

**ATTACHMENT: QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AND FURTHER
INFORMATION AGREED TO BE SUPPLIED AT THE
HEARINGS**

Hon Natalie Hutchins MP

WOMEN PORTFOLIO

1. The budget paper reference is budget paper 3, 'Service Delivery', page 265. The first question is as follows:

I've raised questions in the past regarding the quality of output and outcome measures. It really goes without saying that if you don't get those measures right, and if they're not focusing on meaningful outcomes, then it really limits how much can be achieved by any project or across any department. My question on this occasion relates to the gender equality and prevention of family violence policy and programs — p 265 of BP3.

The quality measures here are that 100 per cent of contracts deliver agreed outcomes and that policy papers and family violence prevention projects are delivered on time.

These should be basic standards, not high level performance measures. What other performance measures are there for gender equality and the prevention of family violence policy and programs? (Asked by Ms Shing on behalf of Ms Pennicuik, page 8 of the Women portfolio transcript)

Other BP3 performance measures include the number of women participating in funded programs, projects and events, meetings, forums as well as the number of events held for women and prevention of family violence consultation/engagement with key stakeholders.

In addition, a monitoring, evaluation and reporting framework for the *Free from Violence* Strategy is being developed to provide clear and transparent information about progress against the Strategy and First Action Plan.

In 2019, the first public report of progress against the *Free from Violence Action Plan* will be released. It will include status updates for each action and a snapshot of emerging evaluation findings.

2. The second question from Ms Pennicuik is as follows, and it relates to the *Gender Equality Budget Statement*, pages 1 to 4:

At the 2016-17 financial and performance outcomes hearing, Ms Shing asked on behalf of Ms Pennicuik: In relation to gender responsive budgeting and/or gender impact analysis and the work developed in 2016-17 and as part of the 2017-18 budgetary process, please provide further information on the progress that has been made in this area.

The response was that:

... an interdepartmental committee, co-led with the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF), has been established to progress work on implementing gender impact analysis and gender responsive budgeting. And that:

DHHS is working with DTF to support the development of the 2018-19 *Gender Equality Budget Statement* ... on a pathway to gender responsive budgeting in the long term.

However, this year's *Gender Equality Budget Statement* is little more than a collation of big ticket items that would appear to impact on women. It does not represent a significant step towards gender responsive budgeting.

Where is this process at currently, and can we expect next year's budget to be genuinely informed by rigorous gender analysis?

(Asked by Ms Shing on behalf of Ms Pennicuik, page 8 of the Women portfolio transcript)

The Department of Health and Human Services is actively working with the Department of Treasury and Finance to develop a framework for gender impact analysis with the aim of applying the framework to the 2019-20 budget.