

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tuesday, 6 May 2014

Opening of Parliament

The Fifty-Second Parliament of South Australia, having been prorogued until 8 May 2014, and the House of Assembly having been dissolved on 15 February 2014, general elections were held on 15 March 2014. By proclamation dated 17 April 2014, the new parliament was summoned to meet on 6 May 2014, and the First Session began on that date.

The council met at 11:00, pursuant to proclamation. The Clerk (Mrs J.M. Davis) read the proclamation summoning parliament.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION

The commissioners appointed by the Governor to do all things necessary to prepare for the opening of the session, the Hon. C.J. Kourakis (Chief Justice of the Supreme Court) and the Hon. T.A. Gray (a judge of the Supreme Court) were announced by Black Rod (Mr C. Schwarz) and conducted by the President to the chairs on the dais.

A message was sent to the House of Assembly requesting members of that house to attend to hear the commission read. The members of the House of Assembly having arrived, the Clerk read the commission.

The senior commissioner (Hon. Justice Kourakis) announced that His Excellency the Governor would, in person in this place, declare the reasons for his calling the parliament together as soon as the new members of the Legislative Council and the members of the House of Assembly had been sworn and the two houses had respectively notified him that they had elected their President and Speaker.

The members of the House of Assembly and His Honour Justice Kourakis withdrew.

MEMBERS, SWEARING IN

His Honour Justice Gray produced a commission from His Excellency the Governor authorising him to be a commissioner to administer to newly elected members the oath of allegiance or receive an affirmation in lieu thereof, also a writ and returns for the election of 11 members.

The oath of allegiance or affirmation was then administered to and subscribed by the new members, who signed the members' roll.

PRESIDENT, ELECTION

The CLERK: I have to inform the council of the resignation of the Hon. J.M. Gazzola as President of the Legislative Council.

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (11:25): I move:

That the Hon. Russell Wortley take the chair as President of the Legislative Council.

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Leader of the Opposition) (11:25): I second the motion.

The CLERK: Does the honourable member accept the nomination?

The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (11:25): I submit myself to the will of the council.

The CLERK: Are there any other nominations?

An honourable member: No.

The CLERK: There being no other nomination, I declare the Hon. R.P. Wortley duly elected as President of the council.

The Hon. R.P. Wortley was escorted to the President's chair by the mover and the seconder of the motion.

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (11:26): Mr President, I congratulate you on your election to this most important office of President of the Legislative Council. I know, sir, that you grew up in the northern suburbs of Adelaide and spent 22 years as an elected union official, looking after the industrial and political interests of employees working in the gas industry, initially with the Federated Gas Employees Industrial Union and then, I understand, as an official of the Transport Workers Union.

Mr President, you have served on many different government and community organisations, including as a commissioner on the Occupational Health and Safety Commission and as a member of the Workers Appeal Tribunal and the Industrial Relations Advisory Committee. So I believe, sir, that you are indeed very qualified for the job of President of the Legislative Council, and I know that you will fairly uphold the standing orders of this chamber. Again, on behalf of government members, I congratulate you on your election to this very high office, and we look forward to working with you over the next four years of the 53rd Parliament.

The PRESIDENT: Thank you, minister.

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Leader of the Opposition) (11:28): I rise on behalf of the opposition to congratulate you, Mr President, on your ascension to high office. I am sure that you will discharge your duties in accordance with the standing orders. With those few words, Mr President, please accept our congratulations.

The PRESIDENT (11:28): Thank you. I would like to thank everyone in this chamber for their support for my election to this position. I assure members of the Legislative Council that I will fulfil my duties in an unbiased way and with the respect that would be expected from the President of the Legislative Council.

At 11.29, accompanied by a deputation of members, the President proceeded to Government House.

On the council reassembling at 11:51:

The PRESIDENT: I have to report that, accompanied by honourable members, I proceeded to Government House and there presented myself as President to His Excellency the Governor, and claimed for the council the right of free access to and communication with His Excellency and that the most favourable construction might be placed on all its proceedings. His Excellency was pleased to reply:

I congratulate the honourable members of the Legislative Council on their choice of a President. I readily assure you, Mr President, of my confirmation of all the constitutional rights and privileges of the Legislative Council, the proceedings of which will always receive the most favourable consideration.

[Sitting suspended from 11:52 to 14:43]

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

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

I thank Uncle Lewis O'Brien, an Elder of the Kurna people, for his generous welcome to country.

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of a former Governor and seven former members since the opening of the 52nd Parliament.

In June 2013, Reverend Sir Keith Douglas Seaman passed away. Sir Keith served as Governor of South Australia between 1977 and 1982.

In November 1981, Sir Keith was made a Knight of the Royal Victorian Order, a form of knighthood that is the personal gift of the sovereign.

In March 2012, Mr Dale Baker passed away. He had been the member for Victoria, later MacKillop, from 1985 to 1997 and served the State as a minister from 1993.

In October 2012, Mr Maxwell Brown passed away. Mr Brown was first elected to the House of Assembly in 1970 as the member for Whyalla, and served until his retirement in 1985.

Mr Donald Ferguson passed away in March 2013.

Mr Ferguson was the Member for Henley Beach, which is now known as Colton, from 1982 to 1993, and served as Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees from February 1986 to February 1990 and again from October 1992 to December 1993.

The Honourable Frank Blevins passed away in September 2013. Mr Blevins served in the Legislative Council from 1975 to 1985, before serving as the Member for Whyalla, which later became Giles, from 1985 to 1997.

Mr Blevins served in many ministries throughout his 22 years of service, including forestry, agriculture and fisheries, health, transport and correctional services. He served as Deputy Premier between 1992 and 1993.

In September 2013, Mr Edward Connelly passed away. Mr Connelly served as the Member for Port Pirie from 1975 to 1977. He also served as Speaker from 1975 to 1977.

The Honourable Dr Robert Ritson also passed away in July 2013. Dr Ritson served in the Legislative Council from 1979 to 1993.

In November 2013, Mr Ivon Alfred Wardle passed away. Mr Wardle served as the member for Murray from 1968 to 1977.

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

Honourable members:

Since February 2012 when I spoke in this place to open the second parliamentary session of the 52nd Parliament, the global economic and political context in which we gather has moved remarkably.

At that time, I asserted that the decisions we make in the present decade will determine the future of South Australia.

I spoke of the uncertainty pervading our communities and the need to embrace bold new approaches.

In that speech, the Government identified seven strategic priorities, on which it promised to focus its agenda. They were:

- An Affordable Place to Live
- Creating a Vibrant City
- Every Chance for Every Child
- Safe Communities, Healthy Neighbourhoods
- Growing Advanced Manufacturing
- Realising the Benefits of the Mining Boom for all
- Premium Food and Wine from our Clean Environment.

My Government today recommits to these priorities, aware that significant progress has already been made on each of them.

Since my last speech in this place, two significant events have occurred with direct and deep implications for the State.

In August 2012, BHP Billiton announced that it would delay plans for a multi-billion-dollar expansion of the Olympic Dam mine.

More recently, it was announced that Holden would cease operations in its Elizabeth plant from 2017.

Both events created a sense of disappointment and anxiety.

My Government understands how real people experience these economic events, because it understands that economic problems are also human problems.

Our car manufacturing industry was to provide the foundation from which we would realise an orderly transition to a sustainable advanced manufacturing sector.

This foundation has been removed, necessitating a more urgent response. The transition, which we initially planned to realise over a decade, must now be achieved by 2017.

We are now in a period of accelerated change that will be both challenging and unsettling, but South Australians have in the past demonstrated extraordinary resilience in the face of difficult circumstances.

This resilient character has recently been accompanied by a newfound confidence—a belief that irrespective of the challenges we may face, South Australia can and will shape its own destiny.

My Government has started to build a stronger South Australia. The physical changes evident in our city of Adelaide have inspired a fresh sense of optimism.

We have \$3.4 billion of infrastructure projects, including nineteen privately funded projects, in and around the city that are in the approval pipeline or in case management—with projects yet to commence construction worth more than \$750 million.

These projects further contribute to the vibrancy of the city and are helping to attract an unprecedented number of visitors to our State.

The number of overseas students we welcome to South Australia has surged. Compared to 2002, there are now 150 per cent more international students studying in South Australia.

The number of overseas tourists also continues to grow as the world awakens to what South Australia has to offer.

There is a new entrepreneurial spirit taking hold of the city. It is evident on the faces of young people in our restaurants and bars, as well as in our IT start-up companies.

And the dynamic nature of change and development in South Australia has not gone unnoticed.

Adelaide has been selected by National Geographic as one of the 17 smart cities of the world—and was the release site for the television series.

Adelaide was also selected alongside Paris, Zurich and Shanghai in *Lonely Planet's* 2014 Top 10 Cities of the world.

Our capital city is consistently rated as one of the world's most liveable cities and is the nation's safest capital city, yet remains an affordable place to live when compared to other Australian states and territories.

Our economy depends heavily on our capacity to retain our brightest minds and attract talented professionals from interstate and overseas. But they need more than a great place to live—they need a great job.

A strong, growing economy is the foundation from which South Australians can build full, rich lives and protect the things that we love most about our State.

It is important that we keep building and exploring new avenues through which we can accelerate the economic transformation already underway.

My Government will establish a department singularly focussed on the key economic drivers that will help achieve our transition to industries that add value.

The new Department of State Development will become the agency that is the principal driver of economic development in South Australia.

It will bring together a range of development activities such as employment and training programs, and industry and business development for both small and large businesses.

It will support the energy and resource sectors, science and innovation, and trade sectors.

Through these activities, the Department of State Development will lead the State's response to the challenges of transforming our economy and enhancing prosperity.

