

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

(HANSARD)

Fourth Session of the Forty-fifth Parliament (1985)

Parliament, which adjourned on 16 May, was prorogued by proclamation dated 20 June. By proclamation dated 20 June, it was summoned to meet on Thursday 1 August, and the fourth session began on that date.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Thursday 1 August 1985

The **PRESIDENT (Hon. A.M. Whyte)** took the Chair at 12 noon.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

The Clerk (Mr C.H. Mertin) read the proclamation by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Donald Dunstan) summoning Parliament.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

His Excellency the Governor, having been announced by Black Rod, was received by the President at the bar of the Council Chamber and by him conducted to the Chair. The Speaker and members of the House of Assembly having entered the Chamber in obedience to his summons, His Excellency read his opening speech as follows:

Honourable members of the Legislative Council and members of the House of Assembly:

1. I have called you together for the dispatch of business.
2. It is with regret that I record the deaths on 8 September 1984 of Leslie Claude Hunkin, C.M.G., who was Member for East Torrens from 1921 to 1927, and on 19 November 1984 of John Stephen Clark, who was Member for Gawler from 1952 to 1970 and Member for Elizabeth from 1970 to 1973. I know that you will all join me in expressing sympathy to the members of their families in their sad loss.
3. The recovery of our regional economy has continued, and my Government has been pleased to note that confidence and economic activity have strengthened in the year past. This has resulted in more South Australians finding employment with a further twenty thousand jobs being created in the twelve months to June 1985. At the same time, unemployment, while still unacceptably high, has fallen. Indications for future employment growth are also good, with job vacancies thirty per cent higher at the end of the financial year just completed than at the same point in 1984.
4. My Government takes particular pride in the effectiveness of the measures it has pursued in successive Budgets to stimulate the regional economy by maintaining a high

level of activity in public sector housing and construction. The Australian Bureau of Statistics has recorded that the number of new public sector dwelling approvals in the financial year to June 1985 reached its highest total for twenty years. This strong growth has been matched by the private sector, with the number of approvals standing at their highest total for a decade. Growth in the non-dwelling area is equally impressive, and in the last financial year the value of all buildings approved exceeded one billion dollars. This represented an increase of more than one third over 1984 and was the first time that figure had been reached. Major construction projects, such as the redevelopment of the Adelaide Railway Station, are continuing to provide an immediate stimulus to our economy while establishing the basis for further employment and development within the State.

5. The economic development of the State remains my Government's first priority, and it will continue to direct its efforts towards strengthening and extending the recovery that has taken place. My Government remains confident that South Australia will be successful in its bid to provide the location for the Royal Australian Navy's submarine replacement programme. While major projects of this kind are of great importance, my Government believes it is vital that the State pursues a strategy for development which encompasses support for existing industries as well as addressing the urgent requirement to bring new industry to the State. My Government will shortly put before the community, and this Parliament, detailed proposals designed to provide a basis for the development of South Australia into the next decade.

6. A secure supply of energy at a competitive price is essential for the long term development of South Australia. My Government is vigorously pursuing arrangements with the Cooper Basin producers to secure long term and reasonably priced natural gas supplies for the State. It is determined to take all necessary steps to ensure that this objective is met. My Government has also recently announced the endorsement of the Future Energy Action Committee's recommendations concerning the Lochiel and Sedan coalfields, and is proceeding rapidly with planning for the 500 megawatt opportunity interconnection of the South Australian, Victorian and New South Wales electricity grids. In addition, rapid progress is being made on a pilot programme and feasibility study into the gasification of coal from the Bowmans deposit.

7. My Government believes that all South Australians should benefit from renewed economic growth. The reve-

nues of the State depend heavily on activity within our regional economy. The improvement during the past two years has considerably strengthened our State's financial base and complemented the very necessary and responsible measures my Government took in 1983 to correct the serious imbalance that had developed in the State's accounts. Consequently, my Government believes that it is now in a position where it can return directly to the community the benefits of recovery. Legislation will be put before you to provide tax concessions in areas of greatest priority.

8. My Government recognises that a significant factor contributing to recovery was the renewed prosperity of the rural sector following the devastation of drought and fire in 1983. Unfortunately there has been an indifferent start to the present season. The prospects for an average cereal harvest and of maintaining livestock numbers this year are decreasing as the season reaches a critical stage. Further rain is urgently needed in many areas of the State; however, the Government is ready to provide loans with subsidised interest rates to those primary producers most in need if these conditions prevail. In the coming session legislation to amend the Rural Adjustment Act so that it complements Commonwealth legislation will be introduced, as well as amendments designed to strengthen certain powers under the Fruit and Plant Protection Act. A new measure will be brought forward which will provide for the registration of veterinary surgeons.

9. Increasing costs of production are of great concern to my Government. In the coming session legislation will be put before you designed to significantly reduce the cost of workers compensation while improving the prospects for rehabilitation of injured workers, as well as the structure of benefits provided. Extensive consultation has taken place with interested parties and discussions are continuing with the objective of producing the best possible set of proposals which meets the needs, and has the active support, of employers and employees.

10. The review of the general state of occupational health and safety initiated by my Government has been completed. Consultation is currently taking place with employer associations and trade unions, and a detailed series of proposals is nearing completion. In the coming session of Parliament legislation will be introduced that reflects community expectations while taking account of relevant Federal occupational health and safety legislation.

11. My Government believes that it has a duty not only to the present generation but also to those of the future, to protect and conserve the integrity of the State's natural environment. Legislation will shortly be introduced to secure proper retention and management of native vegetation. The measures have been devised in concert with the United Farmers and Stockowners, and will include positive financial incentives to aid farmers in maintaining what remains of our natural environment and wildlife habitat. My Government will also put before you legislation to further protect our cultural and built heritage. An amendment to the Valuation of Land Act will grant rate relief for all properties on the State Heritage Register by providing for rates to be levied on the actual, rather than the potential, use of registered heritage properties.

12. The well-being of the people of South Australia remains a fundamental concern of my Government. Realistic and relevant education, comprehensive health services, and the provision of welfare support to those in need will continue to receive the highest priority. Following the passage of legislation last session, the Children's Services Office has been established to ensure that South Australia's pre-school education and child-care programs are of the best possible standard. Further initiatives will also be taken to

involve the school community in the development of curriculum at the primary school level.

13. My Government is also concerned at the continuing high levels of unemployment among young people. Its economic policies are directed to ensuring maximum possible opportunities for all South Australians to find work; however, it particularly wishes to provide young people with the skills necessary to make the transition to the workplace. A comprehensive program for providing young people with both work experience and skills training will shortly be presented to the community.

14. New legislation will be prepared to protect the public health of the community. The legislation will establish new arrangements to provide additional protection for the community. Amendments will also be made in the coming session to the Mental Health Act.

15. My Government has a firm commitment to strengthening the partnership between the Government and non-government agencies involved in the provision of services to families and individuals in need. An office will be established within the Department for Community Welfare to enable non-government agencies to work closely with government in developing policies and practices to assist those in need.

16. My Government is well aware of its responsibility to ensure that its own administration is both efficient and responsive to the public it serves. My Government has endorsed in principle the final report of the review of Public Service management and is presently discussing the implementation of the review's recommendations. Legislation to establish an improved basis for public sector management will be presented to Parliament in the coming session.

17. The particular needs of its citizens who were born outside Australia, or whose families have close links with other countries, are also of concern to my Government. Special task forces have reported on the needs of these people in relation to health, community welfare and education, and further initiatives will be undertaken concerning employment.

18. My Government is also concerned to ensure that the needs of women in the community are recognised both in terms of employment and in the allocation of Government resources. In the Budget which will be presented later in the session a special program will be put forward which will assess the resources allocated to initiatives particularly affecting women.

