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Interviewees :	James Farrell, Director, Community Legal Centres Queensland		

Interview with James Farrell, Director, Community Legal Centres Queensland, about the increasing rates of abuse on elderly people. Ryan says according to Community Legal Centres Queensland, there has been a 19% increase in the number of Queenslanders aged over 65 seeking legal help for various types of alleged abuse, including financial, physical and psychological. Farrell says the 19% increase has been recorded in the last five years, and notes that it is only an increase in people making contact with Community Legal Centres for help in relation to their legal problems. He says the Qld Government has commissioned research to see how prevalent the problem is across communities. He explains the meaning of elder abuse. He mentions that the additional problem is getting evidence of the abuse. He says Community Legal Centres across the state helped 60,000 people with legal problems last year, but notes that they were forced to turn away thousands of people because they didn't have the resources to provide them with the legal help that they need. He mentions that starting on July 1, the Federal Government are cutting 30% of its funding to the centres, which will pose more problems. He discusses the signs people should look for in someone who has experienced abuse. He notes that abuse victims could always go to police, or contact the Elder Abuse Prevention Unit or the Seniors Enquiry Line.