

COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS

Statement by President

THE PRESIDENT (Hon Alanna Clohesy) [5.06 pm]: Members, I would like to make a brief contribution. Each year is busy and different in this place, and this year has been no exception. We started this year with the swearing-in of the forty-first Parliament, with probably had the biggest cohort of new members in the history of the Legislative Council. To all those new members: I understand seven months feels like a very long time, but I also see that you have settled in really well to your new role, have learnt lots and contributed to the work of the chamber. I, too, since being elected by you, have been on a steep learning curve.

The role of the President is supported by a great team. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Deputy President, Hon Martin Aldridge, for his hard work in managing the chairing roster and supporting the Deputy Chairs of Committee with procedural and other support. To the Deputy Chairs of Committee, Hon Dr Sally Talbot, Hon Steve Martin, Hon Jackie Jarvis and Hon Peter Foster, thank you for your diligence in your important role.

Together we have presided over a very busy chamber this year. Including a very small part of the fortieth Parliament, we have sat for 19 weeks, or 59 days, and we have passed around 30 bills. We have asked more than 990 questions without notice of which some notice has been given and almost 480 questions were placed on notice. That does not take into account questions asked prior, during and after hearings of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations.

That brings me to the incredible amount of work that has been done in committee, with 19 reports being tabled for the whole of this year. That number belies the incredible amount of work that has been done in committee, culminating in those final reports. The work of committee meetings, hearings, research and site visits goes into the important committee reports. It demonstrates the importance and relevance of our committee system.

It is an opportune time to thank Christine Kain, Clerk Assistant, and the great Legislative Council Committee Office team for all the work that they have contributed to our committees this year.

The make-up of our Parliament is a little bit different this year than in previous Parliaments. I thank the leaders of all political parties and their staff for the cooperative work arrangements this year—to Hon Sue Ellery of WA Labor; Hon Dr Steve Thomas of the Liberal Party; Hon Colin de Grussa of the Nationals WA; and the members of the crossbench, Hon Sophia Moermond and Hon Dr Brian Walker from the Legalise Cannabis Western Australia Party; Hon Wilson Tucker from the Daylight Saving Party; and Hon Dr Brad Pettitt from the Greens WA.

Our work here in this chamber is supported by an incredible Parliamentary Services team. The security services team of the Parliament is ably led by Tony Paterson. It has been a challenging year and everyone in security services, as well as the protective services officers, have worked incredibly hard. Thank you to them. Reception services, led by Steph Nguyen and Charles Vitnell, have warmly greeted our visitors and attended to every single question we have had of them; thank you very much.

I congratulate Building Services, led by Hugh McCaffrey, particularly on being finalists in the 2021 Heritage Awards. I wish them a very busy summer recess as they complete the renovation work on level 1, and thank them for everything that they have done. The inimitable Vicki Patterson is leaving Building Services after many years there and I acknowledge and thank her for her fabulous work.

To the audiovisual team—David Embry and your team—thank you for everything that you have done and for capturing sometimes not the best side of us but certainly the good side of us.

To the IT team, who have had a particularly busy year, including the rollout of a new system here in Parliament House—John Buchanan and team, and Stefan Urlus—thank you very much for your work this year.

Payroll and finance—Elma Ozich, John Mordini, Greg Jackson and the whole team—are always popular because of the payroll that they deliver to us, but they also do some incredible work in managing the budgets of this place.

To Tina Hunter and all in Human Resources, thank you very much for your very helpful advice and support of our staff.

I have noticed that a lot of you on social media have at some time throughout this year mentioned the beautiful Parliament House gardens, and the credit here goes to David Boag and all his team for doing such an incredible job and providing us with lovely surrounds. And our house is sparkling clean thanks to the work of Luisa and the cleaning services team.

In the Parliamentary Services Department, Rob Hunter and Patricia Traegde are just indefatigable. They do not get fatigued and power on throughout the day. How they do it and get across so many issues, I still cannot understand, but thank you for every single piece of work that you do.

