is a tribute to Liam McBean, the Jack Oatey medallist, and what a great performance and what a great exponent of the game.

I pay particular tribute to Peter Carey OAM for his continuing decades of service beyond his record-breaking achievements as a player, leading the way at the club. I also pay particular tribute to all of those who are leading at Glenelg, particularly Rob Gillies—very thoughtful of Rob—and his significant contribution to the Glenelg Football Club.

On a personal note—and I will embarrass her—our eldest, Emily, has achieved considerably more success than I ever did in her football career, playing in a premiership last year for Payneham Norwood Union. As a sign of the fabric that the member for Chaffey referred to about the way footy works in community, there Emily is, and she has been fortunate to be mentored and coached by another Norwood legend in Garry McIntosh. Garry made his real post-playing life so much around making a massive contribution to Payneham Norwood Union and in turn bringing along a generation of women footballers.

In Emily's case, she had the good fortune to be captain of her football team at school and be brought over to the club with the encouragement of one of the teachers to play among a group of women who had largely been drawn from the ranks of high achievement in other sports. Now, we are starting to see girls and young women coming up, having played footy from a young age, and it is great to see that, and it is a tribute to our clubs that we have been able to see the growth in women's football across the board.

The motion is rightly drawing attention to and acknowledging the important role of local footy clubs in the community, and Payneham Norwood is one of those. I see week in, week out in the Hills the really central role in the community that those clubs in the Hills footy league play at the centre of

towns, large and small, throughout the Hills in Heysen. One in particular, the Macclesfield Football Club, is doing a great deal of work at the centre of the community.

I might say, with a risk of slightly further embarrassment, that Dr Forkert's father is president of that club. Mr Forkert has led the way brilliantly with the Maccy Footy Club. It is an example of where footy meets community meets service. It is one thing for Stan Forkert to be at the head of the footy club; he is working alongside Dennis Oldenhove. Heading up the local RSL and driving community initiative, bringing along young people is really there at the core of the community at Macclesfield.

Reference has been made to the importance of facilities infrastructure. That is something that clubs can raise funds for and through volunteer efforts we can see improvement, but it is somewhere where government has a role to play as well. I join with those others who have contributed to this debate by really urging government not to drop the ball on continuing to fund those facilities for local football clubs so that we can continue to see great players emerging from the Hills in particular, from my point of view.

We know that Aussie Rules runs through the veins of South Australians. It is a good thing that here we are celebrating that greatest of achievements in the SANFL grand final, and it is congratulations to Glenelg on going back to back. I applaud the motion and I pay tribute to the mover.

**Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (16:41):** Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this: the member for Elder, the member for Chaffey and, most recently, the member for Heysen. It really shone a light on and, again, congratulated the Glenelg Football Club on their season, but it is clear from what everyone was saying that that is really, I suppose, the exemplar, but it is also about all the football clubs throughout the state that make such a wonderful ecosystem and really such a heartbeat for every local community.

Talking about those local football clubs, it is worth really going through because for a strong SANFL competition we do need to have strong local clubs. I mentioned very briefly towards the end some of the fantastic local football clubs in my electorate; of course, we have PHOS Camden, Plympton Football Club, which is just outside it, and Morphettville Park. Maybe I will turn my attention first of all to Morphettville Park because it is an instrumental club in terms of football. It has both a men's program but, importantly, also a fantastic women's program. You would have to say they were really front and centre of the charge of women's football here in SA before the Crows came in.

Just recently, literally this week, the Morphie Park Footy Club has had one of their own, Ebony Marinoff, take out the AFLW Best and Fairest. They, understandably, have great pride about that. Ebony has strong links to Morphettville Park Footy Club, playing there in premierships back in 2014, 2015 and 2016. It is amazing to think, here we are 10 years after that first premiership in 2014, where she has landed as the premier talent in the AFLW. Along the way, she has won a premiership, of course, at Glenelg in their SANFLW team, and then she has gone on to win premierships at the Crows as well. The Morphie Park Footy Club can take great pride in that, and I know Ebony has strong links back to that club.

The club itself is run on volunteers, and none more so than Paul and Brenda Farrelly, who do a fantastic job there of just making sure the club runs so smoothly and gives the opportunity for the next generation of kids to come through. So congratulations to Paul, Brenda, the board there, all the players and the supporters and volunteers on the work they do, and topping that off with Ebony's great result just this week with the AFLW Best and Fairest.

PHOS Camden is another fantastic club with again a great talent pathway. Many of the players who played in the Glenelg premiership team came through PHOS Camden. I remember watching Jonte play when he was a junior. He used to play against my son. He was obviously a standout player and quite easily could be playing in the AFL. He is a great player. They are run by President Sarah Fitzpatrick and at the recent AGM she was reappointed as president. She came from the juniors into the seniors, which provides that great linkage between the two. The team will need that because unfortunately the team was relegated this season. They had a team chockful of juniors and that will give them a good springboard, hopefully, to have a terrific season in 2025.

Finally, Plympton Football Club play in the same division as Morphettville Park in the men's competition. Both teams got into the finals. Plympton ended up getting as far as the prelim final but unfortunately did not make it. They are also well served with some great volunteers, none more so than President Jamie Morgan. He is terrific. The club has won the SANFL Juniors Club of the Year. Jamie has been up for many awards, and he really is an exemplar of what is possible, changing and driving the culture of that club and making it a great location. All these clubs are in areas that are gentrifying growing up. Congratulations to them. Thank you to all the volunteers. You are the reason that local footy in South Australia is so strong.

Motion carried.

### **WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS**

**Ms HUTCHESSON (Waite) (16:46):** I move:

That this house—

- (a) notes that World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is 17 November;
- (b) expresses its deepest condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of the people who have lost their lives and suffered serious injuries on South Australian roads;
- (c) recognises that the emotional trauma experienced by family and friends of road traffic victims is often devastating and ongoing; and
- (d) acknowledges the ongoing efforts made by South Australia Police, communities and all other relevant organisations committed to reducing road deaths.

This motion recognises the finality of a road crash and what that can bring. It recognises the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, which is observed on the third Sunday of November each year and this year it was on 17 November. Over the last 30 years, more than 44,000 lives have been lost on Australian roads, and hundreds of thousands have been hospitalised.

This year, Australians were asked to reflect and remember all the lives impacted by road trauma by lighting a candle at home. By reflecting on and remembering road trauma victims, it is hopeful that this could inspire others to make the change to prevent more loss of life. On World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, it is also important to pay tribute to the dedicated first responders and medical professionals who deal with the after-effect of the trauma of road crashes on a daily basis.

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims was started by RoadPeace in 1993, and in 2005 the United Nations endorsed it as a global day, as the appropriate acknowledgement for victims of road traffic injuries and their families. Since then, the World Day of Remembrance has been observed and promoted worldwide by many governments, international agencies and groups.

As I said at the start, for many it is final. It is their last breath or a road of recovery or a life of permanent disablement. It is the wrong turn at the wrong location, it is another driver who recklessly chooses to get behind the wheel experiencing impairment, who drives too fast, is checking their phone instead of paying attention or who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. This year, SAPOL launched their road safety campaign with the message 'Drink drivers are full of it,' which aims to confront the selfish choices that fuel drink-driving offences. It comes from SA Police research findings that show drink drivers are taking themselves for a ride. The innovative campaign features a drink driver's vehicle filling with beer or wine—

*Members interjecting:*

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Will members on my left, please, either keep their voices a bit down or leave the chamber.

**Ms HUTCHESSON:** The innovative campaign features a drink driver's vehicle filling with beer or wine. Its aim—to send a new message that leaves drink drivers with nowhere to run. Police hear all sorts of excuses, that people can handle their alcohol or do not want to have to pay for a cab, but when it comes down to it, it is because they are selfish. They are choosing to get in a car that could be a deadly weapon, and they are making that choice. Between 2019 and 2023, 17 per

cent of all fatal crashes and 10 per cent of serious injury crashes involved at least one driver or a rider with a blood alcohol concentration over the legal limit.

Crash statistics and expiation data indicate a demographic skew towards male drivers between the ages of 20 to 29 and 30 to 39. Young men often feel like they are invincible—and I should know, I have one at home; although fortunately he has mum-Uber always available. They do feel like it will not happen to them, though. Somehow they are above the statistics. Unfortunately, there are loved ones grieving who would think otherwise. Those who are left behind to grieve kissed their loved ones goodbye before they left, not knowing that it would be the last time they saw their partner, their kids, their parents or their loved one alive.

This motion serves as an opportunity to express our condolences to these family and friends who can no longer hold their loved ones, see their smile or hear their laugh. For them, the effect is lifelong. Not only can this have an impact on their mental health but also their financial wellbeing if the one they lost contributed to their family's financial stability. The impact is long-lasting.

As a parent of a child who lost his father at four years old, the hole in your heart they leave behind never mends. No matter how long ago, it can never be filled. The impact is life-changing. We must do all we can to help educate and to help remind to create muscle memory when people get in the car. This year, we launched a campaign emphasising the importance of wearing your seatbelt. Not correctly wearing a seatbelt is one of the fatal five causes of trauma on our roads alongside speeding, distractions, drink and drug driving, and dangerous road users.

In 2023, not wearing a seatbelt contributed to 10 per cent of deaths on South Australia's roads, while nearly 3,000 people received fines. In last year's state budget, our government committed \$98 million towards road-safety initiatives, with a further \$168 million joint package between the South Australian and commonwealth governments. In some instances, road crashes are preventable and in others it really is just an accident.

To mark National Road Safety Week this year, the Department of Infrastructure and Transport released a social media video featuring powerful interviews with road-crash survivors, reminding everyone to make safe and responsible decisions while on the road. 22-year-old Holly Scott from the Adelaide Hills relived her worst moment when her car collided with a tree and she was trapped. She was only a few minutes away from her destination. The force of the impact left her with critical injuries and her car barely recognisable. While her physical injuries have healed, the trauma and anxiety has never gone away. After a month in hospital, Holly had to learn how to walk again and was determined to use her experience and her story to educate others about the importance of road safety.

Holly spoke about the line of emergency service vehicles along the road who were there to help rescue her—police, ambulance and firefighters all doing what they could to save her life. Our first responders who arrive on the scene of an accident are also impacted by what they see. It is traumatic for them too and, in the case of accidents in the Hills, in small country areas, first responders often know their victim. This is especially difficult—whether it is a child of their friends, their own family member, a workmate or someone on the same football team—the trauma is far-reaching.

