

Parliament, which adjourned on 1 December 2011, was prorogued by proclamation dated 16 December 2011. By proclamation dated 16 December 2011, it was summoned to meet on Tuesday 14 February 2012, and the Second Session began on that date.

## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Tuesday 14 February 2012**

**The PRESIDENT (Hon. R.K. Sneath)** took the chair at 12:47.

### **OPENING OF PARLIAMENT**

The Clerk (Mrs J.M. Davis) read the proclamation by His Excellency the Governor (Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce) summoning parliament.

### **GOVERNOR'S SPEECH**

His Excellency the Governor, having been announced by the Black Rod, was received by the President at the bar of the council chamber and conducted by him 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:

I have called you together for the dispatch of business.

First, I thank Uncle Lewis O'Brien, an elder of the Kurna people, for his gracious welcome to country.

Since the opening of the first session of this 52<sup>nd</sup> Parliament, a distinguished former Governor, Sir Donald Dunstan, has passed away. I acknowledge this loss with sadness.

Sir Donald's passing occurred on 15 October 2011, bringing to an end a most distinguished life of service to the nation, and in particular to his home state of South Australia, which he served as Governor for slightly more than nine years until 1991. He was and still is the longest-serving holder of this office.

I also acknowledge the passing of two former Members of the House of Assembly.

In May 2010, Mr William Alan Rodda, passed away. He had been the Member for the electorate of Victoria, later MacKillop, from 1965 until 1985, and a Minister for two periods during that time.

In June 2011, we were saddened to hear of the death of the Honourable Leonard James King AC QC, Member for the electorate of Coles, now Morialta, and Attorney General, from 1970 to 1975. He subsequently served as a justice, and then Chief Justice, of the Supreme Court until 1995.

We acknowledge the contributions made to our State by these great South Australians, and we offer our sincere condolences to their families and friends.

Honourable Members:

My Government believes that, more than at any time since the formation of the first government for this State 175 years ago, our future will be determined by the decisions we make in this decade.

We have a decisive opportunity to make a difference—but it is an opportunity that must be seized, not an opportunity to be taken for granted.

The Government understands that many South Australians are troubled and uneasy about the shifting and uncertain times the world now faces, on so many fronts. We understand too that uncertainty and doubt can be the enemies of action. This is precisely why we need to act, and to embrace bold new approaches.

For these reasons, this Government has comprehensively reviewed where the State stands now, and made decisions about where its focus needs to be for the future. Its emphasis is

not just on the next year, or the next decade, but on a future which will provide rich and worthwhile opportunities for our children, and for our children's children.

From this process, this Government has identified seven primary areas of focus for action. These can be summarised under the following headings:

- Clean, green food industry
- The mining boom and its benefits
- Advanced manufacturing
- A vibrant city
- Safe and active neighbourhoods
- Affordable living
- Early childhood

The Government recognises that these fields of focus do not include every subject of importance in the life of the State, or every area of government endeavour. It has made choices. These choices are strategic. They are fundamental to the changed direction which this State must take to assure a flourishing future.

The Government's aim is not limited to improving the material circumstances of South Australians. It seeks also to help to transform the way we all think about ourselves, and the way we relate to one another. The foundation of this endeavour is the traditional strengths of South Australia.

First, our food industries. These have sustained our State from the earliest days of European settlement.

Previous generations, living in the driest State in the driest continent, had to create an innovative and enterprising culture in order to build what we have today—a wide range of produce from a pristine environment.

This spirit of innovation needs to continue. As the world's population grows, so too does its demand for food. Our State must not miss the opportunity to meet this demand.

We will need to involve all sectors that intersect with our food production system—energy, land use, conservation and tourism. People throughout our region and the world will know that South Australian produce is clean and green.

And it comes from land we value to the extent of creating specific legislation to protect it.

The Government will bring legislation to this Parliament to protect the iconic South Australian districts of the Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale from urban growth, and from other development that could threaten their role as world famous food and wine regions.

But our food industry can only be sustained with help of our most crucial resource, the water of the River Murray.

This Government will resist, by whatever means necessary, the depletion and pollution of the Murray through over-allocation by upstream states. South Australia must have a healthy River Murray.

Another great and long-standing strength of South Australia has been our mining industry, now about to be expanded beyond what we could have imagined in past eras.

In 1842, copper was found in Kapunda. Soon after this, more discoveries were made throughout what became known as the Copper Triangle. This resource carried a fledgling State to prosperity.

Copper will be as important to our future as it has been to our past.

The copper deposit at Olympic Dam—the fourth largest in the world—together with the other nineteen mines now in operation across South Australia, will be hugely important to our prosperity.

South Australia's mineral exports are increasing at a rate unheard of in the State's history. Last financial year, they earned 4.22 billion dollars—an increase from 2.85 billion dollars only a

year before—and they will increase more. This accelerating growth will be further enhanced by increased exploration, particularly as restrictions within the Woomera Protected Area are lifted.

South Australia's natural resources belong to all South Australians, and every person in this State should share in the prosperity they will bring—now, and into the future. This needs a new approach.

To this end, the Government will establish a bipartisan committee to explore the potential for a Future Fund, to ensure that the benefits of a mining boom are shared amongst all South Australians for generations to come.

The development of our mining sector also involves particular obligations to the descendants of the first South Australians.

The Government will therefore introduce new legislation to replace the Aboriginal Heritage Act. This will put Aboriginal people at the forefront of decisions about their own cultural heritage, and will give to both the Aboriginal peoples and the mining developers simpler processes and greater certainty.

Around the middle of last century, manufacturing joined agriculture and mining as an intrinsic element of our State's prosperity.

This development was based on this State's competitive strength of low costs, and protected by a solid tariff wall.

The removal of tariff protection, and the opening-up of the global economy, have radically changed the conditions under which our manufacturing sector operates.

What has not changed is that manufacturing is one of our biggest employers and must remain so. Manufacturing makes up 14 per cent of our State's economy—well above the Australian average. And for every job created in the manufacturing sector, between three and five are created in the rest of the economy.

But manufacturing must evolve. South Australia needs to develop an advanced manufacturing sector—one that can offer high-value and innovative products, and flourish in a volatile world market.

An advanced manufacturing sector will drive productivity and innovation in our industries, and provide secure, fulfilling and skilled work for many South Australians.

Our defence and clean technology sectors have led this transition into advanced manufacturing.

Massive projects—including the construction of Air Warfare Destroyers and the forthcoming construction of parts for the Joint Strike Fighter jets—along with our leading role in renewable energy technologies, have helped to build our State's capacity to undertake skilled and sophisticated manufacturing processes.

Together, mining, defence industries and clean technology provide great opportunities that South Australian businesses can grasp, to transform themselves into preferred suppliers for companies around the world.

The Government will support them as they do so. We will develop a detailed strategy to support the growth of advanced manufacturing in South Australia. A central contributor will be the single department which has already been created to drive advanced manufacturing, energy, technology, and, crucially, innovation. This will be supported by legislation to establish an Advanced Manufacturing Council.

But an advanced manufacturing sector cannot grow unless it has access to a suitably skilled workforce.

The Government has already committed 194 million dollars to the Skills for All initiative, to provide an additional 100,000 training places over six years.

As well, the Government will bring legislation to Parliament to modernise our TAFE system. This will ensure that TAFE is best able to assist South Australians to gain the skills they will need to prosper.

And an advanced manufacturing sector can only evolve from a strong manufacturing base.

It is therefore crucial that we sustain our existing manufacturing sector, particularly our car manufacturing industry that employs about 8,000 workers in South Australia.

This government will invest to keep General Motors-Holden in South Australia for the next decade and beyond. Our investments will make sure that the company has a secure future here, as part of a global supply chain.

These efforts to secure and re-energise our great productive capacities will come to nothing, however, if not complemented by other changes. One change must be to the City of Adelaide. Our capital city centre should be a vibrant place that expresses our State's confidence and vitality.

This is more than symbolism. We need a vibrant city to attract and retain the talented people on whom the success of our State will depend.

Increasingly, well-educated and well-trained people have choices, and are willing to make those choices, about where they will live to find fulfilling work.

A large factor in those personal decisions is the quality and variety of life available where the fulfilling work is on offer.

For all these reasons the Government will introduce a new City of Adelaide Act, and work with the Adelaide City Council to make the changes that will enliven our public spaces.

This Government has already enlivened the Capital City Committee to include both the Premier and Deputy Premier, so that revitalising the centre of our city receives the attention and direction it needs.

And the investment that my Government is making in the regeneration of Adelaide Oval, and of the Riverbank precinct, will do more than create a world-class sporting facility in a setting that makes the most of Adelaide's natural beauty.

It will bring life to the centre of our city. A lively city will encourage a richer participation in all aspects of our culture—watching sport, taking part in festivals, eating in restaurants and cafes, enjoying our great cultural institutions.

And alongside all this, the shops will be open. The Government will bring legislation to this Parliament to enable shops within the city centre to trade on public holidays.

This will be supported by the recognition that is only fair for the people working on our most special days to be properly compensated.

An exciting capital-city centre will project a positive and forward-looking image of South Australia to the world.

But a great city also contains liveable neighbourhoods, the spaces where our families and communities can gather together in other ways.

Local solutions—such as better walking and cycling paths, and more diverse recreation areas—that fit the needs of individual communities will have the biggest impact on the health and well-being of our people.

The Government will develop a State Public Health Plan, and assist all councils to create Healthy Neighbourhood Plans.

These plans will ensure that the Government, and all councils, can identify particular patterns of need in each neighbourhood, and local solutions can draw on that knowledge.

Flourishing and active neighbourhoods, with expanded opportunities for neighbours and friends to interact in public space, will in themselves add to people's sense of safety and security—because, as research has shown, where there are people, opportunities for crime are reduced.

We know that there is now 36 per cent less victim-reported crime than there was in 2001. Nevertheless, being safe from crime remains the most important single concern for South Australians. And securing the safety of the people is a primary role of government.

The Government will therefore introduce legislation to attack head-on the most dangerous and violent criminal conduct.

This will target the criminal actions of gangs and also their assets, to ensure that the full force of law is available in the effort both to prevent and to punish their conduct.

The legislation will add to South Australians' confidence in the safety of their community, while keeping in place the rights of ordinary citizens. But the safest and healthiest neighbourhoods, the most vibrant city, the emerging new job opportunities, can only be enjoyed if South Australians also have the stability and security that comes from living in homes they can afford.

For too many South Australians this security is not available.

This Government is setting itself the task of restoring South Australia's reputation for affordable living at all levels.

A new urban renewal authority will revitalise our city. Importantly, it will increase the supply of affordable homes.

It will renew public housing stock, develop opportunities for the community housing sector and provide certainty in urban renewal projects to help unlock private capital investment.

This authority will also have a role in planning neighbourhoods which, in themselves, provide relief from everyday expenses.

Being close to public transport, being near essential services, and living in homes that are both energy-efficient and water-wise, can deliver savings to households every day.

The Government will also find other ways to reduce the burden of living costs on working families, by developing flexible payment options for service charges, well targeted concessions, and specific relief initiatives, and by working closely with the non-government sector.

I come now to the seventh of the priority areas the government has identified—early childhood.

Investment in our youngest children is the single most important and enduring commitment among all the long-term investments this State can make.

Ninety per cent of a child's brain development takes place in the first few years of life.

This development is profoundly affected by early experiences—and will permanently affect learning, health and happiness.

The quality of our children's early years will shape the well-being of our future citizens and, consequently, the capacity of our State.

That is why investing in our youngest children is the highest priority for any lasting improvements in social justice and in prosperity.

My Government will bring legislation to this Parliament to articulate and entrench the importance of children and families.

This legislation will change the way all sectors in the community integrate policies, planning and support for children's development. And it will provide sound principles to underpin policies and practices across all parts of government.

We will build on this State's reputation as an international leader in the early years, finalising the establishment of a further ten Children's Centres to provide families with young children the services they need in the one convenient location.

To be able to achieve all that my Government believes we can, South Australians must have confidence in our public institutions, and in the way these institutions arrive at decisions which affect everyone's lives.

The Government believes that our public discourse should be more civil—that we should be slower to attribute blame, and quicker to accept responsibility.

Parliament should demonstrate how debate and dissent can be constructive—and not be a forum for endless squabbles that lead nowhere.

To this end, the Government will call on all Members to maintain the proper standards during this session. And beyond this, we will enact a Code of Conduct for all Members, to ensure that their public lives are beyond reproach.

Legislation for an Independent Commission Against Corruption will be introduced, which will ensure the integrity of public process and decision making.

The Government will also explore further reforms to systems of public accountability. As well, the Government will continue to make decisions in a way that respects the dignity of all people—involving them in the decision-making process and increasing the scope of their personal autonomy and their opportunities for self-expression.

As a demonstration of this new approach, the Government will create a new Disability Act, that will enable every person with a disability who currently receives more than six hours a week of support to make their own decisions on how to manage their own funding and lives.

It will hand choice and control back to people living with disabilities, and allow them to live their life with the dignity that is every person's right.

Much of what this Government has set out as paths for action will require us to unlock that undoubted ingenuity and enterprise which exists within our State, whether in the private, the non-government, or the public sector.

This will include harnessing all the creativity which is potentially unleashed by new information and communication technologies. And a cultural shift will be necessary in our public sector, along with a new sense of urgency and purpose.

A new era of public sector reform will be embarked upon. It will not be characterised by slashing numbers or removing conditions, but by a resurgence of innovation and productivity. The Government seeks to build a vibrant new government sector where new ideas and creativity are welcomed, where risk-taking is rewarded, and where new social enterprises are generated.

The Government has no illusions about the magnitude of the task it has described today. It has specified actions that it proposes to take in the short term, and for which it will seek the endorsement of the parliament in specific legislation.

These actions, however, are only part of the task it proposes to undertake. Furthermore, urgent as the government believes it is to begin the task of renewal and transformation, it is clear that not everything will bear fruit in the next year, or even the next decade.

The Government seeks to engage the enthusiasm, the energies and the skills of all South Australians in the task which confronts us in this defining decade. It invites everyone to join in and contribute to the debate about the best way forward. We all have to be willing to listen to one another.

This Government believes that this second decade of the twenty-first century is a defining historic period in which South Australia can and must transform itself for an exciting future, a safe and secure future, a sustainable future.

There is not a moment to be lost.

Honourable Members:

I now declare this session open, and trust that your deliberations will serve the advancement of the welfare of South Australia and all its people.

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

The President again took the chair and read prayers.

*[Sitting suspended from 13:26 to 15:07]*

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

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

### SA WATER EXPENDITURE

**42 The Hon. R.I. LUCAS** (30 June 2010) (First Session). What was the actual level for 2009-10 of both capital and recurrent expenditure underspending (or overspending) for all Departments and agencies (which were not classified in the general Government sector) then reporting to the Minister for Environment and Conservation?

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers):** The Minister for Environment and Conservation has advised:

SA Water's actual level of recurrent expenditure in 2009-10, including all operating expenditure, depreciation and borrowing costs but excluding income tax equivalent payments, was \$795 million against an original budget of \$803 million, an underspend of \$8 million. The underspend was primarily due to savings associated with reduced major pumping demands and renewable energy requirements.

SA Water's actual level of capital expenditure for 2009-10 was \$1.170 billion against an original budget of \$1.226 billion, an underspend of \$56 million. The underspend was timing related across a number of projects.

**PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES**

**87 The Hon. R.I. LUCAS** (30 June 2010) (First Session). For the period between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010, will the Minister for Environment and Conservation list—

1. Job title and total employment cost of each position with a total estimated cost of \$100,000 or more, which has been abolished; and

2. Each new position with a total cost of \$100,000 or more, which has been created?

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers):** The Minister for Environment and Conservation has been advised:

Between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010, positions with a total employment cost of \$100,000 or more:

1. Abolished:

Department/Agency	Position Title	TEC Cost
Department for Environment and Heritage	Manager IT Services (MAS3)	\$133,000
	Manager Information Systems (AS08)	\$114,000
	Chief Botanist (PO5)	\$135,000
	Principal Consultant Conservation Governance (AS08)	\$114,000
	Director Business Operations (EXA)	\$151,000
	Principal Consultant Govt. Business (MAS3)	\$133,000
	Principal Consultant Vision 2012 (AS08)	\$114,000
	Director Budget Strategy Project (SAES 1)	\$140,000
Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation	Director, Audit & Program Review	\$116,826
	Director NRM Research Alliance *	\$118,818
	Director, Water Systems Reform	\$194,123
	Principal Policy Analyst	\$101,574
	Manager ICT Services	\$104,491
	Manager Communications & Marketing	\$102,626
	Manager Sustainable Water & Forests	\$102,626
Environment Protection Authority	Director Corporate & Business Support	\$212,184
Zero Waste SA	Manager, Stakeholder Relations	\$104,253
SA Water	Head of Strategic Projects	\$310,625
	Project Engineer	\$177,692

Department/Agency	Position Title	TEC Cost
	Manager Contracts	\$150,690
	Manager IT Governance	\$131,836
	Manager IS Procurement	\$119,900
	Lead Project Manager	\$114,450
	Manager—Shared Services	\$114,450
	Recruitment Manager	\$108,989
	Project Manager	\$101,781

## 2. Created:

Department/Agency	Position Title	TEC Cost
Department for Environment and Heritage	Manager Operational Delivery (AS08) Coorong, Lower Lakes, Murray Mouth project	\$114,000
	Deputy Regional Conservator Fire Management (AS08)	\$114,000
	Business Partnership Manager (AS08)	\$114,000
	Principal Adviser GIS (AS08)	\$130,000
	Manager Business Operations (AS08)	\$114,000
	Senior Policy officer (AS08)	\$114,000
Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation	Project Manager *	\$104,491
	Director, Environmental Water Management Program *	\$104,491
	Project Manager *	\$104,491
	Deputy Director, Business Services	\$137,914
	General Manager Stormwater Mgmt Authority *	\$102,626
	Manager, Legislation & Legal Unit	\$137,099
	Manager, Stormwater *	\$138,841
	South East Program Coordinator	\$102,626
	Chief Technology Officer	\$112,626
	Team Leader	\$102,626
Environment Protection Authority	Nil	Nil
Zero Waste SA	Nil	Nil
SA Water	Mg Asset, Mgmt & Environ	\$163,500
	Mg IS Management & Plan	\$161,974
	Engineering Manager	\$146,060
	Senior Commercial Mg	\$136,250
	Snr Commissioning Officer	\$125,350
	Water Quality Support Mg	\$125,350
	Senior Project Manager	\$121,208
	Sr Procurement Specialist	\$119,900
	Manager—Internal Audit	\$119,900
	Mg IS Project Leadership	\$114,450
	IS Service Operations Mg	\$112,270
	IS Technical Services Mg	\$112,270
	IS Service Design Mg	\$112,270
	Principal EIA Advisor	\$111,180
	Manager Communications	\$109,000
	Snr Metro Assets Engineer	\$109,000



In regard to the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation (now the Department for Water): \*—indicates the position is not funded from State appropriation (i.e. sourced through commonwealth or other external means).

### CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

**117 The Hon. R.I. LUCAS** (30 June 2010) (First Session). For the year 2009-10—

1. Were any persons employed or otherwise engaged as a consultant or contractor, in any Department or agency reporting to the Minister for Environment and Conservation, who had previously received a separation package from the State Government; and
2. If so—
  - (a) What number of persons were employed;
  - (b) What number were engaged as a consultant; and
  - (c) What number engaged as a contractor?

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers):** The Minister for Environment and Conservation has advised:

1. For the year 2009-10, no known persons were employed or otherwise engaged as a consultant or contractor, who had previously received a separation package from the State Government, in the former Department for Environment and Heritage, the Environment Protection Authority, Zero Waste SA and SA Water.

The former Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation had one person engaged in 2009-10 as a contractor, who had previously received a separation package from the State Government.

### MINISTERIAL TRAVEL

**127 The Hon. R.I. LUCAS** (24 November 2010) (First Session). Can the Premier state—

1. What was the total cost of any overseas trips undertaken by the Premier and staff since 2 December 2009 up to 1 December 2010?
2. What are the names of the officers who accompanied the Premier on each trip?
3. Was any officer given permission to take private leave as part of the overseas trip?
4. Was the cost of each trip met by the Premier's office budget, or by the Premier's Department or agency?
5. (a) What cities and locations were visited on each trip; and  
(b) What was the purpose of each visit?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women):** The Premier has advised the information requested by the honourable Member has been supplied as a result of several Freedom of Information enquiries.

### MINISTERIAL TRAVEL

**137 The Hon. R.I. LUCAS** (24 November 2010) (First Session). Can the Minister for Environment and Conservation state—

1. What was the total cost of any overseas trips undertaken by the Minister and staff since 2 December 2009 up to 1 December 2010?
2. What are the names of the officers who accompanied the Minister on each trip?
3. Was any officer given permission to take private leave as part of the overseas trip?
4. Was the cost of each trip met by the Minister's office budget, or by the Minister's Department or agency?
5. (a) What cities and locations were visited on each trip; and

(b) What was the purpose of each visit?

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations):** The Minister for Environment and Conservation has advised:

1. For the period 2 December 2009 to 1 December 2010, no overseas trips were undertaken by the Minister for Environment and Conservation.

#### TOURISM COMMISSION

**312 The Hon. T.J. STEPHENS** (27 July 2011) (First Session).

1. Can the Minister for Tourism give a detailed outline of the savings initiatives which are predicted to double from the 2012-13 to the 2013-14 financial years during the forward estimates period which appears on page 67 of Budget Paper 6?

2. How many FTE losses will result?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women):** I am advised:

1. The savings initiatives are a result of the 2011-12 Budget FTE savings and are scheduled to increase from \$152,000 in 2012-13 to \$310,000 in 2013-14. The \$158,000 increase in savings in 2013-14 relates to FTE reductions in the Destination Development—Access Unit and the Events South Australia Unit.

2. Two FTE losses will result in 2013-14.

#### TOURISM COMMISSION

**313 The Hon. T.J. STEPHENS** (27 July 2011) (First Session). Can the Minister for Tourism advise how much of the \$13.353 million referred to on page 23 of Budget Paper 4, Volume 4, is going towards working holiday/youth travel promotions in the United Kingdom, France and Germany?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women):** I am advised:

1. Of the \$13.353 million referred to on page 23 of Budget Paper 4, Volume 4, the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) has budgeted to spend \$89,000 on specific working holiday/youth campaigns in the United Kingdom, France and Germany.

In addition, SATC has budgeted \$150,000 for social media and online marketing in these markets, which will reach the youth segment.

A further \$50,000 has been budgeted for activities to target the working holiday and youth market once in Australia.

In summary, \$289,000 has been budgeted for activities that will reach youth and working holiday visitors from the United Kingdom, France and Germany.

#### TOURISM COMMISSION

**318 The Hon. T.J. STEPHENS** (27 July 2011) (First Session). Can the Minister for Tourism provide a breakdown of events on which the \$1.9 million increase in expenditure 'associated with the additional event sponsorship' was spent, as referred to on page 18 of Budget Paper 4, Volume 4?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women):** I am advised:

1. The \$1.9 million increase in expenses is primarily due to:

- \$1.7 million expenditure associated with additional event sponsorship and operational costs of the Santos Tour Down Under.
- \$0.2 million costs associated with supporting an increased number of participants in the Challenge Tour and at the Legends' Night Dinner.

**PAPERS**

The following papers were laid on the table:

By the President—

Auditor-General's Report, December 2011—Probity of the processes leading to the awarding of 3 service contracts in 2011 for the provision of regular passenger bus services for Metropolitan Adelaide

Reports, 2010-11

Corporations—

Adelaide  
Burnside  
Campbelltown  
Holdfast Bay  
Marion  
Mitcham  
Norwood, Payneham and St Peters  
Onkaparinga  
Playford  
Port Adelaide Enfield  
Salisbury  
Tea Tree Gully  
Unley  
Walkerville

District Councils—

Alexandrina  
Barossa  
Berri Barmera  
Clare and Gilbert Valleys  
Coober Pedy  
Copper Coast  
Elliston  
Gawler  
Goyder  
Grant  
Kangaroo Island  
Karoonda East Murray  
Kingston  
Light  
Lower Eyre Peninsula  
Loxton Waikerie  
Mid Murray  
Mount Barker  
Mount Gambier  
Northern Areas  
Peterborough  
Port Augusta  
Port Pirie  
Renmark Paringa  
Roxby  
Southern Mallee  
Streaky Bay  
Whyalla  
Yankalilla  
Yorke Peninsula

By the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (Hon. G.E. Gago)—

Reports, 2010-11—

ANZAC Day Commemoration Council  
Legal practitioners Conduct Board  
SAPOL Passive Alert Drug Detector Dogs (PADD)

## State of the Sector

## Reports—

Determination and Report of the Remuneration Tribunal No. 6 of 2011—Member of the Judiciary, Members of the Industrial Relations Commission, the State Coroner, Commissioners of the Environment, Resources and Development Court

Determination and Report of the Remuneration Tribunal No. 7 of 2011—Auditor-General, Electoral Commissioner, Deputy Electoral Commissioner, Employee Ombudsman and Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner

## Regulations under the following Acts—

Bills of Sale Act 1886—Application of Act

Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2009—General

Electricity Act 1996—Electricity (Principles of Vegetation Clearance)

Fair Trading Act 1987—Related Acts

Liquor Licensing Act 1997—Dry Areas—

## Long Term—

Brighton Area 1—Glenelg Area 1—Seacliff

Clare

Paringa Area 1—Renmark Area 1 and Area 2

Peterborough Area 1

Port Adelaide—Semaphore

Waikerie Area 1

## Short Term—

Adelaide Area 1—Ellis Park—Future Music Festival 2012

Adelaide Area 5

Arno Bay Area 1

Beachport Area 1

Cowell—Area 1

Cummins Area 1—New Year's Eve

Ellis Park

Elliston Area 1—Port Kenny Area 1

Glenelg Area 1

Kimba Area 1

Moonta Bay and Port Hughes Area 1—Walleroo Area 1

Morgan Area 1—New Year's Eve

Port Neill—Area 1

Robe Area 1—Robe Area 2

Rymill Park

Seacliff Area 1—Australia Day 2012

Semaphore Area 1

Streaky Bay Area 1

Two Wells Area 1

Unley Area 1

Whyalla Area 1—New Year's Eve

Wilmington Area 1—Rodeo 2012

Mining Act 1971—Fees

Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes Act 2004—Egg Food Safety Scheme

Public Corporations Act 1993—

Public Corporation (Distribution Lessor Corporation)

Public Corporation (Generation Lessor Corporation)

Public Corporation (Transmission Lessor Corporation)

Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1986—Contract of Service—

## Agencies of the Crown

## Rules of Court—

District Court—District Court Act 1991—Civil—

Amendment No. 18

Amendment No. 19

Magistrates Court—Magistrates Court Act 1991—Civil—

Amendment No. 39

Amendment No. 40

Supreme Court—Supreme Court Act 1935—  
 Amendment No. 18  
 Youth Court—Youth Court Act 1993—Children's Protection  
 Response to the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board  
 Fact Finding Visit  
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 Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, dated 1 December 2011  
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### SA HEALTH FINANCIAL SYSTEMS UPGRADE

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations) (15:14):** I table a copy of a ministerial statement made today by the Hon. John Hill, Minister for Health, on the upgrade to health financial systems.

### ARKARoola WILDERNESS SANCTUARY

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (15:15):** I table a ministerial statement from the Hon. Tom Koutsantonis on the Arkaroola protection Marathon compensation.

### ORGANISED CRIME

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (15:15):** I table a ministerial statement from the Premier, the Hon. Jay Weatherill, on organised crime.

### STANDING ORDERS SUSPENSION

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (15:16):** I move:

That standing order 14 be suspended.

This procedure has been adopted in recent times to allow consideration of other business before the Address in Reply has been adopted.

Motion carried.

### QUESTION TIME

#### TOURISM COMMISSION

**The PRESIDENT:** I now call on honourable members to ask questions without notice. The Hon. Mr Ridgway.

**The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Leader of the Opposition) (15:30):** Thank you, Mr President. It is a pleasure to be back here. I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Tourism a question about the South Australian Tourism Commission.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY:** The minister was appointed to the important tourism portfolio on 21 October 2011. Mr President, as you would know, the tourism industry is worth in excess of \$4 billion to the South Australian economy. In fact, we have just heard, in the Governor's speech at the opening of this parliament, the importance the government and the Governor place on tourism and its respective contribution to our economy.

The opposition has been advised that the minister has not yet met with the board, which is over a period of more than three months. In fact, I am reliably informed that the minister is either unable, unwilling or just too damn lazy to meet with the board until April, six months after she was appointed. My questions are:

1. Given the high value of this industry to the economy and, of course, the high value the government and the Governor put on tourism, especially in his address to the opening of parliament, why is the minister taking up to six months to meet with the board?
2. Will the minister apologise to the board and the tourism industry and commit to more regular meetings with the board?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (15:31):** I cannot believe that, after the long break we have had, that is the calibre of the question we get on the first day back—that is how lame and lazy the opposition is: my capacity to meet with the tourism board.

Indeed, this government is very committed to tourism here in this state. Unlike the Liberal government, the Weatherill Labor government has been consistently investing in tourism and a wide range of events and initiatives which attract visitors to this wonderful state. Just to remind honourable members of some of our commitments, there is the \$52 million to redevelop the Adelaide Entertainment Centre—

**The Hon. D.W. Ridgway:** Why haven't you gone to the board?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO:** I'm getting there, Mr President, I'm getting there. He went to the question of this government's commitment to tourism, Mr President. Implicit in the question was this government's commitment to tourism, so I am addressing that aspect of the question first and then we will go on.

So, \$52 million was committed to the redevelopment and the Adelaide Festival became an annual event in 2012. The 2008 festival delivered \$14 million economic benefit to the state and, of course, we made the Adelaide Fringe an annual event in 2007. That is not to mention other events such as WOMADelaide, the Dunstan Playhouse, the wide range of Our Best Backyard campaign, and the Riverbank precinct update. These are really incredibly important developments to assist in creating amenity to attract tourists to South Australia and amenities that will help them enjoy their time when they are here.

Indeed, I have met several times with the chairperson of the board, Ms Jane Jeffreys. I am happy to check this, but I believe that the board has met only once since I have been Minister for Tourism, and that was in the very early days of my becoming minister.

**The Hon. D.W. Ridgway:** There was one in December—and one in November, I suspect.

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO:** Well, I am just saying that, to the best of my knowledge, and I am happy to have that checked. But they would have met only once or maybe, at the very most, twice. I have met several times with the Chief Executive, and I have met several times with the Chair, Ms Jane Jeffreys, so I have certainly kept abreast and been informed of all up-to-date matters.

We have had significant exchanges during those numerous meetings. I can assure honourable members that I am kept abreast of things and in touch and, as I said, I have enjoyed very much our meetings with both the chair and the chief executive. I can only reiterate: to come back after several weeks of break to that level and calibre of question from the opposition again only reflects what a lazy, indifferent and careless opposition they are.