19. The proper management of the State's water resources has historically been a major concern within South Australia. My Government has been negotiating with the Government of Victoria concerning an agreement for the equitable sharing of the ground water resources through which the border between our two States passes. These negotiations have reached a stage which will enable legislation to be introduced in the coming session to ratify the agreement which has been concluded. Work has also commenced on the compilation of a comprehensive South Australian Water Resources Management Plan. The plan has as its objective the proper use and management of the State's water resources for the greatest benefit to the community. When completed it will be released for discussion and debate.

20. My Government recognises that an efficient and effective transport system is necessary for the continued economic development of South Australia. Construction is proceeding on the north-east busway and it is expected that operations will commence early in 1986, followed by construction of the section between Darley Road and Tea Tree Plaza. My Government has over the past year brought forward measures designed to ease congestion on the roads

leading to the southern suburbs and thus shorten travel times for the residents of the south.

21. Following negotiations over a number of years by successive Governments regular liner services have now commenced with Japan. This is a major step towards my Government's objective of re-connecting the State's direct shipping services with our major trading areas. Efforts in this area will continue to sustain what has been achieved and increase cargo flows through South Australian ports. Expenditure and planning for fishing and recreational boating facilities will continue, and significant improvement in this area will be made during 1985-86.

22. My Government will continue to give a high priority to the protection and security of individuals within the community. The Government has already endorsed the concept of community policing. The 'Neighbourhood Watch' pilot program has been implemented, and a number of other programs will be introduced.

23. The Criminal Law Consolidation Act will be amended to reform the law relating to the crime of rape. Amendments will also be made to the Evidence Act to abolish the right of an accused to make an unsworn statement except where it is demonstrated to the trial judge that an accused person would be unfairly disadvantaged by being subject to cross-examination by reason of their diminished intellectual capacity or inability to express themselves. A Bill will also be introduced to amend the Evidence Act to ensure that all persons involved in giving evidence in court proceedings will have a right of access to qualified interpreters to help them give their evidence when their native language is not English.

24. My Government will provide greater protection to home buyers by amending the Commercial Tribunal Act to give the tribunal power to award damages against builders for unsatisfactory building work. Procedures will also be implemented to register the security interests in motor vehicles.

25. During the past year action has been taken to substantially increase penalties for traffic offences, particularly in relation to driving under the influence of alcohol. Legislation will be introduced during the session to give effect to the recommendations of the Select Committee into Random Breath Testing.

26. At the end of this year South Australia will begin celebrations for its Jubilee year which marks one hundred and fifty years of European settlement. My Government's planning for this year is well advanced and involves numerous community groups and local projects. My Government believes that in addition to providing a focus for celebration, the Jubilee year will provide a significant boost to South Australia's growing tourist industry. Major international sporting events which will bring large numbers of visitors to the State, such as the International Grand Prix and the World Three Day Equestrian Championships, will ensure that our State enjoys international attention. My Government is also concerned to ensure that the basis for long term tourism is established and is giving a high priority to the development of the railway station casino and convention centre.

27. South Australia has come to enjoy a high reputation for the quality of the films which are made both by the South Australian Film Corporation and independent producers within the State. Legislation will be put before you in the coming session to give effect to my Government's undertaking to grant the South Australian Film Corporation the commercial independence necessary to operate as a viable business enterprise consistent with its responsibilities as a statutory corporation. This action will complement the recent decision to establish the South Australian Film and Television Financing Fund, which will be used to encourage

private investment in commercial film and television production by independent producers. My Government will also introduce new legislation to ensure the proper collection, preservation and conservation of the archival records of the State.

28. My Government came to office determined to give a new direction and new vision to South Australia's economic and social development. It takes pride in what it has achieved. While the past few years have seen the State hit by natural disasters and financial difficulty, my Government believes that there is now every indication that South Australia is once again moving forward towards a pre-eminent place in the Commonwealth. However, my Government remains determined to maintain and extend the economic recovery, and build upon the new mood of confidence and determination which is evident within the community.

29. I now declare this session open, and trust that your deliberations will be guided by Divine Providence to the advancement of the welfare of the people of this State.

The Governor retired from the Chamber, and the Speaker and members of the House of Assembly withdrew.

The President again took the Chair and read prayers.

[Sitting suspended from 12.40 to 2.30 p.m.]

PETITIONS: HOMOSEXUALITY

Petitions signed by 401 residents of South Australia praying that the Council amend the Equal Opportunity Act to give all children protection from homosexual influence in curricula, personnel, literature, sexual humanism and sex education in all South Australian schools were presented by the Hons. J.C. Burdett and R.I. Lucas.

Petitions received.

PETITION: WINDSOR GARDENS ROAD CLOSURES

A petition signed by 428 residents of South Australia praying that the Council disallow road closures in the Windsor Gardens area until public consultation with the council has been conducted was presented by the Hon. G.L. Bruce.

Petition received.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORTS

The **PRESIDENT** laid on the table the following reports by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, together with minutes of evidence:

Adelaide Convention Centre—Furniture, Fittings and Equipment,

Port Augusta College of Technical and Further Education—Redevelopment,

Regency Park Community College—Extensions, Salisbury Heights Primary School, Stage II—Redevelopment,

South Australian Maritime Museum (Building Works).

PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid on the table:

By the Minister of Health on behalf of the Attorney-General (Hon. C.J. Sumner):