The department will identify the markets with the greatest potential demand for the goods and services for which we have developed a strong reputation and it will find new opportunities in sectors which are not considered as traditional strengths.

South Australia is well positioned to benefit from increasing global demand for high-quality education, business services, resources, financial services and for international tourism.

My Government will also give the Economic Development Board carriage of the Jobs Accelerator Fund.

The Jobs Accelerator Fund has been created to hasten the availability of job and training opportunities to those with the highest need, in particular South Australians adversely affected by sectoral change or experiencing inter-generational unemployment.

Some sectors of our economy must urgently adapt to externally generated conditions but others are well positioned to grasp new or emerging opportunities.

The Government's approach to making the most of those opportunities will be underpinned by three clear principles.

It will create an environment in which South Australians have the support they need to collaborate, innovate and embrace an outward looking approach.

First, my Government will intensify the level of collaboration between business, government and academia.

There are strong examples of how such partnerships can be developed.

Global technology giant Hewlett Packard recently decided to expand its presence in Adelaide, creating about 430 high-end technology jobs over the next four years.

Its operations will be complemented by the establishment of an Innovation and Collaboration Centre within the University of South Australia's new building in the Health and Biomedical Precinct on North Terrace.

The investment made into this precinct reflects the value South Australians place on health and wellbeing, and our commitment to excellence in research, clinical training and care.

But it will also attract talented young people to South Australia. It will be a beacon for high quality jobs.

It will help us export our medical innovation to the world, and my Government will establish a high powered Health Industry SA Board to help drive business opportunities that lead to job growth.

The Biomedical Precinct is quintessentially South Australian. It is an example of how partnerships can be established across government, business and academia to benefit the economy and society.

Innovation is the second principle underpinning my Government's plans to transform the economy.

We must develop a stronger culture of innovation in South Australia—of constantly searching for new and better ways of doing things.

The Government must lead by example.

The State's largest institution, the South Australian public sector, must be renewed. It must demonstrate its commitment to bold, innovative approaches and encourage other sectors to follow.

A high-value industrial and innovation hub on the old Mitsubishi site, Tonsley, is an example of how government can encourage innovative practices.

Tonsley is a place where sustainable industry, research, education and training, cooperate and collaborate to shape a better world.

It is a model that reflects a distinctly South Australian approach and lights a path for companies in our manufacturing sector.

The Government's cooperation with the iconic South Australian company 'Hills' is a wonderful example of how creative approaches can be supported.

Hills was originally famous for the Hills Hoist but is now focussed on satellite dishes, security systems and sophisticated products used in the health industry. The company has adapted to changing circumstances and has continued to thrive.

Tomorrow, two major innovation centres will be officially opened. My Government has matched Hills's investment of \$2.5 million for these centres of development excellence.

It is an example of how government, business and academia can work together to build a stronger South Australia.

My Government will remove the barriers to creative approaches so that we can work together to discover different solutions and products—and then take them to the world.

The third principle underpinning the Government's approach to modernising and growing our economy is its commitment to an outward looking approach.

South Australia has gained a reputation as a welcoming, engaging state.

The contemporary South Australian character owes much to the transformative effect of the Dunstan years. The Honourable Don Dunstan, South Australia's 35th Premier, was a true internationalist.

Cultural awareness in South Australia grew rapidly during the Dunstan era due to a rich network of cultural exchanges developed across Asia.

South Australia must continue to build upon this great modern tradition.

My Government has developed an overarching international engagement strategy, as well as specific engagement strategies for India and China.

The *South Australia-India Engagement Strategy* was released in May 2013. India is home to a rich cultural and linguistic diversity and a significant potential market.

It is now South Australia's largest source of migrants and their engagement will help us to build a bridge that spans the Indian Ocean.

The *South Australia-China Engagement Strategy* was released in December 2012.

It has yielded remarkable outcomes over a short period.

In the 12 months to January 2014, there was a 44 per cent increase in the value of South Australia's exports to China.

South Australia's exports have increased by 12 per cent in the same period, with exports to China accounting for three-quarters of that increase.

We also benefit from significant inbound investment in mining and resources sourced from China, as well as in local construction which is helping transform the face of Adelaide.

This extraordinary outcome validates my Government's China engagement strategy, which is driven by our distinctly South Australian approach.

For South Australia to succeed in Asia, we have to offer more than a transactional relationship. South Australia is committed to a policy of comprehensive engagement that transcends economics, politics and culture.

This approach will be reflected in the Southeast Asia Engagement Strategy, which will be released at the end of this year.

Southeast Asia is a dynamic region. Its rate of economic growth is impressive and we have strong existing ties with the region—both human and economic.

Principally through academic exchange, South Australians have developed a comprehensive network across Southeast Asia.

And in the year to February 2014, we achieved an 8.7 per cent increase in exports to the ASEAN bloc.

Our outward looking approach will have both economic and social benefits. It will make us financially and culturally richer.

My Government's three principles will ensure that the transformation that has been started will bring economic growth and prosperity to all South Australians.

To maximise the effectiveness of our three principles, however, they will need to be applied across all sectors of our economy.

To do so, we need to enhance our understanding, appreciation and support for sectors on which our economy depends.

The Premier's *Agreement with the Member for Frome to Support Stable and Effective Government* includes an undertaking to develop charters for stronger regional policy and for small business.

These charters outline a series of commitments and initiatives that will ensure that my Government will be more responsive to the needs of South Australia's regional communities and business community.

South Australian small businesses contribute enormously to our economy and to our community.

They bring diversity to the marketplace and a level of personal service that brings communities together.

My Government has introduced payroll tax reform that will benefit South Australian small businesses, and will reform the existing WorkCover scheme, so that it works effectively for both workers and employers.

The scheme will help injured South Australian workers return to the workforce sooner and will provide an ongoing saving to businesses in South Australia of approximately \$180 million each year.

It will also protect and enhance the wellbeing of the most seriously injured at work, and will hold a clearer focus on recovery, retraining and return to work for those less seriously injured.

My Government is also committed to improving the operating environment for small business in South Australia.

My Government will reduce red tape, keep business costs as low as possible and improve access to self-help information tools.

These policies will complement recent initiatives designed to support South Australian small businesses, such as the Small Business Commissioner and Industry Participation Advocate.

My Government will also increase the level of support it provides to the regions.

Regional South Australia accounts for about 20 per cent of the State's population but contributes more than half of South Australia's overseas exports.

The regions will benefit from improvements to government agencies on which regional economic development leans heavily.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia will take responsibility for food manufacturing, which will allow the department to focus on the entire supply chain from paddock to plate.

And we will protect the pristine environment from which our premium food and wine is sourced.

My Government will also work closely with the Local Government Association of South Australia, regional local government bodies and individual local councils.

Together, they will work on bold economic and social initiatives designed to create new jobs and encourage healthy and satisfying lives in our communities.

An inclusive approach is required to keep building South Australia.

My Government will grow the economy to enhance the wellbeing and security of all South Australians.

Equal opportunity to participate fully in our society and economy is not possible without a quality public education system.

The Government remains committed to the continuous improvement to this system.

My Government will amend the Education Act to ensure that it better meets the needs of our children, our schools and their communities.

My Government will accelerate the reforms needed to support South Australia's integrated department and public education system.

My Government will reform governance arrangements and develop local partnerships across the State to enable greater community engagement in our schools' planning and decision making processes.

And it will introduce changes that will provide greater opportunity for feedback from students, parents and staff—including use of online tools to seek community opinions.

The Government is determined to ensure that all South Australians have the opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, a strong economy.

The growing tendency to separate economic policy from social outcomes has diminished the power and value of political discourse.

We need to remove any distance that currently separates economic growth and social benefit.

My Government's agenda is designed to improve the wellbeing of all South Australians.

We don't want to leave anyone behind.

Improving mental health and developing resilience should therefore be central to the work of government.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, 45 per cent of South Australians experience mental illness over their lifetime.

The rate of suicide in South Australia is unacceptable, and in rural areas the rates are significantly worse than those of metropolitan areas.

It is disturbing to consider that so many young people living in our prosperous, safe communities suffer from depression, anxiety and other mental illnesses.

As a community, we need to dedicate ourselves more fully to the issue of mental health and wellbeing, effectively treating mental illnesses and deliberately building mental health.

Building the mental health, resilience and wellbeing in society should be considered as the principal measure through which we can understand the state of our economy and our society.

Significant steps have already been taken.

Since the release of the Social Inclusion Board's *Stepping Up* Report, South Australia's mental health system has been rebuilt.

More than \$330 million has been invested to develop a new, modern mental health system.

We have acknowledged that we need to know more about these illnesses. The South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute has a major focus on mental health.

My Government will establish a new, independent Mental Health Commission to better coordinate and integrate services critical to South Australians who suffer from mental illness.

The first task of the Commission will be to develop the next phase of mental health reform.

But we must also work to address this tremendous and growing problem at its source.

My Government will also expand existing efforts to implement the positive psychology approach that Martin Seligman has introduced to South Australia.

Our efforts will focus on building wellbeing, resilience and mental health for individuals, schools, and businesses—particularly those adversely affected by the changes taking place to our economy.

My Government also believes that South Australians should live free from fear.

The Government will deal firmly with anyone who works to diminish the security and wellbeing of our people.

It will reintroduce for the fourth time legislation to bankrupt repeat drug dealers.

It will introduce legislation to remove the ability for serious violent offenders to receive a wholly suspended sentence.

Legislation will also be introduced to allow South Australia Police to apply for control orders over child sex offenders, in order to restrict the activities of those convicted of those offences. They will, for example, be prevented from using the internet or attending certain locations.