These emergency responders, many of whom are often volunteers, do what they can to not only try and save lives but also comfort loved ones who arrive on the scene. They have to deal with onlookers and, more recently, those who want to have their minute of fame on social media by trying to get the best pictures. These pictures are so damaging. Imagine a loved one scrolling through their feed to see a picture of their child's car in a crumpled mess before they have even been made aware or had time to even inform family members. It is not okay, and I ask everyone to think twice before posting, before getting in the way of our emergency services. Just don't do it.

Our first responders are completely engulfed by the trauma and I would like to acknowledge them, thank them and let them know that we appreciate them. Last year, the CFS Road Crash Rescue was expanded in the Adelaide Hills to include the agency's first heavy rescue vehicle, which has the capacity to relocate vehicles, shortening the time it takes to receive potentially life-saving medical treatment.



Specifically built by firefighters for firefighters the heavy rescue vehicle can respond to complex vehicle accidents, including specialist and heavy vehicle incidents. With the freeway not far away and the regional roads that carry heavy trucks this is an important addition to the fleet. The heavy rescue vehicle is located at the Lobethal brigade who provide a specialist response across the Adelaide Hills. Additional locations for the rollout of further vehicles are being identified through research into CFS response and road network data.

Our first responders do not only help after an accident. The South Australian police communities and other relevant organisations continue to do what they can to educate to try to get the message through. In 2019 SAPOL's message was: 'Think about who you will leave behind', and I spoke earlier about their campaign for this year: 'Full of it'.

As a government we need to do what we can to help. South Australia's Road Safety Action Plan is a rolling three-year action plan which is reviewed annually. It sets out the government's actions to achieve its 10-year target to reduce lives lost by 50 per cent and serious injuries by 30 per cent, in line with the Road Safety Strategy to 2031 and the National Road Safety Action Plan 2023-25.

The action plan has 10 central themes: schools and local places; public transport, cycling and walking; motorcyclists; Aboriginal road users; road user behaviour; road safety in the workplace; regional and remote areas; heavy vehicles; vehicles and technology; and research and data. No death or serious injury on our roads is acceptable or inevitable and we need to work together to address the trauma caused by the everyday use of our road network. The action plan reflects evidenced-based safe system practices to protect our communities, with a focus on actions that will progressively transform our road network and bring about cultural change in road user behaviour.

The MFS also have helped to educate our community and in particular our younger drivers, or those who are even yet to get their licence through their RAP program. MFS firefighters attend our senior schools and share their own experience and give an open and honest insight into the experience of firefighters working in road crash rescue, providing a hard-hitting realistic insight into road trauma. RAP's efforts seek to actively engage and empower drivers and other road users through positive peer pressure, and its core message is: 'You get to choose the risk, but you don't get to choose the consequences'.

In May this year I had the very confronting experience of attending the Get Home Safe Foundation presentation that was delivered to students at St John's Grammar, with our Minister for Road Safety. It was very interesting to see the faces of the students as they were taken through a conversation about the risks when they get on the road. They were told to drive like you have to stop. As a parent it is also confronting and a reminder that you can't be there but you can help them understand the risk. Darren Davis from the foundation presented to the parents of the students at a separate session, telling them what they had told their kids and then reminding them that their kids are always watching them and learning driver behaviour from them. It was a powerful conversation and a wake-up call for many of the room, especially in terms of using their mobile phones.

Earlier this month our government launched the new Workplace Road Safety Guide, a guide for employers and workers. The guide outlines steps employers and workers can take to support safer driving on the job, providing tools and resources to minimise risk and ensure road safety is a priority at work. In South Australia road incidents accounted for around half—36 of the 73 work-related deaths from 2019 to 2023 and 11 of the 17 lives lost last year. The guide developed aims to get employers thinking about how they manage risk and improve road safety outcomes for their staff and the wider community. Every worker deserves to get home safe and employers need to ensure that clear responsibilities and reporting measures are in place.

Be they drivers, passengers, pedestrians, motorcyclists or cyclists, their lives are precious. They are that person to someone else. Today we honour those whom we have lost and we send our condolences to those they have left behind and offer our thoughts and well wishes to those who have survived but are forever impacted by what they experienced. I ask everyone to slow down, to resist the urge to check your phone, to drive to the conditions, to think about your family and to drive safely, because somebody loves you and they will be heartbroken to have to open the door to the worst

news one can receive. I ask that this motion be supported by all here today and we remember all who have not made it home.

**Mr BATTY (Bragg) (16:59):** I rise to support this motion introduced by the member for Waite, noting that World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims was marked on 17 November. I would like to join with the member for Waite to add my deepest condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of all of those who have suffered serious injuries or lost their lives on South Australian roads and also to recognise the emotional trauma experienced by family and friends of road traffic victims, which, as the motion recognises, is devastating and often ongoing. I think we often look at road traffic victim statistics and see them as just that, statistics and numbers, but behind each of those statistics and numbers is a life. It is someone's son or daughter, it is someone's mother or father, and that pain that is felt by those who are left behind is truly devastating, is truly ongoing.

This year South Australia has seen 80 road deaths to date. One life lost on our roads is too many; 80 is too many. Every life that we lose on our roads is indeed a tragedy. I want to take this opportunity to also acknowledge, as the motion does, the efforts made by South Australia Police and our local communities and all the other relevant organisations committed to reducing road deaths, whether they be the MFS and the CFS, the SES, all of our first responders, for not only all of the work they do to try to prevent deaths on our roads but the very difficult job of being the first people to show up when there is a crisis, when there is a tragedy. It is not easy work, and it is often not acknowledged enough, so I commend them for all the work they do.

As the shadow minister for road safety, I have had the opportunity to meet with a number of these groups and hear about the important work that they perform in our community and also many other road safety stakeholder groups, whether it is the RAA, Darren Davis at the Get Home Safe Foundation or whether it is the Motorcycle Riders' Association, which I met with just last week. Often these are teams of volunteers who work tirelessly to try to prevent a loss of life on our roads, so I commend them for all the work that they do in promoting road safety.

Can I perhaps conclude, with the end of year and festive season approaching, by giving a reminder to everyone to take care on our roads and do the right thing. Please slow down, please stick to the rules and please make sure that you get home, and you get home safely. I thank the member for Waite for introducing this motion. It is one of those motions where there is certainly support amongst the entire parliament for promoting road safety and expressing our condolences for those who have suffered injury or lost their life. I commend the motion to the house.

Motion carried.

### *Parliamentary Procedure*

#### **VISITORS**

**The SPEAKER:** Before I call the Premier, I would like to welcome to parliament today members of the Sudanese Cultural and Social Society of South Australia, who are guests of the Premier. Thank you very much. Welcome to parliament.

#### *Motions*

#### **SUDAN CONFLICT**

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (17:03):** I move:

That this house—

- (a) notes with concern the rapidly escalating humanitarian crisis caused by the ongoing conflict in Sudan, which has left the country at a catastrophic and cataclysmic breaking point;
- (b) notes the terrible toll that the conflict is having on civilians, with reports indicating up to 150,000 have been killed through violence, starvation and disease, up to 14 million people left with no option but to flee their homes or being forcibly displaced and widespread and systemic violent acts targeting women and children;
- (c) expresses horror at the famine currently underway throughout Sudan, with a staggering 25.6 million people facing acute hunger, and fears that up to 2.5 million people could die by the end of 2024;

- (d) notes the high risk that the violence will escalate into widespread ethnic cleansing and the broad use of starvation techniques, and the escalation of recently reported usage of water and food poisoning, which could lead to the second genocide in Sudan in less than two decades;
- (e) commends the commonwealth government's \$33.45 million commitment in humanitarian assistance to Sudan, including medical supplies, food, water, sanitation and emergency shelters for the most vulnerable;
- (f) calls on the commonwealth government to ensure that the continued humanitarian assistance and diplomatic efforts going forward are commensurate with the sheer scale of the unfolding disaster; and
- (g) expresses our support for Sudanese South Australians, many of whom have family and friends in Sudan who are suffering or are affected by this catastrophe.

I would like to begin by acknowledging the members of the South Australian Sudanese community in the chamber today, including Mr Magdi Eltahir, the President of the Sudanese Cultural and Social Society of South Australia, and other members of his association. Thank you for joining us at this most difficult time in your country's history.

South Australia is a proudly multicultural society. People from every corner of the world have come here and built lives shaped by peace and prosperity, enriching our state with new infusions of culture, language, faith and importantly cuisine, all of which have brought an incalculable benefit to all South Australians. The strong and enduring ties that the people of countless traditions and backgrounds maintain with family and friends in communities all over the world is a gift to our state, allowing us to share in their moments of joy and celebration.

But it also means that we share in their times of greatest tragedy. I know that countless South Australians are watching international conflict rage in their homelands, living under a constant weight of fear, anger and despair, all the while hoping against desperate hope for word that the fighting has stopped and that their loved ones are finally safe.

We are all familiar with the personal stories of the invasion of Ukraine and the Israel Gaza conflict and we can be forgiven for feeling overwhelmed by the sheer scale of global human suffering in these two conflicts. However, we have a duty. We have a duty to also contemplate human suffering that we may not be seeing on our television sets. It is a fact that some Western media that rightly dedicate broadcast time and column inches to the conflicts in the Middle East and Europe are dramatically less than likely to pay a similar level of attention to a crisis playing out in Africa. There is an injustice to us all having consciousness through the media of what is happening in Ukraine and the Middle East but having little consciousness of what is playing out in Sudan.

The people of Sudan are no strangers to catastrophe, having suffered so much in recent decades: brutal civil wars, the horrific genocide in Darfur and famines that have killed hundreds of thousands of people, especially the most vulnerable—the old, the sick and especially children. However, what we are seeing today is not only the largest and most destructive conflict in the nation's history it is also perhaps the largest current conflict on the entire planet.

Reliable information is hard to come by, with both the Sudanese armed forces and the rapid support forces carrying out barbaric acts against the civilian population in a conflict that can allow no victory. Over 10 million people—10 million people—more than a fifth of the entire national population, have been displaced internally, with another two million fleeing into neighbouring countries.

Cities and villages are in ruin. Satellite images show charred, burning fields and trucks dumping bodies into the sacred waters of the Nile. There are credible reports that both fighting forces have deliberately destroyed agriculture production and prevented the distribution of food and aid to civilians. They are using starvation as a weapon of war during the worst famine in 40 years. The WHO has estimated that 73,000 children face the effects of severe malnutrition, even if they survive the conflict itself. By the end of this year, some have estimated that the conflict and famine could cost up to 2½ million lives—a greater number than the entire population of the state of South Australia.

