

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Crossin asked: ‘...have you provided any new or additional advice to the government regarding the signing of the optional protocol of CEDAW?’

Ms Calder: ‘We provide advice on the optional protocol from time to time as issues arise.’

Senator Crossin: ‘When was the last time you might have provided that advice?’

Answer: OSW provides ongoing advice to the Government regarding the Optional Protocol to CEDAW. OSW last provided advice to the Government in March 2003.