

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Thursday, 3 May 2018

Opening of Parliament

The Fifty-Third Parliament of South Australia, having been prorogued until 10 April 2018, and the House of Assembly having been dissolved on 17 February 2018, general elections were held on 17 March 2018. By proclamation dated 5 April 2018, the new parliament was summoned to meet on 3 May 2018, and the First Session of the Fifty-Fourth Parliament of South Australia began on that date.

The council met at 11:00, pursuant to proclamation. The Clerk (Mr C.D. Schwarz) 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. A.M. Vanstone (a judge of the Supreme Court) were announced by Black Rod (Mr G. Dickson) and conducted 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

Her Honour Justice Vanstone produced a commission from His Excellency the Governor authorising her 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 inform the council of the resignation of the Hon. R.P. Wortley as President of the Legislative Council.

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (11:26): I move:

That the Hon. A.L. McLachlan be President of the Legislative Council.

The CLERK: Is the motion seconded?

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (11:26): I second the motion.

The CLERK: Does the honourable member accept the nomination?

The Hon. A.L. McLACHLAN (11:26): I submit myself to the will of the chamber.

The CLERK: Are there any other nominations?

An honourable member: No.

The CLERK: There being no other nomination, I declare the Hon. A.L. McLachlan duly elected as President of the council.

The Hon. A.L. McLachlan was escorted to the President's chair by the mover and the seconder of the motion.

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (11:27): On behalf, I am sure, of all members in this chamber, but in particular on behalf of my colleagues, I congratulate you, Mr President, on your elevation to the most esteemed and important office in this chamber. I know you will undertake your task with fairness, impartiality and diligence, all the attributes for which you have been known in your period in the Legislative Council. On behalf of government members, I assure you of our willingness to cooperate with you in the task ahead. We look forward to working with you. We thank you for accepting the will of the council and taking the position as President of the Legislative Council.

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (11:28): I rise on behalf of the opposition to congratulate you, Mr President, on your appointment. I have no doubt that you will conduct yourself in the spirit of fairness and with the sense of meticulousness that you have brought to everything you have done in this place. I think it is fair to say from our term in government that you, Mr President, were the only one we ever feared, so I am sure you will robustly keep us in order in this place. Indeed, it is with no small measure of sadness that I have had to retire my Andrew McLachlan question time folder.

Once again, on behalf of the opposition, I congratulate you on your appointment. I know you will be a staunch and unbiased defender of the standing orders and of the responsibility and privileges that members have in this place, and I am very pleased to see that a good head of hair is still one of the great requirements of the presidency.

The PRESIDENT (11:29): Thank you for those comments. I thank the chamber for the honour of electing me to be the President of the council. I will faithfully and honourably serve the council to the best of my abilities. Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. I also take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedicated service to this council of my predecessor, the Hon. Russell Wortley. I thank him on behalf of the chamber for his leadership of the council.

At 11:30, accompanied by a deputation of members, the President proceeded to Government House.

On the council reassembling at 11:48:

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 that the most favourable construction might be placed on all its proceedings. His Excellency was pleased to reply to the honourable President and honourable members of the Legislative Council:

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 most favourable consideration.

Signed, His Excellency the Hon. Hieu Van Le AC Governor of South Australia, and dated Thursday 3 May 2018.

Sitting suspended from 11:49 to 14:30.

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:

Mr President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council.

Mr Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly.

I have called you together for the dispatch of business.

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the Kurna People, and pay my respects to their elders, past and present.

I thank Uncle Lewis for his generous welcome to country.

Honourable Members,

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of six former members since the opening of the second session of the 53rd Parliament.

The Honourable Trevor Griffin passed away in March 2015. He was a member of the Legislative Council for 24 years and Attorney-General under Premiers Tonkin, Brown and Olsen.

The Honourable Ron Payne passed away in April 2015. He served the electorate of Mitchell for 19 years from 1970 and had 13 years of ministerial service.

The Honourable Dr John Bannon AO was a member of the House of Assembly for 15 years and Premier of South Australia for a decade. The achievements of the governments he led included securing the construction of the Collins Class submarines at Osborne, bringing the Formula One Grand Prix to Adelaide and the initial development of the Riverbank precinct.

After his retirement from Parliament, Dr Bannon continued meritorious community service as Head of St Mark's College and through board membership of the ABC, Cricket Australia and the South Australian Cricket Association. At the time of his death in December 2015, he was a member of the Prime Minister's Expert Advisory Panel on Reform of Commonwealth-State Relations.

Mr John Freebairn passed away in January 2016. He represented the electorate of Light in the House of Assembly for eight years and, during most of that time, he was a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Land Settlement.

The Honourable Robin Millhouse QC died in April 2017. He was a member of the House of Assembly for 27 years including two years as Attorney-General. Mr Millhouse was subsequently a Judge of the South Australian Supreme Court for 17 years and later Chief Justice of the High Court of Kiribati, Chief Justice of Nauru and a Judge of the High Court of Tuvalu.

The Honourable Peter Lewis passed away in September 2017. He was a Member of the House of Assembly for almost 27 years, and served as Speaker for just over three years.

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

I also take this opportunity to thank the Member for Cheltenham, the Honourable Jay Weatherill MP, for his 16 years of ministerial service and particularly for his six and a half years as Premier of South Australia.

Honourable Members,

As a result of the election on 17 March, there are 19 new members in the 54th South Australian Parliament.

They join members with longer experience who will become mentors and colleagues as they share the lessons they have learnt as representatives of the community.

The number of new members reflects a desire for change and renewal expressed by the people of South Australia.

Honourable Members,

My Government made firm policy commitments before the election and believes those commitments were emphatically confirmed by the election result and must be delivered.

Since being sworn in six weeks ago, my Government has already:

- Implemented extensive machinery of government changes

- Initiated public sector renewal to align with its policy agenda
- Significantly advanced preparation of the 2018 State Budget
- Acted to provide early tax relief
- Reduced ministerial staff
- Initiated the appointment of a new TAFE SA Board
- Issued instructions for payment of government bills on time
- Ensured the Repat site can continue to be used as a health precinct
- Hosted a domestic violence stakeholder roundtable to engage the community in policy implementation
- Undertaken a series of high level meetings with the Federal Government to restore collaborative and constructive relationships that best serve South Australia's interests
- Made representations to the Federal Government for funding support for major infrastructure projects
- Engaged in negotiation with the Commonwealth to secure support to significantly increase the number of apprenticeships and traineeships through the Skilling Australians Fund
- Commenced establishment of South Australian trade offices in Shanghai, Japan, Malaysia, Dubai and the United States

These actions reflect that the priorities of my Government in implementing its mandate are:

- More jobs
- Lower costs for households and businesses
- Better government services

My Government recognises these priorities as a major social responsibility as well as an economic imperative.

Its priorities have been simply and clearly stated to encourage and ensure much greater co-operation between the public, private and non-government sectors for the overall good of our State.

My Government's strong view is that its economic policies must be set to support growth in the private sector because our State's history shows that is what works best for South Australia.

Equally, private businesses should not look to taxpayers for financial support before making investment and growth decisions because my Government does not intend to be a bank or part of private sector business decisions.

Instead, my Government is resetting the fundamental structures to enable businesses to grow.

To drive job creation, my Government will build capability, skills and infrastructure to support all businesses for the long term.

Critical areas of focus will include equipping our State's young people with skills to participate in the future economy and upskilling the existing workforce.

Vocational training and high-level skill creation have become even more crucial building blocks for economic success.

Requirements are increasing for science, technology, engineering and maths skills, as is the need to ensure skills and training programs are connected to industry requirements.

Honourable Members,

My Government sees future success and prosperity for South Australia coming from leveraging our competitive advantages and fostering from school age, a culture of entrepreneurialism and innovation to support an economy that is diverse, thriving and fully internationally engaged.

It wants to ensure our future business leaders have the education, training and skills to turn their aspirations into reality here in South Australia and the confidence to know that starting their own businesses in their own State may be the way to do it.

My Government's new value proposition is to partner with industry, business and communities to deliver the services they most need efficiently and innovatively.

The important steps it is taking to achieve this include:

- The establishment of entrepreneurial schools and the inclusion of entrepreneurial subjects in the curriculum
- Significantly increasing apprenticeships and traineeships
- Attracting more entrepreneurs and investors and fostering local innovation and entrepreneurialism to make Adelaide our nation's start-up capital
- Establishing an Innovation, Incubator, Start-up and Growth Hub and an International Centre for Tourism, Hospitality and Food Services on the site of the old Royal Adelaide Hospital
- Increasing the export potential of businesses and creating new market opportunities
- Prioritising the productive infrastructure that the State needs to facilitate existing industries to expand and to unlock new opportunities for future industries
- Implementing targeted policies to reduce South Australia's demographic imbalance and grow the State's population

My Government's approach very deliberately refocusses support for industry away from short-term stimulus and heavy reliance on individual company grants and subsidies.

My Government will instead give priority to reducing the cost of doing business in South Australia with the goal of ensuring our businesses will be nationally and internationally competitive.

The emphasis will be practical and designed to create jobs and achieve sustainable progress across all industry sectors.

Honourable Members,

My Government acknowledges the need to accelerate growth as the South Australian economy continues its transition from an inward-looking manufacturing base to an outward-facing, high-skilled and innovative economy trading in a global marketplace.

Accordingly, the legislative program for the first session of the 54th Parliament and other actions already initiated by my Government give high priority to encouraging job creation and investment by cutting costs for businesses as well as individuals and households.

A Bill will be put before you to abolish payroll tax for small businesses from 1 January 2019.

In less than eight weeks, from 1 July this year, my Government will cut significantly bills for the Emergency Services Levy charged on fixed property.

Legislation will be introduced to cap council rate increases for households and businesses.

Annual land and water levy rises are also to be capped through major reform to natural resources management.

My Government re-affirms its commitment that from 1 July 2020, it will significantly increase the tax-free threshold and cut the top marginal rate for land tax on holdings valued below \$5 million.

This phased approach reflects my Government's need to carefully manage its budget strategy so that tax relief is achieved while revenue is sustained to maintain key services.

My Government recognises that the rising cost of living, particularly the cost of electricity and water, has caused stress to many households and businesses.

It has embarked on a comprehensive solution to provide all South Australians with an electricity system that is affordable, reliable and secure while contributing to the national emissions reduction target.

An independent inquiry into water pricing is being initiated with the outcomes to be made public.

Legislation will be put before you to establish a South Australian Productivity Commission and Infrastructure South Australia.

These two agencies will play important roles in the drive for more efficient service delivery and greater job creation and investment.

My Government has the very strong view that further deregulation of shop trading hours will also create more jobs as well as provide consumers with greater choice.

Accordingly, a Bill will be introduced to extend the hours shops can trade in the Greater Adelaide Shopping District and Proclaimed Shopping Districts.

My Government believes that as this reform has been publicly debated over a long period, the election result demonstrates strong community support for the legislation it will introduce.

During this session, my Government will also introduce legislation to protect the public from ticket scalpers and to ensure gift cards have minimum three-year expiry dates.

When parliamentary sittings ended for the election, a Bill substantially revising and updating laws applicable to the mining industry had not been passed.

The legislation will be re-introduced during this session and include further provisions based on consultation undertaken since the Parliament last considered the measure.

