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Question:

What co-ordination with State Governments has the department been involved with in order to ensure the Women's Safety Package/safety of women is a priority is effective throughout the Australian States and Territories?

Answer:

There are three main mechanisms that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) uses to engage with states and territories on Women's Safety matters:

1. National Plan Implementation Executive Group (ImpEG)

The role of the National Plan Implementation Executive Group (ImpEG) is to project manage the implementation of the four action plans under the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2012-2022* (the National Plan).

ImpEG membership is made up of senior officials from the Commonwealth Government and state and territory governments with lead policy responsibility for reducing violence against women.

2. Council of Australian Governments (COAG)

As part of PM&C, the Office for Women supports the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, in his role as chair of COAG. Reducing violence against women and their children is a current COAG priority.

3. Women's Safety Package

Implementation of the Women's Safety Package is the responsibility of PM&C (Indigenous Affairs Group), the Department of Social Services, the Attorney-General's Department, and the Department of Education and Training.

PM&C (Office for Women) monitors the overall progress in relation to implementing the Women's Safety Package but is not involved in discussions with jurisdictions that pertain to individual measures.