My Government will protect those who dedicate their lives to community safety, through legislation that will require offenders who expose police officers to the risk of a communicable disease to undergo a blood test.

And the Government will work to ensure that all South Australians can access the justice system.

The Government will implement the nation's first Disability Justice Plan, so that people with disability can engage with the justice system on the same level as the rest of the community.

My Government's agenda will help enhance the prosperity, security and wellbeing of all South Australians.

And it will ensure that progress is achieved in a sustainable fashion.

South Australia leads the nation in the uptake of wind energy. In 2012-13, it accounted for 27 per cent of electricity generated in our State.

The Government will introduce into Parliament the *Pastoral Land Management and Conservation (Renewable Energy) Amendment Bill 2014* to further facilitate the use of renewable energy in South Australia.

My Government will achieve economic growth that is inclusive, sustainable and will enhance the wellbeing of South Australians.

And it will realise its comprehensive agenda in a manner that improves the perception of our democratic institutions and processes.

Citizens are not convinced that policy is designed with their best interests in mind.

As a result, there appears to be a growing feeling of estrangement between politicians and the people they are elected to represent.

This suggests an urgent need to reform our democracy.

To govern effectively in a democracy, it is vital that people are confident that decisions are made for the right reasons.

We must therefore act to ensure that political donations are modest, transparent and offer no guarantee of influence on matters of public policy.

My Government will act so that any perception of impropriety is not hidden in the shadows—and we will deal decisively with those who have sought to benefit personally from corrupt practices.

To strengthen our democracy, all political parties must act to ensure that their internal processes are transparent and democratic.

As South Australians work together to shape the important questions concerning their future—and to find answers to those questions—we must be willing to involve people in the decisions that affect their lives.

The quality of government services shapes the popular perception of our public sector. We must perpetually seek to improve the quality of service we provide to those who rely heavily upon it.

Improved governance should be considered as one of the great challenges of this 53rd Parliament.

Honourable members:

Following the recent State Election, the highly respected Member for Fisher, the Honourable Dr 'Bob' Such, has fallen ill and is undergoing treatment.

My Government wishes Dr Such a speedy recovery and I am sure that all members join me in bestowing their best wishes upon his family at this moment.

During this 53rd Parliament, the legislative agenda undertaken by my Government will evolve and expand to reflect the sentiment expressed in the recent South Australian State Election.

Even though the result was not immediately apparent, the message was clear.

The people of South Australia demand more from our leaders, our parliament, and from the instruments of government.

The Government recognises the need for renewal.

I welcome new ministers Brock, Close, Bettison and Mullighan to the executive arm of the South Australian Government.

My Government will deliver a bold agenda that puts people first and creates sustainable jobs for the future.

It will govern for all South Australians, and restore their sense of financial and physical security, their aspirations and wellbeing, to the centre of our political discourse.

Honourable members:

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

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

The President again took the chair and read prayers.

Members

MEMBERS, NEW AND FORMER

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (15:22): I move:

That this council expresses thanks to former members, the Hon. Ann Bressington and the Hon. Carmel Zollo, and also welcomes new members, the Hon. Tung Ngo and the Hon. Andrew McLachlan.

I will keep this reasonably short as this is a traditional formality at the start of each session. At the end of the last parliamentary session, we had the opportunity to express our thanks to the

Hon. Carmel Zollo, whom we knew was retiring, and to acknowledge her immense contribution in this place. At that point in time I stated Carmel's valuable contribution and service to the people of this state, so I will not go over that again but, rather, wish Carmel well in her life after parliament.

The Hon. Ann Bressington does not rejoin us at this parliamentary session, and I hope that her health has returned after struggling with an illness late last year. The Hon. Ann Bressington has always been one to stand up for what she believes in. She is a passionate person and intensely conveys her opinions. I wish her well and the best of luck for whatever the future holds for her.

Finally, I welcome two new members to this place: the Hon. Tung Ngo on this side of the chamber and the Hon. Andrew McLachlan on the other side of the chamber. Working in this place can be fairly overwhelming at times when trying to comprehend and navigate your way through many standing orders and conventions. There is no orientation or induction manual, but there are plenty of colleagues in this place, both on this side and on the other side, who would obviously assist whenever they can. I wish both of you all the very best, and I know that under the trusted guidance of the clerks, attendants and your colleagues, you will be provided with the help and support that is needed to be effective elected members representing the people of this state.

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Leader of the Opposition) (15:25): Mr President, I will second the motion and offer a few remarks on behalf of the opposition. To our former members, Carmel Zollo and Ann Bressington—of course, Carmel Zollo, to my recollection, was the first woman to be appointed a minister in this term of this Labor government in this Legislative Council. I know we have had previous female ministers. I think Carmel Zollo served the parliament and South Australia with distinction while she was in that role.

Ann Bressington certainly spoke her mind; none of us were ever left in any doubt as to what she was thinking, whether it was during question time or a debate. A couple of engagements I had with her were certainly robust, to say the least. I wish both of those people all the very best in their retirement; it is the next phase of their life, and I do hope that they have a long, prosperous and joyful retirement.

Of course, there are two new members who come to the parliament: on this side, Mr Andrew McLachlan, who I have known for a number of years. I am sure members here will learn to understand that he has a keen sense of humour and a very sharp mind. He will add a lot of value to this side of the chamber, and at some point in the not too distant future I hope he adds a lot of value to that side of the chamber.

Finally, Mr Tung Ngo, who I have come across over a number of years: some years ago, I was the shadow minister assisting the shadow minister for multicultural affairs and got to know the multicultural community quite well, and had a lot to do with them. I have to say that Tung was somebody who was always warm and welcoming. I think recognition has to be made of this: in this last election cycle, I was at a function in Enfield with the Vietnamese community, I think, and the Liberal candidate for Enfield was a late arrival. Tung borrowed a piece of paper from me and a pen, wrote his name and gave it to the MC so that he could be recognised. I thought that was a particularly decent thing for Tung to have done.

In the heat of an election campaign we do not often see other parties acknowledging their opponents, but he did it then, and I think he certainly comes here having already proved that he is a gentleman. I hope, as he discharges his duties as the whip, that he treats us in that same way. I would like to welcome those two new members and of course wish the retiring members all the very best.

Motion carried.

Parliamentary Procedure

PAPERS

The following papers were laid on the table:

By the President—

Report of the Statutory Authorities Review Committee on its Inquiry into Funds SA which was authorised to be published on 17 January 2014, pursuant to section 17(7)(b) of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991

- Report of the Statutory Authorities Review Committee on its Inquiry into the State Procurement Board which was authorised to be published on 3 December 2013, pursuant to section 17(7)(b) of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991
- Reports of the Natural Resources Committee on Natural Resources Management Board Levy Proposal, 2014-15, for—
- Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges
 - Eyre Peninsula
 - Kangaroo Island
 - Northern and Yorke
 - South Australian Arid Lands
 - South Australian Murray-Darling Basin
 - South East
- Report of the Select Committee on the Inquiry into the Corporation of the City of Burnside, which was authorised to be published and distributed by the President of the Legislative Council on 14 February 2014, pursuant to Resolution of the Legislative Council on 27 November 2013
- Report of the Select Committee on Matters Relating to the Independent Education Inquiry, which was authorised to be published and distributed by the President of the Legislative Council on 12 February 2014, pursuant to Resolution of the Legislative Council on 27 November 2013
- Report of the Auditor-General on Adelaide Oval Redevelopment, pursuant to section 9 of the Adelaide Oval Redevelopment and Management Act 2011, 1 July to 31 September 2013, which was received on 28 February 2014 and published on 3 March 2014
- Reports, 2012-13
- Corporations—
 - Adelaide
 - Campbelltown
 - Charles Sturt
 - Holdfast Bay
 - Marion
 - Norwood, Payneham and St. Peters
 - Onkaparinga
 - Playford
 - Port Adelaide Enfield
 - Prospect
 - Salisbury
 - Tea Tree Gully
 - Victor Harbor
 - Walkerville
 - District Councils—
 - Adelaide Hills
 - Alexandrina
 - Barossa
 - Barunga West
 - Berri Barmera
 - Ceduna
 - Clare and Gilbert Valleys
 - Coober Pedy
 - Coorong
 - Copper Coast
 - Elliston
 - Gawler
 - Grant
 - Kangaroo Island
 - Karoonda East Murray
 - Kingston
 - Light
 - Lower Eyre Peninsula

Loxton Waikerie
 Mid Murray
 Mount Gambier
 Mount Remarkable
 Murray Bridge
 Naracoorte Lucindale
 Northern Areas
 Peterborough
 Port Augusta
 Port Lincoln
 Port Pirie
 Renmark Paringa
 Roxby
 Streaky Bay
 Tumby Bay
 Wakefield
 Whyalla
 Wudinna
 Yankalilla
 Yorke Peninsula

By the Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills (Hon. G.E. Gago)—

State Coroner—Report, 2012-13

Criminal Law (Forensic Procedures) Act 2007—Report, 2013-14

Reports—

Remuneration Tribunal Report relating to Determination No. 1 of 2014

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 Officers and Members of Parliament

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STANDING ORDERS SUSPENSION

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (15:42): I seek leave to move a motion without notice concerning the suspension of standing order 14.

Leave granted.

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

That standing order No. 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.

VISITORS

The PRESIDENT: I acknowledge the presence of a former president of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Bob Sneath. He has just left the chamber, so I did not get to acknowledge his presence in the chamber in time.

Ministerial Statement

MEMBER FOR FROME, GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (15:57): I table a copy of a ministerial statement, relating to the agreement with the member for Frome to support stable and effective government, made earlier today in another place by my colleague the Premier, Jay Weatherill.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, WORKERS COMPENSATION

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (15:57): I table a copy of a ministerial statement, relating to workers compensation for volunteer firefighters, made earlier today in another place by my colleague the Deputy Premier, John Rau.