Legislation governing aquaculture will be modernised to support the growth of this important industry.

There will also be regulatory reform and new management arrangements in the marine scale fishery to unlock its potential.

Honourable Members,

Almost one in four South Australians live in our regions.

My Government wants our regions to have safe and efficient infrastructure to grow the important contribution they already make to our economy.

A Regional Roads and Infrastructure Fund is being established as a dedicated funding stream for regional infrastructure.

A Regional Growth Fund is also being created to inject \$150 million over ten years to support employment and community growth.

In creating future economic and social opportunity, nothing is more important for the long term than education and training.

As I have already foreshadowed, a high priority of my Government will be a genuine entrepreneurial curriculum offering new subject choices and giving students the skills they need to start a business at a young age.

Recognising that a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy is essential for students to gain the most from their education, my Government has started to implement its Literacy Guarantee package of measures.

It has also begun work on the transition of year 7 from primary school into high school and commenced measures designed to reinvigorate language studies in South Australian schools.

Legislation will be proposed to introduce a new Education and Children's Services Act.

This act will modernise the legislative framework within which education and children's services are undertaken.

It will deliver on my Government's commitment to address chronic truancy with a clear framework for family conferences to re-engage chronically truant children with their school as well as provide for increased fines where a family is not doing all it can do to ensure a child attends school.

Some of these measures were proposed in legislation that did not pass before the election.

Unlike the previous Bill, my Government will not be proceeding with proposed new central controls over school governing councils.

My Government's legislation will also deliver on the recommendation of the DeBelle Royal Commission for the establishment of an independent legal fund for governing councils in dispute with the Department.

In vocational education and training, as well as initiating immediate improvements to TAFE SA, my Government will continue to implement the existing policy of moving to a more contestable training system and forming new partnerships with non-government training providers.

Honourable Members,

My Government believes that South Australians should be able to rely on their public health services to provide quality and safe care when they need it.

To restore a focus on quality care and patient safety my Government is moving to:

- Decentralise the public health system through the establishment of metropolitan and regional boards of management
- Put real responsibility and accountability at the local level
- Improve patient safety, including through a Commission on Excellence and Innovation in Health

Legislation will be put before you to underpin this new governance and accountability framework.

Other initiatives my Government already has underway include:

- Re-opening key health facilities at the Repat site
- Commencing establishment of a High Dependency Unit at Modbury Hospital
- Preparing to publicly release information on outpatient clinic waiting times by speciality and hospital
- Planning for the co-location of a new Women's and Children's Hospital with the new Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Honourable Members,

My Government believes that support for the most vulnerable in our community must have the highest priority.

In the wake of Oakden, my Government will introduce legislation to provide legal safeguards for adults who are vulnerable to abuse or neglect.

A Bill will be introduced to abolish the limitation of actions for claims arising from institutional child sexual abuse.

My government will propose legislation to increase penalties for breaching the conditions of an intervention order and strengthen the protection of children from bullying.

The Disability Inclusion Bill, which lapsed at the end of the last Parliament, will be re-introduced.

This Bill mandates a State Disability Inclusion Plan.

It also enables the establishment of a Community Visitor Scheme for people living with a disability.

Legislative amendments will be proposed to appoint a Commissioner to help improve the safety and well-being of Aboriginal children and young people.

My Government is pursuing initiatives to prevent illicit drug use, including in our schools.

In strengthening counter-terrorism measures, my Government is preparing legislation to deal with the use of lethal force by police in an officially declared terrorist incident.

Honourable Members,

The way we use, manage and sustain our environment and natural resources is vital for a vibrant and thriving State.

My Government is proceeding to create Glenthorne Park in Adelaide's southern suburbs as the metropolitan area's second national park.

Major reform to natural resources management is being initiated to decentralise decision-making and greatly increase community input and involvement.

During this session, legislation will be placed before you to repeal the Natural Resources Management Act and replace it with the Landscape South Australia Act.

From our First People to all those who have come after them, our State has been enriched over the generations by people who have travelled across the seas to call South Australia home.

My Government wants to ensure that we continue to celebrate our history and our future in a way that unites South Australians.

Our Australia Day celebrations receive wide community support and my Government will put legislation before you to ensure January 26 continues to be recognised as our national day.

Honourable Members,

My Government is determined that in everything it does, it will be open and transparent.

A Bill will be presented that will enable the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption, at the Commissioner's discretion, to hold public hearings when investigating matters relating to maladministration and misconduct.

To promote the public's right to information, legislation will be proposed to ensure that sufficient protection is given to journalists and their sources.

My Government is also committed to reforms to ensure that publicly funded government advertising is not used for political purposes.

Departmental communications guidelines have already been amended to prevent such advertising mentioning the name, displaying the image or using the voice of a Member of Parliament.

Ultimately, my Government is accountable for its actions through this Parliament to the people of South Australia.

It fully recognises this responsibility in placing its proposed legislative program before Honourable Members.

My Government has a reform program it embarks upon with optimism, confident that it will bring about beneficial change for South Australia.

Honourable Members,

My wish to you all is that you work together to continue to improve our State and advance the welfare of all South Australians.

Mr President, Mr Speaker and members, I now have much pleasure in declaring the 54th South Australian Parliament open and I extend my best wishes to you all.

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

Sitting suspended from 15:21 to 15:35.

The President again took the chair and read prayers.

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

Members

MEMBERS, NEW AND FORMER

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (15:36): I seek leave to move a motion without notice expressing the thanks of the council to former members and to welcome new members.

Leave granted.

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS: I move:

That this council expresses thanks to former members, the Hon. R.L. Brokenshire, the Hon. G.E. Gago, the Hon. J.M. Gazzola, the Hon. P.B. Malinauskas and the Hon. K.L. Vincent, and welcomes new members, the Hon. C. Bonaros, the Hon. E.S. Bourke, the Hon. F. Pangallo, the Hon. I. Pnevmatikos and the Hon. C.M. Scriven.

In speaking to this motion of expressing thanks to former members I note, particularly for continuing members, that we had valedictory remarks towards the end of the last session where the outgoing members or retiring members and others spoke about their contribution. In particular, I refer to the Hon. Gail Gago and the Hon. John Gazzola, and I will not repeat comments in relation to those two members.

Similarly, the Hon. Peter Malinauskas, albeit in different circumstances, transferring from the Legislative Council to that other place, the House of Assembly, an acknowledgement for his service to this council was also made. The two members, however, who are no longer with us, the Hon. Robert Brokenshire and the Hon. Kelly Vincent, obviously because of the circumstances were unable to make valedictory remarks and valedictory remarks were unable to be made about their contributions.

First, in relation to the Hon. Robert Brokenshire, I acknowledge his service to the parliament, both to the Legislative Council and to another place. Members will be aware that the Hon. Robert Brokenshire was a dairy farmer from the Mount Compass area and he was originally elected as a Liberal Party member in 1993 for the state electorate of Mawson. As he occasionally reminded us, he held ministerial appointments, in particular in relation to the portfolio of police, which he certainly enjoyed. He made clear in his contributions in this chamber the important role he believed police played in South Australia, the services the police provide and the enjoyment he had as a minister for police for that period. He was also responsible for correctional services, emergency services and briefly for gambling and volunteers.

He served as a Liberal member of parliament in the House of Assembly up until March 2006. In March 2008, as members would be aware, he was elected into the Legislative Council under the banner of the Family First Party. He served with distinction in the Legislative Council since 2008. In the very latter period of his time, his party morphed or transformed into the Australian Conservatives and he contested the most recent election as a member of the Australian Conservatives party. He served on very many committees—I will not go through all of those.

First, I acknowledge his friendship: originally, as I said, as a member of the Liberal Party and a colleague of mine in the last Liberal government as a minister but also as a working colleague in the Legislative Council. I acknowledge his commitment to his beliefs, to the Legislative Council and to the community. To summarise, he indicated in an interview how he wanted to be remembered, and I quote him as follows:

I would like to be remembered as a politician with strong conservative convictions who worked hard to protect traditional values, defend the family unit and preserve the Judeo-Christian heritage upon which our nation was founded.

I think all members who listened to the Hon. Mr Brokenshire will agree that he certainly stuck by those particular values and principles in his contributions in this chamber and in the community generally and, on behalf of government members, I thank him for his service to both houses of parliament.

With regard to the Hon. Kelly Vincent, there were contributions made towards the end of the last parliament. Kelly was elected into the Legislative Council on 20 March 2010 under the Dignity for Disability party banner. At that time she was the youngest woman ever elected—I suspect the youngest person ever elected—to an Australian parliament. Whilst I think I can still lay claim to being—and possibly forever—the only Japanese Catholic ever elected to the Legislative Council, up until the election of Kelly Vincent I was the youngest person ever elected into the Legislative Council.

Of course, Kelly was much younger than I was. Up until the mid-1970s, you could be young and foolish and elected to the House of Assembly, but you actually had to be over the age of 30 to be elected to the Legislative Council. It was only in the reforms of 1975 that adults under the age of 30 were allowed to be elected into this august chamber. Until Kelly's election—and she beats me by some margin—I was the youngest person elected to the Legislative Council.

Kelly's contribution in her time in this chamber and in the parliament has been acknowledged not only by some members in this chamber but, more particularly, since her defeat or since the final results of the Legislative Council, by many people in the community, in the media and in the community generally. They have acknowledged her fierce advocacy for the views she espoused. As I said, she was originally elected as a Dignity for Disability party member, but eventually that party transformed into the Dignity Party.

She was a fearless advocate for the views she put in this chamber and publicly. She certainly achieved a significant amount in terms of her contribution to debate on many issues in the Legislative Council. As the Governor's speech outlined, there is a particular bill that is to be reintroduced, as it was not able to be passed in the last parliament when introduced by the former government, that she made a significant contribution to both directly and indirectly. I am sure she will watch from a distance the passage of that legislation, in one form or another, through both houses of parliament.

Kelly served on a significant number of committees, as all members of this chamber do—again, I will not go through all of those. On behalf of government members, I acknowledge her significant contribution not only to debate in the Legislative Council but to debate in the community about issues that were near and dear to her.

I welcome the new members to the Legislative Council; it is indeed a great honour. Each of us, at one stage or another—some more distant than others, some more recent than others—have enjoyed the great thrill of, first, being elected and then sitting in the Legislative Council chamber for the first time. Each of us who have been here before will understand the thrill and the responsibility that you are taking upon yourselves as representatives in this chamber.

Those of us who are continuing members wish you well in terms of your future careers. We wish you well in terms of the contributions that you make, not only to your political party but also to debate in this chamber and to the community generally. As those of us on this side have seen, one never knows how long one sits on one side of the chamber or another. Indeed, in our party we have seen members who were elected, in both houses, in 2002 who never enjoyed the joys of at least being part of the government or a government party. That is for the future. Whatever your contribution is to be, we wish you well.

There are some of you whom I know reasonably well; others I do not. I welcome the Hon. Frank Pangallo. The only word of advice I can give the Hon. Mr Pangallo is that you will not be allowed by the President to put your foot in the door with a camera behind you. That will certainly be beyond the standing orders, and the President will not allow it. I acknowledge your long service in the media, back to the old news days and, I think, almost every television station, except for Channel

9, if I read it correctly. As I have said, many of us have crossed swords, crossed paths or enjoyed an interaction with the Hon. Mr Pangallo over the years.