These are more than acts of violence: they are crimes against humanity. Both sides are complicit in these horrors, as are the foreign jurisdictions and mercenary groups that support and fuel the conflict to further their own economic and political agendas. This is a crisis that has direct

implications for Australia, threatening to upend everything from the international supply lines to the growth of fundamentalist terrorism and the damage to the fragile geopolitical balance without which peace in our world can never flourish.

More importantly, this is a humanitarian tragedy on a scale that boggles the mind. This is a crisis that demands action from the entire international community. I say again: the location of a conflict makes no difference; what matters is how we respond to the senseless loss of innocent human lives whoever and wherever they are.

With this motion—this simple and, I acknowledge, humble act—the parliament supports the federal government's call for greater diplomatic and humanitarian efforts to deliver aid to the people who are so desperately in need. But it is also a pledge to our state's Sudanese community that the people of South Australia walk alongside them during this time of trial and share in their hope that Sudan will secure a future that provides its people with peace and plenty of prosperity.

I have had the opportunity along with the Minister for Multicultural Affairs to chat to representatives of the leadership of the Sudanese community here in South Australia. They have expressed their own concern for their brothers and sisters from their homelands, as described to me on the steps of the parliament—an act of hope that their calls will be heard. I want to assure you that everybody in this place hears your calls and we share your concerns.

Whatever our respective faiths may be, I am sure each of us can spare a prayer for those who are in Sudan and the suffering they are enduring. It is our perpetual hope that the international community will rise up in the same way that we have seen extraordinary acts of heroism and generosity in Ukraine and also in the Middle East, and that that can be replicated again in Sudan.

You are not forgotten by fellow South Australians. Our hearts are with you, we stand with you, and we very much hope that at some point in the near future your loved ones in your homelands can have the same peace and prosperity that we too often take for granted here in the state of South Australia. We stand with you, God bless, and everyone will continue to hold the people of Sudan in their thoughts and prayers.

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (17:13):** I thank the Premier for bringing this motion to the house and I thank the members of the Sudanese community, the Sudanese Cultural and Social Society, and other community leaders to the parliament. As the Premier just said, God bless you for being here and bringing attention to the cause of your homeland, your heritage country, and of course the suffering and devastation that your family, loved ones and people you know are facing right now.

The Premier in his speech talked about the focus of the world's attention, certainly here in Australia, on Gaza, on Ukraine. We have readily available television images in our homes and on our screens on a regular basis. Many people in our community are familiar with those challenges and the extraordinary suffering faced by many communities around the world. Yet the scale in Sudan—as has been outlined and which I will go through in my prepared remarks in a moment—is extraordinary.

It is in standing as Deputy Leader of the Opposition alongside the government, as the opposition does support this motion, as the federal Liberal opposition supports the federal government in that support which has been provided so far—although, as has been acknowledged, more must be provided—that I hope this will ensure that you are seen and that the community's pain is seen, as we see the work of the community in our prosperous South Australian multicultural society already.

The Sudanese community in South Australia is 1,000 strong. Over the last 25 years, you have enriched our state, coming here and making a contribution. The Sudanese community, as the census data will tell anyone who is interested, can be marked through its youth: 50 per cent of the Sudanese community in South Australia are under the age of 35. A significant number of people are in primary and secondary education and also seeking apprenticeships and skilled qualifications and tertiary study. Of course, those in the older categories are making a difference in the way that they contribute through their labour, through their work, whether as labourers, healthcare professionals or healthcare workers—jobs that we need done in South Australia in all fields of life.

The Sudanese community is marked by a propensity towards faith, whether Islamic or Christian of all denominations. Of course, all of us who share a faith find it tested at times. We pray that it will also help people find solace at times of struggle, and we also pray that through people reaching to their faith they will find a level of peace and a way forward, and that sides that are in conflict can be brought together through that. The Premier's motion begins by noting:

...with concern the rapidly escalating humanitarian crisis caused by the ongoing conflict in Sudan, which has left the country at a catastrophic and cataclysmic breaking point...

In April last year, Sudan was utterly thrown into disarray when its army and paramilitary groups began this vicious struggle for power that has claimed, we understand, as many as 150,000—and perhaps more—lives already, whether through violence, starvation or disease.

The war has been described as the world's largest displacement crisis, with nine million people forced from their homes. In April last year, the people in Sudan, the people of Sudan, were not living in the prosperity that we know so well in South Australia: 46 million people were living on an average annual income of \$750 per person. This conflict, of course, has made things so much worse in the last year. I understand that in 2023 alone the economy shrank by 40 per cent; I can only imagine what further disruption has occurred. The motion also:

...notes the terrible toll that the conflict is having on civilians, with reports indicating up to 150,000 have been killed through violence, starvation and disease, up to 14 million people left with no option but to flee their homes or being forcibly displaced and widespread and systemic violent acts targeting women and children...

When leaving his post in September, I am advised UN envoy to Sudan, Volker Perthes, accused the RSF of committing sexual violence, looting and killings in areas it controls, and condemned the Sudanese Armed Forces for indiscriminate aerial bombings. The UN has described the war as triggering the 'world's worst hunger crisis'. Action Against Hunger describes five million Sudanese people dealing with 'emergency levels of hunger'. The motion before the house:

...expresses horror at the famine currently underway throughout Sudan, with a staggering 25.6 million people facing acute hunger, and fears that up to 2.5 million people could die by the end of 2024...

In 19 months of conflict, almost 80 per cent of health centres in the affected areas are non-functional. The humanitarian toll has been compounded by those human rights violations, those sexual violence violations that were described before. Aid agencies have long been complaining that security threats and roadblocks have greatly hampered their efforts to deliver vital goods, like food, to people who need them. Food is expensive. Sudan's annual inflation rate surged to 136 per cent in the first half of this year alone. As discussed earlier—the starting point. The motion continues:

- (d) notes the high risk that the violence will escalate into widespread ethnic cleansing and the broad use of starvation techniques, and the escalation of recently reported usage of water and food poisoning, which could lead to the second genocide in Sudan in less than two decades...

In October, international observers reported fresh evidence of ethnic cleansing in Darfur. Human Rights Watch said ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity are being committed against ethnic Masalit and non-Arab communities in the region. It seems clear that civilians in the state are being targeted because of their identity.

The motion commends the commonwealth government's commitment in humanitarian assistance to Sudan, including medical supplies, food, water, sanitation and emergency shelters for the most vulnerable. Since April last year, the Australian government has provided that range of assistance, as described. I will take a moment to quote from the shadow minister for foreign affairs, the Liberal Party spokesperson on this in Canberra, Senator Simon Birmingham of South Australia. I quote:

We join the government in calling for the parties, the national army, the Rapid Support Forces and others engaged in the conflict to urgently cease hostilities, to return to negotiations and also to settle arrangements to protect the humanitarian assistance that people across Sudan desperately need and deserve. We...urge them to continue to work to provide safe passage for those who want to leave areas where fighting is taking place, including...Khartoum and Darfur.

He went on later to say:

We urge the Australian government and all nations to continue to provide support to ongoing efforts with partners and allies to evacuate Australian citizens—

I suspect parts of the speech were from a little while ago—

and others who need to leave, and to continue to support efforts towards peaceful resolution. We urge the parties within Sudan and their supporters to use any and every opportunity to pursue a peaceful end to this conflict...

The motion calls on the commonwealth government to:

...ensure that the continued humanitarian assistance and diplomatic efforts going forward are commensurate with the sheer scale of the unfolding disaster...

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has, as the Premier alluded to in his speech, called out the international community for not doing enough for the people of Sudan. An amount of \$2 billion in humanitarian funding received by Sudan since the war began in their estimation represents under 50 per cent of the funding required. There is clearly more to do, and the international community must work together. The motion concludes:

- (g) expresses our support for Sudanese South Australians, many of whom have family and friends in Sudan who are suffering or are affected by this catastrophe.

I will add to my earlier words the greetings, the condolences, the best wishes of the Leader of the Opposition, Vincent Tarzia, and the shadow minister for multicultural affairs, the Hon. Jing Lee MLC, and, indeed, the entire Liberal parliamentary team. I am sure that, in addition to the government who are speaking, the Liberal Party and also the crossbench will join us in supporting this motion, which will have the wholehearted support of the entire house.

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (17:23):** I support this motion and in doing so wish to acknowledge the members of our proud Sudanese community who are here in the chamber today. I acknowledge your president, who joined me for a conversation before we came into this house. I acknowledge that each and every one of you has a family member or many family members who are facing conflict as we speak. That is a heavy burden to bear. We acknowledge through this motion today that the world needs to pay attention. I just want to acknowledge how individually this is impacting you every single day.

Sudan is a country that has been shaped by external forces more than any other. Colonialism and invasions from multiple foreign powers have held back Sudanese people for centuries. The country, with great natural and mineral wealth, has had to contend with the political consequences of economic vandalism and arbitrary borders. For Sudanese civilians these events were not of their making, yet they continue to affect their prosperity and stability today. This instability has had awful consequences.

Members in this chamber would no doubt be aware of the horrific genocide that plagued Sudan at the turn of the century, with hundreds of thousands of lives lost. Sudanese people have shown great resilience despite all these events, and our thriving Sudanese community here in South Australia is a testament to that. However, the latest conflict threatens to destroy any hope of progress in recent years. It is barely reported in our media, but it is a humanitarian disaster and it is unfolding and will eclipse anything we have seen.

So far, 150,000 people have been killed, 14 million people are displaced, and 25.6 million are facing acute hunger. These alarming figures are made worse by reports of systemic crime, including starvation, water and food poisoning, and the specific targeting of women and men. I just want to talk a little bit about this and the conversation we have had recently about women between the ages of 14 and 17 being targeted for acts of violence, targeted for rape, all in the name of war. This will stay with them forever.

This is something that not enough attention is paid to because we have seen this repeated in world wars over and over again. We must think about those girls and those women who had no choice. We must think about how we support them because sometimes they feel disconnected, unwanted, that they themselves brought on these acts of violence. We think about them today as we think of everyone in Sudan.

We know that there has been targeted destruction of entire communities and we must as an international community continue to call this out. I would like to recognise the commonwealth government provided humanitarian assistance; however, there have been incredible challenges to doing so in this volatile environment.

To the people in the gallery today of our South Australian Sudanese community, we know you came here for safety and opportunity. I was hearing today about the many different roles you play within our community. There are many of you in the medical field and many others giving back every single day. I want to recognise your contribution to our society.

