

this US based website to drop this disgraceful material. If they don't act, then the authorities should.

Employment

Mr WALLACE (Fisher) (13:53): After months of silence from members opposite about what the policy of the Labor Party was on anything, we have finally had a thought bubble from the Leader of the Opposition. If this is the best that Labor can come up with, we all know why they've been so quiet up until now.

Labor's one idea is to cut the pay of 2.3 million Australian workers by 25 per cent. If you're one of the one million casual workers in this country, Labor and their union mates will take away your casual loading and replace it with entitlements like long service leave, whether you like it or not. Never mind that many of these workers organise their lives to benefit from flexible hours and rely on the higher hourly pay that casual work delivers in order to make ends meet.

Opposition members interjecting—

Mr WALLACE: No, no, no—they know better. They in the unions know better. On average, a Labor government would mean an overnight pay cut of almost \$8,000 for millions of Australians who can least afford it. From struggling workers in hospitality, tourism, retail and construction who are still clawing their way back from a devastating year, the Leader of the Opposition wants to take away more than \$150 a week. Labor don't understand workers, and they have no idea how to run an economy. It's obvious now to Australian workers if it wasn't before. Labor—*(Time expired)*

Sexual Harassment

Ms MURPHY (Dunkley) (13:55): How many times do we have to hear about sexual harassment, discrimination and even assault occurring in the corridors of this parliament, or in the bars and boardrooms surrounding it, before something is done to change it? Why is it that time and time again it takes a brave, often young woman to be strong enough to tell her story, to make herself vulnerable and exposed in public, before the gendered cultural and systemic failings of political culture are even discussed? How many scandals can this government ignore before it does anything real to address the cultural and systemic failings that are obvious for all to see?

Every single person who comes into this building has the right to a safe and positive culture. It is unacceptable that the Australian parliament continues to leave unaddressed systemic biases which mean that women's experiences of working in this building are too often fundamentally different to men's. We can't continue to tolerate a workplace which too often allows gendered misuse of power to seemingly go unpunished, and, worse, in which the victim is the one who experiences damage to their career, their reputation and their health. It's time for this parliament to do two things: firstly, establish an independent review to see how wide and deep the problem is; and, secondly, work to establish an independent office to provide truly independent advice, counselling and support. Victoria, the UK and New Zealand are doing it. We should be doing it too.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**Members of Parliament: Staff**

Mr ALBANESE (Grayndler—Leader of the Opposition) (14:00): My question is to the Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister advise the House how the government has responded to the allegation that a woman was sexually assaulted in the defence minister's office in March 2019? Has an appropriate duty of care for the woman been exercised?

Mr MORRISON (Cook—Prime Minister and Minister for the Public Service) (14:00): My government takes all such matters, all matters of workplace safety, very, very seriously. Everyone should feel safe in their workplace, wherever that is. Reports today are deeply distressing. This matter is under consideration by police. At all times, guidance was sought from Ms Higgins as to how she wished to proceed, and to support and respect her decisions. This important best practice principle of empowering Ms Higgins is something that the government has always sought to follow in relation to this matter.

The government has aimed to provide Ms Higgins with her agency to provide support to make decisions in her interests and to respect her privacy. This offer of support and assistance continues. It is important that Ms Higgins's views are listened to and respected, and I table for the purposes of the House a statement issued by a government spokesperson today on these matters.

COVID 19: Vaccination

Mr IRONS (Swan) (14:01): My question is to the Prime Minister. Will the Prime Minister inform the House about the latest developments in the Morrison government's COVID-19 vaccination strategy and how the rollout of safe, effective and free vaccines will underpin our continued recovery from the pandemic?

Mr MORRISON (Cook—Prime Minister and Minister for the Public Service) (14:02): I thank the member for Swan for his question. This is an historic day for Australia. As the health minister has just confirmed outside this place, I can confirm that Australia's first delivery of COVID-19 vaccines has arrived. The vaccines have touched down in Australia—142,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine arrived in Sydney around midday today.

Free and equitable access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines is this government's policy, and it is in delivery. One of the largest logistical exercises ever undertaken in this country has been planned for and is now underway. We have been building this vaccine portfolio—onshore manufacturing capability, the workforce, the cold chain logistics, the vaccination locations—working together with our medical experts, state and territory governments around the country to ensure the effective implementation of this critically important program for our country.

This program has been developed by medical experts and approved by medical experts, so Australians can have confidence in the Australian vaccination strategy. The Therapeutic Goods Administration is final testing the Pfizer vaccine this week, and the government's total support across our vaccine program now amounts to some \$6½ billion with an initial allocation of around \$1.9 billion for the rollout of that vaccine.

People who need to get the protection first will get it first—the most vulnerable in our community, those working in those critical areas is where the vaccination strategy begins. But

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mayo Electorate: Langhorne Creek Wine Region

Ms SHARKIE (Mayo) (15:59): The wine region of Langhorne Creek sits on the rich soil of a flood plain in a cool-climate region, resulting in high-quality grapes that produce many sought-after varietals. Langhorne Creek, in my electorate, is approximately 6,000 hectares in size, making it the second largest wine region in South Australia. I'm going to talk about just a couple of wineries at Langhorne Creek that have recently held special events, one being Bremerton Wines. It was established in 1988, when the Wilson family produced their first wine grapes from a neighbour's grapes. They planted their own grapes in 1991 and opened their cellar door in 1994. Today sisters Lucy and Rebecca run their family business and have just unveiled a new cellar door and tasting room in a beautifully converted, rustic barn featuring recycled materials from all across South Australia.