The Hon. Connie Bonaros: I have worked with her in a different capacity in terms of parliament. I welcome you now on the other side of the fence, if I can put it that way, and I look forward to working collaboratively with you in the future.

I do not know the Hon. Clare Scriven well, but she comes from God's own country, and, in that case, has much to offer to the parliament, to her party and the community. The South-East of South Australia is well represented on your side of the chamber and on this side of the chamber as well, and I am sure it will not lack for the want of advocates, on both sides of this chamber, in debates in the parliament.

I do not know the Hon. Ms Pnevmatikos or the Hon. Emily Bourke at all. I wish you well in your contributions and your role in the parliament over the coming years. With that, on behalf of government members in acknowledging the contributions of past members, I certainly wish all of the new members well in terms of your contributions to the chamber.

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (15:47): In seconding the motion, I would like to support many of the points that the Leader of the Government in this chamber made. I wish to thank the contribution made by voluntarily retiring members Gail Gago and John Gazzola. Gail served 16 years in this place. She was an excellent member and a champion for women's rights, the environment, the dignity of work and many other things across a large range of portfolio areas. She had the distinction, for some time, of being the only minister in this chamber and carrying the workload of every single little bit of legislation that came through. That is a fate I do not wish upon any of you on that side, no matter how much I might dislike you at times.

Also, the Hon. John Gazzola retired, having served the same amount of time in the chamber as the Hon. Gail Gago: 16 years since 2002, rising to serve as President in this chamber for some time. The involuntary retirement of the Hon. Kelly Vincent I note with a great deal of sadness. She was an incredibly strong advocate for progressive issues in this place, particularly for the rights of people with disability. I think it was a very frequent supplementary question she would ask, holding ministers to account for things that she believed in strongly and represented.

I also note the involuntary retirement of the Hon. Robert Brokenshire. I might not have agreed with everything he said, but he genuinely and passionately believed in his causes and went about prosecuting them with a great deal of vigour and a great deal of media savvy. I am sure he will be enjoying his twilight years, spending them in the fine pastures out at Mount Compass, shouting at clouds and trying to vandalise speed cameras, for which he had a particular dislike. I wish all those retiring members the very best in their next phase of life.

We see the election of a number of new faces—a rejuvenation of this chamber. On this side of the chamber are a lot of people whom I have known for a very long time: the Hon. Emily Bourke, the Hon. Clare Scriven and the Hon. Irene Pnevmatikos. The opposition welcomes you to this side of the chamber. We are hoping that you will only be viewing these paintings for four years, but, as the Hon. Rob Lucas points out, that cannot be promised.

I also welcome members from SA-Best to this chamber: the Hon. Frank Pangallo and the Hon. Connie Bonaros. I am sure you will serve with distinction in this place and make a great contribution. Let me briefly add that I am also very much looking forward to working with the staff in this chamber: our new Clerk, our new Black Rod and all the staff.

The Hon. S.G. WADE (Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:50): I would like to associate with this motion and honour all of those people mentioned in the motion, but in particular I would like to refer to the service of the Hon. Kelly Vincent. As I had the opportunity to say at the declaration of the Legislative Council poll, in my view Kelly Vincent has changed the conversation in terms of disability and inclusion. Kelly and her team provided very strong advocacy not only for thousands of South Australians but locally, nationally and internationally.

Kelly appeared not only on national television programs, such as *You Can't Ask That* and *SBS Insight*, but also represented Australia and people with disability at conferences both nationally and internationally. Here, her work was not just in this chamber, but she and her team became

extraordinary advocates for people with disability and other forms of diversity. That advocacy was systemic and individual. I do not think Kelly and her team could have appreciated the impact that the NDIS would have had on them, considering that it was a federal scheme, but I know that they got calls from all around Australia in relation to the implementation of that scheme.

I had the pleasure of working with Kelly on two particular committees linked to people with disability. One was the select committee on access to justice for people with disability, which it was my honour to chair, but there is no doubt that, as we came out of that committee, it was Kelly's ongoing advocacy and collaboration with the Attorney-General and his department that was the foundation for the success of the Disability Justice Plan. We served together on two other committees: firstly, the select committee on access for education for people with disabilities, and again on the elder abuse committee. Consistently, Kelly Vincent was an advocate for people facing social isolation.

I would like to honour the work that she did in terms of securing funding for mental health and health services in relation to the bank tax bill. My leader has already highlighted her historic achievement as being the youngest woman in an Australian parliament. I will always remember Kelly as someone who lived by her values in this chamber—she did so with integrity and courage. I often found her debate contributions disarmingly intimate, and they were all the more powerful for it. I will remember her as a good friend in the house.

I would hope that we all take something from the contribution that Kelly made; we are a chamber of minorities, particularly of minority parties, but we also have the opportunity to represent the people who will never have the impact of a House of Assembly seat—the small man, the small woman, people with disabilities, people with social disadvantage, whatever their minority status might be. We are a chamber of minority parties, and I trust that we will continue to be the champions for minority people.

The Hon. J.S.L. DAWKINS (15:53): I wish to speak briefly, firstly about the Hon. Robert Brokenshire who, I suppose, I have known for close to 25 years. We were colleagues together in the Liberal Party in the previous government, and obviously I have served in this parliament and this chamber with him in his membership of, firstly, Family First and, more latterly, the Australian Conservatives.

I do remember a number of things about Robert, and his passion has been mentioned. I recall when he was the shadow minister for police and the then Labor government was in the process of selling the Loxton Police Station to allow a developer to turn it into backpacker accommodation. Robert was very passionate at meetings in the Riverland on that particular issue. I was looking after the Riverland at the time, so I got caught up in that effort. He was a supporter of my work in suicide prevention and I was grateful for that support. I wish him well in his agricultural pursuits, but also know that he will have a bit more time barracking for his Mount Compass Football Club as they go for three premierships in a row.

In relation to the Hon. Kelly Vincent, she was passionate in her support for my work in suicide prevention and particularly in the communities that she represented so well in this place, and I am grateful to her for that. She was also a strong supporter of the number of pieces of legislation that I brought through this chamber in relation to altruistic surrogacy, and I will always be grateful for her support in that regard.

The Hon. D.G.E. HOOD (15:55): Thank you, Mr President, and I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your ascension. I rise to support the motion. Whilst I certainly would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the service of the Hon. Ms Vincent and also welcome the new members to the chamber, it will not surprise anyone, I am sure, to know that my remarks will focus on the Hon. Robert Brokenshire and his service to this chamber and indeed the other place over a number of years.

It is my honour to speak today about my former colleague in the upper house, Robert Brokenshire—formerly honourable, I guess, although I understand because he has done a period of 10 years he will qualify for the title 'honourable' for the rest of his days.

I have to admit I was not anticipating returning to the parliament this year without him. I am sure members would agree the chamber will be somewhat different in his absence. It has always

been my hope that his departure would be of his own choice when the time should come, but as a seasoned member of parliament who had already experienced a number of elections where the outcome was incredibly difficult to accurately predict, his approach was one of humility with a sober understanding that you could never take your position for granted in this place. Indeed, in my conversations with Robert since he is no longer a member of this chamber, he has been very humble and, I would have to say, quite philosophical in his acceptance of the public's verdict.

I had the immense privilege of working closely with Robert for 10 years and I can honestly say I regard him not only as an esteemed and highly capable individual but also as a genuine friend. I am pleased our friendship will continue beyond our shared time in politics. Indeed, I have had a great deal of contact with him since the results of the election were obvious.

I do not really believe you can come across many more loyal or trustworthy people than Robert, and I have not in my life. He has always proved to be a man of his word, acting with integrity and with the best of intentions in all of his dealings that I am aware of. In fact, in the time that I have known him—and I think this is something that would be quite unique in parliamentary life—and that is in the 10 years we worked together, I can honestly say that in that entire period not once did we have stern words despite the fact that we were dealing with some very contentious issues on many, many occasions, as members who have been here for a while would know happens all the time.

I think is quite remarkable that over a 10-year period we did not have a single occasion where we exchanged stern words despite the fact that we started from very different positions on a number of issues in particular.

One attribute of Rob's I do not think anyone could dispute was his work ethic. He would have to be one of the hardest working and tenacious not only politicians but people that I have ever known. He is also one of the most passionate, as other members have said. Rob lived and breathed politics—not just for power, although power is important because in power one can contribute to the decisions that are made. But it was not for any self-serving reasons. He did it because he genuinely cares about our state and the welfare of South Australians.

Whatever ambition he did have was driven from the belief that he had the ability to effect change for the better. I would argue strongly that he certainly was able to achieve this in his time in this place. Rob has made a significant contribution to South Australia through his work as a legislative councillor and indeed in his work in the other place in standing up for rural and regional South Australia representing his fellow farming community, relentlessly endeavouring to keep the government of the day to account and of course for upholding strong values in all of his legislative pursuits.

He tirelessly championed the 'right to farm' legislation. He agitated to ensure our police officers were afforded better workers compensation, to which the government of the day agreed. He introduced legislation for the birth of stillborn babies between 12 and 19 weeks gestation to be recognised. He campaigned for better regional health care. He advocated for victims of domestic violence and also for our emergency services, amongst many, many other things.

He served on a large number of committees, some of which have included the Natural Resources Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee, the Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee, the Statutory Child Protection and Care in South Australia Committee and the Emergency Services Reform Committee. Of course, these are just a few of the many that he has served on.

In addition to these efforts, Rob would never turn away any constituent. Those of you who had any dealings with Rob will know that even for me sometimes it was difficult to get an appointment with him because he had constituent appointments back to back over the course of any parliamentary week. People came to him for help with all sorts of things, to see if he could assist them, and he never turned anyone away. He gave value to each person he met and was forever having appointments with people from all cross-sections of the community, appreciating and giving consideration to their unique perspectives and predicaments.

He would also regularly travel to meet with constituents and people residing in the Riverland, the Barossa, on Yorke Peninsula and Eyre Peninsula and, indeed, right across our state. His primary

concern was that the concerns of South Australians were well represented and had a voice in the upper house of our state parliament and, indeed, in the lower house in his time there. No amount of time, energy or personal sacrifice appeared too much for Robert, in my estimation, to ensure that those objectives were achieved. He is well known for his commitment to these regions and for giving them the recognition and support they rightly deserve.

As you are well aware, Mr President, prior to his time as a legislative councillor in the last decade, Robert had already made an impressive impact in South Australian politics as the member for Mawson for 12 years, both in government and in opposition. Elected to the other place in 1993, the Liberal Party soon recognised Robert's potential and appointed him as minister—he may have mentioned this—at various points in his career, including as police minister, correctional services, emergency services and the shadow minister for health at one stage.

He served in various roles with characteristic energy and vigour, developing a solid rapport with interest groups and lobby groups, community organisations, government and non-government agencies, as well as individual constituents. He was certainly highly regarded within his electorate and throughout the wider community, in my estimation, and this is evidenced by the many warm relationships he developed over the years. This was also evidenced by the fact that in developing these relationships he continued to develop other relationships, including with people of the party of which I was a member at that time, when he was not re-elected to the seat of Mawson back in 2006.

