

ELDER ABUSE — NATIONAL PLAN

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

I refer to the “National Plan to Respond to the Abuse of Older Australians [Elder Abuse] 2019–23”, released by the commonwealth Attorney-General last month.

- (1) Noting that the plan was endorsed by the entire Council of Attorneys-General, CAG, which includes the Western Australian Attorney General, Hon John Quigley, MLA, does the minister also endorse the national plan?
- (2) What was the “significant contribution” the minister is recorded as making to the national plan?
- (3) Will the minister table a copy of that contribution; and, if not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The minister is the policy lead within the Western Australian government for elder abuse. As part of the minister’s portfolio, the Department of Communities co-chaired with the commonwealth government on the Protecting the Rights of Older Australians working group, which developed the national plan.
- (3) Not applicable. The minister’s engagement occurred through the working group, involving liaison between officers from the Department of Communities and the commonwealth over an ongoing period during the development of the national plan.