

consistent in what it has said about that from day one on coming to office.

HENLEY AND GRANGE COASTLINE

Mr CAICA (Colton): My question is to the Minister for Urban Development and Planning. What has been done to ensure that the character of the Henley and Grange coast is protected from overdevelopment and poor quality design, given the concerns raised by local residents?

The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL (Minister for Urban Development and Planning): I thank the member for Colton for his question and I acknowledge the important role that he has played, along with local residents, in ensuring that the views of residents about preserving the Henley and Grange character have made their way into planning policy. As members would be aware, the development plan sets the basis for future development in particular regions, and I have recently approved the Charles Sturt coastal and general PARs which provide clearer guidance in relation to heritage, urban design and development issues. It reflects our general belief that, if one is to be serious about protecting community values, the best way of doing so is to have an up-to-date modern development plan that reflects those values.

West Beach, Henley Beach and Grange are popular beaches and they are valued enormously not only by residents but by a whole range of people from the metropolitan area who enjoy the beachfront. Importantly, the PAR which I have recently promulgated and which will be considered by the Environment, Resources and Development Committee of this place has brought together a range of development plans from the former Woodville and Henley and Grange council areas. It introduces residential historic conservation zones, and the inclusion of parts of Henley and Grange within this zone will give greater recognition to the heritage character of these areas. It also means that dwellings within the historic zone cannot be demolished without council consent and without ensuring that new development is in keeping with the character of that conservation zone.

A key consideration in the coastal PAR was to limit the bulk and scale of development along the coast to ensure that the seascape views are protected, because they are essential to the enjoyment of residents and visitors to that part of the world. Urban design guidelines dealing with the visual impacts of new buildings have been introduced and, in general terms, we will be limiting development to two storeys and ensuring that the ratio of built to unbuilt allows vistas and access to be retained. It generally supports our view that coastal areas should be more accessible to all South Australians and not just a privileged few.

Additional policies were also introduced to allow suitably designed undercroft parking to help minimise the visual prominence of garaging and also help to preserve on-street car parking around the popular squares of Grange and Henley. The extensive reworking of policy achieved through these PARs will ensure that new development can occur in a way that preserves the heritage of the Henley and Grange area, which is a crucial part of our state.

CHILD ABUSE

Dr McFETRIDGE (Morphett): My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier request the Catholic Archbishop of Adelaide to release the results of the inquiry into the sexual abuse of children at St Ann's Special School so that the report

can be tabled in this parliament? The Anglican Church in Adelaide has undertaken to present its final report into child sexual abuse in the diocese to this parliament. Constituents have raised with me questions as to whether the Catholic Church in Adelaide will do likewise.

The Hon. M.D. RANN (Premier): I thank the honourable member for his question. I understand the honourable member has been in contact with family members of those people who are involved. This is obviously a terrible thing that has occurred and I would be more than happy to raise the issue with the Catholic Archbishop.

ITAB CHAIR'S FORUM

Mr BRINDAL (Unley): My question is to the Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education. Will the minister explain to the house why she has allowed the interim ITAB Chair's Forum to move towards winding up when several industry groups and the United Trades and Labor Council have expressed concerns and reservations about the quality of the Byrne report? Funded by the state, the ITAB Chair's Forum was established to ensure that South Australian industries were able to provide government with high level advice on emerging skills issues and contribute to the formation of new industry advisory arrangements. No funding has been provided to this chair's forum this financial year and the forum will meet on Tuesday to consider winding up because it has no money.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH (Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education): I ask the honourable member to repeat the name of the report. I think he said 'boomer' report.

Mr BRINDAL: No, I did not say 'boomer' report. It is spelt B-Y-R-N-E.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: I thank the member for Unley for his question. As he will recall, the ITAB funding was partly a federal responsibility and the money was withdrawn without warning in last year's budget. The interim period has allowed us to go through some extraordinarily extensive consultation. Clearly, state governments cannot always replace lost funding when the federal government changes its areas of priorities, and there is a whole range of issues to do with the way ANTA is now collecting industry advice and the way we need to collect industry advice to move forward into what is, clearly, a skills shortage, an economic development issue and a matter of opportunities throughout our regional and rural areas.

In the period since the money was withdrawn by the federal government, we have been through some extensive and interim discussions with industry groups and the trade unions and we are now waiting for a final report of the interim ITAB board. But, certainly, we have no intention of stopping industry advice, and it will continue. Before we implement the ongoing process we will take the advice from the interim chair's committee.

HOSPITALS, MOUNT GAMBIER

The Hon. DEAN BROWN (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): My question is to the Treasurer. Did the member for Gordon discuss with the Treasurer last Wednesday the statement which the member for Gordon was intending to make to the South-East media the following day concerning extra funding for the Mount Gambier Hospital?