

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Budget Supplementary Hearings 2002-2003, 20 November 2002

Question: PM34

Outcome 1, Output

Topic: Meetings with ‘Relevant Stakeholders’

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Senator Crossin asked: Which ‘relevant stakeholders representing women and women’s organisations’ met regularly with the Office of the Status of Women to discuss current policy issues?

Answer:

The Office of the Status of Women meets with a variety of stakeholders including the APEC Women’s Leaders Network, International Reference Group, Women’s Policy Officer Network (WPON), State and Territories Women’s Officials Group, PADV Taskforce, the four National Women’s Secretariats, as well as representatives from other women’s NGO’s.

Question: PM35

Outcome 1, Output 2.2

Topic: Meetings with ‘relevant Stakeholders’

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Senator Crossin asked: Was *Paid Maternity Leave* raised as a relevant policy issue by any or all of these stakeholders who represent women and women’s organisations in Australia.

Answer: When meeting with stakeholders, many policy issues are discussed including the policy issues of paid maternity leave and work and family balance.