

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**Tuesday, 4 September 2018**

The **PRESIDENT (Hon. A.L. McLachlan)** took the chair at 14:15 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.

*Bills***CRIMINAL LAW CONSOLIDATION (CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS) AMENDMENT BILL***Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

FARM DEBT MEDIATION BILL*Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

HEALTH CARE (GOVERNANCE) AMENDMENT BILL*Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL*Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

PUBLIC FINANCE AND AUDIT (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL*Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

CRIMINAL ASSETS CONFISCATION (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL*Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

STATUTES AMENDMENT (NATIONAL ENERGY LAWS) (RULES) BILL*Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

EVIDENCE (JOURNALISTS) AMENDMENT BILL*Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

*Parliamentary Procedure***ANSWERS TABLED**

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

PAPERS

The following papers were laid on the table:

By the President—

Report of the Auditor-General on the Adelaide Oval Redevelopment pursuant to section 9 of the Adelaide Oval Redevelopment and Management Act 2011 for 1 January to 30 June, 2018

Report of the Natural Resources Committee on its Kangaroo Island Field Trip 24 and 25 June 2018 which was published pursuant to Section 17(7) and (8) of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991 on 17 August 2018

By the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Hon. D.W. Ridgway) on behalf of the Treasurer (Hon. R.I. Lucas)—

Administrative Review of Gambling Regulation in South Australia dated 9 December 2016
TAFE SA Strategic Capability Review 2018 Report
Quality Review of TAFE SA Report dated 4 April 2018

*Ministerial Statement***TAFE SA**

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (14:22): I table a copy of a ministerial statement, entitled A Fresh Start for TAFE SA, made earlier today in another place by my colleague the Hon. John Gardner.

*Parliamentary Committees***CRIME AND PUBLIC INTEGRITY POLICY COMMITTEE**

The Hon. D.G.E. HOOD (14:24): I move:

That standing orders be so far suspended as to enable me to move the following motion without notice:

That the instruction to the Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee, given on 26 July 2018, be amended to now require the committee to report on its inquiry into the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (Investigation Powers) Amendment Bill no later than Thursday 20 September 2018.

An honourable member: Seconded.

The PRESIDENT: It has been seconded, and I note that there is present an absolute majority of the whole number of members of the council.

Motion carried.

The Hon. D.G.E. HOOD: I move:

That the instruction to the Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee, given on 26 July 2018, be amended to now require the committee to report on its inquiry into the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (Investigation Powers) Amendment Bill no later than Thursday 20 September 2018, and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly transmitting the foregoing and requesting its concurrence thereto.

Motion carried.

*Question Time***PRIVATE EMAIL ACCOUNTS**

The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (14:26): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the minister assisting the Premier a question regarding conduct of portfolio-related business.

Leave granted.

The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY: On 1 August, the assistant minister advised the chamber that:

Currently, I am using my parliamentary email address because I have not been given a departmental email address yet.

The Hon. Ms Lee also told the chamber on the same day in relation to the allocation of an office and the establishment of an appropriate email address to conduct her ministerial business that:

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet is organising those arrangements for me.

My questions to the assistant minister are:

1. In the past five weeks since parliament last sat, has the assistant minister been given an appropriate email to conduct her ministerial-related business?
2. Has the assistant minister now been allocated an office in which to conduct her portfolio-related business?
3. What steps has the assistant minister taken to ensure that portfolio-related matters are handled by correct ministerial processes?
4. What business does the assistant minister conduct within the parliament that is related to her portfolio responsibilities?

The Hon. J.S. LEE (14:27): I thank the honourable member for his many questions. I actually tabled those answers in my previous answers when I tabled the others without me reading them into *Hansard*, so can the honourable member refer to those answers.

REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Hon. T.T. NGO (14:27): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before directing a question to the minister representing the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government.

Leave granted.

The Hon. T.T. NGO: During the 2018 election campaign, the Liberal Party committed to assessing the feasibility of extending the Adelaide Metro public bus system to Murray Bridge. My question to the minister representing the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government is: has this feasibility study commenced and, if so, when is it to be completed?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (14:28): I thank the honourable member for his question and his ongoing interest in regional public transport. I will take that question on notice and refer it to the minister in the other chamber and bring back a reply.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSES

The Hon. I. PNEVMATIKOS (14:28): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking a question of the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment regarding South Australian businesses.

Leave granted.

The Hon. I. PNEVMATIKOS: Earlier this year, I met with a local wholesaler regarding difficulties his business had been experiencing due to complexities with the trading of cheese quotas. To my dismay, I was advised that at least a dozen other major wholesalers in our state were experiencing the same difficulties, not to mention numerous minor wholesalers.

Understanding the complexity of the process that will need to be undertaken, I wrote to the minister to request his support to South Australian wholesalers to ensure that they received adequate assistance with beginning a review process.

An offer to facilitate a meeting with the wholesalers was included because some issues should be above party politics. Support for local businesses and jobs should be one of those. What I received back were the avenues for review available through federal departments, with no mention made regarding my offer and the opportunity to meet with local wholesalers. My questions to the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment are:

1. What was the reasoning behind neglecting an opportunity to meet with local business-people to discuss the matter in further depth?
2. Keeping in mind the Liberal Party plan of backing small businesses and fair competition, what were the reasons behind the refusal to provide local support for those South Australian companies?

3. Will you consider the opportunity to meet with these South Australian businesses to support them in their negotiations with your federal counterparts, or is it the case that your loyalty to your federal counterparts comes before South Australian businesses?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (14:30): I thank the honourable member for her question in regard to cheese quotas. I do recall the response that it is, unfortunately, a federal matter, and I was more than happy to refer it off to my federal colleagues. It is interesting, I do meet with the dairy association quite regularly. As ministers would know, I originally was the shadow minister for agriculture and had extensive connections in the dairy industry. They haven't particularly raised those issues with me.

I haven't refused as such, I just think it is a federal issue. It isn't loyalty. I am more loyal to the South Australian business community than, I suspect, most people in this chamber. I grew up on the South Australian/Victorian border where you learnt to be very parochial. In fact, I was offended one day when my South Australian friends, after South Australia had beaten Victoria in the state of origin football match, thought I would be upset. I was more delighted than them because of my love of South Australia. So it's not that I have any greater allegiance to the federal government than the South Australian businesses that I represent. But, if it pleases the honourable member, I will contact the dairy association. I met with the chief—

The Hon. I. PNEVMATIKOS: Point of order: I was not raising any issue about the dairy association in South Australia. I was raising an issue about businesses that are cheese importers into this country. So it has nothing to do with the dairy association. It's not relevant.

The PRESIDENT: Yes, that's the point of order. Minister, please keep your answer relevant to the question.

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY: Certainly, import quotas are absolutely a federal issue. I am happy to, if it pleases the member, have a second look at the issue she has raised and then take it up further with my federal colleagues. But it is clearly a federal matter and we have no jurisdiction over those federal matters. I will be happy to have a further look at it if it pleases her.

COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICES

The Hon. J.S.L. DAWKINS (14:33): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Health and Wellbeing a question regarding country health services.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.S.L. DAWKINS: Members of the council will be well aware of my interest in country communities and making sure the voice of country residents is heard in this chamber. An area of particular focus for me has long been the wellbeing of regional South Australians. Will the minister update the council on programs to support the delivery of health services in country South Australia?

The Hon. S.G. WADE (Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (14:33): I thank the honourable member for his question and for his continued advocacy for residents of rural and regional South Australia. The delivery of appropriate and quality health services to rural areas is a key commitment of the Marshall Liberal government and, obviously, fundamental to that is to maintain a strong rural health workforce. I'm pleased to update honourable members on a program of undergraduate scholarships that Country Health SA administers, which assists in the long-term goal of developing a sustainable health workforce in rural and regional areas. The scholarships are available to students who reside in regional South Australia and are studying or about to commence study in a relevant health-related discipline.

Six scholarships will be awarded; one for each region of Country Health—or each local health network, as they will be next year. The particular courses supported are determined each year through consultation with the regions and the consideration of the strategic workforce needs. For the 2019 intake, Country Health SA has determined that it will target applicants who are studying in the fields of nursing, speech pathology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and podiatry.

Year 12 students and current undergraduate students are the focus. Successful applicants will receive \$5,000 per year for up to four years of their undergraduate degree. On completion of their

study, scholarship recipients will work at a Country Health SA site for a period of time equivalent to the length of time they receive funding.

This type of program provides additional value when compared to general scholarship programs through its particular focus on regional areas. Students who know their region and its specific needs can be more likely to remain in ongoing work within that region following the completion of the scholarship and its associated working years. The program can also encourage students who want to remain in their region but might otherwise face uncertainty as to the possibility of employment to consider the possibility of study in health-related fields. This will particularly be important with growing demand on the public health system in future years.

I am also advised that further scholarships are partly or fully funded by eight of South Australia's health advisory councils. These scholarships are similarly targeted at local residents within the area covered by the HAC which offers the scholarship. Applications for the Country Health undergraduate scholarships close on 19 September, so there is still a good window of opportunity for potential applicants to consider the scholarships and put together their applications. I would encourage eligible residents to take up the opportunity provided by the scholarships to establish successful and satisfying careers in health professions serving regional South Australia.

GAS INDUSTRY WORKERS

The Hon. M.C. PARNELL (14:36): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Health and Wellbeing a question about the health of workers in the gas industry.

Leave granted.

The Hon. M.C. PARNELL: Yesterday, the state government gave the final approval for a trial of underground coal gasification at Leigh Creek. This approval came despite overwhelming opposition from conservation groups, the Adnyamathanha traditional owners and concerns from locals about health impacts.

Back in 2015, Queensland government environmental inspectors reported that they had to receive medical attention while inspecting a trial underground coal gasification plant at Chinchilla in the Darling Downs. One government inspector was hospitalised. In evidence tendered to a Queensland court during the prosecution of the company Linc Energy for environmental harm, former workers described how working in the gas field affected their health. One worker, Timothy Ford, described how the gas burnt his eyes and nose and he would need to leave the plant after work to get fresh air because it made him feel sick.

'We were told to drink milk in the mornings and at the start of shift. We were also told to eat yoghurt,' he said. 'The purpose of this was to line our guts so the acid wouldn't burn us. We were not allowed to drink the tank water and were given bottled water.' Mr Ford said that he always felt lethargic, suffered infections and had shortness of breath. He said, 'During my time at the Linc site, would be the sickest I have been,' and, 'It is my belief that workplace was causing my sickness.'

My question of the minister is: what assurance can he give to government workers and to Leigh Creek energy workers that their health will not be harmed by underground coal gasification, which I remind the minister has been banned in Queensland because of the harm it causes to health and the environment?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (14:38): I thank the honourable member for his question. As I understand the honourable member's question, it raises issues in relation to occupational health and safety, which I understand is the responsibility of the Deputy Premier rather than myself. I will certainly take those questions on notice and seek a response for the honourable member.

OVERLAND TRAIN SERVICE

The Hon. J.E. HANSON (14:38): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking a question of the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.E. HANSON: On 7 June, the minister advised the chamber that he met with Chris Tallent, the chief executive of Great Southern Rail, and discussed Great Southern Rail's tourism and future plans. My questions to the minister are:

1. Can the minister advise if he has continued to meet with representatives from Great Southern Rail regarding the future of *The Overland* service?
2. If so, who did he meet with and when?
3. If meetings did occur, can the minister please outline in detail the government's plan to keep the service operational past Christmas 2018?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (14:39): I thank the honourable member for his question. As he rightly recounted, I did meet with Mr Chris Tallent in relation to GlobeLink and the impact it may have on their service but, of course, the subsidy scheme or the support that is provided by the government to Great Southern Rail is a matter for the Minister for Transport, not the Minister for Tourism. I personally at this stage have not met with Great Southern Rail in relation to *The Overland* service, so I am not able to update the member on that, but I will make some appointments in the coming weeks to familiarise myself with all of the issues. I know the Minister for Transport has made some comments, and I will refer the rest of the question to the Minister for Transport and bring back a detailed reply.

OVERLAND TRAIN SERVICE

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (14:40): Supplementary: so in his role as the Minister for Tourism, does the minister accept that *The Overland* is an important tourism attraction and is certainly of benefit to the state?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (14:40): *The Overland* is one of many avenues of transport to South Australia. Members would know, and the Hon. Ms Scriven would know, that we used to have a train to Mount Gambier that she may have travelled on as a small child, and I travelled—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY: I know. Given the service suspended in 1975, I am trying to be a little generous, I would have thought. I could have said when she was an older teenager. It is an important offering but, of course, as I said in response to the Hon. Mr Hanson, any financial support is provided by the Minister for Transport and, while it is one of the many avenues on which tourists can travel to South Australia, the actual support for that service lies with the Minister for Transport and, as I said, I will refer the question to him and bring back an answer.

REGIONAL TOURISM

The Hon. T.J. STEPHENS (14:41): My question is to the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment. Could the minister please update the chamber on his engagement over the past three months with the regional tourism industry as part of the Marshall Liberal government's commitment to building strong regions, to growing jobs and to working with a passionate tourism industry to deliver its \$8 billion target?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (14:42): I thank the honourable member for his ongoing and enduring interest in the tourism industry. As members would be aware, today is the first day back from our parliamentary winter break and it rounded out three months of regional visits, with visits to the Barossa, Clare, Yorke Peninsula and the Limestone Coast. Throughout these six regional trips, 17 regional tourism workshops—one at the town hall, one at Glenelg and 17 in regional South Australia—at three hours at a time, which is some 57 hours of meetings. We think between 800 and 1,000 tourism and community stakeholders were at those meetings.

It has been a bit of a rigorous task but very worthwhile. It is something that without the involvement of SATIC (the South Australian Tourism Industry Council) we wouldn't have had such an extensive tour. I made it clear at a number of these workshops that I had always made a commitment, my staff and I, that if we were fortunate enough to win the election, after the regional visitor strategy had been released we would do some regional visits.

