

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

### Tuesday, 16 September 2025

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

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

**The SPEAKER** read prayers.

#### *Bills*

### **STATUTES AMENDMENT (VEHICLE PARKING AND URBAN RENEWAL) BILL**

#### *Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 4 September 2025.)

**The SPEAKER:** The member for—

**Mr FULBROOK:** Playford.

**The SPEAKER:** Playford. I always get Florey and Playford mixed up because they switch.

**Mr FULBROOK:** It is always a bit confusing these days but thank you, sir.

**The SPEAKER:** I have a fifty-fifty chance of getting it right, and some days I do.

**Mr FULBROOK (Playford) (11:02):** My record is unblemished through your accuracy, sir. I rise today in strong support of the Statutes Amendment (Vehicle Parking and Urban Renewal) Bill 2025 and the scheme that accompanies it. This bill is straightforward in its intent and practical in its application. Put simply, it responds to a very real and visible problem in our suburbs: our cars have grown in size but the spaces we design for them have not kept pace. The result is that too many South Australians are left with garages and driveways that are unfit for purpose and our streets are becoming clogged with parked vehicles.

The bill amends the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 and the Urban Renewal Act 1995. It introduces mandatory parking conditions for new residential developments across Greater Adelaide. That means if a new dwelling is built it must have car parking that meets minimum numbers and minimum dimensions or the developer must contribute to a dedicated vehicle parking fund.

The vehicle parking scheme, published by the minister, sets out what those standards are. For example, a dwelling with one bedroom must have at least one car space. As I understand it, a dwelling with two or more bedrooms must have at least two car spaces. Spaces must be larger than before: 3.5 metres wide and six metres long for a single park compared with the old standard of three metres by 5.4 metres. Garage doors must now be at least three metres wide, where previously 2.4 metres was the industry norm.

If the developer cannot or will not provide compliant spaces, they may instead make a contribution to the vehicle parking fund. The minister can use that fund to create or improve public parking, bicycle infrastructure or related facilities. Put in plain English, new homes will have garages and driveways that fit the cars people actually drive today, and there will be a safety net of public investment in parking where onsite options fall short.

I want to pause here and express a note of regret. I think it is a shame that we have had to legislate for something that, in many ways, should have been a matter of common sense. Garages ought to be built large enough to fit the cars people actually buy. Driveways ought to be long enough

to keep vehicles off the street. Yet here we are, forced to step in because the reality on the ground has become untenable.

I feel this personally. At my own home in Parafield Gardens, built in 1998, my car struggles to squeeze into my garage. Parking becomes a matter of careful angles and patience. In the electorate that I am privileged to represent, we see this problem play out daily. Mawson Lakes, in particular, is one of the clearest examples. Streets there are narrow, driveways are short, and garages often double as something else entirely. Cars spill out onto the kerb because there is simply nowhere else for them to go.

This has direct consequences. Congestion grows, tempers fray and, most worrying of all, access for emergency vehicles is compromised. Residents are rightly concerned that a fire truck or an ambulance cannot simply mount the kerb when both sides of the streets are lined with vehicles. The result of these pressures is that existing garages often evolve into something else: home gyms, rumpus rooms, storage sheds. The irony is plain: we call them garages, but for many families they are anything but.

While Mawson Lakes is largely built out, there are still greenfield pockets in Parafield Gardens and Paralowie where change is possible. Here, this legislation will make a difference. New homes can be designed from the ground up, with practical garages and driveways that match the reality of modern vehicles. This is where forward-looking planning really counts. We cannot undo the mistakes of the past, but we can stop repeating them in new developments.

Another dynamic that is shaping my electorate is the presence of large mosques and temples. For many communities, proximity to a place of worship is as important as proximity to the CBD or the beach. The Playford electorate has in many ways become its own economic microclimate. We see subdivisions increasing around these institutions as families seek to live close by, but subdivisions mean smaller blocks, smaller driveways and greater demand for street parking. These changes in planning rules will help relieve some of that pressure, ensuring streets remain safe and unclogged even as our suburbs evolve to reflect our cultural diversity.

This bill will also shape the look and feel of our homes. The increase in garage dimensions is the headline change, but there are others worth noting. For example, there is a requirement for each new home to have a habitable room, or at least a window, facing the street. This is not just about aesthetics; it is about creating a sense of eyes on the street, contributing to safety and vibrancy.

I support this compromise, but that said I speak from experience when I say that living in a room facing the street is not always pleasant. Sleeping in a front-facing bedroom exposes you to traffic noise, and on hot summer nights when windows are left open there can at times be little comfort in knowing that pedestrians are passing right by your window as you try to sleep. A modest window requirement strikes the right balance. It adds natural surveillance without forcing families into impractical living arrangements.

It is important to note that these changes will initially apply only to Greater Adelaide. That makes sense. Growing up on five acres, my family never had to worry about where to park. We had more parking space than we knew what to do with, but in metropolitan Adelaide land is scarce and streets are narrow. This is where the problem is most acute, and this is where the solution must begin.

The bill also makes technical, but significant, adjustments to the Planning and Design Code. As mentioned, this includes changes on the reduction in the requirement for a habitable room with a large window facing the street, replaced with a smaller, more flexible option; the removal of certain limits on garage door widths, particularly for narrow-fronted allotments; and flexibility around front door visibility, allowing entrances through garages in very small lots. These changes are sensible. They balance housing affordability with the practical need for off-street parking without compromising design quality.

Another important aspect is timing. The vehicle parking provisions will not commence immediately. There will be a 12-month delay after the bill passes parliament, giving developers, builders and councils the necessary time to adjust. In greenfield locations, commencement will be further deferred to 2028 to align with infrastructure planning cycles. This phased approach ensures

that we do not disrupt the housing pipeline or add unnecessary costs to projects that are already in train.

This bill, above all, is a practical reform. It balances community expectations with industry realities. It acknowledges that, while cars are getting larger and our streets are more congested, we cannot simply demand change without providing flexibility and fairness. By legislating larger garages, by creating a parking fund, by allowing reasonable exemptions, and by making targeted adjustments to the Building Code, this bill finds that balance. So, yes, it is a shame that we have to legislate something that once could have been common sense, but it is also an opportunity to get it right, to build suburbs that function better, to relieve pressures on our streets and to safeguard access for emergency services.

I have to add another dimension to this which occurred to me over the course of the weekend. I was doorknocking in Mawson Lakes, of which I am privileged to look after half—I share the responsibility and privilege with the member for Florey—and one thing that occurred to me was in regard to a lot of reports of cars on the streets having their windows smashed. That is very, very unfortunate, and not an indictment on the owners—and I am saying these words very carefully and very respectfully. As a consequence of what has happened, we are seeing quite a number of vehicle owners having no choice but to park on the streets. Subsequently, that does regretfully create a magnet for thieves: opportunistic people who see more of a critical mass of cars in certain pockets of Adelaide than they would elsewhere.

Unfortunately, given the short driveways and the small garages that have been converted, quite in prevalence across Mawson Lakes, we are seeing that play out. It would be lovely if we could unscramble the egg there, but we do have to learn from the mistakes of the past and, I am afraid, in this particular case Mawson Lakes would appear to be a textbook example. To ensure that we get this right in the future, it is important to see it through many lenses. I spoke earlier about so many ways this law shall be of benefit, but I do point out that there is actually a criminal element or a policing element on which this bill also has the potential to have a profound and positive effect.

Getting back to my notes, in the Playford electorate—from the built-up streets of Mawson Lakes to the remaining development pockets of Parafield Gardens and Paralowie—this change is not abstract. It is real, it is visible and it is urgently needed. I commend this bill and the scheme to the house. Just in passing, I want to thank the minister for his advocacy on this front; I think it is a massive step forward. With that in mind, I congratulate him and wish the passage of the bill all the best.

#### *Parliamentary Procedure*

#### **VISITORS**

**The SPEAKER:** Before I call the deputy leader, I would like to welcome to parliament this morning students from the TAFE Adult Migrant English Program. Welcome to parliament. It is great to have you here, and we hope you are enjoying your visit.

#### *Bills*

#### **STATUTES AMENDMENT (VEHICLE PARKING AND URBAN RENEWAL) BILL**

#### *Second Reading*

Debate resumed.

**Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (11:13):** I rise to address the bill and indicate I am the lead speaker for the opposition. I indicate at the outset that the opposition will reserve its view between the houses in relation to the bill, and I will address some remarks more specifically, and perhaps in the course of the committee stage, to what is a relatively short piece of legislation—nine clauses. If I am not quick to share the member for Playford's sentiment in terms of its great leap forward as far as our state's planning is concerned, it certainly does augment particular arrangements affecting those in the suburbs particularly who will have experienced the infill that has occurred in particularly recent decades.

I think it is important to bear in mind that much of the consideration and compromise that has resulted in this bill that will provide the way for other work to be done mandating certain off-street parking is a kind of attempt to address the mistakes of the past, and the member for Playford has addressed some that are particularly felt by him in those areas of suburban Adelaide that he represents.

It is important to bear in mind, of course, that these provisions are going to apply going forward, so those who are dealing with these infill difficulties, let alone the greenfield developments of recent decades, will not be finding any great instant relief here and they might be reflecting: hang on, we have seen what has happened in terms of urban planning failures in the past and we do not want to see—if the member for Playford is going to characterise it that way—this held up as the grand best answer to urban planning going forward. The peak industry bodies have made that clear, from the Property Council to the UDIA and so forth.

It is true to say that there have been some responses to feedback over the course of this year. I hope the government keeps taking on board the views of those expert stakeholders and sector participants, because what Greater Adelaide needs is improved urban planning that really is going to have to get away from a response to urban growth based on ever smaller standalone blocks and then a kind of anxious response to increasing cars on the streets and so on.

I am not too quick to talk with rose-coloured glasses about the good old days—most of the time the good old days are not quite so good when you reflect on the details—but I do want to reflect on a contribution to this debate that Peter Goers made in his piece in about November of last year when he was reflecting on what he described as the good old days when houses were simpler and they were not having to accommodate the number and size of vehicles that are the norm these days, and reflecting about the benefits of simplicity in urban housing.

Perhaps in giving a nod to Peter Goers in that regard I say that it is the responsibility of governments, including in this area of urban planning, to do more than to patch up the same plan but a bit different. Ezra Klein wrote recently in a book that is getting around now—I made sure the library had a copy a couple of months ago and I think I was ahead of the curve—called *Abundance* that seems to be quoted by just about everybody you meet around the place, and it makes clear that the responsibility of government is not necessarily to be heavy-handed or a light touch but to ensure that what it does do is actually deliver something worthwhile so that people say, 'Hang on, government is doing something for us,' and the results are, in these circumstances, an improved urban environment.

Closest to me, just down the road, we have seen an example of urban planning gone terribly wrong in a way that Labor governments now repeatedly have freely acknowledged by way of apology. It was just terribly badly managed in terms of the urban planning side. We see members of the government heading down to Mount Barker and saying to all concerned, 'Yes, we're sorry. We got it wrong, completely.' The work that is now necessary to be done at Mount Barker to catch up and ensure that it is fit for purpose for a community of 30,000 and more as it grows is a matter, unfortunately, of backfilling, and that is for a whole variety of reasons.

When I refer to Ezra Klein's book and the concept of government actually delivering improvement I would say by way of contrast that it takes a determined planning step to turn around and say, 'Actually there's capacity for a different kind of urban living. There's capacity for density changes, for living in a village environment and for taking advantage of proximity to public transport and the investment in that public transport that goes with it that is what people want to see.'

I certainly have had in a way a generational change occurring in the Hills, Stirling key among them. Stirling has been through something of an existential crisis over the last couple of years, in particular the result of the devastating fire at the centre of town destroying the Stirling Woolworths, which has led to a lot of reflection about the way in which we live.

We do not want to see some sort of incremental infill that results in smaller blocks and the pushing of vehicles onto streets because we have got the same sort of cookie-cutter approach to planning. That will not cut it. We have to see more than just an approach to strictures around minimum standards for off-street parking in our housing. Planning needs to be more than just responding to the stresses of infill.

Of course, in taking all of these steps, there are compromises to be addressed. On the one hand it is important to be able to provide for a certain amount of off-street parking, and I think everybody would agree that that being done in an orderly way with new building is a desirable development. There is no doubt that there is widespread and strong frustration with the spilling onto the streets that is occurring as the result of infill, and there is support for some strictures in relation to off-street parking.

Competing with that, of course, is the question that builders and buyers of houses, let alone the industry, will be acutely aware of, in terms of its effects on housing affordability. And let us not forget the consequences for design quality and compromise and so on if we see, as Peter Goers has drawn attention to, a kind of streetscape that becomes increasingly large double garages being all that you see from the street. So there is a public interest in ensuring the work that is done in relation to the associated code amendments that will attend this bill does not end up throwing away a sense of amenity in relation to the street and the communities in relation to these future developments.

We know that the proposed changes that will challenge existing urban design standards include removing the current requirement for a habitable room at the front of a dwelling being 2.4 metres wide with a two-metre wide window facing the street that is to be replaced with a one metre by one metre window requirement. There is also the removal of the rule that garage doors cannot exceed 50 per cent of the frontage on single-storey dwellings on allotments less than six metres wide, which will have what I will keep referring to as the Goers effect without continuing focus on ensuring amenity is preserved. Thirdly, just to highlight, also the removal of the requirement for a front door to be visible from the street, instead allowing garage-only entry on allotments narrower than 4.5 metres.

As I said at the outset, the opposition is going to consider the bill and reserve its position between the houses. There is more work to do in the other place and I want to note the work that has been done in terms of engagement, particularly by our shadow minister for planning, the Hon. Michelle Lensink in another place. The focus for the time being really needs to come back to the job ahead, which is to ensure that the features of urban planning, such as they are beyond this nine-clause bill, go to addressing really much more substantial challenges to ensure that what we all love about Greater Adelaide, and what brings South Australians home and what keeps them here, is an urban planning environment that can give us confidence about the future rather than a focus on planning that is stuck in a sense of backfilling and covering over for past errors.

I hope that gives the house a clear enough indication of where the opposition is in relation to the bill and perhaps an indication of where some questions in committee might go to from here.

**Ms THOMPSON (Davenport) (11:28):** Parking is one of the most significant and most contested issues raised by our communities. No matter which suburb you visit, whether it is Happy Valley or Aberfoyle Park or right across Greater Adelaide, the message is consistent that our streets are choked with cars. Families tell me that they cannot park near their own homes, neighbours are frustrated by their driveways being blocked, and streets that once felt safe and open now feel crowded and in some cases unsafe for children and older residents to navigate. All of this has been made worse by infill developments that have added more homes but not enough off-street parking.

In my own electorate, I have seen firsthand the tension that this creates. A family in Aberfoyle Park recently explained to me that their street has become a car park every evening between visitors, teenagers with their first cars and households with multiple vehicles. There are nights when emergency services would struggle to get down their road. A resident in Happy Valley described the daily frustration of finding her driveway partially blocked by a neighbour's car, a problem that has caused more than one heated exchange on her street.

We are now seeing kids staying at home for a lot longer, which means that it is not unusual at all to see four or five cars parked at one address. At the last election, the Malinauskas government made a clear commitment to bust congestion and improve neighbourhood amenity. The bill before us today delivers on that commitment, with a strong but fair response that will make a real difference in people's day-to-day lives.

Nine out of the 10 top-selling cars in Australia today are either SUVs or dual-cab utes. These are bigger vehicles, but our garages and our driveways simply have not kept up. We have all seen it

locally. In Flagstaff Hill, one resident told me how her family has two cars—a standard sedan and a ute—but the ute just does not fit in the existing garage. The result? It ends up parked on the street, squeezing what little space is left and frustrating her neighbours.

Local households with a driveway that fits one car but their second is a larger SUV have no option but to block part of the footpath. Parents walking their kids to school are forced onto the road just to get around it. That is not safe and it is not sustainable. This bill changes that. It introduces new minimum parking rules that reflect the reality of modern households. A one-bedroom home will need at least one car park. Two or more bedrooms will require at least two, and, critically, those spaces will be big enough to fit the vehicles Australians are actually driving: 3.5 metres wide, six metres long and with garage doors widened to three metres. These are not arbitrary numbers; they come directly from community feedback and industry consultation. They mean garages will once again be usable for cars, not just as storage sheds.

We also recognise that one size does not fit all. Higher density apartment developments or CBD housing are different. That is why this bill introduces a vehicle parking fund. Developers in certain circumstances will be able to make a contribution to the fund instead of providing onsite parking. That fund will then support broader parking projects that benefit the entire community. It is a practical and flexible approach; for example, in the southern suburbs, a developer of an apartment complex near public transport at Darlington might choose to contribute to the fund rather than squeezing in underground parking. That contribution could then help deliver better shared parking facilities at a nearby precinct or support improved park-and-ride options.

The bill also makes important amendments to the Urban Renewal Act 1995. These changes will streamline how precincts are planned and managed, removing outdated requirements and allowing parking to be managed across a precinct, not just on a site-by-site basis. Crucially, it also ensures fairness where government invests in primary infrastructure to support renewal. Whether that be new roads, stormwater systems or upgraded utilities, we can now fairly recover costs from those who directly benefit. Growth pays for growth, rather than leaving taxpayers to foot the bill.

I want to be very clear: this bill protects housing affordability. We know South Australians are struggling with the cost-of-living pressures. That is why this bill is paired with amendments to the Planning and Design Code that keep construction costs down and maintain housing yield; for example, outdated frontage and window requirements will be modernised so that homes do not need to be wider, which would drive up costs just to meet old rules, and, importantly, reduced parking requirements will continue to apply in places where residents are less reliant on cars, such as in the CBD, in affordable housing developments and in aged-care facilities.

This is not a blunt instrument; it is a targeted, sensible response, and above all it reflects the lived experience of the people I represent. This bill is about making daily life easier, safer and fairer. It is about getting cars off our streets, back into driveways and into garages where they belong, and restoring amenity and safety to the neighbourhoods we are proud to call home.

This bill is not just about parking spaces, though; it is about the kinds of suburbs that we want to live in. By modernising our rules, by planning smarter and by making sure growth pays its way, we are not just responding to frustration but setting a vision for liveable, accessible, people-friendly suburbs right across South Australia. I commend it to the house.

**Mr BATTY (Bragg) (11:33):** I rise to make a brief contribution on the Statutes Amendment (Vehicle Parking and Urban Renewal) Bill, because perhaps nothing annoys residents in the eastern suburbs more on a daily basis than our local streets being jam-packed full of cars and congestion. When I have been out doorknocking over the past few weeks and months in suburbs like Toorak Gardens, Rose Park, Dulwich and Eastwood, it is an issue that certainly gets raised with me and is on residents' minds.

It is an inconvenience for people who perhaps want to have visitors over. It is an inconvenience for residents themselves who might find it difficult to get a park near their own home or, indeed, just get in and out of their own property. But it is more than an inconvenience. I think it is also a road safety issue when we have parked cars on either side of narrow streets. It is very difficult for two-way traffic to navigate safely through our neighbourhoods, so I am certainly very supportive

of any measure that tries to ease parking congestion or, I think, as the Labor election commitment put it, bust congestion and improve amenity in our streets and our suburbs.

I think it is really important to note that the situation we find ourselves in has not happened by accident. We have this problem because we have had successive Labor governments that have had a policy of encouraging unrestrained urban infill without any regard for what that does for established suburbs and without any regard for the local communities that are most affected by those policies.

We have had a Labor planning minister who established an 85 per cent urban infill target across Greater Adelaide, meaning that 85 per cent of all new developments were intended to be in the same existing footprint of Adelaide. That decision changed the face of our established neighbourhoods—certainly many suburbs in the eastern suburbs—forever. We do not have this problem by accident; we have it by deliberate policy design by those opposite who are obsessed with urban infill regardless of the cost.

Is it any surprise when you have a policy that encourages urban infill and ignores the views and the needs of those local communities, that encourages in some instances having old historic homes on big blocks bowled over and replaced with two for one, three for one, four for one—covering every inch of land, removing every single tree—that sees two times, three times, four times more cars that need to be parked on or near those properties in those suburbs? This is a problem that has been caused by unrestrained urban infill by successive Labor governments, and we have certainly seen the cost of that in the eastern suburbs of Adelaide.

I have spoken about it in this place before. When we see unrestrained high-density urban infill, it puts our existing public infrastructure, which in many cases, certainly in the eastern suburbs, is already operating at capacity, under enormous pressure. Whether it be our schools—and in my electorate there are two high schools, Glenunga and Marryatville, both of them operating well above capacity—whether it be our open space—and again in my electorate we are starved of green open space—whether it be our water or whether, of course, it be our roads and our traffic and our parking congestion, it is no surprise that we find ourselves in this situation today.

It is what happens when you have bad planning policy, and it is what happens when you ignore the views of communities that are most impacted by the decisions that have been made by Labor governments. Unfortunately, this policy of unrestrained high-density urban infill continues under this Labor government, despite the minister reminding me in his second reading speech on this bill that there was an election commitment to bust congestion and improve the amenity of our neighbourhoods. I think we can chalk that up as another broken Labor promise because we have seen the exact opposite in the eastern suburbs.

What we have seen as recently as last month is the Labor planning minister approving a code amendment that would see 20-storey towers built in residential Glenside—unrestrained high-density, high-rise urban infill that will put enormous pressure on what is an established suburb already under significant infrastructure pressure. Twenty-storey towers in Glenside do nothing to bust congestion. Twenty-storey towers in Glenside do nothing to improve the amenity of our Labor suburbs.

I missed that election promise. I think I lost it in all the other broken election promises, but it is yet another one when it comes to planning and protecting the character, heritage and amenity of our suburbs. Despite the community in Glenside raising many concerns about this proposal, they have all been ignored. And guess what some of those concerns involved? Parking. They said, 'Where is everyone going to park?'

In submission after submission, my community raised concerns about how congested Glenside already is when it comes to car parking. We raised concerns about how visitors cannot park on the site as it is, let alone before we build 20-storey towers under Labor's new plans. We raised concerns about how MFS appliances cannot fit down the street when there are parked cars on either side, and that is before the minister's 20-storey towers come online.

We raised concerns about how simply adding an additional 39 visitor car parks to service an extra almost 200 dwellings just did not add up, let alone the restaurant and the cafe that is apparently

coming. It has been totally ignored and outrageously ignored by a government that has been obsessed with high-rise, high-density infill in the eastern suburbs.

Perhaps even more outrageously of all those, my constituents in Glenside can take no comfort in the bill we are debating today helping them with this car parking issue, because we are told that the minister proposes to exclude the Glenside strategic infill site from the operation of this legislation. It is stunning hypocrisy. It is stunning hypocrisy from those opposite to line up in succession singing the virtues of getting parked cars off our streets while at the same time excluding the application of this legislation in the one place in my electorate where it is perhaps most needed.

Of course, we remember why it is most needed: because the Labor minister has decided to build 20-storey towers in our established suburbs. I think it is stunning hypocrisy, I think it is a broken election promise and I think it is forever changing the character and amenity of our neighbourhoods while putting huge pressure on our public infrastructure, including car parking.

My position is very clear. Of course we want to see parked cars off our streets to stop them clogging up our narrow streets and suburbs. However, let's be very clear, this is a problem that has been caused by Labor's obsession with high density and now high-rise urban infill, regardless of the cost to the local communities that we are dealing with and with total disregard to how those communities are affected, including when it comes to car parking. That has caused a problem.

It is a problem that is being acknowledged today by the government by even introducing this bill but, sadly, it is a problem that they have shown no intent of fixing in the eastern suburbs. I will always side with our local community to protect our suburbs against unrestrained high-rise, high-density urban infill, even if the Labor government will not.

**Mrs PEARCE (King) (11:42):** I rise today to speak on the Statutes Amendment (Vehicle Parking and Urban Renewal) Bill. South Australia has seen the number of registered vehicles rise by 330,000 over the last decade, with many opting to buy larger vehicles, such as SUVs and dual-cab utes. Parking has also become increasingly problematic in our suburbs, especially in areas where substantial infill development is occurring.

Local roads are congested and on-street parking is difficult to find, whether it be for the daily school drop off, a local footy match or a barbecue at a family friend's place. It is something that I am hearing time and time again from residents in my local community. We absolutely love where we live. We adore the space and we do not want the qualities that we love most diminished.

We know that Adelaide's northern suburbs are growing and they are growing fast, and I totally understand why. Who would not want to live in the northern suburbs? That is why our government has set a clear direction for coordinated and strategic planning. Under the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan, we have identified where 315,000 properties will be built over the next 30 years, while preserving important land for future infrastructure.

In my patch in the north-east, the minister has initiated the Golden Grove Master Planned (Stage 2) Code Amendment, which is investigating the rezoning of 103.8 hectares of land for approximately 850 new homes. My community has welcomed this proposed development but has made very clear their expectation that it does not take away from the character of our neighbourhood. Congested roads with lines of parked cars certainly takes the shine off our beautiful winding streets, which is exactly why our government is taking action.

We have heard your feedback loud and clear. Parked cars need to be off our streets and back on driveways and in garages. We are ensuring sufficient car parking is provided with all new residential developments going forward and, importantly, we are doing this without impacting on housing affordability and supply.

This bill mandates a minimum number of car parks for new dwellings based on the number of bedrooms. That means builders must provide one car park for one-bedroom homes and at least two car parks for homes with two or more bedrooms. We know that it is certainly not just the number of car park spaces a dwelling has. I have heard time and time again from constituents in new homes that their garages are simply not big enough to fit their cars. In fact, if they are, you certainly cannot get the doors open to get in and out of them. It is why we often see garages repurposed into storage units, at-home gyms, toolsheds, extra bedrooms and even home breweries.

This is exactly why our government will increase the minimum dimensions for single-vehicle parks to 3.5 metres wide by six metres long from the current minimum dimensions of three metres by 5.4 metres. Additionally, garage door sizes will be required to be at least three metres to be able to accommodate larger vehicles, which many of us do own today.

These new provisions will give developers more flexibility, allowing them to opt for parking spaces instead of garages, which can be significantly expensive to build. This gives flexibility to those in apartment living in certain urban renewal areas, where, at the minister's discretion, apartment buildings can utilise a centralised parking precinct nearby rather than parking in the building basement.

Our government consulted extensively with residents and local government on this matter, who emphasised the urgency for reform to get cars off streets and into purpose-built parking at home. I strongly believe that, thanks to the hard work of our minister, experts and industry groups, these provisions balance the needs of home owners, builders and communities to deliver practical solutions that will help keep our streets clear and preserve the character of our local neighbourhoods.

Parking on local streets remains the remit of local government, which will take charge of enforcing parking controls through means already available to them. These reforms will reduce congestion, improve safety and create more space for people, not just their cars. As Adelaide grows, our government is rethinking how we design our homes and our communities, while preserving the unique character of our local suburbs. This legislation is just another way that we are delivering in this space. With that, I commend the bill to the house.

**Mr DIGHTON (Black) (11:47):** I rise to speak in relation to the Statutes Amendment (Vehicle Parking and Urban Renewal) Bill. This is a significant piece of legislation which will make an important difference to the neighbourhoods in my electorate. I have had a number of residents raise concerns with me in relation to street parking and the subsequent congestion and reduction in amenity that it creates.

Just recently I was in Seacliff, and there is a particular road called Kauri Parade—I have driven it for about 10 or 12 years, back and through to Sacred Heart from where I live in Hallett Cove—and it is one where you have to constantly wait for cars to come both ways. It is one where there has been a significant amount of urban infill recently, and it is a good example of where this legislation will make a difference in the future. When houses are bulldozed and split into two, having larger garages will get some of those cars off the street.

It is interesting that it is not just places like Seacliff where there is significant infill but also suburbs which are not experiencing that, including Hallett Cove, Marino and Sheidow Park, where concerns have been raised about the number of cars that are on streets. That has to do with changes in society but also clearly, as others have articulated, that preference around bigger cars that just do not fit in existing houses.

The bill will help reduce congestion and improve amenity by specifying a minimum number of car parks that must be provided for new dwellings based on the number of bedrooms and having a scheme, to be specified by the Minister for Planning, for the minimum dimension requirement for proposed car parks. I am sure we could certainly all think of times when we have parked somewhere where the car parks are just too small. The draft currently says it will be 3.5 metres wide and six metres in length, and this is a change from currently three metres wide and 5.4 metres in length to allow for the bigger vehicles that people are choosing to drive.

Additionally, the bill seeks to include a minimum garage door size of three metres, which is beyond the industry standard of 2.4 metres. The bill makes amendments to the Planning and Design Code to reduce impacts on the cost of new housing, including removing a requirement to have a habitable room that is 2.5 metres in width with a two-metre window facing the street. This will now be replaced with a requirement of a one metre by one metre window facing the street. That is to provide some flexibility in the way that our houses are built. It also removes the requirement for garage door widths to not exceed 50 per cent of the allotment frontage for single-storey dwellings.

This legislation reform aligns with the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan and the Housing Roadmap. It helps to support high-quality infill development by making new homes have larger

garages, which will help to reduce on-street parking congestion, a key concern in places where there is higher density. It will enhance urban design and neighbourhood amenity, aligning with a focus on liveable, well-designed communities. It helps to ensure increased housing supply does not compromise our neighbourhood functionality. It helps to address community concerns about parking stress in high-growth areas. It supports affordable housing delivery, because it sets parking standards, and provides certainty for developers, assisting with more streamlined approvals and reducing some of the delays.

I am conscious that I have not necessarily had a chance to speak before about our initiatives to address housing supply, which is why I want to take the opportunity to do this. The Malinauskas government, through the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan, through the Housing Roadmap, through this legislation, is helping to ensure that this side of the house is using every lever to increase supply and doing it in a way which helps to maintain a sense of social cohesion for our existing and future suburbs.

Access to housing, whether through home ownership or ability to rent, is creating a significant imbalance in our society, which is why the Malinauskas government is leading the largest-ever land release, expanding the number of public houses, coordinating infrastructure to support those new developments and tackling infrastructure constraints, as well as proposing legislation like this which helps to allow for infill in a managed way.

Whilst the bill goes a significant way to addressing some of the concerns around car parking, it is important that we emphasise that local government plays a key role in responding to the concerns of the community. It certainly has been a frustration raised with me by residents that local government at times seems to ignore their responsibilities regarding street parking. This is an important bill. It is going to make a difference to our neighbourhoods by ensuring that future developments and rebuilds fit the needs of our growing community. I urge all to support this legislation.

**Ms O'HANLON (Dunstan) (11:53):** I rise today to speak in support of the Statutes Amendment (Vehicle Parking and Urban Renewal) Bill 2025. This bill is a practical response to a problem that has been raised with me over and over by residents across my electorate of Dunstan. Our streets are becoming clogged with parked cars, creating frustration, blocking access for service vehicles and eroding the character and liveability of our suburbs.

Ever since I began knocking on doors in our community five years ago, and even more recently at street-corner meetings and through contact with my office, people have been telling me about the cars lining both sides of the typically narrow streets, leaving no room for rubbish trucks or ambulances to pass and no space for friends, family, trades or home-care workers to park when visiting.

In suburbs like Payneham, St Morris and Norwood I have on multiple occasions seen for myself how precarious it can be when an emergency vehicle is forced to crawl down the street because cars are parked bumper to bumper on either side. A key contributor is that garages in many homes are too small for today's vehicles.

Yes, people have more cars—our children are living at home for longer and both parents usually work—and nine out of 10 of Australia's top-selling cars these days are SUVs or dual-cab utes, yet many garages were designed decades ago for smaller sedans and hatchbacks. Instead of accommodating vehicles, garages are increasingly used as storage, gyms or extra bedrooms, pushing more cars onto the street. As we move towards denser housing, we must tackle these issues head-on to preserve what we love about our streets and our communities.

This bill provides a balanced solution. It amends the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 to insert new section 127A, establishing mandatory vehicle parking conditions for designated developments. New dwellings within Greater Adelaide must provide at least one space where there is a single bedroom, and at least two spaces where there are two or more bedrooms. Those spaces must meet new minimum dimensions of 3.5 metres by six metres, and garage doors must be at least three metres wide. These figures reflect the reality that nine out of our 10 bestselling cars are SUVs or dual-cabs and not the small sedans for which many existing garages were designed.

The bill also introduces new section 200A, establishing a vehicle parking fund. Where onsite provision is impractical, developers may contribute to the fund instead. The fund will be used to create or improve public parking, maintain bicycle infrastructure and upgrade related amenities such as lighting, line marking and pedestrian links.

The legislation is not one size fits all. Certain classes of housing, including retirement facilities, residential parks, co-located ageing in place dwellings, workers' accommodation, and housing in the CBD will have reduced or no minimum parking requirements. Strategic infill sites near high-frequency public transport will also have reduced obligations, recognising that private car ownership is often lower in those locations and, where it is not, it is something we ought to be encouraging.

Another important element is the bill's connection with the Urban Renewal Act 1995. It streamlines the way parking can be planned across an entire precinct rather than lot by lot. This allows a master-planned community to provide shared solutions such as underground parking stations or landscaped communal areas with integrated bays while still meeting overall supply targets. It also gives the Treasurer or the responsible minister, with the Treasurer's approval, the ability to grant concessions or vary charges on land inside a precinct, providing flexibility for innovative developments.

The government released a draft scheme and undertook an intensive consultation over two weeks earlier this year. Councils, developers, industry bodies and residents gave detailed feedback. Their advice helped refine dimensions, staging and exemptions, and ensured construction costs remained modest with no loss of housing yield. I commend the Local Government Association, the Property Council, the Master Builders, the Urban Development Institute and the many individual builders and home owners who made submissions.

The bill also sits alongside forthcoming amendments to the Planning and Design Code, for example, removing outdated facade requirements that forced wider house frontages, and adjusting rules about garage door widths, to keep housing affordable while delivering functional parking. To allow a smooth transition, the vehicle parking provisions will commence 12 months after the bill passes parliament, giving the development sector time to adjust and for the code amendments to be finalised. In greenfield areas the start date is deferred until 2028, aligning with SA Water's next regulatory cycle and preventing unnecessary cost impacts.

The benefits of this bill will be tangible. Streets will be safer because sightlines will improve and emergency vehicles will be able to pass unhindered. Rubbish and recycling collections will operate efficiently. Friends and family visiting relatives will find somewhere to park and home care providers, cleaners and contractors will reach clients without risking fines or lengthy walks carrying equipment.

The appearance of our streets will improve as fewer cars sprawl across verges and footpaths. Importantly, we will protect the principle that increased housing supply should not erode the qualities people value in their communities: greenery, walkability, and the sense of order and safety that comes when vehicles are housed appropriately.

State legislation alone cannot solve every aspect of parking. Local councils retain the vital role of managing on-street parking, issuing permits and enforcing time limits or clearways. After the bill is enacted, the minister will write to metropolitan mayors and CEOs encouraging complementary strategies so that local policies reinforce state standards rather than undermine them.

This bill is part of a broader commitment by the Malinauskas government to provide more homes, while protecting neighbourhood character. We cannot meet housing demand by freezing development, nor can we allow uncontrolled spillover parking to compromise safety and liveability. By insisting that garages are big enough for the cars we actually drive, and by creating mechanisms to fund public parking where needed, we are tackling the issue with common sense.

I particularly want to acknowledge residents who shared their experiences: the Norwood family whose ambulance was delayed because a narrow street was blocked by parked vehicles; the Firlie tradie, a woman, who routinely carries heavy ladders halfway down the street to reach a client's

house; and the Trinity Gardens grandparents who told me how they invite friends around, but there are often no spaces for visitors outside their townhouse. Their stories underline why this bill matters.

By not supporting, or refusing to support, sensible measures to ensure garages are built to fit the cars people actually drive, the opposition is effectively endorsing a future of choked residential streets and rising frustration for residents. Their position would leave neighbourhoods without the tools to manage parking pressure as density increases, forcing families, carers and emergency workers to navigate ever-narrower corridors of parked vehicles.

It would push the cost of solutions on to councils and ratepayers, or require expensive offsite parking facilities, which ultimately add to the price of housing. In short, they are choosing to ignore a practical fix in favour of a policy vacuum that will leave our communities paying the price in safety, amenity and affordability, and demonstrating once again that they certainly have not listened to our community, because if they had they would know that this has been a solution that has been called for time and again by many, certainly many in my community of Dunstan.

The Statutes Amendment (Vehicle Parking and Urban Renewal) Bill 2025 is thoughtful, evidence-based legislation. It respects the need for more housing, safeguards affordability and ensures that cars are stored more safely in appropriate, practical spaces, rather than congesting our streets. It integrates planning and urban renewal tools, provides a funding mechanism for public infrastructure and reflects the realities of modern vehicle ownership.

It also represents the kind of collaboration that produces good law—consultation with residents, councils, planners, builders and researchers—attention to housing supply and an unwavering focus on community amenity. I commend this bill to the house and thank the minister and his team for all the work they did to respond to this call from certainly my community.

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning) (12:02):** Thanks to the member for Dunstan for her contribution and her thoughtful contribution on planning more generally. Of course, the electorate she faithfully represents does have its share of challenges, being such a beautiful place, so well located to the city and such a vibrant and interesting part of our city.

I was struck by all members' contributions and the thoughtful way they talked about parking. It is true that nothing excites in planning policy as much as parking. The deputy leader talked about *Abundance*, Mr Klein's book. As Keating would have said: if you go into the pet shop, the resident galah is talking about abundance.' He did have a very interesting podcast—I was a little ahead of the curve too—about a toilet block in Los Angeles, I think it was. It was a small public toilet that took US\$1.3 million to build and some extraordinary amount of time because of the contested nature of planning acts in places like Los Angeles and California. Make no mistake, all of those things have a very real effect on housing supply, as does zoning.

Parking and zoning are the two elements that have quite an effect on housing supply, and that is why we get such passions, both from local members of parliament, who are representing their electorates, and from people often feeling the effect of general infill. It is particularly general infill; I might talk about strategic infill in a moment, but it is particularly general infill.

We have seen it particularly in the inner south, around Marion, but also increasingly in other parts of the city. Because of the renewal of housing we have seen old houses built postwar demolished, and often it is not a one for one replacement but quite significant, with two for one or three for one. Sometimes the ratio gets even higher, depending on the application of community title blocks and also the affordable housing provisions.

If you look at the sorts of parking regimes that have been put in place under the PDI Act, leaving parking, to a large degree, with local government, we have had a bit of a mismatch between our desire for housing supply and getting housing renewal and housing supply. In South Australia, particularly Adelaide, we typically had small houses on big blocks, so there was quite a capacity to renew, but with our desire to have that housing supply we did not quite get the handle on parking that we should have had.

One thing I want to reiterate in this debate is that this bill assists councils; it makes single garages bigger, and it puts in place a whole lot of arrangements that will ultimately assist people

getting into garages. However, the only way we can really encourage people to use their garages is for councils to do the really difficult job of engaging with their communities about the management of parking on public streets.

That is a role for local government. It is not a role for MPs, it is not a role for state ministers, it is not a role for the federal government. It truly is one of the jobs of local government, and there are some councils that do a terrific job managing these concerns. It is labour-intensive and it requires lots of consultation, but there are some councils that have not had sufficient attention on it. Typically, where we have the sorts of problems that members are experiencing it is because we are not doing that job, that local job, that important job, of councils managing on-street parking. It is not that hard.

I think I have referred to Playford council, so I will give them another shout-out. I have had differences of opinion with Playford council at times, but the one job they do do is manage on-street parking. Sometimes that requires people getting the odd fine, and that is a difficult thing for a council to do, but it is really the only way to change behaviour. Adelaide City Council does a good job of managing parking, and I think Norwood and Unley are trying to both manage on-street parking and manage commuters coming in from other suburbs parking in their streets so they might walk or ride through our beautiful Parklands to get to work. It is understandable that people would want to do that, but it is not necessarily desirable for local residents and local councils.

We have to encourage councils, and I will be writing to councils saying that we have done our bit, legislating sensibly to make sure that new development is fit for purpose in regard to parking ratios, that we are not going to add to some of the issues they have been experiencing, and to make sure that they then take up the mantle and challenge of engaging with local communities. You do have to engage street by street, suburb by suburb—it is not easy—about timed parking, residents' parking, yellow lines, making sure people do not park opposite each other in suburban streets. All that is the work of local government.

As I said before, there are some councils that do it well, some councils that do not do it so well, and there are some councillors who stand up and give a lecture or two—and I have had this myself; I have been given a lecture or two in public by a councillor. They asked what I was going to do about parking in local streets, and I pointed out to that councillor that it was a responsibility of local government and only they had the powers to do so. I have subsequently found out that the state government does have some powers to direct councils in this regard.

My colleague, the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, has those powers and so in the first instance, we will be asking councils to do it; and in the second instance, I guess we will look at our alternatives. Members have all made great contributions about the impacts on their particular local communities.

I note the opposition is interested in thinking about this issue a bit more. No doubt we will get into some of the details during the committee stage, but principally I should say to the member for Bragg, in urban renewal areas that are adjacent—and it does not matter if it is Bowden or Southwark or Glenside, if you are very close to the city, very close to public open space, very close to good public transport links (and there are some really good public transport links, and Keswick will be coming along, and you can see it emerging in the future)—these are communities where people do avail themselves of the Parklands and do avail themselves of living near the city but not in the city.

Those central living districts—and that is really what they will be—will have their own character and their own amenity and they will be very, very desirable places to live. We are seeing that happen organically in Kent Town with a bit of help from zoning but basically driven by the market, and the council being quite supportive of development in Kent Town. We are seeing it happen in Bowden, and we are going to see a big arc of growth through Hindmarsh and Southwark.

We are seeing areas where there will be more density and so, inherently, cars and parking will have to be managed in other ways. One of the key bits of this bill is the precinct powers under the Urban Renewal Act which will allow for better, more well thought-out precinct parking, and I think that will be a big benefit to the communities that are living in those central living districts in particular. But also, I think the member for Playford made a submission to the GARP around the sorts of developments we might see around train stations in the north and in other areas.

I guess this is all intimately linked to things. The Greater Adelaide Regional Plan, a 170-page discussion paper that went out for six months' consultation or so, had 700 or so submissions, and had a lot of thoughtful planning work done, which was basically about two things: we wanted to plan for growth and we wanted the state, community, councils, interested parties, agencies and infrastructure providers to see a clear picture of how South Australia was going to grow because ultimately that lets us lower our infrastructure costs by doing it sensibly at scale.

I have to say, the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan has already prevented some mistakes in infrastructure provision. We have already seen it change the way infrastructure provision is occurring. We have already seen its effect begin to open up employment lands, we are seeing its effect open up new residential subdivisions, and those new residential subdivisions will rebalance Adelaide's growth.

I heard the member for Bragg talk about the Labor Party's general infill, and that his electorate felt the great brunt of it. Let me tell you, that is complete nonsense. It is complete nonsense, and it needs to be called out as nonsense. The places where growth has been felt in terms of greenfield has been in the northern suburbs. The place where general infill has been felt most keenly is in places like the City of Marion: basically from the top part of Anzac Highway through to the inner south there has been a broad redevelopment and renewal of housing stock.

We have to say that has been a good thing because it has given a whole lot of people homes—excellent—but we also have to acknowledge that in many streets we have seen such a rapid replacement of housing and such a rapid increase in housing. A little bit of general infill perhaps is low cost. A lot of general infill starts to cost the community in amenity and in stormwater and it costs the council in parks and pressure on their services. Sure, it creates a rate base as well, but it starts to put pressure on sewer systems and on public and other forms of road transport.

If we look at 30-year plans from a decade ago, there was a thought that general infill was a cheaper form of development—I think the figure given at the time was \$100,000 per block—than greenfield. I think what we will find in the future is that is actually not the case, and that as general infill accelerates, its cost benefit to the community lowers over time because of the provision of infrastructure. As it becomes more intense, the cost difference between greenfield and general infill starts to equalise.

What the government has done in terms of the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan and the provision of infrastructure, in particular in the northern suburbs of Adelaide and what will come in Murray Bridge and the last remaining greenfield and brownfield developments in the outer south, is reorientate the ratio of general infill to greenfield to a more manageable level for the city. That means that because general infill will be competing against really good master planned neighbourhoods, I think we will find that there will be less intensity felt by some of these other suburbs. Certainly, that has been our game and our policy aim.

Previous governments, including the previous Liberal government, adopted 85 per cent strategic general infill to 15 per cent greenfield. That was the position of the previous Liberal government, because they did not change it. They kept it in place. They could have changed it when they came to government. They could have called a review, but they kept in place the Weatherill government's aim. We did not agree with that, we have made it clear and we have got rid of those sorts of targets because we do not think they are helpful. We think they are actually quite unhelpful.

What this government wants to do is provide housing supply in as many places and as many forms as we can and let the market and, most importantly, citizens choose how and where they live. We are trying to accommodate for a diverse range of housing needs. Some people need a suburban house, some people need an apartment, some people need retirement living, some people need boarding houses, some people need shelter and services, some people need public housing, and some people need luxury market apartments because they can afford it and want to downsize. All of these things will provide the housing supply that helps the housing market function.

We have to remember that we are reliant on private developers, private builders and private industry to provide the vast amount of our housing. The government then has to plug in affordable rental and public housing, which is a really important factor. Increasingly, we want to do rent-to-buy as well to make sure people have a pathway, particularly people in the working class, people in the

lower middle class and young professionals. We want to make sure they have some pathway into housing if they do not have the benefit of the bank of mum and dad or some family wealth. There is an important equity issue in this and there is a whole range of other important issues in terms of what we are doing.

Strategic urban renewal is absolutely critical and, as I said before, these areas of strategic urban renewal are by design more dense—by design they have more vibrancy, more density and more diversity. I went to a meeting with the Premier last night, a community meeting at Bowden with 300 people or so, at Plant 4. It was a really spirited debate about parking—about precinct parking, about parking on the street—with all of the challenges that has.

Bowden suffers from an influx of people coming in because it is unique. I think the small square in Bowden gets as much of a workout as any park in Adelaide. It is vibrant, and people are going there for coffee and lunch at Plant 4, or for Cirkidz or for social events and to just sit in the park. Of course, if you look at Bowden at the moment, there are four cranes in the air. We are cracking on with that development, and that is before we even get to The Gasworks, but that will come as well, and that is before we get to Southwark.

I think what will happen is that, over time, as Bowden matures, as Southwark comes on and as many of these other central living districts or these urban renewal areas sprout out of the ground around the Parklands, we will find that it changes the nature of the way people use the Parklands and we will find that it changes the nature of housing. But in these areas we are going to be less prescriptive about parking and more flexible about parking, because we have the capacity to be more flexible about parking.

I guess one of the learnings out of Tonsley, and out of Bowden in particular, is that we have tended to use empty allotments as free car parking for people as we are building. This is a mistake, and if I were to point out to the parliament something not to be repeated, if there are any future ministers listening, or if they go back and look at *Hansard*: do not ever use an empty allotment as free parking, because it is a fool's errand. What happens is that people get very used to free parking, and as you get to the back end of the development of course you run out of empty allotments and then you have to build a car park.

So it would be better, I think, to build mobility hubs—car parks with other features, bike storage, rental cars and a whole range of other features. It would be better to build them in the first third or so of an urban renewal project than it would be to build them at the end, because I think you need for people to understand the deal or the offer on parking very early on in an urban renewal project. Invariably—and I am not criticising this—if you move into a place and get used to a stage of development and then another stage of development comes on it is challenging.

I suppose one of the issues of planning is that there has been a bit of a—and the book *Abundance* shows this, and there are many other books on zoning in particular that show this—predisposition to oppose the unknown. Then what happens is that the project is actually built, and there it is. The project is built and everybody suddenly loves it because of the diversity and the new people—it is not an unknown and there are suddenly people you like and see at the coffee shop. Often density brings a very real and big dividend. I know, Deputy Speaker, that you have done plenty of work around Gawler, which has such a vibrant and active main street. Why? Because when you were mayor you thought very carefully, I think, about how you might attract people to the main street and make it a vibrant and interesting place.

So parking, cars and transport are very closely linked to a strategic infill, and particularly to the use around train stations and shopping centres, and we want to think very carefully about what we can do there to improve people's experience of that.

Parking is a contentious issue. If I was to think about all the issues that were brought up with me as part of the expert panel, or as part of any code amendment, parking is one of those. In this, probably the biggest change will be in the affordable housing category at the moment. In the past, there was a 0.3 park for every house. That clearly sets up affordable housing retrofitted into suburbs in an invidious position. Basically, you are forcing cars onto the road, because you know that a good number of those people, unless it is very, very close to public transport, will have cars. As a result, if there is only one car park for every three houses that will cause a problem.

So we want to recast that. I have been spending an enormous amount of time with my department thinking about how to better recast affordable housing. We think we can do that, and it is important that one of the things we intend to change as part of this bill is that for the last little while—and it probably went on before the PDI Act—we have been requiring people to build garages.

The humble carport is what you might find in plenty of heritage homes riddled through the inner ring of Adelaide. You will find carports in many, many heritage homes, or you will find an open car space, a driveway. That is perfectly sufficient for most people. Most people actually do not mind leaving their car out. If it gets a bit of rain on it, they are not fussed, or if they are fussed it is not the end of the world. What we are saying in this bill is that you do not have to build a garage. If a builder comes up with a parking space, that is sufficient as well. That will be the ultimate cost saving, I think.

Certainly, if you look at previous waves of growth, if you look at many of the Housing Trust developments or if you look at many of the 1960s and 1970s walk-up flats, which were the affordable housing of their time, they often just have either a carport or a car space, and that is sufficient to get cars off the street. They are probably less likely to be used for storage or for some other purpose, which I note was an issue in the submissions by many councils.

There is a frustration, I think, in the community, that even if we provide bigger garages we might just be providing a bigger home gym, a bigger home office or perhaps a bigger bedroom. There are many people—and everybody is, I think, probably guilty of this at one time or another—using their garage for some form of storage. It is an entirely understandable thing to do.

I recently met two young people out at Playford Alive. They had just purchased a block. They were really lovely young people. One was a butcher, working down at Costco. She was an administration worker. They had saved, obviously, to purchase the block and they were living in their parents-in-law's garage in Gawler.

That is a good story on the one hand, because those young people are building a home—they are taking advantage of the government's incentives in terms of stamp duty, they are taking advantage of the government's land release in Playford Alive, and they are freeing up the garage ultimately—but the fact that they were staying there gives you an idea of just how desperate the housing market has become for so many young people. It is not just the bank of mum and dad. Sometimes it is mums and dads giving up space in the family home longer than they would otherwise like, to accommodate young people's desire for stable housing.

We have worked really hard as a department. I would like to thank my department, the Housing Trust, councils, industry—the UDIA, the Property Council, the HIA and others—who have given us the benefit of their thoughts. I have taken this to my ministerial liaison group and we have had a couple of good discussions about it. It has been circulated on YourSAy. We think this bill has had a pretty fair workout, in terms of public submissions and the like, and so we think it stands better for that. Of course, as we move into committee, no doubt there will be a few questions. I can see the deputy leader getting ready, limbering up as it were, and so with that I will commend the bill to the house and we will go into committee.

Bill read a second time.

*Committee Stage*

In committee.

Clause 1 passed.

Clause 2.

**Mr TEAGUE:** I have one question in terms of commencement that goes to the principle perhaps more broadly. There have been lots of references in the course of the debate to the housing affordability crisis and difficulties in terms of both construction costs and the high price of existing dwellings. What consideration, if any, has the government given to consideration of deferral, commencement and consequences more broadly on housing affordability, the result of these new rules?

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION:** The government intends to do a parallel code amendment, which we have flagged, to deal with some of the more narrow blocks. Principally, there is essentially a whole lot of stuff in the code at the moment. If you make the garage bigger, you will run into other elements of the code, principally in regard to having a habitable room at the front of the house and that garages are not to be bigger than 50 per cent of the frontage. They are somewhat old-fashioned rules that have entered our Planning and Design Code via the rules that were in place for councils prior to this—pretty common zoning rules that have been put in place—so it would be our intention to run that code amendment. That will take a year, which will roughly bring us into 2027, and then that would be when we commence most of the housing.

For master-planned neighbourhoods in greenfield, because we want the greenfield growth front to continue to grow and we think stability and confidence is pretty essential there, we have aligned greenfield master-planned neighbourhoods with the 2028 regulatory cycle for water. Principally, we want to give a really clear window for our greenfield front because there is so much civil infrastructure that has to be put in place and because, generally speaking, there are fewer issues—they are not unknown, but there are fewer issues. So it is a sequenced implementation.

**Mr TEAGUE:** Separately in relation to commencement, is there a case in this clause or subsequently for statutory review in the context of what I understand to be an anticipated new national parking standard—and I have reference to AS/NZS 2890.1, which is in the works—and is it not desirable to align with that standard and therefore build some flexibility to be able to do that, rather than lock us in now?

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION:** That is why it is in the scheme rather than in the bill. I would say on the Australian standard that it has been coming for probably the entire time you were minister and I was minister. But yes, if this is a slow-moving freight train, we are waiting a long time at the station.

**Mr TEAGUE:** So it has been thought about, anyway, and it is not needing to be the subject of amendment for the bill.

Clause passed.

Clause 3.

**Mr TEAGUE:** This bill has been couched in terms of minimum requirements for parking to be mandated. In circumstances where we have a trend towards moves to public transport and all the rest, is there any case for focusing on the other end of the spectrum and maximum off-street parking capacity for new development? Addressing minimum is enough from the point of view of the act. Has the government turned its mind to questions of maximum capacity for parking with new housing?

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION:** Not in this bill. Typically, that would be an area where you have urban renewal and you have the capacity to build, as I said before, mobility hubs or car parks or park-and-rides. It is either a feature of urban renewal, transport-oriented projects or the private market: they are the three things, but they are not countenanced in this bill.

**Mr TEAGUE:** We obviously see a change to increase the size of garages and reflections on the cause for that, but if we can just focus on the requirement for more off-street parking dictating that becoming a larger component of the built space, is there a direct consequence on private open space and therefore overall impacts on greening requirements, and how is that going to be offset, if at all directly, through the bill?

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION:** That would be principally the job of the code amendment—if you look at what the State Planning Commission has done in terms of driveway crossovers and open space on particularly these more dense blocks. So the code amendment would do that, and we would just have to work with home builders and the industry when we are doing the code amendment to make sure we can get the balance right. That is for the most narrow blocks and terrace homes. The larger the property the easier this proposition will become, and because it does not affect double garages it will not be an issue there. So really what this bill does is, particularly where we have density and very narrow single garages, to make the garage bigger and the garage door bigger.

**Mr TEAGUE:** I have a follow-up question. We have bigger garages and then, to talk in terms of the pragmatics, we are so often seeing garage space used as storage space. Should the committee read the minister's contribution, perhaps, in closing the second reading debate as signalling to the local government, 'You've got to do your bit to contribute to those cars actually making their way off the road.' Is that where the dynamic is? We bear in mind market forces in terms of the demand side for those off-street parking spaces for reasons that the buyer and builder are going to want them.

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION:** Local government is a vital partner in the housing supply picture. I think this is quite a difficult area of public policy. I did notice that I think they made a submission on YourSay where they wanted some provision to be able to mandate people using garages for their appointed purpose. I think that might be a step too far, but I do think what councils do have the ability to do is to manage the public realm, in which public roads are. They are the ones with the power to do so, and many of them do.

That does not mandate that people park in their garages, but if you have a narrow street you can pretty easily stop people parking across of each other by the use of a yellow line, and there are a range of other measures. You can have residents' permits; you can do a whole range of things, which councils are doing. So we just want to see that process extend.

The LGA I think came out some time ago and wanted bigger garages, and we agree with them. But, if you like, I think governments of all persuasions have perhaps been—councils have tended to blame the planning system or blame the government of the day rather than perhaps have some of the tougher or more complex discussions with their own communities about how to deal with parking. I understand this: there is a phenomenon where everybody wants to park out the front of their house but are less keen on their neighbours or their neighbours' visitors doing the same thing.

This is a complex area of human behaviour. People can often use their garages for purposes that are not garaging their cars. We just want to make sure that we are managing this issue as best we can. It is a big problem in some places and not so much in others, so that can be managed by the local government authority.

**Mr TEAGUE:** It is directing attention to what will be new section 127A(9). The question is: can the minister share with the committee criteria that will be used when deciding to exempt or vary the scheme by notice? Does the government have any particulars in mind?

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION:** It is just there to provide some flexibility for the CBD, which we think sensible to rule out given the public transport at retirement facilities where you might need fewer cars, residential parks, co-located housing and workers' accommodation. It just gives the minister some ability to be sensible, to sensibly apply changes.