Question Time

ELDER ELECTORATE

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Leader of the Opposition) (15:57): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for the Status of Women and the Leader of the Government in this place a question in relation to racism in South Australian politics.

Leave granted.

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY: There is a bipartisan view in South Australia that we need more women in parliament. Like any other candidate, female candidates must be selected on their merit and their capacity to serve their constituency. For that reason, I was extremely pleased to see, at South Australia's recent election, some high quality candidates from both sides of politics, in fact all sides of politics.

As members would be aware, I worked closely with the Liberal candidate for Elder, Ms Carolyn Habib. Carolyn is a vivacious and hardworking young woman and she is passionate about her community. She has served diligently on the Marion council and her work with Re-Engage Youth Services is dedicated to providing a better future for those more vulnerable youth.

In *The Advertiser* on 14 March, David Penberthy described Carolyn as 'perfectly decent'. It was an article which responded to one of Labor's final Elder campaign pieces. This piece was a flyer asking the question, 'Can You Trust Habib?' As observed in the same article by Penberthy, this untarnished Liberal candidate had 'by dint of her surname become the subject of a button pushing smear'.

I will not take up members' time describing the flyer—I am sure all members have seen it—but I think it is important to reiterate in this explanation some remarks made by senior journalists and politicians about this flyer. David Penberthy went on and commented that 'its clear intent appeared to suggest that this mysterious Habib could be anything from a people smuggler to a fundamentalist imam who dreamt of establishing an Islamic caliphate in Ascot Park'.

Graham Archer, the executive producer of *Today Tonight*, commented that 'just the way this thing was structured, there was obviously intent behind it, using just her surname, using that sort of imagery, there was intent behind it and to pretend there wasn't and say all the facts were correct...I think that's just an insult to the electorate'.

Federal Attorney-General George Brandis said that the campaign tactic had no place in Australian politics. The federal member for Port Adelaide, Mark Butler, on 891 radio said that the image was confronting. South Australian Independent Senator Nick Xenophon said that the

advertisement was 'repugnant dog-whistling' and thought that most reasonable people would look at the leaflet and find it either malicious or reckless.

By contrast, Premier Weatherill dismissed it as a pretend defence to distract from the real issues, and Treasurer Koutsantonis believed there was no racial intent. My question is: does the minister share the position of those eminent journalists and politicians quoted above, that the flyer in question was, indeed, a racist attack on the Liberal candidate for Elder?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:00): No.

ELDER ELECTORATE

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Leader of the Opposition) (16:00): Supplementary question: if the minister does not believe that it is a racial attack on the candidate for Elder, does that mean that this type of material will be acceptable and that we will see it in future Labor Party campaigns?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:01): This is just an act of sour grapes. They lost the election. It was an unlosable election and they lost, and this is nothing but sour grapes. I reject the assertions that the Hon. David Ridgway makes. Everyone is entitled to their point of view. Journalists and other members of the public are entitled to their point of view. I do not share the points of view that the Hon. David Ridgway quoted. I do not share those views.

The member made it quite clear that there was no racial intent intended in that publication, and I accept that. This, as I said, is just sour grapes. They lost the unlosable election and now we see them squealing like stuck pigs.

ELDER ELECTORATE

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Leader of the Opposition) (16:02): Is the minister confirming that this will be a tactic that we will see in future Labor Party campaigns?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:02): No.

ELDER ELECTORATE

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (16:02): Further supplementary: does the minister agree that this sort of gutter politics is exactly the stuff that stops women from wanting to stand as elected representatives?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:02): I will stand by our numbers in this parliament. We have much higher figures. This government, this party, outdoes the Liberal Party on every front in terms of the representation of women. We outnumber them in this place—

The Hon. D.W. Ridgway interjecting:

The PRESIDENT: The Hon. Mr Ridgway, I do not think it is appropriate to be calling 'racist' across the chamber to the minister, who is trying to give an answer. You are assuming that the minister is racist. That will be clearly rejected, so let's keep it civil. The minister is giving an answer.

The Hon. G.E. GAGO: As I said, I stand by our numbers, Mr President. We have outdone the Liberal Party on every front. Federally, we see an Abbott government that has one woman in its cabinet—one woman. It is disgraceful. We have outnumbered them on every front. Our track record is behind us and we have a target to continue to try to improve, unlike those opposite.

SA WATER

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (16:04): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Water and the River Murray a question regarding SA Water.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK: This government likes to praise itself on some of its so-called cost-of-living initiatives implemented since 2012. However, South Australian families are paying the highest water bills in Australia, with the average household facing a cost of \$873 a year, a whopping 31 per cent increase from 2011-12. The independent regulator, ESCOSA, has said in a recent report:

SA Water has the highest drinking water prices and revenue/property connection of comparable Australian water utilities, but amongst the lowest operating costs/property connections.

We have seen the total number of SA Water hardship customers increase from 1,445 in January 2012 to 3,618 by June 2013—a 150 per cent increase since the beginning of 2012. Meanwhile, SA Water's annual revenue from the provision of water retail services increased by 15 per cent. My questions are:

1. Can the minister please explain how the state Labor government has allowed South Australia to have the highest drinking water prices compared to all other Australian water utilities?
2. Has the minister sought advice from ESCOSA or any other body on how to reduce water prices?
3. Can the minister promise South Australian households that they will no longer be sacrificed to cover the state's failing budget?

The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, Minister for Water and the River Murray, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation) (16:05): I thank the honourable member for her first question to me in this session of parliament. It is ironic, in a way, that I would get a question like this from a Liberal Party member whose ambition in life was in fact to privatise SA Water. We all know ministers who have been to Canberra—

The Hon. J.M.A. Lensink interjecting:

The Hon. I.K. HUNTER: Well, no, let me correct myself, Mr President: no, they are not going to privatise SA Water, they say, 'We'll just sell off all the assets. We'll keep SA Water in government hands, but we'll sell off the assets.' That's what their plan was. When we go to Canberra, the federal government, in a little quiet clutch, have a little chat to us and say, 'Well, you know, we factored in all your SA Water assets; we have got them all priced here.' That is exactly what they intended to do because these people on the opposition benches will never stand up to Canberra for South Australia.

SA WATER

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (16:06): Supplementary question: how can you say such things when that was blatantly denied by the leader and has been denied by me several times on radio? Will you tell the truth?

The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, Minister for Water and the River Murray, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation) (16:07): The truth needs to be told by the Liberal Party. The Liberal Party never ever during the election campaign, to the best of my recollection, ruled out privatising assets. They said, 'No, we won't privatise SA Water,' but, when pressed, they never ruled out selling off the desalination plant, selling off the sewerage plant system—they never ever said any of that. They stuck to this little formula and said, 'Oh, we won't privatise SA Water,' but were silent when asked the question. 'What about the assets?' They never went that far because they had a secret plan to flog it all off.

CLARE VALLEY WATER SUPPLY

The Hon. S.G. WADE (16:07): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking a question of the Minister for Water and the River Murray in relation to Clare Valley water.

Leave granted.

The Hon. S.G. WADE: As the government has agreed to relief for Clare Valley grape growers in respect of their water requirements, will the government provide the same relief for other primary producers across the state? If not, why not?

The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, Minister for Water and the River Murray, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation)

(16:08): I refuse to be verbally by members of the opposition in terms of what we have agreed and what we haven't agreed. If the honourable member wants any clarification, he can refer to the paper tabled by my leader today in relation to the agreement between the Premier and the member for Frome.

SKILLS FOR JOBS IN REGIONS

The Hon. G.A. KANDELAARS (16:08): Thank you, Mr President; firstly, I congratulate you on your elevation to the presidency of this chamber. I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills a question about skills development.

Leave granted.

The Hon. G.A. KANDELAARS: We know that people with higher level qualifications are more likely to gain employment and earn more. Can the minister inform the chamber about the programs the government is funding across regions of South Australia to help people find work in their local communities?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:09): I thank the honourable member for his question. With the support of \$9.5 million in state government funding, more than 8,000 people across South Australian regions will develop their skills to access local job opportunities. The funding provided through the Skills for Jobs in Regions program, an initiative of this government's jobs and skills policy, aims to increase the state's skilled workforce and create more employment opportunities.

Skills for Jobs in Regions prepares and connects jobseekers and displaced workers to jobs identified by employers and industry in their area. As part of the commitment, funds will also be invested in career transition services which equip people with the skills to transition from learning to training and to work.

Our aim is to place up to 14,000 people across the state into jobs within their local communities over the next three years, by delivering tailored employment projects that respond to local, regional workforce needs. In total, we have allocated \$9.5 million during 2013-14 to support 170 projects across 17 regions. Some of the projects that are being delivered include:

- Southern Flinders/Far North/Whyalla—Building Family Opportunities, which provides professional and practical whole-of-life services to enable jobless families to break the cycle of long-term and intergenerational joblessness;
- Northern Adelaide—the Aboriginal Garden Blitz, which provides a live training site for Aboriginal people to gain a Certificate II in Horticulture and simulated work experience while renovating a Housing SA property;
- Yorke Peninsula—Agriculture and Mining Pathways, which supports job seekers in gaining skills for working in the agriculture and mining industries. The project provides participants with skill sets and employability skills to open up employment options into growth areas in the region;
- Murraylands—Community Support provides job seekers with a direct link to job opportunities in the health and community services (disability support) industry. The project combines non-accredited training, accredited training, case management and work placement opportunities within the three main disability support services to transition people into work;
- Southern Adelaide—Plus One Cadre, which assists young people, long-term unemployed job seekers, mature-aged retrenched workers, and Aboriginal people into traineeships, apprenticeships and other employment opportunities. The project works with 18 local businesses and tourism associations in the southern Adelaide region to match job seekers with job opportunities;
- Southern Childcare/Home and Community Care transitions people into work who have completed Certificate III in Aged Care and Home and Community Care Work. The project works with employers to deliver value-adding skills such as patient care, manual

handling and drug administration, workshops in personal presentation, customer service, self-esteem and self-confidence to build employability skills.