#### **ROCK LOBSTER FISHERY**

**The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (15:36):** I seek leave to make an explanation before directing questions to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries on the subject of rock lobster fishing.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK:** Thank you, Mr President. As you yourself may be aware, being a South-East person and—

**The Hon. D.W. Ridgway:** And a connoisseur of rock lobsters.

**The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK:** —a connoisseur of rock lobsters on occasion, a number of us on this side of the house have just returned from the sunny South-East and rock lobster fishermen in the southern zone are experiencing their best season in many years with well over half their quota filled in just three months. Perhaps desperate for a good news story, we saw last month this minister lauding her department for the fishermen's success, telling the local paper that SARDI had the luxury of knowing all along that this would be a bumper season. My questions are:

1. If SARDI had knowledge all along that this season as well as that of 2010-11 were going to be good fishing seasons, why then in 2010 did they give an ominous warning that the industry was in crisis and that, in fact, it was finished?

2. If the government had the luxury of predicting better than average seasons two years in advance, why then did the minister's predecessor cut the 2010-11 season by two months?

3. If the government did indeed have this valuable information, why did it withhold it from the fishing industry and instead spin them tales of doom and gloom?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (15:37):** I thank the honourable member for her most important question. Indeed, our rock lobster fishery is a very important part of our fisheries. Both the southern and northern zones are very productive fisheries and indeed are something that most of us enjoy immensely. Part of PIRSA's strategy is obviously to assist in managing the long-term sustainability of these fisheries. It is quite critical that these fisheries, like all of our commercial fisheries, do not become over-fished. Rock lobsters are worth a lot of money and there is a significant attraction to fishing the greatest amount each year as possible.

Fisheries manage the biomass of rock lobster in these waters very cautiously. They have a system and a protocol of assessing what the biomass is likely to be and set limits accordingly. We are very fortunate that the results have been very good to date and we are very pleased with that outcome, and that is a result of the quite amazing degree of cooperation between the fishers and PIRSA. I have to congratulate the fishers. They cooperate greatly with PIRSA in providing us with the information that we need to make those assessments—things like the number of undersized crays that are pulled up in each pot load and other information. That helps us plan ahead. PIRSA attempts to provide accurate information to all fishery sectors in a timely way whenever they can.

In terms of the specific timings that the honourable member has asked for, I do not have those details but I am happy to take those on notice and bring back a response. I can absolutely assure the honourable member that it is with the high degree of cooperation between very diligent and hardworking fisheries officers and the fishers themselves that we can be very proud of having a rock lobster industry which is sustainable and which is yielding such great benefits not only to the fishers and their families but a lot of those going to export, and they contribute significantly to the overall economic benefit of this state. I congratulate PIRSA officers and also rock lobster fishers.

### ROCK LOBSTER FISHERY

**The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (15:40):** A supplementary question: does the minister commit that, if the department does indeed have predictions of future catches, it will share that information with the industry in a transparent way in future?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (15:40):** I understand that they share all relevant and appropriate information in a timely way at all times.

### FORESTRYSA

**The Hon. S.G. WADE (15:41):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Leader of the Government and Minister for Regional Development a question about the state forests.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. S.G. WADE:** In 2010, the Rann Labor government suffered an 8.4 per cent swing against it in the seat of Port Adelaide. In 2011, premier Rann was replaced and new Premier Weatherill said that the government had heard the voice of the people and would re-engage with the community. In 2012, the Weatherill Labor government suffered a 9.8 per cent swing against it in the seat of Port Adelaide, more than the swing against the Rann government, yet Premier Weatherill simply continues the spin that the government has heard the voice of the people and would re-engage with the community.

I ask the Leader of the Government: what is regional South Australia telling her about the government's decision to sell the state's forests? Has she conveyed that view to other members of cabinet; and considering the government's continued failure to regain the confidence of the people of South Australia, when will the government take real steps to re-engage and reverse the decision to sell the state's forests?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (15:42):** Indeed, I think it was back in May 2011 that the Treasurer announced the forward sale of ForestrySA's harvesting rights for its Green Triangle estate and announced that it would proceed after a regional impact statement prepared by a ACIL Tasman concluded that it would have no significant economic, social or environmental impacts. These are the issues of concern that have been raised by the locals. They have been concerned about the impact on jobs and the impact on the long-term sustainability of the forestry industry. This report was conducted, as I said, by an independent body who concluded that there would be no significant economic, social or environmental impacts.

In response to the sorts of issues that locals have raised and by listening to their concerns, we established the South-East Forestry Roundtable to recommend to government on the conditions of any forward sale before going to market and also the long-term viability of the forestry industry in that area. In effect, they have two terms of reference. We also provided sawmill owners with ForestrySA log supply contracts, with an option to extend them by a further five years to protect job security.



We ensured any sale condition include the new purchaser agreeing to rotation length, consistent with the current planned ForestrySA standards to maintain the standard of the forest products from the region, because one of the concerns we heard from locals was that the new owner might just come in and fell everything very quickly and then leave the industry without any work for a number of years and, therefore, completely undermine the industry. We have addressed that issue of concern.

We will ensure that there is a commitment from the new purchaser to match ForestrySA's current level of planned viable domestic supply to guarantee a future local timber industry and also to require a successful purchaser to report yearly to the government to ensure they are meeting their contractual obligations—and, again, another concern was that there would be a lack of transparency.

So, indeed, we have listened very closely to the concerns of locals. We understand that there is still a high degree of dissatisfaction. We absolutely acknowledge that there is still a high level of dissatisfaction with the government's response that it intends to proceed with this sale, and we will listen to and address the concerns of locals in the way that we have. We are committed to continuing to do that. We are committed to proceeding with this sale, because it is part of our budgetary savings strategy and this revenue is most important in terms of helping us manage our budget.

We do listen. We have been out there. The Premier has been there and I have visited also, as have numerous other government members. I understand there is a high level of agitation. People do not like change and are concerned about the long-term interests of the industry, but we believe the Weatherill government has listened and we are addressing concerns as we go along.

#### FORESTRYSA

**The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Leader of the Opposition) (15:46):** I have a supplementary question. Can the minister guarantee all of the forestry round table recommendations will be in the contract for the forward sale?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (15:47):** The specific negotiations are occurring between the Treasurer and the round table, so he is responsible for those negotiations. However, I can absolutely assure all honourable members that we are doing our best to accommodate and address all of the concerns, wherever possible, in relation to those concerns that are raised.

#### FORESTRYSA

**The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Leader of the Opposition) (15:47):** I have a further supplementary. What is the rotation length that has been agreed to with the sale of the forests?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (15:47):** I am not absolutely sure on that. I am happy to take that on notice and bring back a response, but I think it is around about 30 years.

#### TOUR DOWN UNDER

**The Hon. CARMEL ZOLLO (15:47):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Tourism—

*Members interjecting:*

**The PRESIDENT:** Order!

**The Hon. CARMEL ZOLLO:** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Tourism a question about the 2012 Santos Tour Down Under.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. CARMEL ZOLLO:** I am sure that many honourable members enjoyed the buzz of the 2012 Tour Down Under. Can the minister tell us about some of the highlights of the event?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (15:48):** I thank the honourable member for her important question: it is quite refreshing

to get a well considered and well thought out question at last. Someone has been doing some work over the break, I am pleased to notice.

The 2012 Santos Tour Down Under was held from 15 to 22 January, and I am delighted to report that, once again, the event was a tremendous success, although official numbers regarding the attendance, as well as the economic impact, will not be available until later this month. Early estimates from SAPOL are that the event was attended by about 753,000 people. If these figures are accurate, it will mean it is the fourth consecutive year that the event topped the 750,000 mark.

This year's event was particularly exciting from a local standpoint, with the Australian rider Simon Gerrans, from new Australian cycling team GreenEDGE, winning. I am told that this was his second win at the event. His first win was in 2006. He now joins the esteemed company of the local favourite, Stuart O'Grady, and German sprinter Andre Greipel as the only riders to win the event twice. The 2012 race started in Prospect for the first time, made a return to Clare for the finish and remained in the Adelaide Hills for all of stage 2, which was Lobethal to Stirling. Around 110,000 people were estimated to have attended the Coleman stage 2, which I am advised is a record for that stage. In an event first, stage 5 finished on top of Old Willunga Hill, which was a great success and a very exciting climb to the top.

The Santos Tour Down Under is a terrific event for our state and not only provides a fantastic week of entertainment for South Australians but also makes a significant economic contribution, and it is free and family friendly. It is just a terrific event, and based on a very healthy pursuit—cycling—so it ticks all the boxes. I am advised that the 2011 event injected around \$43 million into the state's economy and generated about \$150 million in media coverage for South Australia.

Last year's event was also crowned Australian Event of the Year and Best Tourism Event at the Australian Event Awards, held in Sydney in October that year, and was entered into the Hall of Fame for its third consecutive win as the Best Major Festival or Event in the 2011 South Australian Tourism Awards. The tour also plays a role in the development of cycling in South Australia. It is great to see the streets full of cyclists in the weeks leading up to the tour and afterwards as local riders train for the Bupa Challenge.

The challenge, presented by *The Advertiser*, was held on Friday 20 January, and this recreational ride, which began in 2003, was known as the Mutual Community Challenge. The event provides cycling enthusiasts with the opportunity to ride the same route as the world's best cyclists just hours later. The 2012 ride included four distances, and participants could ride all the way from Norwood to Tanunda or shorter rides. I am told that over 7,000 people rode in that challenge and that over 350 children rode in the Mini Tour for Kids event.

Another highlight was the attendance of Eddy Merckx, whom I had the pleasure of meeting—and what an amazing gentleman he is. A five-time winner of the Tour de France, Mr Merckx is regarded by many as the world's greatest cyclist. During a professional career that spanned 1965 to 1987, Mr Merckx wore the yellow jersey for a record 96 days and won every major classic and one-day event in road cycling.

I congratulate the race director, Mike Turtur, and the team at EventsSA, and the South Australian Tourism Commission on their tremendous efforts in putting together an extremely successful event.

### TOUR DOWN UNDER

**The Hon. R.L. BROKENSHERE (15:53):** By way of supplementary question, further to the minister's answer about Willunga Hill and the Tour Down Under, will she advise the house how much money it cost to erect and then take away the stage at the top of Willunga Hill that was put there for the Tour Down Under—the Russian stage?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (15:54):** I find it just incredible, absolutely incredible. Here we have an event that generates millions and millions of dollars in our economy. We have this event filmed and televised all around the world, and in every shot that was taken you can see some aspect of South Australia in the background, whether it is a city, Clare, the Barossa or our hills. Every shot is worth a thousand words. So, we had this magnificent display of South Australia beamed all over the world for a week. Not only is that worth an enormous—

*Members interjecting:*

**The PRESIDENT:** Order!

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO:** —amount of money to promoting South Australia and encouraging and enticing people to come and visit here, but the money that that generated here and put into this economy was phenomenal. But the honourable member wants to focus on the cost of erecting a stage. He is going to begrudge the erecting of a stage at one of the peak parts of the event. So, he is going to be so mean, mingy and miserly—

*Members interjecting:*

**The PRESIDENT:** Order!

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO:** —he is going to begrudge the building of a stage or erecting of a stage at part of the course. He just needs to lift his chin a little. I am sick to death of having people in this place sitting opposite just putting South Australia down, just putting us down, time and time again—the naysayers, the doomsdayers. They need to lift their chin, they need to celebrate these successes and they need to promote what we are doing.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE AND DRUGS BROCHURE

**The Hon. D.G.E. HOOD (15:56):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking a question of the minister representing the Minister for Health regarding a Parenting SA brochure that has been handed to me.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. D.G.E. HOOD:** I have obtained a copy of a brochure entitled 'Young people and drugs—Parent easy guide 15', published at taxpayer expense by Parenting SA Children, Youth and Women's Health Service, which states, and I quote directly from the brochure:

We live in a drug-taking society. While there's a lot of concern about illegal drugs in the media, the most harm and greatest risk to young people comes from using legal drugs such as alcohol, cigarettes and medicines.

Now, it is not right. I make note for those in the chamber that there is nothing mentioned about the quantity or availability: it is about direct harm of the substance. That being the case, I ask my questions of the Minister for Health and the minister representing him here in this place:

1. Does he approve of the above content and endorse that statement or does he have concern about the statement?

2. Does he believe and agree with the statement that concern about illegal drugs in the media is overstated, as it says in the brochure and, if not, will the minister take steps to address the content of this brochure and ensure that government policy is reflected in taxpayer-funded brochures?

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations) (15:57):** I would like to thank the honourable member for his very important question, and I will refer it to the honourable Minister for Health in another place and get back to him as quickly as possible.

**The PRESIDENT:** The Hon. Mr Wade has a supplementary, have you, out of that answer?

#### YOUNG PEOPLE AND DRUGS BROCHURE

**The Hon. S.G. WADE (15:57):** Yes, a supplementary question. In providing the information to the Hon. Mr Hood, could the minister arrange for us to be provided with the academic substantiation of the claim?

**The PRESIDENT:** No, that is a separate question. That is a totally separate question.

*The Hon. S.G. Wade interjecting:*

**The PRESIDENT:** It is not a supplementary out of the answer, where he was going to seek the answer from the minister in the other place. The Hon. Mr Kandelaars.

#### WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY INNOVATIVE PRACTICE GRANTS

**The Hon. G.A. KANDELAARS (15:58):** My question is to the Minister for Industrial Relations. Can the minister advise the house about workplace health and safety grant programs that are currently available?

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations) (15:58):** I would like to thank the member for his very important question and also acknowledge the many years that the honourable member spent representing workers in the industrial relations sphere. I am pleased to advise the house that the Work Health and Safety Innovative Practice Grants are currently open.

The SafeWork Advisory Committee, which is a tripartite body established under the Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Act 1986, manages the Work Health and Safety Innovative Practice Grants program, which funds projects that develop and disseminate innovative safety practices to help reduce work-related injuries, diseases and fatalities.

The aim of the innovative practice project is to support South Australia's Strategic Plan Target 21, which is to achieve a 40 per cent reduction in workplace injury from 2002 to 2012 and a further 50 per cent reduction in injury between 2012 and 2022. Projects must be in line with the priorities of the Occupational Health and Safety Strategic Framework for South Australia, and as such they must have a broader element that takes their benefits beyond the interests of just the applicants.

The Work Health and Safety Innovative Practice Grants provide an excellent opportunity for organisations to think outside the square and they contribute to reducing workplace harm in South Australia. A total of \$130,000 is available for distribution each year, and organisers can apply for up to a maximum of \$50,000 for any individual project.

Projects funded in 2011 covered several innovative topics, including protecting hairdressers by providing them with the skills necessary to reduce workplace stress and burnout from listening to clients' personal problems and helping them provide appropriate responses and referral information; understanding and managing the occupational health risk from fungal contamination in indoor environments; and access to work health and safety services by sex industry workers.

The closing date for lodging an application to SafeWork SA is Friday 24 February 2012. I urge anyone interested in improving health and safety outcomes through an innovative practice project to apply to SafeWork SA by this date. Further information on the grants and the application process can be found on SafeWork SA's website, [www.safework.sa.gov.au](http://www.safework.sa.gov.au). The SafeWork SA Advisory Committee will review all applications received and determine the successful applicants in June 2012. I look forward to updating the house on the details of the successful projects at this time.

### **PAIN MANAGEMENT**

**The Hon. K.L. VINCENT (16:01):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the minister representing the Minister for Health questions regarding pain and opioid prescribing in South Australia.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. K.L. VINCENT:** In November last year I met with a large group of South Australians who live every day with chronic health conditions and injuries which cause chronic pain. Unfortunately for these constituents, the South Australian government has set up ridiculous guidelines around the management of people requiring long-term opioid medications. These guidelines automatically label these people essentially as drug addicts. Instead of this being a medical issue, it has become a bureaucratic jumble of guidelines with no reasonable process for appeal.

