

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Senate Budget Estimates, June 2011

Questions on Notice: AusAID

Question No. 3

Senator Cash asked in writing

I refer to the Women's Budget Statement 2011-12 p. 32.

Please provide information on the \$96.4 million budget measure for women affected by violence in the Pacific:

- a) What programs are in planning?
- b) Who is responsible for administering the funding?
- c) What is the role of UN Women Australia in this?

Answer:

Australia announced additional funding through the 2011 Federal Budget of \$96.4 million over four years for global efforts to end violence against women. This included \$25 million over 4 years to address violence against women in the Pacific.

- a) New funding will support our partners in the Pacific to ensure that: services are in place which respond to the needs of women who have been subjected to violence; violence is prevented and community attitudes towards violence are changed. Specifically, funding will:
 - expand and improve the quality of services (counselling, crisis accommodation and legal support) for women who have been subjected to violence
 - improve country health systems so they can identify and assist women who have been subjected to violence
 - help change community attitudes to violence, including through education
 - research to improve understanding of the prevalence and impact of violence against women
 - work with men and boys, community organisations and leaders to prevent violence against women
- b) The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) is responsible for administering this new funding.
- c) UN Women Australia will not play a role in administering or delivering this new funding.