It was actually in that same year that I was first elected to this place myself. After the privilege of working in a team with Andrew Evans for two years in the Legislative Council, it was apparent that Andrew's retirement was imminent. Andrew, in his wisdom, sought to choose a replacement for himself with careful consideration and appointed someone not only with expertise and capability but who was a person of good character with the right motivation. Robert was an easy choice for Andrew and myself and he not only fulfilled but superseded all of our prerequisites and was the obvious choice for us. I am forever thankful that Andrew agreed that Robert was the right person to take his seat in this place.

Although Robert was not successful in his re-election in March, I have no doubt that he will continue to seek ways of utilising his abundant talent and wealth of experience outside the political realm and perhaps, who knows, one day maybe even within. I will certainly miss working alongside him, but I trust that he will enjoy a new chapter of his life, which will no doubt include spending more time on his Mount Compass dairy farm with his family. I am sure that his wife Mandy and three adult children, Amie, Nick and Elissa, will appreciate more of his company.

I take this opportunity to sincerely commend Robert for his 22 years of service in the South Australian Parliament and for his extensive efforts to promote an economically prosperous state built upon strong families and communities. I also take this opportunity to personally thank him for his valuable support and encouragement to myself over many years. I could not be more grateful. I am sure all members of parliament will join me in sincerely wishing him all the very best and every blessing for the future. He was, indeed, a significant part of my life for 10 years and I am grateful for that.

The Hon. M.C. PARNELL (16:03): I, too, am pleased to support this motion. I am looking forward to working with our three new colleagues, who I do not yet know but will get to know. I also acknowledge the contributions that were made by those who retired voluntarily. One of the problems I guess we have in this place is that those who retire voluntarily go on their own terms. They get to make a speech and people say nice things about them and we do that before the session ends, but those who contest the election and are unsuccessful do not have that opportunity, so it is important that we get the chance to put a few words on the record now.

I am looking at the three members on this side. Of course, our two colleagues from the SA-Best party are most welcome as well, as are those who recontested and were successful. I am delighted to have my colleague, Tammy Franks, back on the crossbench. I have been the only Green in the village for a period and it is a lonely place, so it is great that we have the band back together again.

Turning to the Hon. Robert Brokenshire, the Hon. Dennis Hood said a lot of things about his background. I will not repeat a lot of that, but all of us who were here saw that he had passion. He

would stand in the spot where the Hon. Connie Bonaros now sits and make his speeches, and he attracted attention. We paid attention to what he said. He spoke with conviction, he spoke with passion and he brought a great deal of experience. We can no longer play the bingo game that we used to play, which was how long would it take before some of that experience was manifest in his contribution. We all wish him well in his future.

In relation to the Hon. Kelly Vincent, I am not prone to exaggeration, but her contribution was astounding. When you think about it, it was a remarkable contribution. Most of us, at the age of 21, I think she was, were not contemplating legislating for the affairs of state. We were not contemplating the minutiae of bills, motions and regulations, and we also did not have her particular health challenges or have to work from a wheelchair—none of us had that at 21—yet for eight years the Hon. Kelly Vincent conducted herself with great authority, I would say, in this place. She was taken very seriously in the community, in a way that many people of her age just would not be, so I think it is a great loss.

Many of you would have seen the article that Matthew Abraham wrote in the *Sunday Mail* last week, entitled, 'The politician we shouldn't have lost'. I absolutely agree with the headline. I think Kelly is a loss to this place. Most of the rest of what Mr Abraham wrote I disagree with. He has one line in here which is an interesting one. He says, 'South Australia has been well served by some of its accidental politicians and poorly served by some of its deliberate politicians.' Of course, you could flip that around the other way as well, but we know the story of the Hon. Kelly Vincent's entry into this place. She was the classic accidental politician, borne out of the tragic death of her running mate prior to the election.

The rest of Matthew Abraham's article I will save for another day. He does rail against the lack of 'serendipity'. I am not sure how serendipity and democracy go well together. We could elect people to this place by pulling names out of a hat, but we do not. That, again, is a debate for another day. I believe, as I know many members do, that Kelly is a real loss to this chamber. I wish her well. It is not often that we see someone departing this place not having yet reached the age of 30. She has a long future ahead of her, a fantastic contribution to make and, who knows, we may see her back here at some stage in the future, but I certainly wish her well.

The Hon. T.A. FRANKS (16:07): I rise briefly to support the motion, to welcome our five new members of this place and to make some very brief remarks on those who have moved on from the red vinyl benches. This is a very intimate parliament; it is a small chamber. I started at the same time as the Hon. Kelly Vincent. We had a mutual friend who put us in touch with each other in those first few weeks because she was contemplating this unexpected elevation to being an elected member of parliament and was not quite sure whether she wanted to go through with it. He put us in touch and I said, 'Well, what's the worst that could happen? You could give it a go and if you don't like it you can move on.' She gave it a go, and I think she excelled.

Kelly, before that, of course, was a playwright. She is an artist, she is a writer and she brought those wonderful skills to this place. Certainly, most of her contributions to this council were considered, articulate and utterly compelling. At the time though, the then President, the Hon. Bob Sneath, used to confuse Kelly and myself all the time. He would refer to myself as 'Kelly' and Kelly as 'Tammy'. We pointed it out to him and we took him to task a few times privately over this. At one point, we had both had enough and pointed out that I was the one with the blonde hair old enough to be the mother of the one with the red hair and the wheelchair. After that, he took it a little bit more seriously, and I think neither of us have been confused for each other by a President since.

I would also like to make some reflections on comrade Gazzola who, again, was somebody I think I rubbed up the wrong way when I first came into this place. He found me a little difficult to deal with, but our love for live music brought us together and then we found that we had quite a lot in common in terms of progressive political beliefs, and we have become great friends and allies. I look forward to an ongoing relationship with the Hon. John Gazzola in terms of the advancement of the arts, music and live culture in this state.

My colleague the Hon. Mark Parnell referred to the bingo games that we played. I must remind you all—and mention it for those of you who missed it—of the 'BingGago' legend of former

minister Gago. When we were 'whingeing, whining and carping' in question time, we were sure to be told not once, not twice but possibly about 12 dozen times. She was an admirable woman, a pioneer, a trailblazer, and indeed, when she was the sole minister in this chamber, she obviously had to stay for the duration of an entire question time with an onslaught of both opposition and crossbench questions and then move on to all the legislative load in this place. That was an enormous burden for any one person, and I think she should be remembered for her fine contribution.

I sat directly across from the Hon. Robert Brokenshire when I first started in this place, and you would have to say that he and I were diametrically opposed on many of our beliefs. However, he would make me laugh in the chamber, and I suspect I did for him as well, for all the right reasons, and we had much in common. I pledge I will be reinstating his volunteers charter legislation that lapsed in the lower house. I note that we worked cohesively on those volunteer issues regarding the CFS. The sticker says that you do not mess with the CFS, and you certainly did not mess with Robert Brokenshire either.

There is a diversity of voices in this place and that is to be welcomed. The Hon. Robert Brokenshire and the Hon. Kelly Vincent have been lost to this council. Those diverse voices of just those two members will be a notable loss, and it is certainly a reminder that we need a larger diversity of voices in this place. I hope that we all take on some of that legacy, particularly for the Hon. Kelly Vincent; her star will shine far brighter yet, and I am sure it will not be the last that we hear from her.

The PRESIDENT (16:12): I wish to add my own acknowledgement of the service of the former members and thank them for their service to the council and the people of South Australia. I wish them well in their future endeavours. I congratulate the new members on their election and welcome them to the council. I wish them all the best for their time in the chamber.

Motion carried.

Parliamentary Procedure

PAPERS

The following papers were laid on the table:

By the President—

- Report of the Environment Resources and Development Committee on its Inquiry into Strata Titles, 15 March 2018
- Supplementary Report of the Auditor-General for the year ending 30 June 2017 on New Royal Adelaide Hospital: March 2018
- 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 December 2017
- Special Report prepared by the Principal Community Visitor dated 22 December 2017
- Reports, 2016-17—
 - City of Adelaide
 - Adelaide Hills Council
 - Adelaide Plains Council
 - Alexandrina Council
 - The Barossa Council
 - District Council of Barunga West
 - City of Burnside
 - City of Charles Sturt
 - Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council
 - District Council of Cleve
 - Coorong District Council
 - District Council of the Copper Coast
 - Town of Gawler
 - The Regional Council of Goyder
 - City of Holdfast Bay
 - Kangaroo Island Council

District Council of Karoonda East Murray
District Council of Kimba
Kingston District Council
Light Regional Council
City of Marion
City of Mitcham
Mount Barker District Council
City of Mount Gambier
District Council of Mount Remarkable
Naracoorte Lucindale Council
City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters
City of Onkaparinga
District Council of Peterborough
City of Port Adelaide Enfield
City of Port Lincoln
Port Pirie Regional Council
City of Prospect
Renmark Paringa Council
Municipal Council of Roxby Downs
City of Salisbury
Southern Mallee District Council
District Council of Streaky Bay
City of Tea Tree Gully
City of Unley
City of Victor Harbor
Wakefield Regional Council
Wattle Range Council
City of Whyalla
Yorke Peninsula Council

By the Treasurer (Hon. R.I. Lucas)—

Coroners Court—Report, 2016-17

Regulations under the following Acts—

Bail Act 1985—Definition of Terrorist Offence

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996—Conferral of Jurisdiction on
SACAT

Co-operatives National Law (South Australia) Act 2013—SACAT

Criminal Assets Confiscation Act 2005—Miscellaneous

Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935—

Definition of Emergency Service Providers

Explosive Substances

Revocation—

Notice to Admit Facts Form

Witness Payment

Surrendered Items

Surrendered Items No. 2

Criminal Law (High Risk Offenders) Act 2015—Definitions

Criminal Law (Sentencing) Act 1988—Guilty Pleas

Criminal Procedure Act 1921—General

Dangerous Substances Act 1979—

Dangerous Goods Transport—Miscellaneous

Light Vehicle Standards

District Court Act 1991—General

Education Act 1972—Charges

Electoral Act 1985—

Electronically Assisted Voting

Miscellaneous

Expiation of Offences Act 1996—Miscellaneous

Fair Trading Act 1987—Building and Construction—Dispute Resolution Code—
General

Fines Enforcement and Debt Recovery Act 2017—General

Justices of the Peace Act 2005—Miscellaneous

Labour Hire Licensing Act 2017—General

Land Agents Act 1994—Registration of Property Managers

Land and Business (Sale and Conveyancing) Act 1994—Restrictions on Beneficial
Interest

Liquor Licensing Act 1997—Miscellaneous

Magistrates Court Act 1991—
Civil—
Listing Fees
Tiered Fees
Fees

Police Superannuation Act 1990—Salary on Secondment

Public Sector Act 2009—Employees of Commissioner for Children and Young
People

Return to Work Act 2014—Miscellaneous

Sentencing Act 2017—General

South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013—Retirement Villages

South Australian Employment Tribunal Act 2014—Miscellaneous

Southern State Superannuation Act 2009—Insurance

Subordinate Legislation Act 1978—General

Summary Offences Act 1953—Prescribed Interviewers

Summary Procedure Act 1921—
Exemptions to Electronic Forms of Service
Restraining Orders

Supreme Court Act 1935—General

Surveillance Devices Act 2016—General

Teachers Registration and Standards Act 2004—Definition of Mandatory
Notification Course

