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Topic: Year of Women in Local Government

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Senator Cash asked:

As 2010 is being celebrated as the Year of Women in Local Government what involvement has the Office of Women had in celebrating this occasion? What funding has the Government contributed to the Year of Women in Local Government?

Answer:

The Government provided \$490,000 for projects to improve the participation of women in Australian councils and shires as part of its commitment to the Year of Women in Local Government.

The Office for Women provided:

- 1) \$150,000 to support the Australian Local Government Women's Association Councils for Gender Equity Program.
- 2) \$40,000 to support Local Government Managers Australia's 2010 Management Challenge.
- 3) \$15,000 to the Women in Local Government Category of the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government's 2010 National Awards for Local Government.

The Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government advised they are providing:

- 1) \$100,000 in scholarship funding to enable senior women in local government to participate in a new Executive Leadership Program.
- 2) \$100,000 to improve the collection of data and reporting on the status of women in the local government sector.