There are many other examples I could give but, given the unlimited question time today, I will save those for another occasion. Unlike those opposite, this government went to the election with a plan for the future and that is why we have invested, and will continue to invest, in training and skills.

SKILLS FOR JOBS IN REGIONS

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (16:12): I have a supplementary question. Can the minister guarantee that funding for those programs she has just referred to will not be cut in the next financial year?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:12): This government continues to plan for job stimulation, job growth and investment in our industries and private sector. It continues to evolve and develop strategies to do that over time in the most appropriate way with the best use of moneys available.

SKILLS FOR JOBS IN REGIONS

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (16:13): A further supplementary: given that the minister refuses to guarantee that funding will not be cut, has the minister already had discussions about cutting funding to those particular programs in the period leading up to this particular budget?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:13): No.

GOVERNMENT LAND

The Hon. J.A. DARLEY (16:13): My question is to the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, representing the Minister for Transport Services. Can the minister provide an estimate of the total value of all marketable surplus government land within the Adelaide metropolitan planning area, Gawler and the District Council of Mount Barker?

The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, Minister for Water and the River Murray, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation) (16:13): I thank the honourable member for his most important question directed to the minister in the other place. I undertake to take that question to him and seek a response on his behalf.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF COMPANY DIRECTORS

The Hon. G.A. KANDELAARS (16:14): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for the Status of Women a question about the Australian Institute of Company Directors scholarships.

Leave granted.

The Hon. G.A. KANDELAARS: In 2013 the Premier and the minister offered scholarships to 25 women to attend board training. Can the minister outline plans for the scholarship opportunities this year?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:14): I thank the honourable member for his most important question. One of the commitments this government has made is to ensure more women are included on state government boards and committees—targets that have been extremely successful to date. Our targets are to increase the number of women on boards and as chairs to 50 per cent by 2014, and as at 1 May I can advise honourable members that women made up 47.3 per cent of board members and 41.9 per cent of board chairs.

I draw to the attention of the chamber that this is a significant increase in the number of women represented on boards and chairs on what the previous Liberal government had in place—a significant increase. They had a disgraceful track record when it came to women's representation. These aspirational targets illustrate just how seriously we take women's representation. As Minister

for the Status of Women, I am particularly keen to ensure that not only are women better represented on our boards but also that we see membership of women from diverse backgrounds and regional areas.

I am pleased to confirm that the state government will again offer scholarships for 25 women to attend the Governance for Directors training, delivered at the Australian Institute of Company Directors. As members may be aware, the AICD is an internationally-recognised, member-based, not-for-profit organisation. Its key activities include education, conducting professional development programs and events for boards and directors, producing publications on director and governance issues, and developing and promoting policies of interest to directors.

This course is part of the Foundations of Directorship program that the AICD offers. The 2014 round of scholarships will offer the Governance of Directors course, which was offered in 2013. This one-day Governance for Directors course provides a practical introduction to the roles and functions of the board and directors, knowledge of regulation frameworks and compliance obligations as a director.

Participants will take away insights into leadership, governance and the boardroom environment. They will have a better understanding of the director's role in terms of monitoring performance and meeting compliance obligations, as well as the rights of directors. It will enable women to feel more confident in their knowledge of appropriate composition and structure of boards and the key requirements of good practice board operations, planning and selecting new directors.

There was immense interest in the scholarship opportunity last year. The Office for Women received 300 expressions of interest and 95 applications from women across South Australia. I am also advised that the Office for Women continues to receive inquiries about additional training through scholarship opportunities such as this. More than half the successful applicants were from regional areas, which is a great outcome as it is more difficult for women based in regional South Australia to access training opportunities like this.

Feedback from last year's participants was just overwhelming. I spoke to a number of participants, who went out of their way to chat to me about the value of that experience and the difference it made to their confidence and their life. Scholarship recipients were pleased with the course itself, as well as the way the scholarships were managed, and I am told participants continue to keep in touch via a LinkedIn group established to allow them to continue to share ideas and experience.

This is welcome news, as it is a vital part of development and growth, and this comes through learning from experience with others, sharing views and understanding issues from different perspectives. Like last year, the priority will be given to South Australian women living in regional areas, Aboriginal women, women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and women living with a disability. We have added a new focus this year, and we are particularly encouraging younger and older women to apply.

FARM FINANCE PACKAGE

The Hon. R.L. BROKENSHIRE (16:19): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Leader of the Government, the former minister for agriculture and the minister representing regional development, a question regarding Farm Finance.

Leave granted.

The Hon. R.L. BROKENSHIRE: This is the first occasion in about 160 calendar days when I have had the chance to ask a question following on from my questions about Farm Finance in the last sitting week in November 2013. The PIRSA website now indicates that the federal government has committed \$50 million over two years, including the current financial year, for concessional loans for debt restructuring of existing debt, with loans ranging from \$200,000 to \$650,000 for terms up to five years at an initial interest rate of 4.5 per cent. Applications closed on 30 April 2014, even though other states had their finance delivery vehicles ready and concessional loans made available for many months during drought conditions which extended into our state's far north pastoralist country.

I highlight in particular Oodnadatta, where two-year rainfall figures to 31 March 2014 show that it has had its lowest rainfall on record over that period, and all regions north and east from there to Birdsville have experienced a severe rainfall deficiency over the same two years. The now former

minister, the Leader of the Government in this house, told this place when we last sat in November that this \$50 million package was \$10 million short of the \$60 million per state the former federal government committed, although, as has been noted in other places, other states were far quicker in getting farm finance arrangements in place due largely, I understand, to South Australia lacking a Farm Finance delivery vehicle as the other states had.

The federal minister has also claimed that in December there is a \$40 million reserve to apply next financial year to areas of greatest need if conditions change. My questions to the minister are—and I acknowledge that some of them may need to be taken on notice but with some of them the minister should have knowledge of them now:

1. Why are pastoralists like those at Allandale Station at Oodnadatta still waiting for assistance from this government?

2. Why is PIRSA now seeking information from station-owners about the Farm Finance problems when it has been going on for many months, and was even debated in this place in November, and PIRSA clearly had briefing notes to the minister?

3. Does the minister agree with the figures and, in turn, the logic behind the federal minister's claim on 4 December that South Australia has 10.5 per cent of total farms in the nation but will be getting 12 per cent of the total concessional loan funds?

4. How many farmers sought farm finance before 30 April deadline (that has just passed) and what is the expected draw on the \$25 million this financial year as a result of those applications?

5. Finally, with the benefit of hindsight and as the Premier has said, chastised by its poor electoral showing in the regions, does the government now apologise to South Australia's farmers for dragging its feet in getting a delivery vehicle ready for farm finance before its federal Labor colleagues lost office in September?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:23): I thank the honourable member for his questions. I will refer them to the appropriate minister in another place and bring back a response. However, the bottom line is quite simple: that is, the former Labor government committed to and funded this farmers' finance package to the tune of \$60 million for South Australian farmers and then along came the Abbott Liberal government and siphoned off \$10 million out of that fund to give to other states. That is the bottom line: \$10 million was siphoned off to other states. There is nothing that the Hon. Mr Brokenshire can do to distort the fundamental fact that a former Labor government was prepared to support South Australian farmers more than an Abbott Liberal government.

FARM FINANCE PACKAGE

The Hon. R.L. BROKENSHERE (16:23): I have a supplementary question. Does the minister admit that when she was minister she dropped the ball and therefore we got diddly-squat?

STATE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (16:24): I seek leave to make an explanation before asking the Minister for Employment a question about the new Department of State Development.

Leave granted.

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS: The Premier in the last 24 hours announced the merger of two former departments (DMITRE and DFEEST). He also is reported in the media as indicating that a new chief executive officer would be appointed, I assume after the position has been duly advertised.

Under the former arrangements, there was a chief executive officer of DMITRE, Mr Geoff Knight, who has a five-year contract which does not expire until 21 October 2017. He is employed at a total employment cost of \$374,000 per year, according to his contract, which we saw in January of this year. There was also a chief executive officer for DFEEST, Mr Ray Garrand, who people would be familiar with as a former Labor Party staffer and the former adviser on State Bank issues to Mr John Bannon. He has a three-year contract, which expires on 10 August 2014. My questions are:

1. Can the minister indicate whether the services of Mr Knight and Mr Garrand will be terminated? If they are to be terminated, will the minister take on notice what will be the termination payments to be made available to those two gentlemen?

2. If the services of Mr Knight and Mr Garrand are not to be terminated, what positions will the government make available to Mr Knight and Mr Garrand?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:26): I thank the honourable member for his important questions. Indeed, an announcement was made yesterday in relation to DFEEST and DMITRE being amalgamated to form one new Department of State Development; this is in line with our election commitment.

The new department, as announced, will drive and leverage growth in the economy, administer our job plans, coordinate the government's engagement with small to medium-size businesses, foster innovation and growth in investment and trade, and also bring together responsibility for skills, employment and science.

The amalgamation of the two departments will create, we believe, a stronger interface between government and business and will help drive future economic growth and help us to transform the economy. The new department will case manage private sector projects and will work to identify and remove barriers in job creation, such as removing red tape or considering a case from the Job Acceleration Fund. It has been announced that the acting chief executive of this new department will be Mr Raymond Garrand while the future chief executive positions of that department are being considered.