Clause passed.

Clause 4.

**Mr TEAGUE:** I might just flag that this might be the subject of some further interrogation between the houses in another place. I might just ask the minister to address and put on the record for the purposes of this committee the grounds for the establishment of those particular contribution amounts: \$45,000 for the CBD, \$35,000 for metro, \$25,000 for out of metro, and \$10,000 for regional as those alternatives to provision. Are they arbitrary? Are they about cost recovery? Is there some other measure for having adopted them?

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION:** They are simply the cost of a car park in those relevant areas as analysed by the Department for Housing and Urban Development.

Clause passed.

Clause 5.

**Mr TEAGUE:** I might wrap up part 3 as best I can. I will just flag that if it is convenient. I just flag wrapping up a treatment of part 3, because these are the amendments that affect the Urban Renewal Act. Starting at clause 5, I am interested in the practical effect of the changes to section 7G. Are the changes going to enable future strategic infill sites that have been the subject of some

consideration from the minister, and how are these provisions going to interact with cost recovery and concessions later on in part 3, just to make sure that there is sufficient clarity for landowners before a precinct is declared?

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION:** To save time, in clauses 5, 6, 7 and 8 we have looked quite a bit at the precinct powers, which have not been used under the Urban Renewal Act. They have been sitting dormant for some time, in part, I think, because the judgement that has been made is that they are quite cumbersome. You can see section 7G just deletes the definition of 'planning minister' because it had the Minister for Urban Renewal consulting with the Minister for Planning. It is just that in this case—

**Mr Telfer:** Split personality.

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION:** Yes, that is right. I am confident I could consult myself and my department could consult me, but there might be another government in the future, and you might have those roles split, as they have been in the past, and that makes it cumbersome. Then, you will see we have made a range of changes which are all about making the precinct power one that is more user-friendly for governments of a persuasion, but, if you look at the precinct powers, you still have to go through a process in regard to that.

Principally, it would be used where you had urban renewal areas like Bowden, as the obvious example, where you are planning for a high degree of density. It helps you manage car parking in the street, and it helps you manage what you might do about more centralised parking. The only thing I have done on this is I have looked at Tonsley and I have looked at Bowden and I have looked at the housing.

Nightingale Housing, which was a good initiative put in by the previous government, does not have any parking because they say to add a park to their apartments will cost \$50,000. I do not know if it is quite that high, but it is substantial in Adelaide, and what they do in Brunswick is they charge the people living there and the people have to get a car park space from somewhere else.

At the moment, we are making an apartment developer put the parking underneath the apartments, essentially. If you could dislocate or separate the parking from the actual housing—that is, put the parking in somewhere central and put the housing elsewhere—you would probably lower the price of the cost of providing a car park because you are just building one central car park in an urban renewal area. So it would allow you to do this. It would actually probably be better for developers and better for the precinct or the urban renewal project because you could drive down the cost of parking because you would not be digging as much underneath each apartment block. I hope that answers that accurately.

**Mr TEAGUE:** I appreciate that answer from the minister. As I have flagged, there is perhaps just one more question in relation to the part that probably goes more directly to clause 6, but, if it is convenient, I might just ask it here. Clause 6 in particular, and the amendments the subject of the part, as the minister has already adverted, are in ways removing some of the existing structures, processes, for the establishment of precincts.

We see in clause 6 a repeat of the removal of the requirement to consult with the planning minister, for example. It is also going another step in abolishing advisory panels. Put it this way: what transparency and accountability measures are going to abide and/or replace those safeguards, and what public consultation is going to occur before a precinct is declared?

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION:** You can still set up a design reference panel and a community reference panel, but it is discretionary. Ministers can still do that. The Minister for Urban Renewal would make that judgement at the time depending on the precinct.

Clause passed.

Clause 6.

**Mr TEAGUE:** I think the minister has already referred to it actually, but there has been an indication about the series of code amendments that are to be released to go with the bill. I am just interested in timing for those code amendments.

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION:** We think that the code amendment will have to be sufficiently broad; it will have to be a broad code amendment. We anticipate it would run for 12 months, and that is generally the time it takes to go through all the investigations and do the public consultation, which I think generally is six weeks, which is one council meeting cycle. The deputy leader will be remembering that particular provision, waiting for local government to be able to properly consider these things.

If you look at what the code amendment is looking at, many of these rules have been put in place in our code, in the zoning, for some time, and I think some of them are perhaps a little outdated anyway. If you look at many of the beautiful heritage homes, you cannot see the door because they are return verandahs. A return verandah was very popular. There would be many of them in the country, and there are plenty of them in Mile End. The return verandah was a bit of a fashion in prewar homes, where you had your front door off to the side.

You cannot do that at the moment. Why? Because some well-meaning, no doubt, but perhaps overly officious town planner or set of town planners—it was principally in the fifties, sixties and seventies, in this very suburban period—designed a whole lot of rules that I am not sure really reflect contemporary life.

The same one is the habitable room at the front of the house. Certainly when I lived in the suburbs, if you went out into your front yard at about 5 o'clock on a summer's evening you could fire a bow and arrow across many front yards and not hit a soul.

**The CHAIR:** Minister, we need to either report progress or wind up, one of the two.

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION:** We will finish it off.

Clause passed.

Remaining clauses (7 to 9) and title passed.

Bill reported without amendment.

*Third Reading*

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning) (13:00):** I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

**APPROPRIATION BILL 2025**

*Assent*

Her Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

**CRIMINAL LAW CONSOLIDATION (COERCIVE CONTROL) AMENDMENT BILL**

*Assent*

Her Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL**

*Assent*

Her Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

**MENTAL HEALTH (COMMUNITY VISITOR SCHEME) AMENDMENT BILL**

*Assent*

Her Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

**AGEING AND ADULT SAFEGUARDING (REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL***Assent*

Her Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

**RETURN TO WORK CORPORATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA (CONSTITUTION OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT) AMENDMENT BILL***Assent*

Her Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

*Parliamentary Procedure***ANSWERS TABLED**

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

**PAPERS**

The following papers were laid on the table:

By the Speaker—

House of Assembly—Register of Members' Interests—  
Ordinary Returns Registrar's Statement June 2025 [Ordered to be published]

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

Regulations made under the following Act—  
State Development Coordination and Facilitation—General—2025

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

Police Act 1998—Review under Section 74A Annual Report 2024-25  
Serious and Organised Crime (Unexplained Wealth) Act 2009—Review under  
Section 34(1) Annual Report 2024-25  
Summary Offences Act 1953—  
Dangerous Area Declarations return pursuant to section 83B Report 1 April 2025  
to 30 June 2025  
Road Block Authorisations Return pursuant to section 74B Report 1 April 2025  
to 30 June 2025  
Regulations made under the following Act—  
Summary Offences—Knives and Other Weapons—No. 3

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

Infrastructure and Transport, Department for—Agreement between the Minister for  
Infrastructure and Transport and Flinders Ports Pty Limited for the  
Seventh Variation of the Port Operating Agreement for Port Adelaide—  
8 August 2025

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

Regulations made under the following Act—  
Energy Resources—Fees Notice—2025 (No. 2)

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

Regulations made under the following Act—  
Education and Children's Services—Enrolment and Attendance

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

Regulations made under the following Act—

Planning, Development and Infrastructure—

Essential Infrastructure and State Agency Development

### VISITORS

**The SPEAKER:** I would like welcome to parliament today delegates from the SDA union. It is great to have you in parliament. You are, of course, guests of the member for Black, so welcome along to parliament. We also have Rural Youth Ambassadors, who are the guests of the Minister for Education. Again, it is good to have you in here from all around South Australia.

### *Parliamentary Committees*

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**Ms HOOD (Adelaide) (14:08):** I bring up the 154<sup>th</sup> report of the committee, entitled Northern Adelaide Renal Haemodialysis Services Project.

Report received and ordered to be published.

### NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**Ms WORTLEY (Torrens) (14:09):** I bring up the seventh report of the committee, entitled Inquiry into Commercial Seaweed Production in South Australia.

Report received and ordered to be published.

### *Question Time*

### ALGAL BLOOM

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:09):** My question is to the Premier. Is it safe for asthmatics and individuals with chronic lung conditions to visit South Australian beaches?

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:10):** We have been very clear about the need for clear, accurate, non-conspiracy led advice to be followed when it comes to the algal bloom. On this side of the house we have been very diligent about making sure when we put things out on the public record that they are accurate, that we do our homework, that we engage with the professionals. When we seek public health advice, we make sure that it is provided by the experts and that is what we put out on the public record. Now, I know that approach isn't shared by everyone in this parliament. I know that some people are approaching the algal bloom as a political opportunity rather than it being something that should be treated seriously.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Yes, the deputy leader. Your point of order is?

**Mr TEAGUE:** It's standing order 98(a). The Premier is also starting to stray into territory of casting aspersions on the motivation of the questioner. It's 98(a), it's a straightforward question about safety for asthmatics and the Premier has immediately headed off into debate and substance about motives.

**The SPEAKER:** The Premier has had like less than 30 seconds on his feet and it's an important thing.

*The Hon. P.B. Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Premier, you will come to order. This is an important matter for all South Australians, but particularly for those of us who live along the coastlines of South Australia. It is an important question and the Premier is giving his answer to that and it is important to talk about this situation in its entirety and what's out there in the public realm. I will go back to the Premier, who I am sure is going to get to the matter around the question of asthma, but he is also updating the

house—for the first time in a few weeks, because we have not been here—on what's happening out there along our coastlines. So the Premier has the call.

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS:** As I say, Mr Speaker, on this side of the house we have been very deliberate about making sure that the moment we are in receipt of health advice it is put out there on the public record and also advice that we receive in conjunction to the algal bloom, whether it comes from SARDI or PIRSA or international experts that the government has acquired the services of.

Obviously, being an unprecedented set of circumstances, we are very keen to make sure that accurate information is coming from the government at every opportunity. I do think that is an approach that everybody in the parliament has a responsibility to pursue.

In respect of asthma, and people who have asthma conditions in the state, we would encourage them to follow the advice that has been released through SA Health. That advice was updated following preliminary testing results—and I stress, preliminary testing results—regarding the foamy water that we saw present itself on Henley Beach.

The nation does not currently have a fully accredited brevetoxin testing regime. That testing is done in New Zealand and that has been true for some time. As a state, we are now initiating Australia's first capability to be able to establish a brevetoxin regime. That was funded from our package that was announced some time ago. That has actually moved at a pace that no-one reasonably expected in the time and I would actually thank Agilex for their work in Thebarton. In the western suburbs of Adelaide they are rapidly stepping up that testing capability.

That is still going through a full accreditation process, but their preliminary results indicated the presence of the brevetoxin in that foam in the water system, which is hardly surprising given we know that the brevetoxin has been in shellfish in particular, or bivalves, particularly in mussels and oysters. So while there was no-one who was surprised by those results, having had the ability to be able to make the test and get a preliminary result, we released it as soon as it came to the task force.

I will be frank: the task force had to assess whether or not it was appropriate to release those results, even though they were of a preliminary nature only, but we formed the view, collectively, that having received the results we should put them out on the public record, and we did so that Thursday morning. The public health advice was adjusted accordingly, and we would encourage asthmatics, in particular, to follow that advice in terms of their circumstances.

#### ALGAL BLOOM

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:15):** My question is to the Premier. How and when was the Premier first advised that SA Health advice regarding asthma sufferers had changed in connection to the harmful algal bloom, and who provided such advice?

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:15):** That advice comes through the task force. The task force obviously has the Chief Public Health Officer on it, Nicola Spurrier—and we thank her for her work. The advice was discussed in that taskforce meeting and then we stood up, following that taskforce meeting, as we do at a press conference, and Professor Mike Steer drew people's attention to those preliminary test results we had received and the updated advice as a result of that.

#### ALGAL BLOOM

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:16):** My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier now apologise to the people of South Australia for his handling of the harmful algal bloom health advice? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

*Members interjecting:*

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

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** On radio last week, radio host Will Gooding said, 'Asthma sufferers in South Australia are now officially confused when it comes to being in areas affected by the algal bloom.'

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:16):** The advice we received we put out on the public record. I think there is a debate about whether or not that should be done with only preliminary results, but we wanted to be transparent, and that is why we put that information out at the first opportunity once we had it. That was a deliberate decision. We did it literally within minutes of the task force considering the matter; we released the advice on the Thursday. I think that was the appropriate thing to do.

The Leader of the Opposition should familiarise himself with that press conference. It was covered off in the press conference, and I would have thought the opposition would be monitoring those press conferences, given that it is an important source of information and that we update it. We have made clear the position on this from the outset, in a way that I think is consistent with the best interests of South Australians, which is what we should do.

Again, I make the point that we are dealing with an unprecedented natural disaster. It does draw parallels with the unprecedented nature of the COVID-19 pandemic when, during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, on this side of the house we were very deliberate about making sure we backed the government of the day on the health advice on it, particularly on matters that were important to the safety of South Australians and the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I can remember, when we were in opposition, being in receipt of emails that you could characterise as coming from the anti-vaxxer community critiquing the opposition, as they were critiquing the government at the time, around vaccinations. We made sure that we backed in the government around that challenge of ensuring that as many South Australians as possible were vaccinated. That was the appropriate thing to do, and we stood by that then and we stand by it now, just as I know most of the Liberal Party does, and—

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

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Unley, you are on your final warning. One more peep and you're out.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The Minister for Trade and the member for Florey will come to order. Members on my right, the Premier will be heard in silence.

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS:** It is important, when it comes to circumstances like a natural disaster, that that approach is adopted. It is entirely reasonable for the opposition to ask questions about the government's response to the algal bloom. That is perfectly legitimate, and that is what should occur in the ordinary course of events. But I would say this, though: there is a responsibility on all of us in government, and in opposition, to be doing some basic fact checking before we bounce into parliamentary committees and start espousing research as fact, or before citing research and then providing sources without doing any sort of fact checking ourselves.

That is an important test, and it's ultimately going to be a test of leadership—a test of leadership—because it would be unacceptable, I think in most reasonable people's view, in the course of a natural disaster, to be proffering information as fact that, when assessed, doesn't stand to reason or stand up to scrutiny. That would be an extraordinary set of circumstances and something worthy of contemplation as these events unfold.

#### ALGAL BLOOM

**Ms PRATT (Frome) (14:20):** My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Has the government issued a media release on the changed health advice on harmful algal bloom, either on or since Thursday 4 September? If not, why not?

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:21):** As has been traversed in the previous answers from the Premier, as soon as we had the task force meeting there was a press conference that was held, with all the media in attendance. It was discussed by

Professor Steer that there had been a preliminary test result and there had been an update in terms of the health advice for asthmatics, and the advice was immediately provided publicly through the SA Health website. Of course, Dr Cunliffe also presented to the Senate committee, and we have had a number of press conferences since, with both myself and Professor Spurrier, to be able to answer questions.

Of course, the advice is not—as was suggested by the first question from the Leader of the Opposition—that people with asthma should not go to the beach. That is not the health advice. The advice is that people with asthma should carry their reliever with them because this can be an allergen and this can be equivalent to what we would regard as pollen count. There can be allergens that can affect people's asthma. So the health advice—the advice has come to the government and the advice that we have released publicly—is not to say that people shouldn't go to the beach; it is to make sure that they have their reliever with them and that they have an up-to-date asthma management plan, as we would reasonably expect people with asthma to be doing all the time in any event.

### COOPER CREEK BARGE

**The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Stuart) (14:22):** My question is to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. Can the minister please update my outback communities on a new barge for Cooper Creek on the Birdsville Track and the benefits that will eventuate from the establishment of this new barge? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain a bit further.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. G.G. BROCK:** For some considerable time now, I and other community members in the area have been lobbying for a replacement barge for the previous barge, which, to my information, is over 50 years old and has very small capacity.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:23):** The member has been on at me about this for a while, and he has been one of the champions for regional communities on this. As he would be aware, and as the house might be aware, the heavy rainfall in south-west Queensland caused water to enter South Australia's Far North via the Thomson, Barcoo, Warburton and Cooper Creek catchments. It has caused widespread localised flooding and has made transiting the flood zone particularly difficult, impacting the Cooper Creek crossing of the Birdsville Track. I am advised that, depending on further rains, the flows in Cooper Creek could restrict access for between six to nine months.

For previous flood events at Cooper Creek crossing, a ferry service has traditionally been deployed to support access for light vehicles weighing less than 10 tonnes. The department has been actively exploring more robust solutions, including the feasibility of a modular barge capable of transporting heavier vehicles, including those that transport livestock. The member has certainly not allowed me to forget how important the free flow of these is to remote communities. He has been a voice, along with the member for Giles and members of the upper house, and we have listened.

On 16 July, the Australian and South Australian governments announced a joint commitment of \$27.4 million to construct and deploy a barge at Cooper Creek crossing under disaster recovery funding arrangements. This barge will incorporate modular pontoons designed to accommodate a range of vehicle types to maintain essential supply routes, community connectivity, livestock transportation and support tourism. That is not an invitation for a flood of tourists to go catch the barge.

I am pleased to inform the house that all critical components required to construct the Cooper Creek barge crossing barge have arrived in Adelaide and are currently undergoing essential upgrades in preparation for the installation at Cooper Creek. The onsite works, including piling and road remediation to prepare the crossing site, are also underway. These are very, very expensive works to do, indeed.

Following completion of the barge upgrades in Adelaide, the barge will be transported to the Cooper Creek crossing site in 12 modules, which will then be assembled on site. Two modules have already been transported to the site. Again, this is different from what we have done traditionally

about moving small vehicles and caravans: this is about moving large, heavy vehicles with livestock onboard, so it is a much larger operation than we have done previously. We are currently finalising operation hours through the remote area. We need to make sure we can have people up there, with redundancy in place, and capacity and an online booking service for heavy vehicles to make sure we can provide information to the community as soon as possible.

We are aware that the flood in Cooper Creek can occur in successive years due to the catchment already being full and, following this event, the barge will be retained and will be able to be quickly reassembled and launched in subsequent events. As such, the benefits of this investment will continue to flow to the member's constituents during floods and flood events.

I want to make it clear that the South Australian government is not interested in people using this as an opportunity for tourism. I understand people will be curious, and it is going to be a remarkable and beautiful event, but we have people whose livelihoods are on the line up there who need to use this barge to move cattle and livestock out, and they are our priority.

We need to keep the abattoirs in South Australia working. Those workers depend on feedstock, and we need to make sure we can keep them supplied. Yes, it is nice to go out and visit and, yes, it is nice to give the local economy a nudge, but the work we are doing here is not for the outback nomads, although they can facilitate and use it, it is mainly for people to move livestock and to make sure we can get that livestock where it needs to go quickly for their own benefit and their own good.

#### PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE EVIDENCE

**Mr BROWN (Florey) (14:27):** My question is to the Leader of Government Business. Can the leader advise as to the importance of evidence and references provided to parliamentary committees being accurate and whether risks arise for the integrity of parliamentary proceedings when incorrect or misleading references are supplied?

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:27):** The parliament and its committees are the highest courts in South Australia.

*An honourable member interjecting:*

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** They are. When you speak to the parliament, you must speak truthfully, honestly and accurately, and you cannot mislead, as members opposite learnt the hard bitter truth of in the last parliament. You cannot mislead the parliament. You cannot give the parliament information, either knowingly or unknowingly, that's not correct and, if you do so, you need to apologise immediately and correct it. There are no exceptions to this rule—none. If you did it in a court, there are severe consequences, including the loss of liberty. During a natural disaster—

**The Hon. V.A. Tarzia:** How is Michael Abbott?

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** He's well; he sends his regards. He's a KC—his peers thought he was good enough. At the very least, when members go to parliamentary committees and they say the following:

...I am going to give you the references, professor, okay? I have decided to give you the references so you can see that I am not just plucking it out of midair as a conspiracy theory—

they are strong words. I have written to the recently re-endorsed Heidi Girolamo in the upper house, who is Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, who was given a reference by the new watchdog, handpicked by the Leader of the Opposition to contest the seat of Waite. Those references, sir, reference reports that just don't exist.

When you go to a parliamentary committee and you say, 'Listen, I'm not raising some conspiracy theory here. I'm referencing peer-reviewed scientific reports to spread my conspiracy theories,' you want to have evidence to back it up, and when you don't, what does that mean? It undermines the integrity of our independent agencies. The EPA and SARDI are respected independent institutions that are backed up by scientific peer-reviewed information. The people who work there are experts—they are experts. Frank Pangallo turning up there saying, 'Stand aside, college boy, have I got some information for you,' doesn't cut the mustard.

The Leader of the Opposition has now got to show whether he is fit to be the Premier of South Australia. What does leadership mean? Leadership says when you get it wrong, you apologise. When members get it wrong, and they do it deliberately, you sack them. This is now a question of leadership not for Frank Pangallo—we know he is not going to walk away from all this. Frank is going to be Frank. We know what Frank is like; we all know what he is like. The question is: what is the alternative Premier of South Australia going to do? Is he going to get up and stand by these dodgy documents? Is he going to stand by these dodgy references? We know what happened to the last leader of the Liberal Party who had dodgy documents in this parliament. We know what happened there.

My advice to my young friend is: show leadership. Show leadership. Don't stand by Frank. Cut him loose. He cannot be allowed to continue on this committee. He must be told to stand aside from this committee. But of course my young friend won't do that; he is going to back him in. They are claiming some sort of administrative error—an administrative error on scientific peer-reviewed reports. I have to say this goes too far. This goes too far. If Frank Pangallo had done it in this parliament, he would be sanctioned. The last person to mislead this parliament was sanctioned, and it wasn't done by a majority Labor government, it was done by a Liberal government. Why? Because their Deputy Premier misled the parliament.

### ALGAL BLOOM

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition) (14:31):** My question is to the Premier. What does the Premier say is the cause of the algal bloom? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** Recently, when experts from SARDI were asked—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Can members on my right please keep it down, and could you start the explanation again—

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The Leader of Government Business will come to order.

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** At a recent Senate inquiry, when an expert from SARDI was asked what caused it, the answer that was given was, 'There's a hypothesis, but there's no data to understand what the contributing factor was.'

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:33):** I've got to say this is a new form of parliamentary tactics from the Leader of the Opposition to come in here and start reprosecuting questions around what causes the algal bloom when his members, his own watchdog, in a parliamentary inquiry furnished fake references regarding the algal bloom. This is quite extraordinary—quite extraordinary.

We know the advice that the government has received. It's the same advice that our officials have been making clear on the public record around what are the major contributing factors to the algal bloom. Three major significant events have come together to inform the unprecedented algal bloom, starting with the River Murray floods, the marine heatwave and the nutrients that we see coming together in the water. The science tells us that those three events in conjunction with one another created an almost unprecedented set of circumstances that has contributed to the algal bloom.

The algal bloom has precedents in terms of we have seen them before in other parts of the world, but to see one of this size and this scale in Australia is without precedent. That, of course, has had very severe consequences on a lot of people in this state and on our marine environment, which is why it has to be treated seriously, which means if you bounce into parliament and submit references, it might be worth you checking what those references are and what they say before you do so.

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS:** You might want to check them out, mate. You might just want to punch them into Google yourself. We have taken the advice of our experts, including a scientific panel that the Deputy Premier has convened, and we have made sure that the advice that we receive we put on the public record. We make our officials available for questions, including in the budget and finance environment but, of course, our officials were in Budget and Finance receiving questions from members of the opposition regarding the algal bloom, members of the opposition who sat there and submitted references that they clearly didn't check out themselves. That is unbelievable.

To take a parliamentary inquiry that is dealing with a natural disaster and then to seek to politicise it for their own purposes or their own out-there theories without fact-checking their own references that they submitted to the inquiry is somewhat extraordinary. Our collective responsibility is to the people of this state and the natural environment that we are the custodians of, which means we check things, we ask questions, we do the scrutiny, and we put the advice on the public record. We don't seek to push the barrow of theories and references that don't check out if you take the time to indeed check them out.

It appears as though Mr Pangallo hasn't done that himself. That is an extraordinary set of circumstances that doesn't stand the test of scrutiny, which leaves the Leader of the Opposition with the choice that he either stands by dodgy documents or he doesn't. He is either serious about addressing the algal bloom on the basis of science or he stands with Frank Pangallo and conspiracy. We know where we stand. Now it's time to find out where the Leader of the Opposition stands.

#### ALGAL BLOOM

**Ms PRATT (Frome) (14:37):** My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Can the minister reveal when SA Health first became aware of the presence of brevetoxins in relation to the current harmful algal bloom?

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:37):** As has been stated on the public record a number of times, I think on the weekend before the task force there were the preliminary results that were coming through, and that was then something that was analysed by SA Health over the course of the next few days and the updated advice was then provided to the task force meeting on the Thursday.

*Members interjecting:*

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

#### ALGAL BLOOM

**Mr BASHAM (Finniss) (14:37):** My question is to the Premier. Will the government provide live daily updates on the harmful algal bloom? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr BASHAM:** Our communities, small businesses and primary industries are becoming increasingly frustrated with the current weekly updates.

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:38):** Over the course of a week there is a lot of data that is accumulated and assessed and then presented to the task force meeting and then it is updated accordingly. But I will tell you what businesses in your electorate are getting frustrated and upset about, I would say to the member for Finniss: in your electorate, in your community, there are vast reaches of the coastline where there is no algae, and there hasn't been for weeks, but people aren't visiting. Do you know why people aren't visiting? It is because the perception is out there, on the basis of misinformation and misperception, that the algal bloom is devastating that coastline. The only way people—

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS:** This is serious. The only way that people in Victor Harbor, in Goolwa and in Port Elliot are going to be able to enjoy their livelihoods returning to what they are entitled to experience and expect is if people visit. There is no good reason for people not to be

visiting your electorate and your community at the moment, because the algae is not there and has not been for weeks. Let's hope that continues.

Now, what they need is leadership from the member for Finniss, out there saying, 'Come and visit. Come and visit our community.' Instead, the member for Finniss is standing side by side with Frank Pangallo, running around providing misinformation to the community, and you need to think about that.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members on my right and members on my left will come to order. Member for Morphett, stop yelling out when I am trying to get everyone to be quiet so I can hear your deputy leader on a point of order.

**Mr TEAGUE:** Standing order 98(a). It is a straightforward question directed to the frequency of updates. The Premier has descended into personal abuse, contrary to the standing order.

**The SPEAKER:** There was a bit of argy-bargy on both sides. We all know it is out of order to interject. If we listen to the Premier, maybe without interjections, we might get an answer.

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS:** I have sat down with small businesses in the electorate of Finniss, with people from Goolwa, Port Elliot and Victor Harbor. The local chamber of commerce arranged a round table with businesses in the electorate. These are good people, working hard, who rely upon visitors from other parts of the country and other parts of the state coming to those regions to enjoy their products and their services.

People aren't going to the south coast of the Fleurieu in the same volume because they are concerned about the algae, but there is no algae down there at the moment. There hasn't been algae down there for weeks. That is not well understood, and it is incumbent upon us that we let the South Australian community know that the algae isn't down there.

That information is out there but, instead, others are seeking to play politics with the algal bloom and catastrophising it in areas where it doesn't exist or are spreading misinformation to the extent that they feel so at ease, as a member of the South Australian Liberal Party, to bounce into a parliamentary committee and furnish references and documents that don't check out to be real. So if we want accurate information out there, everybody, including members of the Liberal Party, needs to stand up for fact and accurate information rather than spreading untruths.

**Mr TEAGUE:** Point of order: it appears that the Premier might have finished his answer, but the point of order is standing order 98(a). It was a straightforward question about the frequency of the updates.

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS:** I will acknowledge that, if the Liberal Party keep providing misinformation to the community, we might need to stand up more frequently to hold them to account for that. But I would much prefer—

**The Hon. D.G. Pisoni:** So it's all about politics then, is it?

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Unley can leave the chamber until the end of question time. Members on my right will come to order.

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

**The SPEAKER:** The deputy leader with a point of order.

**Mr TEAGUE:** It is standing order 98(a). The Premier can't evade the question by descending into speeches and personal abuse. It is a question as to the frequency of the updates.

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS:** We do the updates when we get information at hand. The task force meets on Thursdays. We meet after that, and then we are available for any questions on the matter all the time, whether it be here or whether it be in the media. I am readily available in the media. For better or worse, I am there, and we answer every inquiry that we get.

What I want to make sure is that the South Australian community are getting facts, not misinformation. It is important that we don't unnecessarily catastrophise the situation in a way that has an impact on communities that aren't affected by the bloom. Those that are need our support, and we are here to provide it, but those who don't have the impact of the algae should be able to enjoy visitors and the custom of other South Australians without misinformation informing their actions.

### SEAFOOD INDUSTRY

**Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (14:43):** My question is to the Deputy Premier. Is the state government doing enough to promote South Australian seafood and that it is safe to eat? With your leave, Mr Speaker, and the leave of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr McBRIDE:** At an algal bloom update last night at Meningie, it was mentioned that the Premier had recently been to a restaurant where seafood was being advertised as not South Australian.

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (14:44):** I acknowledge that the member was at a forum that I was part of last night down at lovely Meningie. It was a really good forum, as they all have been. There were lots of people there to participate, to hear from the experts but also to share their experiences and to ensure that their experiences are understood by the decision-makers in government. It was, as always, a very useful forum.

We did talk about particularly, as you can imagine in Meningie, the number of commercial fishers down around the Coorong who have been affected by the algal bloom. But they have been affected in a way that might not at first be immediately apparent to members of the public because, although the Coorong did have an experience of the algal bloom, it is no longer present there. The testing that we are doing at present is showing that there is no *Karenia mikimotoi* showing up in the tests, which is fabulous.

However, there have been two impacts on the fishers: one is that there has been damage done to part of the environment by the bloom, so they are having to go further out, which involves more costs, of course, to go and get the fish that they are able to catch; but, secondly and much more seriously in terms of their income, people aren't buying fish. South Australians and interstate are not buying enough seafood.

So it was a very heartfelt plea from fishers there to please make sure that the facts of the situation are being conveyed to the public and that any sense of catastrophising is quashed, because it is so important that there is clarity that, if you can buy South Australian seafood, it is safe and it is healthy and it is delicious. It is incredibly unfair for those people whose economic livelihood is absolutely dependent on people being prepared to buy their fish that we have people creating alarmism or, simply through ignorance, making choices that are harmful.

While we have been pushing the argument for a long time and the facts for a long time that, if you can buy it, it is safe—we have been doing that in the media, we have been doing that in response to questions—we are now engaging in advertising to push out the message much more strongly to say, 'Please, it's still delicious, it's still available and you're doing the right thing by the fishos by buying them.'

We showed the advertisement that has been shot at the forum and it went down well, I think. I noticed Pauly Vandenberg was one of the people, who is one of my favourite South Australians. He was one of the people encouraging people to buy South Australian fish. Please, everyone who is hearing this right now, just take a moment to think, 'When was the last time I had some fish? Did I say to them, "I only want South Australian."?' because we've got to get that message out there.

Let's understand the true implications of this algal bloom, because they are tough, but let's also understand the limits of the impact of this algal bloom and let's not make it bigger than it needs

to be, because there are real people with real livelihoods and real families who are being affected by this. So, as much as possible, take the nonsense out, take the politics out and stick with the facts.

### ALGAL BLOOM

**S.E. ANDREWS (Gibson) (14:47):** My question is to the Treasurer. Can the Treasurer outline the importance of ensuring accurate information about the algal bloom is provided to affected communities and any risks posed by inaccurate information that can damage local businesses, tourism operators and jobs?

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer, Minister for Defence and Space Industries, Minister for Police) (14:48):** It is very concerning that we have got a member of parliament who continues to propagate these conspiracy theories around the source of the harmful algal bloom. Even more troublingly, of course, we have got the leader of the opposition backing that member of parliament in as a member of his own team, backing him in as a candidate at the coming election for the seat of Waite. This is what the Leader of the Opposition has attached himself to, somebody who will peddle conspiracy theories.

The damage is not just to the Leader of the Opposition and his credibility and his reputation as a fledgling political leader, the damage, of course, is far broader. The damage is far broader because, as members would know, particularly across the aisle, those members who represent parts of regional South Australia, including the coastlines, these statements can have a significant bearing on the confidence of South Australians and other people outside of South Australia to visit our tourism areas across regional South Australia.

The regional tourism economy is worth more than \$4 billion a year to the state—four thousand million dollars—a huge injection of cash into regional economies each and every year. We've got a member of the Leader of the Opposition's team out peddling conspiracy theories to sow fear and worry in the community of South Australia and in the minds of those people who would otherwise visit South Australia to take a holiday across coastal locations. It's not just those tourism operators; it's also the primary producers, those involved in aquaculture and fisheries that the Deputy Premier was just talking about as well. These statements have a real impact.

When we've got the Leader of the Opposition, who refuses to get his watchdog under control, who refuses to discipline an errant member of parliament for knowingly putting incorrect information out to the community, it seems like the watchdog has left a little deposit on the median strip that is the South Australian Liberal Party. He is out of control.

We've got a Leader of the Opposition who will not call him to heel, who will not make sure that, like a person in position of authority and responsibility, one of the 69 members of parliament in this state, he is putting accurate and considered information out into the community. But it is even worse than that—making up references, submitting information to a select committee of parliament which is knowingly false, fake URLs—like someone trying to pedal their way through the first semester of university, not having gone to anything. It's extraordinary.

This is the reputation of the Leader of the Opposition now at stake. This is what he has chained himself to. This is the standard of a future Liberal government of South Australia led by the Leader of the Opposition. This is the standard he sets for leadership in this state, and it is appalling. If the leader doesn't act, it's not just a reflection on Frank Pangallo; it's a reflection on himself and his leadership, which is not only fledgling but is fraught. He is under pressure, and if he doesn't take this opportunity to act, that pressure will continue to build. The Leader of the Opposition has to act to protect those coastal tourism operators, to protect those fishers, to make sure that we do not see further economic impacts across South Australia.

### ALGAL BLOOM

**Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (14:52):** My question is to the Treasurer. Is the short-term future of fishing at risk in St Vincent Gulf? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr PEDERICK:** In a radio interview on Friday, experienced and well-respected professional fisherman Bart Butson said, and I quote, 'I think that we should stop fishing because I think it will aid in the recovery of the fish stocks.'

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy) (14:52):** I just want to convey the answer that was given by Professor Mike Steer, who runs SARDI, when this question was put to him at the press conference last week, in case members didn't all hear it. The question has arisen not just with the gentleman that the member has referred to but among other people who have spoken to the Senate inquiry and, occasionally, when one or other of us are on the media about the algal bloom, it will come up as well and in our many public forums.

The question is quite understandable that, if we have seen a lot of destruction in the marine environment, if there have been a lot of fish deaths, as there have been, what implications does that have on whether we can continue to fish, either recreationally or commercially, the various species? Will there be an imposition of some sort of halt on fishing? It's an understandable and logical question.

As you would expect, there is an understandable and logical answer which has come from Professor Mike Steer. I don't want to risk paraphrasing him inaccurately, but it was essentially that SARDI at present is going through the process of assessing the fish stocks that are currently in our waters and will make advice in due course about whether any decision is needed to be made to restrain any fishing in any particular sector. He warned that the reality is that there are a number of species of fish that are commercially fished and recreationally fished that are doing just fine. The fish that tend to live further out from the coastline—and King George whiting was an example he used—are doing well. Of course, 70 per cent of our coastline has not been affected by the bloom, and therefore their marine environment is healthy.

So while it is a reasonable question, we do need to let the scientists undertake an assessment in order to give us informed advice on what the best approach is now for fish. What we don't want to do is jump and stop people from being able to sustain their livelihood, which we have just been talking about in the last couple of answers, where commercial fishing is so important to so many communities. We do not want to jump and stop that if it's not necessary and we need the evidence base before we make that decision.

### ALGAL BLOOM

**Mr BASHAM (Finniss) (14:55):** My question is to the Premier. Was the government unprepared for the harmful algal bloom? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr BASHAM:** Flinders University's Marine and Coastal Research Consortium Director, Professor Charlie Huvaneers, has said publicly:

South Australia was unprepared for this event. We cannot even assess the true impact of these kinds of events on the marine ecosystems because we lack the necessary baseline data and consistent monitoring programs.

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (14:55):** I thank the member for Finniss for his question. It is true that this event, for its size and scale, does not have precedent and that is why there are so many challenges around this. Unlike fires or floods or pandemics or cyber attacks or terrorist attacks or major storm events, there isn't a playbook about how to deal with a major algal bloom of this size or this scale, which is why we have got to respond to it very clearly.

As members opposite would appreciate, particularly those who have been in government and been on the Emergency Management Committee of government, there is scenario planning around a whole range of different potential events and circumstances, including a lot of natural disasters. There have not been—as the member for Finniss quotes from a professor—prophecies of this nature in terms of planning and so forth, which is why we have had to respond to this from the ground up.

That represents a range of challenges and that is why we are doing everything we can. The best way we do that is we respond and we make sure that, as best as possible, our judgements are

governed by the science and by the public health advice, which is what we are doing. I've got to say, I have been astounded by how quick people, even the most adversely affected, have been to acknowledge that fact. They understand that no government agency, no private company, no individual caused the algal bloom. There are a range of circumstances that are beyond people's control and there isn't an immediate solution to the algal bloom. If there was, we would have done it by now.

We remain open to suggestions. We are actively pursuing options and investigating potential action that can be taken, but we are also, in the meantime, making sure that we respond to the algal bloom by supporting those communities, those businesses and those individuals who have been most adversely affected with economic support that goes beyond the state government's economic support during the course of the pandemic.

This is a challenge. We seek to rise up to that challenge. We would like to do that collectively with everybody who is interested in doing so, but it is important we do it from a basis of fact and knowledge and rely on our experts. SARDI is a very high-quality agency within government. Our experts in DEW are outstanding public servants who are as committed as I have seen, and everybody is working together to make sure that we deliver a thoughtful response.

If there is outside information from other experts around the world, we will go and get them. That is why we went and got Don Anderson to come over from the United States. We are open to doing everything and anything that can be done here to confront this challenge. But I am serious about this. There are a lot of people who are being affected who do not need to be. There are people in the member for Flinders' electorate who are being affected by this when they don't need to be. That is a big deal. There are people who are producing South Australian seafood, as the member for MacKillop just referenced, who are being affected.

We don't want people to choose not to eat South Australian seafood, even though it is perfectly safe, because they have got misinformation. That is why it has got to be accurate. It is not a political point: it has to be accurate for the sake of people who rely upon us to present facts, and that is what we are going to focus on.

#### TRAVEL VOUCHER PROGRAM

**Ms PRATT (Frome) (14:59):** My question is to the Minister for Tourism. Is the government considering expanding its travel voucher program to support a wider range of businesses that are also impacted by the harmful algal bloom; if not, why not? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Ms PRATT:** On 25 August the government announced a travel voucher program for accommodation experiences, but other coastal businesses, including seafood restaurants, have also been negatively impacted and cannot benefit from the scheme.

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (15:00):** I thank the member for her question. As we said, we are running out this round of vouchers. There are 20,000 vouchers, and this week I will be reminding South Australians that you have got to be in it to win it, you have to put your name forward for the ballot. There are 20,000 vouchers out there for experiences and for accommodation.

We know that when people have the opportunity to have these vouchers it is a call to action, a call to action to South Australians that they need to stand up and support our tourism providers. What we also know is that when people stay in an area they go out and enjoy experiences, they go to restaurants, they go to cafes. We know this because we have run out vouchers several other times when we built back after COVID and when we were 'Rising Up' for the river. This is what we have done previously and it has worked, and this is what we will continue to do.

We have been very clear that we have a summer plan coming out, and of course we will be ready to stand up for whatever is needed. But we stand by what has worked before, and we know that this call to action to South Australians is responded to, and responded to well. That is why we stand by what we have done, and we will continue to do so.

**BOOLEROO CENTRE GP REGISTRAR**

**The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Stuart) (15:01):** My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Can the minister please update my community at Booleroo Centre regarding the future of the Booleroo Centre GP registrar? With your leave and that of the house, sir, I will explain a bit further.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. G.G. BROCK:** Recent events that have occurred at Booleroo Centre will result in the community losing the services of their GP registrar. As a result, community members may have to travel over an hour to surrounding locations which, if they can afford to do so, will also take the place of other people in those locations.

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kurna—Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:02):** I thank the member for Stuart for his question. As the member has alluded to, there has been an issue where there are, as I understand it, currently two doctors providing service in Booleroo Centre. These are primary care services which, of course, are under the purview of the federal government, not the state government. One of those doctors is a GP registrar who, due to issues with Medicare eligibility, is likely to have to withdraw their services in the coming weeks.

That leaves another doctor who is providing services to Booleroo Centre and its community, but of course we want to see those primary care, federal government, GP Medicare services expanded and strong across regional South Australia, including at Booleroo Centre. So the state government, through the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network and our Executive Director of Medical Services, has been working with the practice trying to do what we can with agencies such as the Rural Doctors Workforce Agency to see if we can increase the staffing when that one doctor leaves.

In terms of the basis of the question that everyone is going to have to travel, I am advised that will not be the case, given that there will be a doctor there, although obviously we would like to see that get back up to two in the local area. Of course, about half an hour away is Jamestown, where the Goyder's Line Medical practice is in operation.

These are issues we face across regional South Australia and across regional Australia in terms of GP services, and we are always working with the federal government to try to identify ways in which we can improve the supply of GPs in regional areas. One of those ways is the work we are doing in terms of the Single Employer Model which, having been very successful in the Riverland region of South Australia, is now expanding across the rest of South Australia, where we can have GP registrars working between the public hospital system and primary care system and employed by SA Health, with a Medicare exemption, to enable that to happen. We are optimistic about the benefit of that.

We are also optimistic in terms of the benefit of what has just started in the past year at Flinders University—the new regional medical school which now has a whole fleet of medical students who are undertaking their entire practice while based in regional areas. So, as opposed to a previous scenario where people would do all their medical school training in the city and then most of their postgraduate training in the city, now people can do the whole lot in regional South Australia, which is fantastic news. We are hopeful that that will lead to improvements.

In the meantime, of course, we have to continue the work on international recruitment. Of course, there are a lot of GPs, particularly from the UK, who have come to Australia and South Australia in the past few years. That has increased, and one of the ways that has seen increased numbers is through the work that we have done to reform, through what was called the Kruk review, the process between immigration, the Medical Board, AHPRA, and the colleges by which people can jump through all the hoops, particularly from countries like the UK.

So a doctor in the UK can now, rather than needing to get separate college accreditation here, go through that expedited pathway and have their UK college accreditation recognised here in Australia. That has helped. Not only has it helped a number of doctors come through that pathway, but also I think it has sharpened the colleges' pathway and the expedited way that they are doing their applications to get more GPs here into Australia and into South Australia in particular.

**The SPEAKER:** Before we move to the next question, I have a quick welfare check on *The Advertiser* box. Staz, are you alright up there? I heard someone fall over during that question. Are you all good? You are in my blind spot. It sounds like he is okay.

#### ADELAIDE DESALINATION PLANT

**Mr DIGHTON (Black) (15:06):** My question is to the Minister for Housing and Urban Development. Can the minister advise the house whether there is any scientific evidence to support a connection between desalination operations and the occurrence of the current algal bloom?

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning) (15:06):** Thanks to the member for Black for his question. The Adelaide desal plant is a vital part of Adelaide's drinking water supply. We would be in dire straits without it. My advice is that there is no link whatsoever between the algal bloom and the operations of the desal plant. The only reason this is an issue in the public's mind is that we have seen a person—who frankly is a bit unstable, a bit out there, a bit unreliable and bit of a clown—being given a title that is somewhere above shadow minister. He got his own hat with a symbol of 'the watchdog' on it and that went to his head, didn't it?

That little bit of responsibility he took terribly to heart, and he raced out there and put all of this misinformation out into the public realm and all of this misinformation out to a parliamentary committee, quite irresponsibly sowing seeds of distrust regarding our critical infrastructure. Now, as I understand it, the watchdog is becoming a windbag who is in witness protection. What I hear is that you've got him locked away in an office somewhere, hiding from *The Advertiser* and other journalists who are trying to hunt him down.

Here are a few facts about the desal plant. Since October 2011 it has supplied 212 billion litres of drinking water to homes and businesses across Adelaide. Without that previous investment, as I said before, we would be in dire straits and we would have seen water restrictions. Independent and credible reviews monitor no adverse impact to the local environment. All the discharge from the plant is required to meet strict guidelines and is monitored by the EPA. It's all on the EPA's website and it's part of the provision of the licence.

Here is the thing: in 2019-20, those opposite, under the commonwealth's Water for Fodder program, used the desal plant to produce 40 gegalitres of water for that program—a very important program, I might add. You used it responsibly to do that. To put that into context, between July 2024 last year and June this year, the ADP produced 26 gegalitres of water. So members opposite have used this plant responsibly when they have been in government; they have relied upon it and they will rely upon it again because it's absolutely critical to our water security.

If you were the leader of a major party, a leader of an alternative government, why would you allow someone so unreliable, someone so unstable, someone so unpredictable to have a position of responsibility—a person who has a higher profile than any of the people on your front bench—to go up there to a parliamentary committee and sow distrust in critical water infrastructure? Who would allow that? Only an irresponsible leader. You have a responsibility—not just to hide him away until polling day.

**The Hon. V.A. Tarzia:** He's not hiding.

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION:** Well, where is he? Are you committing to him going out there? Are you committing to him facing the media? Are you committing to him actually walking back his irresponsible evidence given to a parliamentary committee—are you going to do that?—because that's a test of your leadership. If you are asking to be in charge of this infrastructure, people have got to have some confidence that you will operate critical infrastructure in a responsible manner.

*Ministerial Statement*

#### METROPOLITAN FIRE SERVICE TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills) (15:10):** I table a ministerial statement made by the Hon. Emily Bourke MLC today in the other place.

*Grievance Debate***ALGAL BLOOM**

**Mr BASHAM (Finniss) (15:11):** I rise today to speak about the serious mismanagement of the recent harmful algal bloom on our South Australian coastline—a failure that has left communities exposed, businesses unsupported and vulnerable people at risk.

Firstly, on public health, the government's response has been disturbingly inadequate when it comes to asthma management. We know that harmful algal blooms can produce toxins and release particles that aggravate respiratory conditions, and we have been hearing from members of the community who have been experiencing attacks when at affected beaches as far back as March and April in the early days of this outbreak. Yet, despite this, warnings to asthmatics and those with pre-existing respiratory illnesses were hidden, vague and inconsistent with Asthma Australia. Rather than proactively mobilising health services clearly advising at-risk groups, the government relied on websites—and not even a mention in daily press releases—leaving many families confused and exposed. This is not how you safeguard public health in a crisis.

Secondly, small businesses—particularly on the Fleurieu's southern coast—have been left fending for themselves. Our coastal communities depend heavily on tourism, hospitality and recreation. When the bloom spread along our beaches, business numbers dropped overnight. Bizarrely, for a small business to apply for support, the eligibility dates they can use do not even recognise that the start of the impact began in mid-March and not, as the government has listed, April Fools' Day.

The government has offered little in the way of targeted support, completely missing large sections of the business community, including hospitality businesses, unless they are cafes on beachfronts. Businesses that were already struggling with high costs of doing business now face losses because the government failed to act to provide a safety net. We cannot claim to value regional economies while abandoning the very enterprises that keep them alive in times of crisis. The bloom is not over: the effects will be seen for an unknown time yet, and businesses are worried about their future and long-term trade. Where are the government's comments on this?

Thirdly, the issue of communication: the government's messaging has been consistently late and reactive. Communities were informed only after the bloom had already caused alarm, with notices going out in piecemeal fashion—different agencies, different messages, no central coordination. People were left asking, 'Is it safe to swim? What about my children, my pets, my health?' When people raised concerns, they were dismissed. This confusion erodes public trust. Timely, transparent and consistent communication should be an absolute minimum in an emergency response, but the government has failed this test.

These are not small oversights. They reveal a pattern of complacency and poor planning that has real consequences for South Australians. Those with asthma and respiratory vulnerabilities deserve clearer warnings. Small businesses deserve immediate support. Communities deserve accurate, consistent information, not days of silence followed by fragmented announcements.

The government cannot continue to treat harmful algal blooms as a one-off inconvenience. They are a recurring environmental and public health challenge. What we need is a clear, proactive management plan: one that includes early detection, dedicated health advice, financial support to affected businesses and a single reliable channel of communication to the public. South Australians deserve a government that does not just react at the last minute but prepares, plans and protects. On this occasion, the government has failed. Unless lessons are learned, they will fail again and again when our waters turn toxic.

**ALGAL BLOOM**

**Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (15:15):** I also rise today to speak about the devastating algal bloom that is causing hurt and pain to businesses in my electorate and the wider South Australian community. From information obtained by the Hon. Tammy Franks, the first fish deaths were recorded in my electorate on 24 March at Boatswain Point. Professor Charlie Huveneers from Flinders University told the Senate inquiry last Tuesday:

We lack the necessary baseline data and consistent monitoring programs...How can we tell you what has changed if we don't even know what was there to begin with?

This is why I have been asking for and seeking and supporting the idea of the state government and the Coorong Environmental Trust supporting the establishment of a wet-dry laboratory and research facility at Woods Well on the Coorong, which already has immense interest from researchers and research institutes across the globe, and this includes universities here in South Australia, in Australia and abroad.

Brevetoxins have been found in oysters, caused by algae in the water. Testing at present is being sent to New Zealand, taking nine days to turn around. This testing could be done at a research laboratory at Woods Well. I am also led to believe that there is a private Tasmanian business that has been wanting to do laboratory testing of algae and brevetoxins for the last three years but still has not been given approval, such is the process and how tough it is to get a research laboratory up and going.

The government, I think, would be looking at this seriously and would be trying to at least get tests done locally here in Adelaide or South Australia. I hope the experience of the Tasmanian business with this research laboratory does not come back to haunt South Australia with the time it takes. Professor Murray, who also spoke at the Senate inquiry, stated that the scientific community's knowledge gap was the result of decades of underfunding and government disinterest in constructing a clear picture of Australia's marine landscape. She said:

In Australia, we basically don't fund that sort of basic taxonomy and marine biodiversity type work.

In good times, someone just goes out there and looks at the microbial community and establishes what micro algal species that we have in Australia.

We really have no real funding sources for basic taxonomy that is not directed towards an urgent problem, and because of that, we don't really have any specialists who are able to do this work.

The Deputy Premier, in her reply to my question last sitting week, mentioned that we had about 1,500 linear kilometres of native oyster beds and reefs along our coastline here in South Australia and that we need to invest in restoring these reefs and seagrass beds. Can I just say that with the information crew and consultation that is going out there and that I saw at Meningie last night, all credit to the Deputy Premier and that party of experts and professors on this. There does need to be more. The information is good and it is sound, but it is coming from a long way back and behind, and we are playing a lot of catch-up.

This type of restoration around these oyster reefs and the like will cost hundreds of millions of dollars, apparently, but this is something that must be supported to try to prevent these types of disasters in the future.

Apparently, these oysters and this type of shellfish recycle about a bathtub amount of water per day, filtering and cleaning. The other thing she also indicated was that the algae is so predominant in these areas that the shellfish, such as oysters, are actually fattening up on this algae because it is so plentiful. But it does have that consequence of some sort of toxin that they need to clean themselves, purge themselves, but once they are clean and all those toxins have been removed, they are a fat shellfish, ready and fit for eating.

In relation to stories about local identities who are suffering, Tracy and Glen Hill from Coorong Wild Seafood were at the meeting last night. They have lost nearly 60 per cent of all their orders of what is basically a Coorong mullet business. They also deal with carp and have processed carp from the River Murray. They are really hurting due to this seafood downturn and lack of confidence in the seafood industry.

I wish the government all the best in advocating, supporting and giving confidence back to not only South Australians but the greater Australian market that we are a premium state, we have premium seafood and it is safe to eat. I wish the government well in this endeavour.

#### HEYSEN ELECTORATE

**Mr TEAGUE (Heyesen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (15:20):** It is my great pleasure to rise on this first Tuesday back after what has been a truly fantastic coincidence of celebrations at

Macclesfield. First, on Saturday, Meadows provided the setting. Meadows hosted the Country League grand final. I do want to pay tribute to Kangarilla for coming up and prevailing in the Bs. They defeated Meadows and did that soundly.

In the As, Macclesfield was up against Kangarilla, and I have to be the world's diplomat in Heysen because all of these teams are Heysen teams, and Kangarilla did brilliantly well to get to the grand final, but the great story of this year, and in fact of decades, was the Blood 'n' Tars return to the premiership after 45 years—45 years it has been.

Trevor Edwards, a player in the 1980s era team, was in the grandstand and well that that was the case because this very year, Joylene Edwards was awarded in the Order of Australia and the King's Birthday honours her OAM for services to Aussie Rules football and chiefly for decades of service to the Blood 'n' Tars, the Macclesfield Football Club. In what could not be a more poetic occasion, the investiture ceremony occurred just yesterday. I was in attendance to celebrate and recognise Joy Edwards with Trevor and their family on receipt of that OAM. I can tell you, the whole town and district of Macclesfield is celebrating a premiership and a local hero all at once.

It is a wonderful thing to play the game, it is a great thing to volunteer and when there are decades of service being recognised at a time when there is a once-in-45-year premiership, then that is a truly special occasion indeed. All the strength to the Blood 'n' Tars, and may this be the first of very many premierships over the years to come.

I was reminded again as recently as last night of the great strength, the fabric of community contribution that pervades the Macclesfield community, the surrounding districts and, indeed, all the way through Heysen, as was on display last night at the Macclesfield Community Association's AGM. I acknowledge the longstanding service of the Chair, Penny Warland. This is an occasion where there are about a dozen significant community initiatives that are each reported on, from the Strawberry Fair to Maccy Biochar, to the tremendous state and nation-leading work for support of men's mental health with the Maccy Men's Shed, all the way through to the history group.

There are so many other initiatives that, through the Macclesfield Community Association, are facilitated for that local community. Last night, it was wonderful to hear about last year's work, but it was underscored by having Sarah Hill along from Imagine Uraidla to talk to the Macclesfield Community Association about the way in which it is done by another local community, in Uraidla, just a short stretch further up to the north.

The exchange of ideas, initiatives and means of getting people in the community out and about, supported, encouraged to do the things that they have in mind, was just a wonderful thing to be a part of. There are some things that, as the years go by—there is a special shout-out to Cathy and the Young at Heart group as well—you can look around the room where one community association can compare achievement with another, and it is truly a special time.

**The SPEAKER:** A shout-out to all the netball and footy clubs in my area as well. Country footy is great, particularly at the business end of the season. I was on Kangaroo Island on the weekend to see Western Districts win pretty convincingly over Wisanger. In the B grade, Dudley United returned to the winners' circle with a seven-point win over Wisanger. I feel like I am back on the ABC sport desk.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (15:26):** It is often said that local government is the sphere of government that is the closest to the people. There is a significant element of truth to that statement. While citizens interact with all spheres of government, they probably have the most contact with their local council, so it is no accident that, of all the complaints I receive in my office about government, 50 per cent would be about some local government decision or action.

It is important that we have local governments that are both efficient and effective: efficient in delivering the services required by their communities and effective in providing meaningful representation to the people who live in their areas. Additionally, they need to be financially sustainable and environmentally responsible. This is not an easy challenge to meet. That is why our councils need to be of a size and have boundaries that meet those two goals. Having the right council

boundaries is a vexed issue. Any boundary changes should help build financial sustainability and deliver cultural change that leads to better outcomes for ratepayers and residents.

Some years ago, the Gawler council decided to lodge an application to alter its boundaries to include Concordia, Hewett, Gawler Belt, Ward Belt and Buchfelde in the Town of Gawler. This particular process involved the Light Regional and Barossa councils and, to a lesser extent, the City of Playford. It has been a very torturous, lengthy and expensive process, which has created some acrimony amongst the affected councils. Considering all the direct and indirect costs, the process has probably cost the participating councils over \$500,000 collectively in a time of increasing cost pressures.

Recently, the Local Government Boundaries Commission issued its report outlining a range of recommendations. The report also included recommendations made by BDO consultants, who undertook the bulk of the investigations, including engagement with the community and the three affected councils. The changes proposed with the City of Playford are minor boundary changes and have generated no controversy. While the changes proposed with the City of Playford have raised no controversy, the other major proposed changes are not supported by either the ratepayers and residents in the area or the councils.

