

**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:** 6

**Question No:** 192

**Topic:** Assessment by stakeholders of the contribution of the Office for Women to national debates affecting general equality

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Cash** asked:

With reference to the performance indicator “Assessment by stakeholders of the contribution of the Office for Women to national debates affecting general equality”. Please advise:

- a) Who are the stakeholders and please provide a list of them.
- b) How is their assessment received i.e. written, verbal?
- c) When it is received?
- d) Please provide a copy to date of all assessments received from stakeholders by the Office of Women since November 2007.
- e) How does the assessment contribute to the achievement of this key performance indicator?

**Answer:**

- a) Feedback was sought from the Women’s Interdepartmental Committee.
- b) Via questionnaire.
- c) At the end of the 2009-2010 financial year.
- d) See Attachment A.
- e) Responses to the questionnaire provide advice to the Office for Women about how it can provide better support.

## ATTACHMENT A

### **Key Performance Indicator (as of 30 June 2010)**

*Assessment by stakeholders of the gender equality contribution of the Office for Women to national debates*

The survey conducted fielded a 63 per cent response rate (including nil responses).

Of those who responded to the survey:

- 100 per cent agreed or strongly agreed that the work of the Office for Women is relevant to achieving progress towards gender equality of Australian men, women and their families;
- 75 per cent agreed or strongly agreed that the Office for Women is a useful source of advice on gender issues;
- 75 per cent agreed or strongly agreed to be actively engaged with the Office for Women;
- 63 per cent agreed that the Women's IDC is useful and engaging;
- 63 per cent agreed or strongly agreed that participation in the Women's IDC has had an influence on their work; and
- 50 per cent agreed that the work of the Office for Women contributes positively to national debates.