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## ADJOURNMENT

### Stretton Electorate, Policing

 **Mr MARTIN** (Stretton—ALP) (12.33 pm): I rise to commend the hardworking women and men of the Queensland Police Service in my local area. The Stretton electorate is serviced by three police stations: Calamvale, Acacia Ridge and Upper Mount Gravatt. I want to recognise the officers at these stations who work extremely hard for our community each and every day in what is a tough line of work. The hard work of the officers at these stations goes a long way to ensure the high level of community confidence they enjoy. The response times and clearance rates in my local area are good. They highlight the diligence and initiative of both the general duties officers on the front line, patrolling at all hours of the day and night, and the officers in charge at each of these stations, who I work with frequently.

Another very important focus of the police in my area is diversion and disruption. I want to recognise the extensive crime prevention and community engagement activities undertaken by these stations including regular 'coffee with a cop' events with me at Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown, Neighbourhood Watch support, school-based police officers, adopt-a-cops, crime prevention pop-ups, domestic violence awareness pop-ups and attendance at all of the school fetes and festivals and the Harmony Day soccer day recently, just to name a few. I host my 'coffee with a cop' catch-ups each month at Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown, where residents can chat to me or the local police about issues that are important to them. The support from officers at these stations has been instrumental in the success of these events. I particularly want to thank Senior Sergeant Ian Cameron and his team from Acacia Ridge along with the district crime prevention unit's Sergeant Danielle Bright and Sergeant Sherry Ho along with my good mate Bill from Volunteers in Policing.

**Ms Pugh:** Hear, hear! She is great.

**Mr MARTIN:** I take that interjection. Sergeant Sherry Ho is great. I want to recognise Sherry for her outstanding work and contribution to the Stretton community, always going above and beyond. Sergeant Ho is the district crime prevention coordinator in our area and she is a well-known, very enthusiastic and highly dedicated police officer who has worked tirelessly to resolve some difficult community issues and always promote crime prevention.

Stretton is also a diverse multicultural community. I want to recognise that the police have been building their capability in communicating with and reaching out to diverse communities. I want to recognise the fantastic police liaison officers that I work with and see at so many events. I particularly wanted to recognise police liaison officer Ken Rong and the team from the Chinese-speaking PLOs and volunteers who run Queensland E-watch, a Chinese language project that provides accurate information from the QPS and other government channels translated into Mandarin and shared on WeChat and Facebook. The purpose is to provide accurate and correct information from trusted sources to the Chinese-speaking community.