Pursuant to Statute—
Acts Republication Act, 1967—

- Offenders Probation Act, 1913—reprint.
 Correctional Services Act, 1982—reprint.
 South Australian Health Commission Act, 1976—reprint.
 Summary Offences Act, 1953—reprint—schedules of alterations made by Commissioner of Statute Revision.
 Bail Act, 1985—regulations—Bail Regulations, 1985.
 Classifications of Films for Exhibition Act, 1971—regulations—fees for cinema classification.
 Local and District Criminal Courts Act, 1926—regulations—bailiff's fees.
 National Crime Authority (State Provisions) Act, 1984—regulations—State provisions.
 State Theatre Company—Report, 1984.
 Summary Offences Act, 1953—regulations—summary offences applications.
 Trustee Act, 1936—regulations—First National Limited.
- By the Minister of Health on behalf of the Minister of Consumer Affairs (Hon. C.J. Sumner):**
Pursuant to Statute—
 Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1966—regulations—Aboriginal births and deaths.
 Builders Licensing Board—Report, 1983-84.
 Consumer Credit Act, 1972—regulations—delegation of power.
 Land and Business Agents Act, 1973—regulations—Crown lease transactions, hotel brokers.
 Liquor Licensing Act, 1985—regulations—General Regulations, 1985.
 Prices Act, 1948—regulations—school uniforms and bread.
 Trade Standards Act, 1979—Report, 1982-83.
 Fourth Annual Report, 1983-84—regulations—General Regulations, 1985.
Pursuant to Statute—
 Associations Incorporation Act, 1985—regulations—General Regulations, 1985.
 Building Societies Act, 1975—regulations—powers of inspection.
 Companies (Application of Laws) Act, 1982—regulations—exemption.
 Co-operatives Act, 1983—regulations—General Regulations, 1985.
 Friendly Societies Act, 1919—Manchester Unity-Hibernian Friendly Society—amendment of general laws.
 Lifeplan Community Services—alterations to general laws.
- By the Minister of Health (Hon. J.R. Cornwall):**
Pursuant to Statute—
 Adelaide Railway Station Development Act, 1984—regulations—office building.
 Committee Appointed to Examine and Report on Abortions Notified in South Australia—Report, 1984.
 Crown Lands Act, 1929—Section 5 (f)—Resumption of Crown Lands.
 Dentists Act, 1984—regulations—Dental Board, election to.
 Health Act, 1935—regulations—disinfection of second-hand clothing.
 Food and Drugs Act, 1908—regulations—alcoholic beverages, dyes in antibiotics for animals, storage of poisons.
 Medical Practitioners Act, 1983—regulations—qualifications.
 Pastoral Act, 1936—Hundred of Arkaba—portion of travelling stock reserve resumed.
 Planning Act, 1982—Crown Development Reports by SA Planning Commission on proposed—
 Development of a neighbourhood house, 28/30 Brady Street, Elizabeth Downs.
 Relocatable accommodation at Aldinga Primary School.
 Erection of an 'Atco' transportable building, E & WS Department.
 Regional headquarters, Murray Bridge.
 Borrow pits for Lincoln Highway.
 Erection of a 10 ml tank at Happy Valley reservoir.
 Activities room, Cleve Area School.
 Redevelopment of Balaklava Police Station.
 Development of 11 residential allotments at Waikerie.
 Relocation of Victor Harbor Primary School.
- Erection of a control building, Wasleys meter station.
 Construction of depot extensions at Dry Creek.
 Borrow pits, Block 1131, Out of Hundreds.
 Development by Electricity Trust of SA, Hundred Murtho.
 Borrow pits, Section 11, Hundred Handyside.
 Construction of garden shed, Carrick Hill residence, Springfield.
 Installation of a landing and mooring pontoon at O'Sullivan Beach boat ramp.
 Development of infrastructure for first stage of Porter Bay marina.
 Erection of a 2.4 ml tank, Hundred Noarlunga.
 Erection of a 10 ml tank and pumping station, Hundred Noarlunga.
 Development by Woods and Forests Department (Murray Bridge Headquarters).
 Land division by Department of Lands.
 Development by Education Department at Barmera.
 Erection of a timber classroom at Murray Bridge Regional Education Office.
 Development by Department of Lands.
 Valuation of Land Act, 1971—regulations—valuation review panels.
 Urban Land Trust Act, 1981—regulations—compulsory land purchase.
- By the Minister of Labour (Hon. Frank Blevins):**
Pursuant to Statute—
 Harbors Act, 1936—regulations.
 Highways Act, 1926—approvals to lease Highways Department property, 1984-85.
 Rules of Court—Industrial Court.
 Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1972—advertisement of appeals and stays of operations.
 Industrial Relations Advisory Council—Report, 1984.
 Industrial Safety, Health and Welfare Act, 1972—regulations—asbestos removal.
 Long Service Leave (Building Industry) Act, 1975—regulations—Appeal Tribunal forms.
 Metropolitan Taxi-Cab Act, 1956—regulations—fares.
 Motor Vehicles Act, 1959—regulations—learner and probationary drivers number plates, cost of.
 Road Traffic Act, 1961—regulations—bus maintenance scheme.
 Traffic prohibition—
 East Torrens
 Enfield (Windsor Gardens)
 Summertown
 Tea Tree Gully
 Tyres and wheels
 Stony Point (Liquids Project) Indenture—Port Bonython power requirements—deed.
- By the Minister of Agriculture (Hon. Frank Blevins):**
By Command—
 Australian Agricultural Council—
 Resolutions of the 120th (Special) Meeting, Canberra, 27 September 1984.
 Resolutions of the 121st Meeting, Melbourne, 11 February 1985.
Pursuant to Statute—
 Metropolitan Milk Supply Act, 1946—regulations—extension of metropolitan area, milk prices.
 Advisory Committee on Soil Conservation—Report, 1983-84.
 Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1935—regulations—advertising.
- By the Minister of Fisheries (Hon. Frank Blevins):**
Pursuant to Statute—
 Fisheries Act, 1982—regulations—
 Abalone Fishery—fees—
 Central Zone
 Southern Zone
 Western Zone
 Experimental Crab Fishery—
 Gulf St Vincent
 Spencer Gulf
 West Coast
 General fees
 Lakes and Coorong Fishery—fees
 Marine Scale Fishery—fees
 Miscellaneous Fishery—fees
 Prawn Fishery—fees—
 Gulf St Vincent
 Spencer Gulf

Restricted Marine Scale Fishery—fees
 River Fishery—fees
 Rock Lobster Fishery—
 Northern Zone—
 Boat registration
 Fees
 Number of pots
 Southern Zone—
 Fees
 Number of pots
 Venus Bay netting

By the Minister of Tourism (Hon. Barbara Wiese):

Pursuant to Statute—
 Education Act, 1972—regulations—qualifications of teachers.
 Kingergarten Union of South Australia—Report, 1984.
 Racing Act, 1976—rules—
 Greyhound racing—sire registration.
 Trotting—
 Fees.
 Sires stakes.
 Stable return.
 Studmasters advertising.
 Trainers prizemoney for placegetters.
 Renmark Irrigation Trust Act, 1936—regulations—capital recoveries.
 Roseworthy Agricultural College—Report, 1984.
 Sewerage Act, 1929—regulations—fees.
 Soccer Football Pools Act, 1981—regulations—prize fund.
 South Australian College of Advanced Education—
 Report, 1984.
 New Statute.
 South Australian Institute of Technology—Report, 1983.
 Tertiary Education Authority of South Australia—Report, 1984.

By the Minister of Local Government (Hon. Barbara Wiese):

Pursuant to Statute—
 Building Act, 1970—regulations—sliding doors.
 Local Government Finance Authority Act, 1983—regulations—
 Institute of Municipal Management Inc.
 Pest Plant Control Boards.
 Corporation of the City of Elizabeth—By-law No. 4—
 bees.
 Corporation of the City of Happy Valley—By-law No. 42—
 keeping of dogs.
 City of Mount Gambier—By-laws—
 No. 39—prohibiting heavy vehicles from being driven on certain roads.
 No. 50—Carinya Gardens Cemetery.
 District Council of Willunga—By-laws—
 No. 37—Controlling the foreshore and various amendments.
 No. 38—Amendment to existing by-laws.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: DR G. DUNCAN

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS (Minister of Labour): I seek leave to make a statement.

Leave granted.

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: Earlier today the Attorney-General and the Commissioner of Police announced arrangements for further investigations into the allegations concerning the homicide of the late Dr G. Duncan. The Deputy Crown Solicitor (Mr M. Bowering) and the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Mr R.E. Killmier) will co-operate to oversee any inquiries or investigations with reference to public statements recently made. The Assistant Commissioner, Crime (Mr K.P.E. Harvey), will co-ordinate a task force headed by Detective Superintendent R.G. Lean, the purpose of which will be to take statements from any person who wishes to come forward. Additionally, Mr Bowering will make available independent facilities for the taking of statements from persons wishing to provide information to the Crown Law Office.

The Deputy Crown Solicitor will be available to provide advice to the investigating team. Mr O'Shea has been invited

to contact Mr Bowering to provide a comprehensive statement of his allegations. The overall purpose is to collate and evaluate information with a view to advising the Attorney-General, who will decide whether further action is warranted. The Deputy Commissioner of Police is the spokesman for the police activity in this matter.

QUESTIONS

COUNTRY DOCTORS DISPUTE

The Hon. J.C. BURDETT: I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister of Health a question about the country doctors dispute.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.C. BURDETT: Earlier this year the Minister described the country doctors dispute as a Clayton's dispute. On 14 May he told the Council, 'It is settled: they are working.' However, the dispute is by no means settled. Since then the South Australian Health Commission has written to each of the country hospitals asking them to put a package to the doctors treating patients in their hospitals. This, of course, caused some unease and indeed distress in some local hospital and medical circles. Most of the doctors have rejected the package and maintained their request for 100 per cent of what is, after all, an officially negotiated fee in the first place.

