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Topic: Select Council on Women's Issues

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Senator Cash asked:

With reference to QoN answer 147 from the October 2011 Estimates, which states the Select Council on Women's Issues commenced on 17 September 2011 and first convened on 18 November 2011. According to the FAHSCIA website the Select Council will pursue the following COAG strategic themes as its major focus:

- Long-Term Strategy for Participation
- Closing the Gap for Indigenous Australians.

When is the first progress report to COAG expected?

Answer:

The priorities for the Select Council on Women's Issues are set out under the Scope of Reform Tasks within the Terms of Reference, located at http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/women/overview/ofw/Pages/terms_reference.aspx

The current focus of the Select Council is outlined in its Communiqué of 18 November 2011, which can be viewed at

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/women/pubs/govtint/coag_communique/Pages/181111_coag_communique.aspx

Reporting timeframes for COAG councils are set out in Appendix 4 of the Handbook for COAG Councils and can be found at <http://www.coag.gov.au/council/index.cfm>

The first progress report to COAG for the Select Council on Women's Issues is due by 31 July 2012.