

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

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**Question No:** 199

**Topic:** AppointWomen

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Cash** asked:

Does the Department consider the AppointWomen register to be successful? On what basis does it believe this?

**Answer:**

The Government has committed to achieving a minimum of 40 per cent representation by women and men on Australian Government boards by 2015. The Minister and the Secretary of FaHCSIA have written to their respective colleagues about strategies and reporting to achieve this target.

AppointWomen is an important resource available to government for finding suitable candidates to meet this target.