There has been a change in how we hear our news. I know that you are hearing from your friends and your relatives on your phone. They can directly connect with you. There is an incredible feeling of guilt because you cannot be there. I know that many of you, when you have additional money you send it back, you support people in so many ways, but I just want to recognise the trauma that you are also experiencing because you are here and they are there.

I want to support this motion that our Premier has put forward. We should have been talking about this. We should have been calling it out. Today, we go a small step forward by acknowledging and passing this motion in the South Australian parliament.

Motion carried.

### *Bills*

## **MOTOR VEHICLES (DISABILITY PARKING PERMIT SCHEME) AMENDMENT BILL**

### *Introduction and First Reading*

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (17:28):** Obtained leave and introduced a bill for an act to amend the Motor Vehicles Act. Read a first time.

### *Second Reading*

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (17:29):** I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

I seek leave to have the second reading explanation and explanation of clauses inserted in *Hansard* without my reading them.

Leave granted.

I rise to introduce the Motor Vehicles (Disability Parking Permit Scheme) Amendment Bill 2024 (the Bill). The Bill amends the *Motor Vehicles Act 1959* (the Act) to make changes to the parking permits scheme for persons with a disability in the Act. In future, the eligibility criteria for a permit will be prescribed by the regulations. It is intended to broaden the availability of the scheme to make it available to those, for example, with neurological conditions in situations where the condition impacts a person's ability to mobilise safely.

Part 3D of the Act enables the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to effectively regulate the issuing of a Disabled persons' parking permits to assist with a temporary or permanent disability and to organisations which provide services to people with a disability.

Part 3D of the Act has not been significantly amended for some time and changes to the scheme's eligibility criteria are needed to ensure the coverage of the scheme is appropriate.

The Bill updates terms, with 'disabled person' being amended to become a 'person with a disability' and a 'disabled person's parking permit' becoming a 'disability parking permit' (DPP) throughout Part 3D of the Act. The new terms are more inclusive and reflect modern practice and language.

The Bill amends section 98X of the Act, which deals with the mobility impairment criteria that a person with a 'temporary or permanent physical impairment' needs to satisfy for a DPP. Currently, the requirements are to show that a person's speed of movement is severely restricted by the impairment, and that their ability to use public transport is significantly impeded by the impairment.

No other Australian jurisdiction requires a person to be impeded in using public transport in order to be issued with a DPP. The Bill amends the section to remove this requirement. This will improve accessibility to the scheme and bring South Australia into line with other jurisdictions.

The Bill also updates section 98X of the Act so that the definition of a person with a disability, for the purposes of Part 3D of the Act, means a person who meets the eligibility criteria prescribed by the regulations. Moving the criteria to the Regulations will enable the eligibility criteria to be more readily adaptable as time goes on. This will ensure that the legislation reflects a contemporary understanding of disability and access needs for designated parking areas for people with disabilities.

It will still be necessary for applicants who have a temporary or permanent disability or impairment to satisfy criteria concerning restricted mobility. Rather than being contained in the Act, however, the criteria will instead be located in the Regulations, after consequential changes are made.

The Bill also amends section 98S of the Act to delete the reference to 'physical' in referring to a temporary impairment. This change makes clear that non-physical temporary impairments such as significant cognitive, behavioural, or neurological impairments, can be specifically included in the scheme, as well as physical impairments.

The Regulations are intended to be amended to expand the eligibility criteria for a DPP so that applicants with significant cognitive, behavioural, or neurological impairments may be eligible for a DPP where the impairment prevents the person from being able to independently mobilise safely without the continuous support of another person. Depending on the particular circumstances, this could potentially include conditions such as autism.

It is also anticipated that the Regulations will specifically address legally blind applicants, including temporary vision loss. Both Queensland and Western Australia have stand-alone provisions for legal blindness in their disability parking permit schemes.

I commend the Bill to the House.

#### Explanation of Clauses

##### Part 1—Preliminary

###### 1—Short title

###### 2—Commencement

These clauses are formal.

##### Part 2—Amendment of *Motor Vehicles Act 1959*

###### 3—Amendment of heading to Part 3D

This clause updates the heading to Part 3D of the Act and is consequential on other amendments proposed by this measure.

###### 4—Amendment of section 98R—Application for permit

This clause changes references to disabled persons to people with disability and updates the name of the disabled person's parking permit to a disability parking permit.

###### 5—Amendment of section 98S—Duration and renewal of permits

This clause relocates the definition of temporary impairment from section 98X of the Act and removes the requirement for a temporary impairment to be physical. It also changes a reference to a disabled person to a person with a disability and updates the name of the disabled person's parking permit to a disability parking permit.

###### 6—Amendment of section 98T—Permit contents, conditions and entitlements

This clause changes a reference to a disabled person to a person with a disability and updates the name of the disabled person's parking permit to a disability parking permit.

###### 7—Amendment of section 98U—Misuse of permit

This clause changes a reference to a disabled person to a person with a disability and updates the name of the disabled person's parking permit to a disability parking permit.

###### 8—Amendment of section 98V—Cancellation of permit

This clause changes a reference to a disabled person to a person with a disability and updates the name of the disabled person's parking permit to a disability parking permit.

###### 9—Amendment of section 98WA—Interstate permit holders have reciprocal entitlements

This clause updates the name of the disabled person's parking permit to a disability parking permit.

###### 10—Amendment of section 98X—Interpretation

This clause changes a reference to a disabled person to a person with a disability. It also replaces the definition of disabled person with definition of person with a disability.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Teague.



**STATUTES AMENDMENT (COMMUNITY AND STRATA TITLES) BILL***Introduction and First Reading*

**The Hon. A. MICHAELS (Enfield—Minister for Small and Family Business, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, Minister for Arts) (17:30):** Obtained leave and introduced a bill for an act to amend the Community Titles Act 1996 and the Strata Titles Act 1988. Read a first time.

*Second Reading*

**The Hon. A. MICHAELS (Enfield—Minister for Small and Family Business, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, Minister for Arts) (17:30):** I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

Today, I am pleased to introduce the Statutes Amendment (Community and Strata Titles) Bill 2024. The bill will make changes to the Community Titles Act 1996 and Strata Titles Act 1988, which govern the creation and management of community and strata titled properties respectively in South Australia. These changes to the community and strata titles legislation will implement recommendations made in the 81<sup>st</sup> report of the Environment, Resources and Development Committee of this parliament, entitled Strata Titles, as well as additional changes requested by interested parties in consultation on the bill or subsequently in letters received from members of the public and other interested people and organisations, and changes arising from other recently emerging issues.

I seek leave to have the balance of the second reading explanation and the explanation of clauses inserted in *Hansard* without my reading them.

Leave granted.

A recent investigation by the ABC Four Corners program into the body corporate management and strata insurance broking industries, identified widespread conflicts of interest. These included conflicts due to body corporate managers simultaneously acting as insurance brokers, or through related party transactions, and failing to disclose commissions or other benefits earned through those relationships.

There are amendments in this Bill designed to address these concerns to the extent they arise in this State. It is understood that Commonwealth agencies, including the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, are looking at further regulation of strata insurance broking.

In the meantime, the Community and Strata Titles Acts currently contain requirements for body corporate managers to disclose any commissions or other benefits expected to be received in connection with arranging insurance or other goods or services on behalf of the community or strata corporations that they manage, before placing corporation business.

However, this Bill will further tighten the disclosure obligations of body corporate managers. The Bill will address the reported practice of body corporate managers 're-invoicing' community and strata corporations—that is, adding fees to service provider invoices for arranging the contracts with the service provider on the community or strata corporation's behalf.

The Bill will also impose additional disclosure obligations in respect of related party transactions, for example, where body corporate managers place business with related insurance, maintenance or debt collection businesses. The Bill will replace the existing requirement to 'disclose the nature of an interest' and replace this with requirements to disclose:

- the nature of the interest (for example, common directorships, shareholdings or commission, referral arrangements or other forms of sharing income);
- any goods and services that will be provided by a related entity;
- the total value, or estimate of the total value of goods and services (expressed in dollars) to be provided to the corporation by the related entity before the anticipated date of the next Annual General Meeting of the strata corporation;
- the basis on which it has been determined that the goods and services to be supplied by the related party are in the best interests of the strata corporation; and
- the steps the manager has taken to ensure the goods and services will be fit for purpose and of merchantable quality.

These changes also insert a new provision in the Acts requiring a motion at the body corporate AGM for the body corporate manager to declare any commissions, gifts or benefits, including from self-interested transactions and

related parties received since the last AGM and the estimated amounts to be received in the next 12 months—including the requirement that the manager disclose as soon as practicable after the AGM if commissions received differ from the commissions or estimates provided at the AGM, and for any undisclosed commissions to be repayable to the community or strata corporation.

Another issue dealt with in the Bill relates to the recent failed Felmeri Homes development at O'Halloran Hill, where the builder went into liquidation before completing an access road and utilities connections, preventing the houses in the development from then being completed under policies of building indemnity insurance.

When land is divided by Torrens title, councils become responsible for, and oversee completion of, access roads and other essential infrastructure, including by the imposition of conditions on development approval and/or taking security from developers to ensure compliance with these obligations. However, councils will apparently not impose the same obligations where a subdivision is by community title, including because the community corporation formed of the new owners of the constructed houses will 'own' the road and other infrastructure and be responsible for maintaining it in the future.

There are real concerns about whether the Felmeri Homes development should have been undertaken as a community titled development, given there was no staging of development or creation of shared facilities, beyond access roads and other essential utilities connections which are ordinary features of Torrens titled subdivision. The development would more appropriately have been subdivided by Torrens title, in which case the council would likely not have issued the land division certificates allowing lots to be sold before the essential infrastructure had been constructed to council's standards, or at least not without taking security to ensure completion. Currently, as part of a development assessment under section 102 of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*, there is a condition 'that the division of land under the *Community Titles Act 1996* or the *Strata Titles Act 1988* is appropriate having regard to the nature and extent of the common property that would be established by the relevant scheme'.

Consideration is being given to further guidance to be provided in respect of this condition. In the meantime, to provide greater clarity about this relationship between the Community Titles Act and the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act, an amendment has been included in the Bill to insert a note into section 7 of the Community Titles Act, dealing with when land may be divided under the Act, to state that regard must be had to section 102 of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act.

A recent issue that has arisen since this Bill was consulted on is the need to address situations where a body corporate manager is unable or unwilling to fulfil their duties (as occurred in a recent case).