After meeting with many of these people, I am concerned about their ongoing welfare and mental health due to their lack of available pain management. In recent days I have been told about a man with chronic pain who took his own life. According to those close to him, it was due to his unbearable pain. So impractical is the protocol of obtaining appropriate medication to manage his pain, he thought that this was his only option for ending it. I also understand a second person in similar circumstances has attempted suicide in just the past fortnight.

Another constituent was told as recently as this morning that their request for additional opioid medication has again been rejected after almost 40 years of managing challenging chronic fatigue syndrome and osteoporotic symptoms. This person is now seeking methods to end their life as they cannot bear the persistent chronic pain with which they must live every waking hour. There are also several other people my office is aware of who have contemplated a similar course of action in previous months.

Given there is no end in sight to the current regulatory framework that governs the prescribing and management of opioid medications, it seems futile to advise these people to wait. There is no indication that South Australia will reform and begin once again to treat pain medication as a medical issue and not a bureaucratic and criminal matter. It is a basic human right to access professional medical treatment and medication for chronic pain. The minister has been requested to meet with many of these pain sufferers on numerous occasions in the past two years and has seemingly refused every time. My questions are:

1. Is the minister aware that a person with chronic pain has suicided in the past fortnight, blaming their lack of pain management for the decision?

2. Is the minister aware that other people are looking at methods of suicide as they are unable to access adequate pain relief?

3. Is the minister aware that due to South Australia's unworkable opioid prescribing and management guidelines people are moving interstate to access adequate medical treatment?

4. Will the minister meet with chronic pain sufferers who cannot access adequate pain treatment under his department's current guidelines?

5. When will the minister engender an opioid pain management protocol that recognises the basic human rights of people with chronic pain and that allows them to manage that pain effectively?

6. Will the minister implement a suitable appeal process for chronic pain sufferers who have had their application for opioid medication refused?

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations) (16:05):** I would like to thank the honourable member for her very important six questions. I will refer them to the honourable Minister for Health in another place and obtain an answer as soon as possible.

#### **WORKCOVER CORPORATION**

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (16:05):** I seek leave to make an explanation before asking the minister representing the minister for WorkCover a question about a WorkCover case.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS:** On 5 September last year, Mr Alex Mericka, a badly injured road worker, won a major legal victory against WorkCover after he ran his own compensation case in the Supreme Court. Mr Mericka argued that he had been made to accept a poor redemption payout under duress and was the victim of misleading and unconscionable conduct by WorkCover and the claims agent.

Justice Olsson, in his findings, found that the amount that had been accepted was very small and manifestly inadequate and, in fact, said that the expected figure should have been some five times the amount that Mr Mericka agreed to accept. Justice Olsson also made criticisms of the legal and financial advice that had been provided to Mr Mericka prior to him accepting that settlement. The legal advice was provided by the law firm of Lieschke and Weatherill. In the findings Justice Olsson said:

The applicant attended Mr Lieschke on 9 May 1997 in the circumstances recited by me. The latter then tendered certain advice to him. For reasons already expressed, that advice does not constitute competent professional advice.

There are other critical comments of the nature of the legal advice provided by the legal firm of Lieschke and Weatherill, Mr President, of which you would be very familiar I am sure, to Mr Mericka. WorkCover has subsequently appealed the decision and that appeal, I understand, is scheduled to be heard in May by the full bench of the Workers Compensation Tribunal.

In the meantime, WorkCover has refused to recommence weekly payments to Mr Mericka since October last year. Mr Mericka's argument (and advocates acting on his behalf) is that the act, in their view, requires that those weekly payments should have commenced from October of last year. My questions to the minister are:

1. What is the legal basis for the decision by WorkCover to refuse to recommence weekly payments from October 2011 to Mr Mericka?

2. Does the Minister support WorkCover's decision in this case?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (16:08):** I am happy to take those questions on notice and give them to the appropriate minister and bring back a response.

#### DOMICILIARY CARE

**The Hon. J.M. GAZZOLA (16:08):** My question is to the Minister for Disabilities. Will he inform the council on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations for Domiciliary Care services in South Australia?

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers) (16:08):** I would like to thank the honourable member for his most important question. December 2011 marked 40 years of Domiciliary Care services in South Australia. Domiciliary Care provides a range of home-based care to people with reduced ability to care for themselves due to age, injury or illness. DomCare helps to promote independence and injury and illness prevention for more than 6,000 clients a year. Most clients are aged over 65 years of age, with 70 per cent of clients aged over 75 years of age.

Some of the services offered by Domiciliary Care include specialist rehabilitation, equipment, allied health therapies, palliative care and dementia day services. Domiciliary Care helps to prevent unnecessary admission into hospitals or residential care, and this obviously provides significant savings to the South Australian health system. However, more importantly, Domiciliary Care helps people to remain in their own home for longer, closer to family, friends and their local networks. This optimises independence and mobility for as long as possible.

Domiciliary Care began 40 years ago during the Dunstan era of major social innovation. The original concept came from a physiotherapist, a geriatrician and a social worker who identified a need for more care and support to be available for patients returning home from hospital. The first site at Woodville, known as Western Domiciliary Care, started as a pilot in 1971. The 1971 pilot program offered home services for older people returning home after hospital. Staff supported relatives to care for patients, who would otherwise need a hospital or nursing home bed. This post hospital care still remains a core service of Domiciliary Care some four decades on.

After this successful pilot program, the three other metropolitan sites were planned. The service became known as Metro Domiciliary Care, with four separate regions established (the eastern, western, southern and northern areas). These services were amalgamated in July 2002 and are now operating across Adelaide, with eight client service teams covering Marion, Port Adelaide, Adelaide, Burnside, Salisbury, Playford, Onkaparinga and Charles Sturt local areas. Domiciliary Care now employs around 550 employees across metro Adelaide, and I thank them all for their tireless work in supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

#### QUESTIONS

**The Hon. J.A. DARLEY (16:11):** My question is to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, representing the Premier. Following the re-election of a Labor government in 2010, the premier gave an undertaking to reconnect with the electorate. On 6 May 2010, I asked former premier Rann if this included providing answers to questions in a timely manner. To date, no answer has been received. Can the Premier provide a response to my question of 6 May 2010, and will he give an assurance that questions will be answered in a timely manner in future?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (16:12):** This government seeks at all times to provide in a timely way not only answers to questions but other information requested from us. We have a good track record for that. In fact, on many occasions, honourable members have stood up in this chamber and congratulated our officers and our agencies for their helpfulness and cooperation in providing a whole range of information, briefings and access in terms of delegations. Time and time again, honourable members in this place and in the other place get to their feet and congratulate us for that good work. I can assure the honourable member that this government, and all members of the government, seek to provide in as timely a way as possible not only answers to questions but information requested.

**KANGAROO ISLAND SURF FESTIVAL**

**The Hon. T.J. STEPHENS (16:13):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Tourism questions about the KI Surf Festival.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. T.J. STEPHENS:** In May of last year, the former tourism minister (the deputy premier) announced a surfing event to be held on Kangaroo Island to replace many of the major events that have been lost by this government over the last few years. This event was open only to those ranked outside the top 32 in the world. The cost to the government was to be \$300,000.

The opposition raised questions about the viability of such an event, given the cost of transport to and from Kangaroo Island. We have since learnt that Surfing SA was to assist SeaLink in encouraging people to attend through package deals. SeaLink has graciously agreed to wipe away \$70,000 owed to it by Surfing SA.

We now know that the government has had to bail out festival organisers by reimbursing local businesses to the tune of \$400,000 for assisting with the festival. My questions are:

1. Why would the government sign off on such an event when its viability was extremely precarious in the first place?
2. Is the government expenditure of \$400 per attendee acceptable, given that those attending paid only \$75 per ticket?
3. Does the minister consider the spending of an extra \$400,000 and the waste of \$700,000 a success, as she stated on radio on 8 February? If so, what does the minister consider to be a failure?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (16:15):** I thank the honourable member for his important question. Indeed, the inaugural KI Surf Music Festival was held on KI in November of last year. The SATC was a major sponsor of that event. I have been advised that the response from locals and other visitors was extremely positive, with the event injecting significant amounts of money into the KI economy.

A post-event debrief reported just under 4,000 attendees with just under \$3 million generated in economic impact for South Australia and the value of \$3.2 million in national and international media coverage. So, this event was very popular and it was enjoyed by those who attended—and a number of people did attend. It generated a significant economic benefit for the Island.

However, I am advised that it was not until after the event that SATC was made aware of the shortfall of the budget and then during subsequent events that we were informed that a number of local businesses were going to be impacted. The local Liberal member, Mr Pengilly, called on me to provide financial assistance to bail out those businesses.

*The Hon. D.W. Ridgway interjecting:*

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO:** Called on me to do that. As members would be aware, we provided assistance. There were 16 creditors that were either partly or wholly owned by KI businesses, so a significant number of businesses were going to be impacted, so we assisted with an assistance package of about \$400,000. In terms of the due diligence that was undertaken, after discussions going back over two years—

*Members interjecting:*

**The PRESIDENT:** Order!

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO:** —Surfing SA formally approached EventsSA in early 2011 with a proposal to bring this first world tour surfing event to South Australia. It was proposed that the event be on KI and include a small-scale music festival. Surfing SA is very experienced at running very successful events in the past. They have run numerous events in the past, albeit at a smaller scale than this one, but nevertheless they are an experienced event operator.

EventsSA required Surfing SA to provide documentation on managing issues such as risk, traffic, spectator movement, environment, emergency response and the general event budget before agreeing to sponsor the event. EventsSA required regular event updates and also allocated

a project manager who was in weekly contact with the Surfing SA team, as well as holding regular face-to-face meetings.

These updates occurred regularly, and at no time during those updates did Surfing SA indicate that they were having significant budget issues. The first occasion that EventsSA knew that there were budget issues was 10 days after the event. So, that was disappointing because perhaps if we had been informed earlier we could have put some things in place to assist at an earlier stage and help prevent this from happening. I think Surfing SA has learnt a lot out of this episode.

We took this unprecedented step, and of course we considered this issue very carefully. Providing an assistance package to an event that has failed is something that we would think carefully about. We made this decision because of the special circumstances around KI. We know that KI has been in economic difficulties for some time. We know that they have a small ratepayer base and we know that they have huge infrastructure burdens beyond the capacity of their current ratepayer base, and we know that they are faced with challenges to do with distance and such like.

We were advised that the overruns were largely a consequence of things like the short time period that Surfing SA had to organise the event and obviously issues around the remote location, and there were considerable extra costs that they did not anticipate in the infrastructure establishment and such like. We considered the very special circumstances of the island and its economy and the impact that not assisting those 16-odd businesses was likely to have on the economy of the island.

In light of that, we chose to assist with a package of \$400,000. As I said, this is in line with the local member Mr Pengilly's calls for government assistance. When we made the announcement, the local Liberal member in fact expressed gratitude and support for the decision, and said what a good decision it was. It is interesting, however, that the Leader of the Opposition came out and said that she in fact did not support our decision and that she thought we hadn't got our priorities straight—hadn't got our priorities straight is what she first came out and said. She then backflipped the next day, mind you, but her first announcement: hadn't got our priorities straight.

What would she have us do? Watch this economy fail even further; watch these businesses hit the wall? Is that not getting our priorities straight? What a callous, indifferent response to make. This is a Liberal electorate, not a Labor electorate. These are not our punters: they are the Liberal Party's. But, even in spite of that, party politics aside, this government has stepped in and assisted these businesses and this electorate, even though it is not a Labor electorate.

What a disgrace for the Liberal opposition leader to come out and say she did not support our assisting them and she believed that we did not have our priorities straight. What a disgrace! What a kick in the guts to all those local businesses and families on KI. What an absolute slap in the face and kick in the guts—a disgrace. I was pleased to see that she did backflip the next day and indicated that she did in fact support the decision but expressed some other concerns. What a disgrace.

As usual, not only does the Liberal Party not have any policies but they cannot even get a position straight. On the same day they have the local member coming out saying one thing and the opposition leader saying another. They cannot even pick up the phone and talk to each other. They cannot even get a story straight relating to assisting the good people of KI, their businesses, their families. No: we did not have our priorities straight—a disgrace.

#### **KANGAROO ISLAND SURF FESTIVAL**

**The Hon. T.J. STEPHENS (16:23):** A supplementary question.

*Members interjecting:*

**The PRESIDENT:** Order! The Hon. Mr Stephens has a supplementary question.

**The Hon. T.J. STEPHENS:** Given that EventsSA failed to plan, failed to execute, you wasted \$400,000. How much would you have had to waste before you called a disaster? How much—500,000, 600,000? What dollar figure before it becomes a disaster?

**The PRESIDENT:** Order! Matters of interest are tomorrow, Hon. Mr Stephens.



**CRUISE SHIPS**

**The Hon. CARMEL ZOLLO (16:24):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Tourism a question about cruise ship visits to South Australia.

*Members interjecting:*

**The PRESIDENT:** Order!

*The Hon. J.M. Gazzola interjecting:*

**The PRESIDENT:** Order!

**The Hon. CARMEL ZOLLO:** I will have to start all over again, Mr President. I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Tourism a question about cruise ship visits to South Australia.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. CARMEL ZOLLO:** I understand that last weekend saw four cruise ships dock at Port Adelaide. Can the minister advise the chamber of the benefits these visits can have to South Australia?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (16:26):** The honourable member is quite right, as always. Last weekend, we saw four cruise ships, including one of the world's largest, dock in Port Adelaide, bringing around 10,000 passengers and crews to South Australia.

**The Hon. D.W. Ridgway:** Crews, or crew?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO:** Crews, because there were more than one crew. The plural of 'crew' is 'crews'. I think the past weekend was a sign that the government has had some success in having South Australia recognised as an international cruising destination. I am advised that between 2004-05 and 2009-10 there has been a 600 per cent increase in passenger numbers and a 450 per cent increase in ship arrivals. In 2004-05 we received six ships with just over 5,000 passengers, and in 2009-10 we received 27 ships and 35,000 passengers.

As Minister for Regional Development, I was delighted to learn that cruise ships are also visiting our regional ports. I am advised that in 2012-13 we will see seven cruise ships arrive at Port Lincoln, Kangaroo Island and Robe, and I am sure these wonderful areas of our state will benefit from the cruise ship visitors; and I am delighted that tourists will get to experience some of our unique and beautiful seaside communities and some of our fabulous food and wine.

I must also inform members that not only was the past weekend an indication that South Australia is becoming a cruise ship destination of choice but it was also significant because it was the first time that three ships were docked at Outer Harbor on the same day. I am told it was an impressive sight on Saturday morning when the *Queen Mary 2* arrived. It is the largest ocean liner to cruise Australian waters and, as members can appreciate with these figures, the *Queen Mary 2* arrived at Port Adelaide with around 2,600 passengers and 1,200 crew.

On Sunday, we saw the arrival of the *Celebrity Century*, the *Crystal Serenity* and the *Athena*. These are impressive ships as well, and I am delighted that a large number of passengers was able to be accommodated. One of the ships carries 2,150, another carries 1,100, and the *Athena* carries 550. I am sure that visitors to Port Adelaide took the opportunity to see more of our wonderful state and, indeed, the city. The city trading hours were extended in Rundle Mall on Sunday, when the shops opened from 9.30. I was also delighted that live music and entertainment were featured in the city centre. Of course, as regional development minister, I understand some passengers explored our nearby regions on day trips.

I was very pleased with the efforts of the South Australian Tourism Commission to attract those ships. It has worked very hard to bring about these arrangements, and some of the work they have done includes attending world cruise trade shows to build relationships with companies and develop fresh, dynamic and interesting day tour itineraries that are refreshed each year to ensure passengers keep enjoying our ports. The SATC is constantly in touch with cruise ship companies to ensure that they are catered for when they visit our state because, after all, if the cruise ship company is not happy with a destination, they obviously are not going to return. So, congratulations to them all on such a successful weekend.

