Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO 2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 20

Topic: National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children

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Senator Cash asked:

The plan has been criticised for not addressing violence in prostitution, Female Genital Mutilation and other violence that occurs outside the home. Were these types of violence considered for inclusion in the plan at any stage?

Answer:

The National Council to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children, through consultation with more than 2,000 Australians, identified domestic violence and sexual assault as the most pervasive forms of violence against women. The Council of Australian Governments agreed to this focus.