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Topic: Ambassador for Women and Girls

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Cash asked:

"At the October 2011 Senate Estimates Hearing I asked Ms McKenzie: Senator CASH: What will Ms Williams do to champion the needs of women and girls in Australia's domestic policy, or is this purely an international role and she won't have anything to do with the domestic? Ms McKenzie's response was: Ms McKenzie: In terms of bringing back ideas that may be useful, we certainly have an ongoing communication with her. We can take on board the issues that she brings back. Similarly, we brief her regularly on the issues that we're dealing with. She also has communication with the minister's office and with the minister. What ideas has Ms Williams brought back that have proven useful? What issues that Ms Williams has brought back has the Office of Women taken on board and what briefings has Ms Williams been given and when and by whom on the issues that the Office of Women is dealing with?"

Answer:

The Office for Women engages in ongoing dialogue with Ms Williams, including discussions on preparations for the Australian delegation to the Commission on the Status of Women and Australian efforts to promote gender equality in the Pacific. This enhances the Office's understanding of domestic issues within their broader international context and international issues in the Australian domestic context.