**TORRENS ISLAND**

**The Hon. M. PARNELL (16:30):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, representing the Minister for Planning, a question about Torrens Island.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. M. PARNELL:** On 11 March last year the state government lodged a plan of industrial subdivision over 43.6 hectares of Torrens Island with the Development Assessment Commission pursuant to section 49 of the Development Act. Under this section the final decision-maker is the Minister for Planning, following advice from the Development Assessment Commission.

The development application states that the purpose of the subdivision is to enable long-term leases to be granted to SARDI (South Australian Research and Development Institute) for research and for a micro-algae production farm, and also to Origin Energy for extensions to the existing power station and to Maritime Constructions Pty Ltd for storage and maintenance of vessels and material.

What is now clear is that the development application is inconsistent with a number of recent government commitments, including the extension of the Torrens Island Conservation Park, which overlaps the proposed subdivision, and the promise of a study into the tourism potential of the State heritage-listed old quarantine station. The proposal is also inconsistent with the zoning for the area under the development plan, which is in two parts: there is a public purpose quarantine station zone and a metropolitan open space system conservation zone. Industrial development under that second zone is listed as non-complying.

What is also clear is that the government did not consult the EPA. Other government agencies, such as Heritage SA and the Native Vegetation Council, were consulted but not the EPA, the body with responsibility for ensuring that industrial development is located and operated appropriately and safely to protect the environment and public health, and no community groups or environment groups were consulted.

What is more, all the submissions from government agencies that were made to the development application process are currently secret. The agencies have not released them, the Development Assessment Commission refused to provide them, and the Development Assessment Commission also refuses to provide copies of the subdivision plans, despite the provisions of the Development Act and regulations allowing members of the public to inspect development applications. My questions of the minister are:

1. Has the government officially notified the Development Assessment Commission that the development application has been withdrawn? If not, when will this be done? I note that the application is still live on the DAC website.

2. Will the government commit to undertaking a master plan process for future development on Torrens Island before relodging any further subdivision or other development applications?

3. Will the government commit to a broad community and agency consultation process, including the EPA and the newly-formed Friends of Torrens Island, in relation to the master plan before proceeding further with any industrial development plans?

4. Will the government make available for public inspection the submissions that have already been lodged by government agencies over the development, in particular those submissions by the Native Vegetation Council, Heritage SA and the Port Adelaide Enfield Council?

5. Will the government ensure that any future development on Torrens Island is consistent with the planning scheme?

6. Will the government open up the development assessment process to public scrutiny by insisting that the Development Assessment Commission make plans and submissions available to the public on request?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (16:33):** I will be pleased to refer those questions to the Minister for Planning in another place and bring back a response.

**REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY**

**The Hon. J.S. LEE (16:34):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Regional Development a question about the lead content in water supply to regional towns.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. J.S. LEE:** Reported in the *ABC News* on 9 February 2012, the member for Stuart in another place raised concerns on behalf of his constituents that lead levels are said to be too high in drinking water for four outback town on the Barrier Highway in South Australia. Results from tap water testing by SA Water between July 2010 and June last year show unsafe lead levels in four towns in the state's north, including Mannahill, Olary, Oodlawirra and Yunta.

Australian drinking water guidelines dictate that water should contain less than 0.01 micrograms of lead per litre. However, a reading of 0.104 micrograms per litre, which is more than 10 times the recommended safe level, was found in one of the three samples taken at Mannahill. The water has been supplied as safe to drink if boiled, although boiling does not remove the lead. My questions are:

1. Can the minister explain whether the outback residents were notified about the unacceptable levels of lead in their drinking water?
2. What measures has the Minister for Regional Development and for Tourism put in place to inform the locals, visitors and tourists about the unacceptable levels of lead in the drinking water and that the water should not be drunk?
3. Has the government also taken any responsible steps to explain to the outback communities about the risk and that boiling water will not reduce the lead content?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (16:35):** I thank the honourable member for her question; in fact, the Minister for Water is responsible for potable water in not only Adelaide but also country towns, so it's really a matter for him, but I have some advice from SA Water. Indeed, SA Water does provide non-drinking water to a number of townships. There are currently 79 properties supplied, I have been advised. These supplies were declared non-potable in 1998, due to poor microbial quality, and customers were advised that it could be used for drinking and food preparation only after being boiled.

SA Water tests these townships on a monthly basis for a range of heavy metals, including lead, so I am advised, and 317 routine samples were analysed for lead between February 2010 and February 2012, achieving an Australian Drinking Water Guideline health compliance of 95 per cent across all four towns.

SA Water follows the recommended Australian Drinking Water Guideline response to detection of chemicals at concentrations above the relevant health-related guideline value by reporting to the Department of Health. As described in the ADWG, single results above a guideline value are unlikely to present an immediate health risk and a public advice would not normally be required unless the concentrations found were so high that an immediate health impact was assessed. I am advised that that situation did not arise.

These metal detections have been intermittent in nature, so I have been advised, and every exceedence has been discussed individually with the Department of Health. In all instances, corrective action was taken, including flushing and re-sampling, until the result was below the ADWG.

Investigations and remediation activities, I am advised, are being undertaken to determine and resolve the source of contamination of the distribution system. The Department of Health is fully briefed on the situation and considers that the appropriate action has been taken to mitigate the risk to public health.

**ANDAMOOKA**

**The Hon. G.A. KANDELAARS (16:38):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for State/Local Government Relations a question about the township of Andamooka.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. G.A. KANDELAARS:** I understand the minister recently visited Andamooka and met with local residents about the future growth of this unique community. Can the minister provide further information on the township of Andamooka?

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations) (16:39):** I would like to thank the honourable member for his very important question, and I am sure he has flown over Andamooka on a number of occasions.

Members would be aware that the township of Andamooka is in our state's Far North. It evolved from a group of miners searching for opal. The town now supports the mining industry, tourism, several local businesses, a primary school and other services. I happened to visit Andamooka in December last year and met representatives of the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association, known as APOMA. I heard firsthand how a fast-growing and diversified population is increasing pressure on the volunteers who form APOMA—

*Members interjecting:*

**The PRESIDENT:** Order! The honourable minister has the floor.

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY:** —and deliver local management and services. The proposed expansion of the Olympic Dam mining project has created an expectation that the township may attract new residents seeking accommodation and work outside of Roxby Downs. Andamooka has evolved through changing circumstances, and APOMA has identified the way the local community manages its own affairs and how they must adapt well to it.

I am pleased to advise the chamber that together with the Outback Communities Authority the Andamooka Town Management Committee has been formed to guide future growth of the community. The new committee held its first meeting in January and resolved to build on the impressive contribution and work of APOMA in advancing the interests of the town.

The establishment of a management committee ensures that there is a structure to run local affairs without an over-reliance on volunteers, while maintaining a close relationship with the Outback Communities Authority to address issues such as town maintenance and waste disposal. The management committee is made up of representatives of the Outback Communities Authority and APOMA.

The committee will also be independently chaired by Ms Cecilia Woolford. One of the pressing tasks of the management committee is to draft a proposal for a community contribution scheme, which will provide a much needed source of revenue to support management, infrastructure and service delivery required by the regional township.

Furthermore, the Outback Communities Authority and APOMA, with my support, have agreed to appoint a town manager to oversee public services and essential infrastructure and to provide advice on plans for the future. The job and person specification is currently being drafted, and the position will be advertised shortly. I would like to say on behalf of the members on this side of the chamber that I wish the management committee all the best in their future work.

#### ANDAMOOKA

**The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Leader of the Opposition) (16:42):** I have a supplementary question arising from the answer. What resources is the government providing to improve the development assessment process in relation to the timeliness of those developments?

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations) (16:42):** The government is supplying the resources to help introduce a master plan for the city. As people who know Andamooka—

**The Hon. J.S.L. Dawkins:** City?

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY:** Thank you very much for your contribution, the Hon. Mr Dawkins. It is good to see that you are, now and again, on the ball with the whole issue. Anyone who knows Andamooka—and no doubt a few people have been to Andamooka—would actually know it is a bit like a wild west town. There does need to be some order. With the expansion of Roxby Downs and Olympic Dam you will find that there is an anticipation that the town will grow, maybe up to 1,500 to 2,000 people.

The government is providing the resources to help develop and implement a master plan. The major priority of this town planning will be to get a community levy put in to help with the future. Like everyone else, we all pay council rates. Andamooka should be no different. Once they get this

levy introduced, we will then look at ways of also helping to financially support the town with its infrastructure.

Anyone who has been to Andamooka would realise that it is in desperate need of more infrastructure: power, water and, naturally, development planning—a master plan. I look forward to working with the new town committee, and I know they look forward to working with the government to make sure the town gets sufficiently organised to put it on a sound basing for the future.

#### ANDAMOOKA

**The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Leader of the Opposition) (16:44):** As a further supplementary: is the minister aware of the \$7 million caravan/cabin park proposal that is at risk because of the very slow pace at which the development approval process works in Andamooka?

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations) (16:44):** I thank the member for his important question. I was down there in December, where I met with a number of the locals in the local hotel and their hall and also met with the—

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY:** I am happy to answer the question because I will show you how frivolous the question was. I met with the Progress Association, and at no stage did anyone at that meeting mention anything about a caravan park that had problems because of any action from the government, so I don't know where you are coming from with that.

#### ANDAMOOKA

**The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (16:45):** I have a supplementary question.

*Members interjecting:*

**The PRESIDENT:** Order!

**The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK:** Can the minister confirm whether the plans are going to address basic infrastructure, such as sewerage, the dump, electricity and reticulated water?

**The PRESIDENT:** I think the honourable minister said that.

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations) (16:45):** We are at the early stages with this issue at the moment. It's amazing how concerned they all are. I have been a minister for about seven months, and I went there in December and since then we have—

*An honourable member interjecting:*

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY:** I think that reflects more on you than it does on me, to be quite frank. In those couple of months, we have appointed and set up a town committee with an independent chairperson, and we are getting a town planner employed whose job will be to implement a community levy and also help with the master plan. Things are moving ahead, and I will be working with Peter Allen up there, the association and the town committee to ensure that we put them on a good basis for the expansion of Olympic Dam.

#### FAMILIES SA

**The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON (16:46):** I seek leave to ask a question of the minister representing the Minister for Education and Child Development about Families SA.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON:** During the Christmas break, I had the misfortune of witnessing two cases to do with the protection of vulnerable children in this state, and they both show the absolute lack of rationale and logic behind decisions made by Families SA. One family I know personally has four children whose parents were done for growing in excess of 30 marijuana plants in their backyard. The look of the house was reminiscent of the 'house of horrors'.

These children had obviously been neglected for a very long time, and that was brought to the attention of the authorities when their 10-year-old son rang the police because they had been without electricity all winter and therefore unable to have hot baths and hot meals. Those children were removed: they were returned within nine weeks to these parents. All they had to do was mow

the lawn and paint the house and these four children were returned to this family within nine weeks. They were given a whole truckload of new toys for the children and new furniture and new whitegoods. They were not required to go through any of the rehabilitation requirements of most normal, decent families who have their children removed.

Case No. 2 is a well-known business family who have been foster parents to a young girl for 6½ years. When that baby was brought to them at the age of 10 months she was developmentally delayed. She also had health problems and was undiagnosed as lactose intolerant for 10 months within the care of Families SA. This family has provided private education for this child. They are a loving family, and they have met all her medical and educational costs and also provided her with the nurturing she needed.

On 18 December, they were given 35 minutes' notice that the child was being removed from their care and to have her packed up and brought into the Families SA office, and now they are not even allowed to have unsupervised visits with this child. My questions are:

1. Will the minister take the initiative to review these cases personally?
2. Given that Families SA have stated in writing to the foster parents in the second case that they do not have any concerns about abuse or neglect, what possible justification can there be for requiring supervised access?
3. Are foster parents held to a higher standard than parents when determining whether to remove a child and whether to reunify that child; if not, how can the minister justify the refusal to reunify the foster family when the drug-addicted parents, who have received minimal intervention, have had their children returned to them expeditiously?
4. Will the minister please consider integrating family preservation—proper family preservation—as part of Families SA's core service delivery so that in appropriate cases children can avoid the trauma of unnecessary removal whilst their family receives the support it may require?
5. Did the purchase of an entire truckload of household goods come from the extra \$19 million promised in last year's budget for reunification of children in state care with their families?

*Members interjecting:*

**The PRESIDENT:** He does very well. The minister.

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers) (16:50):** Thank you, sir; most excellent President and very good rulings, usually. I thank the honourable member for her very important questions relating to the protection of vulnerable children. I will refer those six questions, I think, to the Minister for Education and Child Development and bring back an answer.

### FOREST INDUSTRY STRATEGY

**The Hon. J.S.L. DAWKINS (16:51):** My question is directed to the Minister for Forests. Given that the government's sale of forward forestry rotations will apply only to the South-East plantations, what plans are in place for the future management of the Hills and northern sections of ForestrySA?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (16:51):** I thank the honourable member for his most important question. Indeed, I have been advised that the average forest rotation is around about 25 to 30 years.

**The PRESIDENT:** Right again.

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO:** Yes, Mr President, so I was right. The Forest Industry Development Board—

*The Hon. D.W. Ridgway interjecting:*

**The PRESIDENT:** No; come on, order!

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO:** —is a government advisory body that helps provide leadership and innovation for the development of our forests and forest products industry to help support

sustainable and economic growth in South Australia. The board released a draft forestry industry strategy back in December of 2010, I think, and the strategy was released in September 2011. It sets out a 2050 vision, strategic directions and strategies for the next five years.

The strategy identifies seven implementation priorities: to articulate the state government's policy position on the forest industry to increase investor confidence; to increase the resource base and processing capacity to enhance industry international competitiveness; to capture new value-adding opportunities to maximise returns from plantation resources; to achieve stable operating environments across South Australia and harmonise regulatory regimes with other states to expedite planning, development and transport; to promote the environmental benefits of forestry and forest products to the public to establish better consumer understanding and demand; to develop additional support and funding for training, education and innovation to help meet current and future needs; and to foster capability to pursue regional actions to support the strategy.

As I have said, that is the overall strategy that underpins our forestry endeavours in this state. A great deal of work has commenced in attempting to address—

**The Hon. J.S.L. Dawkins:** I asked you about the Hills and the northern sections. You haven't even touched that—

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO:** These are principles that underpin all our forestry endeavours, so they apply to all of our endeavours.

### FOREST INDUSTRY STRATEGY

**The Hon. J.S.L. DAWKINS (16:54):** I have a supplementary question. Given that the Hills and northern forestry regions are relatively very small, how will ForestrySA viably manage these assets once the link to the South-East forests is severed?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (16:55):** I have just outlined the strategy of priorities that underpin our forestry endeavours in terms of individual regional issues. We have processes to help us identify those and work through and strategise around those, but as I have outlined we have a set of several principles that underpin the way we manage our forests here in South Australia.

### FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

*The Hon. D.W. Ridgway interjecting:*

**The Hon. J.M. GAZZOLA (16:55):** Well, we all know you are incapable of coming up with a second question. Hendrik is not paid enough to give you a second question, mate.

**The PRESIDENT:** Order! Mr Gazzola should ask his question.

**The Hon. J.M. GAZZOLA:** Thank you, sir.

*The Hon. D.W. Ridgway interjecting:*

**The Hon. J.M. GAZZOLA:** Finished?

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. J.M. GAZZOLA:** They're thin skinned! My question is to the Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion. Minister, will you inform the council how the Weatherill Labor government is helping communities through the Family and Community Development Fund?

