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Question No: 225

Topic: UN Commission on the Status of Women meeting

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Cash asked:

What was the extent of the involvement of the Office for Women in supporting the former Minister's attendance at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meeting in 2009?

Answer:

The Office for Women undertook the following tasks to support the former Minister's attendance, as the head of the delegation:

- Developed Australia's objectives for the CSW session;
- Assembled and managing the Australian delegation;
- Provided the delegation with briefing to assist their active participation;
- Prepared Australia's Country Statement, which is read at the session by the head of the delegation;
- Briefed the Minister for the Status of Women on the outcomes and any follow-up activities;
- Assisted the International Branch of the Department of Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to organise meetings with high-level officials during her visit to the United Nations;
- Provided the former Minister with briefing to assist her participation in the forum and engagement in these meetings; and
- Assisted the Australian Mission to the United Nations in New York with logistical arrangements for the former Minister while in New York.