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Senator: Moore, Claire

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Question:

Senator MOORE: I have direct questions about the meetings, Minister, so it will be a combination of you and the office. Since becoming Minister for Women, how many times have you met with the national alliances?

Senator Cash: I would need to take that on notice.

Senator MOORE: I am aware of that. I am just putting the question out there.

Senator Cash: Do you mean formal meetings or informal meetings?

Senator MOORE: Both.

Senator Cash: I would need to take that on notice.

Senator MOORE: The interaction between –

Senator Cash: Including my staff, because sometimes if I am unable to my key adviser will meet with them quite deliberately in my absence?

Senator MOORE: I am really interested in you personally as a minister, but in terms of meetings with your officers I am happy to get that on notice and see how you work it through.

Senator Cash: Yes.

Senator MOORE: And how many meetings has the Minister for Women conducted with the alliances and other women's organisations in the last six months, which is a subset of the first one?

Senator Cash: Okay.

Answer:

Minister Cash meets with a number of organisations, both formally and informally, in her capacity as Minister for Women. The question does not specify what constitutes a 'women's organisation'. Minister Cash and her office have formally met with over 200 individuals and organisations in her capacity as Minister for Women in the last six months. This is in addition to the large number of teleconferences and informal meetings which have also been undertaken.