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers) (16:56):** I thank the honourable member for his important question and I acknowledge his ongoing interest in this area. The Family and Community Development Fund Program, through Community Connect, continues to support and promote services that advance the welfare of children, youth and other sections of the community. The program includes five sub-programs: Families with Children, Neighbourhood Development, Young People, Low Income Support, and Industry Support and Development.

In 2010-11 the state budget decision was made to cut funding to the program by 23 per cent. That decision was made in tough economic times—an economic climate that has meant that governments around the world had to tighten their belts—but we heard the community come to the government and express their concerns about these budget cuts. The Weatherill Labor

government has once again shown that it is listening and responding to the concerns of the community. The sector lobbied and showed the direct impact their work has on the lives of people in the community. They talked to politicians, they explained their work that they do for the community, and the government acknowledged that we made a mistake.

Funding has now been reinstated to the Family and Community Development Fund Program through the budget mid-year review process. This means that funding for programs that support the most disadvantaged people in the state will remain at their current levels. Funding for the current financial year is \$9,055,000. Over the next three years, the budget for the fund is as follows: 2012-13, \$9,395,000; 2013-14, \$9,770,000; and 2014-15, \$10,160,000.

The Labor government will continue to ensure that the most disadvantaged in our community will be supported by realigning service delivery to meet today's community needs and the needs of the community into the future. The government is continuing to review the Family and Community Development Fund—a review initiated by the former minister. The review process will allow for the identification in gaps in service delivery as well as identification of existing programs that are providing a great service to their local community.

I will consider the recommendations from the review about the future direction of the program as they are presented to me and I indicate now that I will be consulting with the sector over that review. During this review period, all service agreements currently under the Family and Community Development Program will remain valid until 30 June 2012.

### ONE AND ALL

**The Hon. T.A. FRANKS (16:59):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before addressing a question on the subject of the tall ship *One and All* to the Minister for Youth in his capacity in that role and also as representative of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. T.A. FRANKS:** This morning, after some six months plus of an uncertain future and hidden from public view at the Royal SA Yacht Squadron, the iconic South Australian treasure the *One and All* tall ship sailed to meet the replica *Endeavour* in the waters off Port Adelaide—a glorious sight but sadly one that has become too rare. I am sure all members know the *One and All* has been helping young South Australians since 1985 through its youth development program. It has challenged thousands of young people to surpass their self-expectations, allow them the opportunity to learn about themselves and positive interaction with others, undertaking this exercise on average for some 22 days of each calendar year.

In July of last year, local company SA Tall Ships went into liquidation. At the time the man who ran the crew and maintenance program, Mr Peter Roberts, was reported in *The Advertiser* as saying:

It took us two years to put together this calibre of crew, who are not only good at sailing the ship but have extraordinary skills at managing youth. These people can turn these kids around in the space of a week. They've got to look for other jobs and then they'll be gone. That would be tragic.

It has been tragic. Over six months on, most of the crew have been lost to the *One and All*, and six months since the tenders closed in mid-August 2011 the *One and All* continues to languish. Despite assurances given at the time that the department was making every effort to finalise this process as soon as possible, we are losing this unique combination of skills and expertise in both sailing and youth development. It is a tragic loss to our state.

Moreover, the location of the tall ship in the Royal SA Yacht Squadron has actually made necessary maintenance difficult. I understand that, for example, the ship's pin rail needs to be replaced in order for it to meet survey requirements but this cannot be done in that location. I am pleased to see it out of that location for the day and hope that it will not be returning there. My questions to the minister are:

1. In the future, will voyages that help turn around the lives of at risk youth remain the primary process of the *One and All*?
2. What undertakings do you make on behalf of the youth of our state to approach the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure to ensure that the appointment of a new operator will be made with great urgency and, if so, when will the appointment of a new operator be announced?
3. Has the tender process actually been unsuccessfully completed?



4. Has it failed?
5. Will there be a further tender or will the government use another means to find an appropriate operator? If so, what will that process be?
6. In the meantime, given this has taken such an inordinately lengthy time, will the minister approach the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure to at least grant that as of today the *One and All* stays in public view in Port Adelaide and is located to better provide for the facilities needed to conduct the necessary repairs and maintenance to that tall ship which has now languished for over half a year?

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers) (17:02):** I thank the honourable member for her very important eight questions, I think I have added them up to be. If I missed one, you will have to refresh my memory. The honourable member in her question did say that Tall Ships Inc. went into liquidation and ceased operation. The government has been very concerned to work with Tall Ships Inc. over the past to ensure that they could continue their operations but it was not to be.

I should briefly outline how the government has in fact assisted Tall Ships Inc. in their very important program. In 2008, the government approved \$2.25 million for the purpose of refurbishing the *One and All* to ensure that the ship retained its certificate of survey and registration from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority. Following approval of the funds to refurbish the ship, SA Tall Ships Inc. requested additional funding from the state government, in particular through the Office for Youth, for another \$300,000 per annum for four years to support the annual participation of young people in youth development. This request far exceeded the amount of grant funding through the Office for Youth. However, Tall Ships Inc. was successful in receiving a youth engagement grant totalling \$60,000 for three years. This funding, of course, has expired.

In March 2010, Tall Ships Inc. requested another \$150,000 in additional funding from the state government due to their financial difficulties, and cabinet approved that request, I am advised, in early July 2010. In March 2011, Tall Ships Inc. requested a further \$150,000, and in submissions of 27 June 2011, cabinet was advised of the arrangements for the operation of the *One and All*, including a new call for tender to operate the vessel.

The government has been anxious at all times to assist that company in running its venture, but the company, as we said, has gone into liquidation. However, we are still very keen to see whether we cannot get a new management for the ship through a tender process. That tender process, I think, was finalised last year. My understanding is that the department of planning, trade and infrastructure (as it then was) is currently briefing the minister on the outcomes of that tender process.

#### OUTBACK DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

**The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Leader of the Opposition) (17:04):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for State/Local Government Relations a question about the outback areas communities and development assessment.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY:** In January, despite being ridiculed by minister Gago that I shouldn't be there in January—

**The Hon. G.E. Gago:** Members of the outback ridiculed you, not me. They reckon you're an idiot.

**The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY:** Who? Name them.

*The Hon. G.E. Gago interjecting:*

**The PRESIDENT:** Order! Let's get on with it.

**The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY:** I visited the town administrator in Roxby Downs and APOMA, and a number of community representatives in both Roxby Downs and Andamooka, who expressed deep concern about the lack of development assessment staff for those outback areas, in particular regarding the \$7 million development in Andamooka that is a cabin development as well as a caravan park to support the mining industry.

Also, I suspect that the development in Marree was probably constructed without approval because of the fact that officers are not available to assess those developments. I also visited people in Lyndhurst and Copley, who said that when they put in development applications the officers take forever to come. I also visited the operator of the Angorichina village in the Flinders Ranges who had three units destroyed by fire but was unable to get a timely development approval to replace them.

My question to the minister is: given the mining boom that we are about to have and the interest in outback tourism, will the government resource the development assessment team (which I think is based in Port Augusta) more adequately so that these people can get development assessment in a timely fashion? Mr President, as you would recall from your time in the country areas, when people make a decision to do something they expect the government to be there to give them assistance when it comes to development assessment. So my question is: what will the government commit to extra resources in the area of development assessment?

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations) (17:07):** I am very glad and quite excited to hear of the great outback epic tour that the member has taken around the country. It would have been a great holiday, I am sure. I can assure him that I was doing the work required back here in the city while he was out there enjoying himself.

I have met with APOMA and at no time did they express any concerns regarding a \$7 million project, or anything else. The reality is that they are just happy to see that the government is actually trying to assist them to get on the right track with this mining boom. We will be putting in resources and a master plan to help at Andamooka and also ensure that the community levy is put under way. Also, we will be looking at the appropriate funding once that has occurred. There will be a town planner in the city. At the moment, they rely totally on volunteers.

When I meet with the Outback Communities Authority, I will be discussing the issues that have been raised by Mr Ridgway to see, first, whether there is a problem and, if there is a problem, we will be looking to try to fix it.

*The Hon. D.W. Ridgway interjecting:*

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY:** I don't go out on holiday. I actually go to help where the problems are. I go out there to help and look at the problems around the place and, when there is a problem, we look to fix it. I will give an undertaking to the honourable member opposite that, if there are issues in what he has just outlined to this chamber, I will certainly be discussing it in the right quarters and looking to assist where I can.

#### **DUCK HUNTING**

**The Hon. T.J. STEPHENS (17:09):** My question is to the Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, regarding duck hunting.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. T.J. STEPHENS:** Mr President, as you would be aware, the duck hunting season should be fast approaching. Given that we have just had a Port Adelaide by-election, there is no doubt that the Labor candidate, Susan Close, is a very passionate anti duck hunting person, and it has been acknowledged by many in the community that the reason this government has held off an announcement is not to embarrass its candidate in the Port Adelaide by-election. Given that the conditions have been fantastic and that many people are trying to plan around their duck hunting activities, now is the time for minister Caica to come out and declare the duck season.

Okay, it might have been a bit cute to do it yesterday, Monday, just as an acknowledgment that this was really put off just to protect Susan Close, but there is a lot of tourism money involved and at risk, and we would hope that common sense now prevails and the minister makes an early announcement. Will the minister announce the duck season forthwith so that the hunting fraternity can get on with it?

**The PRESIDENT:** The minister can disregard the opinion as far as the by-election of Port Adelaide goes.

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers) (17:11):** Thank you, Mr President.

*Members interjecting:*

**The PRESIDENT:** Order! There is enough quack in the place.

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER:** I take your guidance and the acceptance of most of the question being opinion. I actually reject the premise the question was based on, which is best described as probably ill-informed opinion at best. In relation to the real question asked of the minister, I can advise that he will announce his decision on the matter when he has considered all the information before him.

### DUCK HUNTING

**The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Leader of the Opposition) (17:12):** Will the minister inform the house whether this is a ministerial decision or a decision of cabinet, as the Premier said last week?

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers) (17:12):** In these matters, the minister makes the decision, but of course we would always bring it before cabinet.

### FISHING SURVEY

**The Hon. CARMEL ZOLLO (17:13):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the minister for aquaculture and fisheries a question about the recent release of the PIRSA fishing survey.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. CARMEL ZOLLO:** As we all know, fishing is a popular outdoor recreational activity.

**The Hon. J.M. Gazzola:** Hear, hear!

**The Hon. CARMEL ZOLLO:** Indeed—I hear, 'Hear, hear!' I understand there are a few anglers in this chamber. I have to confess that I, on the other hand, had to retire early from recreational fishing after I snagged my eyelid on the first occasion I went fishing, and I have always had a healthy respect for the patience and discipline of those who do fish.

On a more serious note, the reasons anglers go fishing change over time, but in general we know that recreational fishing is a very social activity enjoyed with family and friends. Can the minister tell us more about the current fishing survey and why it is so important?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (17:14):** I thank the honourable member for her question. A large proportion of Australia's population participates in recreational fishing. However, little information is known about what motivates fishers and whether they are satisfied with their fisheries management, how they access information about fishing or other social aspects of fishing.

PIRSA, Fisheries and Aquaculture, together with the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC), are conducting a statewide recreational fishing survey to help better understand the needs of rec fishers.

The survey examines the social aspects of fishing, such as the benefits that people experience from participating in fishing activities, and will be used to help inform fisheries management. The joint-research project will analyse results to determine potential differences between key South Australian regions.

The survey of recreational fishers provides important information to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture that will enable an assessment as to how successfully this department is meeting the requirements of the recreational fishing sector in South Australia and how improvements might be able to be made. I am advised that the results of the survey will be publicly available when the findings are complete.

By completing the survey and sharing their views on recreational fishing in South Australia, respondents are eligible to go into a prize draw. First prize is a choice of a one-day charter boat fishing trip for three or a \$500 voucher at the fishing outlet of the winner's choice.

This recreational survey forms part of a larger national study being undertaken from 2010 to 2013, which aims to improve the monitoring of social aspects of fishing throughout the commercial, recreational and Indigenous fishing sectors of Australia. It is called the Developing and Testing Social Objectives for Fishery Management Study. Don't you love these names? You can't help wonder where on earth they get them from but, anyway, it is funded by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation, the Fisheries Council of South Australia and the CSIRO.

PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture is leading this study and includes researchers from ANU Enterprise, CSIRO, KAL Analysis and Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation. It is essential to obtain information from as many recreational fishers as possible. Even those who perhaps don't fish often, even if they have only fished once, we still invite them to complete the survey, because without this information PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture will not have a full understanding of the social benefits of fishing that are obviously really important to different people and to this very important recreational activity.

### **DISABILITY SERVICES, SELF-MANAGED FUNDING**

**The Hon. S.G. WADE (17:16):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking a question of the Minister for Disabilities in relation to self-managed funding.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. S.G. WADE:** Next week marks the fourth anniversary of the then minister Weatherill announcing the state government was considering self-managed funding for people living with disability. I note that today the Governor in his speech said:

As a demonstration of this new approach, the Government will create a new Disability Act, that will enable every person with a disability who currently receives more than six hours a week of support to make their own decisions on how to manage their own funding and lives.

Four years later. I ask the minister:

1. Can the minister advise how many people does the government estimate will be eligible for self-managed funding under the government's criterion of receiving six or more hours of disability support a week?

2. Can the minister advise what percentage of people receiving disability support does the number of people eligible for self-managed funding represent?

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers) (17:17):** I thank the honourable member for his very important question and acknowledge his ongoing interest in this very important topic. The self-managed funding initiative will give people with disability control and choice over how their funding allocation to support needs is spent.

We had a trial which has been ongoing for the past 12 months. Sixty-two individuals have been involved in that trial but, as of January, we have a total of 53 participants currently in place in that trial. Their response to me and to the department, when we asked them how they feel about that trial, was that it has been one of the best things that has happened to them in terms of their disability and their funding.

One participant chose computer software that will help to improve their literacy and numeracy skills because the flexibility of that funding allowed them to do so, whereas previously they couldn't. One parent has been able to reconfigure some support hours to create a more individualised day option for his daughter. Another participant, who is supported by parents, has chosen to purchase home maintenance services that will greatly assist his parents in the caring role.

I offer those vignettes just to advise people of what self-managed funding can achieve for people when we allow them to have the flexibility in spending their money which they have not previously had. Finding ways to improve choice for people with disability was identified as a priority within the Department for Families and Communities strategic plan. It was also a priority in the *Strong Voices* report of Monsignor Cappo.

So, in December 2011, as the honourable member said, Premier Weatherill announced that the state government would radically reform the provision of support for people with disability, following the release of the disability blueprint *Strong Voices*. Under the changes, people with disability will be able to choose the services that best suit their needs and aspirations through the introduction of personalised budgets. These budgets have been in place for about 15 years in the

UK. They are well developed, and the learnings that we can take from the UK in implementing our system will hasten the introduction of this process.

We are hoping to post out letters of availability to clients over the next few weeks, and we are hoping that several thousand of them will be able to take up this offer over the next 12 to 18 months in terms of their personal budgets. People will be able to choose the arrangement that suits their needs. We are not going to impose any changes on them. If they are happy with the current system as it provides their services, then they can stay with the current system, or, they can have a degree of flexibility in their services that suits them.

Some participants might want to take absolute control of their budget and control the hiring of their support staff, the paying of the wages, and the taxation and superannuation situation as well. That is entirely up to them. They may wish to take a broker who can do that for them, or they may wish to have another authority, such as an accountant or a service provider, to do that part of the provision. It really comes down to their individual choice.

To date, the work on self-managed funding has focused on putting in place initial systems and processes required for the first phase of self-managed funding. New funding agreements and processes specific to self-managed funding will be developed to enable participants to have their choice and their control, but will also fulfil the government's obligation in relation to duty of care and, of course, accountability in public funds.