SATIC, under Shaun de Bruyn's leadership, said, 'We'll organise them for you.' I suspect I would have done half a dozen or so strategic ones across the state but they organised 19 of them and I do thank them for that because we committed to it and it has been a wonderful opportunity to engage with the tourism industry, regional development people, local government and interested community people right across the state. We have travelled some 5,500 kilometres and met some of the state's most energetic tourism people, people like Trevor Wright in Marree with Wrightsair, who is passionate about a new opportunity he has with the Painted Hills of Anna Creek Station, which has only become available since the Williams family bought Anna Creek Station.

He said to me, 'It is better than Ayers Rock and better than the Bungle Bungles.' I was a bit doubtful. We landed at the Painted Hills and it was spectacular, absolutely spectacular, so maybe he is right and I am wrong. We met with Geoff Morgan, the very talented and passionate artist in Hawker. We met with Brendan Bevan from Arkaba Station and he immersed me—and I have said this to a number of people—I have seen, I suspect, maybe not a million but hundreds of thousands of kangaroos and probably millions of galahs in my time, and I won't make any reference to anybody in this chamber when I am talking about galahs, but Brendan Bevan has brought his South African tour guiding and hosting expertise to Arkaba Station and immersed us in this experience that was absolutely world class.

It was absolutely world class to the point where we went into a little hide to take some photographs of the birds as they came to drink in the evening. The only problem with that was that I coughed at the wrong time and they all flew off and nobody got any photographs—but they were all there. I couldn't help myself, I had a little frog in the throat—obviously not a nice native frog—that had jumped in there and made me cough.

The Ceduna Aboriginal Arts and Culture Centre had a spectacular array of beautiful Indigenous art, some of the best I've ever seen, and Tony Sharley, with his River Murray walks, is a really passionate man who has enlivened the River Murray. One issue I thought was rather strange—and again this is an issue I need to take up with my federal colleagues—is that you can have a local footy club hire a houseboat on a weekend and cruise down the river, but if you are a tour operator like Mr Tony Sharley, with high-end paying guests, you have to be a Certificate III Master, I think. That means you are actually qualified to sail out in the ocean before you're able to take paying guests on a houseboat.

That is an issue we are going to take up with the federal government because there are some great tourism operators, there are some great success stories, and we want to make sure that one of the big takeaways from this is that we need a whole-of-government approach. So as a priority, moving forward I will be working much closer with minister Speirs on all the issues that overlap with nature-based tourism, our wonderful natural beauty and tourism. That is clearly something the industry is passionate about and that visitors are also passionate about.

Some of the issues raised included getting visitors to stay another day, as well as more events and more diversification around tourism offerings. I think that is why there was a lot of interest in our Adelaide-Melbourne bike path; again, that is an opportunity to get people out into the regions.

Another issue is skills in this particular sector. We should look at tourism and hospitality as a lifelong career, not just something you do while you are at university or between jobs but something you do as a young person where we can train you and you can work your way through the differing levels of management in the tourism and hospitality sector. It is a really good opportunity, and I think we have some opportunities in and around that as we move forward.

Tourism infrastructure was of particular interest, and last week we announced the Port Wakefield Road intersection upgrade. When that is completed the people of Yorke Peninsula—and I know the Hon. Ms Burke—will find, when they are going back to see family for holidays, that they won't have to plan to leave early or stay on for extra time, they won't have to plan how they manage it. They will actually be able to spend more time enjoying family time on Yorke Peninsula.

The trips were a real success, and we now have an opportunity to really grow regional visitors in South Australia. They now account for 41 per cent of visitor expenditure, so in our move towards a target of \$8 billion by 2020 regional South Australia's share of 41 per cent will be \$3.28 billion if it continues at that level. There are some great opportunities.

The PRESIDENT: Are we coming to a conclusion?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY: I will just add that one of the things—

The PRESIDENT: I hope it's short because we are close to, if not over, the four-minute mark.

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY: I know; I am trying to keep it short. You can tell I'm very passionate about tourism.

The PRESIDENT: I understand your passion.

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY: I think one thing we have to understand—and it is good for all members to understand this—is that there are very few labour-intensive industries left in regional South Australia. Agriculture, manufacturing and, even though the Hon. Mark Parnell is not fond of it, mining all use more technology and fewer people in regional South Australia. There is only one industry left that is labour-intensive, and that is tourism and hospitality.

So if we are to grow our regional population—and last year our regional population declined by 12 people, it went backwards—we have to make sure we keep supporting our regional tourism operators. They have an opportunity to grow the state's population. I will give two quick statistics: if Rawnsley Park were still running sheep, albeit quite profitably with the wool prices, they would be employing one and a half extra jackaroos or station hands or jillaroos or whatever, but as tourism operators they employ 21 staff; if Arkaba Station were still running sheep they would have three full-time staff, but they have 24 full-time staff as a tourism operation. So members can see how they underpin regional—

The Hon. K.J. MAHER: Point of order, Mr President.

The PRESIDENT: The Leader of the Opposition is questioning your passion, minister, and I take the point of order.

The Hon. K.J. MAHER: This has been an extraordinarily long answer.

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY: I have just about finished, Mr President.

The PRESIDENT: I am going to allow you to finish that statistic and then you can sit down, minister.

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY: What those two—

The Hon. J.S.L. Dawkins interjecting:

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY: Yes. What those two businesses—

Members interjecting:

The PRESIDENT: Get the statistic out, Hon. Mr Ridgway.

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY: What those two businesses—Rawnsley Park and Arkaba Station—do means that the town of Hawker has more kids at school, shops that are open and is more vibrant because of the investment in tourism.

SHACK LEASES

The Hon. J.A. DARLEY (14:49): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Human Services, representing the Minister for Environment and Water, a question about shack leases

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.A. DARLEY: In the government's election policy document, entitled 'Retaining shacks as part of vibrant holiday communities', they outlined that they will put an end to the practice of terminating departmental leases upon the death of the last person named on the lease. The government promised to expand eligibility requirements in order to provide renewable lease options to shacks situated on Crown land and for shacks within national parks. The government also

indicated that they intended to investigate the freeholding of shacks located on Crown land. My questions to the minister are:

1. What progress is being made on the government's promise to provide renewable lease options to shacks on Crown land and within national parks?
2. Can the minister advise the intended time line for the implementation of this policy?
3. Does the government intend to now extend the policy to the freeholding of shacks on Crown land?

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services) (14:51): I thank the honourable member for his question and his ongoing interest in shacks in South Australia. As a number of honourable members would be aware, under the tenure of the previous Liberal administration, a number of shacks were provided with freeholding. The Labor Party, in government, took a rather strange view that a number of shacks that had not been provided freehold, and indeed probably the ones that had, were squatters and made a number of fatuous—

Members interjecting:

The PRESIDENT: Order! Allow the minister to complete her answer.

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK: —claims, I think particularly in relation to the South-East, the Glenelg River area, about rickety boardwalks and leaking—

The Hon. I.K. Hunter: And over river toilets and no public access.

