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## ADJOURNMENT

### Emergency Services, Personnel

 **Mr RUSSO** (Toohey—ALP) (7.03 pm): It is with honour that they serve—the men and women in the Queensland police and Protective Services and in the Fire and Emergency Services. The Palaszczuk government has a plan to deliver the services and infrastructure to meet a growing need. We acknowledge the commitment that these officers make. The biggest risks to Queensland are the secret cuts planned by the opposition. The LNP leader must reveal its plans to Queenslanders. Queenslanders have a right to know what will be cut.

I have attended many graduation ceremonies at the Tom Molloy Parade Ground at the Queensland Police Service Academy. The Tom Molloy Parade Ground, where recruits are inducted and graduate, is also known as the Sacred Acre. The Sacred Acre was named in honour of Sergeant Tom Molloy following his retirement from the Queensland Police Service. Tom Molloy was a well-known drill sergeant and he was one of the original sergeants at the academy when it first opened in 1972. At each graduation ceremony I have witnessed the determination and commitment of the men and women graduating. They display an inner strength and a desire to serve the people of Queensland. I was impressed when I read their stories. They have diverse backgrounds and interests, and I know the value of diversity as I see it every day in my local community.

As I reflect on these men and women, I worry. I worry about the opposition's secret cuts to services and infrastructure across the board. How will this dent their enthusiasm or impact on the pride they demonstrate? Will their job be a part of these unrevealed LNP cuts? How will they be able to do their job to the best of their abilities if they are hamstrung with a lack of support and poor infrastructure? We ask a lot of these men and women. It is our responsibility to provide the resources they need for their job. The Palaszczuk government has a plan to deliver the services and infrastructure to meet growing needs. I call on the opposition and the LNP to reveal to Queenslanders what services and infrastructure they will cut. As we heard from the Minister for Police in his ministerial statement this week, there are approximately 300 applicants in the pipeline and there has been—

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