

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO
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Topic: OfW Women's Budget Statement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Cash asked:

1. Please outline the role the Office for Women has 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: - DisabilityCare Australia - The National Plan for School Improvement- Child Care - Early Childhood Education – Superannuation – Workplace bullying"

Answer:

This Government supports gender mainstreaming as the best practice approach to ensuring gender is considered in the full range of decisions affecting women.

The Office for Women works with Departments, as appropriate, to support their efforts on gender mainstreaming. This is undertaken through a range of mechanisms, including inter-departmental committees, discussions and assessment of Cabinet Submissions, engagement in the development of new policy proposals, regular meetings and fora.

The Office for Women chairs the Women's Inter-Departmental Committee (IDC), which includes membership across Commonwealth portfolios. The Women's IDC is a mechanism for discussing gender across whole-of-government, and supports gender mainstreaming