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RAIL COMMISSIONER (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL

The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON (15:35):

I rise briefly to indicate my support for this bill. As indicated by the minister when introducing it, this bill is largely administrative in nature, with two of its three provisions providing for the Rail Commissioner to report in the annual report of the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure and to bestow on the Rail Commissioner the appropriate accreditation under the Passenger Transport Act 1994 to enter into service contracts with the Minister for Transport for train and tram services. This is the same accreditation that was provided under the TransAdelaide (Corporate Structure) Act 1998 and brings to an end the TransAdelaide Board, whose responsibilities were transferred to the Rail Commissioner from 1 September 2010. It is my understanding that this is a final step in the consolidation of the former statutory authority back into the department. This is an uncontentious administrative bill and it has my support.