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Question No: 131

Topic: Domestic Violence Workplace Rights and Entitlement Project

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Senator Cash asked:

The Domestic Violence Workplace Rights and Entitlements Project, which commenced on 1 July 2010, provides \$440 000 to the Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse for a project on domestic violence and workplace rights and entitlements. The principal aim of the project is to improve the knowledge and capacity of unions and employer organisations to support employees who are experiencing domestic violence.

1. How much interaction has the Office for Women had with staff at DEEWR who are administering the Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse Project?
2. Why is the program administered through DEEWR rather than the Office for Women?
3. How much interaction has the Office for Women had with staff at DEEWR in relation to the Project?
4. How does the Office of Women monitor the Program to ensure it is meeting its stated aims and is assisting women?

Answer:

1. Officials from the Office for Women have met with officials from DEEWR, both face-to-face and via telephone, on several occasions.
2. DEEWR has portfolio responsibility for Workplace Relations.
3. See response to point 1.
4. The contract is managed by DEEWR so it is that department's responsibility to monitor the Program.