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In the Parliamentary Education Office, Pete Dooley has contributed much to our young people's civic education and the general public's understanding of our Parliament. Thank you, Pete; you should be rightfully proud of all the work that you have done over the years. I wish Pete and Jodie all the very best for their wedding this weekend and for the future. Thank you to all of the wonderful staff in the Parliamentary Education Office. A special note goes to Michael Loney for his significant contribution to the Parliament through his work in the education team over the years. That has been rounded out by the contributions of Belinda Corey, Director, Parliamentary Information and Education; and Judy Ballantyne and all the team in the Parliamentary Library.

For keeping us well satiated, every single person in Catering Services—every single person in Catering Services—your delectable delights are truly appreciated. To Mark, Roger, Anthony, Deb and every single one of you, thank you for helping us to keep our motors running.

To the staff in Hansard services, who faithfully and accurately record our words with professional polish, thank you very much for trying to understand the interjections and for your professionalism.

Speaking of professionalism, Barb Pickett, from Hansard services, leaves us after more than 32 years as a Hansard reporter. Barb joined the Parliament House team at a time when women Hansard reporters were not allowed to wear trousers. Much has changed. Barb's professionalism continues. Thank you, Barb.

Members: Hear, hear!

The PRESIDENT: Circling back to this august chamber, our work would not have even commenced, much less been completed, without the dedicated professionalism of our staff in the chamber. Humbly we thank Nigel Pratt, Paul Grant, Sam Hastings, John Seal-Pollard, Grant Hitchcock, Renae Jewell, Rebecca Burton, Chris Hunt, Peter Gale, Hayley Brown, Brian Conn, Lauren Levia and my executive officer, Tina O'Connor.

Members, it has been a very busy and important year. Thank you all for your contributions throughout this year and I wish you, your families and your loved ones a very happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

Members: Hear, hear!

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House) [5.16 pm]: President, can I join you and endorse your comments in thanking all the parliamentary staff, who do an exemplary job to keep this place running. In particular, I want to thank the staff who work in this chamber, upon whom all members rely for advice and assistance on a daily basis.

As the President noted, several parliamentary staff are leaving or retiring this year and I, too, want to acknowledge and thank them sincerely. In particular, I, too, want to add my thanks to Barb Pickett from Hansard, who has been here for just over 32 years. I acknowledge the Clerk, Nigel Pratt, who is of course currently on leave and has announced his resignation. I thank him for his assistance and support over the years and wish him the best for whatever comes next.

To you, too, President, congratulations for the job you have done in your first year in the role—an observation that I am sure all members will share.

As we sit here, with just over a week to go until Christmas, it is fair to say that it has been a long year. A state election in March, the continuation of the pandemic, several blocks of three sitting weeks and then an additional two sitting weeks at the end have undoubtedly left all of us looking forward to the break.

I want to thank the Leader of the Opposition, Hon Dr Steve Thomas. We have formed a solid working relationship, as I did with his predecessor. We have been able to work effectively through many of the business management issues together, and I look forward to that continuing in 2022. To all members of the Liberal–National alliance, I thank you on behalf of the government.

I particularly want to thank the new members of the crossbench: Hon Sophia Moermond and Hon Dr Brian Walker of the Legalise Cannabis WA Party, Hon Wilson Tucker of the Daylight Saving Party, and Hon Dr Brad Pettitt of the Greens. Hon Wilson Tucker, who is away on urgent parliamentary business, asked me whether I would mind saying these words on his behalf, and I am delighted to do so: "It's been a pleasure getting to know everyone in the chamber over the past year and I hope that you all have a relaxing and sun-filled holiday period." I acknowledge that, having come into this place only nine months ago, the crossbenchers have done an outstanding job to get their heads around the alternative universe that constitutes Parliament.

Putting aside politics, which is par for the course between us, the house has managed to work through its significant agenda in a largely collegiate way this year. We do not always agree, but my aim has been to manage the working relationships with each party leader in a respectful way, and I think it is accurate to say that most times we have been able to find a way forward, so I thank everybody for their assistance in that.

To members of the government team, I thank you for the manner in which you continue to represent the government and for your flexibility, your tireless work ethic and your continued outstanding effort every day. Our new members of Parliament have embraced their new roles and ongoing MPs have stepped up to expanded roles. They have all

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put in a sensational effort. I know that I am kind of like a broken record when I say at various times, “Can you please help us by choosing not to make a contribution to the debate?”, so I do appreciate that.

