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Question:

- 1 (a) What conferences have Office of Women employees attended in the past twelve months?
(b) What was the cost of attending each conference?
- 2 Has the Office for Women funded National Women's Alliances or other non-government women's organisations to attend any conferences?
- 3 If any funding has been granted for this purpose, please provide:
 - (a) Amount of funding;
 - (b) Which organisations;
 - (c) Associated with which conferences?

Answer:

- 1 (a-b) The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) does not record information in a way that makes this data easily accessible as conferences may be attended for representational training or career development reasons. Funding is therefore from different sources. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of Departmental resources.
- 2-3 The National Women's Alliances are funded through the Women's Leadership and Development Strategy (WLDS). In 2016-17, this funding is \$281,139 per Alliance. Under this funding the Alliances are required to bring together women's organisations and individuals from across Australia to share information, identify issues that affect them, and identify solutions, and to engage actively with the Australian Government on policy issues as part of a better, more informed and representative dialogue between women and the Australian Government. The Alliances may attend conferences in order to undertake this work. The Office for Women does not record information on Alliances attendance at conferences.