

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO
2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Role of the Office for Women

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Cash asked:

The Women's Budget Statement 2012 refers to the achievements and budget measures of the Gillard Government in working to improve the lives of women. Please outline the role the Office for Women, in its capacity to deliver better outcomes for women, to influence policy, to consult across government and to influence policy, Cabinet and Budget decision-making, had in providing input on each of the following:

- increase to the rate of Family Tax Benefit Part A
- the Schoolkids Bonus
- National Carer Strategy
- National Disability Insurance Scheme
- Mental health reform
- The aged care system

Answer:

Consistent with the Beijing platform, this Government and the previous Government have supported gender mainstreaming as the best practice approach to ensuring gender is considered in the full range of decisions affecting women. The Office for women provides support portfolios to consider gender equality in their policies and programs in a variety of ways.