To address this issue, the Bill removes the present restriction on when the Magistrates Court, as part of its functions of resolving strata disputes, may order the termination of a body corporate management contract. The amendment will allow Court-ordered termination in wider circumstances on application by a community or strata corporation, including where a manager is unable or unwilling to fulfill their duties under the contract. The Court can then use its ancillary orders powers to facilitate urgent access to, and transfer of, corporation trust accounts and records and thereby address practical difficulties that would otherwise arise in attempting a swift transition to a new manager.

Moving onto other measures contained in this Bill, part of the terms of reference for the ERO Committee's inquiry into strata titles regulation was to review the extensive legislative changes that were made to the community and strata titles legislation in 2013. Several of the changes in this Bill will build on those changes, in some cases to tighten provisions to ensure they have the intended effect.

Several other changes in the Bill are designed to achieve greater consistency between the Community Titles Act and Strata Titles Act, noting that the Strata Titles Act generally governs strata titled developments established before 1 June 2009, when the Community Titles Act became the exclusive vehicle for creating new staged and strata developments. The Community Titles Act in turn governs community and strata land divisions, and community corporations, established after that time. This move to consistency wherever possible between the two Acts will make it easier for body corporate managers who assist with the management of both community and strata corporations.

This Bill will make the following other changes to the Community Titles Act and Strata Titles Act, beyond those already discussed:

- Insertion of explanatory notes to make it clear on the face of these Acts that they are prescribed as 'related Acts' under the *Fair Trading Act 1987* (the effect being that the investigatory powers of authorised officers, as well as the enforceable undertaking provisions under the Fair Trading Act, apply to investigating and enforcing breaches of the Community Titles Act and Strata Titles Act.
- Amend the Community Titles Act to create discretionary powers for the Registrar-General to dispense with the requirement for the consents of registered mortgagees or lessees for minor technical amendments of, or to correct patent errors in, the scheme description for a community titled scheme.
- Explicitly empower a community corporation to make by-laws to regulate the smoking of tobacco and related products on the shared common property and to prevent smoke drift from private lots onto other lots or common property. A special resolution of the community corporation will be required to alter existing by-laws to this effect—or this by-law could be incorporated into a new development by the developer. The existing provisions of the Strata Titles Act would already allow a strata corporation to adopt the same scope of articles regulating smoke drift, so no equivalent change is needed to that Act.

- Amend the Community Titles Act and Strata Titles Act to provide that the by-laws or articles (respectively) of a community or strata corporation cannot unreasonably prohibit the installation of sustainability infrastructure (such as solar panels or electric vehicle charging infrastructure) on a community lot or strata unit.
- Amend the Community Titles Act to extend the prescribed time for lodgement of amendments to by-laws with the Registrar-General from 14 to 21 days after the passing of a resolution by the corporation to vary the by-laws.
- Amend the Community Titles Act and Strata Titles Act to remove the requirement for a strata corporation or community corporation to have and use a common seal to execute documents on behalf of the corporation.
- Require a prospective body corporate manager to give a copy of the Proposed management contract, and the prescribed pamphlet explaining owners' rights under the contract, to the secretary of the body corporate and for these to be attached to the meeting notice and agenda for any meeting at which it is proposed to consider appointing or reappointing a manager. The manager will also be required to send all owners a copy of the pamphlet and the management contract after the manager is appointed. This amendment relates to Recommendation 19 of the ERO Committee Report.
- Amend the Community Titles Act and Strata Titles Act to require corporations to include items on the general meeting agenda (as special business) where these are put forward by an owner.
- Amend the Community Titles Act and Strata Titles Act to make it easier to deal with the difficulty in achieving a quorum at corporation meetings. This relates to ERO Committee Report Recommendation 8.
- Amend the Community Titles Act and Strata Titles Act to impose further controls on the use of proxy votes and community and strata corporation meetings by expressly providing that, unless a proxy nomination is specific on the vote for the particular resolution, a proxy may not vote on a matter in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest.
- Amend the Community Titles Act and Strata Titles Act to increase the prescribed minimum amount of mandatory public liability insurance that community and strata titled groups are required to hold. This is currently \$10 million and is to be increased to \$20 million in line with other States. This implements Recommendation 13 of the ERO Committee's Report.
- Amend the Community Titles Act and Strata Titles Act to remove the five-year maximum on the prescribed duration of the mandatory sinking fund plan (termed 'statement of expenditure' under the Acts). This plan is the forward plan for maintenance costs for a community or strata group and is mandated to help and encourage community and strata groups to plan and budget for future maintenance and capital works for their buildings and common property. It has been submitted that 10 years is a more appropriate duration for these plans, with a requirement to review and update the plan after five years.
- Amend the Community Titles Act to increase the threshold for when community titled groups are required to have their accounts audited (although the corporation can nevertheless still resolve to conduct audits). This is separate to a body corporate manager's trust account auditing requirements.
- Amend the Community Titles Act and Strata Titles Act to require prospective purchasers to be provided with a copy of the plan of division for a development and the sinking fund budget as part of strata and community property searches prior to sale. These were Recommendations 6 and 10, respectively of the ERO Committee's Report.
- Amend the Community Titles Act to make it clear that the caps on fees that apply under the Act for corporations providing information and copy documents under section 139—on application by an owner, prospective owner or mortgagee—apply to a manager providing that information on behalf of the corporation. This was Recommendation 4 of the ERO Committee's Report.
- Amend the Community Titles Act and Strata Titles Act to allow the court in a strata dispute to order a body corporate manager to repay undisclosed commissions or benefits. This change is related to other amendments in the Bill tightening managers' disclosure requirements in relation to commissions and other benefits received from third parties.
- Amend the Community Titles Act and Strata Titles Act to update the provisions for serving documents and other notices required.
- Amend the Strata Titles Act to match the Community Titles Act, so strata corporations have the option to make articles to prohibit short-term letting in strata groups (as community corporations already can for community titled developments).
- Amend the Strata Titles Act to insert a provision equivalent to Community Titles Act section 84(4) stating that where there is more than one owner of unit, a person (who may, but need not, be one of the owners) may be nominated by all of the owners to vote on their behalf. This is to address a potential

loophole in the equivalent Strata Titles Act provisions that may allow joint owners of a unit to nominate different proxies and exercise multiple votes on a motion, contrary to the intention that there be one vote per unit.

- Amend the Community Titles Act and Strata Titles Act to introduce expiation fees for a number of offences contained in the Acts to aid in the enforcement of these offences by the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, and increase several of the maximum penalties for these and other offences in the Act to address inflationary effects and for consistency with recently increased penalties in similar legislation such as the *Residential Tenancies Act 1995*; and
- As a consequence of the Bill including new expiation fees for a number of offences contained in the Acts, amend the Acts to override *Criminal Procedure Act 1921* section 52(1)(a) and provide that the time limit to prosecute those offences remains two years instead of reducing to six months as a result of the introduction of expiation fees.

I commend the Bill to Members and seek leave to have the Explanation of Clauses inserted in *Hansard* without my reading it.

#### Explanation of Clauses

##### Part 1—Preliminary

###### 1—Short title

###### 2—Commencement

##### Part 2—Amendment of *Community Titles Act 1996*

###### 3—Amendment of section 5—This Act and the *Real Property Act 1886* to be read together

This clause inserts a note pointing out that this Act is also a *related Act* under the *Fair Trading Act 1987* so various enforcement powers and remedies contained in that Act will apply in respect of this Act.

###### 4—Amendment of section 7—What land can be divided

This adds to the explanatory note in section 7 by drawing attention to section 102(1)(d)(iv) of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

###### 5—Amendment of section 12—By-laws

This clause makes a minor technical amendment.

###### 6—Amendment of section 32—Persons whose consents are required

This clause amends section 32 to give the Registrar-General power to dispense with certain consents required under the section in specified circumstances.

###### 7—Amendment of section 34—By-laws

This clause allows by-laws to regulate or prohibit smoking in the common property or the drifting of smoke or aerosol from e-cigarettes from one lot to another or to the common property.

###### 8—Amendment of section 37—Restrictions on making by-laws

This clause prevents the making of by-laws that unreasonably prohibit the installation of sustainability items (which are defined in the provision) on the exterior of a lot.

###### 9—Amendment of section 39—Variation of by-laws

This clause extends the time within which a copy of varied by-laws must be lodged with the Registrar-General from 14 days to 21 days.

###### 10—Amendment of section 73—The corporation's common seal

This clause removes the requirement for a community corporation to have a common seal and provides for the execution of documents by the corporation without a common seal and the signing of contracts on behalf of the corporation.

###### 11—Amendment of section 78B—Body corporate managers

This clause amends section 78B to require that a pamphlet setting out the role of the body corporate manager and the rights of the community corporation and its members, (including any matters prescribed by regulation), a copy of the contract and other prescribed information be given to the secretary of the corporation before the date of the meeting at which the corporation is to consider whether or not to enter into a contract with the body corporate manager. The secretary is then required to provide a copy of this material with the notice convening the meeting. The body corporate manager must also, within 5 business days after entering into the contract with the community corporation, serve on all members of the corporation a copy of the documents. The clause also includes an interpretative provision

specifying that all fees and commissions payable by the corporation are considered part of the body corporate manager's remuneration.

12—Amendment of section 78D—Offences

This clause creates some new disclosure obligations for delegates (including body corporate managers) which are enforceable as offences.

13—Amendment of section 80—Business at first statutory general meeting

This is consequential to clause 10.

14—Amendment of section 81—Convening of general meetings

This clause amends section 81 to require the notice of a general meeting to contain a statement in the prescribed form about the effect of proposed new section 83(6) and also allows the owner of a lot to give written notice to the presiding officer, treasurer or secretary of an item of business that the owner requires to be included on the agenda as an item of special business for a general meeting.

15—Amendment of section 83—Procedure at meetings

This clause amends the general meeting quorum requirement to provide that a quorum is determined by dividing the number of persons who are entitled to attend the meeting and exercise the voting power in respect of a lot by 2, disregarding any fraction and adding 1. The amendments also details what is to happen if a quorum is not present after 30 minutes from the meeting's scheduled starting time.

16—Amendment of section 85—Duty to disclose interest

This clause varies the provisions on voting by persons who hold a pecuniary or other interest. Under the new provisions a person must not vote as a nominee of another person on a resolution relating to the provision of goods, amenity or service to the community corporation if the nominee has a direct or indirect pecuniary or other interest in the provision of the goods, amenity or service. Contravention of the provision is an offence punishable by a maximum fine of \$20,000 or an expiation fee of \$500. The offence will however not apply if certain specified requirements are satisfied.

