



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Afghanistan, Death of Trooper David Pearce

Hon. AM BLIGH (South Brisbane—ALP) (Premier) (9.33 am): The tragic death of an Australian soldier in Afghanistan yesterday has hit close to home. Trooper David Pearce was from the Enoggera based 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment. He was serving in Afghanistan as part of the Reconstruction Taskforce. He is survived by his wife and, as members will have seen this morning, two very young children.

It is a tragic reminder of the ever-present risk faced by the brave men and women in combat. Again today our thoughts are with his family, his friends and his colleagues.