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 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (4.25 pm): I just want to step back for a moment on this motion. Obviously, this is a hyper-partisan motion that we have seen repeatedly. I want to pose this question: what kind of Public Service do we need to fix the mess that the Palaszczuk Labor government has left us after a decade in power? What kind of Public Service do we actually need? What kinds of professional skills do we need to get us out of this mess that we are in? Those opposite will continue to play the politics—all the cheap nasty numbers, all the politics they have—but what we need is to have a discussion about what is necessary to meet the needs of the future. What we have seen over the last number of years is failures of this government to back the Public Service and the kinds of skills that we need for the future.

Look at the police numbers. At the last election we were promised 1,450 police, but we are now down 202 from what we needed one year ago. What we have seen across the healthcare system is long-term vacancies. In the child safety system, we have workers who are not supported. What kind of Public Service do we need to deliver world-class services to the people of Queensland? We need a mature discussion about it, and that is exactly what we on this side of the House are doing and what the Leader of the Opposition announced just last week.

I want a Public Service where young people want to enter into it. That is why we have been talking about our graduate program—because we need young men and women wanting to move into the Public Service to provide the skills and ever-growing services that we need for a growing population in this state. We have seen from the Coaldrake review the kind of culture that this government has overseen. That culture must change. The sunlight must be let in. We need to attract the younger people into the Public Service to deliver it. We have seen what the Coaldrake review said about consultants and this government's reliance on them because they do not trust the Public Service to deliver the services that this state needs. That is why we have committed to invest in the Public Service and not in the big four and the conflict that side of the House have with the big four consultancies where they shop around for opinions. We want to back the Public Service to deliver the world-class services that we need. There is only one way for the Public Service to be backed and that is to show Labor the door in '24.