In yesterday's *Advertiser*, the President of the South Australian Branch of the AMA, Dr David Gill, is reported to have said that he did not agree that the variations in the Medicare agreement went towards solving the dispute. Inquiries which I made personally by telephone as recently as this morning indicate that the dispute is by no means settled. My questions are:

1. What steps does the Minister contemplate taking to settle the dispute?

2. When does he anticipate that it will be settled?

The Hon. J.R. CORNWALL: If that is the best that the honourable member can do after we have been in recess for so long, it looks as though we are going to have a very quiet pre-election session. True, some time ago I described the country doctors dispute as a Clayton's dispute. It continues to be that way. The country doctors are indeed working, and the majority of them are working happily. I understand that about two dozen of them have already indicated, in writing to their local hospitals, that they have accepted the package that was offered by the Health Commission. I would again very briefly go over that package and the very considerable additional concessions that have been given by the Federal Government.

The country doctors who previously for a decade accepted 85 per cent of the Commonwealth medical benefits schedule fees for treating public patients in country hospitals have now been offered 90 per cent. That was because, initially at least, there was a reasonably dramatic fall in the number of patients electing to be private in-patients and a relatively dramatic rise in the number who elected to be public. We would expect that to even out considerably following the peace package which was negotiated again appropriately at the Federal level by the Federal Government and the Federal AMA. Under that privately insured patients are automatically classified as private patients when they enter hospital unless they elect otherwise. Any patient may elect to be a public patient at discretion, but, if they indicate that they are insured and do not indicate specifically that they wish to be a public patient, those insured patients will be classified as private. That was a considerable and very sensible concession that was made by the Federal Government.

What we have offered the country doctors (and, as I say, about two dozen of them to date have accepted) is 90 per cent of the CMBS, the medical benefits schedule, or the fee less \$5, whichever is the greater amount. In other words, if the procedure is a \$200 procedure, then they are paid \$195, guaranteed by the hospital.

We have gone further than that. In relation to single person practices, or husband and wife practices in country towns, the South Australian Health Commission, on behalf of the State Government, has offered to pay \$1 000 a week for four weeks as a locum allowance. That is a very generous offer—the most generous in Australia. As I indicated, all the doctors are working. Therefore, no patient at this stage is being disadvantaged. The only people who are being disadvantaged are the doctors who are not accepting our generous offer, because it is worth about \$50 a week.

Quite frankly, I am sure that the Minister of Labour would agree with me that, if a trade union official were to be foolish enough to reject an offer as generous as that from an employer, he could well expect to lose his position at the very next ballot.

The Hon. Frank Blevins: And deservedly so.

The Hon. J.R. CORNWALL: And deservedly so. Therefore, the advice that country doctors are getting from the officials in the AMA is very foolish advice indeed. It is a matter of no great significance to me. While they are refusing to accept the rise that I am offering, we are saving money. Quite frankly, I think that they would be sensible to accept it.

SIMS BEQUEST FARM

The Hon. I. GILFILLAN: I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking a question of the Minister of Agriculture in relation to the Sims farm.

Leave granted.

The Hon. I. GILFILLAN: The action of the Government to sell Sims farm—the property bequeathed to the Government near Cleve on the West Coast—is in contradiction to the will of the late Gordon Sims and, in my opinion, amounts to sacrilege. Gordon Sims has no tombstone on his grave, and he intended his memorial to be the gift of his farm, which is now to be sold. There seems to be no economic justification for this sale. However, there are strong moral reasons for fulfilling the intentions of the will. Future potential benefactors will think twice before making generous gifts to the State, if this is to be their fate.

During a telephone conversation with Pastor Wittwer, of the Lutheran manse at Cleve, I have been advised that he is the successful tenderer for Sims farm. His communication of that information took place in a most bizarre sequence of events. His original tender was \$340 000. The Minister of Agriculture (Hon. Frank Blevins) telephoned Pastor Wittwer to tell him that he would recommend that Cabinet accept Pastor Wittwer's tender, with a one-third reduction in price. After the Cabinet meeting, the Minister rang Pastor Wittwer again to inform him that Cabinet had approved his tender, and had reduced the price by \$120 000 to \$220 000.

If it is the Minister's aim to secure funds for research and other agricultural services on Eyre Peninsula, will he say why the tender price was reduced by a very significant amount? Is it normal practice for the Minister to communicate personally the result of tenders by telephone to the successful tenderer? If not, why did he do so in this case?

I was informed by Pastor Wittwer that the Minister sought an assurance from him that the land would be used for an agricultural school. Does the Minister want the land to be available for uses associated with an agricultural school?

Does the Minister see the sale of Sims farm to Pastor Wittwer as still enabling the land to be used for the purpose so clearly intended by the benefactor, Mr Gordon Sims, and, at the same time, for the Government to have some cash in hand? Is that the reason why the Minister manoeuvred a reduced price through Cabinet? Finally, if the sale of the farm goes ahead, how much faith does the Minister expect future benefactors, who are considering leaving valuable assets to the State, to have that their wishes will be honoured?

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: I am tempted to go through the history of this episode with the Council, but I will resist the temptation at this stage. The fact is that, apparently, the Hon. Mr Gilfillan was in Port Lincoln yesterday. I lost a bet with members of my office staff in relation to the Hon. Mr Gilfillan's involvement in Sims farm, because this issue has been around for quite a while—24 years to be exact. This issue has generated some publicity recently, so I had a small wager with my staff as to when the Hon. Mr Gilfillan would attempt to jump onto the band wagon. He was slower than I expected. Inevitably, he is there in his usual (to be kind) silly fashion.

The Hon. L.H. Davis: Who won the bet?

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: I lost. Quite genuinely, I thought that the Hon. Mr Gilfillan would have jumped onto the band wagon much more quickly. However, whether it is because of his age or whatever (I am not quite sure), he certainly was much later than I wagered, and that has caused me some expense. I will answer the Hon. Mr Gilfillan's last question first.

Members interjecting:

The PRESIDENT: Order!

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: I think the Hon. Mr Gilfillan's last question was, 'How much faith can people who bequeath estates to the State have that their wishes will be carried out?' That depends on the nature of those wishes: for example, if someone owned a block of land in the middle of Victoria Square from the early days and they left that land to the State on the condition that a dogs' home was built there, they could not have much faith at all that their wish would be carried out.

Obviously, if the Hon. Mr Gilfillan had paid more attention to Parliament and less to jumping on every publicity band wagon he could find, he would have noticed that quite frequently in this place over the past couple of years (and probably for 50 years or more before that) we have altered bequests and various trusts left to the State. Levi Park, which features quite regularly, was bequeathed to be used for some particular purpose. As I have said, we legislate, I suppose, to alter the intention of wills. A person can express their wishes to be carried out after they have died but, if it is not practicable for those wishes to be carried out, there is no obligation on those receiving the bequest to carry out those wishes. That is what Parliament is for, and I would have thought that the honourable member would have noticed that over the years that he has been here. However, evidently that is not the case.

The Hon. I. Gilfillan: You're changing the rules.

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: The rules are not changing. That has been the rule as long as I have been in Parliament, and I am quite sure that someone with as many years in Parliament as the Hon. Mr Hill, for example, and those long before him, would agree. There is nothing new or in any way wrong with doing that. I am not sure about this (and perhaps my legal colleagues, such as the Hon. Mr Burdett, could advise me) but I think that, if someone makes a will, it is open for people to contest it privately if it is capricious or places undue restraint on people's activities. There is nothing novel about that.