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK: That's not true.

The Hon. I.K. Hunter: Rubbish!

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK: If the honourable member had bothered to actually visit the site, he would have known—

The Hon. I.K. Hunter: Absolute rubbish!

The PRESIDENT: Minister, through me. Do not respond to the interjections from the Hon. Mr Hunter.

The Hon. D.W. Ridgway: Did you ever visit it? Did you leave the CBD?

The PRESIDENT: Minister, you're not helping either. Hon. Mr Ridgway, please be quiet.

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK: I should not have responded to the honourable member's out-of-order interjections.

The Hon. I.K. Hunter: No legs to stand on.

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK: I'm standing on two legs, thank you.

The Hon. I.K. Hunter: Borrowed ones.

The PRESIDENT: Minister, please continue your answer.

The Hon. D.W. Ridgway interjecting:

The PRESIDENT: Hon. Mr Ridgway, I want to listen to the minister.

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK: I might start again. In relation to particularly the Glenelg River, a number of fatuous claims were made. I visited those sites several times and those comments have been completely unsubstantiated.

The Hon. Mr Darley's references to our policy are correct, that is, the content of our policy. The exact details in relation to the progress of implementing our policy, I will need to seek the details from the Minister for Environment in another place and bring back a response.

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON REMOTE INDIGENOUS HOUSING

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (14:53): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Human Services a question in relation to housing.

Leave granted.

The Hon. K.J. MAHER: The National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing expired on 30 June 2018 and, despite repeated questions in this chamber, we are still no wiser as to the status of any possible new agreement. Importantly, Aboriginal communities in this state have an enormous cloud of uncertainty over them and the future of their housing security.

In 2017, the review into the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing recommended that a new agreement should be, at a minimum, five years and a funding split of fifty-fifty between the federal and state governments. In answer to a question on 26 July 2018, the Minister for Human Services assured the chamber that there was adequate funding for the 2018-19 financial year due to unspent federal money in this program. My questions to the minister are:

1. Can the minister now advise the chamber exactly how much unspent federal money is available for remote Aboriginal housing in 2018-19?
2. What approval processes were undertaken to carry over such unspent federal money in the years in which they were not allocated for?
3. Can the minister outline what conversations she has personally had with any representative from the federal government since the last sitting day of parliament? In particular, can she confirm if a formal funding offer was made from the commonwealth government, what was the time period for that formal funding offer from the commonwealth government and what was the funding split from the formal offer from the commonwealth government?

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services) (14:55): I thank the honourable member for his question and for his ongoing interest in this important area. As I did state, I think on the last sitting day before the winter break, there is provision in relation to funding that is available on an ongoing basis for remote housing, which means that the desperate urgency that he has claimed—I might note that the desperate urgency failed to exist under the previous Labor government for well over a year to transact an agreement with the commonwealth. They failed on any measure really, which I have outlined to this place a number of times.

My agency has advised me that there is adequate funding on an ongoing basis for remote housing until the negotiations are concluded. The details of the negotiations, I once again state that I am not going to go through those in detail until they are concluded. Those will be made publicly available in due course, which I am hoping will be concluded soon.

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON REMOTE INDIGENOUS HOUSING

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (14:56): Supplementary arising from the answer: can the minister confirm her answer that there is funding on an ongoing basis for remote Aboriginal housing, that is, ongoing funding for maintenance and new builds of housing?

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services) (14:56): That has been the advice of my agency, that there is sufficient funding available that is carried over for us to enable these programs to continue without any threat.

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON REMOTE INDIGENOUS HOUSING

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (14:56): Supplementary arising from the original answer: how much is this funding? I think, if I am correct, the minister came and corrected the record when we last sat to say that there is no state funding but it was federal funding. What is the amount of this ongoing federal funding that the minister speaks of?

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services) (14:57): That detail I will have to take on notice and get back a response from my agency.

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON REMOTE INDIGENOUS HOUSING

The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (14:57): Final supplementary arising from the original answer: when will the negotiations be concluded? What is the deadline for negotiations?

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services) (14:57): That's kind of a strange question, but I will attempt to answer to say that negotiations are ongoing between officials in the usual manner in which these negotiations are managed.

CATHERINE HOUSE

The Hon. J.S. LEE (14:57): My question is directed to the Minister for Human Services about Catherine House. Can the minister please update the chamber about how the government is supporting Catherine House to provide crisis accommodation and support to women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness?

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services) (14:58): I thank the honourable member for her most important question and for her interest in this particular area. Catherine House was established in 1988 in partnership with the Sisters of Mercy, the South Australian Housing Trust and the Adelaide city council. The service provides crisis accommodation and support to women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and the supports are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The service also provides case management support for women to access housing and includes connecting women to education, training and employment services. The service also provides comprehensive and individualised support to people who have high levels of support needs. They are allocated a supportive housing package. Support to gain and maintain long-term sustainable housing is provided to people accessing emergency accommodation or residing in transitional accommodation properties. Housing outcomes include private rental, public and community housing properties.

Catherine House receives ongoing support from the state government via the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement. In the previous financial year, data shows that Catherine House provided services to 105 women, 12 per cent of whom were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. The most common presenting issues during this period were housing crisis at 32 per cent and domestic or family violence at 24 per cent.

Half of the clients were homeless at intake, which reduced to 10 per cent at exit. Crisis accommodation was provided 138 times to 78 clients, with an average stay of 27 nights, and additional support was provided to 42 clients. The centre provides an on-site 20 crisis bed facility, to which four were recently added, eight separate transitional housing properties and five supported housing properties.

On 24 August, a gala dinner to celebrate 30 years of Catherine House was held at the Adelaide Town Hall. The Governor, the Hon. Hieu Van Le and his wife Lan Le were special guests. The event was also attended by the Minister for Child Protection. There were a great number of people who have taken an interest in this area over a significant period of time, and I was pleased to see the former member for Adelaide, the Hon. Jane Lomax-Smith, and the Hon. Lea Stevens in attendance as well.

The event was MC'd by Laine Anderson, who has been a strong supporter over many years of Catherine House, along with a range of other people with whom many of us would be familiar, including Linda Matthews, who has been a former executive officer of that service. The night raised I think close to \$100,000 to support women. It was a fantastic event and a great celebration. We were also provided with a video of the service over the last 30 years and we were entertained by students from St Aloysius College and the choir of Catherine House as well, so a fantastic night to celebrate its achievements and we wish them all the best for the future.

COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICES

The Hon. F. PANGALLO (15:01): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking a question of the Minister for Health and Wellbeing on country health services.

Leave granted.

The Hon. F. PANGALLO: On my recent visits to regional South Australia the two main issues that were constantly raised with me was the drought in parts of Eyre Peninsula and the Mid North and also the lack of appropriate medical services. My questions to the minister are:

1. What is the minister doing to alleviate the critical shortage of doctors, medical specialists and mental health counsellors on Eyre Peninsula, where towns like Kimba and its children are crying out for a GP and mental health support?

