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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (10.10 am): When it comes to jobs there is one that is very important to all Queenslanders. Last week I had the honour of recommending to cabinet that Katarina Carroll be selected as Queensland's next police commissioner. The selection panel had the highest quality field of applicants to choose from. The panel said Commissioner Carroll was an outstanding candidate. In a very significant way, Commissioner Carroll's appointment reflects the culture of excellence within the Queensland Police Service and that is in no small part due to the work of our current Police Commissioner, Ian Stewart. Commissioner Stewart has fostered a culture that has seen the development of the QPS as a breeding ground for leaders. For example, Commissioner Carroll had a long career with the Queensland Police Service before she was appointed Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner in 2014 and now she will be back with the QPS, soon to be the top cop. Look around and the QPS have leaders everywhere. Senior Queensland police officers have gone on to head up other major agencies, both at a state and federal level.

I thank Ian Stewart for his continued emphasis on bringing along the next generation of leaders from within Queensland Police Service ranks. Back in 2012 Commissioner Stewart rang Katarina Carroll when she was an assistant commissioner and asked her to take charge of security for the G20 summit to be held in 2014 in Brisbane. It was a big responsibility but Commissioner Stewart knew he had put that responsibility in capable hands. It will be the same again in a few months time when Commissioner Stewart hands over the baton to Commissioner Carroll. He hands over the baton to a steady pair of hands. We have been lucky to have a leader of the calibre of Commissioner Ian Stewart and soon we will be fortunate to have Commissioner Katarina Carroll in charge of the Queensland Police Service.