

ELDER ABUSE — GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Notice of Motion

Hon Nick Goiran gave notice that at the next sitting of the house he would move —

That this house —

- (a) reminds the McGowan Labor government that its January 2017 election manifesto on responding to elder abuse promised that it would “expedite” amendments to the law surrounding enduring powers of attorney and guardianship;
- (b) notes that on 13 September 2017 the Legislative Council established, on the motion of the opposition, the Select Committee into Elder Abuse;
- (c) reminds the government that the select committee’s 24th recommendation in its 2018 final report called on it to “act as a matter of urgency”;
- (d) notes that more than five years have passed since the election promise was made;
- (e) expresses its deep concern about the impact on victims of elder abuse given its prevalence in our state and reports of an increase during the pandemic; and
- (f) calls on the government to apologise for breaking trust with the victims, the electors and the Parliament, and to make amends without any further delay.