It can be challenging from time to time to be a government member of Parliament. They do not get to contribute as much as I know they would like to, because our job primarily is to get our legislative agenda across the line. I appreciate that. Each of them has brought a strength to our team, and I want to place on the record my thanks to all of you.

To in particular the deputy leader of the government, Hon Stephen Dawson, who has certainly carried much of the legislative load in the past three weeks, thank you for your ongoing collegiate work. To my ministerial colleague Hon Alannah MacTiernan, our fearless defender of the government’s honour on a Thursday morning, thank you for your efforts as well.

A special mention to our parliamentary secretaries, three of whom passed legislation this year, namely Hon Matthew Swinbourn, who led some of the more challenging bills that we have had to deal with; Hon Samantha Rowe, who had the unenviable task of facing Hon Nick Goiran for her first bill, and came through unscathed; and Hon Kyle McGinn, who takes the prize for getting his Aquatic Resources Management Bill passed in the fastest time that has been known for passing a piece of legislation; and also, of course, Hon Darren West, our favourite and only working farmer in the Parliament. Of course I cannot forget our trusty government Whip, Hon Pierre Yang, who suddenly had to face the happy problem of having many more members than he ever contemplated he would have to keep track of.

Finally, because they wrote it in here, can I thank the staff in my ministerial and electorate offices. They are, I am instructed, a hardworking, dedicated and talented team, and I could not do what I do without them. In particular, I am instructed to thank George, Ollie and Kris, who staff the Parliament House office. It is crazy in there. There are three ministers and three staff members, and at many times various numbers of advisers, but they manage to keep us in line, so can I thank them for that work.

Members, on 15 March 2020, the WA government declared a state of emergency, and for all Western Australians our lives took a turn that none of us had anticipated. It has been 21 months of living and working in a global pandemic. For those in business, for those working on the frontline, whether that is in our supermarkets, our hospitals, policing, schools, transport and logistics, and for those who are themselves immunocompromised or have loved ones who are, this has been 21 months of living with fluctuating levels of anxiety and uncertainty. I think we need to stop and acknowledge that that anxiety and uncertainty is wearying. Everyone is tired. I get that. Therefore, for those who are getting ready to deliver services on that frontline as we transition to 5 February and beyond, thank you for your resilience. Take the break that you can.

To those members in here, can I sincerely wish everyone a peaceful and joyous festive season. Enjoy the time with your family and friends. Rest, recharge and stay safe. Merry Christmas.

Government members: Hear, hear!

HON COLIN de GRUSSA (Agricultural — Deputy Leader of the Opposition) [5.22 pm]: I rise on behalf of the Parliamentary National Party. The Leader of the Opposition has been called away on very urgent parliamentary business but I am assured that he will return very shortly.

I want to concur with your observations, President, that as a result of the most recent election, this chamber certainly has a very different make-up. I think that is a good thing, and of course it is the nature of this job. We never know which one of us will be back after that date in March. It is always encouraging to see new members come in and take on the roles that we do, and it is such a privilege to be in this place.

As the Leader of the House has said, we have endured 19 weeks of sittings this year, and 21 months of dealing with the challenges that COVID has thrown up. That certainly has been a monumental change to not only Western Australia and Australia, but also obviously the global landscape. That will linger for some time. It will be a long time before we come out the other side of it, so to speak. I would like to acknowledge, too, all those people in the frontline, in particular in our health services, our emergency services, police and others, who have had to step up over that period and do far more than they ever thought they would have to do to keep the people in our great nation safe.

President, I would like to acknowledge and thank you for the work that you do and for your role. It is obviously a very important role. I think you have done a fantastic job this year and I very much look forward to working with you over the next few years. I am sure you are enjoying it. Can I particularly thank all the Legislative Council chamber staff. You are always here. We will decide at odd times that we are going to sit through the night, to sit until some ungodly hour, to sit early or to sit on a different day, and no matter what we decide, you are always here to do the work that you do to keep this machine that is the Legislative Council running like a good Swiss watch. I particularly want to thank all of you for tolerating us and for the brilliant way you do the job and keep this place running so well. Can I also acknowledge the Clerk, Nigel Pratt, who is obviously away on leave at the moment. As others have said,

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he has announced his resignation. Thanks Nigel for the work that you have done over your period as Clerk. I have certainly enjoyed working with you over that time, as I have with everyone in the Legislative Council team.