In relation to the rest of the Hon. Mr Gilfillan's questions, they were incorrect. However, all will be revealed in due course to the Council and, more particularly, to members who have had an interest in this matter for a number of years and have been working quite actively and sensibly to resolve the problem. Those members have not simply blown in as it were and leapt onto the band wagon with all the publicity seeking guff that the Hon. Mr Gilfillan chooses for his *modus operandi*. Cabinet has authorised me to have discussions with people on Eyre Peninsula in an attempt to obtain a resolution to this matter that is satisfactory to all as far as that is practicable. I am doing that. When that is achieved, I will certainly inform those people with whom I have been corresponding for years on this question, and I will also inform the Council and the Hon. Mr Gilfillan.

The Hon. I. GILFILLAN: I wish to ask a supplementary question. The Minister, in answering my question (when he eventually got around to it and desisted from personal analysis of my motives), mentioned that the inference of the first question was incorrect.

The Hon. ANNE LEVY: I rise on a point of order.

The PRESIDENT: Order! The honourable member must ask a supplementary question; there is no provision for a second explanation.

The Hon. I. GILFILLAN: Thank you, Mr President. The Minister in his reply indicated that he would provide the details in due course: I ask the Minister when he expects that information to be available to the Council.

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: As soon as it is practicable to give it to the Council, I will do so.

CEP FUNDS

The Hon. ANNE LEVY: Since the Parliament rose on 15 May I have received in correspondence replies to four questions I asked in this Council. So that any perusers of *Hansard* can find not only the question but also the relevant answer, I seek leave to incorporate in *Hansard* without my reading it the reply from the Minister of Labour through the Attorney-General to the question I asked on 28 March about CEP funds.

Leave granted.

Reply to Question

The discussions to which the honourable member refers have already taken place. The issue of removing the 50 per cent target for females was not directly raised in those discussions. If it is to be raised in the future, the Minister of Labour has assured that South Australia will strongly resist such a proposal.

In this context, I am pleased to report that, in respect of 1984-85 approvals, it is anticipated that South Australia will in fact achieve the 50 per cent target for females.

APPRENTICES

The Hon. ANNE LEVY: I seek leave to incorporate in *Hansard* without my reading it a reply from the Attorney-General to the question I asked on 15 May about apprentices. Leave granted.

Reply to Question

The Minister of Labour has informed me that information obtained from the Commonwealth Employment Programme secretariat indicates that no CEP has been utilised by any State Government in Australia to expand its group appren-

ticeship operations. The nature of the programme and its guidelines prevent the recruitment of new apprentices in any approved CEP projects.

Furthermore, my colleague has indicated that the employment of apprentices in approved CEP projects can only occur in instances where an out-of-trade apprentice could complete his/her indenture in the duration of the project (or within the maximum employment term of 12 months per unemployed person).

KING WILLIAM ROAD

The Hon. ANNE LEVY: I seek leave to incorporate in *Hansard* without my reading it a reply from the Minister of Health to the question I asked on 3 April about re-development of King William Road.

Leave granted.

Reply to Question

My colleague, the Minister of Local Government, has advised me that under the Local Government Act a council has two options during the construction, alteration or repair of a street or road:

(a) it may, pursuant to section 322 of the Act, place fences or barriers across any street or road to prevent the passing of vehicles.

or

(b) it may, pursuant to section 323 of the Act, place fences or barriers across a street or road and give certain directions as to traffic management.

In the case of King William Road, the city of Unley has chosen to exercise its powers to erect barriers across the whole of the road, pursuant to section 322. The Crown Solicitor has advised that in her opinion this course of action is valid. The Minister of Local Government is very much aware of and concerned at the disruption which the work is causing, and as a result has written to the council expressing concern about the inconvenience and asking what actions the council will take to minimise the disruption to traffic flow in King William Road.

TAFE ENROLMENT

The Hon. ANNE LEVY: I seek leave to incorporate in *Hansard* without my reading it a reply from the Minister of Education to the question I asked about enrolment in a TAFE course.

Leave granted.

Reply to Question

I refer to your recent question of the Minister of Agriculture regarding allegations of discriminatory enrolment in a TAFE course. The Director-General of TAFE has advised me that the figures quoted by you as attributed to Mr Alan Barron of the Festival of Light do not remotely match any enrolment for TAFE courses on offer in South Australia.

FESTIVAL CENTRE CAR PARKING

The Hon. C.M. HILL: I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister representing the

Minister for the Arts a question about car parking at the Festival Centre.

Leave granted.

The Hon. C.M. HILL: Much concern has been and is being expressed by patrons of the three theatre venues at the Festival Centre about the car parking situation that confronts them. The present car park under the plaza holds about 300 cars and the new car parking facility that is being constructed west of the Festival Centre will hold about 1 200 cars—1 000 of those in the building that is under construction now and 200 under the new proposed Government building in that complex.

Until now the position in regard to the existing facility has been very difficult indeed and those who attend functions at the Festival Centre know the problems that confront people when they have to park in the temporary arrangements between the Festival Centre and the Morphett Street bridge. Of course, those problems are worse in the winter and in particular they adversely affect elderly people. The new facilities for 1 200 cars must service the new convention centre, the casino, the new hotel and the proposed office tower. All who are involved in this question and taking an interest in the matter seem to agree that these facilities will be hopelessly inadequate. The situation is particularly bad on Friday nights, and it will remain bad each Friday night because, of course, Friday is a shopping night in the city.

The problems are not simply those of inconvenience to patrons and inconvenience to those who attend functions at the Festival Centre but the trust is going to suffer financially as a result of the problem because of lower attendances and, of course, we have the March Adelaide Festival coming up in 1986—

The Hon. Anne Levy: 1986—you're 20 years out of date.

The Hon. C.M. HILL: The Hon. Miss Levy is on her toes today. That festival and its success should be borne in mind by the Government. Alternatives that have been suggested include, for example, special bussing of people from John Martins and the Gawler Place car parks to the Festival Centre and from the Festival Centre to those car parks after performances or, alternatively, more certain arrangements as to the use of the Torrens Parade Ground. As a further option, people ought to be told of further plans that the Government has (if it has any such plans) for more permanent car parking nearby. Can the Minister say whether the Government will make a clear statement about its plans and the responsibilities that it accepts to ensure adequate car-parking arrangements for those who attend functions at the Adelaide Festival Centre in the immediate future or after the ASER developments are completed and, in particular, at the time of the 1986 Festival of Arts?

The Hon. J.R. CORNWALL: Naturally, the sort of detail sought by the honourable member is not immediately at my finger tips. However, it does disappoint me a little, I might say, to see that the Hon. Mr Hill, with his vast experience in this place, is taking up the general theme of carping and knocking that has characterised this Opposition, but he has been consistent in opposing that excellent ASER project, which is supported and lauded by anyone who cares about Adelaide, who thinks about it and who is part—

Members interjecting:

The PRESIDENT: Order!

The Hon. J.R. CORNWALL: —of the general economic recovery. Indeed, I have been to the Festival Centre on many occasions and I must say that the Hon. Mr Hill has been gracious enough on occasions to be engaged in stimulating conversation with me both at the Adelaide Festival Centre and at the Opera Theatre, for which I am very grateful. As I said, the detail that the Hon. Mr Hill seeks is not immediately at my finger tips, so I will refer the question to the appropriate Minister and bring back a reply.

HYPNOTISM

The Hon. R.J. RITSON: I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister representing the Minister of Consumer Affairs a question about false and misleading advertising.

Leave granted.