Young Offenders Act 1993 -Definition of Terrorist Offence

Youth Court Act 1993—Fees

Rules of Court—
Magistrates Court—Magistrates Court Act 1991—
Civil—Amendment No. 20
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Criminal—Amendment No. 66

Supreme Court—Supreme Court Act 1935—
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Civil—Corporations Supplementary—Amendment No. 1
Civil—Special Applications—Supplementary—Amendment No. 5

South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013—Amendment No. 3

South Australian Employment Tribunal Act 2014—Amendment No. 1

Review of the Serious and Organised Crime (Unexplained Wealth) Act 2009, dated 1
December 2017

By the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Hon. D.W. Ridgway)—

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Franklin Harbour—
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- No. 2—Moveable Signs
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 - No. 2—Dogs
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- Yankalilla—
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- Regulations under the following Acts—
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 - Building Cladding
 - Horticultural Netting
 - Miscellaneous
 - Harbors and Navigation Act 1993—Restrictions on Aquatic Activities—Glenelg
 - Livestock Act 1997—
 - Beekeeping
 - Tracking of Pigs
 - Local Government Act 1999—Employee Code of Conduct
 - Motor Vehicle Act 1959—
 - Accident Towing Roster Scheme—Miscellaneous
 - Drink and Drug Driving
 - Miscellaneous
 - National Electricity (South Australia) Act 1996—Civil Penalties
 - National Energy Retail Law (South Australia) Act 2011—Civil Penalties
 - National Gas (South Australia) Act 2008—Civil Penalties
 - Primary Industry Funding Schemes Act 1988—
 - Adelaide Hills Wine Industry Fund General
 - Barossa Wine Industry Fund
 - Cattle Industry Fund
 - Clare Valley Wine Industry Fund
 - Langhorne Creek Wine Industry Fund
 - McLaren Vale Wine Industry Fund
 - Riverland Wine Industry Fund
 - SA Grape Growers Industry Fund
 - Rail Safety National Law (South Australia) Act 2012—Drug and Drink Driving
 - Road Traffic Act 1961—
 - Definitions
 - Drink and Drug Driving
 - Drink and Drug Driving No. 2
 - Roadworks
 - Light Vehicle Standards—Miscellaneous
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 - Road Rules—Exemptions for Road Workers
 - Road Rules—Miscellaneous
- Rules under Acts—
 - Road Traffic Act 1961—
 - Light Vehicle Standards—General

By the Minister for Human Services (Hon. J.M.A. Lensink)—

Regulations under the following Acts—

Children and Young People (Oversight and Advocacy Bodies) Act 2016—General
 Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017—
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 Environment Protection Act 1993—SACAT
 Water Industry Act 2012—Longer-term Water Conservation Measures

By the Minister for Health and Wellbeing (Hon. S.G. Wade)—

Regulations under the following Acts—
 Controlled Substances Act 1984—
 Poisons
 Poisons No. 2
 Correctional Services Act 1982—Definition of Terrorist Offence
 Health Care Act 2008—Private Day Care Procedure Centres
 Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (South Australia) Act 2010—
 Amendment of Law
 Miscellaneous
 Miscellaneous No. 2
 Police Act 1988—Terrorism Intelligence
 Tobacco Products Regulation Act 1997—Smoking Bans in Public Areas—Bowden
 Town Square
 Transplant and Anatomy Act 1983—General

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENSION

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (16:21): I seek leave to move a motion without notice concerning the suspension of standing order 14.

Leave granted.

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS: I move:

That standing order 14 be suspended.

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

Motion carried.

Question Time

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (16:28): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Treasurer a question about key performance indicators.

Leave granted.

The Hon. K.J. MAHER: In an *Advertiser* article dated 13 April 2018, Premier Marshall said that he would be setting performance measures centred on economic growth. The Premier is quoted as saying:

We want to have improved outcomes for the people of South Australia, and we'll be measuring that.

In a further media release, dated 20 July 2015, the now Treasurer said that South Australia is careering toward double-digit unemployment. We now see that South Australia's unemployment rate is well below the Treasurer's prediction, falling to 5.6 per cent for the month of March—the third best unemployment figures in the nation—and a recent Deloitte Access Economics report saying that the South Australian economy continues to sprint and may well wrest the title of 'fastest growth in the nation' from the ACT.

My questions to the Treasurer are:

1. What economic indicators is he concentrating on?
2. What KPIs is he setting for them, particularly the unemployment rate?

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (16:30): The Premier and myself, as Treasurer, will be, on behalf of the government, outlining a series of key performance indicators in relation to economic performance. Clearly, the more significant economic indicators will be the gross state product. An indicator for that is, obviously, state final demand, which comes out on a quarterly basis, but is not as good an indicator of the growth of the state economy as the GSP figures, which only come out on a 12-monthly basis and are subject, sadly, to much revision by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

This is an issue that I have asked Treasury to provide advice on: as to how, almost 12 months later, the Australian Bureau of Statistics can actually significantly recast the gross state product figures for states like South Australia and massively reduce what they originally estimated the GSP to be. So, GSP will clearly be, in terms of state growth, a key indicator. A key indicator in terms of jobs growth—which was one of the key claims that the Liberal Party made in the period leading up to the election: more jobs, lower costs and better services—will be, obviously, employment growth, both full-time and part-time employment growth. One will need to take into account participation rate, and one will also need to take into account underutilisation.

The Leader of the Opposition has referred to the seasonally adjusted headline figure in terms of the unemployment rate. I would suggest he might also look at the trend figures in terms of unemployment, but also the underutilisation rate. As the leader would understand, unemployment as currently measured by the Bureau of Statistics says that if an individual is employed for one hour, that particular person is counted as employed. If the Leader of the Opposition is not aware, many South Australians probably would take offence at the fact that if they had one hour's employment they are being judged as being employed in accordance with the Bureau of Statistics. So, issues such as underutilisation rate will also be taken into account. That's in relation to more jobs.

In relation to key performance indicators for lower costs, clearly that's relatively easily measured in looking at, for example, the reduction in state taxes, the massive cut the government has already outlined in terms of emergency services levy bills and the challenges that we have in reducing the very high electricity and water costs we have inherited from the former government, and also in a number of other areas. Finally, in relation to better services: that is a challenge but, in relation to education, better services can be measured through independently assessed NAPLAN results. Again, sadly, the performance of the former government over 16 years has seen a very significant decline, in terms of recorded measurements of literacy and numeracy, in progress in our schools in South Australia.

I am sure my colleague the Minister for Health would be able to indicate a range of indicators in the Health portfolio, but certainly waiting lists for elective surgery and a range of other publicly indicated indicators will be a measure of better services. If one looks at more jobs, lower costs and better services, they will be the sorts of performance indicators that the Premier, I and my colleagues will be working through as we lead up to the period of the September budget.

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The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (16:33): Supplementary question arising out of the answer: just to be clear, the Treasurer has indicated that there will be targets set and that these will be measured targets in unemployment, underutilisation rate and growth rates in GSP. So, the government will be setting targets with time frames about what they expect these figures to be.

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (16:33): The Premier and I have already indicated—for example, in relation to the state economic growth—that our long-term target is to have both economic growth and employment growth approaching the national growth rates. We accept the fact that, after 16 years, when one looks at the employment growth over the last three years or five years, our employment growth in South Australia has significantly trailed the employment growth nationally. Our target in the long term has to be to try to get employment and economic growth closer to the national average. In our view, that has to be a target of any sensible, rational government, so that will be our target.

In terms of the costs of doing business in South Australia, we have said publicly already on a number of occasions that over the long term our businesses in South Australia, in particular small and medium size businesses, need to be nationally and internationally competitive. To do that, our costs of doing business in South Australia need to be nationally and internationally competitive.

We accept the fact that we are not going to be able to turn around the problems of the last 16 years that we have inherited in one year or two years. These need to be short, medium and long-term goals, but the long-term goal has to be that we need to be nationally competitive. We need to, at the very least, match the national growth rate or the national targets in terms of services. For example, in education and health we should be matching the national targets. Over the long term, we would hope we could actually do better, but we are not going to be able to turn those particular performance measures around in the short term.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (16:35): A supplementary question. I don't think the honourable member understood the supplementary before. Will he be committing to actual targets, not just saying, 'We will try to do a little bit better'? The Premier has very clearly stated that there will be KPIs for improved economic outcomes. Will the Treasurer commit to actual targets that they are aiming for in the very near future?

The PRESIDENT: The Hon. Kyam Maher, I am going to allow that question because it is the first day of parliament, but it is not really arising out of the answer; it's a further question. Today I am going to allow the supplementary because I am merciful.

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (16:36): You are very generous, Mr President. I think in the passage from one side of the chamber to the other side the Leader of the Opposition is becoming hard of hearing. We are and will commit to targets. As I have indicated already, for example, in some areas we have to match national growth rates. We have to, for example, match national employment growth. We have to match or better, in terms of NAPLAN results, our performance in schools. They are going to be the targets. They are clear targets that we have set.

Whether we want to, over a period of time, establish year-by-year targets, which was the wont of the former government, which they failed spectacularly with, will be a separate issue. But in terms of targets, I have indicated what our target will be, and our target will be that we need to match the national performance and, if we can, a better national performance in terms of economic growth, jobs growth, school results and performance in terms of the services delivered through our hospitals.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (16:37): A supplementary question arising out of and relevant to the original answer pursuant to standing order 108 where the Treasurer referred to setting targets.

The PRESIDENT: I understand, but it's for matters of clarification.

The Hon. K.J. MAHER: In relation to the setting of targets, which was the original answer, will the Treasurer at least commit to doing better than Labor? Is that a commitment that he will give?

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (16:37): We don't want to set the bar that low. We have higher aspirations than just doing better than Labor. I can assure both you and the people of South Australia that our aspirations are higher than just doing better than the Labor Party over the last 16 years.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (16:37): My question is to the deputy leader of the government in the Legislative Council.

An honourable member: We don't have one.

The Hon. K.J. MAHER: Sorry, the former leader of the opposition, the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment. Will the minister advise whether he fully understands his duty as minister? In particular, will he advise:

1. Whether he has read and understood all of his incoming government briefs?
2. Whether he has received other advice beyond incoming government briefs that he has read and understood?
3. Whether he fully understands his legislative powers and roles under legislation that is attributed to him?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (16:38): I thank the Leader of the Opposition for the question. Yes.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (16:38): A supplementary question arising out of the answer—

The PRESIDENT: It's going to be very hard to mount a supplementary.

Members interjecting:

The PRESIDENT: Order! I am going to listen to it though.

The Hon. K.J. MAHER: So, the minister can confirm that he understands all the legislative powers and functions he has under all of the acts attributed to him?

The PRESIDENT: That's a new question which has already been answered; I am not going to allow it. Your next question.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (16:39): My question is to the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment. When and how was the minister made aware of the intention to award a multimillion dollar tourism promotion contract to an interstate firm, and how did the minister communicate this decision to others in the government?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (16:39): I thank the honourable Leader of the Opposition for his question. I have some notes available. The South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) engages creative service agencies to manage the production of its advertising globally. The current creative services contract with KWP expires on 30 June 2018. The State Procurement Board requires that all agencies undertake an open market process for all new contracts. The value of the contract required the SATC to seek State Procurement Board approval for the acquisition plan.

