

THE MINISTER ASSISTING THE PRIME MINISTER IN WOMEN'S AFFAIRS
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WOMEN'S ADVISORY BODY WORKING PARTY

A Working Party recently set up by the Prime Minister to prepare recommendations for the Commonwealth Government on a Women's Advisory Body met today to arrange for wide consultation with women and women's groups throughout Australia.

This was announced today by the Minister assisting the Prime Minister in Women's Affairs, Mr. Ian McPhee.

The working party, comprised of the following four elected members - Beryl Beaurepaire, Ruth Ross, Pat Harper and Valerie Fisher - was set up in December and is hoping to report to the Government within the next six months.

A programme is being prepared for these consultations and will be publicised as widely as possible so that interested persons and organisations can discuss their views with members of the working party.

In addition, the working party is inviting written Submissions from anyone who would like to express their views or to be advised of consultations to take place in their area.

Enquiries can be made at this stage at:

Women's Affairs Branch
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
West Block
Canberra.
