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Leonie Christopherson AM, President, National Council of Women of Australia has released the following comment on the round of funding from the Australian Government announced last month by the Hon Julie Bishop MP Minister assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Affairs:

"Ten national women's non-government organisations are to share over \$325,000 in funding to undertake projects to improve the status of women in Australia".

"We are delighted that National Council of Women of Australia has been granted \$25,000 for its 2006 Adviser Project *To increase the effectiveness of the members of NCWA to participate in public policy debate by providing in-person and on-line training*".

"The organizations of civil society are an essential ingredient in the policy process of a democracy... they can facilitate the emergence of solutions to various problems and can be a fruitful source of ideas and information for government at every level.

- The women's sector needs member-based NGOs that are able to engage effectively in the policy process.
- National Council of Women has been at work in Australia for 110 years. The first NCW in Sydney was established in 1896. So Australia is recognised as the fifth country in the world to join the International Council of Women.
- NCWA seeks to be well informed on policy context and practice, and is committed to building the capacity of its volunteer Standing Committees as an efficient advice network".

"The project will strengthen the capacity of our organization to negotiate advice and responses to government, and to report on its work across a range of issues. By the end of the project NCWA will be able to work with new and existing advisers more effectively by having adopting the communication conventions and techniques of contemporary professional practice".

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