It should be noted there are some inconsistencies between the BDO recommendations and the commission's final recommendations. BDO does not support the Barossa and Light Regional council changes. Light Regional and the Town of Gawler are both in my electorate. It is now up to the minister to either accept or reject the recommendations or send them back to the commission for further work or a combination thereof.

While I am on record supporting reform in the local government sector, I do not support this proposal and would strongly recommend to the minister that he rejects the proposals to incorporate Concordia, Hewett, Ward Belt, Gawler Belt and Buchfelde into the Town of Gawler. A good reform process or proposal should leave the ratepayers and all the participating councils better off after the changes. This proposal does not do that. It potentially makes one council financially better off and financially weakens the other two. This is not a good outcome.

Secondly, the Concordia proposal would undermine the state Housing Roadmap by delaying the delivery of land onto the market. This is in a time of housing crisis when we cannot afford to derail the proposed Concordia development. In short, this is the wrong proposal at the wrong time. However, reform is needed, and that is why over the past few years I have been working with the Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, Adelaide Plains Council and The Barossa Council to explore how the councils could become more effective and efficient by working more closely together.

This process has been turbocharged by the recent publication of the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan. Two councils, Gawler and Light Regional Council, have already agreed to collaborate to see how they can best respond to the challenges of growth. Barossa and the Adelaide Plains councils will consider their involvement this month. This process will hopefully encourage councils to explore where opportunities exist to work more closely and share resources to deliver better outcomes for ratepayers and residents. I would encourage the minister to send this report back to the commission and ask them to present recommendations that deliver broader and real reforms.

#### **WORLD TOURISM DAY**

**Ms PRATT (Frome) (15:30):** I rise to celebrate World Tourism Day, which is going to be recognised on 27 September, and the theme will be sustainability. It is with great enthusiasm that I can speak as the shadow minister for tourism, wave a flag for all the wonderful things that are happening in our regions and, of course, to reflect on what it is about South Australia that gets the world's attention.

We know in the eyes of the world that we really are a destination of choice. We know that we end up in the top 10 most welcoming regions. We know that Adelaide has been voted as Australia's happiest city, and it is no wonder that our visitors love coming here. Global travellers admire South Australia for its natural beauty, wine regions, cultural experiences and a sustainability focus. We see that across the state at Kangaroo Island, Flinders Ranges, Barossa Valley, Clare Valley, Yorke Peninsula, Eyre Peninsula, and the list goes on.

Within the philosophy of the South Australian Tourism Commission and TiCSA we know that sustainability and responsible tourism are deeply entrenched. They do a great job marketing our natural wonders, from the Flinders Ranges, where we will see a proposed UNESCO World Heritage site, all the way through to Kangaroo Island's wildlife and of course the Cornish heritage that we recognise in Burra.

We also know that they do a great job promoting responsible tourism practices that protect fragile environments, respect local communities and deliver long-term prosperity. Within my own electorate we are seeing some significant reform. Innovation and reform have been taking place in regional tourism over the last two years and, while there has been quite a lot of unrest, angst and scepticism across the sector about this delay by government, I am proud that my region has decided to do the heavy lifting.

My region has put up its hands to participate in and lead the state in a trial for the new Destination Management Zones (DMZ). Each local region within that zone will maintain its own brand and unique tourism offering, and we have seen the formation of a very large zone that incorporates the food bowl of the Adelaide Plains, the landscapes of the Mid North, the heritage of Burra, the superior wine of the Clare Valley, the world-class coastlines of Yorke Peninsula and the beauty of the Flinders Ranges.

I want to recognise our DMZ Board CEO, Mim Ward—it was a great delight to see her appointed—and our Chair, Sandy Verschoor, who is known to many, as well as Ange Ruddenklau and Anne Minion, to name a few sitting on that board. One of the launches was at Little Blessings in Laura, run by Craig and Cat Blessing. I can attest to the fact that they make delicious gin and ginger beer. That town has sadly lost the iconic Golden North ice cream manufacturing plant. We know that by next year that will be moving to Murray Bridge, and it is certainly a loss for our region.

While tourism prospers when confidence is high, we cannot pretend that everything is always going well for the tourism industry at the moment. Natural disasters have played their part, and we have seen that through the fires on Kangaroo Island, the Riverland floods, a statewide drought and now the algal bloom. That is why the opposition took a positive step towards government initiatives and called for the tourism voucher scheme on Sunday 27 July. We saw, with strong support from the tourism sector, that that was welcome, and the government did launch its Coast is Calling campaign.

Even inland tourism operators told me they would welcome that voucher decision, when it was made, because—pardon the pun—a rising tide lifts all boats, and they saw that everyone would benefit from that scheme being launched. It would be a reassuring and positive move now for the government in its summer plan to release more details about how we can keep building confidence in those regions.

In my own electorate of Frome, which has the Samphire Coast and a perceived threat to the migratory birds that fly between Port Parham and Siberia, the Minister for Environment has noted and taken seriously in her correspondence to me that potential impact of the algal bloom on those migratory birds has been identified as a key issue from the government's preliminary species assessment.

Back to tourism and what it means in my electorate, council by council there is enthusiasm and excitement for the plans that local councils and communities have for promoting their activities, whether it is Picked on the Adelaide Plains through that regional council, the beautiful Sharpe's almond grove in Two Wells or the fabulous opportunities that exist in the Clare and Gilbert Valleys. Celebrating World Tourism Day is an opportunity for South Australia to send a message to the world that we have a lot to offer.

### **ARGANA PARK**

**Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (15:36):** At the last election, I was really pleased and proud to be able to commit the state government to contributing \$1.5 million to the City of Playford's master plan for Argana Park. Argana Park is a shared facility, as people will know, between the Elizabeth Downs Soccer Club, Craigmore Cricket Club, Elizabeth Netball Association and Elizabeth Football Club. I want to talk a bit more about the Elizabeth Downs Soccer Club, but I do just want to say that this contribution is part of a larger master plan. I think it is somewhere around \$10 million or

\$11 million over the next three or four years. It is going to make Argana Park, which is already the sporting heart of the City of Playford, or at least the Elizabeth part of the City of Playford, even better. It will improve parking, improve lighting and improve facilities.

The \$1.5 million I am talking about went towards some new changing rooms for the netball club and the Elizabeth Downs Soccer Club. They are shared facilities, including female changing rooms, which was a point where it was sadly lacking in the past. I was really proud to be able to deliver that the other day. I attended with the mayor, with councillors, with representatives of all the clubs, the grand opening of those changing rooms. It was a really proud day, and I saw the first use on that following weekend by the Elizabeth Downs Soccer Club. Unfortunately, the result was not what we wanted, but it was a great game nonetheless.

I have been peripherally involved in the Elizabeth Downs Soccer Club for many years. My son played there for the under 8s, under 9s and under 10s and then more recently in the senior team, but I have been a fellow traveller along the way and long before that. The club goes back to 1962. It really is one of the major sporting clubs in the northern suburbs, not to mention Elizabeth. They are really looking forward to making history next year by going into the Football SA State League 2, into the senior comp. They are currently doing trials, and they are really looking forward to that. Their pitch is up to local Football Federation SA standard. Obviously, now they have the clubrooms. The parking and the associated facilities are being worked on as part of that master plan as we speak, and I look forward to talking to the council and talking to the club over the coming years about continued improvements to that site.

As I said, the club was formed in 1962. With the time available to me, I do just want to pay tribute to one particular person, the chairperson who spoke at the opening several weeks ago, Mark Swann. A couple of Sundays ago, Swanny—'the gaffer', as he might be known—played his 1,000<sup>th</sup> game for Elizabeth Downs Soccer Club. I am reliably informed that since 1972 he has played every position in every boys' and men's team since he was in the under 6s in 1972. A couple of Sundays ago he played his 1,000<sup>th</sup> game. Admittedly, it was not in the A team, but it was a remarkable achievement from Swanny. I want to congratulate him. I want to congratulate the Elizabeth Downs Soccer Club on making the necessary changes to become a part of State League 2 next year. I wish them all the best. I will be there for the opening game, and I wish them every success as they go forward.

#### *Private Members' Statements*

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

**Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:40):** I speak in parliament on behalf of the Glenelg East community about the need for safer pedestrian access at Dunbar Terrace kindy, a kindy that some of my children went to.

Over recent months I have had the opportunity to meet with parents and staff at the kindy who shared their concerns with me directly. Families are forced to cross a busy section of Dunbar Terrace at peak drop-off and pick-up times without a designated crossing, while cars speed past or park illegally in the No Standing zone, creating congestion, blind spots and unnecessary risk for some of our youngest community members.

After listening to these concerns I wrote to the City of Holdfast Bay to formally raise the issue and request urgent consideration of safety measures. I also launched a community petition and attended the kindy in person a number of times to speak with parents and locals and give them the opportunity to sign the petition. I also shared the petition online to ensure as many voices as possible could be heard.

The response has been overwhelming, with strong community support for action. Thank you to parents Tobi, Brad and Danielle for raising this important issue with me and director Gayle Mills for her support and everyone who has signed the petition. Your support sends a powerful message about the importance of protecting our children. Together we are calling for practical solutions. This could include an emu crossing and improved signage that will give families peace of mind and provide safer access for all at Dunbar Terrace kindy.

**Mr DIGHTON (Black) (15:41):** Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Friends of Glenthorne AGM. The Friends of Glenthorne are a very dedicated group who are involved in conservation, restoration and revegetation projects and other activities at Glenthorne National Park. The friends group has been particularly focused on the restoration of grey box derived grasslands, which play a crucial role in connecting wooded areas with open grass spaces and are important habitats for a diverse range of plant and animal species.

I was proud to recently secure a grant for the Friends of Glenthorne, along with my friend the member for Davenport, to support the Friends of Glenthorne with new equipment for their volunteer work. The AGM featured a presentation from guest speaker Professor Mike Gardner, who talked about his work in preserving pygmy blue-tongue lizards. Mike and his team have been working on translocating this species to mitigate the effects of climate change, which threatens to wipe out existing populations in the Burra region. The friends group were interested to see whether they could translocate the pygmy blue-tongues to Glenthorne at some stage in the future.

Congratulations to Martin Schumacher, who was re-elected as president, Judy Clarke as vice-president and Alan Burns as treasurer. We are very fortunate to have those office bearers of the committee, and the entire friends group, in our community, protecting this wonderful environment for future generations.

**Mr BATTY (Bragg) (15:43):** I rise to congratulate the Glenunga Rams Football Club at the conclusion of another successful 2025 season. This year, in particular, I want to acknowledge the women's team, because 2025 saw the re-introduction of a women's program at Glenunga, and what a massive success it was with the team taking out the division 4 premiership.

I want to commend the team for coming together and growing as players in such a short space of time and taking out that big win—a win that never looked in doubt against Modbury. I think it also serves as a bit of an inspiration to the wider Glenunga footy club—indeed, particularly the junior girls' teams. They have a really thriving girls' program at Glenunga, who themselves experienced considerable success over the course of this year. I want, in particular, to commend and congratulate the under-12 and under-14 premiership girls' teams on their successes. There was a whole heap of other success across the season.

This is a club now with 35 teams that is powered by volunteers, powered by community, and I want to commend and congratulate all those who have been involved in making 2025 such a great success at the Glenunga Rams Footy Club.

**Ms THOMPSON (Davenport) (15:44):** I want to give a big shout out to the Happy Valley Vikings A-grade side who, on Saturday 6 September, secured their spot in this upcoming weekend's Southern Football League grand final. It is a huge achievement, and a real credit to every player who has pulled on the Vikings guernsey this season.

Well done to these players who secured the grand final spot at the prelim final: Nicholas Frisby-Smith, Dylan Brown, Matthew Lillis, Max Gill, Joel Beeche, Lachlan Hamilton, Darnell Tucker, Jayden Little, Cooper Rogers, Harry Vick, Harry Davenport, Sam Flett, Sebastian Oliver, Liam Hamilton, Dylan Strickland, Jack Flett, Luke Edwards, Ben Ryan, Harry Spacie, Liam O'Connor, Jordan Thompson and Nicholas Kraemer. Of course, credit also goes to their excellent coach, Andrew Cook.

Commiserations to the Flagstaff Hill Falcons A grade, who just missed out at the preliminary final on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>. They had a fantastic season despite a tough run of injuries, and they should be proud of their efforts. Fingers crossed the 17s can get over the line in their grand final on Sunday.

To the Vikings A grade, all the very best at the big dance this Saturday. I will be there cheering you on and then looking forward to joining you back at the club to celebrate what has been a brilliant season. Finally, a big acknowledgement to all the Vikings teams across the grades who have worn the black and gold this year. Every one of you contributes to making this club what it is. Go Vikings.

*Bills***NURSE AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS BILL***Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 3 September 2025.)

**Mrs HURN (Schubert) (15:46):** I rise to speak to the Nurse and Midwife to Patient Ratios Bill 2025, and indicate that I am the lead speaker for the opposition. It is pretty clear that nurses and midwives really are the backbone of our entire health system, and the work they do to support us in our communities, to support us in our local hospitals as well as our tertiary hospitals, and the way in which they do it with such care and compassion really is incredible, not just in the country but in the city as well.

The ANMF have lobbied really hard for this bill, which enshrines nurse to patient ratios in law, as they exist in Victoria and Queensland with other states also mandating ratios. What is the nurse to patient ratios bill? It has been spoken about quite a bit; in fact, it has been spoken about quite extensively, particularly in the lead-up to the last election in 2022, when the ANMF made a request of both major political parties to commit to this policy. The Nurse and Midwife to Patient Ratios Bill establishes a minimum requirement for the number of nurses or midwives per patient in public hospitals across South Australia and is largely modelled on the Safe Patient Care Act already in place in Victoria.

The minimum requirements are outlined in schedule 1, part 2 of the bill. The bill provides for a two-year phase-in period, after which hospitals could be fined up to \$10,000 for failing to meet the ratios required, money which will be paid directly to Treasury. In asking questions at my briefing last week, it was advised that this money is not going to be ring fenced for health spending under Labor's proposal.

There are a number of variables in the ratio requirements, and these are based on the type of patient care being provided as well as the hospital site. The volume and acuity of patients being cared for influence the ratios required by the bill. There are four hospital categories in the bill, and they have really been mapped against the Victorian hospital sites. It looks at a whole host of different data, whether that be ED presentations, inpatient days by quarter, and verification of staffed acute inpatient beds.

We first of all had the category 1 sites, the major tertiary hospitals, which are obviously Flinders, the Lyell McEwin Hospital, the Royal Adelaide Hospital and the Women's and Children's Hospital. The category 2 sites are the Modbury Hospital, Noarlunga Hospital and The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and category 3 sites include the Riverland General Hospital, Mount Gambier and Districts Health Service, Whyalla Hospital, Port Lincoln Health Service, Gawler Health Service, Mount Barker hospital, Murray Bridge hospital, Port Augusta Hospital, Port Pirie hospital, Port Pirie Regional Health Service, and the Southern Fleurieu Health Service. Category 4 hospitals include the Naracoorte Health Service and Wallaroo Hospital and Health Services. There are separate requirements for smaller hospitals; that is, any hospital that I have not yet listed above.

The ratio required varies according to the categorisation of the hospital, the 14 types of care detailed in the bill and the shift. For example, in antenatal wards the ratio required is one midwife for every four patients and one midwife or nurse in charge during the morning and afternoon shifts. On the night shift the requirement is one midwife for every six patients.

Acute stroke wards require one nurse for every three patients and a nurse in charge, whereas geriatric evaluation and management units require one nurse for every five patients and one nurse in charge on morning shift. For the afternoon shift they require one nurse for every six patients and one nurse in charge, and for the night shift they require one nurse for every 10 patients and one nurse in charge. General medical and surgical ward ratios depend largely on the category of the hospital and the hospital site. The bill requires that small hospitals not listed in one of the four categories have at least one registered nurse and one other nurse or midwife on all of the shifts.

As I have mentioned, this is largely based on the Victorian legislation. The Victorian legislation does include the ratios for emergency departments for operating theatres and the like, but this bill proposed by the government does not currently include those EDs and ICUs and things like that. This is an issue which I have raised and spoken about at length with Elizabeth Dabars from the ANMF. These all have been determined based on really lengthy consultation with the ANMF and, as I stated, they have indicated to me their support for all the ratios required.

I was really grateful for the briefing that I received from SA Health and the minister's team last week. Thank you for making yourselves available. I have also had several lengthy conversations with Elizabeth Dabars from the ANMF.

I indicate that the opposition will support the passage of this bill and that it supports the intent of the bill, but there are some further points that I would like to put on the record. Ratios alone are not enough, because simply legislating ratios does not create nurses and does not create midwives. Ratios alone are not enough. The big challenge is whether the government can actually deliver the workforce that is required to meet these targets and to meet these ratios, and that is particularly true for regional communities.

Workforce shortages, it goes without saying, are a huge concern across regional South Australia right now. I do not think there is a member in this place who has not raised workforce issues on behalf of their local community. I do not believe there is a country member who has not written to the health minister to bring to his attention the concerns of local communities as they relate to the health workforce, particularly nurses and particularly GPs. Some genuine concern has been raised about the impact that the ratio requirements will have on regional hospitals, particularly noting these challenges.

Reflecting on my own local community, for instance, the Angaston emergency department has been closed on multiple occasions, and locals need to drive to Tanunda, go to Gawler and go to the Lyell McEwin Hospital for their emergency care. The Tanunda hospital, in particular, has had a reduction in its bed numbers, based on the fact that they cannot recruit an additional nurse. I think if we have a challenge recruiting nurses to the beautiful Barossa Valley, which is quite literally only an hour away from the CBD, what does that mean for other regional communities, whether that is the member for Narungga's community, the member for Flinders' community, the member for Frome's community, and so on and so forth?

We hear so many similar stories from right across regional communities, and that is why I say that ratios alone are not enough. We must have incentives on the table, and this must form part of a much broader workforce strategy when it comes to nurses and midwives in South Australia.

I asked specifically, during my briefing provided by SA Health, whether the bill would lead to hospital beds being closed as a result of an inability to find the required staff, particularly in regional communities. Of course I appreciate and understand, and I was told, that this is not the intent of the bill—of course it is not—and I was told that there was confidence that agency staff could fill these gaps.

I want to be really clear that in supporting these ratios—which we put on the record today that we do—we will not tolerate any closure of beds or any closure of wards. The bill demands additional action from this government to attract nurses to regional communities and retain them, and that is exactly what we expect. Through the committee stage, which I indicate we will be entering at some point throughout the debate, we will be seeking categorical assurance from the minister that hospital beds will not be closed as a consequence of the staff-to-patient ratios not being met.

This is also a point which I had a conversation with the ANMF about. They were really forthright in saying again that this is not the intent of the bill, and they will do everything within their power to ensure that hospital beds and wards in regional communities particularly are not closed because of a failure to get the requisite nurses and midwives to staff these wards. We do not want that to be a consequence of this bill, and that is why we say ratios on their own are not the sole answer: they need to form part of a much broader suite of policies to attract nurses to regional communities and retain them.

The bill allows for a two-year moratorium before breaches can be taken to the tribunal. That means that there is a two-year window to build the workforce that we need to build these ratios and have a strong pipeline of nurses. It is not about just meeting the demands of the health system now, it is about what is required when we are looking at all these population projections. In my community alone—and, Deputy Speaker, you are on the boundary of this—at Concordia 25,000 people are moving in, and at Roseworthy, in the member for Frome's electorate, 80,000 people are scheduled to move in there over the course of the next decade and a bit, and that is just in our little patch in the north.

When we look at the growth right across regional South Australia, and indeed the entire state, it demands more action when it comes to workforce. We are falling short as it is. In fact, I heard the minister in his press conference say that, if this bill were rolled out now, we would be short of around 100 nurses. So that's where we are at the moment. The government is confident that they can meet these ratios over the next two-year period, and that is fantastic, but we need to do more to actually meet the demands of the future—the next 10 years, the next generation, the next 50 years and so on.

The two-year window: it is interesting, and I have already mentioned this, but in the briefing it was uncovered that, yes, \$10,000 is the fine if you are deliberately and systematically failing to meet these ratios. I note that there has not yet been a single breach in Victoria, as far as I can see, in terms of money being paid to the government, noting that that is paid from the LHN to Treasury, so it is kind of passing the money around between government organisations. I do think it is interesting, though, that the money and the fines—the \$10,000—are not ring fenced for the purpose of health, or are not ring fenced for there to be a campaign or a strategy to actually attract nurses to regional communities. By the nature of a government actually being fined for failure to meet the ratios, that in itself speaks to a need for the government to invest more in attracting and retaining nurses.

So this is something that we are really keen on the government doing. I raised this with SA Health, and my understanding is we will be having those conversations with Treasury. I think it is a commonsense move. I understand that the money needs to be paid through Treasury, but surely they can actually ring fence it for the purpose of health. I can see one member nodding, saying that is a commonsense suggestion, so thank you very much.

The bill is, as I say, just one piece of the puzzle. The government really does need to act now to deliver a few more things. They need to develop a comprehensive health workforce plan, offer better relocation incentives for nurses and midwives who are willing to actually take up posts in regional communities, and invest in retaining nurses and midwives who are experienced because their mentorship is really critical. These are obviously key points that the opposition is focused on as we are heading into the next state election, and we will have our workforce policies that we will be announcing in due course.

So the opposition does support this bill. We support safe staffing levels for the city and for country patients alike. As has been spoken about in this house, it is not just about making sure that patients who are coming to our hospitals get the care that they need; it is also about creating a safe environment for nurses who work around the clock. I know that there are members in this place who have worked in that profession, and no doubt there are nurses who are tuning in and listening to the contributions of all of us here in this house. It is important to put on the record that we value the work that they do. Our health system would not function without them. Supporting this bill is the least that this parliament can do, I think, to provide some care.

That is not to say that we will not hold the government to account for ensuring that there are enough nurses and midwives to fill all the rosters. We will hold the government to account for keeping emergency departments open and staffed. We will hold the government to account for making sure that South Australians see real improvements in their health care. I am sure that all country members, particularly, in the parliament will speak to this, but every South Australian—no matter what their postcode, no matter which part of South Australia they live in—deserves to have access to quality health care. They deserve to have emergency departments that are open. They deserve the health care that we see in the city, quite frankly.

This bill does set the minimum standard, and now the real work begins to ensure that we have the nurses and midwives who can actually deliver this and make a real, meaningful impact for the health system in South Australia. We will continue to ask questions until the government delivers for patients right across the state, especially for our regional communities.

I am looking forward to the commitment, the promise, from the minister that no regional bed and no regional ward will be closed as a result of this. I appreciate it is not the intent of the bill, but we do need to see some pretty strong statements that this will not happen and that there will be enough agency staff to actually fill the rosters, because we do not want that to be an unnecessary by-product. We support the bill and are happy to do so. I commend the bill to the house.

**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well) (16:01):** As a nurse since leaving school, working for three decades across so many different clinical and management roles, I am really delighted to speak in support of the South Australian Nurse and Midwife to Patient Ratios Bill 2025. I have been a long-time supporter of this legislation and I was really delighted to see the commitment to this as part of the Malinauskas then-opposition's commitments at the 2022 election, because legislated nurse and midwife to patient ratios are not just ethically right: they are evidence based, cost-effective and absolutely essential for quality, safe care in our health system.

This important legislation has been a key commitment of our first term of government because it is such an important part of improving care quality in our public health system. The ratios will become legally enforceable minimum standards that set how many patients a nurse or midwife can actually provide care for or be responsible for per shift, depending on the time of day, the ward type and the acuity. They ensure workloads are safe, predictable and consistent.

The policy began to be implemented in Queensland during 2016, then introducing a minimum nurse to patient ratio in acute medical and surgical wards. I did a bit of research and there are some rigorous evaluations—in fact, it was quite the rabbit hole and kept me reading for some time. Some were published in *The Lancet* in 2021 and showed that the policy has indeed saved lives, reduced hospital readmissions, shortened lengths of stay and even, in turn, reduced costs.

So the research speaks to the policy delivering significantly improved patient outcomes while being cost-effective. The cost savings from these improved outcomes most certainly exceeded the increased costs of hiring additional nurses, making it a beneficial public safety measure and a viable policy for other jurisdictions to consider. We really do not need research—although it does exist—to show that higher nurse staffing or midwife staffing, i.e. fewer patients being taken care of per healthcare worker, is associated with lower mortality and fewer adverse events. Adverse events are things like hospital-acquired infections, complications and falls. It leads to shorter hospital stays and lower readmission rates.

For maternity services, there is evidence that better midwifery staffing in postnatal wards improves outcomes for mums and babies, reduces the time in special care nurseries and reduces patient incidents. This also in turn, for an area of health care that is so passionate and so determined to engage in the family's wellbeing, provides a much better staff experience.

In summary, there are most certainly benefits beyond patient health. We can look at workforce wellbeing and retention. When nurses and midwives are overburdened, overworked, suffer from injuries, emotional fatigue, burnout and high staff turnover, we can see that legislated staffing ratios will help to reduce workload stress, increase job satisfaction and reduce attrition. We can look at predictability in the staffing model, fairness and transparency of that staffing commitment for each shift.

If we legislate for ratios, hospitals have to plan and budget accordingly. We can use a whole range of tools to do this, but if we have legislated ratios, this is transparent and it can be seen in advance. Shift leaders have a much clearer view and expectation of what the next shift will look like and staff are protected. This also reduces unfair workloads, arbitrary unfair workloads. Especially if you have an experience of surge during the shift, you know that there is this minimum level of staffing that you have to fall back on.

I talked earlier about cost savings. Although more staffing does cost up-front in recruitment, training and employment, we know, as I described before, that the evidence shows us there are fewer adverse events. These cost money. An extra day in hospital for a patient costs thousands of dollars and needless to say as well a bed that is blocked up with someone, and it could have been preventable. Over time, this will help us to create a much more efficient and safer system.

Why is this not just policy? Why are these not just guidelines? Why are we enshrining it in legislation? Sadly, I am old enough to be able to say we have been doing that for decades. We have had policies, we have had guidelines, we have had little numbers in brackets in boxes next to the wards that you are staffing that are a guideline for the minimum number of staff per bed. We know when sometimes a hospital is quiet and there are some beds that are not being used, you can take a staff member from that unit and put them in another.

We know these guidelines have existed for a long time. But nurse and midwife to patient ratios that have been a tool in staffing since well before I started nursing have been just that, just a tool, not legislated. Voluntary targets or guidelines often fail to be met in practice, especially in times of pressure during busy shifts and shortages of staff. With legally binding standards, we see accountability at another level. Legislation sends that signal.

We as a government, and I am sure those opposite, value safe staffing and we are prepared to be held to account. It ensures consistent minimums across our hospitals, across the wards, and not just the best-resourced ones. I see huge benefits for South Australia with the development of this commitment via legislation. I can see better performance and I can see safer patient outcomes and workforce sustainability by becoming a much more attractive system to work in. In turn, this will assist our recruitment targets and our retention.

Over the past three years, since March 2022, the South Australian government has recruited an additional more than 1,462 full-time equivalent nurses and midwives above attrition for public hospitals on top of the doctors, allied health professionals and paramedics. We have so many hundreds of additional staff across the system. This is an achievement that we are really proud of. During that same period, I know we also committed to 600 extra hospital beds, so these additional nurses are vital when those beds are all opened up. I know we are a long way towards that.

In 2024, South Australia undertook its biggest ever graduate nurse and midwife intake, via the Transition to Professional Practice Program. Over 300 graduates were taken on at the Royal Adelaide and The Queen Elizabeth hospitals alone. That is an extraordinary achievement. These additional staff will be essential when we deliver the mandated ratios in our public health system. In large metropolitan hospitals such as the Royal Adelaide, the Lyell McEwin and Flinders, as well as the Women's and Children's, there will be approximately one nurse mandated for every four patients. That is in general medical and surgical wards in morning and afternoon shifts, and then at night that changes as well.

I heard the member for Schubert talk about some of the ratios that are enshrined within the legislation, and I have had a look at the very complicated table and rubric that will be used as the legislative guide. It certainly is an improvement on the ratios or the guidelines that we have seen before. What I also heard was some question around some of the specialty units. What you can see in the rubric itself is that different areas have different staffing ratios, and that is because the acuity, the complexity and the needs of the people within those different cohorts—thinking about rehabilitation nursing, neurological nursing, a whole range of different cohorts of patients—does require different modalities of health care to be delivered. That is why we see a range of different ratios in a range of different places.

I just want to quickly talk to critical care and the emergency department. Like other specialist units—high dependency and what have you—there are different minimum staffing levels being set out in this legislation. As a critical care nurse, I can assure people that there are already set ratios, as attested to by professional organisations such as the Australian critical care nurses association. Underneath those ratios, there is a range of treatments and care modalities such as ventilation, ECMO, haemodialysis and a range of others where you need to have additional staff. Within those guidelines as well, there is also a whole range of set standards around qualification of staff.

So it is not just a simple statement, 'We will have one registered nurse to one patient in the intensive care unit,' but there is also a ratio of people with qualification to patients within the unit. So while I absolutely appreciate the statement and the question around intensive care and emergency departments, there are also already very strict levels that nurses can point to when they are running a shift to say, 'No, hang on a minute. We have 25 patients, 15 are ventilated, five have external breathing support, another three are on ECMO, and we have 10 dialysis patients. We need this, this, this and this.' It is a bit more scientific within those specialty units.

Having done that staffing for a number of years, I can tell you that the nurses are pretty solid. The nurses are good advocates and they are pretty solid when it comes to those things. The emergency staff know when there are surges and things happening as well, so emergency departments also have a minimum number of staff. Just because there are zero patients in the emergency department, you cannot leave them with zero nurses. You have to staff it as if the beds were full. It is difficult, but that is how it happens.

Other smaller metro hospitals will be similar, but there are variations from one site to another, and then we talked to regional hospitals. Of course, with regional hospitals, when you are attending a hospital in your town, you absolutely should be getting the best possible attention. I know there are some different ratios being set, depending on the type of hospital, but it will be stricter than ever before. I look forward to listening through the committee stage and also watching in the future how this rolls out.

We do know it is harder to staff regional and rural areas. The legislation does include provisions, which I think does ensure more equitable statements around hospitals so that rural hospitals are not disadvantaged, and I look forward to that. South Australians rightly expect timely and respectful care. When people present to hospital, again rightly, they expect sufficient skilled nurses or midwives to monitor, to care for and to respond to them and also to their loved ones who attend with them. Overwork, burnout and insufficient staffing all compromise care and erode the trust that the public has in our health system.

This legislation futureproofs. It ensures our nurses and midwives, in turn protecting the health of the public and enhancing wellbeing. As a parliament, we are ensuring patients receive safe care and that our nurses and midwives perform their roles with dignity. I know I would have welcomed this when I was doing the role of after-hours nurse coordinator in our public hospitals. I know my friends and colleagues who are still doing that important work across the system are very excited to see these ratios are coming, and they will absolutely appreciate that we have got bipartisan support to deliver this important work.

I take a moment to congratulate my friend, the Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Chris Picton, on this incredible work. I also thank and acknowledge all the people who have assisted from SA Health, as well as Elizabeth Dabars and my friends at the ANMF and, importantly, my nursing and midwifery friends and colleagues—we are nothing without you. I commend the bill.

**Ms PRATT (Frome) (16:17):** I rise to speak today on the Nurse and Midwife to Patient Ratios Bill 2025 and, along with our lead spokesperson, the member for Schubert, signal my support and the opposition's support for this bill, with the disclaimer that there remain questions that the opposition intends to pursue through the committee stage.

At the outset I want to acknowledge the extraordinary work that we see from our nurses and midwives throughout South Australia, but I get to speak most passionately about the nurses and midwives that I see and know working in regional South Australia and even closer to home through my electorate of Frome. They certainly are the frontline of our local regional health networks and they do their work with enthusiasm, limited resources sometimes and compassion, but also vulnerability.

We have heard this year through different parliamentary committees what that vulnerability looks like. It is a threat to their safety and it is often without the resources they need, particularly on night shift, to do their work. It is not without strong advocacy from the ANMF, but nurses on their shift at small country hospitals are caring for people they live alongside, and they do extraordinary work. As country MPs, we know that they are also the people you bump into at the local shop, they play netball, they volunteer, they are active in the community and they are busy at local schools. We must

not take for granted the role that they play in caring for our elderly relatives and the people we love, young and old.

I give a special shout-out to the Director of Nursing at Clare Hospital, Jodie Kernick, who is one of those leaders through the regional health system who does an extraordinary job at an elite professional level to coordinate all the machinations and goings-on of a very busy Clare Hospital. I will come to that hospital later, because it is not formally listed within the ratio allocation, but it matters. It is an important hub hospital in a big catchment area through the Clare Valley. We are a long way from Port Pirie, we are a long way from Gawler, yet the services that are provided at Clare Hospital by our nurses and midwives are without peer.

I take this opportunity to pay a very special mention to a lovely lady called Helen Mary Ashby (nee Wray), who passed away last week. She was a nurse, aged 85, who never stopped, with a twinkle in her eye, looking after her community, volunteering to health services through Red Cross and the RFDS and any other way that she could. Even through her own health battles, she took her knowledge of the health system and challenged her oncologists, her doctors, the nurses in the local community, coordinating her own treatment that was required because she could not receive it in Clare and had to drive herself elsewhere. Here was a nurse who understood the system, here was a nurse who understood the limitations of the system, but also someone, in her later years, who set the bar high for the modern-day nurses and doctors in our region. My love and affection goes out to her children, Jo, Susie and Nick, who have lost a ripper in Helen. Vale.

This bill seeks to enshrine nurse and midwife to patient ratios into law, strongly supported by the ANMF. I cannot speak highly enough of the advocacy that they bring and have brought to a very long, across many years, negotiation of this bill. Again, the opposition supports its introduction. We support and value their feedback, their availability in meeting with us to speak to the bill and to provide their version of a briefing and also their guidance on how this bill will actually support our nurses and midwives. I want to formally thank Elizabeth Dabars, who is a beacon for her industry, her sector and her nurses and midwives.

I also want to thank my colleague the member for Schubert, who in leading this bill for the opposition through the house, not just in her role as shadow minister for health but as a country MP, represents someone closely connected to her own community. She is a fierce advocate for her own health network, the workforce and the infrastructure. Therefore, she is a leader not just for the opposition but in the public space when we need to test the government's priorities when it comes to investing in health. I thank the member for Schubert for her role today.

We have many reflections to make on this bill. I will take this time to move through my own observations of what it is about this bill that may give pause for thought or require some level of testing through the committee stage. Firstly, on the themes or the position of cost and sustainability and workforce shortages, the opposition does not shy away from the challenge we are setting for the government about missed opportunities and gaps still in the market to deliver on workforce planning, to close the gaps and prevent those shortages.

Country health is a house of cards when it comes to the fragility of workforce shortages. We see that front and centre when it comes to the availability of midwives and the critical, essential role that they play in comforting and guiding women, expectant mothers, maternity patients, through that journey. It should always be an option for women in the country to deliver their baby as close to home as possible. We have seen that compromised a number of times from the Riverland to the South-East, Kangaroo Island, Whyalla for 12 months and Kapunda on diversion to Gawler. So today is about our nurses, and we see those services delivered when those nurses and midwives are available.

We know the intent of this bill is to strengthen the supply of nurses to our country hospitals, but this bill does need to be tested on some of the vulnerabilities around that, because, as the member for Schubert said, ratios alone are not enough. We need to see the legislative infrastructure wrap around that ratio, as well as government commitments through policy settings and funding.

There is a risk of some operational rigidity where our hospitals, which are already under enormous pressure, might lose some flexibility to manage those patient surges, especially through the flu season or emergencies, whether that is a natural disaster or a road fatality—we cannot always

know what those emergencies are. But they need to have the capacity to flex up or down, because rigidity and a lack of flexibility is never a good thing. So the rounding up of ratios might mean unnecessary overheads that therefore divert resources away from patient care, which we would not want to see.

The regional and small hospital impact requires all the attention that I can give it as the shadow minister for regional health services and a country MP. It is my deepest concern, particularly where we see the bill outline how it will apply ratios from the biggest, to regional and medium-sized hospitals, but not one of them is listed in my electorate and I have many, from Jamestown to Burra to Clare to Balaklava, Kapunda and Eudunda. It is important that they are captured in my reflections and comments to make sure that the government takes note of nurses who work in those hospitals who have not been given due recognition.

It is right and fair to say that all across South Australia in our health network, where there have been not just workforce shortages but a lack of housing, the pressure on directors of nursing, like Ms Kernick, has been an inability to recruit nurses—regardless of a ratio—where the budget allows for it, because that housing has not been available and our communities have missed out, and Clare is no orphan in that scenario.

When it comes to ratios, this is not the first time we have seen them applied. We just need to look to the aged-care sector where, under the federal Labor government in the previous term, as a result of the royal commission, we saw mandates being applied to the health workforce that registered nurses would always be available to an aged-care facility 24/7. But if the workforce does not exist, if that person is not available, then the mandate becomes a sword of Damocles moment where a facility is having to meet a legislative mandatory requirement and cannot.

Questions need to be asked about the penalties, because we have seen to devastating effect in the aged-care sector, particularly interstate but there were some South Australian examples—if you cannot meet the legislative requirement, if you cannot meet the mandate and there are penalties that have been legislated for that—facilities closing and relocating elderly people many kilometres away from what was familiar. We know and understand the intent of the bill, but we have to look for unintentional consequences and make sure that they have been captured or reformed.

We will be asking questions and reflecting on how the bill, the legislation, and hospitals, employers, will realistically comply with ratios that are designed for large metropolitan hospitals. That may become apparent through the committee stage but, for the smaller country hospitals that have not got a voice through this process, we do not want them burdened by ratios they cannot possibly ever comply with. If they cannot meet those ratios, are we going to see hospitals or beds closed and a downturn in services? We know that is a slippery slope.

I argue again that midwives are the canaries in the mine: if we cannot stabilise the workforce, if we cannot recruit, retain, employ and support our midwives and our nurses we quickly lose the other services in our hospitals. I bring that back to maternity patients: if a midwife is not available, we have seen time and again a country hospital diverting that service elsewhere, and when we lose that service completely that hospital is under threat to be closed, when we lose the team that wraps around that patient, whether it is an anaesthetist, a surgeon, or GPs with particular specialised skills. It is a slippery slope, and it is important to ask questions for all the imagined consequences so that we do not end up there.

We certainly do not want to see patients being forced to travel further away from family and community to receive that care by virtue of a local hospital being closed—and we have seen emergency departments, through COVID and post COVID with a reduced GP workforce, that EDs are closed. Only a few weeks ago the Kapunda ED was set to be closed for an entire weekend if not for the fact that the local GP put up his hand and said he would cover those shifts. It is heroic work, but it is unsustainable.

In further reflections on timing and possible enforcement, we note that the bill contains a two-year moratorium before those penalties apply, but I think we need to be asking questions about what happens in the meantime. To return to this common refrain about workforce shortages, legislating these ratios does not magically create more nurses. A lot more work needs to be done and the Liberal Party, the opposition, has very much believed in the importance of incentives in the health system,

in health services. We know we are competing against other opportunities being offered interstate, and we are facing a serious workforce shortage without that plan to incentivise to recruit and retain.

Retention is an important part, because while there are a lot of positive signs about recruitment and graduating nurses and employing them, it is also understood in the nursing sector that where short term incentives are available that can be a very attractive contract in the short term. However, the retention of our new nurses is so important, because we want them to stay, we want them to stick with their nursing fraternities, stick to the location they have moved to—hopefully they are enjoying it. We need to pay more attention to retention.

That is especially so in the regions, particularly where we are seeing an explosion of population around the Greater Adelaide Plains, which encompasses at least a third of my electorate—not just in population but in territory. I am absolutely committed to seeing better health services being made available to communities like Balaklava, Malala and Two Wells, which are not considered regional; the schools are not considered regional. Being surrounded by farmland obviously is not enough.

The challenge to attract GPs to those communities to support clinics and therefore to provide better patient care is one of the greatest challenges we continue to face. That is the gap; that is the piece missing from this government when it comes to incentivising a workforce to choose the regions, to choose our state and to choose working in the health profession. It only gets worse from here in terms of population. We know that targets have been set to grow those communities, and the infrastructure and services have to go along with that.

The opposition acknowledges the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation's strong advocacy for this bill. I have also heard Elizabeth Dabars make public comment that it is one thing for the government to announce the new beds within its hospital system, but when that patient pushes a bell and no-one comes then you have not delivered patient care. This is very much a bill that centres around the workforce, the human element, the profession and the professional standard that we see our nurses and midwives bring, but the government needs to go further than just delivering a bill around ratios, to improve employment opportunities for our nurses and midwives and a standard of care for our patients.

We will continue to hold the government to account on details such as funding, flexibility and workforce planning, and we need to see them make these reforms work. Above all, we will continue to stand up for country South Australians. In my region, that remains the communities that either have a hospital—through Jamestown, Clare, Burra, Balaklava, Kapunda and Eudunda—or those little communities that do not and have to travel to access that. The concept of losing any of those hospital services, whatever they might offer, is really a threat to the viability of the families that live in my regions. On that note, I commend the bill.

**Ms CLANCY (Elder) (16:36):** I rise today in support of the Nurse and Midwife to Patient Ratios Bill 2025, which seeks to introduce a new nurse and midwife to patient ratios act and amend the Fair Work Act 1994. The bill before us today seeks to enshrine safe nurse-to-patient and midwife-to-patient ratios in our state's law. This is about ensuring safety for both South Australian patients in their time of need and safety for South Australian nurses and midwives who provide frontline care to our community every single day. We know that safe staffing levels save lives, and we also know that transparent, mandated ratios are critical to delivering high-quality health care and the best outcomes possible for patients.

This bill establishes minimum nurse and midwife staffing levels across a wide range of wards, from general medical and surgical wards to oncology, palliative care, neonatal intensive care, and birthing suites. This will also cover all our major public hospitals, from Flinders and the RAH here in Adelaide to regional hospitals such as Mount Gambier. Crucially, these ratios will apply shift by shift, providing certainty for staff and families. Nurses will no longer be stretched between too many patients or midwives tasked with an impossible workload of postnatal care. Instead, this Malinauskas Labor government is stepping up and stepping in to guarantee minimum safe levels of care.

This important reform will be rolled out over two years, giving SA Health and our local health networks the time they need to smoothly implement these changes. During this moratorium, hospitals will be supported to comply with the new ratios until 2028, when any deliberate or systemic breaches

may attract a penalty. It is critical that this reform also recognises the importance of flexibility, allowing for variation in mixed wards; protects the higher minimum staffing requirements for nurses in the enterprise agreements; and protects hospitals if they cannot meet their ratios during genuine emergencies. This reform does not stand alone. This is part of a suite of legislative change and work the Malinauskas Labor government has done and will continue to do to build a bigger, better healthcare system.

In early 2022, before I was elected to this place, a priority 1 emergency ambulance only arrived on time for one in three South Australians—now, it is more than two in three. In the little over three years since we were elected, we have recruited more than 1,460 additional nurses and midwives, and that is part of more than 2,700 extra doctors, nurses, midwives, ambos and allied healthcare workers we have recruited over attrition. We are delivering more than 600 new hospital beds and opening a range of services, such as 24/7 pharmacies, including the very successful 24/7 pharmacy in my community in Clovelly Park, to significantly relieve pressure on our emergency departments.

Just this weekend, I had the pleasure of joining the Premier, our Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Chris Picton, as well as our fabulous candidate for the seat of Colton, Aria Bolkus, as we opened a brand-new, 24-bed rehabilitation service opposite The Queen Elizabeth Hospital. It would be remiss of me not to also mention that the member for Cheltenham was there—sorry, minister; Minister Boyer will love that. This purpose-built facility was designed with the input of both consumers and carers, to ensure it can provide appropriate high-quality health care for mental health patients, taking much-needed pressure off our emergency departments.

I really want to thank Brooke, whom I met with on Sunday, for all of her work as a consumer on the consumer reference group, to ensure this new facility meets the needs and expectations of consumers. The importance of lived experience in the design of these facilities is really, really important and cannot be overstated. The new unit is part of a huge expansion at The QEH, and will soon be joined by two more 24-bed rehabilitation units that are currently under construction at Noarlunga and Modbury.

In closing, I would like to thank the nurses and midwives, and their union—the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (SA Branch)—for their tireless advocacy, to see this reform brought to this place. It has been a long journey for them. I remember meeting with the SA branch of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation on this same issue of nurse and midwife ratios more than five years ago now—I guess six years ago; it seems like a lifetime ago—when I was running for the federal seat of Boothby. I supported them then and I support them now, and I am so happy that we have got them there.

Labor governments are always at their best when they are reforming in the interests of working people, and we simply would not be able to make the change we do without your struggle—so thank you. I would also like to thank our Minister for Health and Wellbeing and everyone in his team, who have worked incredibly hard to see this election commitment come to fruition. I also want take this opportunity to thank all of the nurses and midwives in our state who work so incredibly hard to keep us safe, to care for us, to keep us calm. Luckily, I myself have only ever had to turn up to an ED a couple of times as an adult. Each time, I have felt that I was allowed to be there, that I was meant to be there and I felt sure that I was going to be getting the service that I needed and the support that I needed. That was in large part because of the nurses.

Back in November 2018, I remember turning up to Flinders hospital with a very sick little toddler whose temperature I could not get down. I had been getting it down with medication for a few days, but at this point there was no way; she was shaking and it scared me so much. I just turned up to Flinders emergency. The triage nurse was incredible. She calmed me down and made me feel like I was a really, really good mum and not just freaking out unnecessarily. I was quickly taken into the paediatric emergency department and the care that we received over the next 24 hours while they ran tests and helped to make her better was just extraordinary, and I am so grateful to those nurses.

I also want to thank the nurses who recently took great care of my dad when he got a pacemaker put in. Now he and my mum both have pacemakers and get to use a different line in

security, which mum is really excited about. I actually think it probably takes longer—but they are pretty happy with their pacemakers. I also want to thank Talia at Flinders' neonatal intensive care unit, who is a good friend; my friend Anna, who is a midwife at Flinders as well, so they get to work together; and also the wonderful Maddie, who works in oncology at the RAH. They are some of my favourite nurses and I am very grateful to them, and I am really pleased that these changes are going to make a difference for all of our nurses.

We promised to legislate safe nurse and midwife to patient ratios, and today I am really proud that we are delivering on that promise. We are standing with workers, their union and the community to deliver better health care for South Australians, and I commend this bill to the house.

**Mr ELLIS (Narungga) (16:45):** I rise to make a brief contribution on this bill and outline some concerns about it and the impact it will have on regional hospitals. From the outset, I would like to thank the government and the ministerial office for the briefing that I was afforded earlier. It was much appreciated, and they did their best to alleviate my concerns about how this will work in regional South Australia.

When I say I would like to put some concerns on the record about this bill, it is not about the inspiration behind the bill and it is not an indictment on the nurse ratio that will be implemented as a result of it—that, I think, will be a good thing. I have dedicated quite a bit of my time as the member for Narungga attempting to improve the standard of care in regional South Australia, and I think a mandated level of nurse to patient ratio will assist in making that an improved outcome. I look forward to seeing how that will work and the impact it will have as time progresses, but I do want to raise some concerns about the practicalities of staffing a regional hospital with increased nursing numbers.

I am on a HAC that spans across three regional hospitals, representing the Wallaroo, Maitland and Yorketown hospitals. We meet monthly for each of them, and at each of those meetings a large focus of the presentation by the directors of nursing is about the difficulties in attracting nursing staff to their hospitals. We always mention it at every single meeting, and it is always a work in progress. I do not recall, perhaps with one exception, ever being told that they were at full quota and had suspended their search for further nurses. I imagine that it is an ongoing battle for all regional hospitals and something that will continue.

One would have to think that if the ratios that are applied as a result of this bill increase the level of staffing that is necessary at all regional hospitals, that problem will become more acute. It would stand to reason that if more nurses are required and there is already difficulty in attracting them to regional hospitals, it will exacerbate that problem and make it all the more difficult for those directors of nursing to fully staff their hospitals.

If we add to that the fact that, again, logically there will be a significant increase in the number of nurses staffing metropolitan hospitals, and that there will be all the more attraction for those who are temporarily staying in regional South Australia to staff our hospitals with the future intent to return to metropolitan Adelaide, this might be their opportunity to vacate their residential placement and return to Adelaide hospitals. So we could have a twofold effect—and again I do not mean to be dramatic or hyperbolic—where the problem of attracting nurses becomes all the more difficult and the problem of retention becomes slightly more difficult as well. That, I think, would be a poor outcome for regional South Australia and would take some fixing and some effort to reverse.

These are not necessarily my own thoughts. These are thoughts that I have taken the time to research and have lifted from the health petition inquiry that I was able to instigate recently and the submissions that were made by various parties in line with that. You may recall that I presented a petition to this place that had near-on 11,000 signatures some time ago, thereby passing the 10,000-signature threshold and triggering an inquiry that was conducted by the Economic and Finance Committee.

I have had a quick perusal of the submissions that were made to that process and lifted out a few that lend themselves as evidence to the fact that it is extraordinarily difficult to fully staff regional hospitals already. These examples, or the couple that I am going to read out as part of this presentation, are specifically focused on the Wallaroo Hospital, which is a great passion of mine to try to increase.

From the outset, I want to be transparent and reveal that I might be conflating different areas of nursing. There will be some statistics here that refer to the emergency department but I would like to think that it paints a broader picture of the difficulties in staffing regional hospitals. While these facts may not be directly relevant because this ratio does not apply, as I understand it, to the emergency department, I think it still paints a picture about the difficulties that our hospitals have in fully staffing their workforce. I read from the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation submission to the health petition inquiry that I instigated, which states:

Since 2021, patient presentations in the Wallaroo Emergency Department (ED) have increased by 10.5% [according to the] Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), 2024 [that has created] additional staffing pressures.

Despite these significant increases, staffing levels have not been adjusted accordingly, resulting in understaffing and inability to meet the required nurse-to-patient ratios.

That is a quote from the ANMF submission.

So if since 2021 the patient presentations to the ED have increased by 10½ per cent but we have not been able to increase staffing levels to meet that additional demand, I have some fear that we will not therefore be able to increase our staffing as a result of these ratios. I go on to read from the same submission, with a real-world example, as I understand it, provided in it, which states:

Staff at Wallaroo Hospital have repeatedly raised concerns in relation to inadequate staffing levels to safely manage the patients within their care.

Examples provided by the staff included:

- 15 patients on the ward—with 3 staff members available to accommodate them.
- Pressure from the Emergency Department to accept more patients to the ward as that department was under excessive demand.
- Elective theatre lists continuing, and ward staff were compelled to accept patients early which has significant safety concerns about the assessment and management of potentially high acuity cases.

There we have further evidence in the ANMF submission of the extraordinary demand on (a) hospital services and (b) the nursing staff required there to treat them. I go on again with two more excerpts from this submission. This again is referencing the fatigue and burnout that is being experienced among nursing and midwifery staff across both metropolitan and rural sites, and it states:

Wallaroo Theatre staff have reported the following:

- Staff are reporting working up to 16 hours per day due to excessive non-emergency theatre cases being consistently added to the end of full theatre lists.
- Excessive overtime contributes to the fatigue and burnout...

That is again, presumably, because of the difficulties in fully staffing the Wallaroo Hospital.

They are a couple of examples from the ANMF submission that I think highlight the difficulties in fully staffing the hospital, and one would presume those difficulties will continue once these ratios are implemented.

I did write to the minister post election—but I do not have a date in front of me—about evidence that I was given by nursing staff at the Wallaroo Hospital. They came to see me and reported that nurse rostering had been reduced in June 2021 for some reason and they were keen to have that reviewed and increased again.

I will be seeking information in the committee stage about the current nursing levels in the Wallaroo Hospital and other hospitals in my electorate and whether those nursing levels will be maintained as we move forward into a legislated nurse-to-patient ratio because we are finding that there is significant strain on our nursing staff in regional South Australia. If we are going to make it even harder with more nurses leaving, theoretically, and fewer coming, again theoretically, it will make that challenge all the more difficult. I will be seeking those numbers and following through in the committee stage.

I wanted to put those fears on the record. The submissions to my health petition inquiry have been most helpful and outlined some significant concerns about the staffing of hospitals in regional

South Australia, but I want to reiterate that I think the overall aim of this bill is a good thing. To have a minimum level of care mandated and legislated will provide wonderful benefits, if it is able to be reached.

My fear, and the fear that I will attempt to fully alleviate through the committee stage, is it will become an impossible task for some regional hospitals to meet their legislative requirements and result in either the shuttering of hospital doors or the failure of the LHN to meet the legislative requirement that they are compelled to meet. I look forward to following debate and I look forward to asking some questions in committee.

**Ms THOMPSON (Davenport) (16:54):** I, too, rise today to speak in strong support of the Nurse and Midwife to Patient Ratios Bill 2025. This is landmark legislation. For the very first time in South Australia, safe staffing levels will be enshrined in law across our public hospitals. We know that when you or your loved one goes to hospital, the most important thing is trust: trust that there will be enough nurses and midwives on shift to keep you safe, to provide timely care and to notice when something goes wrong. This bill ensures that that trust is backed by law.

Safe care depends on safe staffing. Every nurse and midwife in our hospitals will tell you the same thing: when ratios blow out, care is compromised. Patients will wait longer for pain relief, call bells will take longer to be answered, and the risk of complications increases. On the other hand, the evidence—evidence is something that those on this side pay close attention to—both here and overseas is crystal clear: legislated ratios save lives. They improve patient outcomes, they reduce readmissions, and they support staff wellbeing. This bill is not just about numbers on a page: it is about giving our nurses and our midwives the time to do their jobs properly and with the quality of care that they want to be able to deliver.

The bill sets out clear minimum nurse and midwife to patient ratios across key clinical areas. In our largest metropolitan hospitals—Flinders, the Royal Adelaide, Lyell McEwin and the Women's and Children's—general medical and surgical wards will have one nurse for every four patients, plus a nurse in charge during the day. At night, the ratio will be one to eight, plus a nurse in charge. Other metropolitan hospitals, like Modbury, Noarlunga and The QEH, will follow a very similar standard. Regional hospitals, such as Port Lincoln and Southern Fleurieu, will also benefit, with clear minimum ratios that reflect the different scale of those services but still guarantee safe care.

In specialist areas, like coronary care, we are setting some of the strongest standards: one nurse for every two patients during the day and one for every three overnight, no matter which hospital you are in. Antenatal wards will require one midwife for every four patients during the day and one to six overnight, something that they have been fighting for for a very long time. For a category 1 hospital, like Flinders Medical Centre in my electorate of Davenport, this means real, measurable improvements. Families in southern Adelaide can know that, when their loved one is admitted to Flinders, there will be enough nurses on the ward to care for them safely.

This bill is modelled on the successful Victorian approach but adapted to South Australians' needs. Victoria's experience has shown that legislated ratios do not just work on paper, they work in practice. They provide certainty for patients, for staff and for the hospital administrators. By legislating these standards, we move away from ad hoc staffing and ensure that, no matter the shift, no matter the ward, South Australians can expect safe minimum staffing.

We value our nurses and our midwives. They make up nearly half of our state's entire healthcare workforce. They are the backbone of our hospitals, our clinics and aged-care services, yet too often they are stretched to breaking point, covering too many patients, picking up too many shifts, carrying the emotional burden of impossible workloads. This legislation is recognition of their dedication. It gives them the support that they need to do their jobs safely and sustainably. Since coming to office, the Malinauskas government has already recruited more than 1,400 additional full-time equivalent nurses. These new laws build on that commitment, ensuring those extra hands are fairly distributed and that every ward meets safe minimums.

We know this is a major reform and it will be implemented carefully and responsibly. There will be a two-year rollout period, giving our local health networks time to recruit and reconfigure staffing. During this period there will be a moratorium on noncompliance, but after that the rules are clear: deliberate or systemic breaches can attract penalties of up to \$10,000, enforced through the

South Australian Employment Tribunal. That balance is important, supporting hospitals to adapt but making clear that these standards are not optional.

I want to take this time to acknowledge the tireless advocacy of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation, and particularly Adjunct Associate Professor Elizabeth Dabars AM. For years they have championed this reform with passion and persistence. Their message has been consistent: safe staffing saves lives. This bill is the direct result of that advocacy and of a government that is willing to listen.

In my community, I have heard from countless families about the difference that nurse to patient ratios will make. There are too many stories about elderly people waiting too long for help with things like getting out of bed because nurses are run off their feet. A local mum told me of the reassurance that she felt when a midwife had the time to sit with her through a difficult labour. This is a reminder that safe staffing is not just about medical outcomes but also about dignity, care and compassion.

