# Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND

# INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

# 2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 6 Question No: 62

**Topic:** Violence against women and children

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### Senator Cash asked:

I refer to Minister Collins' press release of 18 July <a href="http://juliecollins.fahcsia.gov.au/node/212">http://juliecollins.fahcsia.gov.au/node/212</a> where, according to the press release, it was decided that: Ministers at the second COAG Select Council on Women's Issues meeting in Darwin committed to start developing a National Data Collection and Reporting Framework on domestic violence and sexual assault. Ministers also agreed to work towards the development of a National Centre of Excellence to enhance the evidence base and improve on the ground responses to violence against women and their children. Please provide concrete timelines or deadlines for the commencement/release of the National Data Collection and Reporting Framework and the opening date for the National Centre of Excellence, considering the NCE has now also been listed as a priority under the Equal Futures Partnership of which Australia is a member, along with the United States and several other countries (as per the Prime Minister's speech of 24 September 2012): <a href="http://www.pm.gov.au/press-office/equal-futures-partnership-launch">http://www.pm.gov.au/press-office/equal-futures-partnership-launch</a>

## **Answer:**

The National Data Collection and Reporting Framework is due to be completed in 2022.

The Select Council on Women's Issues met in Hobart on 23 November 2012. See Communiqué: www.juliecollins.fahcsia.gov.au/node/284