2. Is he aware that patients from Kimba are being turned away from the overloaded system in Wudinna, making them reliant on a locum service, two nurses in the hospital ED and an ambulance service manned by volunteers?

The Hon. S.G. WADE (Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:02): I thank the honourable member for his question, and I am certainly very concerned about the state of the rural health workforce. I should stress that the GPs and primary health care are primarily funded by the federal government, but certainly both the state government and local government are active partners with the federal government to try to build the rural health workforce.

A good example of that is the town you mentioned, Kimba. Local government there has been active in two waves to try to recruit and retain a GP. They were successful, I suspect, about 18 months ago, and a GP and his partner were able to provide services for some time, but that wasn't sustainable. My understanding is that they are currently recruiting. If my recollection serves me rightly, there is at least some service at Kimba.

I am not aware of the suggestion you made that the Wudinna practice is turning people away. Let's remember that GPs are self-employed and it is their right to manage their practice as they see fit. It may well be that the GP at Wudinna is giving priority to local people. I will certainly look into that. The goal has got to be to make sure that we have GP services at Kimba, not asking everybody from Kimba to travel to Wudinna.

There are problems in other Eyre Peninsula towns. I have actually met with local government representatives from Streaky Bay who, like Kimba, have invested a significant amount of money to try to recruit and retain GPs. I am planning, in the not-too-distant future, to travel to Eyre Peninsula to try to meet with representatives from across the peninsula to discuss this issue. I mentioned that all tiers of government can contribute to progress in this area.

In terms of the state government's commitment, we have an election commitment for a \$20 million rural health workforce strategy. One of the elements that is part of that policy is to foster the development of a rural generalist pathway in South Australia. There is a lot of interest amongst rural GPs in that support because, as a network, they can support one another with advanced procedural skills, and it is particularly beneficial for our country hospitals that they can access support. It might be, for example, a rural GP with procedural skills supporting an inbound medical specialist. That makes a medical specialty provision at a country hospital more sustainable.

I certainly agree with the honourable member that the rural health workforce, particularly the GP workforce, is a challenge, and we will continue to work with both federal and local government to do what we can to try to address that need.

MILLICENT AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (15:06): My question is to the Minister for Health. Can the minister please advise the council what new and increased services will be provided at the Millicent and District Hospital over the next 12 months?

The Hon. S.G. WADE (Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:06): I am aware that there was a new contract recently concluded for locum-based services at the Millicent hospital. In terms of their plans for the next 12 months specifically, I will take that question on notice and get an answer for the honourable member.

MILLICENT AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (15:06): Supplementary: is the minister aware that the then Liberal candidate for MacKillop, now Liberal member, Mr Nick McBride, said that the Liberal Party had a plan to offer increased services to a very large regional population who are having to travel long distances to access health services elsewhere? In that context, can the minister advise what these services will be?

The Hon. S.G. WADE (Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:07): I have already indicated to the member that I am taking that question on notice. I would highlight to the member that you're not supposed to introduce fresh material in your supplementary questions.

The PRESIDENT: Leave the rulings to me, minister. Supplementary, the Hon. Mr Hunter.

MILLICENT AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE

The Hon. I.K. HUNTER (15:07): Mr President, I think the question was, essentially, if the Liberals have a plan, as outlined by Mr McBride, why doesn't the health minister know about it and why can't he report on it to the council?

The Hon. S.G. WADE (Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:07): The fact of the matter is that the commitments that we made at this election were for four years. We will continue to develop our services throughout country South Australia over the next four years. To be frank, undoing the damage of 16 years of Labor mismanagement is not like flicking a switch.

Members interjecting:

The PRESIDENT: Order! The Hon. Ms Scriven.

MILLICENT AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE

The Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN (15:08): Supplementary: is the minister saying there's only a four-year plan, there is nothing in that plan for the next 12 months?

The Hon. S.G. WADE (Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:08): No.

The Hon. C.M. Scriven: No, there's nothing?

The PRESIDENT: I think the answer was no. Wait for the call. The Hon. Mr Hood.

EXPORT ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

The Hon. D.G.E. HOOD (15:08): My question is to the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment. Can the minister update the chamber about how the Marshall Liberal government is supporting emerging and existing exporters to access overseas markets to grow their businesses and the South Australian economy?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (15:08): I thank the honourable member for his ongoing interest in growing our exports. On Thursday 16 August this year, I had the great pleasure of launching the Marshall government's new Export Accelerator grant program. This program fulfils a key election commitment to offer more funding and more extensive eligibility criteria for export funding support. It will be delivered by the international team within the Department for Trade, Tourism and Investment. The South Australia Export Accelerator provides funding support to South Australian businesses at each stage of their export journey.

There are three categories within the new grant aimed at helping more South Australian export-ready companies to enter new international markets and to create jobs for South Australians. The categories are: the emerging exporter grant of up to \$5,000, available to South Australian businesses that are exporting for the very first time; the Export Accelerator grant of up to \$30,000, available to help fund international business expansion that will create multiple direct ongoing jobs; and the new market entry grant of up to \$15,000 for mature export companies that have exhausted their grant funding but are looking to enter a new export market—\$15,000 per new export market.

We want to help South Australian businesses to expand and to enter new international markets and grow their workforce, as well as enhancing our economic prosperity by creating pathways for local companies to generate two-way trade opportunities. The grants available will assist in making it easier for companies to do business and are targeted at those who are manufacturing right here in our state, as well as those who are contributing to our state's economy.

Our eligible activities under the South Australia Export Accelerator are also much more extensive than previously enjoyed by exporters. The criteria include: marketing materials, market research, e-commerce development, export training and consulting, participation in international trade shows and trade missions, inbound business support and travel, and accommodation costs.

Applications are now open on the DTTI website for the first round of funding and will close on 21 September 2018. I strongly encourage businesses that are ready to take this step to apply for a grant. We want to ensure the program delivers for our businesses and that they can access the markets that they view as great opportunities to grow and prosper. I have been very pleased by the positive reaction from the business community to the program and hope that many more apply for grants and are successful on their export journey.

SUDANESE COMMUNITY

The Hon. T.A. FRANKS (15:11): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before addressing a question to the Minister Assisting the Premier on the topic of the Sudanese community and federal leadership statements.

Leave granted.

The Hon. T.A. FRANKS: I note that in Victoria the statistics show that a Victorian is 25 times more likely to be seriously assaulted by someone born in Australia or New Zealand than someone who was born in Sudan or Kenya. They are almost five times more likely to be the victim of an aggravated burglary committed by an Australian or New Zealand born offender than one born in Sudan or Kenya.

I also note that the Victorian police and their leadership have stated time and time again that there is not an excessive crime problem with the Sudanese population in Victoria. Yet, we have had several federal LNP ministers and now two federal Liberal Party prime ministers claim that Victorians should be too scared to go to restaurants because of the Sudanese community and that there is a problem in Victoria with the Sudanese community.

