

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

**Outcome Number:** 6

**Question No:** 143

**Topic:** Office of Women's Outcome Strategy

**Hansard Page:** written

**Senator Cash** asked:

As part of the Office of Women's Outcome strategy it is stated that "the office has developed and will support a panel of experts to provide advice across government. This work will continue to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of policy and programming". Please advise:

- a) Who is on the panel of experts?
- b) How were they chosen and by whom?
- c) What work have they done to date?
- d) What indicators are in place to measure whether the work undertaken by the panel of experts is actually improving the effectiveness and efficiency of policy and programming?

**Answer:**

- a) See Question on Notice No. 149.
- b) Open tender against published criteria by an evaluation committee comprising members of the Department.
- c) The work undertaken by the panel is at the discretion of individual agencies.
- d) Agencies measure effectiveness of their own policies and programming within their existing reporting frameworks.