# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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## Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Senator:** Moore, Claire
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**Question:**

Did the Office of Women send any of its staff to the CSW conference in New York? If so, how many, at what cost and to fulfil what responsibilities when attending?

**Answer:**

The Office for Women sent two members of its staff to the 61st Session of the United Nations (UN) Commission on the Status of Women (CSW61), held in New York from 13 to 24 March 2017.

Ms Amanda McIntyre, First Assistant Secretary, Office for Women, assumed the role of head of Delegation upon the departure of Minister Cash. Responsibilities included: prosecuting Australia's domestic gender equality priorities; speaking at side and parallel events; meeting with Government counterparts as available; leading daily briefing/debriefing of Australian Delegation in conjunction with Australia's Ambassador to the United Nations, Her Excellency, Gillian Bird; and negotiating the Agreed Conclusions of CSW61.

Ms Rachael Farrell, Senior Adviser, Office for Women, was responsible for: coordinating on-ground participation of delegation; supporting Post ahead of Australian hosted side and parallel events; supporting the Head of Delegation in week two of CSW61; meeting with Government counterparts as available; note taking for Minister Cash's bilateral calls; attending Australia's official events as a Member of the delegation; and negotiating the Agreed Conclusions of CSW61.

The cost of all CSW61 related expenses incurred by the Office for Women is covered by the departmental budget of PM&C. Final costs will not be known until after the event has concluded.