My question to the assistant minister is: will the Marshall government distance themselves from these statements by prime ministers Morrison and Turnbull, as well as ministers Dutton and Hunt, and what work is the Marshall government doing here to ensure that the Sudanese community is not scapegoated by the federal Prime Minister?

The Hon. J.S. LEE (15:12): I thank the honourable member for her very important questions. The Marshall Liberal government will not tolerate any discrimination, racism or that level of attack on any community that is so important to building the fabric of multiculturalism in South Australia. I will certainly review a lot of the issues, together with the Premier of South Australia, and bring back a suitable policy statement to the chamber to inform the chamber on the new directions and whatever it takes to ensure that the Sudanese community is not being treated with any form or shape of racism.

SUDANESE COMMUNITY

The Hon. T.A. FRANKS (15:13): Supplementary: will the assistant minister or the Premier issue a statement publicly repudiating the statements by both former prime minister Turnbull and current Prime Minister Morrison?

The Hon. J.S. LEE (15:14): I will take that question on notice and have a discussion with the Premier and bring back the answer.

PORT AUGUSTA HOSPITAL

The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (15:14): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking a question to the Minister for Health regarding the Port Augusta Hospital.

Leave granted.

The Hon. E.S. BOURKE: In an article published on *The Transcontinental* website on 27 July this year, it was reported the Port Augusta Hospital was down to 11 full-time equivalent GPs in a town nearing 14,000 people. The Australian Medical Association's Professor William Tam described the area not yet becoming a qualified area of medical workforce shortage as a flaw in the assessment from Canberra. My questions to the minister are:

1. Is the minister aware of the issue being raised in Port Augusta?

2. Has he been briefed or met with the Flinders and Far North Doctors Association to discuss these concerns?

3. What steps has the minister taken to approach his friends in Canberra to declare Port Augusta an area of medical workforce shortage?

The Hon. S.G. WADE (Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:15): I am aware of the issue in relation to Port Augusta and that is a particular concern for the state government because GPs, at almost all of our country hospitals, are the main source of medical services to the hospital. Port Augusta is one of the hospitals where the sustainability of the medical services to the hospital is under stress, particularly because not all practices participate in the medical roster. I certainly have met with GPs from Port Augusta. My recollection is that it was before the last election rather than after it.

I have certainly been briefed on issues at Port Augusta and certainly the advice I have received is consistent with the honourable member's comments, which I understand were comments from the AMA, that it seems that the federal assessment of workforce need doesn't seem to reflect the reality on the ground at Port Augusta. My recollection is that I have written to my federal colleagues to raise that issue, but I will take that on notice and check my records.

ROYAL ADELAIDE HOSPITAL

The Hon. C. BONAROS (15:16): My question is to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. Can the minister advise of the current status of the operation of the duress system at the Royal Adelaide Hospital's mental health ward, and specifically the anticipated date on which it is expected to be fully functioning? Can the minister advise of the nature of any legal proceedings concerning the duress system and whether this is impacting on the progress of the rollout?

The Hon. S.G. WADE (Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:17): I thank the honourable member for her question. I advise the member that there is a project team within the Central Adelaide Local Health Network that is working with Celsus, the public-private partnership, to resolve the duress alarm modifications. Significant progress has been made. We are now at the point where we have a solution agreed for an appropriate duress system within the mental health unit that will allow psychiatric intensive care beds to open. That will involve an additional software upgrade, and I am told that the time frame for the completion of that upgrade is 10 weeks.

As that further work is continuing, the 10-bed mental health ward, which was intended to open as a PICU, is opening in the interim as a general mental health acute ward. In terms of progressing that project, four of the general beds are open of the total 10 that could be available. My understanding is the rate-limiting factor in that regard is particularly the recruitment of the staff that are required to staff the facility. It is very concerning, considering that I think tomorrow is the first anniversary of the opening of the Royal Adelaide Hospital, that these matters were not addressed months, if not years ago.

My recollection—and it is only a recollection—is that the duress alarm issues were raised in 2016, so it has taken a frustratingly long time to deal with. When I was appointed minister, we weren't even at the situation where the partnership agreed that we had a problem. In that context, I acknowledge the contribution of the Chief Psychiatrist, who was able to, shall we say, communicate more clearly to the partnership why we need a sophisticated duress alarm for a mental health ward, particularly a psychiatric intensive care unit (PICU).

On the honourable member's question: are there any legal proceedings underway that are impeding the processes? I am not aware of any legal proceedings that are afoot that would impact on the duress alarms.

ROYAL ADELAIDE HOSPITAL

The Hon. C. BONAROS (15:20): Supplementary: does the minister have any knowledge of the amount that has been spent on additional security as a result of the duress system not being functional?

The Hon. S.G. WADE (Minister for Health and Wellbeing) (15:20): I certainly have been briefed on that. I am happy to take that on notice. It has been a significant contribution to the financial

pressure on the Central Adelaide Local Health Network. But, considering that the budget blowout in the Central Adelaide Local Health Network in the last financial year of the Labor government was \$250 million—in other words, a quarter of a billion dollars overrun—I can assure you it wasn't all of that.

TOURISM

The Hon. T.J. STEPHENS (15:21): My question is to the Minister for Tourism. Can the minister update us about his recent trip to the NRL State of Origin that was recently reported in the media?

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) (15:21): I thank the member for his ongoing interest in my travels. It is interesting, there has been some media commentary by the opposition in relation to me spending, I think it was quoted in the media, some \$996 on a weekend to go to the NRL State of Origin match in Sydney. In what is becoming a disturbing lack of due diligence that the opposition is doing on these trips, they might have been well advised to actually ask some more questions before jumping into the media about exactly what I did that weekend in Sydney. Sure, I did attend the State of Origin NRL match late on the Sunday afternoon, but I took the opportunity earlier that day to go to the Good Food and Wine Show to support—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY: The members opposite laugh. They don't like people from this government supporting the producers, who were there in their droves. Some of the companies that were there included Majella Wines, Angove's wines, Zontes Footstep, O'Leary Walker, Morambro Creek and Zema Estate. There was a group from the Barossa Valley and a group from McLaren Vale. Maggie Beer had a stand there and Tucker's Natural crackers—Sam and Cindy Tucker's business—hosted Tucker's Natural Cheese Alley at the Good Food and Wine Show. They were all delighted to see that I was there supporting their businesses.

Of course, I went to the NRL State of Origin that night, but the next day I had two very important meetings. I have reported on one and I will remind members opposite of that shortly. I had two meetings with Qantas and with Rex. The main reason for going wasn't to go to the NRL, it was actually to have some meetings with Qantas and Rex while I was there. Of course, that is important to get more tourists into our regions, more tourists into South Australia.

Of course, I did update the chamber that it was a very fruitful meeting with Qantas about their plans. Unfortunately, it was the first Monday following the closure of the opportunity to bid for the Qantas pilot training facility. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in being shortlisted, but it gave me an opportunity to talk to the Qantas executives about their plans for South Australia and how we may fit into any future plans they may need for pilot training.

