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Australian Association of Gerontology's Response to the Inquiry into Elder Abuse in NSW.

Dear Ms. Foley,

Please find below the Australian Association of Gerontology's answers to questions on notice about our Collaborating Research Centres and our Special Interest Group on Elder Abuse.

AAG Collaborating Research Centres

The Hon. BRONNIE TAYLOR: That would be great if you could take that on notice—if there are some things that this particular group is thinking about in terms of research with their collaborating centres that we might like to know about it to form a recommendation. **CHAIR:** We could put that on notice. I am sure you would be prepared to have a look at that. **Dr BROWN:** But we can definitely take that on notice and get back to you with specific centres.

The Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) has Collaborating Research Centres based at universities and institutes across Australia. The AAG Collaborating Research Centres engage in discussions on issues affecting ageing and aged care research at an annual meeting held during the AAG conference. The Centres contribute to the AAG website, newsletter and other media to disseminate research findings and promote research projects.

AAG Collaborating Research Centres in NSW:

- Ageing, Work and Health Research Group, University of Sydney http://sydney.edu.au/health-sciences/research/ageing-health/
- ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR)
 http://www.cepar.edu.au/
 Centre for Education & Research on Ageing (CERA), University of Sydney/Concord
 Repatriation General Hospital

http://www.cera.edu.au/

- Dementia Collaborative Research Centres (DCRCs), UNSW /ANU / QUT http://www.dementiaresearch.org.au/
- Priority Research Centre for Gender, Health & Ageing (RCGHA), University of Newcastle http://www.newcastle.edu.au/research-and-innovation/centre/gha/about-us

A full list of all AAG collaborating research centres in Australia can be found on the AAG website: http://www.aag.asn.au/education/aag-collaborating-research-centres

Elder Abuse Special Interest Group

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CHAIR: We could put that on notice. I am sure you would be prepared to have a look at that.

The mission of the AAG's Elder Abuse Special Interest Group is to improve the lives of older Australians affected by elder abuse. It does this by promoting exchanges between members of the AAG who have an interest in research, advocacy and/or advancing knowledge and expanding awareness of elder abuse.

The activities of this Special Interest Group are directed by AAG values in particular relating to the promotion of human rights of older persons. This groups provides a platform for academics conducting research in the area of elder abuse and practitioners working with situations of abuse on a regular basis to collaborate and network.

The Special Issues Group informed our original submission to the inquiry.

Associate Professor Briony Dow is the Convenor of the Special Interest Group. A/Prof Dow can be contacted at:

Please contact me should the standing committee require more information from the Australian Association of Gerontology about our Collaborating Research Centres, Special Interest Group other issues to do with elder abuse or older people.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Anthony Brown Chair AAG NSW Division