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Senator: Senator Larissa Waters

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Question:

Senator WATERS: Is this the first budget in over 30 years where we have not had a women's budget statement?

Ms Cross: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

No. There was no document released on Budget night as part of the 2004-05 Budget papers. Instead a document was released outlining government initiatives and programmes of most relevance to women after the 2004-05 Budget.

The Women's Budget Statement has not been published as a 'Budget paper' since 1995. Since that time Ministerial Statements on women and the budget have been an overview of budget measures relevant to women.