They needed a facility they could get off the ground very quickly. I think there were a couple others in the offering that were old training schools that could be refurbished. I think maybe the Wellcamp one out of Toowoomba may be able to do something reasonably quickly. They did mention that the former minister and former premier were not particularly complimentary to Qantas at some stage during the last four years. Sometimes these comments come back to haunt all of us, not just the people who made them.

Of course, I met with Rex, which I think I may have elaborated on, but I will repeat it. Of course, honourable members opposite, the Hon. Clare Scriven and others, have been talking about Rex and their flights to Mount Gambier. Rex, as members will recall, came out of the collapse of Ansett and Kendall Airlines and Hazelton, I think it was. It was in September 2002 that Rex was born. As I said, it was quite good to have a chat to the executives about their plans and their desire to make sure they never compromise safety but always try to fly to wherever they possibly can, and to service regional South Australia and regional Australia, and they have a whole range of services across the state and Australia.

The interesting issue was that they did tell me that in the 16 years the Labor Party had been in office they had not ever received one visit from any member of the former government, so it is a bit rich when members opposite criticise Rex and criticise us in the early stages for not talking to

them; they never spoke to them in 16 years. As you can see, what they thought was a smart and a cheap shot because I had spent \$900 on a weekend to go to the football or the rugby, I actually had a range of meetings, and a particularly insightful one was the meeting with Rex. The former government, in 16 years, had never, ever taken the time to meet with Rex, and I think it is time they started doing a little bit more due diligence before they start attacking members of the government and the media.

ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE PREMIER

The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (15:25): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking a question of the Assistant Minister to the Premier.

Leave granted.

The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY: At the beginning of question time, the assistant minister tabled some answers to questions without notice. In her answers, the minister states that her office is now on level 13 of the State Administration Building, located at 200 Victoria Square. Despite numerous unsuccessful attempts to contact that office, it has basically been relayed to us that there isn't an office up there, but that is for a later date.

Secondly, the minister also told us that she 'could not establish an email account until completion of Machinery of Government changes and the availability of an office for my occupation. This occurred on 27 August.' We all know, those people who have been ministers, that it takes two hours to set up an email account and all the other ministers and the like had theirs within hours of being appointed. That is for another day, I might say. That is an issue for another day, but just to—

Members interjecting:

The PRESIDENT: Let the honourable member ask his question. Ask the question.

The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY: Just be aware that these answers seem to be misleading. I would like to ask the question—

Members interjecting:

The PRESIDENT: Just ask the question, Hon. Mr Wortley.

The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY: —why is the assistant minister the only person with ministerial responsibilities on the Premier's website that doesn't have an email contact?

The Hon. J.S. LEE (15:27): I was allocated an office on 27 August, so since then I have set up my email address, and it is the machinery of government as per my answers tabled earlier. There is a ministerial adviser attached to multicultural affairs and that person, my ministerial adviser, can be contacted since I was appointed assistant minister. So, in every which way, we certainly have dealt with the people we serve. I am answerable to the people of South Australia. I have done in every way my role as Assistant Minister to the Premier and all the correspondence has certainly been taken into account.

Members interjecting:

The PRESIDENT: Order!

The Hon. J.S. LEE: They are certainly able to find me. When I was—I kind of checked into my office on the 13th floor of the State Administration Building and realised, on 27 August, that on my desk there was a computer. I had been allocated an email address; however, they have not given me a phone. Since then, I have applied or let my office know there is no phone sitting on my desk, and those are facts. However, the whole Multicultural South Australia, the whole department, has moved into the 13th floor, so if anybody wants to attempt to contact me, the Hon. Russell Wortley, they can either contact me here in Parliament House or at Multicultural South Australia. There is every which way if somebody wants to contact me, they will be able to find me. I am in the public domain. Thank you.

*Parliamentary Procedure***BUDGET PAPERS**

The following papers were laid on the table:

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

Budget Paper No. 1—Budget Overview 2018-19

Budget Paper No. 2—Budget Speech 2018-19

Budget Paper No. 3—Budget Statement 2018-19

Budget Paper No. 4—Agency Statements -Volume 1, 2, 3 and 4 2018-19

Budget Paper No. 5—Budget Measures Statement 2018-19

*Bills***ELECTORAL (PRISONER VOTING) AMENDMENT BILL***Introduction and First Reading*

Received from the House of Assembly and read a first time.

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL*Introduction and First Reading*

Received from the House of Assembly and read a first time.

At 15:32 the council adjourned until Wednesday 5 September 2018 at 14:15.

*Answers to Questions***GRANT PROGRAMS**

44 The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (24 July 2018).

1. Which grants, programs and activities were in scope as part of the Treasurer's review of government funding?
2. Which grants, programs and activities have been or are going to be cut as a result of the Treasurer's review of government funding?
3. What criteria were used to make the decision to cut a grant, program or activity as part of the Treasurer's review of government funding?
4. When did the Treasurer's review of government funding commence and when did it or will it cease?

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):

1. All industry assistance programs and funds across the South Australian government were in scope for the review. This included approximately 30 separate industry funds, including the Future Jobs Fund; Regional Development Fund; Economic Investment Fund; South Australian Early Commercialisation Fund; PACE Gas Grant Program; Premier's Research and Industry Fund; and the Energy Productivity Program.
2. Details of the audit will be released in the near future. The government is considering a range of matters as part of the 2018-19 budget, including industry assistance arrangements going forward. Details of any programs that will cease will be included in the 2018-19 budget to be released on 4 September 2018.
3. As outlined above, any cuts to programs will be set out in the 2018-19 budget. As part of our election commitments, the Liberal government said that there was going to be much less emphasis on picking winners and much more focus on bringing down the cost of business in South Australia so that our small businesses, in particular, are nationally and internationally competitive.
4. The review was initiated upon the government coming to office in accordance with our election commitment. The audit will be released in the near future.

ABORIGINAL HOUSING

45 The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (24 July 2018). How many new houses will need to be built in remote Aboriginal communities over the next 10 years and what is the cost of building those houses?

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services): The Department for Human Services has advised:

The number of new houses needed in remote Aboriginal communities over the next 10 years is subject to a number of parameters. While the Remote Housing Review provided an estimate that included future population growth, South Australia is committed to partnering with remote Aboriginal residents to understand true housing need. It is important that families with the most need are appropriately housed.

Negotiations are currently underway with the commonwealth on a remote housing program to continue to reduce overcrowding, and it is my intent to secure a partnership agreement.

The cost of a capital program to build remote houses will be dependent on the targets specified by this future agreement, as well as land development and infrastructure needs by location.

GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDERS

46 The Hon. K.J. MAHER (Leader of the Opposition) (24 July 2018). Which stakeholders did the minister, anyone from the Liberal Party, or anyone from the government consult with, both before and after the 2018 state election, prior to making the decision to privatise disability housing services?

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services): The Department for Human Services has advised:

The matter of the government's decision to withdraw from the provision of supported community accommodation was the subject of several questions in the Legislative Council on 4 July 2018, to which the minister has already responded.

CHINA TRADE

In reply to **the Hon. J.E. HANSON** (25 July 2018).