In relation to the details the honourable member has raised, my understanding is that those matters are still under consideration and that discussions are still taking place and that those details have yet to be finalised.

STATE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (16:28): I have a supplementary question arising from the minister's answer. Given that the minister has indicated that Mr Garrand is acting as the chief executive officer, can the minister indicate: as of now, what is Mr Geoff Knight doing?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:28): The new department does not come into place until the beginning of July—anyway, it will not be in place until the beginning of the financial year—so Mr Ray Garrand is responsible now for the setting up of that new department. My understanding is that Mr Geoff Knight is still taking responsibility for the DMITRE operations until they transition into the new department, to the best of my knowledge.

STATE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (16:29): As a supplementary question arising out of the minister's answer, does the minister indicate that Mr Garrand therefore has responsibility over Mr Knight during this period leading up to the merger of the departments on 1 July, if that is the actual date? So, during this period, is Mr Garrand responsible for Mr Knight and others within the department?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:29): I have outlined as much information as I have available. I am happy to take those questions on notice and bring back a response.

STATE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (16:30): A further supplementary question arising out of the minister's answer: under the government's new arrangements, do the existing CEOs—and then after 1 July will the new CEO, whoever he or she is—report to the minister for some of minister Gago's portfolio responsibilities?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for

Business Services and Consumers) (16:30): I just seek clarity. I do not really understand the question. Could you just pose it in a different way?

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS: If I could just clarify my question, that is, under the current arrangements up to 1 July, while we still have two chief executive officers, will those chief executive officers be reporting to minister Gago for some of her portfolio responsibilities, and after 1 July will the new CEO also be reporting to minister Gago for some of her responsibilities as the Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO: I have been appointed the minister responsible for the administration of this new department, so the acting chief executive for the new department will report to me and obviously to other relevant ministers, depending on the particular responsibilities or projects that are undertaken, and in the interim, in relation to the DFEST responsibilities, Ray Garrard will be reporting to me on those as well as the transition arrangements for the new department.

STATE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (16:31): Another supplementary, Mr President. Can I just understand whether the minister's last answer clarified that, given that there are a number of ministers to whom these chief executives will report—and I will not list them—is the minister indicating that she is the minister who has been given responsibility for managing the merger of the two agencies into one on 1 July?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:32): I have given as much detail as I had, and that is that I have been appointed the minister responsible for the administration of the new department and all the responsibilities that that entails, so they will be directly reporting to me.

APY LANDS, RENAL DIALYSIS UNITS

The Hon. T.J. STEPHENS (16:32): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation questions about renal dialysis on the APY lands.

Leave granted.

The Hon. T.J. STEPHENS: I refer the minister to the Liberal Party's election policy committing to the establishment of a renal dialysis unit on the APY lands, preventing the need for patients to travel to Alice Springs, Port Augusta and Adelaide for regular treatment and separating them from their families and communities.

The unit would have been established at Pukatja and would utilise commonwealth funding of \$1.8 million which had been earmarked for the project. Labor committed no money to the establishment of such a sorely-needed facility. My questions to the minister are:

1. Given that the commonwealth has already committed the funds, will the government establish a renal dialysis unit on the APY lands?
2. Can the minister confirm the cost of transporting and treating the current Anangu patients receiving dialysis?
3. Has the minister met with the NPY Women's Council and Anangu elders with regard to this issue?

The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, Minister for Water and the River Murray, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation) (16:33): I could of course refer the honourable member's important question to the responsible minister—the Minister for Health—but I might attempt to give him some information again today as I have done on this matter in the past, notwithstanding the fact that the state election has intervened and the Liberal Party policy—sham that it was—was released on the electorate with no full understanding given to the community about what the funding commitment from the Liberal Party was at the time. Of course it was to reduce services across the state of South Australia to Anangu and to localise it in one spot, forgetting of course the fact that Anangu communities are incredibly mobile across the state.

The Central Australia Renal Study released by the Australian government in 2011 recommended a hub and spoke model of service delivery for dialysis patients from Central Australia with Alice Springs as the hub. That is the Central Australia Renal Study. There are currently an estimated 23 people, I am advised, from the APY lands receiving dialysis in Alice Springs, Adelaide and Port Augusta.

Twelve of these people receive dialysis in Alice Springs, with 11 people receiving dialysis in South Australia, nine of these based in Adelaide and two, I am told, in Port Augusta. The Australian government provided \$600,000 in funding to the Country Health SA Local Health Network to build and fit out a renal dialysis truck for use in remote Aboriginal communities. The truck was completed in late December 2013 and delivered to South Australia in January 2014.

Following an official launch and successful trial of the truck in Adelaide, the first trip was undertaken to Ernabella, at Pukatja in the APY lands, in March 2014, with five patients attending, I am told. A further three trips to the APY lands have been scheduled between April and June 2014 to include Marla, Amata and Mimili. It is envisaged that the service may move to longer visits in the communities, allowing patients to return to their home community for a longer period of time.

Prior to the South Australian truck being built, a mobile dialysis truck was released from the Northern Territory to provide these visits. Visits to Coober Pedy, Yalata and the Flinders Ranges will also be scheduled for 2014. It is expected that the truck will visit remote communities for approximately 16 weeks in the 2014 calendar year. This will, of course, be subject to the successful completion of the first four trips and demand from patients.

As I said, the Liberal Party tried to perpetrate a sham on the South Australian community in relation to its policy. It did not tell the community that to fund this they would be cutting dialysis services in Port Augusta, they would be cutting dialysis services in Adelaide, they would be cutting dialysis services to the mobile truck and saying, 'There's only one place where you'll be able to get the services,' even though they know—they know full well—that the Anangu community is incredibly mobile over different times of the year. They spend time around the state, particularly in Port Augusta and Adelaide. Yet they were going to say, 'The only service you can get access to is going to be in Pukatja.' That doesn't take into account the needs of the local community. They did not consult the local Anangu to a sufficient extent to understand where demand from the community is best placed.

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDER'S OFFICE

The Hon. M.C. PARNELL (16:36): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking a question of the Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, representing the Attorney-General, about the Environmental Defender's Office.

Leave granted.

The Hon. M.C. PARNELL: In the Governor's speech, His Excellency referred to access to justice. In the field of the environment, one of the most important institutions for providing access to justice in South Australia over the last 22 years has been the Environmental Defender's Office and its predecessor, the Environmental Law Community Advisory Service.

Two months ago, the federal Attorney-General announced that all legal aid funding to the Environmental Defender's Office in South Australia and elsewhere would be cut effective 30 June this year. As a consequence, the ability of the Environmental Defender's Office to provide free legal assistance and representation to the South Australian community on environmental matters will be severely curtailed and the office may even need to close.

My question to the minister is: what steps will the government take to ensure the financial viability of the Environmental Defender's Office and enable it to continue its vital work in South Australia? In asking this question I acknowledge that I am a founding member of the EDO, a life member of the EDO and a former employee of the EDO.

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:38): I thank the honourable member for his most important question and acknowledge his very close longstanding association with this office. I would be pleased to refer these important questions to the Attorney-General in another place and bring back a response.

I just want to note for the record at this point in time that in fact I have been advised that it was the federal Liberal government that—I think it was just last year—defunded the EDO quite significantly. We see the Tony Abbott government gutting these really important authorities.

WOMEN'S CENTRES

The Hon. J.S. LEE (16:39): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for the Status of Women a question about the closure of selected women's centres in North Adelaide.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.S. LEE: I refer to the Radio Adelaide interview on 29 April, when the CEO of the National Council of Single Mothers and their Children, Ms Terese Edwards, was interviewed about the closure of selected youth and women's centres in North Adelaide.

This closure is an attempt to save \$3 million annually from the South Australian Health services. These centres provide women and youth with a safe, professional and holistic service, which responds to people from all walks of life.

The Minister for Health, Jack Snelling, confirmed that one of the reasons the facility is being closed is due to the unsustainable physical state of the building. However, Ms Edwards stated in her interview that she visits the building on a 'regular basis and, if that is the reason for closing, it seems like a flawed economic argument'. My questions to the minister are:

1. What consultations has the Minister for the Status of Women had with the Minister for Health regarding this centre's closure?
2. What consultations has the minister had with the stakeholders?
3. How would the minister advocate to protect the services that it provides to women from all walks of life?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:40): I thank the honourable member for her important question. SA Health recently released its new model of care for delivering assessment and care to women. The new model will be based on a hub and spoke model, with outreach services available across metropolitan South Australia.

Women's services hubs will be located in Port Adelaide, Elizabeth and Noarlunga, with an outreach service in North Adelaide. These changes will affect the way that women access services; however, they have been specifically developed to focus on ensuring vulnerable women can access appropriate health care. Healthcare initiatives support the government's strategic priorities: safe communities and healthy neighbourhoods. I have had discussions with the health minister and I have had briefings in relation to these changes, so I have obviously kept a very close eye on it, particularly in relation to the consultation that the Department of Health has undertaken with stakeholders.

The driver for change was the Review of Non-Hospital Based Services in 2012, which focused on services' performance and outcomes. The changes that have occurred will not change the health care services available to vulnerable women; however, the delivery of those services may change. SA Health has also developed a new model of care for youth health as well.

According to the South Australian Health media release, the changes to the women's health and youth health models will result in savings of about \$3 million a year and the reduction of 42 full-time staffing positions by June 2015. While the changes will mean new staffing structures, there will not be any forced redundancies. South Australian Health has stated that the reductions will be met through targeted voluntary separation packages and natural attrition.