I acknowledge the work of my colleague in the National Party Hon Martin Aldridge. I acknowledge the work that Marty has done as Deputy President and Chair of Committees. I thank you for the tireless and meticulous work that you do in this place and also out in the electorate. I thank my colleagues in the alliance. We have had a very different working relationship to the one that we have had for so many years, but it has been working very well this year and I have enjoyed the changes and challenges that that has brought. It is fair to say, as is always the case, that there are many and varied opinions within any political party and I have enjoyed the debate that goes on in coming to arrangements and various agreements. Can I also thank all members of the alliance team for their commitment to the people of Western Australia.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the government members across the chamber for their commitment to the people of Western Australia. Obviously, we do not always agree. In fact, probably more often than not, we do not agree, but we do that because we are all here to represent the people of Western Australia. We all have our ideas and values that we hold dear and we try to do our job of representing those people to the best of our ability.

I also want to acknowledge the staff throughout Parliament House, whether they be in Parliamentary Services, Hansard, the media team or Catering Services, of course, for keeping us well fed—sometimes too well fed. This place is a little bit like a feedlot if you are not careful. I am sure that some members have found that out in their first year as I did. I would also like to acknowledge and thank my parliamentary electorate office team of Allyson and Shayne, and also the amazing team in the LOOP office. We certainly could not do what we do if you guys did not do what you do.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to wish each and every one of you in this place and the staff a very safe, happy and joyous Christmas period. I look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

The PRESIDENT: Hear, hear!

HON DR STEVE THOMAS (South West — Leader of the Opposition) [5.28 pm]: Thank you, President. I ask you to excuse my brief absence while I was away on urgent parliamentary business. Bringing down the government is a very long-term commitment and one that does not always wait. We have to dedicate ourselves to these things. President, can I join you, the Leader of the House and the Leader of the National Party in thanking all the staff across Parliament. They do a magnificent job. I do not intend to go through them all again. I think you have done a more than adequate job of that, President. It is hard to find a bad staff member in Parliament House. Can members, every time they go past a member of staff, please say hello and thank you. It is a tough job sometimes. Sometimes we are stressed and sometimes we can take it out on them. It has not happened that I have seen in this Parliament, but please thank all those staff members. Obviously for those who are leaving—Barb in Hansard and the Clerk, Mr Nigel Pratt—we offer them both our thanks, gratitude and best wishes going forward.

I thank the Leader of the House. We have had a number of very strong conversations this year, but it has always been professional. We have not let that interfere with the job that we have to do and I thank you for the goodwill that you have displayed over this year. I also thank Hon Peter Collier. Since I took over this role he has been an adviser who is always available and always able to provide good advice. I have found his counsel this year invaluable. I add him to that group.

I would like to thank a few others. Quite a few new members have joined us this year. I want to mention some notable performances before I sit down. I struggled early on with some of the names and their representations. In the early stages I struggled to differentiate Hon Dan Caddy and Rod Caddies, one of whom is the member of a fringe and perhaps relatively unrepresentative political party. I will let members choose which one I am referring to! I will say though that everything I was about to say about Hon Dan Caddy has been usurped by his dress style today. Could he move just a little more so I can make sure he is there and not absent from the chamber? If his head moves, I can probably tell that he is present. I have enjoyed his contribution and his interjections, unparliamentary as they may be. Keep going—we like a good chat.

There are a few names I have always struggled with. Hon Ayor Makur Chuot is my fellow co-founder of the Parliamentary Friends of Africa. When I say it as an acronym it sounds remarkably like P-FAS. That is a name that does not necessarily roll off the tongue, so I endeavour to be better at that next year, particularly as we are co-conveners of the Parliamentary Friends of Africa and I will probably have to use it quite a lot. We have to be careful; this is a glass house that the Liberal Party does not really want to go into because we have Hon Tjorn Sibma, of course. I fully expect him to launch into a rousing rendition of *Hakuna Matata* at some point during the Parliament. I am not going to throw any stones in this glass house.

One of the most thoughtful contributions was that of Hon Martin Pritchard earlier this year, who gave us in a member's statement a reflection on how this chamber looks a little like the reality TV show *Survivor*. I thought

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that was perhaps both a brave and interesting analysis. I am terrified that he is going to move on and compare us to *The Bachelor* and *Married at First Sight*. When he starts doing that, it will be time for me to retire.

