

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Outcome Number:** 6

**Question No:** 192

**Topic:** OfW Commission on the Status of Women

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Cash** asked:

How many people were on the Australian Government delegation to the 57th CSW?

What was the total cost including transport and accommodation, of taking the delegation to New York?

What are the expected or realised benefits of taking each of the delegation members to the CSW?

What reporting requirements or other requirements are placed on participants on their return to Australia?

**Answer:**

**How many people were on the Australian Government delegation to the 57th CSW?**

16.

**What was the total cost including transport and accommodation, of taking the delegation to New York?**

The cost incurred by FaHCSIA for seven delegates, including four non-government members, was \$149,404.

**What are the expected or realised benefits of taking each of the delegation members to the CSW?**

The Commission did not agree to conclusions in 2012. It was also unable to reach agreement on the issue of violence against women and girls the last time this had been a Priority Theme in 2003. The aim of the delegation was to secure agreement on Conclusions that reflected Australia's position on violence against women and commitment to the elimination of violence against women and girls. Agreement was secured.

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Non-government delegates are required to provide a written report to the Office for Women on their participation at CSW57, and share information about CSW57 and its outcomes with the public. Non-government delegates provided a briefing to the Parliamentary Group on Population and Development in 18 June 2013.