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Senator Cash asked:

In terms of discussion with other parties about the establishment of a new national organisation to advocate and engage with the community about preventing violence against women and children, who are the other parties and what is the nature of the discussions?

Answer:

The Commonwealth and Victorian Governments have partnered to establish the Foundation to Prevent Violence against Women and their Children (the Foundation), which was announced on 26 July 2013. The Foundation will work with the broader Australian community, civil society organisations, business and all governments to raise awareness and engage the community in stopping violence against women before it happens. Ms Natasha Stott Despoja AM is the Chair of the Foundation.

Consultations with stakeholders to inform the Foundation's programme of work are underway. These consultations have been attended by a broad range of civil society organisations and governments across the country.

Further information about the Foundation can be found at:

- www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-responsibilities/women/programs-services/reducing-violence/foundation-to-prevent-violence-against-women-and-their-children
- www.preventviolence.org.au