The Hon. R.J. RITSON: I have recently read an issue of that intellectual magazine the *Australasian Post*. If the Attorney-General were not necessarily detained at the Constitutional Convention, he would correctly make the observation that I must have made recently on one of my triennial visits to the barber and, having done so, discovered that the *Australasian Post* of 13 June 1985 had an advertisement headed 'Hypnotise Others', which goes on to say:

Control others,

have them do as

you want them to.

Friends, Girls, Guys, Anyone!!!

New Rapid Hypnosis Cassette No. 1 will show you step by step how to hypnotise others, or simply play the tape to them and take over at the moment indicated and have the subject do what you want.

The advertisement then lists prices and ends with the bit of wise advice that one should send a cheque or money order to Dr A.T. Fisher, 53 Campbell Street, Ainslie, ACT 2602. Either the advertisement is true in substance, and what it is offering people is the power to hypnotise others in this fashion—

The Hon. J.R. Cornwall: How much is it?

The Hon. R.J. RITSON: It is cheap: only \$9.95. Either the details of the advertisement are accurate and the offer is to enable people to hypnotise others in this manner, in which case it is an offer or encouragement for people to perform an illegal act, because, as we all know, the practice of hypnotism, other than therapeutic hypnotism by qualified people, is prohibited in this State.

It may be, and I rather suspect it is, that the whole thing is of no substance whatsoever and that the tape is of little value. Therefore, will the Minister have his Department assess the worth of this advertisement, and will he have his Department discover who is Dr A.T. Fisher, what are his qualifications, and, if there is no substance to the claim made in the advertisement, will he advise as to whether there is any remedy to be taken against such advertisements? If his advice is that there is some substance to the claims in the advertisement, will the Minister consult his colleague the Minister of Health, who is in charge of the Psychological Practices Act, as to the effect of that Act upon advertisements like this?

The Hon. J.R. Cornwall: Based on the detail that has been given to the Council, I would have to observe that anyone would have to be extraordinarily gullible to give that advertisement any credence whatsoever.

The Hon. J.C. Burdett: That's not the point.

The Hon. J.R. Cornwall: The honourable member interjects that that is not the point, but I have heard members of the Liberal Party say on many occasions that one can go only so far in protecting people from themselves. These are advocates of small government, and they are always telling us that Government should get out of the way, that there is too much red tape and that we should clear the decks.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. J.R. Cornwall: Caveat emptor! My expertise does not extend to that particular area, nor does my immediate portfolio, so I will have to ask the Hon. Dr Ritson to be a little patient while I refer his questions to my colleague the Minister of Consumer Affairs and bring back a reply in due course.

NATIONAL WAGE CASE

The Hon. L.H. DAVIS: I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the acting Leader of the Government a question about the national wage case.

Leave granted.

The Hon. L.H. DAVIS: Last week figures were released indicating a 3.8 per cent increase in the cost of living in Australia for the first six months of 1985. Indeed, there are many economic forecasters who now believe that the annualised rate of inflation could exceed 10 per cent in late 1985 or early 1986. However, notwithstanding the growing worry about inflation and its impact upon the Australian economy, the President of the ACTU, Mr Cliff Dolan, and the Senior Vice-President, Mr Simon Crean, have rejected outright the proposition that unions should accept the discounting of wage increases in the September national wage case to reflect the devaluation of the Australian dollar over recent months.

I understand that it is customary for State Governments to appear at national wage case hearings, and that certainly has been the position of the South Australian Government in recent hearings. My questions are as follows:

1. Will the acting Leader of the Government indicate, first, whether the Government supports the ACTU and the claim that no discounting of wage increases should take place, and, secondly, will it be making its view on this important economic matter public in the near future?

2. Will the State Government be making a submission to the September national wage case hearing, seeking a discount in the next national wage rise that will properly reflect the devaluation of the Australian dollar?

The Hon. J.R. CORNWALL: That question is addressed to me as acting Leader in this place, but it may have escaped the notice of the honourable member that we now have in the Upper House the Minister of Labour, a distinguished and senior member of the Government, who I am sure—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. J.R. CORNWALL: Unfortunately, I have to say that he no doubt will depart from this Chamber for another place in the reasonably near future, which will be a sad loss to this Council. However, it would be far more appropriate if that question were referred to my colleague, the Hon. Mr Blevins, who, I am sure, would be competent to answer it forthwith.

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: I thank my colleague, the Hon. Dr Cornwall, for those kind words. They are beautiful, but accurate. This is a very serious subject, which will be discussed by Cabinet in the very near future. In general, the South Australian Government is a very strong supporter of the accord. The benefits that the accord has brought to industry and commerce and to employees in Australia since its introduction—

The Hon. Diana Laidlaw: What about South Australia?

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: There have been very strong benefits to South Australia since its acceptance by both parties and by the Arbitration Commission. It is a credit to the people who put the accord together: principally, the Federal Government and the ACTU. I know from discussions with both parties—brief discussions albeit, but discussions nevertheless—that they are strongly in favour of retaining the accord if that is at all possible, and the South Australian Government supports them strongly in that.

We will express, as we have already, our belief that if the stability and growth that have occurred over the past three years in the Australian economy, including the South Australian economy, are to continue, the accord will be the cornerstone of that. I would expect that the South Australian Government will make a submission, as it almost invariably,

if not invariably, does, but it has not yet been discussed in depth by Cabinet. However, it will be in the near future. After Cabinet has considered the position, a public statement will be made, outlining precisely the State Government's submission that will be put before the Arbitration Commission.

The Hon. L.H. DAVIS: Mr President, I ask a supplementary question. Does the Minister of Labour agree that it is perhaps disconcerting to the public, and no doubt to the Federal Government, which is advocating discounting at the national wage case, that the South Australian Government has not yet put its position?

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: I have no idea whether it is disconcerting to the Federal Government or not. The Federal Government certainly has not contacted me, saying that it is disconcerted and asking that we should promptly send it our submission. Our submission will be a considered one. When Cabinet has considered it and come to a decision, the results of that decision will be conveyed to the people of South Australia and to the Arbitration Commission. In general terms, I assure the honourable member that that submission will strongly support the retention of the accord, which I believe members of the Opposition oppose. Their opposition to the accord will be the subject of some further debate in this Council, I am sure, so I will not go into it now.

EAST END MARKET RELOCATION

The Hon. PETER DUNN: I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister of Agriculture a question about the relocation of the East End Market.

Leave granted.

The Hon. PETER DUNN: Before the last election, the Speaker, as member for Playford, was given written assurances by the Minister for Environment that a Labor Government would not relocate the East End Market to the Samcor paddocks. Following the Government's repudiation of that promise last week, the Speaker said that he has been compromised by the decision. He has also indicated that he was not consulted about it and that he will fight the issue the whole way through caucus and the Party process. Did the Minister consult the Speaker before announcing the Government's decision to relocate the East End Market to the Samcor paddocks, and will he reconsider the decision in view of the Speaker's reaction to it?

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: The Hon. Mr Dunn obviously saw a newspaper article last week or the week before in the *Adelaide News*, but he clearly did not read the following day's newspaper, or he would not have asked the question. The area of land to which the member for Playford (the Speaker) was referring is not the area where the market will be relocated.

WORKERS COMPENSATION

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS: I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister of Labour a question about workers compensation.

Leave granted.

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS: First, I congratulate the Minister on his latest acquisition. He is taking on the mantle of the magpie ministry and seems to be accumulating portfolios as he goes along. After his recent elevation to the latest portfolio as Minister of Labour, the Minister was quoted in the *Advertiser*—that very reputable journal—on 17 July 1985, in an article by Kym Tilbrook, in relation to workers compensation:

If he—

that is, the Minister—

could get a package acceptable to employers and employees he would take that package to Cabinet.

