

ELDER ABUSE — DRAFT STRATEGY

733. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Seniors and Ageing:

I refer to the “Draft WA Strategy to Respond to the Abuse of Older People (Elder Abuse)” released on 15 June 2019 by the Department of Communities.

- (1) What is the target date to finalise the strategy?
- (2) What is the intended time line for the implementation of the strategy?
- (3) How many of the 35 recommendations made in the final report of the Select Committee into Elder Abuse have been incorporated in the draft strategy?
- (4) Which government agencies and departments have been identified to collect data on elder abuse?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) It is planned for the strategy to be finalised and launched towards the end of 2019.
- (2) It is a 10-year strategy supported by two-year rolling action plans.
- (3) All 35 recommendations have been incorporated in the draft strategy. The draft strategy focuses on high-level objectives. The two-year rolling action plans will contain initiatives from other agencies such as the Western Australia Police Force, the Department of Justice, the Department of Health and Landgate.
- (4) The Department of Communities will work with a range of agencies including, but not limited to, the Western Australia Police Force; the Department of Justice; the Department of Health; the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety; and Landgate to develop effective data collection on elder abuse.