In late 2017, under your previous Labor government, the Procurement Approvals Committee of the State Procurement Board approved the acquisition for the establishment of a new contract for the provision of creative services to the SATC. The procurement covered the engagement of primary and secondary agencies. The primary agency would manage all overall creative strategy for the higher profile global campaigns and the secondary agencies would handle short turnaround campaigns, typically for domestic markets.

The procurement process was undertaken in accordance with the State Procurement Board guidelines and the market approach was an open request for tender (RFT). The tender closed at the end of 2017, again under your previous Labor government. Prior to the contract award becoming public, I was advised that the SATC had made a decision on the contract. It has now been publicly stated that the tender process involved 10 steps before the final agency was chosen. Each of those steps was designed to ensure that the agency selected gave South Australia the best opportunity and value for money. As outlined in the tender document, each of the agencies shortlisted were evaluated on the same criteria, with specific weightage awarded to each criteria to ultimately determine the contract winner.

In the case of the SATC creative services contract, each of the five agencies shortlisted from a total of 35 who submitted applications were evaluated on the same platform against the same criteria. As you can see, Mr President, there was huge interest, with 35 companies applying: five were shortlisted, and this was further reduced to two companies prior to the recent state election—those two did not include KWP.

Premier Marshall and the state Liberal government are committed to growing the South Australian economy through more jobs. Therefore, the Premier and I have expressed disappointment that a South Australian company was not selected to deliver this contract. However, the process which the SATC undertook adhered to State Procurement Board guidelines. Several companies have invested extensively in this tender process and it would send a very unhealthy and unfair message to investors, both domestically and globally, to overturn the outcome of a very fair and comprehensive tender process.

I make the point that the previous Labor government and minister oversaw the signing of the SATC's PR contract with the Sydney based Red Agency. That contract began in January this year under the now opposition. In the 10 years prior to that, the contract sat with another New South Wales based company. However, moving forward, Premier Marshall has taken swift action to ensure that South Australian companies are well positioned to win future contracts.

Since the announcement of the contract, the Premier and I have met with the chief executive and chair of the SATC board to clarify the process and confirm actions to be taken to ensure that South Australian companies would be in the best position to win possible future contracts. We also confirm that a new board member will be appointed to the SATC board to represent the South Australian creative services industry. We are assured that the contract with TBWA will have clauses maximising the involvement of South Australian production houses and other specialist providers.

In closing, this government will always support South Australian companies and will express disappointment if and when they are not the winning bidder; however, we remain committed to supporting them in any way possible in the context of a fair and competitive market.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (16:43): I have a supplementary question arising from the very extensive answer, which obviously gives ample room for supplementaries. The minister said that he was advised prior to the information becoming public of the award. Exactly when was the minister informed, in what manner was he informed and by whom?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (16:44): Thank you for the supplementary question. I was made aware prior to the decision being public and I said that in my answer. However, I have to reiterate that this decision was a decision of the South Australian Tourism Commission to award that contract to TBWA, and I have just stated that it was done in conjunction with all the rules in relation to the State Procurement Board, which undertook an extensive tender and decision-making process initiated under the previous Labor government.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (16:44): I have a supplementary question arising from the original answer. Exactly how long before it became public was the minister informed, who was he informed by and how was that information communicated to him?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (16:44): I thank the minister for his supplementary question. I was informed by the SATC once the decision was made that it had completed the tender process that was initiated under your government, your Labor government, and that it had ended and a final decision had been made by the South Australian Tourism Commission.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (16:45): I have a supplementary question arising from the original answer. You said in your original answer that you were informed of the decision prior to it becoming public that this decision was made. Did this decision require approval from you? Was it above the Treasurer's Instructions that allow an agency to approve it, or did it require your ministerial approval for this decision?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (16:45): As the opposition leader would remember, the South Australian Tourism Commission operates as a

statutory body. The process had been started under the former government, was initiated by the former minister and was completed under the former Labor government.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (16:45): I have a supplementary question arising from the original answer. Just to be very clear, you as a minister had no role in approving this contract? There was no sign off, no brief that required your signature for this to be approved? Is that what you are telling the chamber and putting on record and subjecting yourself to misleading parliament with?

The Hon. R.P. Wortley: Be very careful with your answer. Say it in Chinese.

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (16:46): As I indicated, I was made aware of the decision by the South Australian Tourism Commission board prior to it being made public. I am not aware that I had any obligation to approve it. The decision had been made. The successful tenderer had been identified under the process outlined by the State Procurement Board during the process that I outlined in my previous answer.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (16:46): Supplementary question arising from the original answer: I thank the honourable member for saying that there will be nothing with his signature on or approval for this. It was merely that he was informed and that was his only role; he has put that on record. The second part of the original question and the answer was: when and who did you inform about this decision? Particularly arising from the original answer: as you were told about this before it became public, as you have informed the council, did you inform anyone else in government, particularly the Premier or anyone in his office, of this decision of the SATC before it became public knowledge?

The PRESIDENT: Before you get up, minister, the actual supplementary question is appropriate. The dialogue beforehand, or the pre-emptive explanation, is not appropriate, but I am in a lenient mood on the first day of parliament, Leader of the Opposition. Minister.

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (16:47): I believe I have covered all those matters in my previous answer.

The PRESIDENT: The minister has answered the way he has answered. Have you completed your line of inquiry?

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (16:47): Thank you, Mr President. After the matter became public, the minister—

The PRESIDENT: It is a supplementary question, but keep it tight by way of clarification on the original answer.

The Hon. K.J. MAHER: Supplementary arising out of, and in relation to, the original answer: the honourable member talked about having had a meeting with himself and the Premier with the SATC. Can he confirm exactly when that meeting took place, exactly who was at that meeting and what the outcomes of that meeting were?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (16:48): The meeting took place on Monday morning this week. The people present at the meeting were the Premier, myself, the chief executive of the South Australian Tourism Commission and the chairman of the South Australian Tourism Commission board. We undertook—

The Hon. K.J. Maher: No advisers or staff?

The PRESIDENT: You have asked your question, Leader of the Opposition.

The Hon. K.J. Maher: I am helping.

The PRESIDENT: Minister.

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY: I will advise the opposition leader that that was to make sure that in the final contract with TBWA there were some clauses that certainly pushed them towards making sure South Australian companies had an opportunity to provide services to them, creative services and other services they may require.

The goal of it was to make sure that the South Australian Tourism Commission was well aware that we were very disappointed that a South Australian company had not won the tender, notwithstanding it had been approved under the procurement process initiated by your government. We wanted to make the Tourism Commission chief executive and the chairman of the board aware that we would expect to see South Australian companies get some opportunities to provide services to TBWA.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

The Hon. T.A. FRANKS (16:49): A supplementary question arising from the answer: what was the length of the meeting held this Monday morning with the Premier, you and the head of SATC?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (16:49): I thank the honourable member for her supplementary question. I don't actually recall the number of minutes, but it was held first thing in the morning. We covered all of the issues and in time for the Premier to get to other important engagements and for me to continue another meeting. We covered all of the issues.

An honourable member interjecting:

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY: I suspect it was around half an hour, but we don't keep times on meetings in this current government.

The PRESIDENT: Minister, don't reply to questions from members without the call.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Hon. J.S.L. DAWKINS (16:50): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Human Services a question regarding domestic violence policy.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.S.L. DAWKINS: As a White Ribbon Ambassador, I was privileged, along with many other members of parliament, to attend the coalition of domestic violence providers' vigil at Elder Park last evening. My question to the minister is: will she update the council about the development of the government's domestic violence policies?

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services) (16:50): I thank the honourable member for his question. Yes, I noted that there were a number of members of this chamber who attended the domestic violence vigil last night which was organised by the Coalition of Women's Domestic Violence Services. I think I saw the honourable Leader of the Opposition there, our former colleague Gerry Kandelaars, the member for Port Adelaide, and a number of Liberal members, including the new Speaker and the Hon. Mr Dawkins, so I thank him for his attendance. It is very important that men are part of this conversation as we go forward for some 30 or more years. A lot of women, particularly women who have been running shelters, have been driving the reform in this space.

The Liberal Party announced a very comprehensive policy in the lead-up to the election that we are extremely proud of. We had a range of measures, including additional accommodation for crisis services; the extension of a range of safety hubs across the state, largely based on what the Women's Safety Services of South Australia have established at their own initiative at their offices in the inner west which applied across metropolitan South Australia; funding for the Women's Safety Services Crisis Hotline to operate 24 hours a day; a range of legal measures which are being driven by the Attorney-General, including the so-called Clare's Law which enables somebody to make investigations in relation to someone's violent history; more targeted rehabilitation for domestic violence perpetrators; data collection and communication improvements; and providing the Coalition of Women's Domestic Violence Services with peak body funding.

This policy was extremely well met. We, in government, have a very ambitious 100-day plan. One of the 30-day plan commitments, which needed us to get our skates on, was to have a round table of all the service providers which took place on 13 April. Those service providers were very appreciative that they were actually being asked to input into our policy and help shape it as it is going forward. We were very frank with them and said that there might be elements that might need to be modified, so they have helped to shape that.

Of course, we have also appointed an assistant minister, the new member for Elder, Carolyn Habib, as the Assistant Minister for Domestic and Family Violence. Assistant minister Habib and I attended all day, the Attorney-General also attended, as did the Minister for Police, and those service providers have been very appreciative that they have been able to help shape our policy. As is going to be the wont of the Marshall Liberal government, we are in the practice of working with the sector to codesign services rather than have a top-down approach, which was certainly the approach of the former Labor government, and we will continue to implement these in consultation.

The information is being captured by the Office for Women, which will then be provided back to us for further work. We have also undertaken to have a range of regional consultations with service providers and other people in the community, because clearly each region has a different approach. For instance, on Kangaroo Island they have already managed to establish their own hubs. We certainly think that there are individual approaches, depending on what the needs are in that region. We are very optimistic about there being some significant changes in relation to the way that this policy goes forward. I look forward to everybody participating.

STATE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION

The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (16:55): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before directing a question to the Treasurer.

Leave granted.

The Hon. I.K. HUNTER: The Hon. Michelle Lensink, in her answer to a question from the Hon. John Dawkins, talked about the now government having made a number of 30-day commitments in the lead-up to the election and during the election campaign, and how she and others needed to get their skates on to deliver on that election commitment for a 30-day response. My question to the Treasurer is: will the Treasurer explain why he has failed to determine the membership of the South Australian productivity commission in the first 30 days of government, as previously promised, and when can we expect the membership to be announced?

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (16:55): The Premier and I have commenced the implementation of the commitment for a productivity commission in South Australia. It is correct to indicate that we have not announced the membership of the productivity commission; that is still a work in progress. It is a discussion between the Premier and myself in relation to the establishment. The Premier has actually taken responsibility for the establishment of the productivity commission under the government. I will liaise with the Premier and bring back a reply in relation to when the Premier and the government believe we will be in a position to announce the membership of the productivity commission.

STATE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION

The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (16:56): Supplementary. As a point of clarification: has the Treasurer just apologised to the people of South Australia for failing to deliver on his first 30-day commitment?

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (16:56): Let me just indicate that, unlike the former government—

An honourable member interjecting:

The PRESIDENT: Order!

