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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE: ARNOLD, MR M; DARE, MR A; MCCROW, MS R

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (12.19 pm): I rise to add a few words to this condolence motion for Rachel McCrow, Matthew Arnold and Alan Dare. Whenever I hear that biblical question posed, ‘Who is my neighbour?’ the name Alan Dare will come to mind from this point forward.

I wanted to particularly focus a few comments on the families of police officers at this difficult time. On 12 December they would have been doing what many of us were doing—that is, thinking about Christmas and getting ready for Christmas Day and celebrations with family—when suddenly their worlds were shattered.

I, like a lot of people who have police in the family, am very proud of their service. My brother did 35 years in the Northern Territory police and did a number of years as the president of the police association in the Northern Territory and then the president of the Police Federation of Australia, and one of the unfortunate duties that he had to perform was to attend police funerals. Unfortunately, during his tenure he came to Brisbane on far too many occasions and I always accompanied him to those funerals. I will never forget the faces of the families during those funerals. People who have police in their family are extremely proud of the service of those people who keep our communities safe. They know the risks that they take and they support them, and whenever they hear of the death of a police officer their thoughts immediately go to those families who are impacted.

I also wanted to just say a few words for Keely Brough and Randall Kirk. This will be an incredibly difficult time. It will be a life-altering—hopefully not shattering—event for them and their families and our thoughts are also with them. I hope the families of everyone involved find peace and I hope that Rachel, Matthew and Alan rest in peace.