I remember myself, when I had my first child, the extra time that the midwife spent with me after Lara was born. I was a very nervous and anxious new mum and it made a huge difference. They take you through things like breastfeeding for the first time and even give you a break. They would take the baby away for a few hours and give you a chance to catch up on some sleep. They would not be able to do that if they did not have enough staff on the floor to provide that kind of quality care. These are the real human outcomes behind the numbers.

Ultimately, this bill is an investment in the strength and resilience of our health system. With clear minimum staffing, we reduce burnout, we improve retention and we make nursing and midwifery attractive professions for the next generation. That matters because we know that the demand on our health system will only grow. An ageing population, increasing complexity of care and greater expectations of our hospitals mean we must plan now to ensure sustainability into the future, and that is what this government does: it plans for the future.

This bill is a promise kept. At the last election, the Malinauskas Labor government committed to introducing mandated staffing ratios, and today we deliver. It is a win for patients, a win for nurses and midwives, and a win for the future of our health system. By legislating nurse and midwife to patient ratios, we are guaranteeing that every South Australian, no matter where they live, can access safe, high-quality care. I commend the bill to the house.

**Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (17:02):** I rise to speak to the Nurse and Midwife to Patient Ratios Bill 2025, which was introduced by the health minister on 3 September. This bill establishes a minimum requirement for the number of nurses or midwives per patient in public hospitals across South Australia over a two-year rollout period. There is a range of minimum requirements, and I will go through some of that in a moment, which is in schedule 1, part 2 of the bill.

I note the very serious advocacy of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation, which supports the bill in full and has not moved for any amendments. Elizabeth Dabars, who has been mentioned in here previously, has a reasonable knowledge of country health. She was born in Murray Bridge and she has been a strong advocate for nurses and midwives for a long time.

As the member for Narungga and other members on this side of the house have put very well, it is one thing to have a legislated outcome but it is about people on the ground, and those of us who live in the country, whether we are getting feedback from people who work in the health system or whether we are visiting people in hospital, see that staffing levels are very hard to keep. That is not a criticism of the local nurses and doctors. We are short of doctors in the bush, and we are short of nurses.

Something we need to raise during the committee stage is to note that the government indicated that over 1,400 nurses have been hired since this Labor government came into office in 2022. I would like to know how many of those are stationed in country areas, from Mount Gambier through to Ceduna and beyond. You look at little hospitals across the state, whether in Penola, Naracoorte, on the West Coast or, as the member for Narungga indicated, in Wallaroo. How easy is it to make sure that those shifts are filled?

We do not want perverse outcomes of this legislation. I certainly support the intent of the legislation. I think it is good legislation in that regard, but at the end of the day you need to have human resources. That is as basic as it gets. You need to have the actual human resources that you can call in to do the job as needed. Like in any occupation, people get sick and cannot turn up for a shift, so you have to be able to backfill. Whether that is local staff or agency staff, you have to be able to access the feet on the ground to do the vital health work that nurses and midwives do.

In line with that, we have to have adequate facilities. Especially in regional South Australia, there are a lot of facilities that need upgrading, which do not have the services of the city. I guess we get used to that, over time. Noting that obviously this bill is partly concerned with midwives, Murray Bridge needs a full midwifery section upgrade. It is cramped, it is out of date and it needs a complete rebuild to bring it up to speed. Over the next 30 to 40 years there will be more than 50,000 people extra coming into Murray Bridge, which already has a population of over 22,000.

We need facilities, and we certainly need good facilities for people to work in. Previous to the 2018 election, I worked hard to get a policy in place to get a new emergency department built at Murray Bridge. When we stood at the opening of that \$7 million facility, it was a very proud moment indeed. They certainly have multiple treatment rooms. I think there are about nine or 10 treatment rooms in there.

Sadly, when things get pretty busy in the hospital, some of those rooms are used for inpatients, but it is a far safer situation than what we used to have at Murray Bridge, where essentially there would be three beds just with curtains between them. The so-called safe room, when it hit the fan, when something went wrong, was a glass room so you could see what was going on, but it was only one small area where doctors, nurses, attendants could go in, and then they could not get out again because there was one entry and one exit. I must say that emergency room is fantastic, as is the whole emergency department.

I commend all the people who work in health right across the state but especially those in the bush. It gets back to the ambulance volunteers and everyone involved, who have that great call on them to deliver services not just to country people but city people who may be touring the area, participating in sport and needing those good outcomes.

We certainly acknowledge that not everything can be done in country hospitals and obviously many of the specialties are required in Adelaide. I think it is a fairly common number that in Adelaide hospitals probably 30 per cent of the patients are regional patients coming up for various care and obviously we would love to see more of that care delivered locally.

It is tough getting that care when you need it in a timely way at times, and I have raised over the last few months, as has the member for Frome and others, the helipads that are not in use right across country South Australia. It has taken far too long for their upgrades to be approved and for them to be used. I find this completely outrageous. We cannot get an answer out of the health minister why they are not being used.

Certainly in regard to my two at Mannum and Murray Bridge, they were essentially signed off by the health department in April after shutting services in September last year. That is 12 months without retrievals from those helipads. Yes, there are optional sites. There is Pallamana at Murray Bridge or the Mannum oval, but you have to load people up in an ambulance, tie an ambulance up, take up valuable time when they could be essentially almost into Adelaide on the helicopter.

Obviously having my office in Murray Bridge I used to hear the helicopters pretty well every day and the MedSTAR team coming in. The MedSTAR pilots and the health crews do a magnificent job, but they are hampered by some absolute idiocy. I do not know what it is and I would love to have some answers come from the health minister as to what is going on.

These helipads were built specifically for use and Health have signed off on them, but for whatever reason they are not being operated. The MedSTAR pilots know what they are doing and they will land on roads—I have seen a helicopter on a road. They will land in paddocks next to an accident and they will deliver that treatment and get people in the air to the city where they need to be.

Out of the 13 helipads in the state, the ones that are open are Wallaroo, Balaklava, Kingscote on Kangaroo Island and Meningie, although someone as recently as this morning indicated that Meningie was shut down because the lights were not working or something. The sad thing is Clare, Kapunda, Loxton, Mannum, Murray Bridge, Port Broughton, Port Pirie, the Riverland general at Berri, and Victor Harbor are not operating because of something ridiculous that is happening.

This is an issue and this reflects on outcomes for country health. It is alright for people to come in here and say, 'We want the right health outcomes for people across the state and we have delivered'—as the government is saying—'more people to deliver those services,' but we want outcomes too. We want to know that if we need to get on that chopper, it will turn up, as those crews do, and take us to that vital emergency care to get the treatment that we need.

Alongside is the Royal Flying Doctor Service, giving great care and service across South Australia and the rest of Australia in getting people to that vital care they need. People would be surprised at the number of flights that the Royal Flying Doctor Service do getting people to that care and the doctors, the nurses and paramedics who work with them.

When I look over my life, it is probably close to a handful of times, at least, that I have had to go to emergency for various things. Tailem Bend did a great job as did Murray Bridge in the new emergency department. It was great service by the team, and I am still here so I guess that is a reasonable outcome—some people may not think so.

That massive service is not to be denied, especially when you can see on a busy night, as I did, multiple incidents coming in and people just getting on with the job. They were under the hammer but they were getting on with the job; they were truly professional and made sure they could give that vital treatment that people needed to get.

In general, we just need to see more staffing: we need to see more doctors in regional health and we need to see the nurses in regional health. It is to be noted that Strathalbyn does not have a properly functioning emergency department. Mannum and Murray Bridge do, obviously, but it is just so hard to get full-blown, decent health services for people in the regions, so there will be a lot of questions asked during the committee stage about those outcomes.

It should also be noted that the Nurses and Midwifery Federation represents over 25,000 nurses, midwives and personal care workers in South Australia, and I salute them all for the work they do. It is vital work, it is hands on work, especially when you need a caring voice to talk to. It is a real lift when you are in emergency care, because obviously you are in a situation where you could be looking at a few vulnerabilities yourself.

Nurse to patient ratios are legislated in Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia, and this bill is largely modelled on the ratio system in Victoria. It is noted that a study published in *The Lancet* on the Queensland experience concluded that it is a feasible approach to have legislated numbers of staff to improve nurse staffing and patient outcomes, with a good return on investment.

It has already been discussed on the floor here today that there are a number of variables in the ratio requirements, and these are based on the type of patient care being provided as well as the hospital site. SA Health and the nurses' union both advised that these sites are determined in accordance with the volume of patients and acuity. There are essentially four hospital categories in the bill. In category 1 you obviously have Flinders Medical Centre, the Lyell McEwin, the Royal Adelaide and the Women's and Children's Hospital, the main hospitals here in Adelaide. The category 2 sites are the Modbury Hospital, Noarlunga Hospital and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Then you get down to the category 3 hospital sites: the Riverland General Hospital at Berri, Mount Gambier and Districts Health Service, Whyalla Hospital, Port Lincoln Health Service, Gawler Health Service, Mount Barker Hospital, Murray Bridge Hospital, Port Augusta Hospital, Port Pirie Regional Health Service and the Southern Fleurieu Health Service. Then you get to category 4 sites—and, as the member for Frome indicated, there are some sites in her electorate and some across the state as well that are not included in these lists—which include the Naracoorte Health Service and Wallaroo Hospital and Health Service. There are separate requirements for smaller

hospitals, and the ratio required varies according to the categorisation of the hospital, the type of care—there are 14 categories in the bill—and the shift.

For antenatal wards, morning and afternoon shifts, the ratio is one midwife for every four patients and one midwife or nurse-in-charge, compared to one midwife for every six patients on the night shift. Acute stroke wards require one nurse for every three patients and a nurse-in-charge, compared to geriatric evaluation and management units, which require one nurse for every five patients and one nurse-in-charge on morning shifts, one nurse to six patients and one nurse-in-charge for the afternoon shift, and one nurse for every 10 patients and one nurse-in-charge for the night shift.

General medical and surgical ward ratios depend largely on the category of the hospital site, as I indicated earlier. Small hospitals are required to have at least one registered nurse and one other nurse or midwife on all shifts. These categories have all been discussed with the Nurses and Midwifery Federation and the government, and the union supports the ratios for each.

Certainly, members over here have discussed the issues of workforce in the regions, and it is something about which there will be multiple questions raised in committee. I think all those questions will well and truly be valid, because it is difficult to fill shifts. Sometimes people are looking at a new career and they feel a bit hesitant if they were raised in the city before they come to the country. But then they get out there, and the next thing is that they start a new life. It reminds me of situations where nurses or teachers, as two examples, used to get posted to Eyre Peninsula. They would think, 'We will do our time and come home.' Well, they ended up not coming home and ended up becoming grandparents and having families where they landed. That does not happen all the time, obviously, but some people just see the light of how good it is working in the bush.

Obviously, we have talked about breaches of the bill that will be enacted. For example, if there is an emergency that could not have been anticipated there will not be action taken. If a breach is proven, the civil penalty for deliberately and systematically breaking the rules goes through the South Australian Employment Court, and the fine of \$10,000 goes back to the Treasury. Treasury funds health to the tune of now about \$9 billion, so they get another \$10,000, I guess.

It is good to see that there will be a two-year transition period, because we will need to see, in an ongoing sense, how staff will be recruited. As I indicated, it is great to see 1,400 extra nurses, but I want to know how many of those have gone to regional hospitals and country hospitals to service those of us in the regions. Yes, we do need the services of nurses and midwives in the city because, literally, we cannot supply all the health functions in the country. We would love to see more specialists and services coming out, and that kind of thing, but, in saying that, if that is not possible those of us in the country just want fast access to vital care in the city, whether it is for cardiac health and stroke health or whether it is for major accidents, where it can literally be about life or death.

When you see a car that has rolled over and the helicopter is parked there on the road or in the paddock, and you see the local CFS cutting the roof off the car so they can deliver vital life-saving care, you know that the right things are happening and those people who need that care can be delivered to Adelaide in a hurry. We need to make sure that that vital helicopter service can be provided, not just away from hospitals but from those vital helipads at country hospitals. I commend the bill.

**Mrs PEARCE (King) (17:22):** I am so pleased to rise today to speak on the Nurse and Midwife to Patient Ratios Bill 2025. When the Minister for Health introduced this historic legislation in this place, our government delivered on our promise to South Australia's incredible nurses and midwives to introduce staff-to-patient ratios that will help them provide the best and safest care to their patients. It also confirms our government's continued commitment to ensuring the safety of our nurses and midwives within our public health system.

Since being elected, the Malinauskas government has already recruited more than 1,460 full-time equivalent nurses, above attrition, across our public health system, which will help to support the implementation of these new ratios. We have seen how successful nurse and midwife to patient ratios have been in Victoria, and this legislation will implement it here, tailored to the South Australian public health system.

Our nurses and our midwives are the beating heart of our public health system. They are often the unsung heroes of some of the most significant moments in our lives. They are there when your life begins, guiding families through pregnancy and labour with quiet strength and compassion. They are by our sides in times of crisis, comforting us through illness, injury and uncertainty. Whether it is the joy of birth, the devastation of pregnancy loss, the fear of diagnosis, or relief of recovery, nurses and midwives are always present, steady and skilled, ready to provide not just medical assistance but emotional support when we need it the most.

They are workers like my beautiful stepmum, Deb. She was a dedicated midwife and a force of good in not just my family's life but the lives of many families in her local community. She devoted her career to looking after new mothers and families with the highest level of compassion and professionalism. Later in life, she was supporting older people to live independently at home, which is especially special, considering she was providing this service in the Port Pirie Regional Health Service area, helping to connect regional people with those all-important services to keep healthy, fit and well. Even in her retirement, her working life legacy lives on in every life she helped bring into this world and every family she supported along the way.

There are also workers like the lovely Liyu. I had the pleasure of hosting Liyu in parliament earlier this year for international nurses and midwives day. Liyu is a hardworking, young and proud northern suburbs girl, who has spent many years caring for patients at the Lyell McEwin Hospital. Although Liyu is now lending her invaluable skills and knowledge to another public hospital, she has well and truly left her mark on the public health system in the northern suburbs. Staffing ratios, like the ones our government is introducing to parliament, will provide support to nurses like Liyu, so that they continue to provide safe and sustainable care to their patients.

Our government has worked closely with the South Australian branch of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation throughout the drafting of this legislation, ensuring that the voices of frontline healthcare workers were not only heard but genuinely valued. This collaboration reflects a shared commitment to safer staffing levels, better working conditions and ultimately better care for patients. It is a strong example of what can be achieved when policymakers and healthcare professionals come together with a common goal.

Under these new laws, Adelaide's four largest metropolitan hospitals, including the Lyell McEwin Hospital, will be required to have one nurse for every four patients, along with a nurse in charge, in general medical and surgical wards during morning and afternoon shifts. For night shifts, one nurse is required for every eight patients, with a nurse in charge. Other hospitals, including Modbury Hospital, will be required to have the aforementioned ratios for morning and night shifts, but with one nurse for every five patients, with a nurse in charge, for afternoon shifts.

Across all public hospitals, one nurse for every two patients and one for every three patients overnight is required in a coronary care unit, and one midwife for every four patients and one for every six patients overnight is required in an antenatal ward. Safe care for patients depends on safe staffing. Legislating staff ratios is an important step in supporting our hardworking nurses and midwives and ensuring every South Australian receives high-quality care.

I am really grateful to have quite a few nurses in my life; I have grown up with quite a few. Some are still working in the regional health system, some are working in emergency departments and some bounce around to wherever they are needed. All are absolutely incredible, and I thank all for the work that they do, have done and will continue to do to support health care in our state. We are showing our appreciation as well, and we remain firmly committed to supporting nurses and midwives like them through our actions.

In delivering on this election commitment, and investing in safe staffing ratios, we are building a stronger, more sustainable healthcare system. This legislation is about giving them the respect, resources and support they deserve, now and into the future. I commend this bill to the house.

**Mr DIGHTON (Black) (17:29):** I rise to speak to the Nurse and Midwife to Patient Ratios Bill 2025. It is important to note that the Nurse and Midwife to Patient Ratios Bill represents the first time in South Australia that nurse and midwife to patient ratios will be enshrined in legislation. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

**CRIMINAL LAW CONSOLIDATION (STREET GANGS) AMENDMENT BILL**

*Introduction and First Reading*

Received from the Legislative Council and read a first time.

At 17:32 the house adjourned until Wednesday 17 September 2025 at 10:30.

*Estimates Replies***PREMIER'S DELIVERY UNIT GENDER RATIO**

In reply to **the Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Leader of the Opposition)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised of the following:

There are four women and four men in PDU which is led by Rik Morris.

**EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments, excluding appointments or reappointments of existing DPC executive employees were made.

Role Title	Classification
Commercial Advisor (temporary)	SAES 2
Executive Director, Government Advertising & Insights Hub	SAES 2
Executive Director, CreateSA	SAES 2
Director, Secretariat to the Council for the Australian Federation	SAES 1
Director, Social Policy	SAES 1
Director Artlab Australia	SAES 1
Director, Office for AUKUS	SAES 1
Director, Office of the Chief Executive	SAES 1
Director, Office for Autism	SAES 1
Director, Projects and Programs	SAES 1
Cross Border Commissioner	Non-SAES Executive

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$2,690,781. (excluding on-costs).

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

**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Since 1 July 2024, there were five executive positions abolished.

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

Role Title	Classification
Assistant Director, Program & Strategy, Aboriginal Art Cultures Centre	SAES 1
Director, Strategic Foresight	SAES 1
Director Population Policy	SAES 1
Project Director, Arts, Culture & Creative Industries Policy	Non-SAES Executive

- The following one executive position was no longer required due to organisational change:

Role Title	Classification
Director, Brand and Marketing	SAES 1

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$1,258,108 (excluding on-costs).

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

**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, no termination payments were made during the period 1 July 2024 to 19 June 2025.

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants in 2025-26 is \$0.123 million and contractors in 2025-26 is \$0.808 million.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
ACIL Allen Pty Ltd	Provide economic impact modelling and measures for the Innovation Places Framework	\$122,760

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Norlap Creative	Develop business profiles for members of The Circle—First Nations Entrepreneur Hub	\$23,490
Cyber CX	Provision of cyber security advice, risk and governance for DPC	\$116,833
Capgemini Australia	To make enhancements to the Sports Vouchers application utilised by Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing	\$39,474
Sysintegra	To implement, test and provide post implementation support for Internal ICT ServiceNow, as a solution to support incidents, change and problem management, service request, asset management and licence management	\$39,170
ArcBlue Consulting (Aus) Pty Ltd	To provide specialist procurement services and advice for the 31 <sup>st</sup> Conference of Parties (COP31) procurements	\$23,123
The Kids Research Institute Australia	Inklings program training, intellectual property and professional support for the Office of Autism	\$441,647
Wavemaker	Radio and media negotiations, and Master Media contract administration for the Government Advertising and Insights Hub	\$35,000
IAS Fine Art Logistics Pty Ltd	Work related to the physical relocation of the collections to the new Cultural Institutions Storage Facility	\$324,800

**GOODS AND SERVICES**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	49,193	38,921	39,185	38,446

The goods and services budget in 2025-26 is higher than the forward estimates due to budget related to items such as:

- Preparation works for Adelaide to host COP31 (\$3.1 million);

- Funding for the South Australian Inklings Pilot Program (\$3.0 million);
- Once-off reclassification of expenditure from investing to operating for ICT services (\$0.8 million); and
- Support for business events and investment attraction in South Australia (\$0.7 million).

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The following table shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Government Communications	FTE	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
	\$m	2.388	2.422	2.457	2.494
Government Advertising and Insights Hub	FTE	24.87	24.87	24.87	24.87
	\$m	3.701	3.755	3.810	3.871
Media Monitoring Unit	FTE	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
	\$m	0.938	0.954	0.965	0.982
Premier's Office	FTE	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
	\$m	0.427	0.434	0.440	0.446
TOTAL	FTE	49.87	49.87	49.87	49.87
	\$m	7.454	7.564	7.672	7.793

The Government Advertising and Insights Hub (the hub) was established on 24 February 2025. The FTE and budget associated with this function is not new resourcing and represents resources that transferred into the hub from prescribed agencies under machinery of government processes. This includes FTEs previously reported by DPC under Government Communications. There is no net increase to FTE or budget relating to the establishment of the hub.

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Business Events Bid Fund	The Business Events Bid Fund was established with the purpose to attract more international and domestic business events to South Australia.	8,440	8,450	7,617

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Business Events Bid Fund	Adelaide Convention Centre (Adelaide Venue Management Ltd)	Conferences to be held	2,827,500

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Business Events Bid Fund	Business Events Adelaide Ltd	Conferences to be held	5,563,500

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Promotion of the State	A non-competitive grant fund available to support government and non-government organisations in activities that promote the economic, social and cultural aspects of the state.	1,902	1,950	1,999

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Promotion of the State	South Australian Sports Federation Incorporated	Support for the Annual South Australian Sport Hall of Fame Event—2024 to 2026	79,517

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

There is no specific budget allocated to remote working arrangements.

Standard ICT infrastructure and support for departmental staff facilitates remote and flexible working arrangements. Therefore, costs associated with employee's ability to work remotely are being met within the existing budget of the department.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Chief Operating Officer	SAES1
Executive Director (Financial Audit)	SAES1
Executive Director (Financial Audit)	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$607,000 (excluding on-costs).

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

Since 1 July 2024, there were no executive positions abolished.

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$0.

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

**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

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

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$2,142,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Ernst & Young	Actuarial review of liabilities	\$101,900
Taylor Fry	Actuarial review of liabilities	\$76,600
Pitcher Partners Corporate Pty Ltd	Review of asset valuation model	\$18,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Galpins	Subcontract auditing services	\$669,500
Ernst & Young	Subcontract auditing services	\$284,700
KPMG	Subcontract auditing services	\$208,700
Bentleys (SA) Pty Ltd	Subcontract auditing services	\$67,700
Grant Thornton	Subcontract auditing services	\$38,500
Stillwell Management Consultants	Role description reviews	\$23,100
Aktis Performance Management	Review of positions	\$21,600

**GOODS AND SERVICES**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	4,264	4,371	4,479	4,591

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities (1)

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
TOTAL	FTE	0	0	0	0
	\$m	0	0	0	0

(1) Excludes resources used in production and communication associated with the Auditor-General's reports to Parliament and internal communications.

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

The Audit Office of South Australia does not undertake government-paid advertising other than minor costs associated with advertising a small number of job vacancies.

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised:

The Audit Office of South Australia does not administer grant programs/funds and does not make grants.

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Audit Office of South Australia:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	0	0	0

Audit Office of South Australia employees are required to work remotely at client sites and the office incurs expenditure to support this. Our working from home policy specifically states that:

- The office site (State Administration Centre or client site) is regarded as the primary place of work and equipment will be provided for this workplace. While home workplaces need to comply with health and safety requirements, taxpayers' money will not be used to set up home offices.
- Employees are responsible for all costs they may incur while working from home, including telephone, electricity, data usage and insurance. They are also responsible for any costs (including time) incurred in travelling from home to attend any scheduled work commitments.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
N/A	N/A

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

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

**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Since 1 July 2024, there was nil executive position abolished.

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

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

**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

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

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$256,325.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
AMC Consultants Pty Ltd	SA Magnetite Processing Assessment	\$24,948
Flywheel Advisory	Advice on unlocking magnetite in SA	\$28,738
RLB SA Pty Ltd	Cost review and benchmarking advice	\$12,207
Simunye Group Pty Ltd	Geospatial Evaluation and Advisory	\$42,211
Turner & Townsend Pty Ltd	SA Government Building Requirements Review	\$41,620

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Inuxure Pty Ltd	Assurance Reviewer	\$12,300
Mark Roby	Assurance Reviewer	\$12,320
Project Services Intl Pty Ltd	Assurance Reviewer	\$11,825
Pier2Pier Consulting Pty Ltd	Assurance Reviewer	\$15,360
Lisle Health Collaborative Scott Lisle	Assurance Reviewer	\$13,200
Inside Infrastructure Pty Ltd	Assurance Reviewer	\$17,246
Assurance Infrastructure	Review of ISAAF and supporting materials	\$24,350

**GOODS AND SERVICES**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	\$446	\$428	\$407	\$386

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Infrastructure SA	FTE	0	0	0	0
	\$m	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	FTE	0	0	0	0
	\$m	0	0	0	0

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

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

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**GRANT PROGRAMS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Infrastructure SA	N/A	-	-	-

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

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

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Infrastructure SA	N/A	-	-	-

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

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

**REMOTE WORK**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	0	0	0

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

Since 1 July 2024, no executive appointments were made.

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

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

Since 1 July 2024, there were zero executive positions abolished.

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

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

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

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$0.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
n/a	n/a	\$0

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
n/a	n/a	\$0

**GOODS AND SERVICES**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	357	348	335	327

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
	FTE	0	0	0	0
	\$m	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	FTE	0	0	0	0
	\$m	0	0	0	0

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

**GRANT PROGRAMS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission	n/a	0	0	0

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

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission	n/a	n/a	0

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission	n/a	0	0	0

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

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission	n/a	n/a	0

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for the Office of the South Australian Productivity Commission:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	0	0	0

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Program Delivery	SAES1

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Since 1 July 2024, there were no executive positions abolished.

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

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The total value of the termination payments was \$0.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$0.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Nil.		

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Nil.		

### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	325	346	351	336

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Premier's Delivery Unit	FTE	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	\$m	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	FTE	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	\$m	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

There are nil grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years.

### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

All ICT services, including remote work infrastructure, are provided by a service level agreement with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

Since 1 July 2024, were no executive appointments made.

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

Since 1 July 2024, there were no executive positions abolished.

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

The total value of the termination payments was nil.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$150,000. The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Cost	Estimated
54 Point Consulting	Economic Impact Statements & Business case studies.	\$40 000	
Charlie & Me Consulting	Strategic Sponsorship Support	\$31 000	

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Cost	Estimated
Alec Stevens	Security & Groundstaff Manager, Adelaide Grand Final	\$24 000	
Flashpoint Events (Peter Darwin)	Concert Site and Production Coordinator, Adelaide Grand Final	\$55 000	

#### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	55,213	55,015	57,317	57,095

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
SAMSB	FTE	4	4	4	4
	\$m	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
TOTAL	FTE	4	4	4	4
	\$m	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

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

**GRANT PROGRAMS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
N/A				

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
N/A			

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Premier and Cabinet	Execution and delivery of the Adelaide Rally	538		
Premier and Cabinet	Execution and delivery of the Adelaide Motorsport Festival	1 486		

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Premier and Cabinet	Massive Events Corp	Execution and delivery of the Adelaide Rally	512 000
Premier and Cabinet	Massive Events Corp	Execution and delivery of the Adelaide Motorsport Festival	1 415 000

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier):** I have been advised that for South Australian Motor Sport Board:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	NIL	NIL	NIL

#### HYDROGEN POWER FUNDING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** The ICN SA Gateway provides a facilitatory service and does not monitor ongoing contract engagements between third parties.

#### SAND TESTING

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised by the Department for Environment and Water of the following:

The sand is tested every 1,000 tonnes produced, by both the quarry and a National Association of Testing Authorities accredited laboratory.

Over the course of the 2025 campaign, more than 200 samples were collected. This includes testing in the six weeks leading up to the estimates hearing. As of 15 July 2025, results have been received for 170 of those samples.

#### SAND TESTING

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised by the Department for Environment and Water of the following:

The sample is selected by the quarry for every 1,000 tonnes produced from several different locations in the stockpile of sand. This sample is then tested on site by the quarry and also by a National Association of Testing Authorities accredited laboratory.

#### SAND TESTING

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised of the following:

The concentration of clay within quarry sand that is placed on West Beach is prescribed by the scope of works, which is approved by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

Sand samples are tested by an independent accredited laboratory and results are provided to the EPA and the Department for Environment and Water (DEW). To date DEW has been satisfied with the quality of sand delivered to West Beach.

#### CITIZEN SCIENCE FUND

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised of the following:

The biggest tangible outcome of the Citizen Science Strategy is the involvement of many hundreds of local citizens in the processes of scientific enquiry through the delivery of a range of large and smaller projects. These projects engage local communities and improve knowledge and understanding of our biodiversity and condition of our environment, which can inform future investment, policy and management actions.

A summary of both grants awarded is provided below:

Small grants (awarded in 2023):

Organisation	Project Title	Total grant
University of South Australia	Mozzie Monitors in Schools	\$14,700
Flinders University	How do human disturbances affect little penguin numbers, and recovery?	\$14,940
AUSMAP, Total Environment Centre	Microplastic Mapping: Engaging citizens to find effective solutions for the future.	\$15,000
Brownhill Creek Association Inc.	Yabbies as indicators of the health of a groundwater- dependent ecosystem in Brownhill Creek (Wirrparinga).	\$14,780
Miss Jessica Bamford	Wild Webcap	\$11,355
Mr Brian Gepp	A review of the relationship between fire and biodiversity, using previously unknown studies from 1974 and revisits to the same sites in 2024.	\$9,000
Mr Emmanuel Lukingan-Katz	Citizen Science to restore Coffin Bay's Lost Oyster Reefs.	\$15,000
Friends of Belair National Park	Support for Bush Buddies Belair.	\$7,200
Birdlife Australia	Fleurieu Tern Monitoring Program.	\$15,000
Kangaroo Island Nictor Harbor Dolphin Watch	Informing Conservation through Citizen Science Data Collection.	\$15,000

Large grants (awarded in 2024):

Organisation	Project Title	Total grant amount over 3 years
Fungimap Inc	Fungi for function: bushland health indicators.	\$214,888
Austland Management Pty Ltd	Enhancing resilience in a social-ecological system: citizen scientists building an understanding of arid woodland resilience to natural disturbance through a long-term phenology study.	\$120,955
Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation	Nha ba Wuna Puwatingara Meritbii—to see and help freshwater turtles on Limestone Country.	\$60,000
Birdlife Australia	Conservation through Knowledge: empowering citizen scientists in beach-nesting bird recovery.	\$136,587
Trees For Life	If you build it what will come? Measuring Landscape Health	\$275,438
Flinders University	Marine Hitchhikers of Eyre Peninsula: Citizen Science Program from Port Augusta through to Coffin Bay.	\$49,990
The Nature Conservation Society of South Australia	Capacity building of citizen scientists for woodland bird monitoring.	\$77,056
The Trustee for Nature Glenelg Trust	Limestone Coast community bird monitoring program—building capability for long term biodiversity monitoring to inform adaptive management.	\$80,000
Northern and Yorke Landscape Board	Waterbug Bioblitzes and Waterwatch SA—Building community capacity through collaborative catchment monitoring across three Landscape SA regions.	\$150,954
Australian Citizen Science Association Inc	Capacity Building Program for South Australia's Citizen Science Project Leaders.	\$147,456

#### RIVER MURRAY

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised of the following:

A breakdown of the \$37.4 million net cost of service figure for the Water and River Murray Program in 2025-26 is provided in the Program Summary—income, expenses and FTE table on page 139 of the 2025-26 Agency

Statements, Budget Paper 4, Volume 2. The explanation of significant movements on this same page also outlines some of the major initiatives being funded by this program.

#### LOWER RIVER MURRAY LEVEES

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised of the following:

An estimated 27.6 kilometres (km) of intermediate remediation works to restore the Lower Murray Reclaimed Irrigation Area Levee Banks to their pre-flood levels has been completed as at 30 June 2025, with an estimated 16.8 km of remaining works scoped and scheduled to be completed prior to 30 June 2026.

#### ENVIRONMENT AND WATER DEPARTMENT

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised of the following:

The mywater Contact Centre was resourced with an average additional full-time equivalent of 3.36 during the 2024-25 financial year.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Executive Director, Water and River Murray	SAES2
Director, Water Infrastructure and Operations	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is approximately \$483,000 (excluding on-costs).

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

Since 1 July 2024, there were nil executive positions abolished.

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

The total value of the termination payments since 1 July 2024 will not be released as it is considered an unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water there is a notional budget allocation of \$0.262 million for consultants in 2025-26 and a notional budget allocation of \$1.032 million for contractors in 2025-26.

These notional budget allocations are based on historical average expenditure and will be subject to change during the 2025-26 financial year in accordance with departmental requirements.

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25, information relating to actual expenditure on consultants and contractors in 2025-26 including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for DEW controlled for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

Total goods and services	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
	142 804	92 186	65 852	59 597

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for DEW administered for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	607	608	609	871

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Communication and Engagement	FTE	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
	\$m	0.92	0.94	0.95	0.97
Green Adelaide	FTE	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
	\$m	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.32
Botanic Gardens and Herbarium	FTE	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
	\$m	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.07
Coast and Marine	FTE	0.2	0.2	0.02	0.02
	\$m	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
TOTAL	FTE	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8
	\$m	1.30	1.33	1.34	1.38

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST) and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/governmentmarketing-advertising-expenditure>

**GRANT PROGRAMS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
<b>Environment and Water</b>				
National Parks and Wildlife Program	The sustainable, proactive conservation and management of South Australia's natural places, parks and wildlife ensures the environmental, social, and economic prosperity of the state.	8 699	8 220	8 951
Water and the River Murray Program	Water is managed sustainably for the benefit of the community, environment, and economy.	41 737	41 184	31 691
Environment, Heritage and Sustainability Program	Develop and deliver strategies, policies and projects that protect and conserve the state's environment and heritage and support sustainable development, in partnership with key bodies, in the face of a changing climate.	2 534	656	656

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
<b>Environment and Water</b>				
Administered Items	Financial support grant for Zoos SA, Stormwater Management Authority, Landscape Priorities Fund, Adelaide City Council Parklands, Customer Advocacy and Research Fund, and Qualco Sunlands Ground Water Control Trust and South Australian Drought Resilience Fund.	20 246	17 552	21 785

**REMOTE WORK**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department for Environment and Water:

The Department for Environment and Water does not have a specific budget for remote work infrastructure, including digital tools, cybersecurity, and support services. Therefore the percentage of the department's budget that has been allocated to this service cannot be identified.

The department's budgeted expenditure for information and communication technology for the financial year 2025-26 is \$13.346 million. This is consistent with previous years.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Green Industries SA:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Chief Executive	SAES2

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$294,640. Individual executive total remuneration package values (TRPV) as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Green Industries SA:

Since 1 July 2024, there were zero executive positions abolished.

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Green Industries SA:

The total value of the termination payments was \$0.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Green Industries SA:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Green Industries SA:

As at 22 July 2025, the estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors planned for 2025-26 is \$1,631,431.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work to be undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultants	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (GST Incl.)
RAWTEC PTY LTD	Circular Economy Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan	\$102,366
MORTON PHILIPS PTY LTD	Green Industries SA Board Review	\$12,100
	Total	\$114,466

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work to be undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (GST Incl.)
CLEANAWAY OPERATIONS PTY LTD	Handling, storage, processing and treatment of hazardous waste	\$781,000
KEEP SOUTH AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL INC	Partnership with KESAB to promote community education, action, and to support implementation of South Australia's Waste Strategy	\$269,024
BLUE ENVIRONMENT PTY LTD	Circular Economy Resource Recovery Reports 2023-24 to 2025-26	\$116,716
BOOMERANG ALLIANCE INCORPORATED	Plastic Free SA program	\$71,727
CLEANAWAY OPERATIONS PTY LTD	Backlight Program (1 Dec 2024 to 30 Jun 2026)	\$70,000
BLACK SHEEP ADVERTISING PTY LTD	Single-use plastics ban education campaign 2024	\$45,845
BIZ HUB AUSTRALIA PTY. LTD.	GRID Disaster Waste Management Module	\$45,778
WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA LTD	Partnership with WMRR to enhance industry knowledge and expertise related to GISA's projects and programs	\$40,479
BOOMERANG ALLIANCE INCORPORATED	Plastic Ban Solution Finder Platform Services Agreement	\$26,400
RAWTEC PTY LTD	Update of the Better Practice Guide for Multi-Unit Developments—Waste and Recycling	\$23,037
BIZ HUB AUSTRALIA PTY. LTD.	Annual Maintenance for GRID	\$15,959
CULTURALCHEMY PTY LTD	Green Industries SA Executive Leadership Team Development	\$11,000
	Total GISA Contractors (excl Consultants)	\$1,516,965

### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Green Industries SA:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	5,182	4,698	4,687	4,690

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Green Industries SA:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and engagement activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Engagement and Communications	FTE	4	4	4	4
	\$m	0.557	0.565	0.573	0.582
TOTAL	FTE	4	4	4	4
	\$m	0.557	0.565	0.573	0.582

(\*) Salary and on-costs budget is indexed by 1.5 per cent p.a. in accordance with the South Australian Public Sector Enterprise Agreement: Salaried 2021

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Green Industries SA:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/governmentmarketing-advertising-expenditure>

### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Green Industries SA:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Green Industries SA				
Circular Infrastructure Grants (including General Recycling and Modernisation Fund (RMF), RMF-Plastics Technology Stream and RMF-Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund grants)	Funding towards the construction of new and upgraded materials recovery and processing facilities, including to assist the resource recovery sector respond to challenges and opportunities presented by international market conditions	6,833	1,163	1,367
Regional Transport Subsidies	Funding to provide regional councils with temporary relief to subsidise the transport of kerbside collected recyclables to recovery/processing facilities	850	800	800
Business Sustainability Program	Funding for businesses and industry associations to engage third party technical advisers to identify, prioritise and implement improvements in resource/material efficiency, and other circular economy practices	500	500	500
Council Modernisation Grants	Funding to support modernisation and innovation of Local Government waste management systems	150	330	330
Circular Business Market Development Grants	Funding to support South Australian businesses to further their market development efforts for recycled and recyclable materials	424	500	500
Kerbside Food Waste System Grants	Funding to Local Government towards the implementation and maintenance of food waste recycling systems via kerbside organics bins	200	200	200
Charitable Recyclers Subsidy Program	Funding to provide charitable recycling organisations with partial relief from the costs of the solid waste levy	252	258	264
Total		9,209	3,751	3,961

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

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$ GST Excl
Green Industries SA			
Circular Infrastructure grants*	Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority (NAWMA)	Aluminium waste recovery	226,060
	Clare Valley Waste Service	Infrastructure for handling FOGO in the mid north of SA (telehandler, walking floor & concrete blocks)	171,022
	Copper Coast Council	Circular economy holding yard at Resource Recovery Centre	108,136
	Peak Fresh Pty Ltd	Food safe compostable bags (for deli section)	100,000
	Adelaide Hills Council	Implementing weekly organics	75,000
	DC Elliston	Mulcher	47,500
	Outback Communities Authority	Circular infrastructure investment for Leigh Creek (waste oil tank, chipper, Polystyrene cold compactor)	30,000
	Ocean Kind	Processing line for polypropylene fishing ropes (shredder, extruder, pelletizer)	28,000
Recycling Infrastructure Grant*	Fleurieu Regional Waste Authy	Flip screen for soil/compost blending	27,900
	Millicent & Robe Bottle and Can depot	Baling equipment in new bottle and can depot	25,000
	WMWMNE Pty Ltd (trading as Ecoplas Australia)	Second plastics extrusion line	16,400
	Adelaide Hills Region Waste Mgt Authy	Hook lift bins	6,978
	Adelaide Recycling	Transformation Project (new drive through COL)	3,881
	Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority (AHRWMA)	Forklift	3,075
	City of Port Adelaide Enfield	Library reuse and recycling hubs (x2)	558
	Mastec	Increasing recycling content	150,000
	Adelaide Hills Recycling	Facility expansion, screen pod and water separator	87,000
	Peats Group	Anaerobic digestion	80,000
	Central Adelaide Waste and Recycling Authority (CAWRA)	Materials recovery facility sorting and processing equipment	57,008
	Southern Cott Recycling	Plastic granulating and pelletising equipment	21,640
	YCA Recycling	Screen for plastic pelletising	10,360
	District Council of Orroroo	Transfer Station upgrade	7,004
	ResourceCo	Mixed plastics processing line	1,015,000
Recycling Modernisation Fund*	NAWMA	New Fibre polishing plant	20,000
Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund	Jeffries Group	Upgrade contamination identification and removal capacity	77,000
	District Council of Peterborough	Demonstration composting facility	26,600
Regional Transport Subsidies Program 2024-25	City of Mount Gambier	To partially offset the cost of transporting recyclables from regional and remote areas to metropolitan Adelaide for reprocessing for the period of 1 January—30 June 2025	50,563
	City of Port Lincoln		47,128
	Whyalla City Council		40,178
	Wattle Range Council		28,299
	Port Pirie Regional Council		17,877
	District Council of Grant		17,687
	Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority		17,132
	Port Augusta Council		15,831
	Copper Coast Council		14,296
	Lower Eyre Council		13,894
	District Council of Loxton Waikerie		13,291
	Yorke Peninsula Council		13,092
	Naracoorte Lucindale Council		12,025

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$ GST Excl
Green Industries SA	Rural City of Murray Bridge		10,836
	Mount Barker District Council		10,279
	Berri Barmera Council		10,203
	Renmark Paringa Council		9,581
	Municipal Council of Roxby Downs		7,957
	District Council of Robe		6,872
	Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council		6,260
	Tatiara District Council		5,502
	District Council of Elliston		5,499
	The Barossa Council		4,853
	Mid Murray Council		3,285
	Wakefield Regional Council		3,136
	The Flinders Ranges Council		2,742
	Light Regional Council		2,587
	Barunga West Council		2,572
	Regional Council of Goyder		2,384
	Coorong District Council		2,310
	Southern Mallee District Council		1,435
	District Council of Peterborough		1,139
	Adelaide Plains Council		1,025
	District Council of Orroroo Carrieton		937
Business Sustainability Program	Australian Funeral Directors Association, SA/NT	Sustainable Funerals Program, SA	54,000
	Adelaide Central Market Authority	Adelaide Central Market Trader Sustainability Program	50,000
	RDA Yorke and Mid North	Yorke & Mid North Circular Economy Project	50,000
	Distillers SA	A Pathway to Sustainability for the SA Distilling Sector	45,500
	SA Fashion Industry Association	SAFIA Circular Fashion Initiative	45,000
	Heavy Vehicle Industry Australia	Moving Forward Sustainability Program for Heavy Vehicles Industry Australia, SA	44,500
	Festival City Adelaide	Festival City Adelaide: Leading Environmental Sustainability and Responsible Practice 2.0 (Mentoring and Professional Guidance for Sustainability Action Plans)	24,000
	Australian Dental Association SA Branch	Australian Dental Association South Australia Sustainability Program	23,080
	Barossa Australia	Barossa Zero Carbon Glass Wine Bottle & 'Green Gas' Initiative	20,500
	Motor Trade Association SA/NT	Automotive Industry Energy and Electric Vehicle Capability Assessment	15,450
	Adelaide Hills Lawn and Garden	Sustainability Action Plan and Implementation Project	10,000
	Codan	Value Chain Sustainability and Circularity Assessment	10,000
	Farquhar Group	Waste and Circularity Assessment	10,000
	Beyond Bank	Sustainable waste management at Beyond Bank	10,000
	Dorrien Estate Winery	Waste and Energy Efficiency Assessment	10,000
	Vinpac International	Waste and Energy Assessment	10,000
	Silver Fleece	Advancing Circular Manufacturing and Sustainability at Silver Fleece	7,500
	Business Victor Harbor	Fleurieu Region Circular Business Program	3,500
Council Modernisation grants*	City of Charles Sturt	Expansion of weekly FOGO (1,000 dwellings to 12,656) to test alternate opt-out models	85,000

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$ GST Excl
Green Industries SA	City of West Torrens	Master Plan & detailed design of Resource Recovery Centre	72,000
	Mount Barker District Council	Organics collection trial (900 dwellings)	66,910
	Eyre Peninsula Local Govt Association	Contribution to Waste Mgt Coordinator	42,000
	Adelaide Hills Region Waste Mgt Authy	Brinkley assessment for Circular Economy hub	5,980
	Barossa Council	Bin tagging 200 dwellings over 12 months	4,485
	Copper Coast Council	Trailer and public place recycling	3,867
	Adelaide Hills Region Waste Mgt Authy	Brinkley—signage upgrade	3,750
	Kennett	Buildings as Material Banks	90,000
Circular Business and Market Development Grant*	Electronic Recycling Australia	SMART E-Bin to Manage E-Waste with Embedded Batteries and Non-NTCRS E-Waste	73,552
	Iondrive Technologies	Closed Loop Metal Recovery for E-waste Recycling	70,000
	Orora	Returnable Milk Bottles	70,000
	Valley Precise Global	Polymer Economic Recovery Grocery Basket	60,000
	Cercle	Smart Precinct Reuse Project	52,780
	34MJ Pty Ltd	Regional Circular Economy Model for Waste Oils to Low-Carbon Fuels	50,000
	APR Manufacturing	Recycled Polyethylene Pump Stations and Pressurised Sewer Stations	37,750
	Transmutation	Transmutation Accreditation Project Phase 2	31,993
	Fleurieu Milk Company	Milk on Tap—Technology for enhancing circular economy growth	30,000
	CAWRA	Use of Post-Consumer Recycled LOPE in Bin Lids	28,728
	John Holland	PVC Loop	20,000
	Bedford	Melamine Coated Particleboard: Circular Manufacturing Investigation	1,360
	Adelaide Hills Council	To support councils in reducing and preventing food waste being sent to landfill, and diverting to organics processing facilities	90,500
Kerbside Food Waste Systems*	City of Prospect		46,208
	Reginal Council of Goyder		19,670
	Mount Barker District Council		9,450
Total			4,332,824

(\*) Funding was committed prior to 2025-26, with payments to be made over multiple years. The values shown represent commitments to be funded in 2025-26 and may be subject to carryover from 2024-25.

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Green Industries SA:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025- 26, is consistent with previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25, however, the percentage fluctuates due to variations in total expenditure authority over these years:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	0.003%	0.005%	0.009%

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Deputy Chief Executive	SAES2
Director, Circular Economy and Investigations	SAES1
Director, Sustainable Development, Policy and Systems	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$780,000 (excluding on-costs).

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

Since 1 July 2024, there were 2 executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Director, People, Strategy and Performance	SAES1
Director Operations	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$419,635 (excluding on-costs).

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

The total value of the termination payments was \$102,741.14 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority there is a notional budget allocation of approximately \$0.05 million for consultants in 2025-26 and a notional budget allocation of approximately \$2 million for contractors in 2025-26.

These notional budget allocations are based on historical average expenditure and will be subject to change during the 2025-26 financial year in accordance with departmental requirements.

As required in the Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25, information relating to actual expenditure on consultants and contractors in 2025-26, including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-2026 \$'000	2026-2027 \$'000	2027-2028 \$'000	2028-2029 \$'000
Total goods and services	8,925	9,206	9,448	9,704

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Strategic Communications	FTE	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.64
	\$m	0.547	0.555	0.563	0.572
TOTAL	FTE	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.64
	\$m	0.547	0.555	0.563	0.572

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

The Environment Protection Authority does not deliver grant programs or funds where payments are distributed to beneficiaries.

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Environment Protection Authority:

The Environment Protection Authority does not allocate specific budget for the management of remote work infrastructure. All servers that support remote working for the EPA as well as cybersecurity infrastructure are controlled and maintained by the Department for Environment and Water.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department of State Development:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Commercial and Governance	SAES1

As there was only one new executive appointed in the 2024-25 financial year, the total annual employment cost for this appointment will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department of State Development:

Since 1 July 2024, there were no executive positions abolished.

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department of State Development:

The total cost of executive position terminations since 1 July 2024 was \$238,571 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department of State Development:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department of State Development:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$9.934 million.

The following is a list of external consultants for the Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26 for contracts disclosed in accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular 27. Consultancy commitment data is subject to change (pending the provision of commitment data to the Auditor-General on 11 August 2025).

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
David Ian O'Connor	Independent Advisor on matters relating to the establishment of the new Adelaide University.	\$87,778
Professor Craig Trevor Simmons	Independent Advisor to the South Australian government as Chief Scientist.	\$100,000

The following is a list of external contractors for the Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for

2025-26 for contracts disclosed in accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular 27. Contractor commitment data is subject to change (pending the provision of commitment data to the Auditor-General on 11 August 2025).

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
4 <sup>th</sup> Harmonic Pty Ltd	Support to meet defence skills, workforce and supply chain needs.	\$189,613
Clarivate Analytics Australia Pty Ltd	Access to the Web of Services and Incites platform.	\$116,778
Data3# Limited	Ongoing operational requirement for the use of Microsoft's Desktop, Server and MSDN support licences.	\$585,190
Datacom Systems (AU) Pty Ltd	ICT Managed platform services to support DSD ICT infrastructure.	\$496,593
Forest Grove Technologies	Budget management system.	\$80,646

### GOODS AND SERVICES

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**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department of State Development:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

Total goods and services	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
	32,640	28,904	31,722	33,053

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department of State Development:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2027-28 Budget
Strategic Comms and Customer Experience	FTE	13.6	13.6	13.6	13.6
	\$m	1.881	1.909	1.938	1.966
Trade and Investment (incl Brand SA)	FTE	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
	\$m	0.955	0.969	0.984	0.999
TOTAL	FTE	20.6	20.6	20.6	20.6
	\$m	2.836	2.878	2.922	2.965

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department of State Development:

Marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST) and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/governmentmarketing-advertising-expenditure>

### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department of State Development:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds (excluding MOAAs) under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Manufacturing Innovation Grant	Grant program to boost the state's manufacturing industry.	1,200	600	-
General Sir Monash Foundation	Postgraduate scholarships for talented locals to study overseas.	1,000	1,000	1,000
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2023-24 budget measure	To continue supporting the ongoing operations of South Australian based NCRIS facilities.	5,811	4,640	4,112
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2025-26 budget	To continue supporting the ongoing operations of South Australian based NCRIS facilities.	1,048	1,449	3,276

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Support for Italian Language University Programs	To increase enrolments with the grant recipients in Italian language programs.	250	-	-
Grants to the New Adelaide University to Attract International Students	To support the new Adelaide University to attract international students.	10,000	10,000	-
Teaching profession scholarship	To provide \$500k per annum from 2022-23 to offer 400 university scholarships at \$5,000 each to strengthen and diversify the teaching profession in South Australian government schools.	500	-	-
Adelaide Biomed City	To support MTP-IIGC Ltd to undertake the role of External Innovation and Translation Intermediary for the Adelaide BioMed City precinct.	100	-	-
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)	To support South Australian businesses to collaborate with researchers and universities to solve industrial problems, commercialise new products and services and attract research infrastructure investment into the state, as well as to encourage the establishment and growth of start-ups.	10,673	10,695	10,750
SA Young Entrepreneur Scheme (SAYES)	Funding to support the SAYES program which is a business mentoring and learning program designed to help young South Australian entrepreneurs.	190	-	-
Skilled Migration talent and Industry Connection Program	Connecting South Australia's skilled migrants to local networks and employment opportunities.	1,025	-	-
Degree Apprenticeship Pilot Program	To address critical STEM skills shortages in the state's defence industry targeted at entry level talent and mid-career transitions	250	250	-

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Defence Supplier Capability Uplift Program	To increase the supply chain capability of South Australian companies that have identified potential to supply into naval shipbuilding and sustainment programs, and supply chains.	1,500	1,500	-
Defence Industry Connection Program	To support the development of a defence-ready workforce by building in-demand skills, knowledge and experience to address critical skills shortages in the State's defence sector.	975	1,225	-
Regional and Industry Partnerships Program	To support workforce development projects across the Upper Spencer Gulf.	2,000	-	-

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, for any commitments relating to contracts (excluding MOAAs) executed on or before 30 June 2025 and funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer for contracts with a total value of \$200,000 (inclusive GST) and above.

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	Flux Robotics Pty Ltd (No. 2)	Refer purpose of grant program above.	50,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	Empathy Studios Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	195,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	Australian Institute for Machine Learning (AIML)   AIML 2.0 Industrial AI	Refer purpose of grant program above.	4,050,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	Australian Institute for Machine Learning (AIML)   Centre for Responsible AI 2023 (AIML)	Refer purpose of grant program above.	2,250,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	CoilRig Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	250,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	Cabot Knee Balancer Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	100,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	Ping Services	Refer purpose of grant program above.	23,554
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	Financing of Return to Employment Pty Ltd (FORTE)	Refer purpose of grant program above.	2,650,411
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	SmartFem PTY LTD	Refer purpose of grant program above.	120,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	OptiGrid Holdings Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	229,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	Organ Transport Pty Ltd, trading as Vital Organ Technologies (VOT)	Refer purpose of grant program above.	75,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	Stone and Chalk Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	3,022,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	Tribe Global Venture Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	288,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	Addend AI Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	235,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	VAWT-X Energy Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	60,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	Miniprobos Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	400,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	Alyra Biotech Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	300,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	Southern Angels Inc	Refer purpose of grant program above.	60,000

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	Gyratory Roller Solutions Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	297,625
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)*	Southstart Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	1,500,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)	Brandon BioCatalyst (MRCF)	Refer purpose of grant program above.	75,000
Research & Innovation Fund (RIF)	University of Adelaide	Refer purpose of grant program above.	45,000
SA Young Entrepreneur Scheme (SAVES)	The SA Business Chamber	Refer purpose of grant program above.	247,000
Teaching profession scholarship	Flinders University	Refer purpose of grant program above.	175,000
Teaching profession scholarship	University of South Australia	Refer purpose of grant program above.	175,000
Teaching profession scholarship	University of Adelaide	Refer purpose of grant program above.	150,000
Adelaide Biomed City	MTP-IIGC Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	100,000
Support for Italian Language University Programs	University of South Australia and Flinders University	Refer purpose of grant program above.	250,000
Grants to the New Adelaide University to Attract International Students	Adelaide University	Refer purpose of grant program above.	20,000,000

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Manufacturing Innovation Grant Program	Flinders University	Refer purpose of grant program above.	1,700,000
Manufacturing Innovation Grant Program	Belgravia	Refer purpose of grant program above.	100,000
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2023-24 budget measure	Flinders University	Support the Australian National Fabrication Facility.	341,055
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2023-24 budget measure	Flinders University	Support Microscopy Australia.	489,838
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2023-24 budget measure	University of South Australia	Support the Australian National Fabrication Facility.	2,111,103
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2023-24 budget measure	University of South Australia	Support BioPlatforms.	705,886
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2023-24 budget measure	University of South Australia	Support Microscopy Australia.	320,001
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2023-24 budget measure	The University of Adelaide	Support the Australian National Fabrication Facility.	912,000
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2023-24 budget measure	The University of Adelaide	Support Microscopy Australia.	472,681
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2023-24 budget measure	The University of Adelaide	Support the Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network.	1,859,958
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2023-24 budget measure	SA Health & Medical Research	Support the South Australian Genomics Centre.	960,000
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2023-24 budget measure	SA Health & Medical Research	Support the National Imaging Facility.	1,013,337
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2023-24 budget measure	Australian Wine Research Institute Ltd	Support BioPlatforms.	2,037,021

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2023-24 budget measure	The University of Adelaide	Support Australian Plant Phenomics.	1,719,346

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Skilled Migration talent and Industry Connection Program	Australian Migrant Resource Centre	Refer purpose of grant program above.	204,875
Skilled Migration talent and Industry Connection Program	Committee for Adelaide Inc	Refer purpose of grant program above.	112,750
Skilled Migration talent and Industry Connection Program	Community Corporate Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	120,000
Degree Apprenticeship Pilot Program	University Of South Australia	Software Engineering Degree Apprenticeship	150,000
South Australian Defence Industry Connection Program	Australian Industry Group	Refer purpose of grant program above.	240,756
Degree Apprenticeship Pilot Program	Flinders University	Mechanical Engineering Degree Apprenticeship	300,000
Skilled Migration talent and Industry Connection Program	Master Builders Association of South Australia Inc	Refer purpose of grant program above.	300,000
Regional and Industry Partnerships Program	Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula Incorporated	Refer purpose of grant program above.	321,596

\*Contracts executed via SAFA.

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Student Transport Concessions	Payments to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) to recognise the value of transport concessions provided for student travel associated with higher education and VET.	15,017	15,717	16,444

Funding is provided to DIT per the table above, there are no further details regarding the value and beneficiary, or any commitments already made to be funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer.

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (19 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.E. CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy):** I have been advised that for the Department of State Development:

A separate budget was not allocated for remote work. Rather, remote work capabilities are inherently enabled by the department's technology infrastructure and costs managed within existing budgets. This includes the replacement of laptops (over a three-year cycle) as the primary device for staff and cybersecurity measures that account for remote connectivity.

