

SENIORS AND AGEING — ELDER ABUSE PROTOCOL GUIDELINES — REVIEW

74. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Seniors and Ageing:

I refer to your answer to my question without notice on 21 June 2017, in which you informed the House that the review of the elder abuse protocol guidelines (“the Review”) will obtain feedback from stakeholders, including service providers and relevant networks, and I ask:

- (a) which “service providers” will be contacted for feedback;
- (b) which “relevant networks” will be contacted for feedback;
- (c) will each of the members of the Alliance for the Prevention of Elder Abuse WA be contacted for feedback;
- (d) apart from those referred to in questions (a) to (c) what other “stakeholders” will be contacted for feedback;
- (e) what avenues will be available for the general public to provide feedback;
- (f) when was the decision made to commission the Review;
- (g) further to (f), who made that decision;
- (h) what is the budgeted cost of the Review; and
- (i) who is funding the Review?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) Service providers will be sourced through a number of organisations which will promote the project, including Aged Care Services Australia and Leading Aged Services Australia.

The project will also ensure a cross section of aged care providers including larger and smaller providers, home care and residential care, local government and state health providers and local area health services are contacted for feedback.
- (b) Relevant networks will include but not be limited to:

Alliance for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Western Australian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Aged Care Services: Western Australia, Age-Friendly Interagency Group, WALGA, Leading Aged Services Australia, Primary Health Networks.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) Seniors organisations and other not-for-profit agencies will include but not be limited to:

Seniors Recreation Council: WA, Council on the Ageing: WA, National Seniors Australia: WA, Country Women’s Association of Western Australia, Be Friend, WA Men’s Shed Association, Act Belong Commit, Red Cross Telecross, Carers WA and Alzheimer’s WA. Aboriginal people, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse populations, people in rural and remote communities, the LGBTIQ communities, and veterans will also be included.
- (e) The Protocol Guidelines are designed as a service provider reference tool. As such, members of the public will not be invited to provide direct responses for the review. Service providers, local government and peak seniors bodies providing feedback will have the opportunity, and be encouraged, to canvass their members and/or clients to inform their input.
- (f) Approval was granted on 31 May 2017.
- (g) The (then) Department of Local Government and Communities made the decision in response to a formal funding request from Greg Mahney Chair, Alliance for the Prevention of Elder Abuse.
- (h) The review, update, printing and delivery of workshops to disseminate the Guidelines is \$20,728.40 (including GST).
- (i) The Department of Communities.