I know I throw a lot of economic questions across the chamber at Hon Stephen Dawson, particularly on a Thursday when I am inclined to give him a hard time. The reality is that that is only on a Thursday. I suspect that I give the Minister for Regional Development a hard time on that day and every other day as well, so Hon Stephen Dawson gets off reasonably lightly.

I will comment on a couple of other members. The government has some new members who have stepped up to parliamentary secretary roles, and some of those have done a pretty outstanding job. I commend Hon Samantha Rowe who has stepped up and had carriage of a significant bill this year, and has answered questions without notice. She has done an excellent job. Hon Matthew Swinbourn has taken on a significant workload. Both have done an excellent job. However, I make this point to the Leader of the House. Hon Samantha Rowe had the Children and Community Services Amendment Bill 2021, the debate on which started about the middle of September and finished in the middle of October. It took about a month and was many days of good hard work. Of course, Hon Matthew Swinbourn had electoral reform, and that took a similar time, from the middle of October to the middle of November. I am wondering why Hon Kyle McGinn was not given a bigger role because the bill he put in place, the Aquatic Resources Management Amendment Bill 2021, came in on 18 August at 5.54 pm and was through by 6.20 pm. I thought that if the government wanted to hurry things through, particularly as we came to the end of the year, perhaps he might be its pinch-hitter going forward. I thought that was good.

Of course, any Parliament that is dominated by the name Steve cannot be too bad. I congratulate all the Steves who have made it into the current Parliament. We are thinking of forming our own faction across the floor. We will see how we go.

Hon Alannah MacTiernan: Would you have sub-factions of “ph” and “v”?

Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS: Once a Steve, always a Steve, I think! I think that is very good.

There are a couple of things I would like to add, because it has been a tough year. I note that next year is a more normal year in which we will sit 19 weeks by my calculation. We sat 19 weeks this year and we did not start until May, because there was an election in the way. We did not sit a lot in the first half, so the second half has been a tough grind. I congratulate all members of the chamber for the work that you have done. I think it has been a tough period to be here. There have been some big bills and some important bills, so well done. Well done to all Acting Presidents and Deputy Chairs of Committees who have contributed as well, because it has been very hard.

I want to make a couple of other quick thank-yous. I want to congratulate Hon Kate Doust, who was President previously to you, President. Hon Kate Doust demonstrated truth, resilience and courage. Whatever else one thinks about the various parts of everything that went on in that period of time, I think her courage speaks for itself. Sometimes it is not easy to stand up and be counted, and I have enormous respect for her. Whether or not you agree with the outcome, my personal view is that she was at least partially vindicated—well vindicated. I think that courage deserves respect.

President, I congratulate you on your first seven months or whatever it is in the job. It is not easy. I have found you to be even-handed and tolerant, especially of me, which is good, and I encourage you to continue that as much as possible! I think you have done an outstanding job and I encourage you to continue that in the future.

It would not be a thank-you speech without mentioning Hon Pierre Yang. I note your enthusiasm for points of order and I just hope that next year perhaps you might be able to have one of them upheld!

Hon Colin de Grussa interjected.

Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS: That is right! In the same way that I hope next year Hon Colin de Grussa wins a division! He does his best!

I thank the members of my own team. It has been a tough year. You have done a magnificent job. There has not been a single slacker. I know that we give Hon Nick Goiran most of the work to do in the chamber, and he carries it with enormous aplomb. The rest of us are in awe of his capacity to annoy the government, and we are thinking of starting a school! Thank you, Hon Nick Goiran, for your contributions. To every member of the team, your contribution has been highly valued.

It is always interesting to be on the crossbench, but your professionalism has been noted. I have enjoyed working with all of you. There has not been a terse conversation. We do not always have to agree, but the way all of you have approached things has been excellent, so I congratulate you all.

President, let us hope that next year is a more gentle year. I hope government members all take a lesson from Hon Stephen Dawson and the gentle, professional way he presents his bills. I know that Hon Matthew Swinbourn

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will do so down the path. That is both of your preselections taken care of; that should help even out the numbers in the next election!

