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## ADJOURNMENT

### Nanango Electorate, Housing and Police Resources

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (6.10 pm): In the middle of the ongoing housing crisis, where 40,000 Queenslanders are desperately waiting for social housing, there is still a state government owned home in the town of Nanango which has remained empty for nearly four years. I have asked questions of the various ministers, I have stood in this House and I have talked about this issue, yet this four-bedroom home sits empty while families in my region desperately search for a way to put a roof over their heads. Labor claim they are swooping on homes for social housing, but this is a classic case of the government caring more about how things look than about how things actually are.

I am appalled by Labor's lack of action on this issue. Labor's former minister for public works could not make a decision on how to utilise this home. I now call on the new public works minister to do something about this forgotten housing asset. They should either make the home available for social housing or prepare the property for a return to the private market if they cannot do anything about it. It is a four-bedroom home sitting completely empty.

Interestingly, that empty home in Nanango was formerly occupied by a respected Nanango doctor, Dr John Robinson, who left the residence in June 2020 on his retirement. I want to thank Dr Robbie for his service. I note that, while he did retire, he works now as a private GP in Nanango because, like in so many other regional areas, there is a continuing chronic shortage of GPs across this electorate.

While I am on the topic of chronic shortages, how about giving the police in Kilcoy a go? I would like to mention two issues in relation to our hardworking coppers. First of all, Blackbutt police need a new police station. It is an old one-man/woman station from back in the 1920s—a bit of an exaggeration there. Even the Police Union have said that the Blackbutt Police Station is—

**Mr McDonald:** A dump!

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** It is a dump! It is highest on the list of those needing a new station. Offenders are sitting in the middle of police desks. DV victims are sitting two centimetres away from perpetrators. It is absolutely unacceptable. It is unacceptable for those hardworking police officers in Blackbutt to have to put up with this. It is unbelievable. Members should see the Blackbutt Police Station house. It has paint peeling off it everywhere. They want a new police station so they do not want to complain about the house, but they should. Those opposite can sigh all they like but, seriously, they should get off their green seats and come and look at these regional communities. I want to assure the Kilcoy community that I will continue the fight for more police officers in Kilcoy. Kilcoy is underserved by the QPS given the level of need and growing population in that beautiful area.