The aim is to develop a system where people who receive six or more hours a week of disability services are able to have control and make choices related to their funded support arrangements. However, not everyone will want to directly manage their own funding and support systems. Again it is all about choice.

We have no way of knowing exactly how many of our clients will take up this option. Experience in the UK shows that the uptake will be slow initially, perhaps somewhere between 15 and 25 per cent of our client base, but as that process of self-managed funding accelerates and people in the community start to talk about the successes they have with it, the situation in the UK is that there has been an increased uptake over the years and they are possibly expecting somewhere between 40 and 50 per cent of our client base to take up this option within 24 months.

#### **DISABILITY SERVICES, SELF-MANAGED FUNDING**

**The Hon. S.G. WADE (17:22):** I have a supplementary question arising from the answer. The minister referred to the department distributing several thousand letters of eligibility. Could the minister clarify that my understanding that 'several' means 7,000, give or take a thousand, is a correct interpretation? I understood that the estimate was more likely to be that 2,500 people would be eligible.

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers) (17:22):** Yes, you are quite right. I will retract 'several' and use 'a couple'.

**The PRESIDENT:** The Hon. Ms Bressington has a supplementary.

#### **DISABILITY SERVICES, SELF-MANAGED FUNDING**

**The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON (17:22):** Given that the minister mentioned the UK and the uptake in the UK of this particular package, can the minister clarify whether the package being offered to the disability sector here is the model that has been implemented in the UK or just bits and pieces of that particular model?

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers) (17:22):** The model will be basically the same as that in the UK. In the UK, of course, the services are provided by local authorities and councils. We have a different system; in fact, we have a different history in South Australia. We have a lot of church-based charities that have been involved in this sector, and we don't want to lose those unique things in South Australia that have been good over a period of time. We will build our own model but based on the model that they have been using in the UK.

### DISABILITY SERVICES, SELF-MANAGED FUNDING

**The Hon. S.G. WADE (17:23):** I have a supplementary question arising from the answer. Particularly in relation to the UK, will the simplicity of the UK system, e.g. eligibility simply on the basis of whether the act is legal and not gambling, be reflected in the South Australian model?

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers) (17:23):** That is our intention. We will work through that process in consultation with the sector. We do not want to be particularly prescriptive. In the UK they have this funding provision that besides not using it for gambling, for alcohol, etc, you are also not supposed to use the funding to embarrass the government. I am not quite sure we will actually go down that path.

### ENERGY INDUSTRY OMBUDSMAN

**The Hon. M. PARNELL (17:24):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking a question of the Leader of Government Business, representing the Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy, about the Energy Industry Ombudsman.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. M. PARNELL:** With rising electricity prices, the issue of disconnection of customers who cannot or will not pay their bills is an increasing concern. According to *The Australian* newspaper, disconnections have doubled in South Australia, with the paper reporting that 36 in every 1,000 households had their power cut off between June and September last year, compared with 16 in 1,000 in the same period in 2010.

When a householder feels that they have been unfairly cut off and they cannot resolve the issue directly with the power company, the dispute resolution option provided is through the Energy Industry Ombudsman of South Australia. Despite its name, members might be surprised to know that the Energy Industry Ombudsman is not an independent statutory body but a public company limited by guarantee, incorporated under the Corporations Act. Members of the scheme are the holders of licences issued under the Electricity Act or the Gas Act and include 20 energy supply companies including AGL, Origin and ETSA Utilities.

While I understand that the Energy Industry Ombudsman on the whole does a good job of resolving disputes, because it is in no-one's interest to have ongoing unresolved disputes, it does raise the question of what happens if a householder is not satisfied with the response that they receive from the Energy Industry Ombudsman.

I was recently contacted by a constituent who approached the Energy Industry Ombudsman after being disconnected by AGL in error. My constituent felt that the response to his issue by the ombudsman's office was totally inadequate, believing that it was neither proper, adequate nor independent. He initially believed that the ombudsman was a part of government and was disturbed to discover that the office was part owned by the utility company that he was complaining about. Despite this, there was no further body that he could approach or appeal to.

Members should also note that while other states have similar industry-owned ombudsman schemes as South Australia, the ACT, on the other hand, has a truly independent tribunal empowered to resolve utility complaints. My questions of the minister are:

1. What does the government think is the appropriate next step if someone is not satisfied with the response that they receive from the Energy Industry Ombudsman?
2. With increasing concerns about rising energy prices and the need for a truly independent dispute resolution process, has the government considered an independent statutory body to resolve these disputes and, if not, why not?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (17:26):** I thank the honourable member for his most important questions concerning the Energy Industry Ombudsman. I will refer those questions to the minister for energy in another place and bring back a response.

### DUCK HUNTING

**The Hon. T.A. FRANKS (17:27):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation a question regarding illegal duck shooting.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. T.A. FRANKS:** Recently there has been a number of public statements made by and on behalf of hunters concerned about the delays to the announcement of the start of the duck and quail hunting season for this year. A number of these statements have referred to between 1,500 and 2,000 hunters who are disgruntled that the announcement of whether a season will be permitted and, if so, when it will commence, has been delayed. My questions are:

1. Given that a freedom of information request to the department last year showed that only 570 registered duck shooters in South Australia existed in 2011 (and this was down from 807 registered duck shooters in 2009, according to the departmental figures), can the minister advise whether registered shooter numbers in fact increased threefold, as publicised claims seem to indicate in recent weeks, or is this an inadvertent admission that there are a large number of hunters who are not registered and are intending to shoot illegally?

2. What safeguards will be instituted to ensure protected species are not targeted, and if there is evidence of illegal shooting, what measures will be taken to address this?

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers) (17:28):** As an occasionally disgruntled 'Hunter' can I advise the honourable member not to believe everything she reads in *The Advertiser*. Even though it is a journal of great repute it occasionally does get things wrong in its reports, particularly around numbers.

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER:** Funny as it might be, sometimes it does make errors. With regard to the honourable member's question about the plummeting level of registered duck shooters, I will take that on notice to the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation and bring back a response to the chamber.

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES**

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (17:29):** I seek leave to make an explanation prior to directing a question to the minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation on the subject of contractors.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS:** After almost two years the government provided an answer to a question asked about persons within the Public Service who had taken separation packages and whether or not any departments had re-employed those persons as contractors. I think this is the first answer from any government department after many years of trying. I guess due credit to the former department of water, land and biodiversity conservation, which has advised that it had one person engaged in 2009-10 as a contractor who had previously received a separation package from the state government. My questions are:

1. What were the terms of the separation package entered into by this particular person and did it entail an agreement not to be re-employed by the government for a period of time and, if so, for how long?

2. When was that separation package entered into with this particular individual?

3. Was the re-engagement of that person by the former department of water, land and biodiversity conservation in breach of the agreement signed with that person?

4. If there was a breach, what were the terms of the re-engagement?

5. If there was a breach, was any public servant reprimanded or disciplined as a result of re-employing a person who had taken a separation package from the government?

6. Can the minister advise what was the nature of the contractual re-engagement of this particular individual and for what period was that individual re-engaged?

7. What was the remuneration involved in relation to that contractual arrangement?

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers) (17:32):** I thank the honourable member for his important questions. I congratulate him on his getting his

answer. I will undertake to take the eight questions that he has asked today to the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation and bring back a response.

#### LEVEL CROSSING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

**The Hon. K.L. VINCENT (17:32):** I seek leave to provide a brief explanation before asking the minister representing the Minister for Transport Services questions regarding pedestrian safety at level crossings.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. K.L. VINCENT:** A recent accident at the Lonsdale level crossing resulted in the death of a man with an intellectual disability, as I have already discussed in this parliament. It has since been brought to my attention that—

**The Hon. S.G. Wade:** The minister is not listening; he's on the phone.

**The PRESIDENT:** Order!

*Members interjecting:*

**The PRESIDENT:** Order!

**An honourable member:** He's arrogant; he's on the phone.

**The Hon. K.L. VINCENT:** I am not sure who is more arrogant in this instance. In any event, it has since been brought to my attention that pedestrian safety at many suburban rail crossings may be at risk due to a lack of clear line marking.

In particular, a recent survey of the Belair line indicates that as few as four out of 24 pedestrian crossings have a white safety line painted on their western side. A few crossings have been fitted with tactile ground surface indicators, but signage still indicates a white line that simply does not exist.

On 25 November 2011, it was observed that, from Lynton Station to Adelaide, on the western side of the railway, Barretts Road in Clapham had two crossings with no lines; between Clapham and Torrens Park (Price Avenue), no lines; Wattlebury Road, Lower Mitcham, two crossings with no lines; Mitcham Station, south-west, no lines, including between the tracks; Mitcham Station, no lines; north of Mitcham Station, no lines; Grange Road, Lower Mitcham, no lines; Angas Road, Hawthorn, no lines; Egmont Terrace, Hawthorn, two crossings with no lines; Sussex Terrace, Hawthorn, two crossings with no lines; Unley Park Station, no lines; Llanfair Terrace, no lines; Cross Road, no lines; Jellicoe Avenue, two crossings with no lines; Ningana Avenue, two crossings, no lines; Goodwood overpass, no lines; and Goodwood Bowling Club Station, no lines. My questions are:

1. Who is responsible for line marking on rail pedestrian crossings?
2. Why are crossings on the eastern side of the Belair line marked when the western side is not?
3. In light of this incident I mentioned in my explanation, will an urgent audit of rail pedestrian crossings be undertaken?
4. Will additional appropriate signage be posted at locations known to be frequented by large numbers of people with intellectual disability in particular?
5. How much was spent on the recent railway safety campaign entitled Horsepower?

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations) (17:35):** Setting aside the very rude interjection by the Hon. Mr Wade, I thank the honourable member for quite an in-depth question and I will refer it to the honourable Minister for Transport Services and get an answer back as soon as we can.

#### MURRAY RIVER FERRIES

**The Hon. J.S.L. DAWKINS (17:36):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the minister representing the Minister for Transport Services a question about the depositing of animal manure on River Murray ferries.

Leave granted.



**The Hon. J.S.L. DAWKINS:** I understand that a number of farmers have received circulars from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure entitled 'Warning: depositing of animal manure on River Murray ferries'. It refers to section 108(2) of the Road Traffic Act which states in part that if any material falls from a vehicle onto a road, the driver of the vehicle will be taken to have deposited the material. My question is: can the minister describe what quantity of animal excrement (liquid or solid) falling from a vehicle onto a River Murray ferry will be deemed sufficient to render the driver of a stock transport vehicle and/or owner of that stock liable for a fine of \$142 plus the victims of crime levy of \$60?

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations) (17:37):** I thank the honourable member for his important question. I will refer that to the Minister for Transport Services and I am sure she will give quite an in-depth reply.

#### OUTBACK COMMUNITIES AUTHORITY

**The Hon. G.A. KANDELAARS (17:37):** My question is to the Minister for State/Local Government Relations. Can the minister inform the chamber of the operation and work of the Outback Communities Authority?

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations) (17:37):** I thank the honourable member for his very important question. The Outback Communities Authority (OCA) was established on 1 July 2010 pursuant to the Outback Communities (Administration and Management) Act 2009. The functions of the OCA are to manage the provision of and promote improvements in public services and facilities for outback communities and articulate the views, interests and aspirations of these communities.

The OCA has given a commitment to keeping the outback communities informed about its work and seeking community views to ensure its priorities reflect the service and infrastructure requirements of the outback. In keeping with this commitment the OCA has scheduled its meetings to be held in various outback communities. These meetings are open to the public and provide an opportunity for residents to meet with the OCA members and discuss matters of concern and to hear firsthand the OCA's future strategies for service and infrastructure delivery for the outback. Minutes of each meeting are posted on the OCA's website in the days following each meeting.

In August 2011, I approved the OCA's inaugural strategic business plan and annual budget. The plan outlines what the OCA will do and how it intends to conduct its business over the next five years. In February and August each year, the OCA makes available to communities project grants to provide training and support for volunteers, the upgrade or establishment of community facilities or the purchase of equipment, material or resources such as whitegoods, playground equipment or sporting equipment.

The one-off funding has an upper limit of \$10,000 with most grants allocated in smaller project amounts of less than \$5,000. One of these funding arrangements allowed for a community playground to be installed in Iron Knob, which I attended with about 100 locals, and a very good day was had by all.

In late November 2010, the OCA wrote to all residents and landholders in this jurisdiction seeking comment on a draft policy document, 'Community Engagement—Our Commitment'. The draft document outlines the authority's approach to improving communication with people in the outback and explains how it proposes to engage the communities. The preparation and adoption of a public consultation policy by the authority is a requirement of the Outback Communities (Administration and Management) Act 2009. Residents from more than 26 outback communities responded to the nine-week call for feedback on the draft policy. The revised policy was formally adopted at the OCA's 10 March 2011 meeting.

Further to the recent consultation undertaken by the OCA in regard to the Outback Grants Program, finalised documents will be available in the near future from the OCA's website and office located in Port Augusta, and will be sent to all progress associations and those people who contributed to the consultation process shortly. Where it supports outback communities, the OCA has community affairs resourcing and management agreements with the local progress associations.

These agreements can relate to financial or other support to communities. This support can relate to funding to cover the administrative cost of running a progress association, UHF repeater maintenance, town maintenance (such as public conveniences and street lighting), airstrip maintenance, town waste management and the provision of local water supply. The authority also

provides all outback communities with subsidy assistance funding at a three to one ratio for the provision of community water supplies.

In November 2010, the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners' Association and the OCA reached agreement to transfer responsibility to manage municipal services previously run by the OCA on behalf of the community back to APOMA. Under the agreement, APOMA will have greater flexibility to make use of its resources and enable it to take a stronger strategic and leadership role in the delivery of services and infrastructure to the town.

In September 2010, the authority was successful in receiving more than \$2 million in federal and state government funding to improve the safety of our four outback airstrips jointly managed by the authority. The funding was for Oodnadatta, Balcanoona, Glendambo and Mintabie airstrips. The upgrading of the Oodnadatta airstrip is due to start in March and agreement has been reached between the authority and the Oodnadatta Progress Association to transfer ownership of the airstrip to the authority.

The authority formally recognises and assists 33 communities in 31 locations across the outback. The communities are: Andamooka, Ash, Aroona, Beltana, Blinman, Bookabie, Cockburn—

**The Hon. J.S.L. Dawkins:** Cockburn—you've been there lately, have you?

**The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY:** Thank you very much for your contribution, John. I mean, it's about the only thing you have done for the communities out there. About the only thing you have done to contribute to anything that happens out there are your statements here. I continue: Coorabie, Copley, Dunjiba, Eastern Districts, Fowlers Bay, Gawler Ranges, Glendambo, Innamincka, Iron Knob, Kingoonya, Leigh Creek, Lyndhurst, Manna Hill, Marla, Marree, Mintabie, Olary, Oodnadatta, Parachilna, Penong, Pimba, William Creek, Woomera and Yunta.

On 15 February 2011, the OCA support personnel relocated to premises located at 12 Tassie Street, Port Augusta. This new location is shared with personnel from the Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA and represents a good collaborative opportunity and consolidated use of underused government accommodation. The previous operational office of the OCA was a private rental not fit for purpose.

The Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners' Association has limited time and resources necessary for the day-to-day delivery of essential services. With the expected growth in population at Andamooka and the associated demand for services directly resulting from the expansion of mining operations, it has become unsustainable and unrealistic to expect a volunteer organisation to continue to deliver these services. As such, APOMA has sought urgent assistance from the Outback Communities Authority.

