



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Iraq, Death of Civilian

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (9.34 am): The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has confirmed that, tragically, a 34-year-old Queenslanders has been killed by a bomb blast in Iraq, some 300 kilometres outside of Baghdad. He was working as a civilian. The Queenslanders was killed on the roadside yesterday, on 8 June. DFAT reports that consular staff in Iraq are consulting his employer at the moment. Consular officers in Australia are providing support to his family. Our thoughts are with them at this most difficult time. If the Queensland government can provide any assistance to the family, we certainly will.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The Premier has a very important announcement and there are too many members talking.

Mr BEATTIE: As I was saying, consular officers in Australia are providing support to his family. Our thoughts are with them at this most difficult time. If there is any way that the Queensland government can assist his family, we will. On behalf of all members, I would like to pass on our condolences to his family.