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS: —if we don't implement exactly in accordance with the commitments that we have made, we'll 'fess up in this particular chamber—indeed, anywhere else—as I indicated to the honourable member. We have commenced the implementation of the productivity commission.

We are delighted to hear that the member is such a fierce advocate for the establishment of a productivity commission, and we look forward to that ongoing support for the productivity commission.

But can I just indicate that there will be no arrogance from me as a minister, or even the government, in relation to the government's promises that it makes and how it's measured in relation to whether or not it meets those particular promises. If in some areas, over the period of the next four years, we fall short, I can assure you I will willingly submit myself to the chamber and indicate that we have fallen short in a particular area. There is no shame in that.

We have a vision for a massive reform agenda over the next four years. In some cases, we might fall short as a result of delays in our own decision-making. In others, it may well be the will of the parliament. The reform agenda that the government has may not be supported by the majority in both houses of the parliament, and we will have to accept that if that's the case in some areas of our reform agenda.

As I said, unlike the former government and former ministers, if ultimately, over the period of four years, we fall short of performance in some areas, we will ask the people of South Australia in 2022 to judge us on our overall record in terms of keeping the promises we have made. There is an absolute commitment to and desire to meet each and every one of the commitments that we have made within the timetable. Ultimately, we think that the people of South Australia will judge us as to whether or not we delivered on a particular promise. On the actual timetable, we suspect the people of South Australia are likely to be forgiving in terms of the actual timetable of delivery.

STATE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION

The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (16:59): Further supplementary: will the Treasurer then take on notice my question and provide an answer to the chamber as to why he has failed to deliver on a key promise made to the people of South Australia?

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (16:59): I indicated in response to the first question that I am happy to take on notice and consult with my Premier, who has taken over responsibility for the establishment of the productivity commission, to try to get on notice for the honourable member some indication of when we believe the government will be in a position to announce the initial membership of the productivity commission.

HOMELESSNESS

The Hon. M.C. PARNELL (16:59): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking a question of the new Minister for Human Services about homelessness.

Leave granted.

The Hon. M.C. PARNELL: As we all should know, homelessness is a significant issue in South Australia. Homelessness is not a choice and it has many dimensions. It can be caused by a number of factors, including a shortage of affordable housing, domestic violence, family breakdown, unemployment, mental illness and drug and alcohol abuse. Homelessness, as we know, is one of the most important markers of social exclusion.

According to the findings of the 2016 Australian Bureau of Statistics census, the rate of homeless persons in South Australia was 37.1 per 10,000 people in the population. The figure five years earlier was very similar at 36.4 per 10,000 people and 10 years earlier it was 37 persons per 10,000 of population. From this data, we can see that over the last decade there has been no improvement in the rate of homelessness in South Australia.

The Governor was pleased to open the parliament recently with a speech—and I take this not from *Hansard*, which I have not seen yet, but from my own notes—and my recollection is that he said, 'Support for the most vulnerable in our community should be given the highest priority.' My question of the minister is: what are the Marshall government's plans to tackle homelessness?

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services) (17:01): I thank the honourable member for the question. I agree that homelessness is an area that we do need to tackle and unfortunately there are a large number of people who find themselves in this situation. In some ways,

it is a little bit like mental health: it does not discriminate. Many people can find themselves in homeless situations completely unexpectedly.

One of the issues that has been raised with me, particularly when I took over this portfolio from the opposition in the period from January until the present time, is that cost-of-living issues can be particularly significant. Foodbank SA has reported that they get a large number of people who need their services, particularly when they get their quarterly electricity bills, so that is part of the tranche clearly and that has been one of the key priorities as far as our policy directions are concerned.

There is a range of programs that operate in the homelessness space. There is some \$64 million that is provided under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness and the NAHA, which is the National Affordable Housing Agreement. Some of those agreements are still under negotiation. The quantum is not under any doubt, but there is some need for each state to develop a housing plan because it is not just about the crisis service. Clearly, there are crisis end services in relation to the CBD.

I met with all of those stakeholders recently. We want to have some ongoing discussions because, from what I understand, they actually don't meet regularly. We think there is probably a lot of collaboration that can take place going forward so they are working together in a much greater partnership.

I am sure there was somebody from the Greens who attended the town hall to sign up to the Don Dunstan Foundation's Adelaide Zero Project. The Hon. Tammy Franks is waving at me, so I apologise and acknowledge that she, as well as a number of other members representing other parties, attended that.

They have a project where they are looking at a functional zero project for the CBD. I think that has had some very good learnings and there is going to be a Connections Week from 14 to 17 May. Honourable members may wish to participate in that. What that is about is that a range of volunteers will be going out to meet people who are sleeping rough in Adelaide's CBD and make sure that we are collecting their stories, their names and so forth, and working towards that aim.

I think there is a lot that can be done in the collaboration between existing service providers. I have committed from opposition, and obviously will take this into government, that the homelessness gateways that operate—there is a generic homelessness gateway, a specific DV gateway and a youth gateway—will be retained because we think that the specialisation is very useful to target those particular populations.

There are also some areas of reform in the broader housing sphere, and another part of our 100-day plan was to establish a new housing authority. We are looking at the shift between people from the crisis services into the public and social housing system, which is what the service providers have told me is a problem. They have intake into their crisis end services, but they often have difficulty transitioning people.

I think there is a range of reforms that we have already initiated in the housing space that I look forward to being able to advise the house on into the future when we have fully designed the reforms for what the housing system is going to look like into the future. Those are system changes, but I think they are very significant and I am very optimistic about the sorts of improvements that we will be able to make in the system.

HOME BATTERY SCHEME

The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (17:06): My question is to the Treasurer. Can the Treasurer explain why the government has failed to issue instructions for the establishment of a \$100 million battery subsidy scheme, as promised within the first 30 days of government?

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:06): I would need to take advice from my colleague the minister for mines and energy in relation to that particular issue. I am happy to bring back an answer as quickly as possible.

HOME BATTERY SCHEME

The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (17:06): Supplementary: can the Treasurer also advise why the government has failed to begin the introduction of other home-based storage demand management and grid integration activities, as promised within the first 30 days of government?

The PRESIDENT: I am going to allow that question for today, Treasurer.

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:06): It's not really a supplementary.

The PRESIDENT: No, it's not quite a supplementary.

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS: You are a very generous President and I am a very generous Treasurer; I am happy to answer it. I am happy to take that on notice and seek advice. I note the words that the honourable member quoted—I think he said 'begin the establishment'—so it may well be that the response I bring back on behalf of the minister to the member does indicate that he has begun that particular process, but I will refer the question to the appropriate minister and bring back a reply.

ANZAC DAY SHOP TRADING HOURS

The Hon. T.A. FRANKS (17:07): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before addressing a question on the topic of ANZAC Day shop trading hours to the Treasurer.

Leave granted.

The Hon. T.A. FRANKS: Under current South Australian arrangements, CBD stores may open from 12 noon on ANZAC Day. Indeed, in other areas across the state, in our regions, there are less restrictions than that. Meanwhile, in Victoria and New South Wales stores are only open from 1pm onwards. In Tasmania, they can only open from 12.30pm onwards, and in Western Australia and Queensland the stores are closed. Yet a news story on Channel 7 reported, on this ANZAC Day just gone, that the Treasurer will, and I quote, 'review current laws for this special day to find a common-sense solution' and, when interviewed for the segment that called for a further deregulation of shop trading hours in the CBD on ANZAC Day, the Treasurer stated, 'We are looking at that in terms of what is a sensible position; certainly the current laws are not sensible.'

My question to the Treasurer is then, therefore, with South Australia currently having the least restrictive ANZAC Day shop trading laws of any state or territory in the country, can the Treasurer now rule out any further deregulation of shop trading hours on ANZAC Day?

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:08): No. The government has indicated its position in relation to shop trading reform and the honourable member will have the opportunity when the bill is introduced to express her views in relation to this particular aspect. As the member indirectly referred to, with shop trading hours on ANZAC Day for example in Mount Barker and virtually every part of regional South Australia, including my hometown of Mount Gambier, the Riverland and the Whyalla region for example, the shops can open ANZAC morning or any time of the day. They can open Christmas Day and they can open on Good Friday. In the end, the majority of them don't, but they are not restricted by shop trading hours regulation.

The argument as to why stores in Mount Barker, for example, could open on ANZAC Day morning and four, five or however many kilometres away at Stirling they can't doesn't make much sense to me. It might make some sense to other members, but it doesn't make much sense to me as to the difference between Stirling and Mount Barker.

These are the sorts of challenges to which, when the shop trading hours legislation comes before parliament, members will have to address themselves. As I said, the shop trading laws in relation to ANZAC Day morning for the vast bulk of the regional areas of South Australia are completely unregulated or deregulated as they exist at the moment.

In relation to the issue of whether it should be 12, 12.30 or 1.30, the position that is in the legislation at the moment is 12 o'clock, as the member has pointed out, and essentially that has been the policy position that the government has indicated we would accept in the greater metropolitan area district: the restriction of trading on Good Friday, Christmas Day and ANZAC Day morning, and I guess on any reasonable definition of what 'morning' is, that goes up to 12 o'clock. That has been

the government position. Ultimately, the honourable member will have the opportunity, when the legislation comes before the parliament, to express her view on that particular aspect of the shop trading hours reform.

BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The Hon. T.T. NGO (17:11): I have a question for the new Treasurer. Will the Treasurer rule out withdrawing or reallocating any of the \$690 million worth of funding allocated to 91 state public schools as part of the Building Better Schools program by the previous government?

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:11): If I have interpreted the honourable member's question correctly, it is the former government's commitment to \$692 million in capital expenditure on a number of schools. The Liberal Party, in the period leading up to the election, made a commitment that we would continue with that particular program. We have reiterated that commitment subsequently. The only caveat we have put on it is that we believe that the money we are talking about—the \$692 million—should in part be used to prepare secondary schools for the movement of year 7s into those particular secondary schools. So, if we have \$692 million to spend on capital works and if there is money to be spent on a high school, it would seem to make sense to actually provision for the increased numbers of year 7 students going into that particular high school. We indicated that prior to the election and we have reiterated that particular position since the election.

BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (17:12): Supplementary arising from the original answer. If I am understanding the Treasurer correctly, for every school where it has been indicated there will be funds for building works at that school, they will not have any taken away or reallocated the another school but they will be quarantined for that school?

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:13): That is the commitment we gave prior to the election, that is the commitment we have given since the election and that was the answer I just gave to the Hon. Mr Ngo.

BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The Hon. T.T. NGO (17:13): I have a supplementary question arising from the answer. Can the Treasurer guarantee that he or his government will not forcibly close or amalgamate any schools as a result of primary schools losing year 7 students to high schools?

The PRESIDENT: That is a new question, the Hon. Mr Ngo, but since I have been generous today I will allow the Treasurer, who is keen to answer the question, to reply.

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:13): Indeed, as a former minister for education. That is a question I will need to put to the Minister for Education. I have no ministerial responsibility in relation to the closure or otherwise of schools in South Australia. My understanding, as not the minister for education, is that there are provisions within the Education Act that actually govern the closure of schools. I think they are provisions that the former government actually, with the assistance of the former member for Chaffey, put into the legislation. My understanding is those provisions still exist within the Education Act, and they would govern any response that the current government could have in relation to issues of closures of schools. I will refer the honourable member's question to my colleague the Minister for Education and bring back a response.

