## 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: 68

**Topic:** Positive Body Image Awards

Hansard Page: Written

## Senator Cash asked:

"http://ministers.deewr.gov.au/garrett/work-promote-positive-body-image-recognised. On 29 June Minister Peter Garrett handed out Australian Government positive body image awards. What liaising or consulting work the Office did to assist with the initiation, development, implementation or judging of these awards?"

## **Answer:**

The positive body image awards are administered through the Department of Education, Employment, and Workplace Relations which includes the Office for Youth. 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 is available to support all portfolios to address gender equality issues. Additionally, the Office for Women focuses on this issue from other perspectives including supporting the Select Council on Women's Issues (refer communiqué from 18 November 2011).

 $\frac{\text{http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-responsibilities/women/publications-articles/government-international/coag-select-council-on-women-s-issues-communiqu-s/coag-select-council-on-women-s-issues-communiqu}$