17—Amendment of section 104—Other insurance by community corporation

This clause increases the minimum amount of mandatory public liability insurance from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

18—Amendment of section 113—Statement of expenditure etc

The statement of expenditure presented at the annual general meeting must set out proposed expenditure (other than recurrent expenditure) for the period prescribed by the regulations, which currently cannot exceed 5 years. This clause deletes that 5 year limitation.

19—Amendment of section 138—Audit

This clause reduces the number of community corporations that will be required to have their annual statement of accounts audited.

20—Amendment of section 139—Information to be provided by corporation

This clause adds to the list of material that is available on application by or on behalf of an owner or prospective owner or a registered mortgagee or prospective mortgagee. The section will now also allow for provision of a copy of the plan of community division and a copy of the most recent statement under section 113 (the statement of expenditure). The clause also amends the offence provision in subsection (3) to ensure it can also be committed by a person who is acting on behalf of a community corporation.

21—Amendment of section 142—Resolution of disputes etc

This clause allows the Court to order a body corporate manager to pay to the community corporation the whole or part of the amount or value of the commissions, gifts or other benefits where there has been a failure by the body corporate manager to disclose the whole or part of the amount or value of any commissions, gifts or other benefits provided to or paid for the body corporate manager in accordance with section 78D. The clause also removes the current restriction in subsection (9a).

22—Insertion of section 152A

This clause allows proceedings for a summary offence against the Act to be commenced within 2 years of the date on which the offence is alleged to have been committed even where the offence is expiable.

23—Amendment of section 155—Service

This clause makes a minor amendment to the service provision that is consequential to clause 11.

Part 3—Amendment of *Strata Titles Act 1988*

24—Amendment of section 4—This Act and the *Real Property Act 1886* to be read together as a single Act

This clause inserts a note pointing out that this Act is also a *related Act* under the *Fair Trading Act 1987* so various enforcement powers and remedies contained in that Act will apply in respect of this Act.

25—Amendment of section 16—Amalgamation of adjacent sites

This is consequential to clause 29.

26—Amendment of section 17—Cancellation

This is consequential to clause 29.

27—Amendment of section 18—Name of strata corporation

This is consequential to clause 29.

28—Amendment of section 19—Articles of strata corporation

This clause prevents the making of by-laws that unreasonably prohibit the installation of sustainability items (which are defined in the provision) on the exterior of a unit and also allows the articles of a strata corporation to prohibit or restrict a unit holder from leasing or granting rights of occupation in respect of the unit for valuable consideration for a period of less than 2 months.

29—Substitution of section 24

This clause provides that a strata corporation may (but is not required to) have a common seal and provides for the execution of documents by the corporation without a common seal and the signing of contracts on behalf of the corporation.

30—Amendment of section 27B—Body corporate managers

This clause amends section 27B to require that a pamphlet setting out the role of the body corporate manager and the rights of the strata corporation and its unit holders (including any matters prescribed by regulation), a copy of the contract and other prescribed information be given to the secretary of the strata corporation before the date of the meeting at which the corporation is to consider whether or not to enter into a contract with the body corporate manager. The secretary is then required to provide a copy of this material with the notice convening the meeting. The body corporate manager must also, within 5 business days after entering into the contract with the strata corporation, serve on all unit holders a copy of the documents. The clause also includes an interpretative provision specifying that all fees and commissions payable by the strata corporation are considered part of the body corporate manager's remuneration.

31—Amendment of section 27D—Offences

This clause creates some new disclosure obligations for delegates (including body corporate managers) which are enforceable as offences.

32—Amendment of section 31—Other insurance by strata corporation

This clause increases the minimum amount of mandatory public liability insurance from \$5,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

33—Amendment of section 33—Holding of general meetings

This clause:

- allows the presiding officer or treasurer to convene a general meeting (in addition to the existing categories of people who can do so); and
- allows a unit holder to give written notice to the presiding officer, treasurer or secretary of an item of business that the unit holder requires to be included on the agenda as an item of special business for a general meeting; and
- amends the general meeting quorum requirement to match the new provision in section 83 of the *Community Titles Act 1996* (and also adds the same requirement for the notice of the meeting to contain information about the new quorum provision).

34—Amendment of section 33A—Statement of expenditure etc

The statement of expenditure presented at the annual general meeting must set out proposed expenditure (other than recurrent expenditure) for the period prescribed by the regulations, which currently cannot exceed 5 years. This clause deletes that 5-year limitation.

35—Amendment of section 34—Voting at general meetings

This clause amends section 34(3)(b) to provide that, where there are 2 or more unit holders in respect of the same unit, a person (who may, but need not, be one of those unit holders) may be nominated by all of those unit holders to vote on their behalf or if there is no such nomination:

- if only 1 of the owners attends a meeting, the vote is exercisable by that person; or
- if 2 or more of the owners attend a meeting, the vote is exercisable by 1 of them in accordance with an agreement between all the owners attending the meeting but, if there is no such agreement, none of them is entitled to vote.

The clause also amends section 34(7) to make it consistent with section 84(14) of the *Community Titles Act 1996* by ensuring that an owner who is in arrears cannot exercise voting rights.

#### 36—Amendment of section 34A—Duty to disclose interest

This clause varies the provisions on voting by persons who hold a pecuniary or other interest. Under the new provisions a person must not vote as a nominee of another person on a resolution relating to the provision of goods, amenity or service to the strata corporation if the nominee has a direct or indirect pecuniary or other interest in the provision of the goods, amenity or service. Contravention of the provision is an offence punishable by a maximum fine of \$20,000 or an expiation fee of \$500. The offence will however not apply if certain specified requirements are satisfied.

#### 37—Amendment of section 41—Information to be furnished

This clause adds to the list of material that is available on application by or on behalf of an owner or prospective owner or a registered mortgagee or prospective mortgagee. The section will now also allow for provision of a copy of the strata plan and a copy of the most recent statement under section 33A (the statement of expenditure). The clause also amends the offence provision in subsection (2a) to ensure it can also be committed by a person who is acting on behalf of a strata corporation.

#### 38—Amendment of section 41A—Resolution of disputes etc

This clause allows the Court to order a body corporate manager to pay to the strata corporation the whole or part of the amount or value of the commissions, gifts or other benefits where there has been a failure by the body corporate manager to disclose the whole or part of the amount or value of any commissions, gifts or other benefits provided to or paid for the body corporate manager in accordance with section 27D. The clause also removes the current restriction in subsection (10a).

#### 39—Amendment of section 49—Service

This clause amends the service provision to make it consistent with the provision under section 155 of the *Community Titles Act 1996* (consequentially to the amendment in clause 30).

#### 40—Amendment of section 50—Proceedings for offences

This clause allows proceedings for a summary offence against the Act to be commenced within 2 years of the date on which the offence is alleged to have been committed even where the offence is expiable.

#### Schedule 1—Further amendment of *Community Titles Act 1996*

This clause updates penalties and Act references in the *Community Titles Act 1996*.

#### Schedule 2—Further amendment of *Strata Titles Act 1988*

This clause updates penalties and Act references in the *Strata Titles Act 1988*.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Teague.

### **RETIREMENT VILLAGES (MISCELLANEOUS) 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 14, page 10, after line 40 [clause 14, inserted section 21(1)(b)]—After subparagraph (ii) insert:

- (iii) any special levy in place and payable by residents of the retirement village, including the purpose of the special levy, the amount and frequency of payments and the proposed date of final payment; and
- (iv) any major capital item expenditure project in place or planned for the next 2 years, including the cost of the project and how it will be funded; and

No. 2. New clause, page 22, after line 10—After clause 29 insert:

#### 29A—Amendment of section 38—Residents' committees

Section 38(14)—after 'residents' committee' insert:

, or a sub-committee appointed by a residents' committee,

No. 3. Clause 38, page 31, after line 8—After subclause (3) insert:

(3a) Section 58—after subsection (2) insert:

- (2a) In addition, the following persons are entitled to appear in proceedings before the Supreme Court under this section:
- (a) a resident of the retirement village the subject of the application;
  - (b) any other any person who, in the opinion of the Court, has a sufficient interest in the proceedings.
- (2b) Subject to subsection (2c), a person who proposes to apply for the termination of a retirement village scheme or part of a retirement village scheme under this section must, before making the application—
- (a) give notice in writing of the proposed application and termination to each resident along with any prescribed information relating to the proposed termination; and
  - (b) allow a period of 60 days after giving the notice for residents to make representations to the person in response to the notice; and
  - (c) keep a record of representations made by residents in response to the notice.
- (2c) The Supreme Court may, on application, dispense with the requirement to comply with subsection (2b) if satisfied that it is appropriate in the circumstances of a particular case.
- (2d) Notice of an application to the Supreme Court under subsection (2c) must be given to each resident.
- (2e) An application for the termination of a retirement village scheme or part of a retirement village scheme under this section must include information about the results of consultation undertaken in accordance with subsection (2b) (if any).
- (2f) In determining whether to approve the termination of a retirement village scheme or part of a retirement village scheme under this section, the Supreme Court must have regard to the following matters (insofar as the matters are relevant to the proposed termination):
- (a) the views of residents of the retirement village (including the results of any consultation undertaken in accordance with subsection (2b)) and the operator in relation to the proposed termination;
  - (b) whether the proposed termination would be likely to benefit residents of the retirement village or may result in detriment to residents;
  - (c) whether the proposed termination would be likely to affect the capital value of residences in the retirement village;
  - (d) whether the proposed termination would be likely to involve a breach of any residence contracts;
  - (e) the conduct of the operator and residents of the retirement village,
- and the Court may have regard to any other matter the Court considers to be relevant in the circumstances of the particular case.

No. 4. Clause 38, page 31, after line 10—After subclause (4) insert:

(5) Section 58—after subsection (4) insert:

- (5) A reference in this section to a *resident* includes a person who is not in occupation of a residence but is, under a residence contract, entitled to payment of an exit entitlement and has not received payment of the exit entitlement.

No. 5. Schedule 1, page 40, after line 25—After clause 7 insert:

7A—Termination of retirement village scheme on application to Supreme Court

Subsections (2a) to (2f) of section 58 of the principal Act, as inserted by this Act, apply only in relation to proceedings commenced under section 58 of the principal Act after the commencement of section 38 of this Act.



Consideration in committee.

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON:** I move:

That the Legislative Council's amendments be agreed to.

**The ACTING CHAIR (Mr Odenwalder):** There are five amendments from the Legislative Council. Are there any questions or general comments on any of these amendments?