The Governor's speech today, in paragraph 9, indicated:

In the coming session legislation will be put before you . . . and it goes on to refer to workers compensation. So, it is unequivocal that we will see legislation. In the light of the Minister's statement that he would not even take legislation to Cabinet unless he had agreement between employers and employees, it would appear to indicate that the Minister has, or believes that he will have in the near future, agreement between employers and employees. What employer organisations does the Minister deem to represent employers in South Australia? For example, is it just the Chamber of Commerce, is it the Employers Federation, or one or two other organisations that purport to represent employers in South Australia?

My two questions are as follows:

1. Does the Minister believe that there is already agreement between employers and employees on the workers compensation package that he will present?

2. Which specific employer group's agreement is required before the workers compensation package will be presented to the Parliament?

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: From memory, as I do not have the clipping in front of me, the interview with the *Advertiser* is no doubt accurate, despite the honourable member's somewhat facetious remark about the *Advertiser* which I thought was completely uncalled for—

The Hon. R.I. Lucas interjecting:

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: It was not exclusive. If I had a package that was agreeable to employers and employees, I would certainly take that to Cabinet. I also think that if that package was agreeable to this Parliament, I would also take it to Cabinet.

The Hon. R.I. Lucas: That's a bit weak.

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: I thought it was very good, but that is the honourable member's opinion, to which he is entitled. It is certainly not exclusive to employers and employees. I am presently discussing workers compensation with a number of parties. As His Excellency the Governor said this morning, I expect to introduce legislation into this Chamber to amend the Workers Compensation Act or indeed introduce a whole new Act during this current session of Parliament. When I do, the second reading speech relating to that legislation will outline quite comprehensively and accurately who may support it, who may not and things of that nature, besides being descriptive of the legislation itself. At that time, all the honourable member's questions will be answered.

The Hon. R.I. Lucas: Who represents employers?

The PRESIDENT: Order!

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS: I ask a supplementary question. In line with your comment after you were elevated to the Ministry, who are the employer groups that represent employers in South Australia?

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: There are very many groups in South Australia who represent employers. I have already spoken to some of them, and I will be having further discussions, if not with all of them, with a very good representative sample. When the legislation is introduced into the Parliament, those with whom I have spoken I am sure will advise the Hon. Mr Lucas of their views on the proposal that is put before Parliament. As I stated, in the second reading speech I will certainly let the Hon. Mr Lucas know which employer groups support the package, who have different views and who have alternative views. All will be revealed at the appropriate time.

VICTIMISATION OF BUSINESSES

The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW: I seek leave to make a short explanation prior to asking the Minister of Health, as acting Leader of the Government in the Council, a question on the subject of victimisation of businesses by Government authorities.

Leave granted.

The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW: Yesterday the Ombudsman, Miss Mary Beasley, expressed concern that investigations by staff within her office showed that businesses are reluctant to come forward with complaints about maladministration within the Public Service because of fear of victimisation by Government authorities whose administration and operations may be questioned. Miss Beasley was quoted in the *Advertiser* of 31 July as saying:

Some companies are not willing to risk the loss of future business from Government departments, statutory authorities and local government by lodging complaints about poor administration. This is a very serious matter and one which concerns me greatly. I find it outrageous that there is a very real perception in the community that some authorities would debase public trust.

According to Miss Beasley, complaints come to her in confidence related to contracts and tenders which are often worth significant sums of money. Clearly, it is essential that a proper working relationship should exist between the public and private sectors. The claim that business is being intimidated by certain sections of the private sector is most alarming and warrants a detailed investigation.

However, I am disturbed that the only response to date by the Government to the Ombudsman's revelations has been by an unnamed spokesman for the Premier, who described the attitude of businesses as 'disappointing' and said simply that, if anyone had a concern, the Premier would like to know. I suggest that the Ombudsman's concerns should not be dismissed so lightly. Accordingly, I ask whether the Government will instigate a thorough investigation of this question in liaison with the Ombudsman and give a guarantee that in any such investigation all evidence from businesses which depend on Government contracts for a large proportion of their business will remain confidential.

The Hon. J.R. CORNWALL: I would have to say that at this stage I know no more than the Hon. Miss Laidlaw. I only know what I read in the paper. I would have to say, however, that my personal response to that would be that the fears might well be more imagined than real. However, the nature of the question indicates that the Hon. Miss Laidlaw does not really understand the role of the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman is there to protect the interests of people in any situation where they believe, as individuals or as corporations, that they have been poorly treated or mistreated in any way by any State Government department or statutory authority. Once a complaint has been lodged it is of course investigated. It is drawn to the attention of the appropriate Minister, the appropriate department or the appropriate statutory authority, and, if there is any substance in any complaint that is made to the Ombudsman, appropriate action is taken. That is what the Ombudsman is all about.

In the circumstances, it is perfectly proper and appropriate that the Premier should respond by saying that if anybody really believes this to be the case, he would like to know about it. I could say that on behalf of the 12 other members of the Cabinet without any fear of contradiction. There is no question at all that, if businesses or individuals are labouring under that misapprehension, they should most certainly take up those concerns with the Ombudsman, who in turn will take up the concerns with the appropriate department, statutory authority or Minister.

Nobody—and this is a matter of common sense and logic—in a democratic society should be intimidated in any way whatsoever by the thought that they could possibly be intimidated by a Government department. If that were to be the case, it would be reprehensible. To the best of my knowledge, at this stage no particular case has been drawn to the attention of any Minister. But, I repeat that the role of the Ombudsman is to bring those matters among others to the attention of Government and Government departments, and, if indeed Miss Beasley were to do that, I can assure the honourable member that those matters would be pursued very vigorously by this Government.

The PRESIDENT: I point out to the Council that generally we have an hour for Question Time. However, since there are no Orders of the Day to call on today, there is no limit to Question Time, apart from perhaps the practice of taking one hour. I draw that to the attention of members. I do not know how long they want to go on with questions, because the hour is about expired.

RESTAURANT INDUSTRY

The Hon. J.C. BURDETT: I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister of Tourism a question on the subject of the restaurant industry.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.C. BURDETT: First, I take the opportunity of congratulating the Minister on her appointment and wish her well in office.

The restaurant industry in South Australia supports 27 000 jobs, spends \$80 million a year on goods and services, and yields more than \$1 million for the State Government in licence revenue, aside from other State charges. The industry is appalled at the severe blow that will be dealt to it by the Hawke Government in removing the right for businesses to claim tax deductions for hospitality expenses in the production of assessable income. A large proportion of the restaurant and hotel industries relies principally on business oriented patronage. Between 80 and 90 per cent of all functions held in some of Adelaide's leading hotels are for business clients. Restaurateurs claim that up to 40 per cent of jobs in this industry will be lost if the Hawke/Keating proposal goes ahead.

The Minister of Tourism was given accurate information of the time and place of a rally held last Saturday to protest against this imposition by the Hawke Government. Why was the Minister not present to receive the protesters and accept their petitions? Also, what specific action has she and the Government taken to prevent the proposed imposts occurring?

The Hon. BARBARA WIESE: I am pleased to have this opportunity to clarify the misunderstanding that took place last Saturday with respect to the rally that the restaurant owners organised on the steps of Parliament House. I was not given accurate information about the time that I should be present to receive the petitions from the people who were demonstrating. I admit that the reason for that was a misunderstanding in my own office. I guess that that is one of the problems that occurs from time to time when there is a change of personnel. I do not yet have my full staffing complement. I am sorry that that happened, and I was very distressed at the time.

