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Question:

On 14 May the Minister announced the membership of the COAG Advisory Panel to oversee the campaign.

- (a) Was the Office for Women responsible for the selection of the panel?
- (b) Did the Office provide any advice on selecting panel members to any other department that did select the members?
- (c) Did the Office provide the names of possible panel members to any department that did select the panel members?
- (d) Will the Office be providing assistance to or advice directly to the panel?
- (e) Will the Office be providing any assistance or advice to any secretariat that is directly assisting the panel?
- (f) What role will the Office have in the development of the campaign?
- (g) Will the Office be working with state government agencies on the development of the program?
- (h) The second action plan of The National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 runs to 2016. What work has the Office done on the next action plan?
- (i) What role will the Office be taking in developing the next action plan?
- (j) Does the Office have a work plan for developing the next action plan?

Answer:

- (a) Advisory Panel members were appointed by the Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott MP, following nominations by state and territory Premiers, in consultation with the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women.
- (b) No.
- (c) No.
- (d) The Office for Women is providing secretariat support to the Advisory Panel.
- (e) The Office for Women is providing secretariat support to the Advisory Panel.
- (f) The Office for Women and the Department of Social Services (DSS) co-chair the Commonwealth/State Steering Committee for the Campaign.
- (g) States and territories will be involved in all elements of the COAG agenda to reduce violence against women and their children, including the National Campaign.
- (h) Development of the Third Action Plan under the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-22 is the policy responsibility of DSS.
- (i) The Office for Women's role is to co-ordinate a whole of government approach to developing and implementing policy to improve women's safety. The Office for Women will work closely with DSS in the development and implementation of the Third Action Plan.
- (j) Development of the Third Action Plan under the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-22 is the policy responsibility of DSS.