The estimated expenditure for technology related to remote work is approximately 0.1 per cent of the department's budget for the 2025-26 financial year. This is consistent with previous years.

#### PUBLIC TRANSPORT BUSES

In reply to **the Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining):** I have been advised of the following:

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport has not purchased any second-hand buses in the last three financial years up to 30 June 2025.

**REGIONAL ROADS**

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining):** I have been advised of the following:

Approximately \$610 million was spent on regional roads in 2024-25.

**EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining):** The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises that since 1 July 2024, one new executive appointment was made, with a further appointment to a vacant position in the existing structure.

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

**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining):** The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises, since 1 July 2024, there was one executive position abolished.

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

**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining):** The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises there has been one executive position terminated since 1 July 2024. The disclosure of the cost of that termination would be an unreasonable release of personal information.

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining):** I have been advised that for the Department for Infrastructure and Transport:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining):** The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises as required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements, information relating to estimated costs on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in the relevant annual reports published by agencies.

**GOODS AND SERVICES**

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining):** The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises the budgeted expenditure (GST exclusive) on goods and services for the financial year 2025-2026, is as follows:

	2025-26
	\$'000
Total goods and services	711 721

These budgets are subject to change during normal budget processes throughout the year and represent operating related expenditure only.

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining):** The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) advises, as an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST) and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns are disclosed on the DPC website.

**GRANT PROGRAMS**

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining):** The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advise that the following table outlines the grant program/funds for the 2025-2026 financial year—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-2026 Estimate \$000
<b>Infrastructure and Transport</b>		
Whyalla Airport Upgrade	To upgrade the Whyalla Airport to ensure aviation services can continue following the replacement of Qantas aircrafts.	11 500
South Australian Transport Subsidy Scheme	Taxi subsidies payable to individuals with limited mobility.	10 724
Country and Provincial Concessions	For passengers eligible to travel at concessional rates.	4 794
Kangaroo Island Maintenance Project	To conduct construction works to upgrade specified unsealed roads on Kangaroo Island.	3 730
Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program Stage 7 & Bridge Renewal Program Stage 5	Grants from the Commonwealth to local councils in relation to productivity and safety improvement projects on the local government road network and Bridge Renewal Program. These are administered by DIT on behalf of the Commonwealth.	5 406
Regional Level Crossing Upgrade Program	This program is intended to fund programs to make railway crossings safer in regional areas.	1 508
South Australian Boating Facility Advisory Committee	To establish and improve recreational boating facilities in South Australia's coastal and inland waters.	1 310
National Transport Commission	To contribute to the national road, rail and intermodal transport reform agenda.	681
Car Club Grants	Enable clubs to host bigger and better events and get more South Australians involved.	500

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-2026 Estimate \$000
Freight SA	To support the South Australian Freight Council.	459
Overland Rail Subsidy	Subsidy to support the continued running of the Overland train service between Adelaide and Melbourne.	350
Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program (RAUP)	To fund works on Round 10 of the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program.	339
Cost Of Living Package	Cost-of-Living relief through direct financial support to disadvantaged South Australians.	154
KESAB Road Watch Program	To support delivery of the road watch program.	91
Rail Industry Safety and Standards Board (RISSB)	Funding for the RISSB.	49
Local Government Association (LGA)	Contribution to LGA Mutual Liability Scheme Aerodrome Risk Management Programme for the provision of services to councils and outback areas.	46

Note: the Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises that the grant programs beyond 2025-26, are subject to approval through future state budget processes.

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

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
Infrastructure and Transport			
Whyalla Airport Upgrade	Whyalla City Council	To upgrade the Whyalla Airport to ensure aviation services can continue following the replacement of Qantas aircrafts.	11 500
South Australian Transport Subsidy Scheme	Community	Taxi subsidies payable to individuals with limited mobility	10 724
Kangaroo Island Maintenance Project	Kangaroo Island Council	The conduct of construction works to upgrade specified unsealed roads.	3 730
Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program	Multiple councils	Grants from the Commonwealth to local councils in relation to productivity and safety improvement projects on the local government road network. These are administered by DIT on behalf of the Commonwealth.	3 040
	Coorong District Council	Carcuma Road Upgrade – Stage 2B.	1 783

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program – Stage 7	Light Regional Council	Road Widening, Mudla Wirra Road, Kangaroo Flat.	1 626
Bridges Renewal Program – Stage 5	Light Regional Council	Road Widening, Argent Road, Kingsford.	76
	District Council of Mount Remarkable	Reconstruction and Widening of Appilla Spring Bridge, Appilla.	1 120
	Alexandrina Council	Upgrade of Wickham Hill Road bridge, Kuitpo.	600
	District Council of Mount Remarkable	Reconstruction of the Port Germein Road bridge, Port Germein.	298
	District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	Construction of Flinders Highway bridge, Hawson.	235
Regional Level Crossing Upgrade Program	Australian Rail Track Corporation, Northern Areas Council and Flinders Ranges Council.	The program is intended to fund programs to make railway crossings safer in regional areas.	1 508
South Australian Boating Facility Advisory Committee	Whyalla City Council	Whyalla Boat Ramp.	575
Car Club Grants	SA Car Clubs	Enable clubs to host bigger and better events and get more South Australians involved.	500
Overland Rail Subsidy	Great Southern Rail	Subsidy to support the continued running of the Overland train service between Adelaide and Melbourne.	350
Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program	Council of Lower Eyre for Port Lincon Airport.	To fund works on Round 10 of the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program.	339
Freight SA: Strategy and Grant	SA Freight Council Inc	To advise on freight enhancement opportunities and develop a freight and supply chain strategy based on the principles developed in the national action plan by the Transport and Infrastructure Council.	250
Keep South Australia Beautiful (KESAB) Road Watch Program	Not-For-Profit (NFP) KESAB	Delivery of the Road Watch Program.	91
Rail Industry Safety and Standards Board (RISSB)	RISSB	Funding for RISSB.	49
Local Government Association Grant	Multiple councils	Contribution to Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme Aerodrome Risk Management Programme for the provision of services to councils and outback areas.	46

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-2026 financial year—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000
<b>Infrastructure and Transport</b>		
Thriving Suburbs	Commonwealth funded grants on-passed to local government entities and incorporated not-for-profit organisations for capital works that enhance liveability, strengthen social cohesion and support local amenity in in urban, suburban and pre-urban communities.	23 601
Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program	Commonwealth funded grants on-passed to recipients to provide transformative investment in urban precincts that grow economies and support local communities.	23 103
Growing Regions	Commonwealth funded grants on-passed to local government entities and incorporated not-for-profit organisations for capital works that enhance liveability, bolster social cohesion and support local amenity throughout South Australia's regions.	11 438
Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program	Commonwealth funded grants on-passed to recipients to provide transformative investment in urban precincts that grow economies and support local communities.	1 420
Catchment Management Subsidy Scheme	Flood mitigation	112

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining):** The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises that the department has an annual program allocation of \$220,000 in 2025-26, towards remote work infrastructure, digital tools, cybersecurity and support services.

In 2024-25, the department spent \$549,000 towards remote work infrastructure, digital tools, cybersecurity and support services.

The amounts are not allocated between remote work infrastructure and other infrastructure, including digital tools, cybersecurity and support services.

This practice is consistent with previous years.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining):** I have been advised that for the Department for Energy and Mining (DEM), as required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining):** The Department for Energy and Mining advises as required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements, information relating to estimated costs on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in the relevant annual reports published by agencies.

#### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining):** The Department for Energy and Mining, advises the budgeted expenditure (GST exclusive) on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26, is as follows:

	2025-26
	\$'000
Total goods and services	41 681

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining):** The Department for Energy and Mining (DEM) advises, as an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST) and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns are disclosed on the DPC website.

**REMOTE WORK**

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining):** The Department for Energy and Mining advises it does not allocate between remote work infrastructure and other infrastructure, including digital tools, cybersecurity and support services.

**REPORT ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised of the following:

The Report on Government Services (RoGS) data is publicly available online and that the following relates to the South Australian figure and the national average

	SA (e)	Aust
Number of investigations completed from notifications date		
28 days or fewer	29.3	16.7
Proportion of investigations completed from commencement date		
28 days or fewer	44.7	29.6

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND RECOVERY HUBS**

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised of the following:

The Northern Hub has been operational since 22 May 2024. As of June 2025, the Northern Hub co-located services include Women's Safety Services SA (WSSSA) and SAPOL. Outreach services are provided by the Legal Services Commission and a Centrelink.

Data provided from the Northern Hub from 1 June 2024 to 31 March 2025 shows:

- 100 per cent of services provided were for women.
- 45 per cent of people that accessed a service reported they had children.
- 24 per cent of people that accessed a service were:
  - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people;
  - People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; or
  - Older women (aged 65+).

The above data does not include client-level data from SAPOL services provided at the Northern Hub.

The Southern Hub has been operational since December 2023. As of June 2025, the Southern Hub co-located services include Cedar Health Services, Domestic and Family Violence Healthcare provider; Yarrow Place, Rape and Sexual Assault Service; Women's Legal Services and Community Legal Services.

Data provided from the Southern Hub from 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2025 shows:

- Approximately 99 per cent of services provided were for women.
- 57 per cent of people that accessed a service reported they had children.
- 21 per cent of people that accessed a service were:
  - Living with a disability;

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander;
- From culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds;
- Older people (65+) or
- Women at risk of imprisonment or exiting imprisonment.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Office for Women and the Office for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence within the Department of Human Services:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Office for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence	SAES1

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Office for Women and the Office for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence within the Department of Human Services:

Since 1 July 2024, no executive positions were abolished.

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Office for Women and the Office for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence within the Department of Human Services:

The total value of the termination payments was \$0.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Office for Women within the Department of Human Services:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Office for Women within the Department of Human Services:

As at 10 July 2025, an estimated total of \$433,482 (GST exclusive) has been committed for contractor expenditure in 2025-26. No expenditure has been committed for consultants in 2025-26.

#### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that in relation to the Women, Equality and Domestic Violence Prevention Program within the Department of Human Services:

The Agency Statements provide the Women, Equality and Domestic Violence Prevention Program within the Department of Human Services budgeted for supplies and services for 2025-26.

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that, as the Office for Women and the Office for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence are divisions of the Department of Human Services (DHS), any communication and promotion activities are provided by the broader department.

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Office for Women and the Office for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence within the Department of Human Services:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details of \$55,000 or more are proactively disclosed.

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Office for Women and the Office for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence within the Department of Human Services:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of Grant Program/Fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Women, Equality and Domestic Violence Prevention	Program supports the full and equal participation of women in the social and economic life of the state. Priorities include implementing strategies to address and prevent family, domestic and sexual violence; striving for equality for women in every aspect of life; and increasing women's economic participation and leadership.	45,038

The 2025-26 estimate will differ from the Agency Statement due to the allocation of corporate overheads for presentational purposes in the published statements.

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

Beneficiary	Total Contract Value (GST ex)
Alexandrina Council	571,196
Australian Refugee Association Inc	185,696
Australian Refugee Association Inc	1,837,681
Australian Refugee Association Inc	1,171,285
Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	1,005,826
Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	1,813,247
Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc for and on behalf of Centacare Catholic Community Services	533,533
Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc for and on behalf of Centacare Catholic Community Services	326,359
Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc for and on behalf of Centacare Catholic Community Services	565,856
Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc for and on behalf of Centacare Catholic Community Services	326,359
Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc for and on behalf of Centacare Catholic Community Services	496,339
Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc for and on behalf of Centacare Catholic Community Services	326,402
Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc for and on behalf of Centacare Catholic Community Services	557,779

Beneficiary	Total Contract Value (GST ex)
Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	88,923
Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	300,254
Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	1,008,291
Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	463,015
Community Justice Services SA Ltd	751,299
Community Transitions	594,000
Community Transitions	445,260
Community Transitions	1,470,000
Community Transitions	2,421,677
First Nations Healing Inc.	302,636
First Nations Healing Inc.	783,522
First Nations Healing Inc.	1,499,859
First Nations Healing Inc.	2,750,347
Gawler Community House	517,953
Junction Australia Ltd	321,969
Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	1,039,180
Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	1,180,797
Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	290,671
Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	1,027,333
Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	495,488
Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	2,225,320
Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	3,295,960
Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	327,839
Mount Barker Family House Inc	565,239
Multicultural Youth South Australia Incorporated	722,438
Murray Bridge Community Centre Incorporated	305,254
Neami Limited	9,886,948
Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (Aboriginal Corporation)	293,346
Power Community Ltd	414,072
Power Community Ltd	150,000
Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	3,283,660
Sexual Health Information Networking & Education SA Inc (SHINE SA)	435,341
Sexual Health Information Networking & Education SA Inc (SHINE SA)	318,587
The Trustee for The Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust	325,885
Thorne Harbour Health Ltd	189,697
Uniting Country SA Ltd	315,064
Uniting Country SA Ltd	328,790
Uniting Country SA Ltd	315,064
Uniting Country SA Ltd	548,507
Women's Emergency Services Coalition of South Australia Incorporated	1,107,676
Women's Safety Services (South Australia) Ltd	115,996
Women's Safety Services (South Australia) Ltd	255,000
Women's Safety Services (South Australia) Ltd	698,080
Women's Safety Services (South Australia) Ltd	1,207,334
Women's Safety Services (South Australia) Ltd	331,771
Women's Safety Services (South Australia) Ltd	1,188,027
Women's Safety Services (South Australia) Ltd	5,887,733
Women's Safety Services (South Australia) Ltd	800,254
Women's Safety Services (South Australia) Ltd	2,086,705
Women's Safety Services (South Australia) Ltd	1,185,526
Women's Safety Services (South Australia) Ltd	4,318,275
Women's Safety Services (South Australia) Ltd	2,684,303
Women's Safety Services (South Australia) Ltd	98,469,190
Working Women's Centre SA Incorporated	4,707,139
Yarredi Services Incorporated	133,384
Yarredi Services Incorporated	311,214
Yarredi Services Incorporated	542,996
Zahra Foundation Australia Pty Ltd	306,500
Zahra Foundation Australia Pty Ltd	1,096,823

Note—The table above incorporates grant funding and not-for-profit funded services agreements but excludes fee for service contracts. The values do not include any indexation amounts that may be payable under the contract.

**REMOTE WORK**

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Office for Women within the Department of Human Services:

There is no specific budget allocated for the management of remote work infrastructure.

**EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made to new positions:

Role Title	Classification
Executive Director, Out of Home Care	SAES2
Chief Practitioner	SAES2
Executive Director, Aboriginal Policy and Services	SAES2
Directors x4	SAES1

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

**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection:

Since 1 July 2024, there was one executive position abolished.

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

**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection:

The total value of the termination payments was \$560,124 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25, information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors with a cost above \$10,000, including the vendor total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in the annual report published by agencies.

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection:

The estimated cost for engagement of consultants is \$338,000 with the total cost for contractors for the same period estimated \$1,824,978.

**GOODS AND SERVICES**

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection:

The 2025-26 Agency Statements provide the Department for Child Protection's budget for supplies and services for 2025-26.

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26.

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget
Strategic Communications	FTE	8.8
	\$m	1.25
TOTAL	FTE	8.8
	\$m	1.25

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST) and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

**GRANT PROGRAMS**

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds for the 2025-26 financial year:

Grant program/fund name	2025-26 Estimate \$000
Wakwakurna Kanyini – for South Australian Aboriginal Children and Families	969.0
Child and Family Welfare Association of SA	281.6
Raising Literacy Australia	203.0
The Reily Foundation	129.7
University of SA (Australian Centre for Child Protection)	60.0
Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN)	15.0
Healthy Development Adelaide (University of Adelaide)	5.6

**REMOTE WORK**

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence):** I have been advised that for the Department for Child Protection:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is approximately half of 1 per cent.

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

In reply to **Mrs HURN (Schubert)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised of the following:

Formal consultations with WCHN staff commenced Monday, 4 August 2025, continuing the extensive and ongoing clinical consultation on the bigger and better hospital.

**ELECTIVE SURGERY**

In reply to **Mrs HURN (Schubert)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised of the following:

- 53,091 admissions were undertaken in public hospitals.
- 6,901 admissions were undertaken in private hospitals.

Please note, these figures may adjust due to coding and data amendments.

**NURSE STAFFING LEVELS**

In reply to **Mrs HURN (Schubert)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised of the following:

Between 31 May 2024–31 May 2025, 2,023 nurses left SA Health.

During the same period, 3,820 nurses were appointed across SA Health.

**SA HEALTH STAFF**

In reply to **Mrs HURN (Schubert)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised of the following:

Between 31 May 2024—31 May 2025, 570 medical officers left SA Health.

During the same period, 1,041 medical officers were appointed across SA Health.

**SA HEALTH VACANCIES**

In reply to **Mrs HURN (Schubert)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised of the following:

Local health networks are responsible for setting and monitoring the full-time equivalent (FTE) requirements for their respective network.

This includes the careful monitoring of vacancies and ensuring that these positions are filled in a timely manner.

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

In reply to **Mrs HURN (Schubert)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised of the following:

In late 2023, it was anticipated that construction of the New Women's and Children's Hospital car park was due to commence in the second quarter of 2024 and was scheduled for completion in early 2027.

In early 2024, a combination of temporary services and authorities work connected to the SAPOL relocation, and procurement processes through the new year period, delayed the commencement of construction.

Works on the car park commenced in September 2024 and continues to progress ahead of schedule, projecting a shorter build time than initially anticipated. The project team are working closely with Lendlease to continue to bring this timeframe earlier into 2027, noting that the completion of the new car park will have no bearing on the timeframe for the new hospital build. The scope and timing of the central energy plant (CEP) is currently in development in parallel with the concept design effort that is currently underway. A review of the design and any updates to the documentation will be undertaken by the scope 2 architect and engineers to ensure the CEP meets the demands and

requirements of the hospital. The CEP construction and completion will be in line with the new hospital and will be completed by 2031.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mrs HURN (Schubert)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised:

There is no change in executive position numbers since July 2024, with 170 approved executive positions, taking into consideration resignations, abolishment of roles and terminations.

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$17,498,671 (excluding on-costs).

Additionally, there are three statutory positions reporting to the minister, which are not included in executive appointment numbers:

- Chief Psychiatrist
- Mental Health Commissioner
- Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mrs HURN (Schubert)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised:

From 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, there were seven (7) executive positions abolished.

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$1,371,828 (excluding on-costs).

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mrs HURN (Schubert)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised:

The total value of the termination payments was \$222,646, which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mrs HURN (Schubert)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised that for the SA Health portfolio:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mrs HURN (Schubert)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised that for the SA Health portfolio:

It is not possible to provide an estimate of the total cost for consultants and contractors in 2025-26.

#### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mrs HURN (Schubert)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurua—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised:

The requested information is in the 2025-26 state budget papers.

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mrs HURN (Schubert)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurana—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised that for the Health and Wellbeing portfolio:

The total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 is detailed in table one below.

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch	FTE	\$
DHW	11.67	1,370,000
BHFLHN	3	323,000
CALHN	10.0	894,000
CEIH	1	128,000
EFNLHN	2	207,000
FUNLHN	2	180,000
LCLHN	2.1	234,000
NALHN	4.6	572,000
Preventative Health SA	3	376,000
RMCLHN	2	233,000
RSS	2	232,000
SA Ambulance Service	4.2	463,000
SALHN	6.8	766,000
WCHN	7.5	985,000
YNLHN	2.1	246,000

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mrs HURN (Schubert)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurana—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised that for the SA Health portfolio:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST) and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mrs HURN (Schubert)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurana—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised:

At the time of the 2025-26 state budget, the overall budgeted expenditure for grants for each department and agency reporting to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing is \$42,943,000.

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mrs HURN (Schubert)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurana—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised:

It is not possible to delineate the management of remote work infrastructure from the overall budget for the management of other network infrastructure, digital tools, cybersecurity, and support services.

#### PSYCHIATRISTS

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurana—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised of the following:

There were 14 psychiatrists employed by the South Australian government, consisting of nine consultant psychiatrists and five trainee psychiatrists.

#### DROUGHT, MENTAL HEALTH

In reply to **Ms PRATT (Frome)** (20 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.J. PICTON (Kaurana—Minister for Health and Wellbeing):** I have been advised of the following:

The non-government organisations across the state who are providing additional mental health support as part of the drought relief package are:

- Centacare (with KWY)
- Mind Australia
- Skylight and
- Uniting SA.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

	Public Servant
30 June 2025	9
30 June 2024	8
30 June 2023	9
30 June 2022	5

#### WORKFORCE SUMMARY

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The difference is a combination of estimates versus actual and increases in staff based on budget changes.

#### WORKFORCE SUMMARY

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

It is reflective of staff vacancies and an estimated increase in staff relating to budget changes impacting on 2024-25 financial year.

#### NON-TEACHING STAFF VACANCIES

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

As at 8 July 2025 the Department for Education had 17 corporate vacancies and 16 non-teaching vacancies within schools.

Outside of schools, as at 4 July 2025, there were 379 non-teaching vacancies. This is point in time data which doesn't reflect any recruitment processes that are underway.

#### SPECIAL AUTHORITIES TO TEACH

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

As at 6 June 2025 (date of best available data) the number of special authorities to teach (SATs) in country and metropolitan areas were 145, with 76 per cent in country and 24 per cent in metropolitan regions.

Country / Metro SATs as at 6 June 2025

Year	Dept for Education Contract SATs (number)	Country %	Metro %
2021	31	71%	29%
2022	96	49%	51%
2023	159	58%	42%
2024	198	64%	36%
2025	145	76%	24%

#### PRINCIPAL RECRUITMENT

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

As at 20 June 2025 (date of best available data), there were six sites currently advertising to recruit a principal—these sites have an acting principal in place.

#### RIGHT OF RETURN

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

School Year	Right of Return Exercised
2025	45
2024	41
2023	40
2022	55
2021	65

#### SCHOOLS SPECIALIST TEACHERS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The Specialist Teacher Workforce Plan is focused on six in-demand subject areas: maths, science, english, languages, the arts and design and technology.

For 2025, the highest vacancy rates were in the specialist subject areas english and maths.

#### TEACHER RECRUITMENT

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

There are six positions that have been identified as being advertised unsuccessfully for the past consecutive three years.

#### TEACHER RECRUITMENT

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

In 2022, there were 12,184 permanent teachers employed by the Department for Education. At that time, to increase this number by 10 per cent, there would need to be 1,218 additional permanent teachers. Between 2022 and 2025, more than 1,800 teachers have been converted to permanency, thus exceeding this target.

Schools and preschools across the system have since been rapidly converting temporary contract teachers to ongoing, with significant uplift achieving approximately 230 per cent increase in the rate of teacher conversions, from around 200 per year prior to the election, to approximately 700 per year currently.

Of those being converted to permanent, nearly 50 per cent are younger teachers under the age of 30, and one-third have been working on a contract for over five years, demonstrating that the intent of the commitment (supporting younger teachers and creating job certainty) has been met.

Department employee permanency numbers and rates are published annually in the second half of the year on the department's website (workforce datasets and profiles.)

#### NEW NORTHERN SCHOOL

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The demand analysis relating to the establishment of the new northern school is held within the business case that was prepared for the purpose of informing a proposal for consideration by cabinet.

#### DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The table below provides a breakdown of the Department for Education's approved investing budget expenditure across the forward estimates (2025-26 to 2028-29). This table excludes annual programs and leases.

The figures provided may not reflect the budgeted total cost for each project. Costs incurred prior to the forward estimates and/or budgeted expenditure outside of the forward estimates have been excluded.

Project	Total (\$'000)
Bellevue Heights Primary School	7,200
Brahma Lodge Kindergarten	5,052
Early Childhood Education and Care – 3-year-old preschool infrastructure	9,024
Elsie Ey Children's Centre	900
Escalations	7,628
Fairview Park Primary School	10,000
Fraser Park Primary School	10,000
Fregon Anangu School	12,465
Fulham Gardens Primary School	1,000
Hackham West Children's Centre	4,288
Kapunda High School	6,738
Le Fevre High School	3,700
Local school infrastructure upgrades	9,209
Meningie Area School	8,915
Modular Buildings	16,000
Mount Barker High School	8,700
Mount Barker new preschool and primary school	55,700
Mount Gambier High School	5,400
New B-6 school in northern metropolitan Adelaide	26,000
New Projects	333
New technical colleges	41,191
Northern suburbs new secondary school	154,679
Oakbank School	15,600
Pimpala Primary School	4,382
Plympton International College	12,346
Relocation of Kingston Early Learning Centre	3,300
Seaview Downs Primary School	4,961
Site Funded Works	3,600
Surrey Downs Primary School	16,100
Sustaining Existing Assets	40,000
Taparra Primary School	8,000
Two Wells Community Children's Centre	2,815
Two Wells Primary School	10,000
Upper Sturt Primary School	6,748
Virginia Primary School and Preschool	13,615
Yahl Primary School	500
Grand Total	546,089

#### FINDON TECHNICAL COLLEGE

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

According to February census data, enrolments at Findon High School that are not part of the Technical College have increased since the Findon Technical College opened. In 2024, 15 students from Findon High School enrolled in the Technical College and in 2025, 12 students from Findon High School enrolled in the Technical College.

#### **MOUNT GAMBIER TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Engagement with schools across the Limestone Coast is progressing well. Schools are actively carrying out career counselling and applications to the technical college are on track. Enrolments will be confirmed over the coming semester in line with program timelines.

#### **TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Technical Colleges Staffing

Each technical college has its own staffing model. The Port Augusta Technical College has 11 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.

#### **CURRICULUM STAFFING**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The South Australian Curriculum for public education is the department's implementation framework for the Australian Curriculum version 9.0.

The South Australian Curriculum for public education framework delivers the Australian Curriculum content while also supporting teachers to design learning, teaching, and assessment that is in line with our purpose; and helps teachers to understand what they might prioritise and apply across the curriculum, including in real-world contexts.

Staff within curriculum and learning are undertaking this work which would have been required had the department adopted the Australian Curriculum Version 9.0 without modifications.

#### **ACTING DIRECTOR POSITIONS**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

As of 23 June 2025, there are 37 preschool director positions filled in an acting capacity.

Year (as at 30 Aug)	Number
2022	53
2023	55
2024	67

#### **PRESCHOOL STAFFING**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The department does track retention rates of preschool staff. Retention rate percentages as at January each year are:

- January 2025—89 per cent derived retention rate
- January 2024—84 per cent derived retention rate
- January 2023—89 per cent derived retention rate.

\*The derived retention rate is calculated using the proportion of employees active at the current snapshot date who were employed at the equivalent snapshot date 12 months prior.

#### **EDUCATOR TO CHILD RATIOS**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The ESB is restricted by section 273 of the Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 in the information that can be released in relation to Show Cause Notices, Prohibition Notices and Enforceable Undertakings. The ESB proactively publishes compliance information that is in the public interest and lawful to release on its website at [www.esb.sa.gov.au/early-childhood/compliance-and-enforcement](http://www.esb.sa.gov.au/early-childhood/compliance-and-enforcement).

#### EDUCATION RECRUITMENT

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):**

The recruitment process for the appointment of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the SACE Board incurred total costs amounting to \$37,330 (excluding GST).

#### RENEWING CONTRACTS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The change from three to five year renewals has skewed the data. The average for the previous three years is 1,471.

#### FEE-FREE TAFE

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

As of 27 June 2025, TAFE SA has recorded 18,668 enrolments across all fee-free TAFE (FFT) programs since the initiative began in 2023.

FFT is designed to make education and training accessible to students who may otherwise be unable to afford vocational education. Tranches 1 and 2 of FFT were launched on January 2023 and January 2024 respectively. These agreements primarily focused on general training places for students across priority sectors who receive no employer support to cover course fees.

In October 2024, the fee-free TAFE in Construction (FFTC) program was agreed between the South Australian and Australian governments to provide fee-free TAFE places in critical construction skills in South Australia. A total of 1,340 places have been allocated for FFTC in 2025-26.

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

	Preschool Director (PD)	Ancillary Staff [Early Childhood Workers] (ANC)	Teachers (TCHR)	Other Leaders (OL)	Allied Health Professionals (AHP)
2022 (30 Aug)	336 (271.87 FTE)	1444 (644.60 FTE)	812 (520.21 FTE)	14 (11.80 FTE)	n/a
2023 (30 Aug)	337 (271.65 FTE)	1524 (705.1 FTE)	928 (583.56 FTE)	12 (11 FTE)	n/a
2024 (30 Aug)	341 (280.1 FTE)	1403 (618.82 FTE)	851 (542.38 FTE)	18 (14.5 FTE)	n/a
2025 (24 June)	349 (286.27 FTE)	1379 (601.36 FTE)	862 (543.3 FTE)	20 (17 FTE)	59

\*Nil data for AHP for 2024, 2023 and 2022.

There was a one-off increase in enrolments in 2023 due to the introduction of mid-year intake, this resulted in an increase in teachers and educators employed with the department.

#### DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

As with principal roles, preschool director roles are filled for fixed-terms. Therefore the Department for Education does not permanently appoint people to preschool director roles.

Most current preschool directors hold right of return to a permanent teaching position and are temporarily appointed to leadership contracts.

#### TAFE SA

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

In 2025-26, TAFE SA is targeting growth of 6.4 per cent in the number of new apprentices and trainees enrolments, compared to the number of new apprentice and trainee enrolments in 2024-25. The targeted growth in areas of skills shortage is being supported through a number of measures, including the fee-free TAFE in construction program implemented by the federal and state governments in January 2025, where this cohort of students will have access to free training across critical skills for South Australia.

Financial Year	Apprentice/Trainee Headcount	% in a Priority Cohort
FY 2018-19	6,921	84%
FY 2019-20	6,826	86%
FY 2020-21	7,771	84%
FY 2021-22	8,084	85%
FY 2022-23	8,084	85%
FY 2023-24	8,471	87%

#### TAFE SA

In reply to **the Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

TAFE SA have 37 elected Health and Safety Representatives.

Campus	Health and Safety Representatives
AC Arts	2
Adelaide	6
APY Lands	1
Barossa Valley	2
Berri	2
Elizabeth	1
Gilles Plains	3
Mt Barker	2
Noarlunga	1
Port Pirie	1
Regency	7
Salisbury	2
Tea Tree Gully	1
Tonsley	5
Urrbrae	1

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the Office for Early Childhood Development:

No executive appointments have been made since 1 July 2024.

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the Office for Early Childhood Development:

No executive positions have been abolished since 1 July 2024.

**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the Office for Early Childhood Development:

No executive positions terminations have occurred since 1 July 2024.

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the Office for Early Childhood Development:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-2025, information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the Office for Early Childhood Development:

All planned procurement and contracted providers above \$55,000 are published on Procurement SA Procurement Activity Reporting System (PARS) in accordance with the South Australian Procurement Framework and guidelines.

Any expenditure associated with consultants or contractors for 2025-26 would be part of the supplies and services budget outlined in the 2025-26 Agency Statements, Volume 1, page 203.

Due to the nature of the being a steward for the early childhood sector and responsible for a complex reform agenda, business needs and contractor usage are evolving and informed by reform planning, procurement outcomes, emerging sector requirements and co-design recommendations. Subsequently, these are not able to be quantified in advance.

The details of all contractors and consultants that were engaged in the 2024-25 financial year above \$10,000 will be published in the Office for Early Childhood Development's 2024-25 annual report, reflecting the annual reporting nature of this information.

**GOODS AND SERVICES**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the Office for Early Childhood Development:

2025-26 Goods & Services \$'000	2026-27 Goods & Services \$'000	2027-28 Goods & Services \$'000	2028-29 Goods & Services \$'000
\$72,172	\$111,675	\$134,179	\$143,041

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the Office for Early Childhood Development:

The following resources have been budgeted to provide communication and promotion activities required to deliver on the early childhood reform.

Financial Year	FTE	Budget \$'000
2025-26	8	1,062
2026-27	8	1,079
2027-28	6	799
2028-29	6	812

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the Office for Early Childhood Development:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website:

<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the Office for Early Childhood Development:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—for Administered items:

Grant program/ fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Workforce Strategy	Help build and support local early childhood workforces in preparation for the 3-year-old preschool from 2026	4,776	6,529	5,261
Words Grow Minds	Community-based campaign to parents of young children about the ways to best support their child's development in the first 1000 days of life.	1,025	1,051	1,077
Infrastructure Grants	Grants for infrastructure projects that increase preschool capacity and to create infrastructure for integrated hubs.	13,754	14,300	13,960
Child Health and Development Checks	Checks for children from birth to 5-years old.	1,250	1,250	1,250
Flying Start Preschool funding program (new 3- and 4-year-old program)	Providing a quality Preschool Program including supporting the roll-out of 3-year-old preschool.	18,867	55,956	82,994

#### Workforce Strategy

Flying Start Workforce Grants will support the establishment of workforce attraction initiatives in regional rural and hard-to-staff areas.

Flying Start Professional Network Grants will support early childhood professionals, allied health and community services professionals, to connect and collaborate on improving early childhood education and care outcomes.

Qualify SA Scholarship program provides financial support to South Australian residents commencing or already enrolled in an eligible birth to five early childhood qualification.

Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	2025-26 to 2027-28 Value \$000
SNAICC—National Voice for our Children	Flying Start Workforce	100
Kadina Child Care Centre	Flying Start Workforce	95
Riverland Early Learning Centre- 17th Street	Flying Start Workforce	96
Goodstart Early Learning (Mount Gambier)	Flying Start Workforce	32
Port Augusta City Council	Flying Start Workforce	100
Saddleworth Early Learning Centre	Flying Start Workforce	11

Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	2025-26 to 2027-28 Value \$000
Goodstart Early Learning (Outer North)	Flying Start Workforce	60
Tauondi Aboriginal Corporation	Flying Start Professional Network	185
Community Early Learning Australia (CELA)—Outer southern suburbs, Fleurieu Peninsula	Flying Start Professional Network	57
Community Early Learning Australia (CELA)—Yorke Peninsula, Eyre Peninsula, Outback	Flying Start Professional Network	57
Community Early Learning Australia (CELA)—Murraylands, Riverland, Limestone Coast	Flying Start Professional Network	57
Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North	Flying Start Professional Network	53
Department for Education: Mt Gambier 2, SECAV Partnership	Flying Start Professional Network	51
Trinity College Gawler	Flying Start Professional Network	37
Lady Gowrie Child Centre Incorporated	Flying Start Professional Network	36
Kalaya Children's Centre	Flying Start Professional Network	34
Enhance Barossa Mental Health Incorporated	Flying Start Professional Network	33
Aldinga Beach Children's Centre	Flying Start Professional Network	32
Kozy Kids	Flying Start Professional Network	32
Montessori Management and Mentoring	Flying Start Professional Network	20
The Busy Group	Administer the Qualify SA Scholarship Program	7,885

#### Words Grow Minds

Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	2025-26 to 2027-28 Value \$000
Raising Literacy Australia	Community-based statewide campaign until 30/06/2030	3,153

#### Infrastructure

Flying Start Infrastructure Grants Program invests in additional capacity for preschool through co-investment into infrastructure projects to expand existing facilities or new builds offering preschool integrated with long day care. No beneficiaries/recipients have been awarded for the period. Stage 2—detailed application of the grant process is currently underway with round 1 grants anticipated to be awarded by the end of 2025.

Integrated hubs will offer a preschool program of up to 30 hours a week for three-year-olds and four-year olds, bringing together preschool with other health, wellbeing an education offerings. Infrastructure grants will support the establishment of integrated hubs infrastructure requirements.

Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	2025-26 to 2027-28 Value \$000
Goodstart Early Learning Ltd	Integrated hub infrastructure grant	500

#### Child Health and Development Checks

Nil grant recipients awarded as at the date of this request.

three-year-old preschool funding program

For three-year-old preschool the funding will be based on enrolments, along with a mix of set contributions and budget allocations as per the Policy and Funding Guide published on 22 May 2025.

Approved funding agreement recipients (early childhood education service providers) are published on the OECD website <https://www.earlychildhood.sa.gov.au/preschool-finder/search>.

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the Office for Early Childhood Development:

No budget has been allocated specifically for the management of remote work infrastructure.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the TAFE SA:

TAFE SA made 14 appointments to SAES roles in 2024/2025, which included reappointments, the filling of existing vacancies, as well as the realignment of roles in accordance with a new executive structure. In 2024/25 TAFE SA's total number of SAES roles is 31, compared to 29 in 2023/24.

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the TAFE SA:

Since 1 July 2024, there has been no reduction to the number of budgeted executive positions.

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for TAFE SA:

Nil—there were no executive terminations from their contracts in 2024/25

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for TAFE SA:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024–2025 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

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**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the TAFE SA:

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#### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the TAFE SA:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025–26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025–26	2026–27	2027–28	2028–29
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	\$83,334	\$72,128	\$59,805	\$61,301

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the TAFE SA:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and across the forward estimates.

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
TOTAL	FTE	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.7
	\$m	\$2.94	\$2.98	\$3.02	\$3.08

\*This is made up of one FTE in TAFE SA's Early Childhood and Care Centre of Excellence, and one FTE in TAFE SA's Skills Education and Employment program.

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the TAFE SA:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
TAFESA				
Study Adelaide	Funding provided to Study Adelaide to promote Adelaide as an International study destination and in partnership with institutions, to grow South Australia's International student numbers	75	75	75

### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the TAFE SA:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	72	73	73

### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Since 1 July 2024, 19 executive appointments were made.

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

The total annual employment cost (i.e. TRPV) for these appointments is \$3.9 million.

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Since 1 July 2024, there were 10 executive positions abolished.

At the time these positions were abolished there were no incumbents and therefore no salary or employment costs.

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

There have been no executive position terminations for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-2025 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies in due course.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Decisions about consultants are made on a case-by-case basis. The estimated total budget for engagement of consultants in 2025-26 has been set at \$2 million as outlined in the 2025-26 Agency Statements, Volume 1, page 188.

With respect to contractors, the department engages services as required to support the delivery of its objectives. The details of all contractors that were engaged in the 2024-25 financial year above \$10,000 will be published in the department's 2024-25 annual report.

#### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period, for the department, is as follows:

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	1,060,313	1,113,809	1,118,764	1,156,269

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Communications	FTE	31	31	31	31
	\$m	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4
TOTAL	FTE	31	31	31	31
	\$m	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST) and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website:

<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—for Administered Items:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Arts entities	Grants provided to Carclew, Patch Theatre and Windmill Theatre Production Company as part of the Arts entities budget to support the operation of these organisations in delivering youth arts activities and grant programs.	4,266	4,223	4,329
Multicultural Grants	Grants are provided in support of ethnic and community language schools to deliver language and cultural programs as well as SACE subjects to South Australian school-aged students.	2,372	2,432	2,493
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Grants to provide funding to assist organisations where the activities and objectives of those organisations are consistent with the responsibilities of the Minister's portfolio.	3,185	3,265	3,347

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

Arts entities			
Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
Arts entities	Carclew Incorporated	Operating funding	8,033
Arts entities	Patch Theatre Incorporated	Operating funding	986
Arts entities	Windmill Production Company Limited	Operating funding	3,799
Minister's Discretionary Fund			

Arts entities			
Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Adelaide Holocaust Museum & Andrew Steiner Education Centre	Seed funding to support ongoing development	79
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Adelaide United Football Club	United in schools	357
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Association of Independent Schools of SA	Supporting the Allied Health Specialist Support Services Program	174
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Association of Independent Schools of SA	Parent Initiatives in Education	87
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Australia Day Council of South Australia Incorporated	Award for leadership in languages and culture	16
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Australia Day Council of South Australia Incorporated	Australian of the Year – Inspiring Student Engagement Summit for two financial years	49
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Catholic School Parents SA	Parent Initiatives in Education	40
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Children's Week Association of SA	To contribute towards the cost of the annual Children's Week program.	29
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Department of Human Services—MoAA for Second Chances SA	To support the PK Family Care program	60
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Educators SA	Minister's Arts Education Awards to include categories for non-government schools	54
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Educators SA	Minister's Awards for Financial Administration	58
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Encounter Youth Incorporated	Alcohol and other Drug Education Program	412
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Gifted and Talented Children's Association of SA	Gifted Program Workshops	51
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Ice Factor Foundation Incorporated	To contribute to the costs of trained coaching staff to deliver the Ice Factor Program	95
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Isolated Children's Parent's Association of SA	Operational funding	16
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Mawson Lakes Readers Festival and Children's Book Council of Australia—SA Branch	Book grants	13
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Mathematical Association of South Australia	Remote and Rural Schools Mathematics Program	162
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Migrant Resource Centre	SA Refugee Week Youth Poster Exhibition	46
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Patch Theatre Incorporated	Discounted Ticketing Program	63
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Power Community Ltd	Power to End Violence Against Women Program which targets young men in Year 10 across South Australia to address the prevalence of domestic violence within our community.	259
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Raising Literacy Australia	Preschool Books	210
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Riverland Youth Theatre	Operating funding	63
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Song Room	Transforming Learning Through Creativity	196
Minister's Discretionary Fund	South Australian Association of School Parent Communities	Supporting families in School and Preschool	64
Minister's Discretionary Fund	South Australian Secondary Principals Association (SASPA)	Community Engagement Initiative Proposal	100
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Specific Learning Difficulties Association of SA	To support operational expenses associated with providing assistance to children and young people with specific learning difficulties	323

Arts entities			
Minister's Discretionary Fund	State Theatre Company SA	Development of an Education Program	67
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Tea Tree Gully Toy Library	Support the operations of the Toy Library	140
Minister's Discretionary Fund	The Science Collective	Science alive regional science fares	35
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Tjindu Foundation Limited	Operational Funding	300
Minister's Discretionary Fund	United Way South Australia	Imagination Library—Children in Playford	60
Minister's Discretionary Fund	University of Adelaide	Children's University Program	209
Minister's Discretionary Fund	Virtual War Memorial Limited	Virtual War Memorial Australian Learning Portal and Education Program	554

### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

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

The department facilitates flexible work arrangements through various IT tools and infrastructure.

Many of these tools are part of the standard toolkit used by all staff, not just for remote working.

Citrix Workspace and Citrix VPN infrastructure was established to support remote work during COVID.

The capability to work from any location is now integrated into the organisation's core technology infrastructure. It is not possible to separate specific items or costs related solely to remote work infrastructure. This trend is increasing with much of the infrastructure being natively cloud-based.

That said, the budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	\$561	\$617	\$660

### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the Department of State Development:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2025-2026 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills):** I have been advised that for the Department of State Development:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Portfolio: Education, Training and Skills (Skills SA)				
Adult Community Education (ACE)	ACE targets community-based education providers including Community Centres South Australia peak body to deliver foundation skills projects, and ACE Upfront	\$4,984	\$4,501	\$3,076

Grant name	program/fund	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Portfolio: Education, Training and Skills (Skills SA)					
		Assessment of Needs (UAN) mentoring services. ACE supports community-based education for people to build and improve their foundation skills and transition to vocational education and training and/or employment.			
Equipment and Capital Grants (ECG)		ECG investment supports state-of-the-art training facilities, contemporary infrastructure and technology and industry-relevant equipment aligned with areas of skill demand and economic priorities in South Australia. Project funding also supports vocational education and training (VET) educator scholarships and course development activities.	\$3,000	-	-
Fee Free Training: Non-TAFE First Nations		Targets First Nations students through Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCO) Training Providers (non-government RTOs, both private and Not for Profit) in South Australia, prioritising sectors with key skill shortages for Aboriginal learners. Fee Free TAFE is a joint initiative of the Australian and South Australian Governments providing free training places to students wanting to train, retrain or upskill.	\$3,520	\$1,705	-
Group Training Organisation (GTO) Boost		Funding to enable Group Training Organisations (GTOs) to offer host employers a reduced charge-out rate at the rate of \$100/week for 12 months, for apprentices or trainees aged 21 and over at commencement.	\$1,373	\$1,373	\$1,399
Group Training Organisation (GTO) Support (Payroll Tax Assistance) Program		Funding to assist Group Training Organisations (GTOs) to employ and mentor apprentices/trainees, by reimbursing actual payroll tax paid.	\$2,294	\$2,307	\$2,365
Skill Shortage Solutions (SSS)		SSS grants target registered training organisations including TAFESA, industry or sector peak bodies, and non-government organisations. SSS supports partnerships that collaboratively address skill shortages at an industry, sector, regional or workforce level through projects that develop and pilot industry informed, customised, or localised skill shortage solutions. Grants aim to increase and improve: take up of VET to support supply of qualified people to address trade skills shortages skilled career pathways in trades, so they are flexible and address barriers sector-wide approaches and strong partnerships between industry and training providers to develop sustainable solutions to trade shortages.	\$3,219	\$3,161	\$3,189
South Australian Group Training Program (SAGTP)		Funding for Group Training Organisations (GTOs) to maintain or increase the completion rates of group training sector apprentices and trainees, by providing support for pastoral care and host employer placement.	\$1,302	\$1,311	\$1,344

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Portfolio: Education, Training and Skills (Skills SA)				
Success and Wellbeing Services	Skills SA has developed a Student Success and Wellbeing Program comprising Student Support Standards and Self-Assessment, Upfront Assessment of Needs, Student Wellbeing Services and Foundation Skills supports. Learner Wellbeing is a key focus area under the National Skills Agreement (NSA) and this key service offering supports students to stay connected and complete training.	\$5,110	\$5,573	\$5,988
Tauondi Aboriginal College	Funding for Tauondi Aboriginal College (registered training organisation) for activities aligned to Tauondi's strategic and business planning which support sustainable business operations and growth.	\$1,250	\$1,000	-
Travel and Accommodation Allowance	Funding to reduce costs incurred by employers when apprentices and trainees are required to travel long distances to attend off-the-job training.	\$1,543	\$1,793	\$ 2,043

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
Portfolio: Education, Training and Skills (Skills SA)			
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Community-based education providers	ACE targets community-based education providers including Community Centres South Australia peak body to deliver foundation skills projects, and ACE Upfront Assessment of Needs (UAN) mentoring services. ACE supports community-based education for people to build and improve their foundation skills and transition to vocational education and training and/or employment.	\$315
Equipment and Capital Grants (ECG)	Not-for-profit training providers and TAFE SA	ECG investment supports state-of-the-art training facilities, contemporary infrastructure and technology and industry-relevant equipment aligned with areas of skill demand and economic priorities in South Australia. Project funding also supports vocational education and training educator scholarships and course development activities.	\$186
GTO Boost	Group Training Organisations (GTOs)	Funding to enable Group Training Organisations (GTOs) to offer host employers a reduced charge-out rate at the rate of \$100/week for 12 months, for apprentices or trainees aged 21 and over at commencement.	\$694
Skill Shortage Solutions (SSS)	Not-for-profit organisations in partnerships	SSS grants target registered training organisations including TAFESA, industry or sector peak bodies, and non-government organisations. SSS supports partnerships that collaboratively address skill shortages at an industry, sector, regional or workforce level through projects that develop and pilot industry informed, customised, or localised skill shortage solutions. Grants aim to increase and improve: -take up of VET to support supply of qualified people to address trade skills shortages, -skilled career pathways in trades, so they are flexible and address barriers, and	\$358

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
		-sector-wide approaches and strong partnerships between industry and training providers to develop sustainable solutions to trade shortages.	
Tauondi Aboriginal College	Tauondi Aboriginal College	Funding for Tauondi Aboriginal College (registered training organisation) for activities aligned to Tauondi's strategic and business planning which support sustainable business operations and growth.	\$2,250
Defence Strategies – Defence Industry Leadership Program	Defence Teaming Centre	Program supports the South Australian Government's Defence Industry Workforce and Skills Report and Action Plan which recommended an expansion of the Defence Industry Leadership Program (DILP) to 50 participants annually and adding the Advanced Diploma of Leadership and Management to the program's offering.	\$589

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Portfolio: Education, Training and Skills (Skills SA)				
Nil				

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Portfolio: Education, Training and Skills (Skills SA)			
Nil			

#### PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):** I have been advised:

There is a formal process before chair reports can be published on the PIRSA website. This process involves the finalisation and endorsement of the report, as well as the necessary review and approvals by the Cost Recovery Implementation Committee (CRIC). PIRSA and the CRIC endeavour to ensure that chair reports are made publicly available as soon as practicable, following completion of these steps.

#### DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):** I have been advised:

As at 23 June:

Organisation	Funding Allocated
Farmers Relief Agency	\$385,878
Need for Feed	\$1,249,843
Rapid Relief Team	\$225,246
Rural Aid	\$384,456
SADA	\$85,168
Aussie Hay Runners	\$819,937
Grand Total	\$3,150,528.00*

(\*) There are ongoing proposals received and reviewed regularly, and at times clarifications are sought, therefore the allocated total can vary at any given point in time.

**DROUGHT ASSISTANCE**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):** I have been advised:

The regional breakdown of donated fodder as at 23 June 2025 is:

Region	Proportion of fodder delivered
Hills and Fleurieu	10%
Yorke & Mid North	49%
Murraylands and Riverland	19%
Eyre Peninsula	15%
Limestone Coast	3%
Far North	2%
Kangaroo Island	1%
Total	100%

**DROUGHT ASSISTANCE**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):** I have been advised:

All fodder being imported from interstate requires plant health certification and all charities have demonstrated a high level of compliance with biosecurity requirements.

The guidelines were further strengthened for round 2 requiring 'Where possible, feed tests or vendor declarations that provide information on the quality of fodder must be provided'.

We continue to reinforce that all future fodder runs require vendor declarations.

**FOREST INDUSTRIES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):** I have been advised:

FIAC-SA will operate for a period ending 30 June 2026, when a review of the council and its terms of reference will be undertaken. The terms of reference also state a review may be undertaken before this date.

**PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):** I have been advised:

The \$7.2 million breakdown is as follows: Forestry Centre of Excellence \$4.1 million, funds for projects supported under the South Australian Wood Fibre and Timber Industry Master Plan \$650,000, the Picnic Ground Essential Works grant for Bundaleer Forest Community Areas Association \$860,000, the forestry Research Agreement with the University of South Australia \$500,000, the Trees on Farms Initiative \$24,000, and an allocation of \$1 million of base funding for PIRSA's forestry sub-program management function.

**PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):** I have been advised:

As of 30 June 2025 PIRSA has received inquiries from 12 individual councils. I have also been advised that PIRSA has received four formal applications to the scheme at that date.

**THRIVING REGIONS FUND**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):** I have been advised:

In the 2023-24 financial year the commitments from the Thriving Regions Fund were:

- Strengthening Industries Program \$10.79 million
- Enabling Infrastructure Program \$5.07 million
- Thriving Communities Program \$0.85 million
- Regional Leadership Program \$1.00 million

In the 2024-25 financial year the commitments from the Thriving Regions Fund were:

- Strengthening Industries Program \$16.23 million
- Enabling Infrastructure Program \$5.00 million
- Thriving Communities Program \$1.83 million
- Regional Leadership Program \$1.01 million
- Regional Shark Mitigation Program \$0.45 million

### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):** I have been advised that for the Department of the Primary Industries and Regions:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Animal Biosecurity	SAES1
Director, People & Culture	SAES1
Executive Director, Biosecurity	SAES2
Chief Veterinary Officer	SAES1
Executive Director, SARDI	SAES2

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$1,287,500 (excluding on-costs).

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

### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):** I have been advised that for the Department of the Primary Industries and Regions:

Since 1 July 2024, there was one (1) executive position abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Science, Innovation and Commercialisation	SAES1

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

### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):** I have been advised that for the Department of the Primary Industries and Regions:

The total value of termination payments was \$419,743.23 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):** I have been advised that for the Department of the Primary Industries and Regions:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):** I have been advised that for the Department of the Primary Industries and Regions:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants is \$213,000 and contractors is \$11.3 million in 2025-26.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Robert Lloyd Klump	Independent expert advice economic and policy analysis	\$22,500
Robert Lloyd Klump	Independent expert scientific advice	\$60,000
Intellectual Capital Services Ltd	Independent expert advice on scientific research, development and innovation matters within a global context	\$30,000
Simon Maddocks	Independent expert advice—economic and policy analysis	\$18,180
Mr Alex Zimmerman	Commissioner for Drought Support in South Australia	\$245,000 (for up to 18 months)
Fishwell Pty Ltd	Project lead for Blueprint for the Future Directions of the Marine Scalefish Fishery	\$58,500

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Some contracts cover multiple financial years.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Kempwilson Pty Ltd	Provision of Independent Observer Coverage to Sardine Fishery 2025-26	\$1,308,000
Riverland Hw Pty Ltd	Field Operator—Fruit Fly Property Management	\$750,000
Aus-Meat Limited	Food Safety Auditing Services	\$501,056
Barratt Mollison Consulting Group Pty Ltd	SA River Murray Transition Program—Program oversight, delivery & technical services	\$154,285
Inside Infrastructure Pty Ltd	Kangaroo Island AgTech Program—research proposal	\$79,950
Riverland Hw Pty Ltd	Tree Removal, Trimming and Lopping Services	\$100,000
Midstate Drone Services Pty Ltd	Remote Technology Contractor- pesticide application	\$500,000
Inside Infrastructure Pty Ltd	River Murray Transition Program—Water Recovery Regional Economic Impact Analysis	\$181,818
Air Charter Australia Pty Ltd	Aerial releases Sterile Insects Kangaroo Island 2024	\$82,715
Urrbrae Foods Pty Ltd	Senior Food Technologist Services	\$200,000
Wild Dog Trapper Program (multiple)	Wild Dog Trapping Program (2022-2026)	\$672,727
AgCommunicators	Soils Collaboration Centre communications	\$35,000
Cousins Merino Services	eID Advantage Program producer training	\$5,000
Next Gen Agri	eID Advantage Program producer training	\$5,000
Solstice Media Pty Ltd	Ag Town of the Year award partnership	\$14,600
Pinion Advisory	Compilation of Crop and Pasture Report	\$42,400
Anthony North	PIRSA Family and Business Mentor Program	\$35,455
Ben Chandler	PIRSA Family and Business Mentor Program	\$11,818
Brent Fletcher	PIRSA Family and Business Mentor Program	\$30,000
Colleen White	PIRSA Family and Business Mentor Program	\$11,818
John Chase	PIRSA Family and Business Mentor Program	\$11,818
Judy Wilkinson	PIRSA Family and Business Mentor Program	\$32,727
Phuong Le	PIRSA Family and Business Mentor Program	\$35,455

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Robyn Cain	PIRSA Family and Business Mentor Program	\$35,455
Sally Klose	PIRSA Family and Business Mentor Program	\$27,273
Steve Whillas	PIRSA Family and Business Mentor Program	\$20,909
Tim Modra	PIRSA Family and Business Mentor Program	\$14,545
Tracie Heinrich	PIRSA Family and Business Mentor Program	\$27,273
John White	PIRSA Family and Business Mentor Program	\$68,182
Barratt Mollison Consulting Group	SA River Murray Transition Program—Program Oversight, delivery & technical services	\$18,800
Urban and Regional Planning Solutions Pty Ltd	Development of Regional Drought Resilience Plan Implementation Grant materials	\$19,970
Art of Staff Pty Ltd	Review of role descriptions and classifications across the department	\$30,000

### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):** I have been advised that for the Department of the Primary Industries and Regions:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years across the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	93,500	48,102	44,632	41,601

The increase in 2025-26 relates to time-limited programs.

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

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Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Communications Branch	FTE	10	10	10	10
	\$m	1.41	1.43	1.45	1.47

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):** I have been advised that for the Department of the Primary Industries and Regions:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
<b>Primary Industries and Regional Development</b>				
On-Farm Infrastructure Scheme	Drought Rebate Primary producers to implement infrastructure projects that assist with managing current drought conditions and strengthen preparedness for future droughts.	10,436 (*)	-	-
Rural Business Support Relief Fund Grants	Relief grants aimed to alleviate stress for primary producers experiencing challenges related to drought through provision of a grant to cover essential household and business expenses like council rates, utility bills, and vehicle repairs.	1,500	-	-
Community and regional standpipe sustainability investment project	Grant program for councils to support the upgrade of publicly accessible standpipes in regional areas.	700	-	-
Implementation of eID for sheep and farmed goats	Assist producers with the implementation of Individual electronic identification (eIDs) for sheep and goats	3,730	1,800	300
Murray Darling Basin Sustainable Communities	Minimise socio-economic impacts from water purchase by supporting diversification and improving resilience in Basin communities during the transition to a future with less consumptive water	6,350	7,150	300
Thriving Regions Fund	Support projects that unlock new economic activity in our regions, creating jobs and strengthening regional communities.	26,518	20,000	20,000
Regional Development Australia	New funding commitment for the seven non-Metropolitan Regional Development Australia associations (RDAs) for a four- year term from 1 July 2022 until 30 June 2026. This funding commitment will allow RDA Boards to continue to provide vital advice and support to drive economic development in each region.	3,307	3,307	3,307
Mobile Black Spot Program	Address mobile phone black spots across South Australia. Improving mobile phone coverage within the state will contribute to improved productivity, improved safety and enhancing the reputation of the state's key tourist destinations.	920	-	-
Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program Pilots	Requests for Proposals for innovative technology solutions, to enable the Government of South Australia to improve traveller safety and enhance connectivity between regional towns.	3,200	1,800	-

(\*) Reflects current budget for 2025-26, which will reduce for commitments paid in 2024-25.