The services provided by Women's Health Statewide at Pennington Terrace will be governed directly by the Women's and Children's Health Network under the new model, so I have been advised. The new model of care was developed to deliver integrated, specialised clinical women's health services to metropolitan Adelaide. Previously, these services were delivered separately by the Women's and Children's Health Network through Women's Health Statewide and the southern and central Adelaide local health networks. All metropolitan services will be under the governance of the Women's and Children's Health Network.

I have been to that service and that building on many occasions. I am not too sure whether the Hon. Jing Lee has ever stepped foot in the place, because if she had she would have to admit that the building was most unsuitable for the purposes of women. It was not suitable for service. The services have been restructured to meet the needs of women. As I said, the building was very old and in very bad repair and there needed to be some changes. As I said, the services have been restructured in a way to support those women, particularly those most vulnerable.

WAKEFIELD REGION PIPELINE UPGRADE

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (16:45): My question is to the Minister for Water and the River Murray. Will the minister update the house about the upgrade to water supplies in and around the Wakefield Regional Council?

The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, Minister for Water and the River Murray, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation) (16:45): I thank the honourable member for his incredibly prescient and very important question. I am very pleased to report that this week marks the official completion of a \$17 million upgrade to the water supply in and around the Wakefield Regional Council area. This is a significant upgrade that will deliver a boost to the local economy and provide the community with much needed water security well into their future.

We do live in the driest state in the driest inhabited continent, and everyone in this place understands that water is our most precious resource. It goes without saying that water will play an essential role in sustaining our current and future population, and also our economic growth. The confidence and security generated by knowing that our water supply is guaranteed into the future is a vital catalyst for economic activity. This is precisely why the government decided to construct the Adelaide desalination plant—a key element in providing confidence in Adelaide's water security to 2050.

Now, the new 43-kilometre pipeline stretching from Auburn to Port Wakefield is a further component in securing our local water supply. This new pipeline has a capacity to provide an additional 11.4 million litres of drinking water every day to the region, and the upgrade also includes three pressure reducing valves at Port Wakefield, Bowmans and Balaklava. Over the coming weeks, the final landscaping will be completed by Wakefield Regional Council along Railway Terrace at Balaklava, I am advised.

I am also pleased to report that the project has generated employment opportunities for this regional area, and I understand that over 30 jobs have been created throughout the course of this project. The upgrade will also help the region become ready for future jobs growth. If we want to continue and gain further momentum into the future we need to ensure that the essential infrastructure is in place, and water is a vital component of this. The new pipeline will help ensure there is sufficient water available to meet the future water requirements for residential and industrial growth in Port Wakefield, Balaklava and Bowmans.

Importantly, this upgrade sets up a clear signal to business and industry that the region is ready for growth. We want businesses to invest in Port Wakefield and the general area with confidence into the future. We have seen intensive agriculture and animal industries expanding in South Australia. The Department for Primary Industries and Regions South Australia, in collaboration with industry and regional developmental boards, has identified the Port Wakefield region as a suitable location for future intensive livestock industry development.

Already, we have seen a major new poultry farm establish itself close to the pipeline in order to meet its water supply requirements, I am advised. In addition, long-term water security will assist existing local businesses in the areas of raw materials, accommodation and hospitality, for example, to expand and grow. Providing a sustainable water supply in this region will ensure that development is not constrained.

Another factor that will no doubt interest businesses and industries is the partnership model used for this upgrade. What we see here is a true collaboration between the three tiers of government and industry to realise a project that will benefit the entire community. As I have said previously, this is a \$17 million upgrade. Wakefield Regional Council partnered with SA Water to secure a grant of up to \$10 million through the Regional Development Australia Fund. The remaining funding came from the state government and SA Water.

In fact, this project demonstrates the commitment that SA Water and the government have to working with industry to ensure that our water is delivered to areas of future demand. We want to enable economic development. In fact, it is worth remembering that Rex Minerals coinvested approximately \$4 million to increase the diameter of the pipe. This has made up to 2,000 million litres of water available annually to Rex Minerals and will ensure that the company's water demand can be met, as well as providing much needed additional water for Yorke Peninsula.

Rex, I am told, is currently finalising a contract with SA Water to construct and fund an extension of the pipeline from Port Wakefield to its proposed Hillside mining operation on Yorke Peninsula. Without this underlying philosophy of collaboration, and without this partnership model, such an upgrade would likely not have been realised.

Now more than ever, Adelaide's north needs confidence and jobs. By securing the supply of water, the community and industry can feel confident that the region can continue to grow and develop. This project is a great example of this government's ability to collaborate with industry, business, and local and federal governments to ensure continued economic development in our state.

YATALA LABOUR PRISON

The Hon. K.L. VINCENT (16:49): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the minister representing the Minister for Correctional Services a question on the subject of Yatala Labour Prison.

Leave granted.

The Hon. K.L. VINCENT: Members will be aware that an article in *The Advertiser* today revealed that a prominent psychiatrist, Dr Craig Raeside, has sent an email to lawyers stating that he is no longer willing to assess prisoners at Yatala Labour Prison; indeed, he sees it as 'a fruitless exercise'.

Morry Bailes, President of the SA Law Society, would seem to agree, from the article, that overcrowding and prisoners being moved from facility to facility largely contributes to this problem. My questions are:

1. Does the minister agree that there are problems with Yatala?
2. Does the minister agree that a lack of access to psychiatric assessment and support could possibly entrap prisoners' rehabilitation and support willingness to reoffend, and end up resulting in costly intervention?
3. Has the minister corresponded with Dr Raeside on this issue?
4. Given that the speech we just heard from His Excellency the Governor specifically mentioned mental health as a priority, is this issue a priority for the government?
5. What is the minister doing to improve this situation at Yatala Labour Prison?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:51): I thank the honourable member for her most important questions. I will refer those to the appropriate minister in another place and bring back a response.

BERRI BOWLING CLUB

The Hon. J.S.L. DAWKINS (16:51): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation a question regarding the relocation of the Berri Bowling Club.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.S.L. DAWKINS: For the past five years the Berri Barmera Council has been awaiting state government approval to relocate the Berri Bowling Club so that it can develop the land between the Berri Resort Hotel and the town's caravan park. The move of the Berri Bowling Club from its current site on Riverside Drive adjacent to the hotel to Glassey Park, an established sporting

hub on the eastern perimeter of the residential area, has been delayed by the crown land section within the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

I refer the minister to responses to questions I asked him in this place on 25 July and 26 September last year, when the minister gave assurances that his department would resolve the issue as soon as possible. I quote from his response on 25 July:

I am aware of the matter; it is currently before me and we will be making a decision on the issue as soon as we possibly can.

I also quote another assurance, given in his response of 26 September:

We are working our way through this process as best we can. There is goodwill on both sides and I am expectant of a speedy outcome.

I have recently been advised by Berri Barmera Council and concerned local residents that a resolution is yet to be reached. This protracted process has dragged on since my last question to the minister on 26 September 2013. My question is: will the minister commit to finally resolving the issue surrounding the relocation of the Berri Bowling Club as soon as possible?

The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, Minister for Water and the River Murray, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation) (16:53): I thank the honourable member for his most important question, and his indications of the great comfort that he takes in my reassurances. My answer is: yes.

BERRI BOWLING CLUB

The Hon. J.S.L. DAWKINS (16:53): Supplementary question: when will the council and the bowling club get resolution on this issue, after a wait of over five years?

The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, Minister for Water and the River Murray, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation) (16:53): As I have said previously to the honourable member, in this place, this is a very complicated land transaction involving crown land on riverfront—which is, frankly, quite an attractive piece of land that is worth a great deal. For the state to hand over such land without going through due process would be wrong, and the honourable member would be up here asking me questions about it if I were to hurry this matter.

We want to get it done, but we want to get it done right, so we will take the time required to do this transaction. As I have indicated before, we are totally amenable to this transaction but we are going to do it right.

BERRI BOWLING CLUB

The Hon. J.S.L. DAWKINS (16:54): A further supplementary question. Why is it then that the minister was confident we would have a speedy resolution last July and September? We are now in May 2014 and it seems that we are no closer to a resolution. Will the minister give this priority?

The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, Minister for Water and the River Murray, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation) (16:54): The only people who have a problem with truth are those on the opposition benches and the truth they have a problem with is facing up to the fact that they did not tell the people of South Australia what they stood for at this election. We did.

SECOND-HAND MOTOR VEHICLES

The Hon. G.A. KANDELAARS (16:55): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Business Services and Consumers a question about recent crackdowns on second-hand car dealers.

Leave granted.

The Hon. G.A. KANDELAARS: A car's odometer provides consumers with information that may assist them with the purchase of a vehicle. Can the minister please update the chamber on recent Consumer and Business Services actions jointly with the South Australia Police into second-hand vehicles?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:56): I thank the honourable member for his most important question and his keen interest in these important consumer matters. I am pleased to advise members regarding two recent crackdowns, conducted jointly by Consumer and Business Services officers and police, relating to second-hand car dealers. I am advised that police raided six properties in Adelaide as a result of the criminal investigation, in conjunction with Consumer and Business Services, which began in February. This resulted in South Australia Police arresting five men and seizing 23 vehicles alleged to be in connection with an investigation into the winding back of odometers in second-hand cars.

This practice is carried out in order to deceive purchasers, consumers, about a vehicle's true mileage and value in order to obtain increased profits. A second crackdown has also been conducted on the sale of unsafe vehicles and questionable second-hand car sales practices in another operation. Last month over 100 cars were inspected by officers from Consumer and Business Services and police for compliance with the Second-Hand Vehicle Dealers Act 1995 and Road Traffic Act 1961.

