

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Crossin asked: What is covered under the Women's Development Programme and Other Women's Programmes and which specific project or activities would have had money taken off them to go towards this artwork, or never had money allocated to them?

Answer:

The **Women's Development Programme** sub-programmes are:

- Women's Development Programme Grants;
- National Secretariats;
- Training and Mentoring for Women's NGOs and
- Commissioned Research.

Funding under **Other Women's Programmes** is allocated to specific projects and activities that reflect the current priorities of the government.

It is not possible to answer the second part of the question. It is not a matter of taking money off other projects or not allocating money to specific activities. Rather, allocations and priorities for all of the women's programmes are agreed with the Minister at the beginning of each financial year.