Last week I attended the opening of the Barrel Room at Lake Breeze winery. Lake Breeze is a fine example of a thriving family business, with generations of the Follett family working together side by side. It's lovely to see a family—many generations—working with each other, deeply respectful and with a great love for each other. Lake Breeze first produced their wine in 1987 and opened a cellar door in 1991. The Barrel Room is a contemporary function space and has views across the vineyard. I'd encourage anyone to come and visit Langhorne Creek in my electorate. You won't be disappointed. It's a beautiful place to be.

Ivermectin

Mr CRAIG KELLY (Hughes) (16:01): On Saturday *The Canberra Times* published an article in which it referred to ivermectin as both a treatment and prophylaxis for COVID as 'a snake oil remedy'. Therefore, I'd like to take this opportunity to update the House on the published studies on this so-called snake oil remedy. At last count there were 39 published studies conducted by 275 scientists with 11,371 patients. These include 20 randomised, controlled trials. Of these trials, 10 are prophylaxis trials, which on average show a 90 per cent reduction of COVID infections. The latest study, a double-blind placebo controlled study by the Israeli professor Eli Schwartz, found that ivermectin could shorten the viral shedding period.

Of these 39 studies, 100 per cent have found ivermectin to have a positive effect. So, the probability of an ineffective treatment or a mere 'snake oil', as *The Canberra Times* calls it—to get 39 out of 39—is actually one in 550 billion. That's right: one in 550 billion. I call on our national COVID evidence group to again look at the evidence. They've looked at only seven studies. They have looked at less than 10 per cent of the evidence. They've got to get on and look at all the evidence and make sensible recommendations based upon the science.

Members of Parliament: Staff

Ms COKER (Corangamite) (16:03): Today we were confronted with yet another shocking revelation of alleged sexual harassment within this building. I do not use the word 'shocked', because, sadly, I'm not. My heart goes out to the young woman, Brittany Higgins, who came forward with her story. But how many times do we have to be confronted by headlines before anything's done? How many times do we have to listen to those opposite use sanitised language, such as 'extremely distressing', before systematic change is enacted? Why is it that time and time again it takes a brave and often young woman to put herself in the firing line of

public opinion, to put her job on the line, before parliament discusses this issue and we review behaviours, guidelines and governance?

Every person who comes to Parliament House has the right to a safe workplace and positive culture. This is not the first time a victim has come forward, and we have the chance for it to be the last. On days like this I think of my two young daughters, who are about to enter the workforce. They, like all women, deserve to be treated with dignity, with respect and without fear of reprisal when they need to speak up. We have let so many women before Brittany down. Every day that we go without systemic and cultural change we let others down, too. Let's work together and make change so that women can be comfortable, safe and secure in this place.

Redlands Youth Justice and Ice Forum

Mr LAMING (Bowman) (16:04): In the shadow of the Australia Day atrocity in my electorate, my city of Redland came together to seek solutions to youth justice and ice addiction. Recognising that Queensland has double the mainland state average for violent related crimes and triple the mainland Australia average for vehicle related crimes, there is a need to take particular action in my state of Queensland. I want to thank Mr Mick Bloye and his wife, Ronnie, for getting together at the Alex Hills AFL club to make sure we had a forum and a venue to make this possible. Last Friday night 120 locals met to discuss these issues with the support of elected members from all three levels of government and the following organisations: Redlands Local Drug Action Team, youth ambassadors from across Redlands, Love and Hope Redlands, Youth YOU Program, police and ex-police officers, Traction youth program, Australian Drug Foundation, Queensland Injectors Health Network, The Cage Youth Foundation, Sarina Russo, Redlands Coast Chamber of Commerce, Australian Industry Trade College and their students, Alcolizer Technology Cleveland—which is engaged in making illicit drug testing systems in my electorate—Redlands Psychologists, headspace, Metro South Primary Health Network, Queensland Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies, legal practitioners from across Redlands and Redlands sporting clubs as well as the parents of the many youth that were of key voice in the first third of this forum.

We now have solutions. They are challenges. The ideas will be distilled in a white paper. I hope that all three levels of government can engage to come up with a better youth justice system for this country.

COVID-19: Vaccination

Dr LEIGH (Fenner) (16:06): Across the world, 171 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have now been delivered, including 50 million in the US, 15 million in the UK, five million in Brazil, and two million in Indonesia. Israel has delivered 72 doses per 100 people. The Prime Minister said that Australia would be 'at the front of the queue', and the health minister said that vaccination would be 'commencing in January'. But the fact is that Australia didn't strike our first vaccine deal until September 2020, six months after other nations had lined up vaccine supply for their citizens.

The delayed vaccine rollout in Australia isn't just a health issue; it's an economic issue too. Last May the Treasurer said that the lockdown of the economy was costing \$4 billion a week. Tardy vaccine rollout doesn't have quite the same cost to the economy as a lockdown but must nonetheless have a massive economic impact. We cannot recover the economy in sectors like