

ELDER ABUSE — DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES' STRATEGY —
SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

156. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Seniors and Ageing:

I refer to the government's acceptance on 13 November 2018 of recommendation 27 of the final report of the Select Committee into Elder Abuse, "I Never Thought it Would Happen to Me': When Trust is Broken".

- (1) Has the Department of Communities engaged with the banking sector to develop safeguards and processes to reduce the risk of older people experiencing financial elder abuse; and, if not, why not?
- (2) If yes, have any safeguards or processes to reduce the financial abuse of older Western Australians been developed in collaboration with the banking sector; and, if so, at what stage of development are these safeguards/processes and when might we expect their finalisation?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) The department is currently developing a comprehensive elder abuse strategy, which includes training for the banking and finance-related sectors. The sector will be approached in the near future to commence discussions on program requirements, including possible safeguards and processes to reduce the risk of financial elder abuse.
- (2) Not applicable.