

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 297

**Topic:** Office for Women

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**Senator Boyce** asked:

Women with disability are less likely to be in paid work than other women. In 2009 the labour force participation rate of women with disability was 49 per cent compared with 77 per cent for women without disability. What is the OfW doing to bridge this gap? Does the OfW have statistics on the number of women with disability in unpaid work? Has the OfW undertaken any modelling as to the degree the NDIS is "likely" to assist women with disability find paid work?

**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 (OfW) continues to work with relevant areas within FaHCSIA and across Government in relation to issues affecting women with disability.

Please refer to *Women's Budget Highlights 2013-14* for further data and information about women and disability, at

<http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-responsibilities/women/publications-articles/government-international/women-s-budget-highlights-2013-14> .