

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

**Outcome Number:** 6

**Question No:** 161

**Topic:** EOWA and Office for Women - Gender Equity Bill

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Cash** asked:

"On May 15 this year Minister Collins addressed the ACTU National Congress Women's lunch in Sydney. She said:

We have taken consultation very seriously and I can assure you that, as union stakeholders, you have been well represented by very engaged and effective people.

Ms Collins then goes on to thank a number of union staff with whom she has consulted on the legislation. I have also been advised that there was consultation within the Australian Public Service, as well as with an Implementation Advisory Group that includes the Australian Industry Group and Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, among others.

a. What was the nature of the feedback received from industry groups on the legislation? What were their concerns? "

**Answer:**

Refer to Official Committee Hansard, Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee (18 April 2012) page 57.