

STOLEN GENERATION

1206. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who are members of the stolen generation.

- (1) Does the Department of the Premier and Cabinet have a set definition or range of years for the stolen generation in Western Australia?
- (2) If yes, how many survivors of the stolen generation are alive in Western Australia?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, who is on urgent parliamentary business.

- (1)–(2) The Department of the Premier and Cabinet does not have a set definition or range of years for the stolen generation in Western Australia. Data collected by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare in 2018–19 suggested that an estimated 6 400 Aboriginal people in Western Australia, aged 46 years and over, had reported being removed from their families.