

ENDURING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

961. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the use and misuse of enduring powers of attorney documents within Western Australia.

- (1) Did the government investigate the viability and time frame for the creation of a Western Australian central register of enduring powers of attorney, with a view to integrating it with any national model that may be agreed to in the future, which was recommendation 25 of the September 2018 *'I never thought it would happen to me': When trust is broken: Final report of the Select Committee into Elder Abuse?*
- (2) If yes to (1), can the Attorney General please table evidence of this investigation?
- (3) What was the estimated cost of establishing a state-based system?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Attorney General.

- (1)–(3) The Standing Council of Attorneys-General, or SCAG, is still deliberating on the development of a national register. The Department of Justice is currently working on scoping options for a state-based register for cabinet's consideration in the event a national register of enduring powers of attorney is not developed.