

make all of them available to any member should they request them. A total of 45 councils statewide have participated in the inaugural Youth Week. Also in South Australia, 'vocal chords', a web site designed by young people for young people, has been launched as part of Youth Week in South Australia. It is being managed by Ngapartji Multi Media Centre, and this site wants people from around the state to postcard details about themselves, their highlights and their achievements.

I did have some disappointment on a personal level with Youth Week. I said at the beginning of Youth Week—and I was accurately reported by the *Advertiser*—something to the effect that I was proud to be Minister for Youth because I believe that the current generation of youth would be better than my generation or that of my parents. Some days later, a letter to the editor demanded an apology on behalf of his generation, which had battled the depression only to sacrifice their lives in defence of this nation.

My comments were meant not to denigrate my parents' and grandparents' generations. They indeed battled against hardship and fought the odds to give their children and grandchildren a better chance—a better Australia. They wanted for us, as each generation does, greater opportunity and a better life. Far from reflecting adversely upon their efforts, the next generation will be this nation's crowning achievement and an ornament to their memory. I, like the member for Coles, would like to thank the media for their efforts during Youth Week. This year, over 120 Youth Week stories were printed in both metropolitan and regional newspapers, and there were numerous radio stories throughout Youth Week.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

The Hon. M.D. RANN (Leader of the Opposition):

Does the Premier maintain his longstanding support for the goods and services tax as being easier and simpler for small business to administer and a boon for small business, as he has so often said, in light of sections of the GST Act relating to declarations? Section 165-55 of the act provides:

For the purposes of making a declaration under this subdivision, the Commissioner may:

(a) treat a particular event that actually happened as not having happened; and

(b) treat a particular event that did not actually happen as having happened and, if appropriate, treat the event as:

- (i) having happened at a particular time; and
- (ii) having involved particular action by a particular entity; and

(c) treat a particular event that actually happened as:

- (i) having happened at a time different from the time it actually happened; or
- (ii) having involved particular action by a particular entity (whether or not the event actually involved any action by that entity).

The Hon. J.W. OLSEN (Premier): The Leader of the Opposition is referring to the ALP state convention on Saturday. Talk about events that did and did not happen on Saturday! The member for Elder has this smile on his face. Just have a look at the smile. It is almost as big as the incision in Ralph Clarke's back; it is a transition of the smile. What I would like to—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The House will settle down.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Peake will remain silent.

The Hon. J.W. OLSEN: I can understand a high degree of sensitivity from members opposite. The rhetorical question to the Leader of the Opposition is: does he deny that the abolition of wholesale sales tax will help every automotive worker in South Australia, particularly the thousands of people employed in his electorate associated with the automotive industry? The Leader of the Opposition cannot have it both ways. He can have no policy and at the same time tip a bucket on any policy that the government has. He cannot ignore the benefits that will flow from South Australia. Consistently—

The Hon. M.D. Rann interjecting:

The Hon. J.W. OLSEN: I answered the question.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I warn the leader again for interrupting.

The Hon. J.W. OLSEN: I answered this question last week or the week before—they have been so repetitious. We have had four months to get ready for parliament, and look what we have had, and the Minister for Education has clearly pointed that out. The simple fact is that a new tax system will put our exporters into a position to access international global markets.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. J.W. OLSEN: The member for Mitchell is awake today; he is out from behind his pillar. The member for Mitchell has just asked, 'What is that supposed to mean?' I thought Mitsubishi was somewhere near your electorate. The member for Mitchell has clearly indicated that Mitsubishi and its employment does not count for him, because he is so ignorant of the fact that, in relation to Mitsubishi, the wholesale sales tax and costs of production are very important in securing the future of major plants and maintaining employment levels. It is why the Government has worked so hard with Mitsubishi and will now be working with Daimler Chrysler to try to ensure longevity in that manufacturing plant and minimum disruption in restructuring to get certainty for jobs. That is what we are about, and the member for Mitchell can come out from behind his pillar and put in an inane comment. But the fact is—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. J.W. OLSEN: No, he doesn't understand. If we take our automotive industry in particular, a new tax system will create a competitive advantage and take off something like \$1 billion worth of international competitiveness; that is, it will create an international climate that will be \$1 billion better off than was previously the case, giving them a \$1 billion plus break to take their products into the international marketplace. That is what this new taxation system will mean.

The other thing that the Labor Party ignores in its questions is that in the first pay packet that everyone—including your automotive workers—takes home in their hip pocket on 1 July will be more cash for disposable income. Opposition members might want to ignore that fact, but they will be sunk on 1 July when people realise that their real disposable cash income—retained earnings—will be such that they will be better off.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!