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Asked By: Senator MOORE

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Ms Foster: Within the next couple of months. I think the Commonwealth funding has sponsored something in the order of 10 women to participate in that course.

Senator MOORE: If I actually put this on notice, can we get some details of that process? I would imagine the scholarships go to regional women to allow them to come into such a process. But I will put that on notice and we will get a bit of a report on it.

Answer: The inaugural Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) Excellence in Local Government Leadership Program will be held on 16-23 July 2011 and 4-10 September 2011. A total of 42 scholarships have been provided to help meet participants' costs. Of these, the Commonwealth Government will meet the cost of ten scholarships to support the participation of women in the program.

Expressions of interest were sought and applicants are to be selected on the basis of merit. The number of regional women participating is not known as the successful applicants have not yet been finalised.