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment): I have been advised:

The Executive Director, International Engagement, Trade, Immigration and Higher Education, Department for Trade, Tourism and Investment, has met with Mr Anthony Coles. It was agreed at that meeting Mr Coles would present on the work he has undertaken in China to senior government officials responsible for facilitating business engagement in this important market.

I welcome continued efforts from Mr Coles in contributing to the growth of the state and more particularly, his efforts to grow the state's business engagement with China.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION

In reply to **the Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN** (31 July 2018).

The Hon. J.S. LEE:

On 31 July 2018, Mr Mario Romaldi offered his resignation, which the Premier accepted.

TAXI INDUSTRY

In reply to **the Hon. F. PANGALLO** (1 August 2018).

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment): The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government has advised:

1. The taxi sector is already represented on the Point to Point Advisory Committee by three centralised booking services. The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) has also been meeting regularly with the Taxi Council. The advisory committee is not a decision-making committee, it is one of a number of mechanisms employed by DPTI to consult with industry.

2. The government has not yet made a decision about whether vehicle age limits for passenger transport vehicles should be changed. DPTI is currently considering feedback provided by industry, including that of the Taxi Council. DPTI sought feedback after participants from across the industry asked that South Australia's restrictions on vehicle age be reviewed, particularly given many other Australian jurisdictions no longer have vehicle age limits on taxi, chauffeur or ride-share vehicles and instead rely on regular inspections.

3. The government will consult on any proposed changes to the *Passenger Transport Act 1994* and the Passenger Transport Regulations 2009.

4. DPTI has not yet consulted with the federal government's Department of Home Affairs. DPTI has been seeking views from the industry in the first instance and is currently considering industry feedback. Ceasing to conduct a visa check and instead relying on a self-declaration from the driver was identified as a potential option to help speed up processing times for taxi, chauffeur and rides-hare driver accreditations. Responsibility for engaging legal workers in the point to point industry sits with the employer (including contractor and bailment arrangements). The government is currently considering the issues raised by the Taxi Council and the views of other industry stakeholders.

TOUR DOWN UNDER

In reply to **the Hon. F. PANGALLO** (1 August 2018).

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment): I have been advised:

For the 2018 Santos Tour Down Under the total cost attributed to the facility at Stage 5 on Willunga Hill was \$242,804.85. The primary purpose of this facility is to service the corporate partners of the Santos Tour Down Under, as well as VIPs and other key stakeholders, including international and national cycling officials.

The total figure provided relates to the total costs of delivering the corporate facility at Willunga Hill and includes the double storey marquee hire build and dismantling costs, traffic management, security, food, furniture, fencing, toilets and electrical.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION

In reply to **the Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN** (1 August 2018).

The Hon. J.S. LEE: I have been advised:

An appropriate review has been undertaken.

ROMALDI, MR M.

In reply to **the Hon. E.S. BOURKE** (1 August 2018).

The Hon. J.S. LEE: I have been advised:

That Mr Mario Romaldi is not a member of any other government board.

And, it is not the position of the government to intervene and advise non-government boards or organisations on who to appoint to their boards.

ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE PREMIER

In reply to **the Hon. R.P. WORTLEY** (1 August 2018).

The Hon. J.S. LEE: I have been advised:

The office is located on Level 13 of the State Administration Building, located at 200 Victoria Square Adelaide SA 5000. There are no plans to change this arrangement.

On 27 August 2018, my office formally became part of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and on that date I activated my government email account.

ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE PREMIER

In reply to **the Hon. R.P. WORTLEY** (1 August 2018).

The Hon. J.S. LEE: I have been advised:

That I could not establish the email account until completion of Machinery of Government changes and the availability of an office for my occupation. This occurred on 27 August 2018.

LAND VALUATIONS

In reply to **the Hon. J.A. DARLEY** (2 August 2018).

The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment): The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning has advised:

1. The Deputy Valuer-General confirms there has been no change to the approach for assisting a property owner to obtain sales evidence pre or post commercialisation, and there are no legislative time frames associated with the provision of this assistance.

The Deputy Valuer-General further advises that following a residential capital value objection, comparable sales data is included in the decision letter where the objection has been disallowed (i.e. the existing capital value is upheld). Sales data is also included for other property types where specifically requested by the objector.

Typically, and in instances where the enquiry relates to lodging an objection, callers are advised by the call centre that the Office of the Valuer-General makes every effort to determine an outcome and provide a decision letter within 12 weeks. The length of time involved depends on the complexity of the objection and the type of property involved. For requests that are related to other valuation matters, such as seeking sales evidence information, the time frame is significantly shorter, being four weeks.

In comparison, the 12-week time frame allows for the objection process to occur from the lodgement of the objection through to completion, which includes obtaining relevant sales evidence.

2. From the date that the Office of the Valuer-General submits a property owner's objection to Land Services SA for consideration, the following time frames are set for response:

- 30 business days for a residential objection in the metro area.
- 40 business days for a non-residential objection in the metro area.
- 40 business days for a residential objection in a regional area.
- 50 business days for a non-residential objection in a regional area.

These response time frames are set out in the Land Services Agreement and are subject to review following a verification process that concludes at the end of October 2018.

For KPI's related to general enquiries that the Valuer-General receives directly, in accordance with the Land Services Agreement, the Valuer-General may request assistance from Land Services SA to resolve an enquiry, and time frames are dependent on the nature of the enquiry.

There are certain timeframes around requests related to a proposed supplementary change, an objection, a review by valuer, a review by the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT) and appeal proceedings relating to a review by SACAT. For all other inquiries, the service provider must provide the assistance requested by the Valuer-General as follows:

- Two business days – if the request is initiated by a minister.
- Five business days – if the request is initiated by the Ombudsman, the Auditor-General or any other government agency exercising investigative powers under any law.
- 21 business days – if the request is initiated by an owner, representative group or industry organisation.

These response time frames are set out in the Land Services Agreement and are subject to review following a verification process that concludes at the end of October 2018.

3. The Deputy Valuer-General advises that between the 10-year period from financial years 2008-09 through to 2017-18 (noting that commercialisation occurred on 13 October 2017), the average time from receipt of an objection, to the outcome being issued, to the objector is as follows:

- 29 business days for residential objections in the metro area.
- 52 business day for non-residential objections in the metro area.

- 43 business days for residential objections in non-metro areas.
- 60 business days for non-residential objections in non-metro areas.

4. The commercialisation of land services functions occurred effective 13 October 2017, therefore there has not been a full financial year to provide reportable data. The Deputy Valuer-General advises that the 2018-19 valuations effective as at 1 January 2018 came into force as at midnight 30 June 2018. Therefore, there is minimal data to provide meaningful averages for processing of objections for the 2018-19 financial year to date.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION

In reply to **the Hon. C.M. SCRIVEN** (2 August 2018).

The Hon. J.S. LEE: I have been advised:

That will be a matter for cabinet.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION

In reply to **the Hon. E.S. BOURKE** (2 August 2018).

The Hon. J.S. LEE: I have been advised:

That will be a matter for cabinet.