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

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
<b>Primary Industries and Regional Development</b>			
On-Farm Infrastructure Scheme	Drought Rebate Various recipients	Primary producers to implement infrastructure projects that assist with managing current drought conditions and strengthen preparedness for future droughts.	1,156
Rural Business Support Relief Fund Grants	Rural Business Support	Funding to provide relief grants aimed to alleviate stress for primary producers experiencing challenges related to drought through provision of a grant to cover essential household and business expenses like council rates, utility bills, and vehicle repairs.	1,500
Implementation of eID for sheep and farmed goats	Various recipients	Assist producers with the implementation of individual electronic identification (eIDs) for sheep and goats	870

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Primary Industries and Regional Development			
Thriving Regions Fund	Chalk Hill	Chalk Hill Production, Tourism & Events Development	300
	District Council of Grant	Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Infrastructure Upgrade Project	50
	Karoonda Business Growth Precinct	Public infrastructure at an existing industrial site	125
	Eyre Peninsula Ocean Jackets Fishing Cluster (Ferguson Fisheries Pty Ltd)	Upgrade the existing processing room at Mori Seafoods with new equipment to receive, process, retail pack and export Ocean Jacket fillets	740
	Yumbah Hatchery	Future-proofing SA oyster spat supply & selective breeding program	100
	South Australian Spirits Producers' Association	Funding of Executive Officer to manage implementation of the Spirits Industry Blueprint	50
	Primary Producers SA	To assist Primary Producers SA Incorporated ('PPSA') with their role of developing primary industries in South Australia.	375
	South Australian Produce Market Ltd	Biosecurity Precinct	900
	Riverland Wine Industry Development Council Inc.	Implementation of Riverland Wine Industry Blueprint	150
	Rocky River Lions Club, Crystal Brook Branch	To build an outdoor space in a community area adjacent to the Aged Care facility.	50
	District Council of Elliston	Expansion of short-term worker accommodation options and additional facilities for short-term workers.	100
	Wakefield Regional Council	The project is to deliver improved facilities for residents and visitors and promote the state's regional tourist attractions.	1,000
	COTL Pty Ltd	Funding to COTL's basic operations for six months	116
	Fennell Forestry Pty Ltd	Electric Log Truck Trial project	100
	Bundaleer Forest Community Areas Association	Future Proofing Bundaleer Forest Reserve for Regional Economic Growth	238
	Milang and District Community Association	Install an industrial kitchen in the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory	50
	Tatiara District Council	Keith Industrial Estate Expansion	800
	Kangaroo Island Community Club Inc	Providing core infrastructure for seasonal workers on Kangaroo Island.	230
	Mypolonga Combined Sports Club Incorporated	Mypolonga Combined Sports Club—Facilities Upgrades	518
	JROD Pty Ltd	Upgrade the Childcare centre to accommodate 80 children due to growing demand.	500
	Barunga West Council (Auspicing Kulpara Old School Site Committee)	Redevelop the Kulpara old school site into an inviting outdoor space for the community.	25
	St Vincent De Paul Society (SA) Incorporated	Fit out of a new conference and office space at the Naracoorte SVDP branch.	22
	Orroroo Netball Club Inc	Outdoor activity and recreational space (focus on youth)	34
	Lochiel Progress Association Incorporated	This is a place-based project that will deliver a new playground, fencing, shade and soft fall at the Lochiel Community Centre.	18
	Port Germein Progress Association Inc	Port Germein Community Hub Digital Access and Library refurbishment	50
	Prospect Hill Community Organisation Inc	Rainwater tanks for the Prospect Hill Community Hall and War Memorial Hall	24
	Port Broughton Bowling Club Inc	Ramp it up: Improving the access for all to the Port Broughton Clubrooms	25

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Primary Industries and Regional Development			
	Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia Central Operations	RFDS Outback Centre for Health, Research and Education (RFDS OCHRE)	500
	South Australian Forests Products Association	SA Plantation Forests	70
	Snowtown Progress Association	Expand the R V park at Snowtown from current 6 powered sites to 16.	47
	Surf Life Saving SA	Taskforce to review current shark mitigation arrangements in South Australia	450
	Telstra Regional Connectivity Program	The project is to deliver increased mobile network connectivity in the Southeast of South Australia	5,546
	Blinman Mens Shed Incorporated	Project aims to address social isolation and enhance food security in remote Northern Flinders Ranges. Features include accessible design with paved areas, shade structures, and wicking beds for water efficiency.	16
	South Australian Forests Products Association	Promoting career pathways and opportunities within South Australia's forest industries.	109
	Kingscote Football Club	Redevelopment of Playground at Centenary Oval	50
	Blinman progress association	The Blinman Community Tractor and Volunteer Participation Project	44
	Balaklava Community Children's Centre	Balaklava Community Children's Centre Facility Expansion	200
	Australian Landscape Trust (Calperum Station)	Calperum Connect: Critical Infrastructure for a Sustainable Future	443
	City of Port Lincoln—Lincoln Cove Marina	New multi-use docking system	700
	Port Augusta City Council—Airport Operational improvements	Port Augusta Airport Operational Improvements	250
	Riverton Community Hall	Riverton Community Hall Refurbishment	770
	Barossa Enterprises—Export Wine Packaging Expansion stage 1	Export Wine Packaging Expansion	290
	Yorke Peninsula Field Days—Function Centre Development	Function Centre development project	400
	Langhorne Creek Memorial Park	Langhorne Creek Memorial Park Community Complex Upgrade	400
	National Trust of SA—Kingston SE Cape Jaffa Lighthouse	Kingston Beacon Project	124
	Balgowan Progress Association Inc	Balgowan Progress Association Playground upgrade	27
	Nairne Golf Club Inc	Nairne Golf Club Clubroom and Surrounds Upgrade Project	50
	Dunjiba Community Council Inc	Dunjiba Community Food Hub Infrastructure Upgrade	50
	Country Life Compassion Inc	New Facilities: Disabled and Ambulant Toilets, Kitchen and Emergency Exit	48
	Bute 2000 Onwards Progress Association	Bute Community Hub	20
	Lions Club of Pardarna Western Kangaroo Island	Futureproofing facilities- Lions Club of Parndana	46
	The Salvation Army (South Australia) Property Trust	Upgrade to Purrana Community garden	48

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
<b>Primary Industries and Regional Development</b>			
	Telstra Regional Connectivity Program	Delivery of 27 new mobile base stations across the Limestone Coast	4,915
	Snapper Management (PIRSA)	Snapper Management Arrangements and industry assistance measures	350
	Implementation of eID for Sheep and Goats (PIRSA)	Implementation of individual electronic identification (eIDs) for sheep and goats.	5,169
	Forestry Products Masterplan (PIRSA)	Develop a Forest Products Domestic Manufacturing and Infrastructure Masterplan, including a focus on future skills needs.	1,850
	Marine Scalefish (PIRSA)	Marine Scale fish industry assistance measures	1,075
	Drought Funding	Contribution towards the State Drought funding package	3,050
	Whyalla Wharf Upgrade	Whyalla Surf Life Saving Club upgrade.	2,500
	Snapper Restocking Program	Snapper Restocking Program for 2025.	300
	Mid Murray Council	Community and Regional Standpipe Sustainability Investment Project	208
	Rural Business Support	Delivering Effective Landowner Support and Community Engagement	1,661
	Southern Zone Abalone Fishery Fee relief	Southern Zone Abalone Fishery Fee assistance measures	268
	Forestry Centre of Excellence	Additional Build Cost towards the Forestry Centre of Excellence	125
	Drought kangaroo Management	Implementation of the drought kangaroo management component of the SA Government's support package.	550
Regional Development Australia	Seven non-metropolitan RDAs	Support the development of South Australia's regions	3,307
Mobile Black Spot Program	Optus	Round 4 final payment and Flinders Ranges Way	290
	Telstra Regional Connectivity Program	Delivery of 27 new mobile base stations across the Limestone Coast	630

There are no grant programs under my responsibility for 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Administered.

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (23 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries):** I have been advised that for the Department of the Primary Industries and Regions:

There is no agency budget allocated specifically to the management of remote work infrastructure. This is included in the general monitoring and management of the entire PIRSA network environment. The agency supports flexible working by providing devices such as laptops to staff. These digital tools were also provided in the prior years.

The agency has an annual cybersecurity program of work which uplifts the agency's posture against the South Australian Cyber Security Framework (SACSF). While this program is not dedicated to 'remote work' per se, it does improve our security posture for all staff including those working remotely.

#### HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well):** I have been advised:

This information is not held by the Department of Human Services, however a national register of toilets including access features is available at <https://toiletmap.gov.au/#>.

Changing place facilities built under the Changing Places Initiative are not required to have MLAK access. This is the decision of each site owner and may be based on a range of factors including public access and safety.

Government, councils and private organisations are also entitled to invest in changing place facilities outside of the Changing Places Initiative. The Changing Places website, [changingplaces.org.au/find](http://changingplaces.org.au/find), shows that 20 out of 26 fully constructed and operational changing place facilities in SA require an MLAK.

#### COMPANION CARD HOLDERS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well):** I have been advised:

All existing Companion Card holders and all new applicants have been offered a Master Locksmith's Association Key (MLAK). As anticipated, some Companion Card holders did not apply for a key as they did not require one. In 2024-25, 2,645 MLAKs were provided free to Companion Card holders.

#### HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well):** I have been advised that the breakdown of the total DHS staffing by program area in 2025-26 are:

Programs	25-26 FTE
1. Women, Equality and Domestic Violence Prevention (1)	36.1
2. Communities and Families	968.8
3. Youth Justice	318.6
4. Disability Services	1,561.0
5. Homelessness	13.5
Total Budgeted Staffing	2,898.0

(1) Responsibility of the Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence

#### BAIL BREACHES

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well):** I have been advised:

The Department of Human Services does not hold complete data on proven bail breaches noting these determinations are made by police or courts.

#### ELECTRONIC MONITORING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well):** I have been advised:

100 per cent of children and young people currently serving a sentence of home detention are monitored electronically.

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In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well):** I have been advised:

This question should be referred to Courts Administration Authority and or the Attorney-General's Department (AGD) who are the custodians of data sources relating to breaches of bail.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) does not hold complete data on proven breaches.

#### VOLUNTEER SCREENING CHECKS

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well):** I have been advised:

The number of screening checks volunteers require depends on the legislative requirements applying to their activities and the policies of their host organisation.

Volunteer Applications Received

	2024-25	2023-24
All applications	244,339	190,447
Volunteer applications	68,533	58,000
Percentage	28.05%	30.45%

Volunteer Applications Received and Determined in the Same Financial Year

Screening	Applications Approved		
	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Working with Children Check	48,854	33,787	29,153
NDIS Worker Check	3,329	4,133	3,545
Vulnerable person-related	5,484	5,999	5,755
Aged care sector	4,033	4,722	4,572
General employment probity	2,343	2,172	2,069
Total Volunteer Screenings <sup>2</sup>	64,043	50,813	45,094
Total Screenings	231,508	170,902	155,599
Percentage of Volunteer screenings	27.7%	29.7%	29.0%

### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well):** I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Closing the Gap Policy and Transformation	SAES1
Director, Remote and Regional Service Development	SAES1
Interim Chief Operating Officer, Disability Services	SAES1
Director, Aboriginal Practice and Partnerships	SAES1
Director, Disability Policy and Reform	SAES1
Director, Screening Transformation	SAES1
Director, Homelessness Systems and Partnerships	SAES1
Director, Inclusion Policy and Reform	SAES1
Director, Disability Community Services	SAES1
Director, Projects and Business Support (Disability)	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$2,192,806 (excluding on-costs).

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

The table includes appointments to existing positions and those arising from machinery of government changes.

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**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well):** I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

Since 1 July 2024, one executive position was abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Financial Reform	SAES1

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

### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well):** I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

The total value of the termination payments was \$427,127.34 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well):** I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

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**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well):** I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

As at 15 July 2025, a total of \$1,582,983 (GST exclusive) has been committed for expenditure on consultants and contractors in 2025-26.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Method of appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Bee Squared Consultants	Direct Negotiation	Reduce backlog, enhance case load management and establish sustainable service level improvement within the Screening Unit Assessment teams.	\$37,000
Yellow Wig Communications and Project Management	Direct Negotiation	Provide project management services, expert advice and support to Screening.	\$166,040
DWS (Contractor)	Direct Negotiation	SU requires ongoing support of a developer with significant specialist skills to support the existing operating system and projects requiring technical architecture design and development to support the worker screening reform agenda.	\$209,712
Total			\$412,752

Note: consultancy data has been reviewed as at 15 July 2025. This is still subject to audit and therefore may change once 2024-25 financial statements are finalised.

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Method of appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Alcohol and Drug Foundation Incorporated	Direct Negotiation	Develop and implement the Here for the Game Pilot Program.	\$405,138
Central Queensland University	Direct Negotiation	Conduct survey on South Australian adults' attitudes, beliefs and behaviours related to sports betting.	\$87,000
Clear Horizon Consulting Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Undertake the final Impact Review of South Australia's Plan for Ageing Well and the Statewide Conversations with Older South Australians project.	\$20,000
DWS	Direct Negotiation	Provide ongoing support from a developer skilled in Microsoft Azure, .NET and SQL Server for system design and development.	\$251,949
Flinders University	Direct Negotiation	Investigate how AI supports awareness, help-seeking and therapy for Australians with gambling problems.	\$32,303
Iwiri Aboriginal Corporation	Direct Negotiation	Support the implementation and delivery of an Aboriginal Emergency Outreach and Case Management Service.	\$386,748

Contractors	Method of appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Kimberly Wanganeen	Direct Negotiation	Facilitate workshops and conversations throughout the two-year Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and draft feedback into the Reconciliation Australia template.	\$14,505
Strategic Solutions Co Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Evaluation of the Implementation of the Financial Wellbeing Program.	\$10,000
Total			\$1,207,643

Note: contractor data has been reviewed as at 15 July 2025. This is still subject to audit and therefore may change once 2024-25 financial statements are finalised.

#### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well):** I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	89,515	70,871	72,615	73,880

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well):** I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Communications and Engagement	FTE	14	14	14	14
	\$m	1.998	2.028	2.065	2.082
TOTAL	FTE	14	14	14	14
	\$m	1.998	2.028	2.065	2.082

DHS communication and promotion activities include work to promote wellbeing and inclusion, tackle ageism, and address gambling harm.

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**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well):** I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

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The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/ fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Department of Human Services				
Communities and Families	Program commissions, funds, and delivers community and family services that improve the lives of individuals and families across South Australia. Program promotes opportunity and affordability for vulnerable and disadvantaged South Australians through a range of state government concessions.	72,120	73,944	75,764
Disability	The Disability program supports the outcomes for people with disability both in the broader community, as well as those who receive services directly from the department. This includes national disability reform as well as the development and delivery of the State Disability Inclusion Plan and associated disability access and inclusion plans, the State Autism Strategy, and delivery of South Australia's actions under Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031 Targeted Actions. The department also delivers disability and aged care services, management of the equipment program and auspices the Community Visitor Scheme delivered through the Office of the Public Advocate	711	301	301
Homelessness	The Homelessness program is responsible for strategic oversight and commissioning of the specialist homelessness sector. This program provides support to individuals and families who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness, management of homelessness information and data systems, and the extreme weather response.	58,841	58,825	59,664
Youth Justice	The Youth Justice program is responsible for supervising children and young people on community-based youth justice mandates and in custody at Kurlana Tapa Youth Justice Centre. Youth Justice contributes to community safety by supporting children and young people to desist from offending behaviour.	893	916	947

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

Grant program	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex)\$
Communities and Families	Aboriginal Community Housing Ltd.	Grants for Positive Ageing Fellowship Round 1—I am well (marni ai) at the Elders Village (Purrkanaitya)	40,000
Communities and Families	Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Aboriginal Corporation	Community Connections—Aboriginal Community Partners- Direct Negotiation	53,844
Communities and Families	Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Aboriginal Corporation	Community Connections—Aboriginal Community Partners- Direct Negotiation	242,300
Communities and Families	Aboriginal Family Support Services Limited	Strong Families, Strong Communities	601,931
Communities and Families	Aboriginal Family Support Services Limited	Intensive Family Services	16,733,058
Communities and Families	Adelaide Hills Council	Advance Care Directives Adelaide Hills Region 2023-2025 Project	100,000
Communities and Families	Adelaide Plains Council	A Series of Seniors Moments	35,000
Communities and Families	Aged Rights Advocacy Service (S.A.) Incorporated	Aged Rights Advocacy Service Safeguards for Ageing Well Program	125,000
Communities and Families	Aged Rights Advocacy Service (S.A.) Incorporated	Retirement Village Residents Advocacy Program	474,000

Grant program	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex)\$
Communities and Families	Alexandrina Council	Grants for Age Friendly SA Round 1—The Green and Blue Wellness: Engaging with Nature for Health	35,000
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Financial Wellbeing Program (Limestone Coast)	2,565,675
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Financial Wellbeing Program (Murray Mallee)	3,027,699
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Strong Families, Strong Communities	1,450,158
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Intensive Family Services	4,539,512
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Berri Community Centre	913,625
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program (Limestone Coast Community Hub – Mount Gambier)	913,625
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Millicent Community Centre	913,625
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Murray and Mallee)	1,339,331
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Youth Support Development Program—Murray Bridge	1,279,653
Communities and Families	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Limestone Coast)	1,111,962
Communities and Families	Anglicare SA Ltd	Financial Wellbeing Program (Northern Adelaide)	10,086,305
Communities and Families	Anglicare SA Ltd	Strong Families, Strong Communities	1,796,934
Communities and Families	Anglicare SA Ltd	Intensive Family Services—Imminent Risk	4,976,280
Communities and Families	Anglicare SA Ltd	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Southern Adelaide)	1,146,393
Communities and Families	Anglicare SA Ltd	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Northern Adelaide)	2,276,228
Communities and Families	Anglicare SA Ltd	Crisis Support to Keep Children Safe and Well	1,250,000
Communities and Families	Australian Communities Foundation	Community Transport Network Meeting Coordination	28,000
Communities and Families	Australian Red Cross Society	Riverland Community Passenger Network	395,191
Communities and Families	Australian Red Cross Society	Eyre Peninsula & Southeast Community Passenger Network	1,186,866
Communities and Families	Australian Red Cross Society	Mid-Murray Community Passenger Network Service	327,688
Communities and Families	Australian Red Cross Society	Justice Reinvestment Port Adelaide	2,295,518
Communities and Families	Australian Refugee Association Inc	Strong Families, Strong Communities	472,878
Communities and Families	Baptist Care (SA) Incorporated	Social Supermarket Program (SSP)—Year 1	40,000
Communities and Families	Baptist Care (SA) Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Northern Adelaide)	1,900,117
Communities and Families	Baptist Care (SA) Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Eastern Adelaide)	821,597
Communities and Families	Baptist Care (SA) Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Southern Adelaide)	931,815
Communities and Families	Berri Barmera Landcare	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Making Environmental Connections	10,000
Communities and Families	Bridge in the Barossa	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Bridge in the Barossa grant application goods	2,640

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Communities and Families	Bungala Aboriginal Corporation Incorporated	Social Supermarket Program (SSP)—Year 1	20,000
Communities and Families	Burra Community Management Committee Incorporated	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Appropriate Exercise Equipment for B3B's Class (Building Better Bodies)	4,644
Communities and Families	Carer and Community SA	South Australian Carer Support Services—(Eastern Adelaide & Southern Adelaide)	944,144
Communities and Families	Carers and Disability Link Incorporated	South Australian Carer Support Services—(Adelaide Hills, Barossa, Light & Lower North (part), Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island (part), Yorke & Mid North (part))	310,233
Communities and Families	Carers Association of SA Incorporated	South Australian Carer Support Services—(Eyre & Western, Far North, Fleurieu & KI (part), Limestone Coast, Murray & Mallee, Western Adelaide, Yorke & Mid North (part))	3,547,325
Communities and Families	Carers Association of SA Incorporated	Advocacy and Impact	1,307,556
Communities and Families	CareWorks Inc	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Replacement of ageing equipment	4,627
Communities and Families	CareWorks Inc	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Community Connections for Seniors	5,000
Communities and Families	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	Intensive Family Services	26,900,548
Communities and Families	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	Breathing Space Program	2,955,715
Communities and Families	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Wandana Community Centre	891,341
Communities and Families	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	Community Connections—Community Partner (Northern Adelaide)	475,028
Communities and Families	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	Community Connections—Community Partner (Western Adelaide)	503,352
Communities and Families	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	South Australian Carer Support Services—(Barossa, Light & Lower North (part), Northern Adelaide)	945,147
Communities and Families	CatholicCare NT as trustee for the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Darwin Property Trust	Aboriginal Partners (Amata, APY Lands)	264,071
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Financial Wellbeing Program (Eyre and Western)	2,279,519
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Strong Families, Strong Communities	840,675
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Intensive Family Services	5,738,047
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Community Connections—Community Partner (Eyre and Western)	497,931
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Community Connections—Community Partner (Far North)	851,363
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Community Connections—Community Partner (Yorke and Mid North)	1,320,762
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Eyre and Western)	719,513
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Far North)	679,006
Communities and Families	Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Yorke and Mid North)	866,209
Communities and Families	City of Charles Sturt	Grants for Age Friendly SA Round 1—Our Stories, Our Strengths	40,000
Communities and Families	City of Mount Gambier	Grants for Age Friendly SA Round—Immersive Storytelling: Home Discovery	12,200
Communities and Families	City of Murray Bridge	Advance Care Directives Murraylands Regions 2023-2025 Project	100,000

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Communities and Families	City of Onkaparinga	Southern Metropolitan Community Passenger Network	318,555
Communities and Families	City of Onkaparinga	Social Supermarket Program (SSP)—Year 1	40,000
Communities and Families	City of Onkaparinga	Grants for Age Friendly SA Round 1—Aged Access Onkaparinga	38,000
Communities and Families	City of Playford	Northern Metropolitan Community Passenger Network	591,320
Communities and Families	City of Victor Harbor	Victor Harbor Community Passenger Network	474,261
Communities and Families	Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council	Mid-North Community Passenger Network	400,079
Communities and Families	Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council	Grants for Age Friendly SA Round 1—Ageing Well in the Clare and Gilbert Valleys, South Australia	40,000
Communities and Families	Community Care and Transport Incorporated	Northern Community Passenger Network	280,883
Communities and Families	Community Care and Transport Incorporated	Yorke Peninsula Community Passenger Network	578,185
Communities and Families	Community Centres SA Incorporated	Community Connections—Capacity Building Partner	1,245,755
Communities and Families	Community House Port Lincoln Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Beyond the Labels	935,910
Communities and Families	Community Transitions	Community Connections—Community Partner (Western Adelaide)	503,352
Communities and Families	Corporation of the City of Campbelltown	Grants for Age Friendly SA Round 1—In My Language	35,000
Communities and Families	Corporation of the City of Port Augusta	City Safety Audit and CCTV Expansion Grant	206,000
Communities and Families	Corporation of the City of Port Augusta	Yarning Art Classes	35,000
Communities and Families	Dementia Doulas Australia Ltd	Grants for Positive Ageing Fellowship Round 1—Family Carers in Dementia	40,000
Communities and Families	District Council of Loxton Waikerie	District Council of Loxton Waikerie Ageing Well Strategy	35,000
Communities and Families	Eastwood Community Centre Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Eastwood Community Centre	891,341
Communities and Families	Far West Community Partnerships Limited	Service and Partnerships Lead Position Grant	800,000
Communities and Families	Federation of Polish Organisations in SA Inc	Federation of Polish Organisations in SA Ageing Well in CALD Communities Grant 2024-2025	30,000
Communities and Families	Flinders University	Grants for Impact Research Round 1—Digital Inclusion Guidance and Intervention Toolkit for Ageing Living and Learning	24,600
Communities and Families	Flinders University	Social Supermarket Program (SSP)—Year 1 Grant	50,000
Communities and Families	Flinders University	Grants for Impact Research Round 1—'Kickoff' Men's Health: Connecting Older Rural Men to improve Health and Wellbeing through Walking Football	100,000
Communities and Families	Flinders University	Positive ageing and social inclusion for older migrants from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds	100,000
Communities and Families	Foodbank Of South Australia Incorporated	Food Security Investment	2,115,094
Communities and Families	Forest Place Lifestyle Resident's Association Incorporated	Grants for Age Friendly SA Round 1—Purchase of Indoor Bowls Mat	3,780
Communities and Families	Gawler and Districts Contract Bridge Club Inc	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Gawler Bridge Club Grant Application for Goods	2,776

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Communities and Families	Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand	Good Shepherd Microfinance	5,699,733
Communities and Families	Goolwa Community Centre Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Goolwa Community Centre	913,625
Communities and Families	Grandparents for grandchildren SA inc A38726	Mutual Support and Information 'Villages' Grant	958,161
Communities and Families	Hackham West Community Centre Inc.	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Senior Indoor Bowls	3,481
Communities and Families	Hawthorndene Men's Probus Club Inc	Grants for Age Friendly SA Round 1—Replacement laptop computer and audio equipment	4,400
Communities and Families	Italian Home Delivered Meals and Services Incorporated	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Community Programs & Cooking Workshops	9,833
Communities and Families	Junction and Women's Housing Ltd	Financial Wellbeing Program (Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island)	1,826,844
Communities and Families	Junction Australia Ltd	Kangaroo Island Community Passenger Network	155,374
Communities and Families	Junction Australia Ltd	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—The Junction Community Centre	891,341
Communities and Families	Junction Australia Ltd	Community Connections—Community Partner (Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island)	600,117
Communities and Families	Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	Intensive Family Services – Education Pilot Program (YERTA)	1,992,651
Communities and Families	Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	Strong Families, Strong Communities (KWY with TACSI—The Australian Centre for Social Innovation)	1,335,517
Communities and Families	Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	Strong Families, Strong Communities (CCCSA—Centacare Catholic Country SA)	792,006
Communities and Families	Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	Intensive Aboriginal Family Preservation Service (Taikurtima Tirra-apinhi)—Western	3,411,589
Communities and Families	Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Corporation	Intensive Family Services	2,749,074
Communities and Families	Kura Yerlo Incorporated	Community Connections—Aboriginal Community Partner	1,359,882
Communities and Families	Kura Yerlo Incorporated	Youth Support Development Program—Aboriginal Service	1,285,093
Communities and Families	Life Without Barriers	Strong Families, Strong Communities	626,595
Communities and Families	Lutheran Community Care	Financial Wellbeing Program (Adelaide Hills)	1,352,365
Communities and Families	Lutheran Community Care	Financial Wellbeing Program (Barossa, Light and Lower North)	1,803,116
Communities and Families	Lutheran Community Care	Community Connections—Community Partner (Barossa, Light and Lower North)	925,732
Communities and Families	Lutheran Community Care	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Adelaide Hills)	479,513
Communities and Families	Lutheran Community Care	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Barossa, Light and Lower North)	589,738
Communities and Families	Macclesfield Subbranch RSL Inc	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Replacement of Chairs	4,830
Communities and Families	Magill Senior Citizen Inc	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Replacement of Bowling Mats	5,000
Communities and Families	Malex Care Incorporated	Grants for Seniors—Foods connect community	3,250
Communities and Families	Mallala & Districts Mens Shed Incorporated	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Broadband for Seniors	4,997
Communities and Families	Maltese Aged Care Association SA Incorporated	Grants for Seniors Round 1—MACASA Essential Meals Delivery Equipment Upgrade	4,900

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Communities and Families	Maltese Aged Care Association SA Incorporated	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Cultural Heritage Storytelling and Intergenerational Program	9,970
Communities and Families	MarionLife Community Services Incorporated	MarionLIFE Land Acquisition Grant	1,800,000
Communities and Families	MarionLife Community Services Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Elizabeth South Community Centre	985,876
Communities and Families	MarionLife Community Services Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—MarionLIFE Community Services	891,341
Communities and Families	MarionLife Community Services Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Southern Adelaide)	465,905
Communities and Families	Marra Murrangga Kumangka Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development (Aboriginal Community Centres)	512,666
Communities and Families	Meals On Wheels (SA) Incorporated	Community Meals	702,503
Communities and Families	Mercury CX Incorporated	The Mercury Silverscreen Grant	30,000
Communities and Families	Mid Murray Support Service Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Mid Murray Support Service (The HUB)	913,625
Communities and Families	Midway Road Community House Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Midway Road Community House	891,341
Communities and Families	Milang and District Community Association Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Growing Life Connections	913,625
Communities and Families	Mintaro Bowling Club Inc	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Bowling Green Aids for the Ageing	5,000
Communities and Families	Moana Surf Life Saving Club Inc	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Music—the key to a good life	4,096
Communities and Families	Money Mob Talkabout Limited	MoneyMob Financial Counselling & Capability Support for Anangu in Adelaide	502,866
Communities and Families	Money Mob Talkabout Limited	Financial Assistance to APY Lands	424,163
Communities and Families	Moorundi Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service Limited	Community Connections—Aboriginal Community Partners- Direct Negotiation	53,844
Communities and Families	Moorundi Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service Limited	Community Connections—Aboriginal Community Partners- Direct Negotiation	53,844
Communities and Families	Moorundi Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service Limited	Community Connections—Aboriginal Community Partners- Direct Negotiation	242,300
Communities and Families	Moorundi Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service Limited	Community Connections—Aboriginal Community Partners- Direct Negotiation	242,300
Communities and Families	Morella Community Centre Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Morella Community Centre	891,341
Communities and Families	Morella Community Centre Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Northern Adelaide)	475,028
Communities and Families	Mount Barker District Council	Adelaide Hills Community Passenger Network	651,340
Communities and Families	Mount Barker Family House Inc	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Acting Out Troupe—Grandma wore a mini skirt. Performances about intergenerational communication.	6,185
Communities and Families	Mount Barker Family House Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Mount Barker Community Centre	891,341

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Communities and Families	Mount Barker Family House Inc	Community Connections—Community Partner (Adelaide Hills)	549,161
Communities and Families	Mount Gambier Croquet Club Inc	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Friendship, Exercise, Fun and Inclusion	4,300
Communities and Families	Multicultural Communities Council of SA Inc	Multicultural Communities Council of SA Ageing Well in CALD Communities Grant 2024-2025	65,000
Communities and Families	Multicultural Communities Council of SA Inc	Community Connections—Multicultural Coordinating Partner	1,274,407
Communities and Families	Multicultural Youth South Australia Incorporated	Financial Wellbeing Program—Multicultural Capacity Building Partner	188,782
Communities and Families	Multicultural Youth South Australia Incorporated	Strong Families, Strong Communities	440,091
Communities and Families	Multicultural Youth South Australia Incorporated	Youth Support Development Program—Multicultural Service	1,285,093
Communities and Families	Multicultural Youth South Australia Incorporated	Youth Support Development—Youth Safe Transport Service	2,537,817
Communities and Families	Murray Bridge Community Centre Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Murray Bridge Community Centre	913,625
Communities and Families	National Seniors Association Klemzig Branch Incorporated	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Update of IT equipment	2,035
Communities and Families	Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (Aboriginal Corporation)	APY Lands Youth Program	6,149,733
Communities and Families	Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC	STAY—Raukkan and Meningie Youth Service Grant—Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC	191,052
Communities and Families	Northeast Community House Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Northeast Community House	891,341
Communities and Families	Northern Area Community and Youth Services Inc	Strong Families, Strong Communities	315,252
Communities and Families	Northern Area Community and Youth Services Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Northern Area Community and Youth Services	891,341
Communities and Families	Northern Area Community and Youth Services Inc	Youth Support Development Program—Barossa, Light and Lower North	1,672,192
Communities and Families	Northern Area Community and Youth Services Inc	Youth Support Development Program—Northern Adelaide	3,810,819
Communities and Families	Northern Volunteering SA Inc	Northern & Southern Volunteering SA Grant—Core Funding Contribution	120,000
Communities and Families	Nunkuwarrin Yunti of South Australia Inc	Strong Families, Strong Communities	1,022,878
Communities and Families	Oz Harvest Limited	Social Supermarket Program (SSP)—Year 1	250,000
Communities and Families	Pangula Mannamurna Aboriginal Corporation	Community Connections—Aboriginal Community Partner (Mt Gambier/Limestone Coast)	446,310
Communities and Families	Payneham Bowling Club Inc	Grants for Age Friendly SA Round 1—Public Address System	5,000
Communities and Families	Playgroup SA Incorporated	Community Playgroups	658,874
Communities and Families	Plaza Youth Centre Incorporated	Night Bus Service Whyalla	113,508
Communities and Families	Plaza Youth Centre Incorporated	Leadership Group, School Holidays Activities and Drop In	135,966
Communities and Families	Plaza Youth Centre Incorporated	Youth Support Development Program—Whyalla	1,366,931
Communities and Families	Pooraka Farm Community Centre Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Pooraka Farm Community Centre	891,341

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Communities and Families	Port Augusta Youth Centre Incorporated	Port Augusta Social Vision Program—Port Augusta Youth Centre Activities	356,589
Communities and Families	Port Macdonnell and District Bowling Club Incorporated	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Addressing accessibility	5,000
Communities and Families	Post Polio Support Group of SA Inc	Polio SA Annual Funding Grant	124,000
Communities and Families	Probus South Pacific Ltd	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Replace Public Address System	559
Communities and Families	Quilters Guild of South Australia Incorporated	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Country Forum 2025	8,850
Communities and Families	Reedbeds Community Centre Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Fulham Community Centre	891,341
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Intensive Family Services—Western and Inner North Safe Start	6,413,332
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Intensive Family Services	4,215,195
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Childhood Sexual Abuse Counselling Services (CSACS)	4,740,322
Communities and Families	Ripples Community Arts Incorporated	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Country Forum 2025	5,000
Communities and Families	Royal Life Saving Society Aust South Australia Branch Inc	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Aqua Smart for the Young at Heart	9,900
Communities and Families	Seniors Information Service Inc	Grants for Positive Ageing Fellowship Round 1—Choices and successful transition to village life and community living	30,500
Communities and Families	Skylight Mental Health Incorporated	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Murray Mallee)	888,804
Communities and Families	Skylight Mental Health Incorporated	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Western Adelaide)	1,438,495
Communities and Families	Skylight Mental Health Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Western Adelaide)	1,104,533
Communities and Families	Skylight Mental Health Incorporated	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Limestone Coast)	781,470
Communities and Families	Skylight Mental Health Incorporated	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Fleurieu and KI)	587,295
Communities and Families	South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute Limited	2023 MRFF Indigenous Health Research Grant—SAHMRI	125,000
Communities and Families	South Australian Historical Tool Association Incorporated	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Bringing SAHTA to the community	9,450
Communities and Families	South Australian Rainbow Advocacy Alliance	LGBTIQA+ Advocacy and Sector Support Grant	100,000
Communities and Families	Southern Volunteering (SA) Incorporated	Northern & Southern Volunteering SA Grant—Core Funding Contribution	120,000
Communities and Families	Southern Yorke Peninsula Community Hub Incorporated	Grants for Seniors Round 1—SYP Social Seniors	9,000
Communities and Families	Southern Yorke Peninsula Community Hub Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—SYP Community Hub	913,625
Communities and Families	Spanish Club of SA Incorporated	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Spanish Ageing Well—Cultural Games and kitchen equipment	4,991
Communities and Families	Survivors of Torture and Trauma Assistance and Rehabilitation Service	Strong Families, Strong Communities	472,878
Communities and Families	Tailem Bend Community Centre Inc	Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network	434,960
Communities and Families	Tailem Bend Community Centre Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Tailem Bend Community Centre	913,625

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Communities and Families	Talk Out Loud Ltd	Talk Out Loud Grant	100,000
Communities and Families	Tauondi Aboriginal Corporation	Aboriginal Capacity Building	1,131,250
Communities and Families	The Aldgate Men's Shed Incorporated	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Purchase of a Compactus to store hand tools in the re-located shed	4,740
Communities and Families	The Australian Centre for Social Innovation Inc	Positive Ageing Fellowship Grants 2024-2025 Fellowship and Mentoring Program	58,100
Communities and Families	The Barossa Council	Barossa Valley Community Passenger Network	405,366
Communities and Families	The Equality Project Ltd	The Equality Project 'Better Together' Conference 2025 Grant	50,000
Communities and Families	The Equality Project Ltd	Rainbow Years Initiative Project	100,000
Communities and Families	The Food Centre Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—The Food Centre	891,341
Communities and Families	The Food Centre Incorporated	Food Centre Social Supermarket and Food Security	614,138
Communities and Families	The GOGO Foundation Ltd	GOGO Foundation Grant	150,000
Communities and Families	The Gold Foundation Incorporated	Gold Foundation Grant	316,744
Communities and Families	The Hut Community Centre Inc	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Connection and Health to live your best life	4,846
Communities and Families	The Hut Community Centre Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Adelaide Hills Connected Communities	891,341
Communities and Families	The Junction Community Centre Inc	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—The Junction Community Centre	891,341
Communities and Families	The South Australian Country Women's Association Inc	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Hearing Augmentation System	4,983
Communities and Families	The South Australian Country Women's Association Inc	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Mental Health First Aid for Seniors supported by SACWA	10,000
Communities and Families	The South Australian Financial Counsellors Association Incorporated	SAFCA Systems Improvements Grant	44,985
Communities and Families	The South Australian Financial Counsellors Association Incorporated	Financial Wellbeing Program—Sector Capacity Building Partner	1,164,155
Communities and Families	The Trustee for The Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust	Salvation Army Port Augusta Hub Grant	167,083
Communities and Families	The Trustee for The Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust	Port Augusta Social Vision Program—Port Augusta Youth Safe Transport Service	647,477
Communities and Families	The Trustee for The Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust	Return to Country Port Augusta	651,320
Communities and Families	The Trustee for The Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust	Youth Support Development Program—Port Augusta	1,245,748
Communities and Families	The Trustee for The Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust	Affordable SA website (ASA)	750,000
Communities and Families	The University of Adelaide	Grant Offer for the establishment of the Office for Thriving Families	500,000
Communities and Families	Thorne Harbour Health Ltd	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Thriving After 50: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Decriminalising Homosexuality and LGBTIQ+ Rights	10,000

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Communities and Families	Thorne Harbour Health Ltd	Grants for Positive Ageing Fellowship Round 1—HIV-centred histories and lived experiences within the South Australian landscape	39,923
Communities and Families	Torrens University Australia Limited	Grants for Impact Research Round 1—PlayForever: an exploration of participation in intergenerational playgroups in diverse South Australian communities	25,000
Communities and Families	Umoona Community	Community Connections—Aboriginal Community Partners- Direct Negotiation	53,844
Communities and Families	Umoona Community	Return to Country Coober Pedy	608,204
Communities and Families	Umoona Community	Community Connections—Aboriginal Community Partners- Direct Negotiation	242,300
Communities and Families	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Financial Wellbeing Program (Eastern Adelaide)	1,708,216
Communities and Families	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Consumer Credit Legal Service	3,768,716
Communities and Families	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Financial Wellbeing Program (Southern Adelaide)	4,199,216
Communities and Families	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Bfriend Program	964,414
Communities and Families	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Northern Adelaide)	1,425,089
Communities and Families	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Southern Adelaide)	931,815
Communities and Families	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Community Connections—Regional Coordinating Partners (Eastern Adelaide)	567,694
Communities and Families	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Family by Family—Uniting Communities Inc.	11,626,365
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Financial Wellbeing Program (Far North)	2,080,239
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Financial Wellbeing Program (Yorke and Mid North)	2,932,645
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Strong Families, Strong Communities	535,927
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Intensive Family Services	6,248,259
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Port Pirie Community Hub	913,625
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Peterborough Community Hub	913,625
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Youth Support Development Program—Port Pirie	1,271,633
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Food Security Investment	95,723
Communities and Families	UnitingCare Wesley Bowden Incorporated	Grants for Positive Ageing Fellowship Round 1—Financial Wellbeing, Your Money Matters	40,000
Communities and Families	UnitingCare Wesley Bowden Incorporated	Strong Families, Strong Communities	1,649,516
Communities and Families	UnitingCare Wesley Bowden Incorporated	Aboriginal Scholarship Program—Financial Wellbeing Program Grant	456,570
Communities and Families	UnitingCare Wesley Bowden Incorporated	Financial Wellbeing Program (Western Adelaide)	5,504,024
Communities and Families	UnitingSA Ltd	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Taperoo Community Centre	891,341
Communities and Families	UnitingSA Ltd	Community and Neighbourhood Development—Whyalla	957,438
Communities and Families	UnitingSA Ltd	Youth Support Development Program—Southern Adelaide	1,500,506

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Communities and Families	Vietnamese Community in Australia/ South Australia Chapter Incorporated	Community and Neighbourhood Development Program—Community Access and Services SA	891,341
Communities and Families	Vietnamese Community in Australia/ South Australia Chapter Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Western Adelaide)	1,006,709
Communities and Families	Volunteering SA And NT Incorporated	Corporate Volunteering Grants	162,400
Communities and Families	Volunteering SA And NT Incorporated	Volunteering Strategy for SA Project Support Grant	283,500
Communities and Families	Walking Football Adelaide Association Incorporated	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Physical and Mental health development of Older Australians through Walking Football	9,560
Communities and Families	West Coast Youth and Community Support Incorporated	Mentally Fit EP Sustainability, Governance and Capacity Building Grant	20,000
Communities and Families	West Coast Youth and Community Support Incorporated	Strong Families, Strong Communities	420,331
Communities and Families	West Coast Youth and Community Support Incorporated	Night Bus	252,500
Communities and Families	West Coast Youth and Community Support Incorporated	Youth Support Development Program—Port Lincoln	1,237,506
Communities and Families	West Coast Youth and Community Support Incorporated	Community Connections—Community Partner (Eyre and Western)	497,931
Communities and Families	West Coast Youth and Community Support Incorporated	Service to Aboriginal Youth (STAY)	599,164
Communities and Families	Whyalla Men's Shed	Grants for Seniors Round 1—Test and Tag training	2,200
Communities and Families	YMCA of South Australia Youth and Family Services Inc	Youth Parliament Grant	300,000
Disability	Coorong District Council	Changing Places Grant—Tranche 3 Ad-Hoc Round—Coorong District Council	296,706
Disability	Uniting Communities Incorporated	State-wide Disability Advocacy Services	1,822,000
Homelessness	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	Southern Country Homelessness Alliance	12,994,814
Homelessness	Australian Alliance to End Homelessness Limited	Provision of Specialist Coaching and Implementation—Support in the Advance to Zero Methodology	512,500
Homelessness	Catherine House Inc	New Generation—Catherine House	2,406,808
Homelessness	Hutt Street Centre	Aspire Extension Program	7,622,616
Homelessness	Lutheran Community Care	Toward Home Alliance Adelaide South	63,639,980
Homelessness	St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) Inc	Inner City Homelessness Service Response—Open Door Agreement	2,076,200
Homelessness	SYC Ltd	Lived Experience Engagement Services (LEES)	471,600
Homelessness	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Youth Support Services	8,824,200
Homelessness	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Country North Homelessness Alliance	21,378,500
Homelessness	UnitingSA Ltd	Padninthi Kumangka Wardli Alliance Adelaide North	50,587,845
Youth Justice	Aboriginal Building and Civil Construction Academy Pty Ltd	Aboriginal Youth Pathways to Employment Grant	560,000
Youth Justice	SYC Ltd	Community Service Order Program	335,384

Note—The above table incorporates grant funding and not-for-profit funded services agreements but excludes fee-for-service contracts. The total contract value represents total amounts across the total contract term,

which in many cases extends across previous and future financial years. The values do not include any indexation amounts that may be payable under the contract.

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Department of Human Services				
Charitable and Social Welfare Fund	Established to provide small one-off grants to a wide range of community organisations and service providers	3,859	3,860	3,861
Community Service Obligations	Water and sewerage rate concessions for exempt properties	22,514	24,087	25,717
Gamblers Rehabilitation Fund	Services and projects to minimise or address problem gambling	6,729	6,730	6,729

The 2025-26 estimate may differ from the Agency Statement due to the allocation of corporate overheads for presentational purposes in the published statements.

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

Grant program	Grant Round	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex)\$
Charitable and Social Welfare Fund				
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	City of Burnside	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Friendship for All	26,064
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	City of Onkaparinga	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Building inclusive social activities supporting men in the South	30,000
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	Encounter Centre Inc	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Activating Our Space	25,000
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	Iwiri Aboriginal Corporation	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Strengthening Anangu governance capacity and participation.	24,672
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	Corporation of the City of Campbelltown	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Hectorville Connect	29,438
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	Lochiel Progress Association	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Livening up the Lochiel Community Centre	25,132
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	Reynella Neighbourhood Centre Inc	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Inclusive Education Project	29,608

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Charitable and Social Welfare Fund				
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	Coonalpyn Community Hub Incorporated	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Women's Circle	29,493
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	Tatiara District Council	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Navigating the Challenges	10,756
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	Port Augusta Youth Centre Incorporated	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Errappa Reconnection Program	29,107
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	City of Onkaparinga	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—City of Onkaparinga Positive Ageing Centres	18,015
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	City of Charles Sturt	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Mastering Music	24,830
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	Pathway Community Centre Incorporated	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Wellbeing Centre Development & Volunteer Support	23,720
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	Thrive Streaky Bay and Districts	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Thrive Community Garden Program	16,900
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	Strath Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Volunteer Coordination and Development for Strengthened Community Engagement	30,000
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	Coromandel Community Centre Inc	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Building Inclusive Community Connections	25,300
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	Camden Community Centre Inc	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Project Accreditation	29,954
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	The Corporation of the City of Adelaide	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—The Volunteers Connectors Program	30,000
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	District Council of Elliston	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Supporting Community Connections for all ages—Elliston	30,000

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Charitable and Social Welfare Fund				
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	City of Tea Tree Gully	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—The Worldly Cafe	30,000
Communities and Families	Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round 2024-25	Dunjiba Community Council Inc	2024-25 Community Centres and Neighbourhood House Grant Round—Oodnadatta Community Food Hub and Garden Education Project	29,950
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Plaza Youth Centre Incorporated	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—NextGen Tech Upgrade Grant	8,182
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Southern Yorke Peninsula Community Hub Incorporated	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Digitally Inclusive SYP Communities Grant	18,982
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Seeds of Affinity Inc	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Digital Connections Grant	12,634
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Wudinna & Districts Telecentre Inc	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Wudinna Telecentre Connectivity & Digital Inclusion Grant	7,680
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Community House Port Lincoln Inc	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Digital support	19,106
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Access2Arts	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Digital accessibility training for disabled artists Grant	19,400
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Point Pearce Aboriginal Corporation	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Point Pearce Digital Hub Grant	19,791
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	SA Little Athletics Assoc Inc	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Little Athletics for All Grant	14,990
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Port Vincent Progress Association Inc	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—The Community Hall Collaboration Hub Grant	4,839
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Australian Refugee Association Inc	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Expansion of the Culturally Inclusive Digital Literacy Grant	18,743
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Uniting Communities Incorporated	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Culturally and linguistically diverse community Inclusion Grant	1,148
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Whyalla Men's Shed	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Upgrading IT infrastructure and improving digital literacy Grant	6,391
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Nharangga Aboriginal Progress Association Incorporated	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Empowering Nharangga Learning with Interactive Whiteboard Technology	5,015
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Murray Bridge Community Centre Incorporated	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Let's Get Digital Grant	19,880
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Ethiopian Community Association in South Australia Inc.	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Digital Access and Cyber Safety Training for Ethiopian Community	19,137

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Charitable and Social Welfare Fund				
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Mount Barker Family House Inc	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Increasing Digital Skills in Mount Barker Grant	18,582
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Marra Murrangga Kumangka Inc	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Improving Digital Access to the Community	7,890
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Umoona Community	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Umoona Digital Learning Hub	19,791
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Moorundi Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service Limited	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Community Access to Technology Grant	8,690
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	The Yankalilla and Districts Community Men's Shed Incorporated	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Replacement of Old computers	6,338
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Multicultural Youth South Australia Incorporated	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Multicultural Youth Navigating the Digital World	20,000
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	The Junction Community Centre Inc	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Junction Community Grant	11,282
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	The Big Issue Australia	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Digital Literacy – Covering all areas Grant	19,233
Communities and Families	Digital Inclusion 2024-25 Grant Round	Julia Farr Association Inc	Digital Inclusion 2024/25—Advocacy, storytelling and connection in a digital world Grant	17,607
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Shoe Boxes of Love Inc	Collections of Love Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	Grants SA Minor Round	Bedford Group Ltd	Wheelchair Accessible Kitchen Space Grant	9,090
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	American River Community Garden Inc.	Community Sheds: American River Community Garden Grant	24,846
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	City of Onkaparinga	Community Sheds—Men's Shed in Aberfoyle Park Grant	40,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Municipal Council of Roxby Downs	Community Sheds—Construction of a Makers Space at Roxby Downs Grant	300,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	The South Australian Society of Model & Experimental Engineers Inc	Community Sheds—Rebuild Workshop at SASMEE Grant	151,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Black Ops—Veterans Garage INC	Community Sheds—Construction of a Veterans Garage at Willaston	250,000
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Macclesfield Men's Shed	Community Sheds: Macclesfield Men's Shed Extension Grant	17,192
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Second Chances SA Incorporated	Second Chances Family Care Program Grant	572,956
Communities and Families	One-off Grant	Australian Red Cross Society	Extreme Weather Support Service (Telecross REDi)	186,223
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Alexandrina Council	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—The Youth Culture Series	2,500

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Charitable and Social Welfare Fund				
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Aboriginal Community Housing Ltd.	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Tika Tirka Week of Fun	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Enabled Youth Disability Network Incorporated	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—EYDN free cooking class at Spout for young people with disability	2,300
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Reclink Australia	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Youth Week Surf Event	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	District Council of Elliston	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Strike Force Laser Tag—Elliston	2,499
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Southern Yorke Peninsula Community Hub Incorporated	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—SYP Sounds 2025	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Light Regional Council	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—FARM Frenzy Bubble Bash	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	City of Tea Tree Gully	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Youth Jam Fest	2,300
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Wudinna District Council	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Strike Force Laser Tag Event	2,000
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	The Corner Uniting Church	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Chill and Create	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Australian Refugee Association Inc	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Harmony Fest: Celebrating Diversity Through Culture	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	District Council of Streaky Bay	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Strike Force Laser Tag—Streaky Bay	2,499
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	City of Burnside	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Burnside GeekFest	2,160
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Multicultural Youth South Australia Incorporated	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Youth Connect: Celebrating Diversity and Building Community	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Wattle Range Council	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Activate—Participate—Celebrate	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	City of Charles Sturt	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Youth Makers Market	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	City of Mount Gambier	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—City of Mount Gambier Youth Week	2,472
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—The Event	1,938
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Corporation Of the City of Whyalla	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Colour Explosion	2,499
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Rural City of Murray Bridge	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Youth Week Skate Jam	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Town of Gawler	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—All Things Art	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Regional Council of Goyder	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Youth Week Family Fun Day!	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Muslim Community SA	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Empowering Youth: Celebrating Culture and Leadership	2,100

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Charitable and Social Welfare Fund				
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	City of Salisbury	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—ROAR 2025	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Mount Barker District Council	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Street Beats	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Murray Bridge Community Centre Incorporated	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Level UP 2 Murray Bridge	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	City of Onkaparinga	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Wardli Youth Block Party	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	Umeewarra Aboriginal Media Assn Inc	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—Next Generation Event	2,500
Communities and Families	SA Youth Week 2025 Grant Round	West Coast Youth and Community Support Incorporated	SA Youth Week 2025 Grants Round—SAYW25 Youth Collab	2,500
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	The Echunga Memorial Institute Incorporated	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Installation of disabled access pathway with compliant handrail	7,765
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Peake Community Centre Inc.	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Peake Memorial Hall Electrical Upgrade Grant	3,826
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Tailem Bend Community Centre Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Chairs for Community Comfort Grant	9,018
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	American River Community & Sports Association	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Upgrade to ARCSA Grant	7,113
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Pangula Mannamurna Aboriginal Corporation	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Nunga Feeds Project	5,674
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	The Food Centre Incorporated	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—The Food Centre HyperHub and Cafe: Accessible Spaces, Stronger Connections	7,801
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Bedford Services and Advisory Ltd	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Mobichair floating wheelchair and Milo Communicators plus freight	9,000
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	The Rotary Club of Salisbury SA Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Financial Assistance for Marquee Replacement	5,192
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	The Murraylands Multi-Cultural Network Incorporated	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Murraylands Multicultural Network Community Project Grant	7,880
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Barmera Bowling Club Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Kitchen Upgrade	8,661
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Hills Community Options Incorporated	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Tovertafel Grant	10,000
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Neporendi Aboriginal Forum Incorporated	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Digital Tools for Community Space Grant	9,502

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Charitable and Social Welfare Fund				
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Cornerstone Housing Ltd	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Community Engagement Pop Up Cafe Grant	8,385
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Manoora Centenary Park Incorporated	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Air conditioners to Provide Comfortable Environment for Wellness Centre Users	7,818
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	ME/CFS South Australia Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Financial Assistance for Digital Infrastructure	4,779
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	ArtsUp Streaky Bay	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Community Creative Space Refurbishment Grant	5,574
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Victorious Church Incorporated	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Victorious Church Kitchen Upgrade	10,000
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Pathway Community Centre Incorporated	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Accessible Toilet/Bathroom	27,859
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Macclesfield Community Association	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Battunga Youth Partnership	2,120
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Returned Services League Mannum Subbranch Incorporated	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Air Conditioning for RSL Mannum	18,042
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	The Trustee for The Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Play Cafe Redevelopment Grant	20,383
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Living Water Community Church Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Firm Foundations @ The Hub	27,487
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Plaza Youth Centre Incorporated	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Youth Drop in Hub (after-hours)	27,578
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Community House Port Lincoln Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—OpShop Extensions	19,095
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Vinnies Women's Crisis Centre Upgrade Grant	30,000
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Anglicare SA Housing Limited	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—children residing in social or affordable housing to access the Children's University	10,000
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	One Culture Ltd	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—New Sports Zone	29,526
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Encounter Centre Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Funding Program for Victor Harbor Youth Space	30,000
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Price Progress Association Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Community Shed Upgrade	30,000
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Kyd-x Ltd	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Off the Floor Accessible Toilets Grant	30,000

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Charitable and Social Welfare Fund				
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Mount Barker Family House Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25 - Connecting with Aboriginal Young People Grant	29,667
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	National Indigenous Network Initiative Ltd	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Program for Deadly Deeds	26,001
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Freeling Bowling Club Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Upgraded Disabled Facilities	18,700
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Multicultural Youth South Australia Incorporated	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Safe Steps Grant	29,806
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Community Corporate PTY LTD	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Digital Skills 4 Work Program	29,375
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Smoky Bay & Districts Community Club Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Roof at Smoky Bay & Districts Community Club Grant	16,823
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Stable Help Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Stables Kitchen upgrade Grant	29,892
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Arabana Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Returning to Country: Revitalising Arabana Culture and Economy in Marree	30,000
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Country and Outback Health Incorporated	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Improved access in Port Augusta Grant	30,000
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Edwardstown Baptist Church Incorporated	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Renovating Bathrooms, Elevating Standards	29,200
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Riverton (S.A.) Bowling Club	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Upgrade Kitchen Facilities Grant	13,461
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	District Council of Karoonda East Murray	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Community Meeting Room Project Grant	30,000
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Genesis Pregnancy Support Incorporated	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Rooms within Rooms Grant	12,231
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Clare Valley Christian Outreach Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—CVCO Emergency Relief—Office Improvements Grant	13,630
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Arno Bay District Bowling Club Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Dishwasher Upgrade Grant	18,524
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (SA)	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Munno Para Community Canteen	15,130
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Aroona Aboriginal Council Incorporated	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Playground Revitalisation Project Grant	29,183

