

GUARDIANSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION ACT — REFORM

549. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Minister for Seniors and Ageing:

I refer to this government's failure to support seniors in our communities, highlighted by the approach taken in this budget. Why has this government established an elder abuse advocacy service, but failed to reform the Guardianship and Administration Act 1990 to protect seniors?

Mr D.T. PUNCH replied:

I have been to a couple of seniors forums of late, and I have to say that the seniors love the McGowan Labor government. They love it! I took a picture of the seniors in the member's electorate, and they were all waving their hands, thanking the government for getting in there and looking after seniors. It was only earlier this week that I was asked a question about seniors and the seniors rebate, and what did I mention? I mentioned: Who was the party that got stuck into seniors back in 2015? Who was it, members? It does not take much to get the answer. It does not need to be a competition. It was the Liberals and the Nationals that got stuck in and removed those valuable concessions that seniors love.

Several members interjected.

Mr D.T. PUNCH: It is shameful. It is this government that has got in and supported elder abuse strategies and elder advocacy services right through the state. If the member wants to know about the guardianship changes, I suggest that he address that question to the Attorney General, who is the minister responsible.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please! I am waiting for silence. Leader of the House, sadly, I cannot rely on you.