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Question:

Senator MOORE: We got the media release on Friday that indicated that three people were being funded by government to attend the CEDAW meeting. That is the first public detail we have had about that. I do not have the time to go into the kinds of questions I want to ask about that, but I would like to get a note on the full expected make-up of the delegation.

Ms Steele: I think you are slightly mistaken there. We are funding two non-government delegates to go to CSW.

Senator MOORE: Plus the minister. The media release mentioned three names—the minister and two. I follow it very closely, Ms Steele, as you know. I would like to get some information about who exactly is going, with the number of organisations that are self-funding that are part of the Australian delegation.

Answer:

The Government has not funded anyone to attend any meetings relating to the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Violence Against Women (CEDAW).

For details regarding the Australian Government delegation to the 58th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW58) please refer to PM49.