

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: FGM

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Cash asked:

In light of the recent arrests in Sydney and Perth over charges of Female Genital Mutilation, please outline what, if anything, the Office for Women is doing to help address this problem and educate communities around its medical dangers and the human rights violations it represents?

Answer:

The Minister for the Status of Women takes this issue very seriously. The Minister raised this issue with her State and Territory Government colleagues for discussion at the Select Council on Women's Issues Meeting held on 23 November 2012. A copy of the meeting communiqué can be viewed at <http://juliecollins.fahcsia.gov.au/node/284>.