**Ms PRATT:** The opposition intends to support all the amendments. However, as the lead speaker and the shadow minister, I would like to make a comment. Noting the genuine attention and intention and goodwill of the upper house, the bill comes back to us after quite a lengthy journey between the houses. I want to pay recognition to the crossbench in particular: the Hon. Frank Pangallo, the Hon. Robert Simms, and the Hon. Connie Bonaros, who each in their own endeavours have brought to the government and the opposition amendments that have required us to give due consideration to the continued challenge to strike a balance for both residents and operators through the review and amendment of this bill.

I want to thank the crossbench in the upper house, in the other place, for their efforts. I want to thank my colleagues for taking their own time to analyse what has been a very technical, layered and detailed bill with a number of amendments to consider in the first draft by the government. At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, some additional amendments introduced by the government that were welcomed by the opposition really did close the loop on the intention of this bill to capture not just prospective future residents but, in fact, those who have existing contracts.

I want to thank the minister and the department for their efforts in completing the consultation process, delivering the draft to the public for feedback and noting that, from the point of view of operators—SARVRA, which is the residential association peak body—individual residents who wrote to the government, the opposition and independent members of parliament, that this has been an example of a bill that has really tried to strike a balance.

We want to see for operators and property developers a market that is inviting to them for the development of future housing that will incorporate mixed use, mixed purpose, and allow for people of my parents' generation choice when it comes to ageing well at home, and I think the bill has done this.

At the heart of it has been the endeavour to achieve outcomes for residents: residents who in many years past have entered into contracts that have since caused them distress. I think that we see now in this bill opportunities for current and future residents to see upfront, in a transparent way, the details of a contract and what services they should expect from the operator and what opportunities they have to live their best lives.

These comments that I make today are really intended to be a summary of a process that has endured for over 12 months. I think that across both sides of the chamber we have been able to strike that balance. With those concluding remarks, I support the passage of the bill in its final stage.

Motion carried.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL**

### *Introduction and First Reading*

**The Hon. D.R. CREGAN (Kavel—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Special Minister of State) (17:38):** Obtained leave and introduced a bill for an act to amend the Emergency Management Act 2004. Read a first time.

### *Second Reading*

**The Hon. D.R. CREGAN (Kavel—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Special Minister of State) (17:38):** I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

I rise to introduce the Emergency Management (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2024. This bill amends the South Australian Emergency Management Act 2004 to implement recommendations of the Independent Review of the Emergency Management Act 2004: Final Report. The final report

included 28 recommendations, all of which were accepted or accepted in principle by the government. This bill deals with all 28 legislative recommendations concerning the Emergency Management Act.

The proposed amendments to the bill will strengthen the Emergency Management Act by improving clarity, strengthening roles and responsibilities and introducing new elements to support responding to future known and unknown events in emergencies.

The Emergency Management Act is South Australia's primary legislation for emergency management arrangements. It is a critical piece of legislation in times of emergency, to support the South Australian government's prevention, preparedness, response and recovery efforts. The act provides the framework and principles for coordinating activities before, during and after emergencies, assigns key responsibilities and gives the necessary powers for response and recovery operations. It serves as a last resort piece of legislation that is only utilised once the powers available under surrounding legislation have been exhausted.

Over the past five years, South Australia has experienced some of its most devastating disasters on record, including the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires, the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2022-23 River Murray flooding event.

The Emergency Management Act has been in place for 20 years and this is the first major review since its commencement. There have been only 10 declarations made in the act's history. Three of these declarations have occurred in the last four years. Until 2020, the longest declaration was in place for four days. Since then, declarations have been in place for 793 days in respect of the COVID-19 pandemic and 118 days for the 2022-23 River Murray flood.

The increasing complexity of emergency events coupled with emerging risks such as climate change and cybersecurity presents new challenges for the emergency management sector and the state, necessitating these amendments to the Emergency Management Act.

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

Leave granted.

One of the significant amendments is proposed in response to strong consensus from submissions that greater recovery powers are needed in the Emergency Management Act. Recovery efforts have become increasingly important in emergency management and governments, organisations and communities all contribute significantly to these efforts.

The Bill therefore introduces a permanent role of State Recovery Coordinator, with clearly defined responsibilities and powers to assist with recovery efforts.

The State Recovery Coordinator will be responsible for leading state coordinated recovery planning and operations which previous reviews into emergency events, including the Burns Review, had found to be ad-hoc and inconsistent. In consultation, 100% of submissions supported or partially supported a separate legislative position of State Recovery Coordinator. Importantly, the Bill provides for the State Recovery Coordinator to report to the State Coordinator when a declaration is in force to ensure clear lines of accountability.

The second significant amendment is the introduction of a new category of emergency declaration. This new declaration is modelled on State of Alert models that are utilised by the Tasmanian and Australian Capital Territory governments. This State of Alert declaration is intended to be used prior to or following a Major Emergency or Disaster declaration and supports the scaling up and down of emergency activities, including public messaging.

The independent review highlighted the COVID-19 pandemic response as an example where a State of Alert model could have been utilised, where the emergency did not follow a linear trajectory but rather had multiple peaks and troughs. In consultation, 98% of submissions supported or partially supported the introduction of a new class of declaration that supports the scaling up and down of emergency messaging.

Another amendment of note is a new power for Ministers to modify, or dispense with, procedural requirements of another Act during a declaration period. It is recognised that directions issued during a declaration may have consequences on other government operations and it appropriate for a Minister to have flexibility to adjust their legislative requirements in the event a direction may lead to an unintended breach of law. By way of example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, restrictions on movements compromised the ability to sign and witness documents as required by legislation.

The Bill introduces important limitations and checks on this power including the exclusion of certain Acts, a requirement that procedures relating to a court can only be modified at the request of the Chief Justice of the Supreme

Court and a sunset clause. The Australian Government has similar provisions under Part 3 of the *National Emergency Declaration Act 2020* which relates to Commonwealth laws.

Additionally, it is proposed that the Act's objectives and guiding principles be amended to recognise the importance of mitigation, that volunteers are key contributors to South Australia's emergency management efforts, and that specific planning for vulnerable people is required.

Further, and to ensure that this important legislation can be kept fit for purpose in the face of evolving and unpredictable future threats, a statutory review clause has been inserted requiring a review to be conducted within 6 years of commencement.

Extensive stakeholder consultation was undertaken over the course of the independent review, with formal consultation conducted via YourSAy. Feedback and inputs were received by community members, including emergency services volunteers, local government, and non-government organisations. Stakeholders were largely supportive of the proposed changes. I acknowledge and thank the 75 agencies, organisations and individuals who provided their response to this consultation.

There have been several challenging periods in our State's recent history. As I introduce this Bill I would like to recognise the ongoing efforts of emergency management staff across all levels of government, non-government organisations and volunteers. These dedicated individuals work tirelessly to keep the South Australian community safe—at times placing their own lives at risk for the sake of others. I thank them wholeheartedly for these efforts.

I would also like to acknowledge the strength and resilience that the South Australian community has shown in responding to recent disasters such as the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires and the 2022-23 River Murray flooding event.

This Bill considers our changing emergency management environment and takes lessons from past recent events. In doing so, it ensures that we have the best legislation in place to enable government to respond to emergencies

The proposed amendments do not compromise on the existing strengths of the Act, which is well understood by the emergency management sector and provides flexibility to carry out emergency activities across a broad spectrum of hazards.

I commend this Bill to the House and seek leave to insert the explanation of clauses in *Hansard* without my reading it.

#### Explanation of Clauses

##### Part 1—Preliminary

###### 1—Short title

###### 2—Commencement

These clauses are formal.

##### Part 2—Amendment of *Emergency Management Act 2004*

###### 3—Amendment of section 2—Objects and guiding principles

This implements recommendation 1 in the Independent Review of the *Emergency Management Act 2004* (the *Review*) and adds a reference to the State Recovery Co-ordinator.

###### 4—Amendment of section 3—Interpretation

This implements recommendation 14 of the Review and makes consequential changes to various definitions.

###### 5—Amendment of section 5—Interaction with other Acts

This helps to clarify the extent of new information gathering powers under Part 4 of the Act.

###### 6—Amendment of section 6—Establishment of State Emergency Management Committee

###### 7—Repeal of section 8

These clauses implement recommendation 4 of the Review.

###### 8—Amendment of section 9—Functions and powers of SEMC

Subclause (1) implements recommendation 5 of the Review and subclause (2) is consequential to clause 18.

###### 9—Repeal of section 10

This clause also implements recommendation 4 of the Review.

###### 10—Amendment of section 15—Functions and powers of State Co-ordinator

This clause corrects a minor error and makes an amendment that is consequential to clause 18.

## 11—Amendment of section 16—Assistant State Co-ordinators

This clause is consequential to the creation of the new State Recovery Co-ordinator role.

## 12—Amendment of section 17—Authorised officers

This clause removes gendered language.

## 13—Amendment of section 18—Delegation

This clause removes gendered language and makes an amendment that is consequential to the creation of the new State Recovery Co-ordinator role.

## 14—Insertion of Part 3A

This clause inserts a new Part to implement recommendation 13 of the Review.

## Part 3A—The State Recovery Co-ordinator

## 18A—Appointment of State Recovery Co-ordinator

This provides for appointment of the State Recovery Co-ordinator.

## 18B—Functions of State Recovery Co-ordinator

This sets out the functions of the State Recovery Co-ordinator.

## 15—Amendment of section 19—Co-ordinating agency

This implements recommendation 3 of the Review.

## 16—Substitution of heading to Part 4 Division 3

This clause makes a consequential amendment.

## 17—Amendment of section 21—Publication of guidelines

This clause makes a consequential amendment.

## 18—Insertion of section 21A

This clause inserts a new section as follows:

## 21A—State of alert

This implements recommendation 6 of the Review.

## 19—Amendment of section 23—Major emergencies

This clause makes a consequential amendment.

## 20—Amendment of section 24—Disasters

This clause makes a consequential amendment and implements recommendation 7 of the Review.

## 21—Amendment of section 24A—Public health incidents and emergencies

This clause makes a consequential amendment.

## 22—Amendment of heading to Part 4 Division 4

This clause makes a consequential amendment.

## 23—Insertion of section 24B

This clause inserts a new section as follows:

## 24B—Power to require information or documents

This section implements recommendation 10 of the Review.

## 24—Amendment of section 25—Powers of State Co-ordinator and authorised officers

This clause implements recommendations 8, 9 and 18 of the Review.

