



Speech by  
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### **TRIBUTE TO FALLEN POLICE OFFICERS**

**Mr SEENEV** (Callide—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.25 am): I think it is appropriate that I indicate on behalf of this side of the parliament that we support and endorse the remarks that have been made by the Premier and the police minister on this occasion. I will not try to repeat those remarks but it is important that the entire parliament support the minute's silence, the mark of respect that is proper for the young constable who lost his life.

The loss of any young life is always a tragedy but even more so when that life is lost in the service of the rest of us. When a police officer loses their life in the course of their duty then that life is lost on behalf of all of us in the community. We need to pay due respect for that great loss. It is a loss to us all but our loss is nothing compared to the loss that the family of those people suffer on a very personal basis. Today our thoughts should be with the Police Service but, most importantly, with the families of the officer who lost his life. On behalf of those who sit on this side of the House, I extend my sympathies and condolences to those people.