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Question:

Noting that women only constitute 32% of overall nominations for Order of Australia recognition can you advise of any strategies that the department has developed to promote awareness in the community of nominating women for honours and awards?

Answer:

The It's An Honour website 'www.itsanhonour.gov.au' is the primary means for raising awareness of the honours system. The site includes profiles of past honoured Australians (including women).

Anyone can nominate an Australian citizen for an award in the Order of Australia. The nomination may come from an individual or a group. The nomination form is available to be downloaded from the department's It's An Honour website.