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Senator McKENZIE: I want to get an understanding of the Government's partnership with the Australian Institute of Company Directors—how that partnership is working to increase gender equality.

Ms Cross: I apologise. The head of the Office for Women could not be here because her child is unwell. She would normally be here. If we seem slightly more disorganised than usual, it is because the expert on this is not here.

Ms Larkins: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

Supporting women into leadership roles results in greater organisational, social and economic outcomes, and improves gender equality.

The partnerships with the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) will provide 140 scholarships to board-ready women, specifically women from rural and remote areas, and women in key industries, and allow them to undertake an AICD course that will build their leadership skills.