In fact, I went to the rally but arrived just as the speeches were drawing to a close, and I was not given the opportunity to address the people there assembled. However, I spoke to the organisers of the rally and put to them the Government's position on this issue. I also told the organisers that I would like an opportunity at a later time to talk with them at greater length about the concerns which they have and

which the Government shares. Since that time, I have written to the organisation confirming that and asking that a mutual and acceptable time be organised for us to have those discussions.

In relation to the position of the Government on this matter, we have already taken a number of steps. Prior to the tax summit that was held a couple of months ago in Canberra, the restaurant association wrote to the Premier outlining its concerns about the proposed changes to the taxation system. The Government, in its submission to the summit, voiced those concerns very strongly and made clear that, as far as the South Australian Government was concerned, if the sorts of effects that the industry was talking about were going to occur with the degree of severity that it was suggesting, both to the restaurant trade and the wine industry in South Australia, and following on from that to tourism, we would be most unhappy with the arrangements and would be seeking modifications to those proposals.

As the Hon. Mr Burdett and other members in this Council know, the Federal Government has not yet decided the precise terms of its tax package as it relates to these areas. Therefore, we cannot yet judge the result that will follow the introduction of whatever the Federal Government might decide to proceed with. However, on Saturday I was able to give an undertaking to the organisers of the rally that, if the sorts of results that they were predicting seemed likely, the State Government would take up these matters again with the Federal Government to try to ensure that the restaurant business and the tourism industry in South Australia were not unduly affected.

GRAND PRIX

The Hon. R.J. RITSON: I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister of Labour a question in relation to the effects of the Grand Prix.

Leave granted.

The Hon. R.J. RITSON: I was approached by an obstetrician who has a practice at Kent Town in relation to the results of his investigation into the effect of the Grand Prix on his practice. Engineers connected with the Grand Prix visited the practice, took noise level estimations, generally looked about, and informed the practice that there was no way in which it would be practicable or possible for them to continue the practice of obstetrics from those premises during the Grand Prix. They were advised to close for the period.

Naturally, these people are concerned because there will be a substantial loss of earnings, although they will have to make some sort of arrangement to contact patients with emergencies and for emergency access to the Queen Victoria Hospital. If this practice does close up, and given that the Government has been careful to ensure that no claims can be made against it for the consequences of the Grand Prix—

The Hon. J.C. Burdett: It is in the Act.

The Hon. R.J. RITSON: That is right. Their ordinary common law rights have been removed by legislation. The Government is prepared to sacrifice individuals for the electoral spin-off of the Grand Prix. If this practice closes and stands down its salaried and weekly paid staff without pay to minimise to some extent the loss of revenue incurred during this period, what is the industrial position? What is the position of businesses who are closed down by the Grand Prix if they stand down their workers without pay?

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: I do not think anything that this Government has done has brought any word of approval from any member opposite. I refer, for example, to the Grand Prix, the ASER project, or at whatever one

looks: one finds a Liberal member of Parliament knocking it.

The Grand Prix will bring considerable benefits to South Australia. It should be supported by everyone in South Australia, and it appears that it is supported by everyone in South Australia except this Opposition.

Members interjecting:

The PRESIDENT: Order!

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: The arrangements that are being made for people who will be, to some extent or another, disturbed in their normal day to day life by the Grand Prix—for those few days—are extensive. Dr Mal Hemmerling, a very experienced and senior public servant, is co-ordinating the action to be taken to deal with the problems, and he is doing it very successfully.

Again, discussions that have taken place between the Grand Prix Committee and the Trades and Labor Council have been very successful and very fruitful. By the time the Grand Prix arrives I am sure that any possibility of industrial problems will have been ironed out.

The Hon. R.J. Ritson interjecting:

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: I point out that the Hon. Dr Ritson asked this question long after Question Time should have finished.

Members interjecting:

The PRESIDENT: Order! The Hon. Mr Lucas is butting in, as is the Hon. Mr Hill. I do not mind the Hon. Dr Ritson asking for his question to be answered, but he does not need the assistance of his colleagues.

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS: I certainly did not interrupt the Hon. Dr Ritson when he was meandering and rambling all over the place in relation to an obstetrician. I will obtain a report for the Hon. Dr Ritson and, if necessary, I will have discussions with the Trades and Labor Council and with Dr Hemmerling to see that the Hon. Dr Ritson's medical friend is disturbed as little as possible while this tremendous event occurs.

JOINT COMMITTEES OF PARLIAMENT

The Hon. J.R. Cornwall, for the **Hon. C.J. SUMNER (Attorney-General):** I move:

That the members of this Council appointed to the Joint Select Committee on the Administration of Parliament, and the Joint Select Committee on the Law, Practice and Procedures of the Parliament have power to act on the committees during the present session.

Motion carried.

MENTAL HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL

The Hon. J.R. CORNWALL (Minister of Health): I move:

That the Select Committee on the Bill have power to sit during the present session, and that the time for bringing up the report of the Select Committee be extended to Thursday 29 August 1985.

Motion carried.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION BY DONOR, *IN VITRO* FERTILISATION AND EMBRYO TRANSFER PROCEDURES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Hon. J.R. CORNWALL (Minister of Health): I move:

That the Select Committee have power to sit during the present session, and that the time for bringing up the report of the Select Committee be extended to Thursday 29 August 1985.

Motion carried.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INCORPORATED

The Hon. J.C. BURDETT: I move:

That the Select Committee have power to sit during the present session, and that the time for bringing up the report of the Select Committee be extended to Thursday 29 August 1985.

Motion carried.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARANCE

The Hon. B.A. CHATTERTON: I move:

That the Select Committee have power to sit during the present session, and that the time for bringing up the report of the Select Committee be extended to Thursday 29 August 1985.

Motion carried.

SESSIONAL COMMITTEES

Sessional committees were appointed as follows:

Standing Orders: The President and the Hons G.L. Bruce, J.C. Burdett, M.B. Cameron, and C.J. Sumner.

Library: The President and the Hons. G.L. Bruce, Anne Levy, and R.I. Lucas.

Printing: The Hons G.L. Bruce, C.W. Creedon, L.H. Davis, Peter Dunn, and M.S. Feleppa.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

The Hon. J.R. CORNWALL (Minister of Health): I move:

That the Hon. M.S. Feleppa be appointed as a representative of the Legislative Council on the Joint Committee in place of the Hon. Barbara Wiese, resigned.

Motion carried.

JOINT HOUSE COMMITTEE

The Hon. J.R. CORNWALL (Minister of Health): I move:

That the Hon. Anne Levy be appointed as a representative of the Legislative Council on the Joint House Committee in place of the Hon. Barbara Wiese, resigned.

Motion carried.

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

The Hon. J.R. CORNWALL (Minister of Health): I move:

That one member of the Council be appointed, by ballot, to the Council of the Flinders University of South Australia in place of the Hon. Barbara Wiese, resigned.

Motion carried.

A ballot having been held, the Hon. B.A. Chatterton was declared elected.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The PRESIDENT having laid on the table a copy of the Governor's speech, the Hon. J.R. Cornwall (Minister of Health) moved:

That a committee consisting of the Hons M.B. Cameron, B.A. Chatterton, C.W. Creedon, Diana Laidlaw, and C.J. Sumner be appointed to prepare a draft Address in Reply to the speech

delivered this day by His Excellency the Governor and to report on the next day of sitting.

Motion carried.

newly appointed. It is a credit to this Council that it figured so prominently in the reshuffle of the Ministry, and I wish to congratulate the Minister of Tourism and the Minister of Labour.

MINISTRY

The PRESIDENT: I would like to congratulate the Ministers of this Council who have been either promoted or

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.57 p.m. the Council adjourned until Tuesday 6 August at 2.15 p.m.