

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: PM36**

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**Topic: Commonwealth, State and Territory Working Party on Body Image**

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**Senator Crossin asked: The Commonwealth, State and Territory Working Party which was established in 2001 to explore issues affecting women's sense of body image and to consider strategies to promote positive body image – currently where is this Working Party at and what has it achieved thus far?**

**Answer:** OSW convened a Commonwealth-State/Territory Working Party in November 2001, following a survey by OSW of state/territory activities on body image. The Working Party has met in January (conducted by teleconference) and June 2002. The Working Party is now being utilised as an email network for information sharing about policy and programmes.

The Working Party developed a discussion paper on body image and conducted a survey of activities targeting risk-taking behaviours across Australia. The Working Party is currently revising the discussion paper to include the results of the survey on risk-taking behaviours. This information will be placed on the OSW website in 2003.