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

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Question No: 69

Topic: Standards Australia

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Senator Cash asked:

At the Senate Budget Estimates hearing I referred to the report from Standards Australia on gender in job titles being banned. Ms Carroll you advised that "Over time, it may be that we form a particular view or give advice to government about a particular view. But at the moment we have just looked at the report." Has the Office for Women had an opportunity to form a view and if so what is that? Have you provided advice to Government on the report? If so, when?

Answer:

The voluntary Gender-inclusive Job Evaluation and Grading Standard (AS 5376-2012) is a useful tool available to employers to assist in minimising possible gender bias in job evaluation and grading processes.