Honourable members, it has been great this year. I thank you all for all the efforts you have put in. I thank the staff again for all their efforts. I am proud to be a member of the Legislative Council. I am one of the few here who has been a member of that other place, and I think the difference in standard is enormous. The dignity with which this house carries itself is a credit to you all.

HON DR BRIAN WALKER (East Metropolitan) [5.38 pm]: I do not know whether I dare to rise to compare notes here. I am a member of the crossbench, and we are supposed to keep things nice and quiet and short, so I will. But I have to say thanks to all at this time of year. When we first came in, I remember being confronted, with my colleague Hon Sophia Moermond, by the Clerk of the Legislative Council, Nigel Pratt, and by Paul Grant and Rob Hunter, and we thought to ourselves, “What on earth have we got ourselves into?” We were being examined and scrutinised from top to bottom, and I thought, first of all, of *Yes Minister* and, second, “Oh, my God, what have we done?” They were very fearsome. But their friendliness and help was such a wonderful thing to discover, not only from them, but also all of the chamber staff here. What a wonderful bounty it has been to know you and work with you. The support you have given has been enormous, and Sophia and I thank you greatly for that. That goes for all the staff the President mentioned. I look at what happens in this great house and I am in awe of what happens. I thank everyone who has taken part in this. I also want to thank all members. I can speak for Sophia and myself when I say that we came into a house where we were strangers, and we now find ourselves amongst friends. That is also an awesome thing, so I thank you all for that.

Like the Leader of the House, I have been commanded to make mention of our team. On behalf of the Legalise Cannabis WA Party, Sophia and I would not be able to do what we have done without the support of the staff in our offices—Jorian and Nicola for Sophia, and Craig and Jack for me. I want to give them special commendation for the patience they have shown in educating us in the ways of this rather strange chamber. Indeed, thanks to our families as well, without whom we would not be able to do as we have done. We must give credit to our families for the enormous support they have shown us in allowing us to sit until ridiculous hours sometimes, in the service of the people of Western Australia. Again, thanks to the people of Western Australia for tolerating what we do and actually treating us with respect. I find, despite the general tenor of the way politicians are looked at, that the respect we are shown by the people of Western Australia reflects upon the work we do in this chamber. As a chamber and a Parliament we have achieved a great deal in 2021, and I am sure there will be more on our plates in 2022. I have no doubt we will continue to serve in the best interests of the people of Western Australia. We cannot go wrong if we do that.

In finishing up, I considered offering something similar to the Minister for Tourism and giving him a run for his money! I was potentially considering a rewrite of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, but the higher numbers confounded me, so maybe next year! However, I can say —

On the sixth day of Parliament, the government gave to me
Six abolished regions
Five bills a-fast-tracked
Four crossbench members
Three short, sharp lockdowns
Two late night sittings
And a legislative fait accompli!

Maybe next year I will do more! Maybe Santa will think I have been a good boy; I do not know, but I can certainly say that we have promised to do our best, and I think all here have succeeded at that, working together. Despite our differences, there is the joy of being able to work collaboratively with people for the good of the people whom we serve. On behalf of the Legalise Cannabis WA Party, and of my colleague Hon Sophia Moermond and me, I give all thanks and best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and festive season for whatever faith to which you belong, and may the next year bring you health, happiness and all good wishes.

Members: Hear, hear!

HON DR BRAD PETTITT (South Metropolitan) [5.42 pm]: I feel that following on from that is going to be incredibly difficult, so I will be very brief! I rise on behalf of the Greens to say thank you to the President and the Deputy President. Although there is often a perception of Parliament as being not very collaborative, I acknowledge that often, both behind the chair and in this place, all of you have been extraordinarily supportive and have helped many of the newbies here, especially me, who does not have anyone else to rely upon to find my way through this sometimes unusual place with its standing orders and the like.

I just want to say thank you to all of you, both to members in this chamber and to the staff, who have answered the many questions we have asked and have helped us through the processes. It has been a very steep learning curve,

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but also a year in which I have learnt a lot and that I have found deeply rewarding. Big thanks to all of you for that. I also want to give special thanks to the staff here in Parliament for their support through that process. They have been very, very helpful. Finally, I want to finish by saying thanks to my team in my electorate office, Hannah, Kendall, Piper and Mischa, who have been amazing. I could not have done it without them. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you.

Members: Hear, hear!

House adjourned at 5.42 pm