During this operation 13 cars were detected with major defects at two second-hand car yards. These defects related primarily to tyres and brakes. I am advised that all defected vehicles have since been repaired or removed from sale. Both of these joint operations act as a warning to second-hand car dealers who may be ripping off consumers with an unfair deal or unsafe products. Vehicles are a significant and expensive purchase for consumers, and the law puts in place measures to ensure consumers can make a purchase with confidence.

These operations also demonstrated the effective collaboration that occurs in government. Consumer and Business Services collaborate with the commonwealth, state and local governments to ensure that consumers are protected, and a fair marketplace is maintained. If people want more information and advice on odometer fraud, or on consumer rights generally, business obligations in relation to second-hand vehicles, it is available through Consumer and Business Services. There is a phone number and also the website.

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

The Hon. D.G.E. HOOD (16:58): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking a question of the Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills.

Leave granted.

The Hon. D.G.E. HOOD: South Australia has the highest rates of stamp duty, land tax, water rates and electricity costs in the nation. Against this background South Australia has the highest rate of youth unemployment in the nation, as well as the highest rate of unemployment generally on the mainland, with only Tasmania being slightly higher. Soon, against this background, we will see the end of vehicle manufacturing at Holden's at Elizabeth, further compounding this difficult situation faced by our state. My questions to the minister are specific and require urgent answers:

1. What specific plans does the government have to reduce substantially youth unemployment in particular, especially in the northern suburbs in the wake of Holden's ceasing manufacturing?
2. Will the government give a commitment to this chamber that it will reduce the rate of youth unemployment from its current level exceeding 40 per cent to, say, something more in the vicinity of 30 per cent by the end of this four-year term?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (16:59): I thank the honourable member for his most important question. Indeed, the March employment figures were disappointing, with unemployment climbing here in South Australia, but that is why this government has a strong job plan in place. We went to the election with a clear, detailed plan as to how we are going to work through these issues.

In fact, the South Australian youth employment rate (15 to 19-year-old full-time unemployment) fell in March. I accept that these figures still need a great deal of work. However, our

youth unemployment figures actually fell in the last month—7.4 per cent points, to 27.7 per cent in March, which is below the national average of 27.8 per cent.

I know that we need to treat these monthly figures with caution as they come out because there is always a great deal of volatility in the figures month by month. Although we are very pleased that youth unemployment fell last month, nevertheless we are still working very hard to make sure that we roll out our strategies to address the issues of unemployment, including youth unemployment. I think it is important to remember, particularly for those opposite, that they were not able to articulate a jobs plan for South Australia in the run-up to the last election, and that is one of the reasons why they are sitting there in opposition today.

We also know that most young people, in terms of looking at the unemployment figures themselves for youth, in that age group are not actually looking for full-time work, so the figures are somewhat inflated to reflect that in fact a significant number of people in that age group are students and they are training or studying or, for other reasons, do not wish to become full-time workers. When you adjust the figures accordingly, then the unemployment for youth is roughly similar to or a bit below that (in fact, 6.2 was one of the last lot I saw) compared with adult unemployment. When you look at that, it gives you a basis for comparison.

I think it is also important not to forget that the number of young people staying at school to year 12 is now at a 10-year high, and the percentage of young people staying at public schools from years 8 to 12 has increased, from 69.9 per cent in 2002 (a former Liberal government) to almost 91 per cent in 2013. We know that the factors that have the greatest influence in assisting to provide work, find work and also career paths, are training and skills and education. As a result, about 9,000 students have stayed on to year 12 in the last 11 years. As I said, we know that undertaking training and education drastically increases a person's chances of finding employment, so that is one part of our strategy as well.

Our jobs and skills plan will give more young South Australians the opportunity to learn and earn. Our Skills for Jobs training entitlement will give up to 20,000 South Australian jobseekers training to improve their chances of finding work. We have a jobs in regions program which will mean more job opportunities in local communities with local employers, local government and regional leaders working together—unlike the views espoused by those opposite, when we hear them say all the time that our state is not an attractive place to invest business. We know that the Liberal opposition likes to talk this state down time and time again.

It is pleasing to note that the Masters' chain of hardware stores just recently made the decision to invest \$500 million in this state, and I am advised that they are looking to build 11 new stores in the next six years. A \$500 million expansion decision has seen construction commenced, and the first two stores should be open by the year's end. The project is expected to bring some 3,000 construction jobs and around 101,500 retail jobs.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. G.E. GAGO: It is also pleasing to note that 30 per cent of Masters' national workforce—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. G.E. GAGO: It is 1,500 retail jobs. Masters' national workforce is aged under 25. DFEEST assists young people to be in full-time education, training, skills and employment, through our Skills for All program, with dedicated employment programs, traineeships and apprenticeships. We are training more people—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. G.E. GAGO: The opposition don't care about this. They don't care about youth employment. They don't care about what we are doing to improve opportunities for young South Australians so that that they can find jobs in this state and don't have to go interstate to find work. They don't care, as reflected in the recent election, which is why they are sitting over there on the opposition benches.

YARROW PLACE

The Hon. T.A. FRANKS (17:06): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for the Status of Women questions on the topic of waiting times for rape and sexual assault counselling at Yarrow Place.

Leave granted.

The Hon. T.A. FRANKS: In February, the YWCA brought to the fore information that women are waiting six to eight weeks to access the counselling services of Yarrow Place if their sexual assault took place more than seven days prior to their making contact with that service. In response, the Minister for Health informed *The Advertiser* that he would look at ways in which we can reduce those waiting times but did not commit to additional funding for extra counsellors, as was called for by the YWCA. My questions are:

1. Has the minister made any response to the YWCA regarding these concerns?
2. What services can be accessed by women who have experienced rape or sexual assault more than seven days ago, and has the minister advocated for increased funding for Yarrow Place in the current budget round?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (17:07): To the best of my knowledge, I am not aware of that particular statistic the honourable member has provided to the chamber. I would be very pleased to look into those details and work with the Minister for Health to address improving our services wherever we possibly can.

Parliamentary Committees

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (17:08): I move:

That a Standing Orders Committee be appointed, consisting of the President, the Hons R.I. Lucas, T.T. Ngo, D.W. Ridgway and the mover.

Motion carried.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (17:09): I move:

That for this session a Library Committee not be appointed.

Motion carried.

PRINTING COMMITTEE

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (17:09): I move:

That a printing committee be appointed consisting of the Hons G.A. Kandelaars, A.L. McLachlan, K.J. Maher, T.T. Ngo and J.S. Lee.

Motion carried.

JOINT PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (17:10): I move:

That pursuant to section 5 of the Parliament (Joint Services) Act 1985 the Hons J.S.L. Dawkins and T.T. Ngo be appointed to act with the President as members of the Joint Parliamentary Service Committee and that the Hon. K.J. Maher be appointed the alternate member of the committee to the President, the Hon. T.J. Stephens the alternate

member to the Hon. J.S.L. Dawkins, and the Hon. G.A. Kandelaars the alternate member to the Hon. T.T. Ngo, and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing the house of the aforementioned resolution.

Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (17:11): I move:

That pursuant to section 20(2) of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991 the following members be appointed to the committee: the Hons J.M.A. Lensink, T.T. Ngo and M.C. Parnell, and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the aforementioned resolution.

Motion carried.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (17:22): I move:

That pursuant to section 20(2) of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991 the following members be appointed to the committee: the Hons G.A. Kandelaars, J.S. Lee and K.L. Vincent, and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the aforementioned resolution.

Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (17:11): I move:

That pursuant to section 20(2) of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991 the following members be appointed to the committee: the Hons J.A. Darley, G.A. Kandelaars and A.L. McLachlan, and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the aforementioned resolution.

Motion carried.

STATUTORY AUTHORITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (17:12): I move:

That pursuant to section 20(2) of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991 the following members be appointed to the committee: the Hons D.G.E. Hood, G.A. Kandelaars, R.I. Lucas, T.T. Ngo and S.G. Wade.

Motion carried.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (17:12): I move:

That pursuant to section 20(2) of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991 the following members be appointed to the committee: the Hons J.S.L. Dawkins, G.A. Kandelaars and R.L. Brokenshire, and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the aforementioned resolution.

Motion carried.

ABORIGINAL LANDS PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (17:13): I move:

That pursuant to section 5 of the Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee Act 2003 the following members be appointed to the committee: the Hons T.A. Franks, T.T. Ngo and T.J. Stephens, and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the aforementioned resolution.

Motion carried.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (17:13): I move:

That pursuant to section 20(2) of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991 the following members be appointed to the committee: the Hons J.S.L. Dawkins, G.A. Kandelaars, and J.A. Darley, and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the aforementioned resolution.

Motion carried.

STATUTORY OFFICERS COMMITTEE

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (17:13): I move:

That pursuant to section 20(2) of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991 the following members be appointed to the Statutory Officers Committee: the Hons J.A. Darley, G.A. Kandelaars and S.G. Wade, and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the aforementioned resolution.

Motion carried.

CRIME AND PUBLIC INTEGRITY POLICY COMMITTEE

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (17:14): I move:

That pursuant to section 20(2) of the Parliamentary Committees Act the following members be appointed to the Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee: the Hons R.L. Brokenshire, G.A. Kandelaars and S.G. Wade, and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the aforementioned resolution.

Motion carried.

Address in Reply

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The PRESIDENT (17:15): I lay upon the table a copy of the Governor's opening speech.

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Business Services and Consumers) (17:15): I move:

That a committee consisting of the Hons G.A. Kandelaars, T.T. Ngo, D.W. Ridgway and A.L. McLachlan 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 17:15 the council adjourned until Wednesday 7 May 2014 at 14:15.