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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Moore

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Question:

Senator MOORE: Step d of the Balancing the Future strategy states:

The APSC will review and develop training on the differential impact of gender in mainstream policy development.

Has that occurred?

Ms Foster: I do not have that information off the top of my head. I will see if anybody has it here.

Senator MOORE: You can take it on notice. Is the Office for Women involved with the work?

Ms Foster: Yes, we work very closely with the Office for Women.

Senator MOORE: Is that under the workplace task force that we heard about earlier? Is that the 3.76 ASL workforce task force which is under the G20? Is that the bit of the Office for Women that work with you on this or is it another bit of the Office for Women?

Ms Crosthwaite: I could not say which allocation we talk to.

Senator MOORE: Does the G20 task force have a particular role, seeing that this is all within that aspect?

Ms Crosthwaite: I will take that on notice.

Senator MOORE: Take that on notice if you can work that out. We are getting some of the data on notice by the end of the year. Can I get on notice some detail on what you are doing and how you are going with the evaluation strategy?

Ms Foster: We are just developing that at the moment so it might not be a completely full answer.

Senator MOORE: What you can provide will be good. Through the whole document, does it refer to the SDGs within the framework of the SDG model?

Ms Foster: Within individual agencies, I am sure that is happening. It has not been a focus of a discussion that I have been involved in yet but there are a lot of things happening that we are not centrally managing.

Answer:

1. The Government is in the process of developing training on the differential impact of gender in mainstream policy development.
2. The APSC is working with the Office for Women on the implementation of Balancing the Future. The Office for Women's consultation with the G20 taskforce is a matter for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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3. The APSC is part of a cross-Australian Public Service working group that is developing an evaluation framework for agencies to monitor and evaluate their progress against the strategy. We hope to ensure a consistent and comprehensive approach to measuring success is taken across the Australian Public Service.