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Charitable and Social Welfare Fund				
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Northern Area Community and Youth Services Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Transportable Building renovation Grant	23,350
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Gateway Baptist Church and Community Centre	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25 – Food Trailer to Support Vulnerable People Grant	27,000
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Employment Options Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Youth Options Wellbeing and Connection	26,454
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	The Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Association of South Australia Ltd	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Beach Access for all Grant	9,397
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 1 2024-25	Dunjiba Community Council Inc	Social Impact Round 1 2024-25—Dunjiba Food Security Project Phase Two Grant	29,928
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Whyalla Men's Shed	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—The Thick and Thin of It	5,800
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Port Lincoln Aboriginal Community Council	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Youth Shed Facilities Upgrade	28,678
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Heart and Soul Community Group Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Expansion of Coolroom	30,000
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Mallala & Districts Mens Shed Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Shed Improvements	6,394
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	UCare Gawler Inc	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Dignified Access to Food Relief and Cool Room Freezer Solution	13,667
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Mannum Community Church Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Floor and Window Treatments	19,672
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Neporendi Aboriginal Forum Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Preserving and Sharing Culture for the Next Generation	24,313
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Ernabella Arts Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Tjukurpa Kunpu	29,692
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Elizabeth Art Society Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Arts North	2,008
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Technology For Ageing and Disability SA INC	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Laptop Supply and Set Up	2,318
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Energy Education Australia Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Expanding Volunteering	7,082

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Charitable and Social Welfare Fund				
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Reynella Neighbourhood Centre Inc	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Audio Visual Equipment Upgrades	6,350
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Lions Club of Wattle Range Lioness Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Catering for the Community	3,799
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Northeast Community House Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—NECH Capability Enhancement	5,530
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Port Augusta Youth Centre Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Errappa Reconnect Bush Camp Facilitator	30,000
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Northeast Community Assistance Project	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Commercial Refrigerator for NECAP Emergency Food Relief Program	4,820
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Lucindale Community Economic Development Board Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Lucindale Community Hub Furniture	7,092
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Employment Options Inc	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Power Up Program	29,828
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (SA)	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Goolwa Uniting Church Church Activity Centre	7,611
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Technology For Ageing and Disability SA INC	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—TASDA 3D Printing Centre	7,682
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Camden Community Centre Inc	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Camden Activity Room Upgrade	9,750
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Marnbi Aboriginal Corporation	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Signs for Change	28,988
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Ethiopian Community Association in South Australia Inc.	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—ECASA—Community Learning and Counselling Hub	27,453
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	The Reily Foundation Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Showing Up for Your Kids	28,363
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	The Food Centre Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Grounded: Paddock to Plate Project	29,094
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Miwi-Inyeri Pelepi-Ambi Aboriginal Corporation	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Nunga Youth Project Officer	20,000
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Milang and District Community Association Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Safe Space for Local Youth	30,000

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Charitable and Social Welfare Fund				
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Mid Coast Sustainability Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Gardening for Everyone	24,724
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Saint Pauls Lutheran Church Inc	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Upgrades for the Hall	12,376
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Umeewarra Aboriginal Media Assn Inc	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Next Gen Leadership	30,000
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Eudunda Community Hub and Shed Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Disability Toilet and Ramps Access	29,975
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	The Village Co. SA Limited	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Welcome Babe Program	29,910
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	The Adelaide Day Centre for Homeless Persons Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—Supporting Summer Services	30,000
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Northern Area Community and Youth Services Inc	Grants SA Program 2023-2026—2024-25 Social Impact Round 2	28,868
Communities and Families	Social Impact Grant Round 2 2024-25	Mid Murray Support Service Incorporated	2024-25 Social Impact Round 2—HUB Connect Activity Space Upgrade	30,000
Communities and Families	Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment Grant Round	Iwiri Aboriginal Corporation	Grants SA Program 2023-26—Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	26,000
Communities and Families	Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment Grant Round	Adelaide's LGBTQIA Arts & Cultural Festival Incorporated	Grants SA Program 2023-26—Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment	25,827
Communities and Families	Youth Action Plan Grant Round	Light Regional Council	Youth Action Plan—Youth Mental Wellbeing Grants—Monthly youth program	7,200
Communities and Families	Youth Action Plan Grant Round	Our Town Kimba Limited	Youth Action Plan—Youth Mental Wellbeing Grants—Wellness Workshops	13,023
Communities and Families	Youth Action Plan Grant Round	Tatiara District Council	Youth Action Plan—Youth Mental Wellbeing Grants—Youth Peer Empowerment	12,000
Communities and Families	Youth Action Plan Grant Round	Edmund Rice Community Services Limited	Youth Action Plan—Youth Mental Wellbeing Grants—Heart 2 Heart Heroes initiative	10,625
Communities and Families	Youth Action Plan Grant Round	Sexual Health Information Networking & Education SA Inc (SHINE SA)	Youth Action Plan—Youth Mental Wellbeing Grants—Workshops to empower trans and gender diverse youth	11,431
Communities and Families	Youth Action Plan Grant Round	Youth Opportunities Australia Limited	Youth Action Plan—Youth Mental Wellbeing Grants—Inclusive Peer-Led Initiatives	15,000
Communities and Families	Youth Action Plan Grant Round	Regional Council of Goyder	Youth Action Plan—Youth Mental Wellbeing Grants—Youth Social Activity Group	10,900

Grant program	Grant Round	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex)\$
Charitable and Social Welfare Fund				
Communities and Families	Youth Action Plan Grant Round	Carers and Disability Link Incorporated	Youth Action Plan—Youth Mental Wellbeing Grants—Wellness Workshop project	15,000
Communities and Families	Youth Action Plan Grant Round	Australian Refugee Association Inc	Youth Action Plan—Youth Mental Wellbeing Grants—4-week early intervention wellbeing initiative	15,000
Communities and Families	Youth Action Plan Grant Round	City of Onkaparinga	Youth Action Plan—Youth Mental Wellbeing Grants—Wellbeing Wednesdays Project	13,217
Communities and Families	Youth Action Plan Grant Round	Ngutu College Ltd	Youth Action Plan—Youth Mental Wellbeing Grants—Specialist Aboriginal Mental Health Facilitators	15,000
Communities and Families	Youth Action Plan Grant Round	Key Assets the Children's Services Provider (Australia) Limited	Youth Action Plan—Youth Mental Wellbeing Grants—CREATE Your Future (CYF) program	13,170
Communities and Families	Youth Action Plan Grant Round	Lifechanger Foundation Ltd	Youth Action Plan—Youth Mental Wellbeing Grants—Youth workshops and mentorship sessions	15,000
Communities and Families	Youth Action Plan Grant Round	Ashley Manuel	Youth Action Plan—Youth Mental Wellbeing Grants—Growing with Gratitude	12,800
Communities and Families	Standard NFP Funded Services Agreement	Community Hubs Australia	Community Hubs South Australia	530,000
Communities and Families	Standard NFP Funded Services Agreement	Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand	Good Shepherd Microfinance	5,699,733

Grant program	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex)\$
Gambler's Rehabilitation Fund			
Communities and Families	Adelaide Football Club Ltd	Here for the Game Partnership – Adelaide Football Club Grant	700,000
Communities and Families	Community Transitions	Criminal Justice Targeted Gambling Help Service	1,596,934
Communities and Families	Goolwa Community Centre Incorporated	Alternatives to Gambling Grant—Pilot Project 2 (Goolwa)	27,314
Communities and Families	Lifeline Southeast (SA) Incorporated	Alternatives to Gambling Grant—Pilot Project 3 (Mount Gambier)	20,130
Communities and Families	Lifeline Southeast (SA) Incorporated	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Limestone Coast	1,800,000
Communities and Families	Overseas Chinese Association of SA Inc	Chinese Targeted Gambling Help Services	1,437,241
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia (QLD)	SA Gambling Helpline	2,170,856
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia (SA) Inc	Multicultural Gambling Help Services	4,005,847
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Lived Experience in Gambling Harm Program	1,676,133
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Adelaide Hills	720,000
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island	1,080,000
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Western Adelaide	3,510,000

Grant program	Beneficiary	Contract Title/Purpose	Total Contract Value (GST ex)\$
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Barossa, Light and Lower North	720,000
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Murray and Mallee	1,755,000
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Northern Adelaide	4,320,000
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Eastern Adelaide	2,565,000
Communities and Families	Relationships Australia South Australia Limited	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Southern Adelaide	3,150,000
Communities and Families	South Australian Netball Association Incorporated	Here for the Game—Adelaide Thunderbirds Grant	100,000
Communities and Families	The South Australian Financial Counsellors Association Incorporated	Gambling Harm Minimisation Sector Capacity Building Partner	194,072
Communities and Families	The Untangle Project	The Untangle Project—Unseen Struggles: The Impact of Gambling Harm on Women	34,618
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Far North	1,305,000
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Eyre & Western	1,620,000
Communities and Families	Uniting Country SA Ltd	Metropolitan and Country Gambling Help Services—Yorke & Mid North	1,755,000
Communities and Families	Vietnamese Community in Australia/ South Australia Chapter Incorporated	Vietnamese Targeted Gambling Help Service	1,437,241
Communities and Families	Warntapinithi Wellbeing Aboriginal Corporation	Warntapinithi Wellbeing Aboriginal Start-up Grant	79,800

Note—The above table incorporates grant funding and not-for-profit funded services agreements but excludes fee-for-service contracts. The total contract value represents total amounts across the total contract term, which in many cases extends across previous and future financial years. The values do not include any indexation amounts that may be payable under the contract.

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services, Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well):** I have been advised that for the Department of Human Services:

There is no specific budget allocated for the management of remote work infrastructure.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised:

For business units under my responsibility within the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee):

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made. This mostly represents appointments made to existing vacant positions.

Role Title	Classification
Chief Operating Officer, Public Trustee	SAES1
Deputy Ombudsman	SAES1
Director Voice Secretariat	SAES1
Executive Solicitor (x 6)	SAES1
Junior Solicitor Team Manager	SAES1
Legal Counsel	SAES1
Pre-Committal Team Manager	SAES1
Senior Prosecutor (x 2)	SAES1
Senior Solicitor	SAES1

Role Title	Classification
Senior Solicitor—Confiscations	SAES1
Assistant Director, Science and Support	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$3.6 million (excluding on-costs).

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised:

For business units under my responsibility within the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee):

Since 1 July 2024, there has been one executive position abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Project Director, Aboriginal Justice Agreement	SAES1

Time limited funding was provided for this position. The Aboriginal Justice Agreement project is now overseen by the Director, Justice Policy and Analytics.

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised:

For business units under my responsibility within the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee):

There have been no executive terminations made since 1 July 2024.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised:

For the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee):

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised:

For business units under my responsibility within the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee):

The estimated total cost for the engagement of consultants in 2025-26 is \$0.5 million.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Attorney-General		
Advance Business Consulting Pty Ltd	Development of dashboard reporting for SACAT.	\$25,000
Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation		
Yamagigu Consulting	Preparing draft Closing the Gap Annual Report.	\$72,000

AKTIS Performance Management	Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Job & Person Specification Review.	\$15,000
Industrial Relations and Public Sector—SafeWork SA (SWSA)		
SLR Consulting	Qualified, skilled, and experienced external experts (primarily engineering services) to assist SWSA with investigations and prosecutions.	\$25,000
FMG Engineering		\$20,000
MBP Engineering		\$15,000

The majority of expenditure on contractors within AGD is related to the engagement of temporary labour hire. Based on expenditure incurred in recent years, it is estimated that expenditure on contractors in 2025-26 will be approximately \$5 million. A significant component of this estimated expenditure relates to specialised ICT/project contractors which reflects the need for specialised resources in this field.

The estimated expenditure on contractors within the Public Trustee for 2025-26 is \$0.8 million.

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Industrial Relations and Public Sector—SWSA		
Ernst and Young	Implementation of new SWSA case management system.	\$2.35 million
Aplo Enterprise Pty Ltd	Procurement partner and project management services for implementation of the new SWSA case management system*. *Currently under review for renewal.	\$350,000
SRA	Management of SWSA's InfoNET System.	\$200,000
Grosvenor Performance Group	Support and guidance on Governance projects.	\$40,000
Attorney-General		
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Internal Audit and Risk Management.	\$379,000
Public Trustee		
Randstad Pty Limited	Temporary staff for service delivery.	\$300,000
Hays Specialist Recruitment	Temporary staff for service delivery.	\$270,000
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Internal Audit and Risk Management.	\$130 000
Information Management Group Pty Ltd	Document scanning services.	\$82 000

### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised:

For business units under my responsibility within the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee):

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

Goods and services	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Attorney-General's Department	155,311	165,379	170,869	161,560
Public Trustee	5,750	5,671	5,821	5,975

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised:

The Attorney-General's Department (AGD) Strategic Communications Group undertakes communication and promotion activities for all AGD business units.

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for AGD (including the Public Trustee) for 2025-26 and the forward estimates, and the estimated employment cost of those FTEs:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
AGD & Public Trustee	FTE	8.45	8.45	8.45	8.45
	\$m	1.007	1.012	1.022	1.032

The above table reflects FTEs associated with the AGD communications area.'

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised:

For the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee):

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST) and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 – AGD Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
<b>Attorney-General (1)</b>				
Aboriginal Justice Advocacy Service	Provides advice and advocacy on behalf of Aboriginal South Australians and their interactions with the justice sector.	379	392	407
Aboriginal Visitor's Scheme	To provide care, comfort and support to Aboriginal people who are in police custody.	424	440	456
Australian Pro Bono Centre	Services for promoting and supporting pro bono work in South Australia.	8	8	-
Road Trauma Support Team	Provides support to people impacted by road trauma.	111	114	-
Crime Stoppers	Provides a program to enable the community and media to help police solve crime.	322	330	338
Treatment Intervention Court—Legal Services Commission	Provide general legal defence services for defendants referred to, and accepted into, the Treatment Intervention Court Program.	204	209	214
Treatment Intervention Court—Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement	To deliver free legal advice and representation services in the Treatment Intervention Court and/or Aboriginal Community Courts to Aboriginal defendants.	9	9	9
Operation Flinders	Provides a crime prevention program for young offenders and young people at risk of reoffending.	540	553	567
Australian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) – Annual Contribution	Contribution to administrative support.	14	14	15
AIJA – National Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Bench book	Funding for the National DFV Bench Book and the Family Violence in the Court training program for judicial officers.	2	2	2
Department of Human Services—Australian National Research Organisation for Women's Safety Limited (ANROWS)	Contribution to deliver relevant and translatable research evidence which drives policy and practice leading to a reduction in the levels of violence against women and their children.	18	18	19
AustLII	A free online service that provides access to legal information from Australia and New Zealand.	2	2	2

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Australian Institute of Criminology	Australian Crime Prevention Awards	2	2	2
Australian Institute of Criminology Research contributions	Provides national research and knowledge on crime and justice and seeks to promote justice and reduce crime by undertaking and communicating evidence-based research	17	17	18
National Coronial Information System (NCIS)	The NCIS is a data repository containing information about deaths reported to a Coroner in Australia and New Zealand.	42	43	44
National Criminal Court Statistic Unit (NCCSU)	State contribution to the NCCSU to compile, analyse, publish and disseminate uniform national criminal courts statistics, subject to the provisions of the <i>Census and Statistics Act 1905</i> .	24	24	25
SAPOL Serious Offender Management Plan	Contribution to administrative support.	14	15	15
South Australian Law Reform Institute	Contribution to administrative support.	54	56	57
National Access Justice to Partnership 2025-30 (NAJP) (Commonwealth funding)	To administer and allocate funding under the NAJP to support the delivery of essential legal assistance services for vulnerable people in South Australia.	56,559	58,282	60,256
Legal Assistance	State funding to support the delivery of essential legal assistance services for vulnerable people in South Australia.	1,372	1,405	1,441
Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency National Institute of Forensic Science	Jurisdictional contribution to National Institute of Forensic Science.	39	39	39
DPC – Better Services Initiative	Contribution to Better Services Initiative.	13	13	13
Professor Ross Vining Forensic Research Grant	Provide funding for collaborative research to improve casework.	50	50	50
Aboriginal Affairs				
Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara	APY Land Administration	2,023	2,074	2,126
Maralinga Tjarutja	MT Land Administration	798	818	839
Aboriginal Lands Trust	ALT Land Administration	1,082	1,109	1,137
Nunkuwarrin Yunti	SA Link Up Program	50	50	50
Reconciliation SA	Implementation of Business Plan	230	236	242
SA Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations Network (SAACCON)	Delivery of the strategies and actions outlined in the annual workplan	3,005	3,152	3,230
Dr Alice Rigney Prize	Nominated school/student awarded Dr Alice Rigney Prize	3	3	3
Gladys Elphick Committee	Gladys Elphick Ceremony	10	10	10
NAIDOC Committee	Premier's NAIDOC Awards & Family Fun Day	25	25	25
Industrial Relations				
Mates in Construction	To support suicide prevention work, along with case management support for workers in need in the construction and mining industry	65	-	-
Asbestos Diseases Society of South Australia Incorporated	To support advocacy work, along with education programs that seek to increase awareness in the community about the dangers of exposure to asbestos.	54	-	-
Asbestos Victims Association (SA) Incorporated	To support advocacy work, along with education programs that seek to increase awareness in the community about the dangers of exposure to asbestos.	54	-	-
Augusta Zadow Awards	This funding is used to meet the costs of a work health and safety initiative that benefits young workers or working women, which may involve practical solutions, research or further education.	75	75	75

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Safe Work Australia	South Australia's contribution to the administration of Safe Work Australia.	898	920	943
Sponsorships Program—South Australian Mines Emergency Response Competition	Contribution for various work health and safety awards, expos and conferences. The South Australian Mines Emergency Response Competition is designed to test the skills and knowledge of teams who would be called on to respond to a mine emergency.	5	5	5
Sponsorships Program—Human Factors & Ergonomics Society of Australia Conference	Contribution for various work health and safety awards, expos and conferences.	5	5	5

(1) Includes funding that has been approved with optional extension periods (identified in italic font).

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

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value (2025-26) \$'000
Attorney-General			
Aboriginal Justice Advocacy Service	Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement	Provides advice and advocacy on behalf of Aboriginal South Australians and their interactions with the justice sector.	379
Aboriginal Visitor's Scheme	Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement	To provide care, comfort and support to Aboriginal people who are in police custody.	424
Australian Pro Bono Centre	Australian Pro Bono Centre	Services for promoting and supporting pro bono work in South Australia.	8
Road Trauma Support Team	Road Trauma Support Team	Provides support to people impacted by road trauma.	111
Crime Stoppers	Crime Stoppers	Provides a program to enable the community and media to help police solve crime.	322
Treatment Intervention Court	Legal Services Commission	Provide general legal defence services for defendants referred to, and accepted into, the Treatment Intervention Court Program.	204
Treatment Intervention Court	Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement	To deliver free legal advice and representation services in the Treatment Intervention Court and/or Aboriginal Community Courts to Aboriginal defendants.	9
Operation Flinders	Operation Flinders	Provides a crime prevention program for young offenders and young people at risk of reoffending.	540
Australian institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) – Annual Contribution	AIJA	Annual contribution to the AIJA for judicial administerial functions.	14
Australian institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) – National DFV Bench book	AIJA	Funding for the National Domestic and Family Violence Bench Book and the Family Violence in the Court training program for judicial officers.	2
Department of Human Services—Australian National Research Organisation for Women's Safety Limited (ANROWS)	Department of Human Services	Contribution to deliver relevant and translatable research evidence which drives policy and practice leading to a reduction in the levels of violence against women and their children.	18
AustLII	AustLII Foundation	Annual contribution towards a free online service that provides access to legal information from Australia and New Zealand.	2
Australian Crime Prevention Awards	Australian Institute of Criminology	Annual contribution towards the Australian Crime Prevention Awards.	2
Australian Institute of Criminology Research Grants	Australian Institute of Criminology	Annual contribution towards the provision of national research and knowledge on crime and justice and seeks to promote justice and	17

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value (2025-26) \$'000
Attorney-General			
		reduce crime by undertaking and communicating evidence-based research.	
National Coronial Information System (NCIS)	Vic Department of Justice and Community Safety	Annual contribution to the National Coronial Information System which is a data repository containing information about deaths reported to a Coroner in Australia and New Zealand.	42
National Criminal Court Statistic Unit (NCCSU)	Australian Bureau of Statistics	Annual contribution to the NCCSU to compile, analyse, publish and disseminate uniform national criminal courts statistics, subject to the provisions of the <i>Census and Statistics Act 1905</i> .	24
Serious Offender Management Plan (OMP) Admin Support	South Australia Police	Annual contribution to assist with the cost of a portion of an Administrative Support Officer position for the OMP.	14
South Australian Law Reform Institute	University of Adelaide	Annual contribution towards administrative support.	54
NAJP (Commonwealth funding)	Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement	Provision of legal assistance services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in South Australia.	12,162
NAJP (Commonwealth funding)	Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation SA	Provision of legal and non-legal services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victim-survivors of family violence and/or sexual assault in South Australia.	4,304
NAJP (Commonwealth funding)	Legal Services Commission	Provision of legal aid services.	25,508
NAJP (Commonwealth funding)	Community Justice Services	Provision of legal assistance services to vulnerable people in South Australia.	2,496
Legal Assistance			457
NAJP (Commonwealth funding)	Northern Community Legal Service	Provision of legal assistance services to vulnerable people in South Australia.	2,065
Legal Assistance			214
NAJP (Commonwealth funding)	Uniting Communities Law Centre	Provision of legal assistance services to vulnerable people in South Australia.	2,179
Legal Assistance			294
NAJP (Commonwealth funding)	Westside Community Lawyers	Provision of legal assistance services to vulnerable people in South Australia.	2,045
Legal Assistance			180
NAJP (Commonwealth funding)	Women's Legal Service SA	Provision of legal assistance services to vulnerable women in South Australia.	5,032
Legal Assistance			227
NAJP (Commonwealth funding)	Working Women's Centre SA	Provision of legal assistance services to vulnerable women workers in South Australia.	768
Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency (ANZPAA) National Institute of Forensic Science	Victoria Police	Jurisdictional contribution to National Institute of Forensic Science.	39
Department of Premier and Cabinet – Better Services Initiative	Department of the Premier and Cabinet	Contribution to Better Services Initiative.	13
Professor Ross Vining Forensic Research Grant	Flinders University	Provide funding for collaborative forensic research to improve casework.	50

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value (2025-26) \$'000
Aboriginal Affairs			
APY Land Administration	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara	APY Land Administration	2,023
MT Land Administration	Maralinga Tjarutja	MT Land Administration	798

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value (2025-26) \$'000
<b>Aboriginal Affairs</b>			
ALT Land Administration	Aboriginal Lands Trust	ALT Land Administration	1,082
SA Link Up Program	Nunkuwarrin Yunti	SA Link Up Program	50
Implementation of Business Plan	Reconciliation SA	Implementation of Business Plan	230
Delivery of the strategies and actions outlined in the annual workplan	South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations Network (SAACCON)	Delivery of the strategies and actions outlined in the annual workplan	3,005
Dr Alice Rigney Prize	Marree Aboriginal School	Nominated school/student awarded Dr Alice Rigney Prize each year	3
Gladys Elphick Committee	Gladys Elphick Committee	Gladys Elphick Ceremony	10
NAIDOC Committee	NAIDOC Committee	Premier's NAIDOC Awards & Family Fun Day	25

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value (2025-26) \$'000
<b>Industrial Relations</b>			
Mates in Construction	Mates in Construction	To support suicide prevention work, along with case management support for workers in need in the construction and mining industry.	65
Asbestos Diseases Society of South Australia	Asbestos Diseases Society of South Australia	To support the advocacy work along with education programs that seek to increase awareness in the community about the dangers of exposure to asbestos.	54
Asbestos Victims Association	Asbestos Victims Association	To support advocacy work, along with education programs that seek to increase awareness in the community about the dangers of exposure to asbestos.	54
Augusta Zadow Award	Residents of South Australia who are selected following and application and judging process. Application process is currently open.	This funding is used to meet the costs of a work health and safety initiative that benefits young workers or working women, which may involve practical solutions, research or further education.	75
Safe Work Australia	Safe Work Australia	South Australia's contribution to the administration of Safe Work Australia.	898
Sponsorships Program	Contribution for various work health and safety awards, expos and conferences undertaking by South Australian organisations. Beneficiaries are: South Australian Mines Emergency Response Competition. Human Factors & Ergonomics Society of Australia Conference.	To support work health and safety initiatives in South Australia.	10

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 – AGD Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
<b>Attorney-General</b>				
Child Protection Fund	To fund work which protects children.	464	474	484
Justice Rehabilitation Fund	To fund programs and facilities that will further crime prevention and rehabilitation strategies.	3,975	4,241	4,335
Victims of Crime Fund	To advance the interests of victims of crime or assist in the prevention of crime.	5,504	5,642	5,784
Legal Services Commission—Legal Aid	Legal Aid Services (State)	15,906	15,856	16,193
Legal Services Commission—State Expensive Criminal Cases	To fund legal representation for persons charged with serious criminal offences under the <i>Criminal Law (Legal Representation) Act 2001</i> .	5,000	422	422
<b>Aboriginal Affairs</b>				
Department for Education	Swimming Pools Program APY Lands & Yalata	743	743	743
Department for Health & Wellbeing	Aboriginal Environmental Health Worker Program	470	482	494
Department for Human Services	APY Youth Programs & Family Services/Amata Family Wellbeing Ctr	3,371	3,455	3,542
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	APY Land Services Delivery Program	105	105	105
SA Health (Drug & Alcohol Services SA)	APY Lands Outreach Program	450	450	450
Mai Wiru Regional Stores	APY Community Administration Support	305	312	320

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

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value (2025-26) \$'000
<b>Attorney-General</b>			
Child Protection Fund	Port Adelaide Football Club	The Aboriginal Power Cup is an early intervention strategy that engages young Aboriginal people in education and career pathways through sport.	57 (1)
Child Protection Fund	Crown Solicitor's Office	To meet the demand for legal work on care and protection matters undertaken on behalf of the Department for Child Protection.	156
Child Protection Fund	SA Health	SA Health receives funding to support social workers at the Child Protection Service (North and South) and an additional service at the Lyell McEwin Hospital.	150
Justice Rehabilitation Fund	Department for Correctional Services (DCS)	For DCS to design, develop and deliver Aboriginal cultural programs for Aboriginal men and women under DCS supervision (Prison and/or Community Based Order).	323
Justice Rehabilitation Fund	DCS	Keeping Victims Informed (KVI)—KVI provides information to high-risk victims of domestic and family violence who register to receive services and whose accused perpetrators are in the custody or under the supervision of the Department for Correctional Services to facilitate victim safety planning.	416

Grant name	program/fund	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value (2025-26) \$'000
Justice Fund	Rehabilitation	Metropolitan Youth Health	SPACE—The SPACE program provides early intervention support to young parents aged between 12 and 25 years who experience or perpetrate domestic and family violence. The program aims to reduce the risk of children being exposed to domestic and family violence.	221
Justice Fund	Rehabilitation	Courts Administration Authority (CAA)	Operation of a two-year trial of the Youth Aboriginal Community Court Adelaide (YACCA).	170 (1)
Justice Fund	Rehabilitation	CAA	To expand the YACCA service model to Port Augusta.	574
Justice Fund	Rehabilitation	Department of Human Services	For the development and implementation of a 12-month pilot responding to individuals between 10 -18 years who identify as being part of the African community, and who have a pattern of high-risk offending.	0 (2)
Justice Fund	Rehabilitation	Carly Ryan Foundation	To increase the capacity of CRF to deliver the Online Safety sessions as part of the Project Connect program throughout South Australia.	156
Justice Fund	Rehabilitation	Department for Correctional Services	To provide an overall uplift in alcohol and drug (AOD) support services, specifically through expanding the delivery from the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council and OARS Community Transitions.	400
Justice Fund	Rehabilitation	Department of Human Services	\$1 million per annum over three years in funding from the Justice Rehabilitation Fund will be used to fund specialised initiatives to target recidivism amongst the cohort of serious repeat young offenders and provide effective diversions from the criminal justice system.	1,000
Victims of Crime Fund		Yarrow Place	Country Response Program—The Country Response Program provides sexual assault counselling in the Riverland, Mount Gambier and Whyalla, as well as outreach to surrounding areas including Port Augusta and Port Lincoln.	551
Victims of Crime Fund		Yarrow Place	Forensic Medical Services—The 'Provision of Forensic Medical Services to Victims of Rape and Sexual Assault' program contributes to the recruitment and training of casual medical officers and the on-call allowance to medical officers for after-hours forensic medical services.	138
Victims of Crime Fund		Victim Support Service	Court Companions—The program is a free and confidential service providing trained volunteers to accompany victims of crime during their time in court, until the victim is dismissed.	171
Victims of Crime Fund		Victim Support Service	Safer Spaces—The Safer Spaces program will provide confidential telephone support to victims of crime navigating the criminal justice system between the hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.	114
Victims of Crime Fund		Office for Women	24/7 DV Gateway—The Domestic Violence Crisis Line provides crisis counselling, support and referral to safe accommodation.	882
Victims of Crime Fund		Office for Women	Family Safety Framework—FSF ensures families at high risk of family and domestic violence can access services in a structured and systematic way, through agencies	141

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value (2025-26) \$'000
		sharing information and supporting victims to navigate the service system	
Victims of Crime Fund	Northern Adelaide Local Health Network	Forensic Victims Register -Funding is provided to the Forensic Mental Health Service to maintain a Forensic Victim Register of victims and next of kin where the defendant is mentally ill.	141
Victims of Crime Fund	Homicide Victim Support Group (HVSG)	HVSG is a community-led organisation supporting people who have experienced the trauma of homicide. The organisation is run by volunteers and offers support and information to anyone affected by homicide.	29
Victims of Crime Fund	Relationships Australia South Australia	Rebuild—A state-wide, trauma responsive counselling and support service for victims of crime.	1,757
Victims of Crime Fund	Relationships Australia South Australia	Provide counselling services to victims referred by SAPOL's investigation into institutionalised child sexual abuse, in accordance with the <i>Victims of Crime Act 2001</i> .	133
Victims of Crime Fund	Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance (WDVCAS)	WDVCAS provides expert and specialist information, legal advice and legal representation to women navigating the court system with difficult or complex domestic and family violence matters that fall outside the remit or expertise of other Commonwealth and State domestic and family violence legal services	787
Legal Services Commission—Legal Aid	Legal Services Commission	Legal Aid Services (State)	15,906
State Expensive Criminal Cases	Legal Services Commission	To fund legal representation for persons charged with serious criminal offences under the <i>Criminal Law (Legal Representation) Act 2001</i> .	5,000

(1) For 1 July - 31 December 2025.

(2) Extension from 1 July – 31 October 2025 provided with no additional funding.

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value (2025-26) \$'000
<b>Aboriginal Affairs</b>			
Swimming Pools Program APY Lands & Yalata	Department for Education	Swimming Pools Program APY Lands & Yalata	743
Aboriginal Environmental Health Worker Program	Department for Health & Wellbeing	Aboriginal Environmental Health Worker Program	470
APY Youth Programs & Family Services/Amata Family Wellbeing Ctr	Department for Human Services	APY Youth Programs & Family Services/Amata Family Wellbeing Ctr	3,371
APY Land Services Delivery Program	Department for Infrastructure & Transport	APY Land Services Delivery Program	105
APY Lands Outreach Program	SA Health (Drug & Alcohol Services SA)	APY Lands Outreach Program	450
APY Community Administration Support	Mai Wiru Regional Stores	APY Community Administration Support	305

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised:

For the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee):

The department does not segregate remote work infrastructure costs from general business costs for digital tools, cybersecurity, and support services. It is estimated that the percentage of the total AGD budget allocated specifically to the management of remote work infrastructure is less than 0.1 per cent, which is in line with previous years estimates.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Nil	

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$nil (excluding on-costs).

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

Since 1 July 2024, there were nil executive positions abolished. The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$nil (excluding on-costs).

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

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

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$26,975.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Liquid Pacific Holdings	Method of Approach: Request for Quote.	\$74,140

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
	Reason for Engagement: Land and Building Valuation.	(Engaged in 2024-25, estimated 2025-26 cost \$16,850)

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-2026.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
JRM Consulting	Method of Appointment: via Direct Approach. Reason for Engagement: Project Work	\$10,125

### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	24,905	23,778	23,833	23,859

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Communications	FTE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	\$m	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
TOTAL	FTE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	\$m	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

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

### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Nil				

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Nil			

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Nil				

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Nil			

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Courts Administration Authority:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	68	46	90

#### FORENSIC SCIENCE SA

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

It is expected the leases will be extended until 2032.

#### FORENSIC SCIENCE SA

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

While an allowance for the purchase of land has always been factored into the broader state budget, the site selection process is now more advanced. As a result, the 2025-26 budget now reflects a specific budget allocation (\$13.2 million) to the project for this purpose.

#### FORENSIC SCIENCE SA

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

The site selection process is now more advanced. As a result, the 2025-26 budget now reflects a budget allocation (\$13.2 million) to the project for the purchase of land.

#### FORENSIC SCIENCE SA

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

As at June 2025, the backlog of 'major indictable DNA cases with a suspect' at Forensic Science SA (FSSA) was 489 cases. This number has been stable over the past two months (490 cases in May 2025).

As at June 2025, the backlog of 'illicit drug cases' was 515 cases. This number is trending down (from 539 cases in May 2025 and 557 cases in April 2025).

Additional resources provided to FSSA in the 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget Review and 2025-26 budget, will contribute to a reduction in both of these case backlogs over the coming months.

#### FORENSIC SCIENCE SA

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

The revised project completion date will align more closely with the proposed lease extension of the existing facilities and will ensure an effective transition between the current and new sites.

The relocation of staff to the SA Forensic Centre will be a significant process involving around 320 staff. The timing also reflects that this is a complex facility; one of a kind in the country and rare internationally.

#### VICTIMS OF CRIME FUND

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

For 2024-25, total expenditure from the VOC Fund was \$42.3 million and total revenue was \$62.6 million. Note these figures are subject to change pending the finalisation of the 2024-25 audit process.

Payments from the fund are expected to exceed revenues into the fund in both the 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years. This reflects the additional \$135 million this government has approved for the National Redress Scheme.

#### JUSTICE REHABILITATION FUND

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

1. Revenue into the JRF in 2024-25 was \$3.676 million. Expenditure from the JRF in 2024-25 was \$1.823 million.

2.

Recipient	Program	Description	2024-25 funding \$000
Department for Correctional Services (DCS)	Aboriginal Cultural Programs in Prisons	For DCS to design, develop and deliver Aboriginal cultural programs for Aboriginal men and women under DCS supervision (Prison and/or Community Based Order).	315
DCS	Keeping Victims Informed (KVI)	Provides information to high-risk victims of domestic and family violence who register to receive services and whose accused	406

Recipient	Program	Description	2024-25 funding \$000
		perpetrators are in the custody or under the supervision of DCS to facilitate victim safety planning.	
Metropolitan Youth Health	Supporting Parents' and Children's Emotions (SPACE)	A program that provides early intervention support to young parents aged between 12 and 25 years who experience or perpetrate domestic and family violence. The program aims to reduce the risk of children being exposed to domestic and family violence.	216
Courts Administration Authority	Youth Aboriginal Community Court Adelaide (YACCA) <sup>1</sup>	Operation of a two-year trial of the Youth Aboriginal Community Court Adelaide.	332
Department of Human Services (DHS)	Inclusion Support Program African Community Pilot	For the development and implementation of a 12-month pilot responding to individuals between 10 -18 years who identify as being part of the African community, and who have a pattern of high-risk offending.	303
DCS	Increase capacity of current AOD support services	To increase alcohol and drug (AOD) support services, specifically through expanding the delivery from the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council and OARS Community Transitions.	200
Women's Safety Services SA	Abuse Prevention Program Review	To support participation in the review of the Abuse Prevention Program.	23
Relationships Australia South Australia	Abuse Prevention Program Review	To support participation in the review of the Abuse Prevention Program.	20
KWY – Kornar Winmil Yunti	Abuse Prevention Program Review	To support participation in the review of the Abuse Prevention Program.	8

#### COURT OF APPEAL OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

The \$999,000 reflects the investing component of the Court of Appeal Office Accommodation project budget. The remaining budget was transferred to the operating account for non-investing components of the works.

#### YOUTH COURT

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

While the Youth Court maintains statistics for the finalisations of charges, the lodgement of those charges is a matter for the police.

#### BAIL BREACHES

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

For comparison, the previous year's figures are available in the 2024-25 budget papers, specifically Agency Statements Volume 1 at page 129.

#### YOUTH CRIME

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

It does relate to the same cause.

#### YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

Refer to previous answer.

There are complex factors which drive the numbers of lodgement and finalisation numbers in the Youth Court.

Among other things, the 2024-25 projection factored in the introduction of specialist Youth Court proceedings, such as the Youth Aboriginal Community Court Adelaide (YACCA), which anticipated a reduction in reoffending from this cohort. The evaluation for YACCA is scheduled to be completed in November 2025.

#### YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

The state government will continue working closely with the Courts Administration Authority on workload and administrative requirements across the courts.

#### YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

The 2024-25 estimated result for family conferences, as it was so significant, was considered a potential anomaly.

It is common for there to be fluctuations in the number of referrals for a family conference. The Youth Court cannot comment on why there has been an increase in referrals of these matters.

#### CORONIAL FINALISATIONS

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

In 2024-25 the projected number of finalisations was 3,200, which was a 9.75 per cent variance compared with the 2024-25 estimated finalisations of 2,888.

The majority of finalisations are the result of the administrative processing of reportable deaths once a coronial decision has been made.

The projected finalisations for 2025-26 is based on the estimated result for 2024-25 (2,888) based on current judicial and administrative capacity.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Electoral Commission of South Australia:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Nil	

**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Electoral Commission of South Australia:

Since 1 July 2024, there were no executive positions abolished.

**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Electoral Commission of South Australia:

The total value of the termination payments was \$nil.

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Electoral Commission of South Australia:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Craig Johnston Consulting	Business Continuity Plan	\$14,000

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Talent International	Casual Payroll	\$14,013
Hays Recruitment	Labour Hire	\$22,000
Ian Clayfield	Finance Contractor	\$136,400
Pernix Pty Ltd	Support and Maintenance of the existing Election systems	\$274,060

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Electoral Commission of South Australia:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$14,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Nil		

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Hays Recruitment	Casual Staff	\$32,500
Pernix	Results entry and display development	\$20,200
Talent International	Casual Staff payroll	\$14,000
DIT	Upgrade of Light Square	Amount to be determined

**GOODS AND SERVICES**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Electoral Commission of South Australia:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	32,548	17,290	7,962	7,962

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Electoral Commission of South Australia:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Communications and Engagement	FTE	2	2	2	2
	\$m	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.290

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Electoral Commission of South Australia:

The budgeted cost of government-paid advertising, including campaigns, across all mediums in 2025-26 was \$nil.

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST) and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised:

There is no grant program/fund under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled or Administered.

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Electoral Commission of South Australia:

There is no budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

#### ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

The increase in the employee expenses budget relates to employees who are currently employed.

**ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

As a matter of accounting principle, redundancy payments, when made, are reflected as employee benefit expenses.

**ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

The increase in income and expenses in the 2024-25 estimated result compared to the 2024-25 budget and the 2023-24 actual is primarily due to inclusion of intra-government transfers and expenses for the new election management systems and unbudgeted expenditure on the by-election conducted in the district of Black in 2024-25 compared with the conduct of the by-election in the district of Dunstan in 2023-24.

The increase in net cost of services in the 2024-25 estimated result compared to the 2024-25 budget is primarily due to the conduct of two unbudgeted First Nations Voice supplementary elections and unforeseen legal and other costs associated with elections referred to the Court of Disputed Returns.

**ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

The increased employee expenses is mainly due to a higher provision for overtime which reflects the expected services and business needs in 2025-26.

**SAFEWORK SA**

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

The employee benefits expense associated with this sub-program is \$22.164 million.

**SAFEWORK SA**

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

The overall turnover rate for inspectors for the 2024-25 financial year was 18.7 per cent.

This is comparable with the turnover rate more broadly for the Attorney-General's Department.

**SAFEWORK SA**

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

For the 2024-25 financial year:

- 63.9 inspectors were employed by SafeWork SA.

Of these:

- 10 were based in regional offices

- 53.9 were based in the metropolitan office
- inspectors conducted 7,701 worksite visits.

Of these:

- 968 worksite visits were conducted in regional areas
- 6,733 worksite visits were conducted in the metropolitan area
- 3,869 case files were created for the attention of inspectors.

Of these:

- 494 case files were allocated to regional offices
- 3,375 case files were allocated to the metropolitan office.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment:

There have been no executive appointments made since 1 July 2024.

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment:

There have been no executive positions abolished since 1 July 2024.

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment:

There have been no executive position terminations since 1 July 2024.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$2.13 million.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Finity Consulting	Actuarial services relating to Crown workers compensation and additional compensation liabilities	\$338,034

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Tauondi Aboriginal Corporation	Tauondi Aboriginal Corporation	\$12,313

### PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised:

The Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment maintains the excess employee database for the South Australian public sector.

The following table has been prepared based on data as at 30 June 2025 and is presented in a format to ensure employee privacy is maintained.

A number of employees do not work full time and the enterprise agreement that applies to the individual employees specifies the rates of pay as either hourly, weekly, or annual rates of pay. Where an hourly or weekly rate of pay was specified in the relevant enterprise agreement, an annual salary was calculated and listed below.

The enterprise agreements also specify increments for the rates of pay and this information is provided in the table as the salary/wage range payable for a full-time employee.

As of 30 June 2025, there were a total of 97 employees declared as excess to requirements across the SA public sector.

Agency	Class	Salary/Wage Payable (for a full-time employee) (\$ per annum)
Department for Health & Wellbeing	MES2	88,255—108,809
Department for Health & Wellbeing	AS08	121,107—125,679
Department for Health & Wellbeing	AS07	108,109—116,864
Department for Health & Wellbeing	RN2A	110,497
Department for Health & Wellbeing	AS02	58,709—63,154
Department for Health & Wellbeing	AS02	58,709—63,154
Department for Human Services	WSE4	58,688 – 59,296
Department for Human Services	WMF6	83,139—84,883
Department for Human Services	WHA3	56,368—58,115
Department for Human Services	WHA2	52,837—56,945
Department for Human Services	OPS2	58,709—63,154
Department for Correctional Services	AS07	108,109—116,864
Department for Correctional Services	AS07	108,109—116,864
Department for Industry, Innovation & Science	AS07	108,109—116,864
Primary Industries & Regions SA	AS03	69,807—72,033
TAFE SA	LECT 003	72,825
Murraylands & Riverland Landscape Board	AS05	85,790—95,413
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	AS02	58,709—63,154
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	AS03	67,589—72,033
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	AS04	76,561—80,256
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	AS08	121,107—125,679
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C10	88,524
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C10	88,524
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C10	88,524
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C10	88,524
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C11	89,030—90,914
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C11	89,030—90,914
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C10	88,524
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C12	95,901
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C13	99,590
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C13	99,590
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	C3	65,736
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	DCAN Depot Coord	102,279
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF2	62,644
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF4	71,116
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF4	71,116
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF4	71,116

Agency	Class	Salary/Wage Payable (for a full-time employee) (\$ per annum)
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF5	79,371
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF5	79,371
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF5	79,371
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF5	79,371
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF5	79,371
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF5	79,371
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF6	102,623
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF6	102,623
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	INF6	91,906—102,951
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Network Ops Supervisor	88,743 – 92,845
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Rail: Platform Coord	68,298
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Rail: Platform Coord	68,298
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Rail: Platform Coord	68,298
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PSA (Passenger Service Assistant)	69,627
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PSA	69,627
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PSA	69,627
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PSA	69,627
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PSA	69,627
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PSA	69,627
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PSA	69,627
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PSA	69,627
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PSE10	88,524
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PSE10	88,524
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PSE13	99,589
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	PSM09	88,524
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Rail Com Main Elec	88,524
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Rail Worker	102,623
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	STD	96,804
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	STD	96,495
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	STD	88,456
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	STT1	88,456
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	STT1	88,456
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Track Inspector	79,370
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	Tram Operator	84,286
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WME052	97,832
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WME062	94,077
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WME5A2	101,586
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMF052	96,192
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM052	96,192
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM052	96,192
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM052	96,192
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM052	96,192
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Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM052	96,192
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM052	96,192
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM052	96,192
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM5A2	101,843
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM5A2	101,843
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM5A2	101,843
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM5A2	101,843
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM5A2	101,843
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WMM5A2	101,843
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WPA202	98,800
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WPA202	98,800
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WTB602	77,656
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WTB902	88,762
Department for Infrastructure & Transport	WTBX02	92,437

**GOODS AND SERVICES**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	2 319	2 372	2 283	2 215

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26. These are not ongoing positions and therefore costs over the forward estimates cannot be provided.

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

OCPSE		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
TOTAL	FTE	1.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
	\$m	0.275	N/A	N/A	N/A

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST) and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

**GRANT PROGRAMS**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment:

There are no grant programs or funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years.

**REMOTE WORK**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment:

There is no specific budget allocated to remote working arrangements.

Standard ICT infrastructure and support for agency staff facilitates remote and flexible working arrangements. Therefore, costs associated with employee's ability to work remotely are being met within the existing budget of the agency.

**EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for ReturnToWorkSA:

Since 1 July 2024, there were no new executive roles created, but there was an executive appointment made to the existing executive position as a replacement to a previous incumbent.

Role Title	Classification
Executive Leader People, Capability & Culture	Senior Officer

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for ReturnToWorkSA:

Since 1 July 2024, there were no executive positions abolished.

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for ReturnToWorkSA:

There was one executive termination in the year to 30 June 2025 to the value of \$213,430.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for ReturnToWorkSA:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for ReturnToWorkSA:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$29,879,424.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Finity Consulting	Actuarial advice	\$952,229
Frontier Advisors	Investment advice	\$566,749
Scyne Advisory	Enterprise risk services	\$14,753
Personal Injury Education Foundation	Learning management system	\$11,500

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Scyne Advisory	Digital Transformation program	\$4,200,000
DXC Technology	Digital Transformation program	\$386,468
Salesforce	Digital Transformation program	\$242,500
Deloitte	Project management framework	\$148,640
Interworks	Tableau support	\$83,736
DataSpark	Tableau support	\$54,810
David Maiolo	Learning strategy	\$49,636
Soji	Leading change program	\$27,750

The difference between the estimated total for contractors and consultants and the amounts disclosed above relates to planned work for which the contractors and consultants have not yet been engaged.

#### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for ReturnToWorkSA:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000
Total goods and services	50,292

No forward estimates are available.

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for ReturnToWorkSA:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget
TOTAL	FTE	5.6
	\$m	0.837

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for ReturnToWorkSA:

There is nil budgeted cost for government paid advertising.

Government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST) and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for ReturnToWorkSA:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Nil				

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Nil			

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Nil				

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Nil			

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised that for ReturnToWorkSA:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	101	90	72

#### ABORIGINAL MONUMENTS

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heyesen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

The \$1.4 million carryover figure on page 17 of Budget Paper 4, Volume 1 does not include a component for Aboriginal monuments.

The budget for Aboriginal monuments is currently allocated as \$500,000 in 2024-25 and a further \$500,000 in 2025-26.

#### ABORIGINAL MONUMENTS

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heyesen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

The second paragraph of 'Explanation of significant movements' provided on page 17 of Budget Paper 4, Volume 1 explains the increase in expenses in the 2024-25 estimated result compared to the 2023-24 actual for this program.

A component of this increase relates to the budget for Aboriginal monuments.

There was no actual expenditure in 2023-24, however there is a budget allocation of \$500,000 in 2024-25, hence the reference in this paragraph to a \$0.5 million increase between those two financial years.

#### ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heyesen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

The first paragraph of 'Explanation of significant movements' provided in the Agency Statements on page 17 of Budget Paper 4, Volume 1 states 'The increase in expenses in the 2024-25 Estimated Result compared to the 2024-25 Budget (\$2.1 million) is primarily due to a carryover of funding (\$1.4 million) and additional funding (\$0.4 million) for Closing the Gap, and an increase in grant funding for the SAACCON (\$0.3 million)'.

For clarity, the amounts of \$1.4 million and \$0.4 million that are stated in this paragraph both relate entirely to Closing the Gap funding.

**ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS**

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

Of the 6.8 FTE vacancies, 1.0 FTE related to the Voice secretariat.

**FIRST NATIONS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT**

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

There were 5.0 FTEs employed by the Voice secretariat as at 30 June 2024.

**ABORIGINAL MONUMENTS**

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

As at 30 June 2025, there was \$721,177 remaining in the statues and monuments budget.

**ABORIGINAL MONUMENTS**

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

Funding of \$278,823 has been provided to Guildhouse Incorporated, to project manage and deliver the first statue.

**ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS**

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector, Special Minister of State):** I have been advised of the following:

Heritage risk heat maps will be prepared by Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (AAR) for targeted areas of the state, with costs to be covered by funding from the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission.

AAR will hold and maintain the maps, and provide hard copy and digital format versions to both local emergency services units and traditional owners.

**BUSINESS AND INVESTOR DELEGATIONS**

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised:

In 2024-25, the Department of State Development hosted 83 inbound missions across international, trade and investment. Outcomes included:

- A \$40 million over five years memorandum of understanding between a South Australian seafood business and China Eastern Airlines.
- A \$1.4 million investment made to support South Australian medical research.
- Over \$430,000 of export orders the department is aware of.
- Nine inbound buyers committing to importing one new South Australian wine brand within the next 12 months.

- Two other significant investment outcomes are confirmed, though commercial-in-confidence, while several discussions are still occurring as a result of Invest SA events held around the 2023 and 2024 Gather Rounds.

Since July 2024, 33 outbound business missions have been delivered to the priority markets of Germany, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, China, India, Japan, the United Arab Emirates and the United States across key sectors including food and wine, space, creative industries, energy and mining and critical technologies. A total of 366 businesses participated in these missions and over \$110.1 million in export deals have been reported to the department in the 2024-25 financial year.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised:

There is no decrease. The 2024-25 budget for the office of Minister Szakacs was disclosed within the Department for Infrastructure and Transport's 2024-25 Agency Statement. Ministerial office resources were disclosed with a budget of \$2.348 million and 13 FTE in the 2024-25 budget papers.

#### TRADE AND INVESTMENT

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised:

There is no discrepancy. The 2024-25 budget for the office of Minister Szakacs was disclosed within the Department for Infrastructure and Transport's 2024-25 Agency Statement resulting in budget transfers from the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (\$2.3 million for ministerial office resources) and from the former Department for Trade Investment (\$46.9 million).

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised:

In the 2024-25 financial year, the Department of State Development provided various support services to assist 582 South Australian businesses in their efforts to trade beyond our shores and contribute to South Australia's economic growth.

Of the 582 South Australian businesses that the department assisted, 325 of those were new or aspiring exporters expanding into new markets, in support of the key government priority of market diversification.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Department of State Development:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$9.934 million.

The following is a summary of external consultants for the Trade and Investment portfolio that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26 for contracts disclosed in accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular 27. Consultancy commitment data is subject to change (pending the provision of commitment data to the Auditor-General on 11 August 2025).

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Infinity Ventures Pty Ltd	Special envoy to Singapore and South-East Asia.	\$80,000

The following is a summary of external contractors for the Trade and Investment portfolio that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26 for contracts disclosed in accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular 27. Contractor commitment data is subject to change (pending the provision of commitment data to the Auditor-General on 11 August 2025).

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Nil		

**GRANT PROGRAMS**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Department of State Development:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Trade and Investment				
Plant Protein Export Development project	To support the company to research, develop and export its faba bean plant protein products.	200	—	—
Food SA	To support trade-related initiatives for the Food and Beverage industry.	522	544	567
Investment Accelerator Program	To attract innovative, high-growth interstate and international companies to South Australia to create more local jobs in vital sectors for the state's future prosperity.	1,000	1,000	1,000
Global Expansion Accelerator	Provides funding to support high-growth, export-ready South Australian businesses to build their export capability and capacity and become the state's next global leaders.	500	500	500
Economic Investment Fund	To attract investment from overseas and interstate companies to create and retain jobs in SA.	2,000	—	—
Tourism Growth Agenda (previously known as the Economic and Business Growth Fund)	To support initiatives and projects that have broad economic benefits and which improve overall productivity and competitiveness of an industry sector or subsector.	600	—	—

The following table provides details, including the value and beneficiary, for any commitments relating to contracts (excluding MOAAs) executed on or before 30 June 2025 and funded from the program or funds mentioned in the previous answer for contracts with a total value of \$200,000 (inclusive GST) and above.

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Trade and Investment			
Plant Protein Export Development project	Integra Foods	Refer purpose of grant program above.	200,000
Food SA	Food South Australia Inc	Refer purpose of grant program above.	1,500,000
Investment Accelerator Program	Volgren Australia Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	250,000
Tourism Growth Agenda	Qantas Group	Refer purpose of grant program above.	1,200,000
Economic Investment Fund	VeroGuard Systems	Refer purpose of grant program above.	2,500,000
Economic Investment Fund	Sundrop Farms Port Augusta Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	261,265
Economic Investment Fund	Pirate Life	Refer purpose of grant program above.	500,000
Economic Investment Fund	Enzen Australia Pty Ltd	Refer purpose of grant program above.	350,000
BioCina	BioCina	Support the establishment of end-to-end mRNA manufacturing in South Australia.	5,000,000
Artificial Intelligence in Health Hub	Digital Health CRC Limited	Establish a global healthcare consortium with a focus on accelerating research and the clinical application of personalised healthcare.	1,000,000

#### VETERANS SA

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised:

Program uptake is measured through an annual review of participation.

Since the pilot was launched in 2021, each year has seen 21 mentee-mentor pairings established.

This year (FY2024-25), the program has achieved its highest level of participation to date, with 28 mentee-mentor pairs matched.

#### COWORK COPLAY PROGRAM

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised:

In 2025, there were 17 partners and/or spouses actively participating in the Cowork Coplay program.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for Veterans SA:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Director Veterans SA	SAES Band 1

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is nil (excluding on-costs).

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

**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for Veterans SA:

Since 1 July 2024, there were no executive positions abolished.

