

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 178**

**Topic:** Women with Disabilities

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**Senator Boyce** asked:

“Women with Disabilities Australia” is the national organisation focused on women with disabilities. What is government doing to support NGO's like this?

**Answer:**

In 2010-11 the Australian Government is providing funding to twelve national disability peak bodies which represent the interests of people with disabilities.

The funding is provided to these disability peak bodies to represent constituent views and contribute to government policies about disability issues affecting Australian families and communities.

In recognition of the complexity and diversity of the disability population, the disability peaks represent many types of disabilities, as well as the interests of women, Aboriginal people with disability and their communities, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and children with disability. The following national disability peak bodies are supported through funding from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs:

Australian Federation of Disability Organisations
Blind Citizens Australia
Brain Injury Australia
Children with Disability Australia
Deaf Australia
Deafness Forum Australia
First Peoples Disability Network (Australia)
National Council on Intellectual Disability
National Disability Services
National Ethnic Disability Alliance
Physical Disability Australia
Women with Disabilities Australia