GAMBLING REFORM

The Hon. C. BONAROS (17:14): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Leader of the Government and the Treasurer representing the Attorney-General a question about gambling harm and the election.

Leave granted.

The Hon. C. BONAROS: During the South Australian election campaign, the Australian Hotels Association (SA) ran a multimillion dollar campaign online and on the ground, targeted solely against SA-Best, aimed directly at impacting the outcome of the election to ensure that no meaningful gambling reform will be achieved in South Australia. To add insult to injury, the Liberal Party held its

election night party at the Maid and Magpie, where posters were plastered on walls against SA-Best, forcing staff—

The Hon. J.S.L. Dawkins: It wasn't the Maid and Magpie.

The Hon. C. BONAROS: Wasn't it? At a hotel—I apologise—wearing badges against SA-Best. Ian Horne, the AHA's general manager, confirmed that over the 2017 calendar year the organisation contributed to both the Liberal Party and the Labor Party. In answer to why the AHA made such donations, Mr Horne provided the simple reason: 'Why do we do it? Well, they ask for it. If they stop asking, we'll stop giving.' Does the government acknowledge that the money paid in donations to the Liberal Party and the Labor Party by the AHA is in part derived from poker machine addicts? Why is the government comfortable in accepting such donations?

Will the Leader of the Government confirm for the public record that it does not intend to water down gambling legislation, particularly in relation to poker machines? Will the Liberal Party stop asking for donations from the AHA and other gambling lobbies, given the devastating impact we know poker machines have on the South Australian community?

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:16): In relation to the question about the government's intentions in relation to gambling legislation, that will be an issue I would need to refer to the Attorney-General, the minister responsible for gambling in South Australia. I am not aware. There was nothing in our policy program or package that we took to the election—the 100-day plan, which is being fondly quoted by members of this chamber—that related to gambling reform.

In relation to donations to political parties, the Liberal Party's position has been quite clear: there is the law of the state, the law of the land and we will have to abide by it. If the parliament changes the law of the land or the law of the state, then we will abide by those changes in laws. There is nothing that prevents donations from industry groups or stakeholders or, indeed, trade unions and others. There is nothing that prevents avid antigambling campaigners from giving money to parties that have antigambling policies.

There are any number of people who donate to political parties—both the major parties and the minor parties—who are either advocating for or against a particular policy position. There is nothing in the law which says that that's unlawful. If, for example, there were people who were attracted to SA-Best because of their policy platform on a particular issue, either for or against, they are perfectly entitled to support SA-Best or, indeed, any political party in relation to that particular position.

The Liberal Party's position is quite simple. If it's lawful, if it's legal, then there is nothing wrong with accepting donations from industry groups or, indeed, individuals. If the parliament makes a change to that particular law, then the Liberal Party and indeed all parties will need to abide by those particular changes. I think, by way of interjection, the member's reference to a particular hotel was corrected. What the Liberal Party's position has been is that we were just trying to find a venue big enough to accept all the people who wanted to celebrate getting rid of a very bad government after 16 years. Short of hiring Adelaide Oval or some venue like that, we had to find a venue that could fit many hundreds of people into both the venue and the car park to celebrate the end of a very bad government after 16 years.

I actually can't recall either election nights or victory nights (there haven't been that many of those) or loss nights that have been held in any venue other than a hotel in South Australia. I think the Labor Party have used football clubs. Again, football clubs also have poker machines in them. So, that was the choice.

In relation to the issues of changes to gambling policy, I will refer that to the appropriate minister and bring back a reply, but I am not aware of any announced policy or intended policy in relation to changes to gambling policy.

NOARLUNGA HOSPITAL

The Hon. J.A. DARLEY (17:20): My question is to the Minister for Health. Can the minister advise whether the new Liberal government has any plans to restore health services at Noarlunga Hospital?

The Hon. S.G. WADE (Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (17:20): I thank the honourable member for his question. In answering the question, considering a recurring theme in the house today has been the willingness of the incoming government to honour their commitments, I would remind the house that when the Labor Party formed government after the last election they brought into this parliament a commitment to spend \$31 million upgrading the Noarlunga Hospital, and yet within a year, under the guise of their Transforming Health reform package, they slashed that capital investment to \$12 million. That money was used primarily not to honour the election commitments but to change the nature of that centre to a day centre and basically to take services that had been dislocated from the Repat—another broken Labor promise. They promised never, ever to close the Repat, and yet they broke another promise to fund the transfer of Repat services.

In terms of the specific question the honourable member raised, the Marshall Liberal government committed to an upgrade of the Noarlunga Hospital to establish a 12-bed acute medical ward with a capacity to expand over time as demand was required. That particular commitment has received a lot of attention in the south—very warmly welcomed—but I am just as proud of other elements of our package for the south. We committed to establishing a women's and children's hub in the Noarlunga Hospital precinct and specifically to look at the feasibility of basing a southern community midwifery team at Noarlunga Hospital or supported by Noarlunga in the south.

I am particularly keen to try to increase the access for southern families to antenatal services from Noarlunga Hospital. For many people, going all the way from the southern regions to FMC for antenatal clinics is just a step too far.

We are looking at the realignment of surgical services in the south. My decision, which was announced yesterday, to terminate the contract of the Repat provides exciting opportunities not just for the Repat but also for Noarlunga. I have met with the executive team of the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network and there was a palpable sense of excitement about what could happen as we try to recover from the Transforming Health disaster.

There are all sorts of services where you could develop centres of excellence. Whether that is in geriatric care, women's and children's care or mental health, there are all sorts of opportunities that the decision to terminate the Repat contract creates, and we are very keen to work with communities and clinicians as we honour our promises.

LIVE SHEEP EXPORT

The Hon. F. PANGALLO (17:23): Thank you, Mr President, and while you are in a generous mood, if you can indulge me in my question. If it seems a bit long—I will try not to make it too long, but I will work at formatting it. I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking a question to the Hon. David Ridgway, the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment.

Leave granted.

The Hon. F. PANGALLO: Earlier this month, Australians were shocked by the footage on national television of the horrendously cruel conditions aboard a livestock ship carrying sheep to the Middle East. In this incident more than 2,400 sheep suffered an agonising death. According to Animals Australia, a further 4,000 died in routine shipments to four Gulf states last year.

We know this trade has been going on for many years and there have been similar incidents where promises of action soon dissolve into thin air. In fact, just 10 years ago I produced a story for the Seven Network with Animals Australia where footage was taken of Australian sheep sold to markets being stuffed into the boots of cars, strapped onto the roof racks for a harrowing trip on bumpy roads through choking Cairo traffic. Yet, the cruel and abusive nature of this industry continues, raising concerns about how well regulated it really is.

Rightly, the public continues to be outraged and is demanding an end to this practice. If those deaths happened here the persons responsible would have faced criminal charges and possible gaol time. In the meantime, the powerful international animal welfare lobby has now been handed a fresh cause to attack us. My question to the minister is: is the state government willing to risk damage to our international reputation and continue to allow South Australian ports to be used for these live animal exports and, if it does, what does the government intend to do to ensure that animals are kept and transported in conditions acceptable to animal welfare authorities?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (17:25): I thank the honourable member for his first question. I think like all South Australians (in fact all Australians) I was horrified at the vision of sheep suffering on that particular boat. I don't think anybody would condone cruelty to animals wherever it may occur, whether it is at sea with animals on the way to another country or even on our own farms and domestic animals as well.

The Liberal Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, the Hon. Tim Whetstone, is the minister who has responsibility for this particular issue. I am happy to refer the honourable member's question to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and bring back an answer.

LIVE SHEEP EXPORT

The Hon. T.A. FRANKS (17:26): Supplementary question arising from the original answer: does that mean that the Minister for Environment, who has the Animal Welfare Act under his carriage, has no responsibility for this issue?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (17:26): It's my understanding that the federal minister for primary industries has taken the lead at a national level and it's my understanding that the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development has been the spokesman for the Liberal Party. As I said, I will refer the original question to the Hon. Mr Whetstone. However, if the Hon. Tammy Franks would like, I will also refer her supplementary question to the Minister for Environment.

Parliamentary Committees

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:27): I move:

That a Standing Orders Committee be appointed consisting of the President, the Hons I.K. Hunter, K.J. Maher, M.C. Parnell and the mover.

Motion carried.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:27): I move:

That for this session a Library Committee not be appointed.

Motion carried.

PRINTING COMMITTEE

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:28): I move:

That a printing committee be appointed consisting of the Hons J.S.L. Dawkins, D.G. Hood, I.K. Hunter, T.T. Ngo and T.J. Stephens.

Motion carried.

JOINT PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:28): I move:

That pursuant to section 5 of the Parliament (Joint Services) Act 1985 the Hons I.K. Hunter and T.J. Stephens be appointed to act with the President as members of the Joint Parliamentary Service Committee 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. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:28): 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, M.C. Parnell and C.M. Scriven, and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the aforementioned resolution.

Motion carried.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:29): I move:

That pursuant to section 20(2) of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991 the following members be appointed to the committee: the Hons C. Bonaros, E.S. Bourke and D.G. Hood, and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the aforementioned resolution.

Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:29): I move:

That pursuant to section 20(2) of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991 the following members be appointed to the committee: the Hons C. Bonaros, I. Pnevmatikos and T.J. Stephens, 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. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:29): 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, J.E. Hanson, F. Pangallo, T.J. Stephens and I. Pnevmatikos, and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the aforementioned resolution.

Motion carried.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:30): 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, T.J. Stephens and R.P. Wortley, 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. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:30): 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 J.S.L. Dawkins, T.A. Franks and K.J. Maher, 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. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:31): 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, T.A. Franks and T.T. Ngo, and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the aforementioned resolution.

Motion carried.

STATUTORY OFFICERS COMMITTEE

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:31): 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, I.K. Hunter and J.S.L. Dawkins, 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. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:31): 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.E. Hanson, D.G.E. Hood and F. Pangallo, 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 (17:32): I lay upon the table a copy of the Governor's opening speech.

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:32): I move:

That a committee consisting of the Hons E.S. Bourke, D.G.E. Hood, J.S. Lee, C.M. Scriven 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.

Parliamentary Procedure

SITTINGS AND BUSINESS

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer) (17:32): I move:

That the council at its rising do adjourn until Tuesday 8 May 2018 at 2.15pm.

In speaking briefly to this penultimate motion that I move this afternoon, I indicate that, as I have had discussions with most members in this chamber, it is the government's intention that the default position is that we would sit on Thursday mornings from 11am to 1pm. However, as has been the practice sometimes in recent years, in the early weeks of the parliamentary session it may well be that we do not require sitting from 11am to 1pm. In those circumstances, we would cancel the sitting the day before. In some cases, there is to be a weekly planning meeting at the start of the week and it may well be possible at the start of the week to indicate that it is unlikely that we would need to sit on the Thursday morning as well. The default position will be that we will put in our diaries a sitting of the Legislative Council from 11am to 1pm on Thursday mornings and that will be cancelled if we do not require it.

Motion carried.

At 17:34 the council adjourned until Tuesday 8 May 2018 at 14:15.