

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 6

**Question No:** 53

**Topic:** Carbon Tax

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Cash** asked:

"At the last estimates hearing I asked whether the Office for Women had put any mechanism in place to ensure feedback from portfolios regarding the effectiveness of the Household Assistance Package payments in ensuring women's economic security was not compromised by the Carbon Tax. Have any feedback mechanisms been put in place? "

**Answer:**

Consistent with the Beijing platform and the complex policy issues involved in responding effectively to climate change, 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. This approach is outlined in the Women's Statement 2012 signed off by the Prime Minister, the Hon Julia Gillard MP, and Minister for the Status of Women, the Hon Julie Collins MP, on 15 May 2012. All portfolios are aware that the Office for Women is available to assist portfolios to consider gender equality in reviewing their policies and programs as required.