

National and regional consultations should:

- ensure women's groups from remote, rural and northern communities are represented;
- have an agenda set jointly between officials of the Women's Program and women's groups.

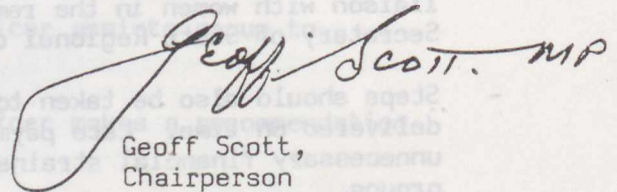
Currently, regional offices undertake their own consultations. These should continue as well because they provide a much-needed opportunity for women's groups to network among themselves. In addition, the field officer is able to experience, first-hand, the needs of the various communities.

To increase awareness of the activities of women's groups which receive funding from the Women's Program to promote the equality of women, an insert should be included in family allowance, Unemployment Insurance and old age pension cheques. This insert might summarize funding criteria, give examples of groups funded and list the Regional office address to be contacted for more information.

Your Committee requests that Government provide a comprehensive response to this report in accordance with Standing Order 99(2).

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (Issues Nos. 4 to 27 and 28 which includes this Report) is tabled.

Respectfully submitted,


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Chairperson