## 25—Insertion of sections 26AB and 26AC

This clause inserts new sections as follows:

## 26AB—Modification of procedural requirements

This proposed section implements recommendation 11 of the Review but imposes some limitations on the ability to dispense with procedural requirements where they relate to courts or to Parliamentary matters.

26AC—Public sector mobilisation

This proposed section implements recommendation 12 of the Review.

26—Amendment of section 26B—No obligation on persons to maintain secrecy

This clause makes a consequential amendment.

27—Substitution of section 27

This clause substitutes a new section 27 as follows:

27—Recovery operations

This proposed new section implements recommendations 2, 15 and 16 of the Review. Recommendation 17 of the Review would be implemented in regulations made under proposed new section 27.

28—Amendment of section 27A—Interpretation

This clause makes consequential amendments.

29—Amendment of section 27B—Minister may declare electricity supply emergency

This clause implements recommendation 20 of the Review.

30—Amendment of section 27C—Minister's power to give directions

This clause implements recommendation 19 of the Review.

31—Substitution of section 27D

This clause substitutes a new section 27D as follows:

27D—Minister's power to use or require information

This proposed new section implements recommendation 21 of the Review.

32—Amendment of section 27E—Obligation to preserve confidentiality

This clause implements recommendations 22 and 23 of the Review.

33—Amendment of section 27F—Manner of giving directions or requirements

This clause makes consequential amendments.

34—Amendment of section 28—Failure to comply with directions

This clause removes gendered language and makes a consequential amendment.

35—Amendment of section 30—Impersonating an authorised officer etc

This clause removes gendered language.

36—Amendment of section 31A—Confidentiality

This clause implements recommendations 24 and 25 of the Review.

37—Amendment of section 32—Protection from liability

38—Amendment of section 32A—Protection from liability—COVID-19

These clause implement recommendation 26 of the Review.

39—Insertion of section 33A

This clause inserts a new section as follows

33A—Victimisation

This proposed new section implements recommendation 27 of the Review.

40—Amendment of section 36—Insurance policies to cover damage

This implements recommendation 3 of the Review.

41—Amendment of section 38—Regulations

This clause increases the maximum penalty for an offence against the regulations and provides for offences against the regulations to be expiable.

Schedule 1—Transitional provision and review

1—Transitional provision

This clause ensures the amendments in clauses 37 and 38 will apply in relation to acts and omissions whether occurring before or after the commencement of those clauses.

2—Review of *Emergency Management Act 2004*

This clause implements recommendation 28 of the Review.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Teague.

## ELECTORAL (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL

*Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 26 November 2024.)

**Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (17:41):** I rise to indicate I am the lead speaker for the opposition. I indicate the opposition's support for the bill. The bill largely is implementing the bulk of the recommendations from the election report recommendations, the 2022 South Australian State Election and 2022 Bragg By-election, to which the election report of the same names speaks. I recognise the work of the Electoral Commission of South Australia led by Commissioner Mick Sherry.

The bill also includes a small number of changes that are outside the scope of the report, including some particular provisions in relation to pre-polling. I am glad that the government accepted the opposition's amendment in relation to the particulars for the minimum amount of pre-polling. That is a welcome change and I certainly commend that in its received amended form to the house.

The extra aspects that seem to have attracted the headlines, through the reference to some sort of first dipping of the toe in the water in relation to AI in campaigning, are interesting. I am not sure that the AI aspect as it is currently set out in this bill is going to have a huge amount of work to do, but it is a sign of the times.

There is an amendment in relation to the banning of robocalls, which is an election commitment, and there are one or two questions to ask about that. I think there is some concern that I just express about the arrangements that will be now in place, the subject of the bill in relation to the provision of postal vote applications, and I just foreshadow a brief committee stage for that purpose. I otherwise commend the bill.

Bill read a second time.

*Committee Stage*

In committee.

Clauses 1 to 18 passed.

Clause 19.

**Mr TEAGUE:** Clause 19 is an amendment to section 74A. It renders an offence to distribute an application form for the issue of declaration voting papers. I just indicate a concern about practice. There has been some treatment of this in the debate in the Legislative Council. The substituted provision will prohibit a person, other than a person acting under the authority of the Electoral Commissioner, from distributing or causing or permitting to distribute to an elector either a form for (or purporting to be) application for a declaration voting paper, or material containing, or purporting to contain, a link, code or other means by which an elector is able to apply for the issue of declaration voting papers, and there is a penalty provision of \$5,000. The provision goes on to say:

- (1a) It is not an offence...to distribute, or cause or permit to be distributed, an application form if—
- (a) the form is provided by or under the authority of the Electoral Commissioner; and
  - (b) the form is distributed at—

- (i) a post office; or
- (ii) any other place determined by the Electoral Commissioner.

The first proposition is: can the government just give a clear indication, as would appear on the face, that this does not stop the provision of advice to someone who is seeking it, including to a member or to an electorate office, about whereabouts one might go or how one might obtain a postal vote application?

**The Hon. D.R. CREGAN:** I appreciate the member for Heysen's question. The advice I have is that, so long as the advice was general in nature and did not provide a link or the form itself, then there would be no breach of the act.

**Mr TEAGUE:** In relation to the place that might be determined, the authority of the Electoral Commissioner in this regard is welcome, and on its face might be available if sought, but specifically in terms of the place that might be determined by the Electoral Commissioner, we see a post office is nominated already. Is there any other indication, either by way of class or expectation, as to the places that the Electoral Commissioner might determine, including places of civic and public interaction, including electorate offices throughout the state?

As a practical corollary, is the government able to give an example of appropriate behaviour in the event that an electorate office is not a designated place in response to a constituent or other person who might attend at an electorate office and say, 'I think I might need a postal vote application. How do I go about doing that?'

One scenario, obviously, if an electorate office was a nominated place, is 'Here is your application care of the Electoral Commission,' but that is all sort of wrapped up in relation to the new (1a)(b)(ii).

**The Hon. D.R. CREGAN:** It is a sensible matter for us to reflect on here in committee. The advice I have is that the Electoral Commissioner is turning his mind to the places as may be appropriate. It may be that the Electoral Commissioner forms a view that, for example, it is necessary for a place to be a nursing home or hospital or other location where it would facilitate the objects of the act to ensure that place were recognised.

Clause passed.

Clauses 20 to 30 passed.

Clause 31.

**Mr TEAGUE:** This is an amendment to section 115A, automated political calls, and it contains two offence provisions that will ban so-called robocalls. It creates restrictions on a designated entity on the one hand and any person on another, prohibiting the making of a call in both cases by way of telephone and associated technology that might contain regulated content.

At its core, I think it might be well understood that a fully automated call to a telephone constitutes a robocall. There are practical gradations, I suppose, along the way that might not be tolerably clear on the face of the offence provision. I just indicate, for example, the use of automation in circumstances where calls might be being made and, in the event that there is not an answer, that a common voicemail might be left as a sort of timesaving measure on behalf of the caller that might say, 'Hi, I'm calling' and leave a number or something of that nature.

That is use of automation but it is not in the nature of an automated process of calls. Indeed, that leaving of the message might not meet the criteria that is being itself a call. But in circumstances where that example might illustrate a degree of uncertainty, can the government provide any assurance in that regard or indication as to the kind of call that is and is not going to offend against these new provisions?

**The Hon. D.R. CREGAN:** The advice I have is that the question here is whether the call contains regulated content, and that is the first touchstone or inquiry that a person would necessarily make in forming a view about whether there might be liability that would attach to them after the passage of this legislation if it were to pass. To that extent, the question is then whether there is an element of a prerecorded message, but of course personal calls are not captured in that way.

Clause passed.

Remaining clauses (32 to 37), schedule and title passed.

Bill reported without amendment.

*Third Reading*

**The Hon. D.R. CREGAN (Kavel—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Special Minister of State) (17:56):** I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time and passed.

**BIOSECURITY BILL**

*Introduction and First Reading*

Received from the Legislative Council with a message drawing the attention of the House of Assembly to schedule 2, printed in erased type, which clause, being a money clause, cannot originate in the Legislative Council but which is deemed necessary to the bill. Read a first time.

At 17:58 the house adjourned until Thursday 28 November 2024 at 11:00.



*Answers to Questions***AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (30 October 2024).

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

The back pay covers the period from May 2023 to May 2024 and therefore relates to both the 2023 and 2024 calendar years.

Per standard processes since entering into the Gonski agreement, the department is required to acquit funding on a calendar year basis. In addition, as per standard processes since entering into the Gonski agreement, the rules for acquitting expenditure to the Australian government allows for timing adjustments.

Therefore, the component of the back-pay expenditure that relates to the 2023 school year, will be acquitted against the 2023 financial acquittal to the Australian government and the 2024 component will be included in the 2024 acquittal.

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In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (30 October 2024).

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

The revaluation of TAFE SA land and buildings in the 2023-24 financial year was undertaken for the purpose of TAFE SA complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Treasurer's Instructions.

The change in value by site is provided in the attached table. The movement was principally due to increases in the market value of land and increases in building construction costs that have occurred since the last valuation in 2019.

The property values reported in TAFE SA's financial statements are not used for determining property rates and taxes (including council rates and emergency services levy), as property rates and taxes generally apply values determined by the Valuer-General.

Revaluation by Property (year ended 30 June 2024)

Building

Property	Revaluation Adjustment (\$'M)
	Land, Building & Improvements—TOTAL
ADELAIDE ARTS TAFE	7.3
ADELAIDE TAFE	58.9
BAROSSA VALLEY TAFE	5.1
BERRI TAFE	2.7
CEDUNA TAFE	1.7
COOBER PEDYTAFE	1.4
ELIZABETH TAFE	12.3
GILLES PLAINS TAFE	26.2
KADINA TAFE	1.8
MOUNT BARKER TAFE	(3.6)
MOUNT GAMBIER TAFE	10.9
MURRAY BRIDGE TAFE	(0.1)
NOARLUNGA TAFE	11.5
PORT ADELAIDE TAFE	14.2
PORT AUGUSTA TAFE	8.6
PORT LINCOLN TAFE	5.4
PORT PIRIE TAFE	4.6
REGENCY TAFE	48.5

Property	Revaluation Adjustment (\$'M)
SALISBURY TAFE	10.9
TEATREE GULLY TAFE	39.5
NONSLEEPER TAFE	37.5
VICTOR HARBOR TAFE	1.9
WHYALLA TAFE	8.9
URRBRAE CAMPUS	0.0
LOBETHAL	0.0
KADINA LAND	( 0.2.)
Leasehold and General Building Improvements	0.0
	316.1