**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for Veterans SA:

The total value of the termination payments was nil which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for Veterans SA:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-2025 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for Veterans SA:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$77,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
		NIL

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Be Sustained	Build and implement two mentoring programs	\$12,000

**GOODS AND SERVICES**

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for Veterans SA:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	650	668	688	707

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for Veterans SA:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget '000	2026-27 Budget '000	2027-28 Budget '000	2028-29 Budget '000
Veterans SA	FTE	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
	\$	73	75	75	76
TOTAL	FTE	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
	\$	73	75	75	76

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for Veterans SA:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website:

<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for Veterans SA:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Veterans SA				
Veterans Community Programs Fund	To support community-based initiatives that enhance the wellbeing and social connection of veterans and their families.	170	170	250
RSL SA Employment Program	Delivered by RSL SA to assist veterans in gaining meaningful employment through tailored career support and job-readiness services.	80	80	—
Anzac Day Commemoration Fund	To support community projects that honour military service, educate the public about ANZAC Day, and benefit South Australia's veteran community.	100	100	102
Legacy Club of SA & Broken Hill Annual Grant	To support Legacy's delivery of services and welfare programs for the dependants of deceased and injured veterans.	100	100	100
RSL SA, NT & Broken Hill Annual Grant	To assist RSL's delivery of Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and other commemorative days of significance for the state.	100	100	100
Research Funding Grant	To support research that contributes to improved outcomes for the veteran community in South Australia.	100	100	100
Veterans SA Tertiary Scholarship Fund	To support the educational aspirations of veterans and their immediate family members through tertiary scholarships.	52	53	54
Advancement Fund	This is a new fund comprising: Minor Grants Fund (\$40,000) – to provide small-scale financial support	85	85	85

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
	for local veterans-focussed initiatives and projects Capacity Building Grant Fund (\$30,000)—To strengthen the capability and sustainability of veteran and ex-service organisations across South Australia. Commemorative Services Grant Fund (\$15,000)—To enable the delivery of commemorative activities that honour military service and preserve the legacy of veterans			
Centennial Park Cemetery Authority	To support the ongoing maintenance and preservation of dedicated veteran memorial areas within Centennial Park.	117	120	123
Power Community Limited ADF Veterans' Program	To deliver wellbeing and transition support programs to veterans through sport-led engagement and outreach.	60	60	—
Headstone Project – SA	To support Headstone SA's work in dedicating unmarked graves of Australian veterans, ensuring they receive appropriate recognition.	20	20	—
AVSA Commemorative Services Grant	To fund commemorative events coordinated by Aboriginal Veterans SA that recognise the military service of First Nations veterans.	5	5	5
FY2024-25 Carryover funding	To support the establishment of a Korean War memorial	600	-	-

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

Grant program / fund name	Beneficiary / Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Veterans SA			
RSL SA Employment Program	RSL SA, NT & Broken Hill Annual Grant	Delivered by RSL SA to assist veterans in gaining meaningful employment through tailored career support and job-readiness services.	160
Legacy Club of SA & Broken Hill Annual Grant	Legacy Club of SA & Broken Hill Annual Grant	To support Legacy's delivery of services and welfare programs for the dependants of deceased and injured veterans.	300
RSL SA, NT & Broken Hill Annual Grant	RSL SA, NT & Broken Hill Annual Grant	To assist RSL's delivery of Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and other commemorative days of significance for the state	300
Centennial Park Cemetery Authority	Centennial Park Cemetery Authority	To support the ongoing maintenance and preservation of dedicated veteran memorial areas within Centennial Park.	360
Power Community Limited ADF Veterans' Program	Power Community Limited	To deliver wellbeing and transition support programs to veterans through sport-led engagement and outreach.	120
Headstone Project – SA	Headstone Project – SA	To support Headstone SA's work in dedicating unmarked graves of Australian veterans, ensuring they receive appropriate recognition.	40
AVSA Commemorative Services Grant	Aboriginal Veterans SA	To fund commemorative events coordinated by Aboriginal Veterans SA that recognise the military service of First Nations veterans.	15
Anzac Day Commemoration Fund	Anzac Day Commemoration Fund	To support community projects that honour military service, educate the public about ANZAC Day, and benefit South Australia's veteran community.	302

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—

Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
<b>Veterans SA</b>				
Anzac Day Commemoration Fund	To support community projects that honour military service, educate the public about ANZAC Day, and benefit South Australia's veteran community.	100	100	102

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
<b>Veterans SA</b>			
Anzac Day Commemoration Fund Anzac Day Commemoration Fund	Various	To support community projects that honour military service, educate the public about ANZAC Day, and benefit South Australia's veteran community.	302

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK (Hammond)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for Veterans SA:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	0	0	0

#### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised of the following

The Office of Local Government (OLG) currently includes—

- Director, Office of Local Government—one FTE
- Local Government Policy Unit—seven FTEs
- Program Manager, Municipal Services on Aboriginal Lands Program—one FTE

The OLG budget reflects the costs associated with current employee numbers and are aligned to current business needs.

OLG also includes the following statutory authorities—

- Outback Communities Authority—12 FTEs
- South Australian Local Government Grants Commission—three FTEs

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Office of Local Government in the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

Since 1 July 2024, nil executive appointments were made.

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

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Office of Local Government in the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

Since 1 July 2024, there were zero executive positions abolished.

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

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Office of Local Government in the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

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

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Office of Local Government in the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-2025 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Office of Local Government in the Department for Housing and Urban Development (DHUD):

Due to the 2025-26 financial year having just commenced, total costs and details in relation to external consultants and contractors for 2025-26 is not yet available. However, as currently reported in the DHUD Forward Procurement Plan for 2025-26, the estimated procurement value for contractors in 2025-26 is \$0.294 million. DHUD will continue to disclose throughout the year the appointment of consultants and contractors publicly on the SA Tenders and Contracts website in accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular 27. In addition to this, information relating to annual expenditure on consultants and contractors is disclosed in DHUD's annual report.

At 30 June 2025, the Office of Local Government has appointed one consultant or contractor where a cost will be incurred during the 2025-26.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Corporate Connect Pty Ltd	Administrative and needs assessment of MUNS-funded organisations	\$228 115

**GOODS AND SERVICES**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Office of Local Government in the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	4 400	4 526	4 439	4 556

Goods and services expenditure excludes salaries and wages, depreciation and amortisation, borrowing costs, grants and other expenses for the Office of Local Government, Outback Communities Authority, and Local Government Grants Commission.

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Office of Local Government in the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTEs employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Outback Communities Authority	FTE	1	1	1	1
	\$m	148 000	152 000	155 000	159 000
DHUD – Operations <sup>1</sup>	FTE				
	\$m				
TOTAL	FTE	1	1	1	1
	\$m	148 000	152 000	155 000	159 000

<sup>1</sup> DHUD–Operations supports the Office of Local Government and this cost is included in the Department for Housing and Urban Development response provided by the Minister for Housing and Urban Development.

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST) and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website:

<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

There are no scheduled advertising campaigns for 2025-26.

**GRANT PROGRAMS**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/ fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
<b>Local Government</b>				
Office of Local Government, DHUD—Municipal Services Grant Program (MUNS)	To provide grants to Aboriginal Councils and Community Groups to assist in providing essential municipal services including minor infrastructure works.	3 028	3 104	3 181
Outback Communities Authority – Community Affairs and Resource Management Arrangements (CARM)	To provide financial support to Incorporated Associations in Outback SA that represent their community in the operation of the relevant association and management of community infrastructure and facilities.	456	467	479
Outback Communities Authority – Small Projects Funding	To make funds available to Incorporated Associations across Outback SA to undertake small projects, which may include infrastructure, that are community priorities and improve township liveability.	250	250	250
Local Government Grants Commission – Financial Assistance Grants Program (FAGS)	The Commonwealth provides funding through state governments to local governments and the Outback Communities Authority to be spent according to local priorities.	111 400	230 500	238 200
Local Government Grants Commission – Special Local Road Projects (SLRP) – Roads to Recovery	The Roads to Recovery Program supports the construction and maintenance of local road infrastructure assets. The allocation for each funding recipient (LGGC) is fixed for the life of the program.	10 692	10 692	10 692
Local Government Grants Commission – SA Supplementary Local Road Funding	The Supplementary Local Road Funding program is an additional	20 000		

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/ fund	2025-26 Estimate \$'000	2026-27 Estimate \$'000	2027-28 Estimate \$'000
	allocation of Commonwealth road funding provided from 2023-24 to 2025-26.			

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$'000
Local Government			
		To provide grants to Aboriginal Councils and Community Groups to assist in providing essential municipal services including minor infrastructure works	#Grant payments listed below are for 2025-26. Agreements are signed on a year-by-year basis and are subject to change
	Berri/Barmera		99
	Ceduna/West Coast Homelands/Davenport		337
	Kalparrin		120
	Koonibba		251
	Nipapanha		204
	Oak Valley		269
	Dunijba		135
	Point Pearce		41
	Raukkan		236
	Scotsdesco		204
	Tia Tuckia		102
	Umoona		70
	Yalata		482
	Yartawarli		374
	Yorke Peninsula		104
Outback Communities Authority–Community Affairs and Resource Management Arrangements (CARM)	Each community submits a funding request by end of May each year. Requests are assessed by staff and approved by the Board. The beneficiaries are always Progress Associations (and therefore their communities). The amount requested by each Association varies from year to year.	To provide financial support to Incorporated Associations in Outback SA that represent their community in the operation of the relevant association and management of community infrastructure and facilities.	
Outback Communities Authority –Small Projects Funding	There are two funding rounds each financial year, with applications closing on August 31 and March 31. Staff assess applications and make recommendation to the Board for its approval. No funds yet committed this financial year.	To make funds available to Incorporated Associations across Outback SA to undertake small projects, which may include infrastructure, that are community priorities and improve township liveability.	-
Local Government Grants Commission–Financial Assistance Grants Program (FAGS)	The amount varies each year. The Commission makes recommendations on the distribution of funding to local governing	The Commonwealth provides funding through state governments to local governments and the Outback	-

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$'000
	bodies in South Australia under the Commonwealth's Financial Assistance Grants programs.	Communities Authority to be spent according to local priorities.	
Local Government Grants Commission—Special Local Road Projects (SLRP)—Roads to Recovery	The program is expected to continue until 2027-28 based on Commonwealth budgets.	The Roads to Recovery Program supports the construction and maintenance of local road infrastructure assets. The allocation for each funding recipient (LGGC) is fixed for the life of the program.	-
Local Government Grants Commission—SA Supplementary Local Road Funding	The amount varies each year. Funding is drawn down by the LGGC when requested by councils with approved grants.	The amount varies each year. The LGGC makes recommendations on the distribution of funding in accordance with the Project Agreement established between the Australian and State governments.	-

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Local Government				
Nil				

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Local Government			
Nil			

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.K. SZAKACS (Cheltenham—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

The nature of the work conducted by the Outback Communities Authority and Office of Local Government involves delivery of services in remote areas, which introduces unique requirements in terms of infrastructure and support services. Costs associated with those requirements are incorporated into the relevant programs and as such, there is no specific ongoing budget dedicated to facilitating remote work as an isolated outcome.

#### POPULATION GROWTH

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised:

Population projections for South Australia and its 19 regions were officially released in July 2023. These are the most recent population projections and they cover a 30-year period from 2021-2051.

State coordinated population projections provide a common base for land use, infrastructure, and service planning.

The projections were developed just after the COVID-19 pandemic and at that time South Australia was experiencing interstate and overseas migration trends that were outside of longer term trends.

- Net overseas migration (NOM) which is the key driver of population growth in South Australia fell to record low levels due to international border closures
- Net interstate migration (NIM) was positive (1,000 persons) for the first time in over 20 years.

To accommodate this uncertainty three projection scenarios (high, medium, and low growth) were prepared using varied assumptions about the components of growth (births, deaths, overseas and interstate migration).

The high scenario population projection was used as the basis for the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP) population target (670,000 people), and for the country regional plans.

At the time of publication in 2023 it was noted that the department would conduct a review of the projections and the underpinning assumptions in mid-2025.

#### 2025 Population Projections review

On 19 June 2025 an item titled 'Population growth and projections—June 2025' was presented to the State Planning Commission. Its purpose was to provide an update on recent population growth and demographic change for South Australia and its regions. The report focuses on any significant changes to the population growth components (overseas migration, interstate migration, births, and deaths) and how these changes may impact the population projections.

The item asks the State Planning Commission to:

1. Note the recent population change in South Australia and the comparison with projected growth.
2. Note the risks to future population growth associated with each of the population growth components.
3. Note the impact of new GARP growth areas on published local area population projections.
4. Note the commencement of a population projections review in June 2025.

The item was designated by the State Planning Commission as Not Confidential (Release Immediately). The full report is available from the State Planning Commission website—meeting June 19, 2025.

#### STATE PLANNING COMMISSION

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised:

As a matter of course, the Department for Housing and Urban Development evaluates all code amendment submissions to determine if a streamlined process may apply (irrespective of proponent request).

Of the 13 code amendments lodged since the introduction of the streamline process, three were determined to be eligible.

The following reasons are cited for why a code amendment proposal is not eligible for a streamlined process:

- the proposal involves complex technical matters, such as character or local heritage policy;
- the proposal requires complex infrastructure agreements, including known wastewater capacity constraints or significant transport constraints; and
- the proposal does not align with the strategic direction of state policies.

#### STATE PLANNING COMMISSION

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised:

The following code amendments are eligible for a streamlined process:

- Two Wells Town Centre Code Amendment which seeks to extend the Two Wells Township Main Street Zone.
- Bolivar Code Amendment which seeks to formalise existing land uses, expand the Open Space Zone and rezone specific areas of Rural Zone to the Employment Zone.
- Munno Para Downs Code Amendment which seeks rezone from Rural Neighbourhood Zone to the Master Planned Neighbouring Zone and vary an existing concept plan to better locate an indicative Activity Centre location.

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised:

Over the three-year period to 30 June 2025, Renewal SA has contracted 634 house and land, or land allotment sales across its trading projects (Playford Alive, Seaton and Prospect). A total of 355 contracts (56 per cent) have been contracted as affordable sales, of which 42 sales (6.6 per cent) have been sold at \$600,000 or above utilising HomeStart's shared equity product.

The base Affordability Indicator for Greater Adelaide for a dwelling or house and land purchase was gazetted on 13 March 2025 at \$517,000 (excluding designated features).

Regarding Onkaparinga Heights, Renewal SA will target a minimum of 20 per cent affordable housing on land it owns through the sales process to a private developer.

### RENEWAL SA

In reply to **Mr COWDREY (Colton)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised:

Over the three-year period to 30 June 2025, Renewal SA has contracted 634 house and land, or land allotment sales across its trading projects (Playford Alive, Seaton and Prospect). A total of 300 contracts (47.3 per cent) have been contracted at or under the prevailing gazetted affordability indicator price point (including designated features where applicable). A further 55 sales (8.7 per cent) have been contracted utilising HomeStart's shared equity product.

### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Executive Director – Housing Development	SAES2
Chief Finance Officer	SAES1
Director—Strategic Planning	SAES1
Director—Development	SAES1
Chief Operating Officer (*)	SAES2
Director – Housing Policy and Programs*	SAES1

(\*) While the appointment process for these positions occurred prior to 30 June 2025 the appointees commenced after 30 June 2025.

The total annual employment cost (TRPV) for these appointments is \$1,549,518.

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

### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

Since 1 July 2024, there were two executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Director – Business Services	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for this position is not disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affair

The position of the Registrar-General was merged into the position of Executive Director Policy, Coordination and Land Titles.

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

The total value of the termination payments was \$523,331 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC027—Disclosure of Government Contracts the estimated cost for contractors and consultants is provided in the SA Tenders website. This information is updated within 60 days of contract execution. Refer <https://www.tenders.sa.gov.au>.

Due to the 2025-26 financial year having just commenced, total costs and details in relation to external consultants and contractors for 2025-26 is not yet available. However, as currently reported in the DHUD forward procurement plan for 2025-26, and the estimated procurement value for contractors in 2025-26 is \$0.640 million. DHUD will continue to disclose throughout the year the appointment of consultants and contractors publicly on the SA Tenders and Contracts website in accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular 27. In addition to this, information relating to annual expenditure on consultants and contractors is disclosed in DHUD's annual report.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Forum Studio Pty Ltd	Smithfield Structure Plan Services	\$63 470
ARUP Australia Pty Ltd	Contractor for Development Priority Criteria Analysis Tool	\$84 425
BDO Services Pty Ltd	Audit of Land Services SA Technology	\$119 420
Megan Hender	Review one of the Business Units of the Department	\$70 400
ARUP Australia Pty Ltd	Greater Adelaide Regional Plan – Edinburgh Parks Strategic Growth Plan	\$900 229
Mesh Livable Urban Communities Pty Ltd	Sellicks Growth Area Consultancies – Infrastructure Contribution Plan	\$283 322
Mesh Livable Urban Communities Pty Ltd	Concordia Growth Area Consultancies – Infrastructure Contribution Plan	\$283 322
PSA Consulting (Australia) Pty Ltd	Strategic Regional Planning Specialists	\$113 256
Air Environment Consulting Pty Ltd	Sellicks Growth Area Consultants – Air Quality Assessment	\$1 042 294
WGASA Pty Ltd	Sellicks Growth Area Consultancies – Stormwater Management Strategy	\$95 274
Planning Studio, The Trustee for Barnes Family Trust	Investigations for Konanda Rd Smithfield – John Rice Ave Elizabeth Code Amendments	\$199 012
Hansen Partnership Pty Ltd	Sellicks Growth Area Consultancies – Urban Design	\$170 985

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
South Australian Native Title Services Ltd	Provision of First Nations Engagement and Cultural Advice	\$110 000
Tonkin Consulting Pty Ltd	Concordia Growth Area Consultants – Stormwater Management Strategy	\$68 497
The Missing Think	Provision of a Leadership Development Program	\$109 005
BDO Services Pty Ltd	Audit – Internal Risk and Compliance Audit	\$220 000

### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	123 723	123 688	125 081	127 385

Goods and services expenditure includes contract payments to Land Services SA, and excludes salaries and wages, depreciation and amortisation, borrowing costs, grants and other expenses. Expenses related to the Office for Local Government, Outback Communities Authority, and Local Government Grants Commission are also excluded.

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Media and Communications	FTE	7	4	4	4
	\$m	0.923	0.550	0.564	0.578
Planning and Building Engagement and Communications	FTE	4	5	5	5
	\$m	0.529	0.678	0.695	0.712
TOTAL	FTE	11	9	9	9
	\$m	1.452	1.228	1.258	1.290

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST) and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

The 2025-26 budget for government-paid advertising is \$48,000, comprised mainly of planning related advertisements in local and regional newspapers. In addition, the scheduled government advertising for the fiscal year 2025-26 includes a campaign on HomeSeeker SA, aimed at building awareness of affordable home products available to South Australians, with a budget allocation of \$80,000.

### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Housing and Urban Development, Planning				
Nil				

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Housing and Urban Development, Planning			
Nil			

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Housing and Urban Development, Planning				
Planning and Development Fund	Implementation of open space and public realm programs across South Australia	28,877	24,602	26,035

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Housing and Urban Development, Planning			
Planning and Development Fund	DEW	Port Pirie Greening	790,000
Planning and Development Fund	DIT	Community Infrastructure Program	12,765,000
Planning and Development Fund	ORSR	Community Infrastructure Program	400,000
Planning and Development Fund	City of Adelaide	James Place revitalisation	500,000
Planning and Development Fund	SA Water	Hope Valley Reservoir upgrade	955,000
Planning and Development Fund	District Council of Mount Barker	Mount Barker City Centre Town Square	1,000,000
Planning and Development Fund	West Beach Trust	West Beach Biodiversity Corridor	800,000
Planning and Development Fund	DEW	Land stewardship	3,068,788

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Department for Housing and Urban Development:

There is no specific ongoing budget for remote work infrastructure. Remote work is a business-as-usual capability that is maintained by the Department for Housing and Urban Development after being established for several years in predecessor agencies. The department uses cloud infrastructure which allows for both on-premises and remote activity. All staff are issued with portable devices as standard practice.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Renewal SA:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made:

One director position has been made, and the total annual employment cost for this appointment is \$270,387.50 (excluding on-costs).

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Renewal SA:

Since 1 July 2024, there were two executive positions abolished.

Role Title	Classification
Senior Development Manager	EXEC00
Design Services Lead	EXEC00

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$501,494.67 (excluding on-costs).

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Renewal SA:

The total value of the termination payments was \$179,954.91 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Renewal SA:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Renewal SA:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$1,813,367.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (\$)
Capgemini Australia Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	ERP System Implementation	1,334,571
CAMMS	Request for Offer	Governance, Risk and Compliance System, PPM and User Acceptance Testing	120,622
WSP Australia Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Baseline Environmental Site Assessment at Inner Harbour West	49,999
GHD Pty Ltd	Request for Offer	Boucatt Reserve Brompton Asset Management Plan	19,800
McGees	Request for Offer	Market Appraisal for Magill Residential Development (East Portion)	18,000
Anthony Donato Architects Pty Ltd	Request for Offer	16 Freeman Ave Architecture, Drafting and Planning at Playford Alive	16,740
URPS	Request for Offer	Regional Employment Land and Supply Review at Edinburgh Parks	14,460

Consultancies	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (\$)
TOTAL			1,574,192

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Method of Appointment	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost (\$)
DBD environmental	Direct Negotiation	Continuation of Garden Island monitoring	125,366
O'Connor Marsden & Associates Pty Ltd	Request for Offer	Probity Advisor for Multiple Projects	46,813
BDO Advisory (SA) Pty Ltd	Direct Negotiation	Probity Services Regional Housing D&C Developments	28,391
ArcBlue Consulting (Australia) Pty Ltd	Request for Offer	Probity Services Southwark	21,837
BDO Services Pty Ltd	Request for Offer	Probity Services Edinburgh Parks and Gillman East Grand Trunkway	16,768
TOTAL			239,175

#### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Renewal SA:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	402,997	230,515	177,246	107,543

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Renewal SA:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities (including project sales and marketing functions)

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Marketing	FTE	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8
	\$m	1.22	1.24	1.26	1.28
Communication	FTE	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
	\$m	1.08	1.10	1.12	1.14
TOTAL	FTE	16.3	16.3	16.3	16.3
	\$m	2.31	2.34	2.38	2.42

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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\$55,000 (ex GST) including budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns. These reports are disclosed on the DPC website:

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#### GRANT PROGRAMS

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**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Renewal SA:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Renewal SA				
Regional Housing Initiatives	To provide additional assistance for regional housing	5,948	2,883	0

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the Renewal SA:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	-	-	-

#### EYRE PENINSULA WATER SUPPLY

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised:

SA Water anticipates first water to be produced from the Eyre Peninsula desalination plant by the summer of 2026.

SA Water reaffirms that water restrictions on SA Water customers are currently not required, with residents encouraged to continue to use water efficiently around their property.

#### NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARANCE

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised:

The native vegetation clearance application 2024/3201/931 lodged in October 2024 provided approval to clear 10.7 hectares. The clearance is largely complete with the outstanding clearance areas to be completed in July and August 2025.

#### EYRE PENINSULA WATER SUPPLY

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**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised:

Groundwater from the Southern Eyre Peninsula currently supplies 75 per cent of the region's source water, with the balance largely supplemented by water from the River Murray via a pipeline that travels from Iron Knob to Lock on the Eyre Peninsula.

With the increased water availability, upon completion of the Eyre Peninsula desalination plant in 2026, there will be the opportunity to be more flexible in how water is supplied to the Eyre Peninsula.

At times, water being supplied by the existing pipeline may not be required, or there may be restrictions on River Murray Water availability. In such circumstances, having the ability for water to flow from Lock to Iron Knob will increase the number of Eyre Peninsula customers that can be supplied with water from the Eyre Peninsula desalination plant.

This increased flexibility in infrastructure operations can increase water security across SA Water's network in times of drought and may be able to support growth opportunities.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

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**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the SA Water:

Section 17 of the South Australian Water Corporation Act 1994 allows the corporation to appoint the employees it thinks necessary or desirable and on terms and conditions fixed by the corporation. SA Water uses its own industrial framework for employing staff and no positions at SA Water fall within the SA executive service.

SA Water's executive structure comprises its chief executive, its chief financial officer, chief information officer and six general managers. One executive was appointed during this time:

- General Manager People and Safety.

One general manager has temporarily been reassigned to a 12-month role as General Manager Growth to provide dedicated focus on growth related initiatives related to the Housing Roadmap. This position will end June 2026 and the substantive position has been temporarily backfilled by an internal candidate.

As a public corporation, SA Water operates in a commercial environment and competes with other private and public sector entities within South Australia and interstate. As such, SA Water considers the details of executive remuneration by specific role function to be commercially sensitive.

Salary bands of staff are included in SA Water's annual report.

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

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No executive positions have been abolished since 1 July 2024.

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#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

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**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the SA Water:

The estimated total cost for consultants and contractors per state budget forecast in 2024-25 is \$133.0 million. Contractors are mainly engaged in the delivery of water and wastewater services across the state.

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the SA Water:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$126.9 million.

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements and the Public Sector Regulations 2010, external consultants engaged by SA Water, the nature of the work undertaken by the consultants and the total cost of the consultancies will be detailed in its annual report each year.

As a major procurer of services in this state, SA Water adheres with the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC027, which relates to the public disclosures of contracts on the government's tenders and contracts website.

#### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the SA Water:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Expenses	784,525	805,777	832,614	846,885
Capital (excluding Contributed Assets)	1,224,385	1,315,648	835,723	996,578
Total goods and services	2,008,910	2,141,425	1,668,337	1,843,463

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the SA Water:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Brand & Community Connection, Media, Communications Unit	FTE	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.4
	\$m	3.17	3.26	3.36	3.46

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the SA Water:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST) and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the SA Water:

SA Water does not manage a grant program or fund for which the minister is responsible.

**REMOTE WORK**

In reply to **Mr TELFER (Flinders)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised that for the SA Water:

SA Water does not segregate remote work infrastructure costs from general business costs for digital tools, cybersecurity, and support services. These services/facilities are provided to the business on a consistent basis relevant to the location of the workforce.

**SA WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised:

In delivering the capital program, SA Water work on a number of large, complex and strategically important projects at various stages across the project lifecycle.

The major projects that comprise the \$46 million that SA Water will progress during the 2025-26 financial year are included in the table below.

Project Name	2025-26 State Budget Outcome \$000's
Main South Rd Duplication Stage 2	101
Myponga UV Treatment	306
Millicent Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	653
Fleurieu Water Quality Improvement	864
Port Augusta East Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	930
NAIS Infrastructure	1,100
Bolivar WWTP Capacity Growth Upgrade	1,165
Leigh Creek Brine Transfer Pipeline/Lagoon Upgrade	1,317
Baroota Dam Safety (Investigation)	1,341
Wirrina Cove Pipe, Pump Station & Tank	3,101
KI Desalination Plant	3,625
Bordertown—New tank arrangements	6,036
Mount Bold Dam Safety Investigation	7,496
Gawler EL118 1.27ML Storage Tank	9,413
Non-Regulated Major Projects	
Mt Barker Water Supply Investigation—Stage 1	6,300
Third Party Works- Main South Rd Duplication Stage 2	516
Zero Cost Energy Future	1,956
'Major Projects' Total	46,219

**SA WATER PROGRAMS**

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised:

The Network Connections and Extension program involves standard and non-standard water, recycled water and wastewater connections where a main is in close proximity or the extension of reticulation mains to enable connection of those mains to properties. It primarily seeks to deliver services to a single beneficiary or a small group of defined beneficiaries. The Network Growth program supplies services to larger areas to maintain service levels when existing customers increase usage or there is increased infill, and to supply services through headworks infrastructure to new areas because of rezoning and/or land use changes.

**FLEURIEU PENINSULA WATER QUALITY**

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised:

Approximately \$1 million in expenditure has been allocated to close out the Kangaroo Island desalination project, through items including control optimisation, land maintenance and environmental monitoring. The remainder of the projected spend is allocated to operational risks, which will be held by the project until the completion of the defects liability period.

The Fleurieu Water Quality Improvement project has a budgeted spend for 2025-26 of \$864,000. This project has now been closed following the rectification of all outstanding defects.

#### CEDUNA WATER STORAGE FACILITIES

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised:

The Ceduna Supply System project is tracking to schedule, with pipe and tank construction both well progressed.

The \$16 million allocation in FY 2025-26 covers the completion of construction of both pipe and tank, as well as the provision of power supply and security at the tank site.

In FY 2024-25, a significant portion of the 12-kilometre pipe was laid between the tank site and the township, and construction of the tank base was commenced. It is expected that the balance of construction of all components will be completed in FY 2025-26.

#### SA WATER AUGMENTATION FEES

In reply to **Mr BASHAM (Finniss)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised:

The augmentation fees expected to be charged over the forward estimates are listed below with a split between water and wastewater:

Infill	Type	2025-26	2026-27 (*)	2027-28 (*)
Residential	Water	\$2,560	\$3,936	\$5,379
Residential	Wastewater	\$2,560	\$3,936	\$5,379
Commercial / Industrial	Water	\$5,760	\$8,856	\$12,115
Commercial / Industrial	Wastewater	\$5,760	\$8,856	\$12,115
Reserves <400m2	Water	\$2,560	\$3,936	\$5,379
Reserves <400m2	Wastewater	\$2,560	\$3,936	\$5,379
Reserves >400m2	Water	\$5,760	\$8,856	\$12,115
Reserves >400m2	Wastewater	\$5,760	\$8,856	\$12,115
Greenfield	Type	2025-26	2026-27 (*)	2027-28 (*)
Residential	Water	\$5,120	\$5,248	\$5,379
Residential	Wastewater	\$5,120	\$5,248	\$5,379
Commercial / Industrial	Water	\$11,520	\$11,820	\$12,115
Commercial / Industrial	Wastewater	\$11,520	\$11,820	\$12,115
Reserves <400m2	Water	\$5,120	\$5,248	\$5,379
Reserves <400m2	Wastewater	\$5,120	\$5,248	\$5,379
Reserves >400m2	Water	\$11,520	\$11,820	\$12,115
Reserves >400m2	Wastewater	\$11,520	\$11,820	\$12,115

(\*) Future year fees are subject to March to March CPI increases

#### CATEGORIES OF SPENDING

In reply to **Mr TEAGUE (Heysen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised of the following:

The increase in grants and subsidies expenditure of \$675,000 from the 2024-25 budget to the 2024-25 estimated result is made up of the following:

- an additional \$167,000 relating to the reclassification of expenditure from supplies and services to grants and subsidies during 2024-25 relating to the funding for the Adelaide Holocaust Museum provided through the 2024-25 state budget;
- an additional \$175,000 provided during 2024-25 for the Ukrainian Community Support Program;
- an additional \$40,000 during 2024-25 due to the return on unspent grant funds from prior years; and
- an increase of \$436,000 due to the allocation of departmental corporate overheads to DPC programs resulting from machinery of government changes affecting the department in 2024-25, offset by

- the reclassification of grants and subsidies funding of \$53,000 to employee costs relating to the Empowering African Youth Program; and
- the reprofile of election commitment funding from 2024-25 to 2025-26 of \$110,000.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made:

Role Title	Classification
NIL	NIL

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is nil.

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

Since 1 July 2024, there were nil executive positions abolished.

The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is nil.

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

The total value of the termination payments was nil. There have been no termination payments made.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

The total current budget for the engagement of contractors in 2025-26 is \$51.2 million, which relates to the purchase of goods and services.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Reconciliation South Australia	For the facilitation of the SATC's Reconciliation Action Plan	\$18,990

All consultants and contractors are appointed in accordance with the Treasurer's Instructions, and Procurement Services SA and SATC Procurement and Contracts policies

**GOODS AND SERVICES**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	53,528	49,129	48,262	47,764

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Estimate (1)	2027-28 Estimate (1)	2028-29 Estimate (1)
TOTAL	FTE	78.6	75.6	75.6	75.6
	\$m	9.9	9.7	9.9	10.0

(1) Budgets are set annually based on operational requirements linked to the strategic plans developed and approved at board level. Therefore, the forward estimates are subject to change based on decisions regarding the internal strategic allocation of resources.

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST) and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

**GRANT PROGRAMS**

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant name	program/fund	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
South Australian Tourism Commission					
Regional Event Fund		Develop new and innovative regional events, grow existing events and drive increased visitation and economic stimulus to the regional economy.	500,000	500,000	500,000
Drought Relief Regional Event Fund		To provide financial support to organise and host regional events which will engage community, foster connection, drive visitation, and support resilience in areas hardest impacted by drought.	(2)	-	-
Regional Tourism Organisation Funding		Fund local contact officer services to support regional tourism initiatives.	754,000	(1)-	(1)-

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Experience Nature Tourism Fund	The \$2 million Experience Nature Tourism Fund aims to spur investment in nature-based tourism experiences and make South Australia more competitive in luring domestic and international tourists.	884,492	-	-

(1) It is not possible to forecast future costs across the forward estimates, because budgets are set annually based on operational requirements linked to the strategic plans developed and approved at board level. Therefore, the forward estimates are subject to decisions regarding the internal strategic allocation of resources.

(2) Funding yet to be transferred from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Tourism Commission:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	0	0	0

SATC's infrastructure supports both office-based and remote work as part of normal operations. As such, there is no separate cost attributed to remote working. Related expenses such as digital tools, cybersecurity, and support services are captured within the agency's core ICT operational budget.

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised of the following:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years.

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Multicultural Grants Program	<p>Celebrate Together—Grants to assist multicultural organisations to host festivals and events to celebrate cultural diversity</p> <p>Multicultural Festival Grants—Grant funding provided to support multicultural community groups participate in the biennial Multicultural Festival, through hosting a performance, activity, or a stall at the event</p> <p>Expand Together—Grants to assist multicultural organisations to expand their capacity by upgrading community facilities or purchasing equipment to meet the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse communities</p> <p>Stronger Together—Grants to assist multicultural organisations to develop and deliver projects that strengthen families and communities and improve their access to better social and economic opportunities</p> <p>Core Funding—Grants to provide core funding to multicultural organisations</p> <p>Election Commitment—Includes language schools and language programs, event grants, media grants, and community infrastructure upgrades</p> <p>Language Schools and Language Programs—Provide support to our communities to keep their languages alive among younger generations through additional</p>	10,832	10,334	10,725

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
	investment in community language schools in South Australia Multicultural Womens Micro Business Fund (Good Shepherd)—Support women in our multicultural communities to achieve their aspirations in starting and building their own business, the South Australian Government made a commitment to establish the Multicultural Women's Micro Business Fund Multicultural Community Fund—Grants to support our multicultural community to develop and upgrade community infrastructure facilities and assist in hosting festivals and events that celebrate cultural diversity Multicultural Priorities Fund—Grants to address urgent needs and special circumstances with the aim to support meaningful community projects and initiatives with a focus on providing better services and building what matters			

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

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Celebrate Together	Adelaide Accueil Incorporated	Support for Bastille Day	2,823
Celebrate Together	Adelaide Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav Samitee Incorporated	Support for Ganesh Festival	12,468
Celebrate Together	African Muslim Information Centre of South Australia Incorporated	Support for Eid Barbeque	4,604
Celebrate Together	Chinatown Adelaide of South Australia Incorporated	Support for Chinatown Adelaide Lunar New Year Street Party	30,000
Celebrate Together	Islamic Society of South Australia Incorporated	Support for Al Salam Fest	20,696
Celebrate Together	Punjab Aussie Association of South Australia Incorporated	Support for Vaisakh Mela	21,851
Celebrate Together	SLAVA Ukrainian Cultural Centre	Support for Christmas Carols Concert	4,980
Celebrate Together	South Australia Telangana Association	Support for Bathukamma	4,850
Celebrate Together	The Turkish Association of South Australia Incorporated	Support for Turkish Republic 102nd Anniversary Dinner	4,695
Expand Together	Adelaide Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav Samitee Incorporated	Support for Ganeshotsav Equipment Purchase Project	7,656
Expand Together	African Muslim Information Centre of South Australia Incorporated	Support for Enhancing Community Event Resources	28,804
Expand Together	Associazione S.Eufemia Vergine Martire Di S.Eufemia D'Aspromonte Incorporated	Support for Expansion and Upgrade of Equipment	20,000
Expand Together	Bosniaks' Association of South Australia—Bosniaks' Masjed Adelaide Incorporated	Support for Kitchen equipment and room refurbish	17,047
Expand Together	Bund der Bayern Incorporated	Support for Trailer for equipment transport	7,490
Expand Together	Fiji Senior Citizens Association of South Australia Incorporated	Support for Emergency Kits and Essential Equipment	4,244
Expand Together	Free Serbian Orthodox Church and School Congregation of St Sava at Hindmarsh SA Incorporated	Support for Air Conditioner System	45,250
Expand Together	Greek Community of Port Pirie SA Incorporated	Support for Hellenic Centre Upgrade	23,600
Expand Together	Kitwek South Australia Association Incorporated	Support for Event Equipment	7,426
Expand Together	Latvian Co-Operative Society Social Club Inc	Support for Cafe Window Replacement	33,700
Expand Together	Overseas Chinese Association Art Troupe Incorporated	Support for Music Equipment	2,103

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Expand Together	Radio Italia Uno Adelaide Incorporated	Support for Upgrade of Training Studio	49,787
Expand Together	SLAVA Ukrainian Cultural Centre	Support for Event Equipment	3,927
Expand Together	Spanish Club of SA Incorporated	Support for Security and Hall Upgrade	44,883
Core funding	Australia Day Council of South Australia	Core Business Funding and Australia Day Events	2,318,257
Core funding	Australian Migrant Resource Centre Incorporated	Core Activities	494,093
Core funding	Multicultural Communities Council of SA Incorporated	Core Activities	800,351
Core funding	National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters Limited	South Australian Government Contribution to National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters	102,620
Election Commitments	Community Language Schools SA	Premises, Personnel and Pathways 3	586,270
Election Commitments	Department for Education	Administration of Grant Funding to Government Schools Hosting a Community Language School	227,460
Election Commitments	Multicultural Communities Council of SA Incorporated	Community Boards and Governance Program	200,000
Election Commitments	TAFE SA	Multi-cultural Women's Leadership Program	20,900
Election Commitments	The Trustee for the Foundation for Hellenic Studies	Modern Greek Language Program	1,000,000
Multicultural Womens Micro Business Fund (Good Shepherd)	Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand	LaunchMe for Multicultural Women Program—Phase 5 and 6	216,000
Multicultural Priorities Fund	African Communities Council of SA Incorporated	Support for the African Communities Council of SA/Unmasked Festival	80,000

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Nil	

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

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management:

Since 1 July 2024, there were nil executive positions abolished.

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

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management:

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

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$2,900,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Sandra K Consultancy	Identify and develop international business event opportunities for the Adelaide Convention Centre	72,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Adams Pest Control Services	Pest Control Services	20,000
Radio Network Access	Network charges for access to GRN network & dedicated radio frequency	18,000
Fresh & Clean (AlSCO)	Hygiene Services	33,000
Honeywell Ltd	BMS & Security System Maintenance	130,000
Integra Water Treatment Services	Water Treatment Services	39,000
Schindler Lifts Australia	Lift Maintenance	118,000
United Lifts Services Pty Ltd	Lift Maintenance	32,000
SUEZ Recycling & Recovery/Remondis	Waste & Recovery Management Services	17,000
Tennant Australia Pty Ltd	Preventative service of Tennant machinery	54,000
Trojan Fire Protection Pty Ltd	Fire safety maintenance and assessments	188,000
Air Con Serve	Quarterly Maintenance of the BMS Controls	22,000

#### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	33,074	33,772	34,624	35,497

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
AVM	FTE	4	4	4	4
	\$m	\$0.46M	\$0.47M	\$0.48M	\$0.49M
	FTE				
	\$m				
TOTAL	FTE	4	4	4	4
	\$m	\$0.46M	\$0.47M	\$0.48M	\$0.49M

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management:

As an open and transparent government, marketing communications activity reports and annual media expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$55,000 (ex GST) and budgeted expenditure for approved campaigns and are disclosed on the DPC website: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>

### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised:

The Adelaide Venue Management does not receive grants or subsidies of this nature.

### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **the Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs):** I have been advised that for the Adelaide Venue Management:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	29,000	44,000	45,000

### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the Department for Correctional Services:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
General Manager, Adelaide Women's Prison & Pre-Release Centre	SAES1
Regional Director, Northern Region	SAES1

The total annual employment cost for these appointments is \$0.425 million (excluding on-costs).

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**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the Department for Correctional Services:

- Since 1 July 2024, there were nil executive positions abolished.
- The total annual employment cost for these abolished positions is \$0 (excluding on-costs).
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#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

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

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

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The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$0.635 million.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Nil		

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Randstad	Specialist Information Technology staff for Information Technology project management.	200,000
Your Nursing Agency Pty Ltd	Provision of health, personal and nursing care services to prisoners.	190,000
VIQ Solutions Pty Ltd	Provision of transcription services for the Parole Board of South Australia.	165,000
Paxus Australia Pty Ltd	Specialist Information Technology staff for Information Technology Help Desk roles.	80,000

#### GOODS AND SERVICES

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**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the Department for Correctional Services:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	165,309	168,074	180,546	185,047

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

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**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the Department for Correctional Services:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Strategic Communications	FTE	3	3	3	3
	\$m	0.422	0.428	0.435	0.441
TOTAL	FTE	3	3	3	3
	\$m	0.422	0.428	0.435	0.441

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

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Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Department for Correctional Services				
Cadell Bus Service	Provision of Cadell Bus service/Partners of Prisoners.	56	58	60
Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA)	COSA is a community based initiative operation on restorative justice principles. COSA assists individuals who have served a prison sentence for a sexual offence in their effort to re-enter society.	112	115	118

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Department for Correctional Services			
Cadell Bus Service.	Community Transitions	Provision of Cadell Bus service / Partners of Prisoners.	56

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA).	Community Transitions	COSA is a community based initiative operation on restorative justice principles. COSA assists individuals who have served a prison sentence for a sexual offence in their effort to re-enter society.	112

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Department for Correctional Services				
N/A				

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

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Department for Correctional Services			
N/A			

#### REMOTE WORK

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The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	346	353	361

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

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**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Country Fire Service:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Deputy Chief Officer	EXECOB

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#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

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**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Country Fire Service:

Since 1 July 2024, there were zero executive positions abolished.

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

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**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

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The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$2,088,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
GHD Pty Ltd	Contamination Assessments	\$1,200,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Bureau of Meteorology	Embedded meteorologist	\$300,000
Various private contractors and personnel	Air operations support for the fire season	\$588,000

**GOODS AND SERVICES**

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Country Fire Service:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	\$66,558	\$68,010	\$69,217	\$70,903

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

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Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
	FTE	0	0	0	0
	\$m				
TOTAL	FTE	0	0	0	0
	\$m				

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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#### GRANT PROGRAMS

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**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Country Fire Service:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
<b>SA COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE</b>				
CFS Volunteer Association Base Grant*	Annual Grant which provides the primary source of income for the CFS Volunteer Association	408	419	429
SA Volunteer Fire Fighting Museum Grant*	Grant to support and maintain the Volunteer Fire Fighting Museum	12		

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
<b>SA COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE</b>			
CFS Volunteer Association Base Grant*	Statewide	As above	1,256
SA Volunteer Fire Fighting Museum Grant*	Statewide	As above	12

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<b>SA COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE</b>				
As above	As above			

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

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<b>SA COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE</b>			
As above			

**REMOTE WORK**

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The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	Nil	Nil	Nil

**EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

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Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Deputy Chief Officer	EXECA

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**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

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**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian State Emergency Service:

Since 1 July 2024, there were 0 executive positions abolished.

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**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

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The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$200,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
N/A		

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Bailey Abbot	Software Enhancement & Volunteer recruitment	\$60,000
The Bureau of Meteorology	Outposted BOM Meteorologist	\$85,000
Churchill Services	Transporting Equipment	\$35,000
DTA Worldwide	Skills Workshop Presentation	\$10,000
Square Holes	Project Management, Analysis & Reporting	\$10,000

### GOODS AND SERVICES

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The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	11,331	11,462	11,756	11,953

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Media Marketing	FTE	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
	\$m	0.495	0.502	0.510	0.517
NRMA Community Engagement	FTE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	\$m	0.127	0.129	0.131	0.133
TOTAL	FTE	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
	\$m	0.622	0.631	0.641	0.650

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**GRANT PROGRAMS**

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Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
SASES Volunteer's Association (Expenditure)	To advance the interests of the volunteer members of the SASES in accordance with the functions of the SASES	91,681	93,973	96,322

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
N/A			

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	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	N/A	N/A	N/A

**EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

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The total value of the termination payments was \$50,982.82 which excludes the value of accrued leave entitlements.

#### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

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The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$1,795,000.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
AGON Environmental	PFAS Contamination testing (*)	\$25,000
Australian Environmental Auditors	Site Contamination testing (PFAS) (*)	\$15,000
Babcock	Asset Management and Maintenance	\$65,000
GHD Pty Ltd	PFAS Contamination testing (*)	\$1,000,000

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Babcock	Asset management & maintenance, HSW support & performance monitoring	\$600,000
GHD	PFAS Contamination testing (PFAS) (*)	\$90,000

(\*) Please note that PFAS related expenditure is funded through a joint budget measure between MFS and CFS.

#### GOODS AND SERVICES

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	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total goods and services	\$15,529	\$14,989	\$15,221	\$15,386

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
	FTE	2	2	2	2
	\$m	0.248	0.252	0.255	0.259
TOTAL	FTE	2	2	2	2
	\$m	0.248	0.252	0.255	0.259

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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Nil.

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—*Controlled*:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Nil				

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Nil			

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—*Administered*:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
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Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Nil			

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Director, Workforce Strategy	EXECA

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission:

Since 1 July 2024, there were zero executive positions abolished.

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

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

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission:

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

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

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**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$109,487.50.

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
ArcBlue	Procurement Review	\$38,087.50

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Bailey Abbott	Specialist IT systems development of the Emerald application for: Volunteer onboarding services (SES) Fitness for role assessment services (SES) Resolution of cyber security vulnerabilities	\$71,400

**GOODS AND SERVICES**

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	7,770	8,119	8,162	8,365

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission:

Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Alert SA	FTE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	\$m	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1
TOTAL	FTE	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	\$m	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

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**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission:

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Nil

**GRANT PROGRAMS**

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**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
<b>SAFECOM</b>				
Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program	To support long term resilience and sustainability by delivering priority projects that reduce the exposure to coastal and estuarine hazards on communities and economies. The program commenced in 2022-2023.			
Budgeted payments into the program or fund		-	-	-
Budgeted expenditure from the program or fund		\$1,100	\$254	
Disaster Ready Fund	Flagship Australian Government disaster resilience and risk reduction initiative which will fund projects to support Australians to manage the physical, social and economic impacts of disasters caused by climate change and other natural hazards. The program commenced in 2023-2024.			
Budgeted payments into the program or fund		\$110	\$110	\$110
Budgeted expenditure from the program or fund		\$110	\$110	\$110
Regional Capability Community Fund (Farm Firefighting Units grants)	Grant program for landowners to purchase equipment to create farm firefighting units.			
Budgeted payments into the program or fund		\$500	\$500	\$500
Budgeted expenditure from the program or fund		\$500	\$500	\$500

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
<b>SAFECOM</b>			
Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program	Local governments	To support long term resilience and sustainability by delivering priority	Projects approved as per

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
SAFECOM			
		projects that mitigate the impact of disasters on communities and economies.	listing on the Commonwealth National Emergency Management Agency website
Disaster Ready Fund	State and local governments, not-for-profit, non-government organisations, research institutions and business and community groups.	Flagship Australian Government disaster resilience and risk reduction initiative which will fund projects to support Australians to manage the physical, social and economic impacts of disasters caused by climate change and other natural hazards. The program commenced in 2023-2024.	Projects approved as per listing on the Commonwealth National Emergency Management Agency website
Surf Life Saving Club Grants	22 x Surf Life Saving Clubs	Grant of \$5,000 to 22 Surf Life Saving Clubs in South Australia to enable the clubs to upgrade key rescue and emergency response equipment.	\$110
Regional Capability Community Fund (Farm Firefighting Units grants)	Farmers, Farming Businesses and Rural Community Group with a valid CFS registered Farm Firefighting Unit	Grant program for landowners to purchase equipment to create farm firefighting units.	\$500

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
SAFECOM				
Community Emergency Services Fund	Established to manage the Emergency Services Levy and disbursement of funds to support the Emergency Services Sector.			
Budgeted payments into the program or fund		\$404,867	\$406,815	\$416,491
Budgeted expenditure from the program or fund		\$415,358	\$406,815	\$416,491

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Community Emergency Services Fund	As per State Budget Papers and report to the Economic and Finance Committee	Provision of Emergency Services	As per budgeted payments

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission:

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	60.2	63.2	66.3

### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing:

Since 1 July 2024, the following executive appointments were made.

Role Title	Classification
Greyhound Industry Reform Inspector	SAES2

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

### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing:

Since 1 July 2024, no executive positions have been abolished.

### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

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**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing:

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

### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

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As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements for 2024-25 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

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**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing:

The estimated total cost for engagement of consultants and contractors in 2025-26 is \$3,729,912.47

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
HealthQ Consulting	Consultation of evaluation services for the Active State Collaboration grant program and Connected and Active Communities program and Sport SA funding commitment	\$125,827.00
University Of South Australia	Consultation services of the uptake of the Sports Vouchers Plus program in low socio-economic regions	\$100,000.00
Showpony Advertising	Consultation service of rebrand design for Sports Vouchers program	\$34,740.00

Consultancies	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Mel Consultants Pty Ltd	Consultation services in support of the National Centre for Sports Aerodynamics—technical specification review (capital)	\$31,900.00
Open Trails Australia	Consultation services provided on 'Weaving Camels' mountain bike trail project	\$29,205.00
O'Connor Marsden & Assoc P/L	Consultation for Probity Advisory Services for the procurement for VacSwim and Aquatic Operator	\$12,690.00

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged at a total estimated cost above \$10,000, the nature of work undertaken, and the estimated cost for 2025-26.

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Spotless Facility Services P/L	Contracted to provide soft services at ORSR facilities	\$645,921.16
Ventia Australia Pty Ltd	Across Government Contractor for facilities management services	\$644,573.98
Surf Life Saving South Aust	Contracted to deliver the VacSwim program	\$483,127.00
Randstad Pty Ltd	Contracted to provide temporary staff	\$132,850.35
Open Trails Australia	Contracted to provide trail repair services and trail sign audit	\$97,753.94
Australian Sports Equipment	Contracted to install new hammer cage	\$74,773.00
Pinnacle People	Contracted to provide temporary staff	\$66,290.81
The Riesling Trail Inc	Contracted to repair and maintain the Riesling Trail	\$62,760.00
Richard Mitchell Removals &	Contracted to provide removal services for office relocation project	\$59,516.91
Adelaide Venue Management Corp	Contracted to provide venue and technical assistance for SASI awards	\$57,084.73
Infrastructure Sa	Provide assurance review on new SASI project	\$55,000.00
Chris Turtur Services	Contracted to provide track maintenance services at Adelaide Super Drome	\$54,100.00
Geoffrey Verrall	Contracted to provide medical services to SASI (Dr Geoffrey Verall)	\$51,848.00
Leading Edge Physiotherapy	Contracted to provide physiotherapy/ massage services to SASI	\$39,937.50
Maverick Recreation	Contracted to provide temporary staff	\$39,137.50
Bicycle SA Inc	Contracted to provide maintenance services for the Mawson and Kidman Trails	\$38,060.00
Kennedy Property Services	Contracted for property maintenance	\$37,463.80
Liam Nottle	Contracted to provide physiotherapy to SASI	\$34,275.00
Sabrenet	Contracted to provide civil construct, cable supply and installation	\$32,750.00
Reform Physiotherapy And	Contracted to provide physiotherapy to SASI	\$30,379.31
South Australia Police	Contracted to provide security services at ORSR facilities	\$30,151.54
Kojo Productions	Contracted to provide event management	\$30,097.37
University Of Canberra College	Contracted PhD student to work on skill acquisition research project	\$30,000.00
Rise Performance Consulting	Contracted to provide psychology services	\$25,382.50
Olivia Warnes	Contracted to provide nutrition services to SASI	\$25,194.14
Convergen	Contracted to provide Netball Stadium concept visualisations	\$23,880.00
Hydrilla	Contracted to provide pool maintenance	\$22,538.48
Laninau Pty Ltd	Contracted to provide physiotherapy/ massage services to SASI	\$16,200.00
Iryna Dvoskina	Contracted to provide coaching for SASI's Para Unit	\$14,194.67
David Bentley	Contracted to conduct and facilitate SASI talent search program	\$13,609.38
Urbanviro Group Pty Ltd	Contracted to provide grounds maintenance	\$12,743.00
Srs Security Pty Ltd	Contracted to provide event security services	\$12,498.02
Meg Lemon	Contracted to provide nutrition services to SASI	\$12,390.00
Green Options	Contracted for line marking at ORSR venues	\$11,820.00

Contractors	Purpose	Total Estimated Cost
Dustin Koa Art	Contracted to develop artwork for SASI's connection to country initiative	\$11,663.62
Gym Tech Services	Contracted to perform maintenance and repairs on gym equipment	\$11,504.54
Aimedical International P/L	Contracted to relocate specific gym equipment	\$10,649.06
Frank The Lawn Mower Man	Contracted to provide lawn maintenance services at ORSR Venues	\$10,520.00
David Spurrier	Contracted to provide physiotherapy to SASI	\$10,175.00
Wrenhaven Contracting Pty Ltd	Contracted to provide maintenance services at Eagle Mountain Bike Park	\$10,157.50
The Information Management	Contracted to provide record management services	\$10,073.50

### GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing:

The budgeted expenditure on goods and services for the financial year 2025-26 and each of the years of the forward estimates period is as follows:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Total goods and services	\$7,975	\$9,674	\$9,980	\$10,230

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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Table 1 shows the total budgeted FTE to provide communication and promotion activities for 2025-26 and the forward estimates:

Table 1: FTE employed in communication and promotion activities

Unit/Branch		2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Budget	2028-29 Budget
Communications	FTE	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
	\$m	\$0.310	\$0.310	\$0.320	\$0.320
TOTAL	FTE	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
	\$m	\$0.310	\$0.310	\$0.320	\$0.330

### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing:

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### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/ fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
State Sport and Recreation Development Program	Provides financial support to eligible state sport and active recreation organisations, industry support organisations to help ensure a sustainable and thriving sector.	2,808	2,828	2,849
Active State Collaboration Program	Provides financial support to active recreation and sport organisations, Councils and NFP's to address inactivity levels, and inclusion initiatives through participation, community, partnering, and innovation.	3,196	3,243	3,292
Active Club Program	Provides funding support to active recreation, sport and recreational fishing clubs to further develop the programs and services they provide within the South Australian community.	1,426	1,457	1,488
Performance Pathways Program	Provides financial support to State Sporting Organisations and select National Sporting Organisations in Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games sports to develop and operate their performance pathways.	754	773	792
Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program	Provides access to funding for the development of sustainable, functional, inclusive and fit-for-purpose active recreation and sport facilities.	5,756	5,900	6,047
The Power of Her Infrastructure and Participation Program	Build on and deepen the legacy of the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup by providing funding for dedicated facilities, improvements to facilities, equipment and programs for girls' and women's sport in South Australia.	9,156	-	-
High Performance Athlete Program	Provides assistance to eligible elite and country athletes who are engaged in an Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games sport and discipline.	149	152	156
Regional Support	Provides financial support to assist sport and recreation initiatives in regional South Australia.	551	565	579
Racing Industry Fund	Provides assistance for a variety of purposes to the racing industry in South Australia. Grants are approved by the Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing, Treasurer, Premier, Cabinet or State Budget, where there is no public call for applications.	12,285	12,623	-
Sports Vouchers Subsidies	The program provides an opportunity for primary school aged children from Reception to Year 9 to receive up to a \$200 discount on sports, active recreation, dance, learn to swim or music membership/ lesson fees. The purpose is to increase the number of children playing organised sport or participating in active recreation, dance or music activities by reducing cost as a barrier.	24,291	24,658	25,033

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

Grant program/ fund name	2025-26 Commitment \$000	2026-27 Commitment \$000	2027-28 Commitment \$000
State Sport and Recreation Development Program	2,787	-	-
Active State Collaboration Program	-	-	-
Performance Pathways Program	754	-	-
Regional Support	263	-	-
Racing Industry Fund	5,200	5,200	-

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Administered:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Sport and Recreation Fund	The Office has responsibility for two Administered funds; both of which are created and governed by legislation. Monies in the funds are transferred to Controlled and applied to sport and recreation activities as prescribed in the relevant legislation and approved by the Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing.	4,721	4,752	4,783
Recreation and Sport Fund		-	-	-

#### REMOTE WORK

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised that for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing:

ORSR has a service level agreement with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet to provide ICT services that includes digital tools, cybersecurity and support services.

There is no additional budget for remote work infrastructure.

The budgeted expenditure for remote work infrastructure for the financial year 2025-26, and for previous years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as follows:

	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000
Expenditure on remote work infrastructure	0	0	0

#### RECREATION AND SPORT FUNDING

In reply to **Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised of the following:

Recipients of the Power of Her Infrastructure & Participation Grants are publicly available and published online at:

[https://www.orsr.sa.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/1145450/2024-25-TPOH-IPP-Successful-Aplicants.pdf](https://www.orsr.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/1145450/2024-25-TPOH-IPP-Successful-Aplicants.pdf)

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr BATTY (Bragg)** (25 June 2025). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Autism, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised:

The following table provides the requested information on grant program/funds under my responsibility for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years—Controlled:

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2025-26 Estimate \$000	2026-27 Estimate \$000	2027-28 Estimate \$000
Autism Works in the Community Grants Program	The Autism Works in the Community Grants Program will provide once-off funding to eligible organisations for activities that support greater inclusion for Autistic South Australians by funding sustainable, inclusive and fit-for-purpose projects and initiatives, which meet the current and predicted future needs of the South Australian community.	250	250	250

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

Grant program/ fund name	Beneficiary/ Recipient	Purpose	Value \$
Autism Works in the Community Grants Program	N/A – there are currently no commitments from the Autism Works in the Community Grants Program		