

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 6

**Question No:** 176

**Topic:** Pay Equity

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Cash** asked:

What is the Government's target for reducing the gap between male and female wages over the next 12 months? What steps is it taking to do this?

**Answer:**

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has responsibility for wages policy. The Office for Women has a role in monitoring pay equity and related matters and providing advice to the Minister for the Status of Women.