The authority and APOMA, with my support, have agreed to establish a formalised Town Management Committee and the appointment of a town manager to oversee public services and essential infrastructure and to provide advice on plans for the future. The Town Management Committee comprises of five persons: Ms Cecilia Woolford, who is the independent chairperson; Mr Peter Allen, an APOMA representative; Mr Robert Hancock, an APOMA representative; Ms Jennifer Cleary, the OCA board member; and Mr Mark Sutton, the OCA general manager.

Ms Woolford's appointment is supported by the authority and APOMA. Ms Woolford has experience as chair and board member of a number of statutory and non-government boards at a state and national level, including the Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board and Natural Resources Management Council Volunteer Committee. She possesses the skills necessary, particularly in the areas of governance, managing diverse opinions, engaging with people, communications and delivering on planned outcomes. I congratulate the OCR in responding quickly to APOMA's concerns and putting in place a solution that is both practical and supportive.

## FAMILIES SA

**The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON (17:45):** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the minister representing the Minister for Education and Child Development a question about Families SA.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON:** Some members may remember that I asked a range of questions about 18 months to two years ago about a family that was located in Lee Street, Brahma

Lodge. There were three children involved. Both parents were drug addicted, and an entire street of residents had put in about 300 complaints about these parents. Three of the complaints were that:

- the little girl, who was then six years old, had been kicked in the stomach so hard by the father in the front yard that she was rendered unconscious and then dragged by the hair up the street while being verbally abused;
- the nine-year-old child, who was the middle child, had attempted to hang himself and was revived by one of the residents of the street; and
- the oldest child had had reports made about him by the principal of the school for aggressive and violent behaviour.

These children were living in a home, with their parents, with a known sex offender named by Families SA. The family was moved a couple of streets along after all this hit *Today Tonight*, and we were told that the family would be on a safety plan.

In the last week, it has been brought to my attention that these children are still being delivered by their parents, at least three times a week, to this known sex offender and that the family is not on a safety plan. It has been stated by the department to another family member that these children will not be removed. My questions are:

1. Can the minister give an explanation as to the rationale of the workers on this case to allow these children to remain, exposed not only to a known sex offender but also to their violent and aggressive parents?
2. What programs or action was this family required to undertake in order to allow them the privilege of continuing the care of their three children?
3. What part of the legislation or policy and procedures of Families SA can be cited to justify the decisions of Families SA in the case of these three children?
4. Will the new minister give an undertaking to introduce an effective monitoring process of the questionable decisions that are brought to her attention in relation to Families SA and child protection?

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers) (17:48):** I thank the honourable member for her most important question and also acknowledge her ongoing interest in these very important matters. I undertake to take the question to the minister in the other place and bring back a response.

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### GAMING MACHINES

In reply to the **Hon. R.L. BROKENSHIRE** (8 February 2011) (First Session).

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women):** The Minister for Consumer and Business Services is advised:

1. There are 39 premises which are affiliated with Coles or Woolworths, all but two also hold a gaming machine licence.

### ROYAL ADELAIDE HOSPITAL

In reply to the **Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Leader of the Opposition)** (8 March 2011) (First Session).

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women):** The Minister for Health and Ageing has been advised:

1. Green Building Council Australia (GBCA) provided a media release on 7 June 2011 stating:

'In attaining a 4 Star Green Star rating, the South Australian Government will demonstrate not only its commitment to environmental and financial sustainability, but also its determination to improve the health and wellbeing of South Australians.'

GBCA states that:

'SA Health should be acknowledged as a national leader in sustainable health facilities, with a commitment to minimising environmental impacts and effectively future-proofing its buildings.'

### NANOPARTICLES

In reply to the **Hon. T.A. FRANKS** (19 May 2011) (First Session).

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women):** The Minister for Health has been advised:

1. The development of zinc and titanium oxide nanoparticles has enabled the production of highly protective sunscreens with favourable cosmetic properties. As with any new and emerging technologies, the benefits of nanoparticles need to be weighed against their risks, especially if used as a therapeutic agent. In early 2009, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) conducted an updated review of the scientific literature in relation to the use of nanoparticulate zinc oxide and titanium dioxide in sunscreens.

The TGA review concluded that the potential for titanium dioxide and zinc oxide nanoparticles in sunscreens to cause adverse effects depends primarily upon the ability of the nanoparticles to reach viable (cells able to divide) skin cells.

They found that, to date, the current weight of evidence indicates that titanium dioxide and zinc oxide nanoparticles do not reach viable skin cells, but rather, the nanoparticles remain on the surface of the skin and in the outer layer of the skin, which is composed of non-viable cells. The TGA has indicated that it is continuing to monitor the emerging scientific literature to ensure appropriate action is taken should any tangible safety concerns be identified.

2. Users are encouraged to read and follow label directions and that these products are stored in an appropriate manner out of reach of children.

3. *Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on Cosmetic Product*, as recorded in the *Official Journal of the European Union L 342/59* outlines the safety assessment requirements in Article 10 and the mandatory labelling requirements in Article 19 that expressly deal with ingredients which are nanoparticles.

4. The regulation of sunscreen products is carried out by the Commonwealth. Specifically, most sunscreens are regulated as medicines under the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*. The labelling of cosmetics is regulated by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). The safety of ingredients used in cosmetics is regulated by the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS). These agencies are well aware of the issue.

5. Since the TGA has recently reviewed nanoparticles, there is no need to influence the Commonwealth's position on the labelling of cosmetics containing nanoparticles.

6. There is no requirement for a moratorium on the use of nanoparticles, given the TGA review. Furthermore, it is understood that the TGA is continuing to monitor the emerging scientific literature to ensure appropriate action is taken should any tangible safety concerns be identified. The Department of Health also keeps informed of these developments.

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**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women):** The Minister for Health has been advised:

1. The new Royal Adelaide Hospital design comprises 100 per cent single inpatient bedrooms that will have a provision that will allow a family member to stay overnight, where appropriate.

SA Health currently works and will continue to work very closely with Country Health SA to provide access to accommodation for patients and their families from rural and remote areas.

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In reply to the **Hon. T.A. FRANKS** (8 June 2011) (First Session).

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women):** The Minister for Health has advised:

1. South Australian Health Partnership has submitted a comprehensive arts strategy, including its use in directional way-finding throughout the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, as a component of its bid design documentation.

Should the decision be made in the future that there is a requirement for pieces of commissioned art, consistent with the obligations of SA Health under the Strategic Procurement Unit guidelines, an open tender would be called.

#### DISABILITY REFORM

In reply to the **Hon. K.L. VINCENT** (19 October 2011) (First Session).

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers):** In December 2011, the Government provided its initial response to the Report, accepting almost half of the recommendations for immediate action.

Our embracing of individualised funding approaches recommended in the Report represents a fundamental shift in disability support policy, providing greater choice and opportunity for those with a disability and preparing us for implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The Government will respond to the remaining recommendations in 2012.

#### MARINE PARKS

In reply to the **Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK** (8 November 2011) (First Session).

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for State/Local Government Relations):** I am advised Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) have provided input to EconSearch Pty Ltd during the development of marine park impact statements. PIRSA has also provided advice on the draft impacts statements through its role on the whole-of-government Marine Parks Steering Committee.

#### PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS

In reply to the **Hon. D.G.E. HOOD** (8 November 2011) (First Session).

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers):** The Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation has been advised:

1. The State Government has engaged Ehrenberg-Bass Institute to undertake market research to identify the effect of the plastic bag ban on the community and the choices of bags that

the South Australian community is making when transporting retail shopping, with a particular focus on groceries. This research will be available in 2012.

2. Information regarding the reduction of use of plastic bags in South Australia will be available after the review by the Ehrenberg-Bass Institute is completed.

In the absence of complete industry sales data, the South Australian Government has extrapolated and aggregated commercial in confidence data received from one major retailer which provides the following insights into the effect of the ban:

Prior to South Australia's ban on plastic bags, 50 per cent of lightweight single use plastic bags were used in the grocery sector with the other 50 per cent used in all other retail.

In the year prior to the ban, it is estimated that approximately 400 million plastic bags were used in the grocery sector in South Australia.

It is estimated that up to 800 million plastic bags were used in total in South Australia in the year prior to the ban. In 2008-09, it was reported that plastic bag use was also increasing across Australia.

Since the ban, other than the occasional observation of use by interstate traders at fairs and events, the use of old style lightweight single use plastic bags across South Australia is negligible.

Reusable bags sold in the grocery sector in the year after the ban in South Australia are estimated to be up to 84,000 per week or approximately 4 million bags in 2010.

It is unknown how many reusable bags are sold in the non-grocery retail sectors.

Purchases of reusable bags reportedly reduced from 2009 to 2010 however still remain strong.

#### COMMON GROUND

In reply to the **Hon. T.A. FRANKS** (9 November 2011) (First Session).

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers):** I am advised records held in relation to clients of Common Ground Adelaide are the property of Common Ground Adelaide.

Common Ground Adelaide has policies and procedures in place in the event of a former resident wishing to access their client records. These policies and procedures reflect access to client records through Freedom of Information process.

If a current resident wishes to view their client record, Common Ground Adelaide will allow this to occur. If the resident disagrees with the content, the support worker and client will discuss and mediate a change of outcome of the content.

Client records held by Common Ground Adelaide will become the property of the Minister upon expiry or termination of the Master Agreement, which it entered into with the Minister on 6 May 2010. Once the client records become the property of the Minister, clients may obtain access to their records by way of an application under the Freedom of Information Act.

#### CENTRAL HILLS NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT GROUP

In reply to the **Hon. J.A. DARLEY** (22 November 2011) (First Session).

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers):** The Minister for Sustainability, Environment has been advised:

1. Three-year property management plans are developed by Natural Resource Management (NRM) Board staff in collaboration with landholders. Landholders are not charged any fees or charges for this service.

2. Property management plans are provided to a range of different landholders across the region including hobby farms and viable farming units (including both food and animal production).

3. In most cases, landowners approach the NRM Board for property management plans to be developed. Occasionally, NRM Board staff may approach landowners and offer assistance in the development of property management plans for landowners who represent a particular priority from a land management, water quality, or habitat protection perspective.

4. The 16 kilometres of watercourse fencing was not contiguous, but achieved collectively over many different landholdings.

Watercourses may be fenced off for a variety of reasons including;

- the establishment of land class fencing practises and improved paddock design;
- the protection of riparian vegetation from livestock;
- the protection of revegetation activities from livestock;
- to allow recovery of watercourse bed and bank stability after erosion; and
- the improvement of water quality through managing stock access to watercourses.

The cost of this fencing to the NRM Board was approximately \$70,000. Landowners provided in-kind cash and labour contributions to the value of approximately \$120,000, making the total combined fencing investment approximately \$190,000.

5. Face-to-face advice and community engagement are important areas of the NRM Board's business. Field staff invest considerable time providing advice on pest animal and plant control, remnant vegetation protection, watercourse management, and sustainable agriculture practices. This is a service that is provided to landholders free of charge.

Advice provided by the NRM Board leads to many landholders improving their land management practices, establishing property management plans, undertaking action to control declared pest species, protect remnant vegetation, protect watercourses, or implement more sustainable farming practices.

The on-ground outputs quoted in the Adelaide Hills *Courier* on 5 October 2011 are all a direct result of face-to-face advice provided to landholders, coupled with support and assistance they receive through the NRM Board's incentive program.

6. No, these services are provided as part of the NRM Board's commitment to supporting landholders in the region to better manage the regions natural resources, as outlined in the objects of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*.

7. Property management plans outline agreed work and investment plans between the NRM Board and private landholders for three year periods.

The on-ground outputs reported in the Adelaide Hills *Courier* on 5 October 2011 were achieved in the 2010-11 financial year.

## MARINE PARKS

In reply to the **Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK** (22 November 2011) (First Session).

**The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers):** The Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation has been advised:

1. The following agencies and/or departments are members of the Marine Parks Steering Committee:

- Department of Environment and Natural Resources;
- Primary Industries and Regions SA (formerly Primary Industries and Resources SA);
- Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (formerly Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure and Department of Planning and Local Government);
- Environment Protection Authority;
- Department of the Premier and Cabinet;
- Department of Treasury and Finance;

- South Australian Tourism Commission;
  - Department of Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy (formerly Department of Trade and Economic Development); and
  - Department for Water.
2. Local Government is not represented on the Marine Parks Steering Committee.

#### **SELECT COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY SERVICES FUNDING**

**The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (17:48):** I move:

That the committee have power to sit during the present session and that the time for bringing up the report be extended to Wednesday 18 July 2012.

Motion carried.

#### **SELECT COMMITTEE ON LONSDALE-BASED ADELAIDE DESALINATION PLANT**

**The Hon. T.A. FRANKS (17:49):** I move:

That the committee have power to sit during the present session and that the time for bringing up the report be extended until Wednesday 18 July 2012.

Motion carried.

#### **SELECT COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**The Hon. T.J. STEPHENS (17:49):** I move:

That the committee have power to sit during the present session and that the time for bringing up the report be extended to Wednesday 18 July 2012.

Motion carried.

#### **SELECT COMMITTEE ON MARINE PARKS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**The Hon. D.G.E. HOOD (17:49):** I move:

That the committee have power to sit during the present session and that the time for bringing up the report be extended to Wednesday 18 July 2012.

Motion carried.

#### **SELECT COMMITTEE ON HARVESTING RIGHTS IN FORESTRY SA PLANTATION ESTATES**

**The Hon. D.G.E. HOOD (17:50):** On behalf of my colleague the Hon. Mr Brokenshire I move:

That the committee have power to sit during the present session and that the time for bringing up the report be extended until Wednesday 18 July 2012.

Motion carried.

#### **SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE INQUIRY INTO THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BURNSIDE**

**The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON (17:50):** I move:

That the committee have power to sit during the present session and that the time for bringing up the report be extended until Wednesday 18 July 2012.

Motion carried.

#### **SELECT COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO AND INTERACTION WITH THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN JUSTICE SYSTEM FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**The Hon. S.G. WADE (17:50):** I move:

That the committee have power to sit during the present session and that the time for bringing up the report be extended until Wednesday 18 July 2012.

Motion carried.

#### **SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL BUS CONTRACTS**

**The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Leader of the Opposition) (17:51):** I move:



That the committee have power to sit during the present session and that the time for bringing up the report be extended until Wednesday 18 July 2012.

Motion carried.

#### **SELECT COMMITTEE ON LAND USES ON LEFEVRE PENINSULA**

**The Hon. M. PARNELL (17:51):** I move:

That the committee have power to sit during the present session and that the time for bringing up the report be extended to Wednesday 18 July 2012.

Motion carried.

#### **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (17:51):** I move:

That the committee have power to sit during the present session and that the time for bringing up the report be extended until Wednesday 18 July 2012.

Motion carried.

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (17:52):** By leave, I move:

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO:** I move:

That the Hon. Michelle Lensink be appointed to the committee in place of the Hon. David Ridgway (resigned).

Motion carried.

#### **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (17:52):** I move:

That the committee be appointed consisting of the President, the Hons J.M. Gazzola, R.I. Lucas, D.W. Ridgway and the mover.

Motion carried.

#### **LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (17:52):** I move:

That for this session the committee be not appointed.

Motion carried.

#### **PRINTING COMMITTEE**

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (17:53):** I move:

That the committee be appointed consisting of the Hons J.S.L. Dawkins, J.M. Gazzola, G.A. Kandelaars, J.S. Lee and C. Zollo.

Motion carried.

#### **ADDRESS IN REPLY**

**The PRESIDENT (17:53):** I lay upon the table a copy of the opening speech of His Excellency the Governor.

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Status of Women) (17:53):** I move:

That a committee consisting of the Hons G.A. Kandelaars, J.M.A. Lensink, D.W. Ridgway, C. Zollo and the mover 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.

At 17:54 the council adjourned until Wednesday 15 February 2012 at 14:15.