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Dear Ms Coleman

GENDER STATISTICS ADVISORY GROUP

I am writing to invite you/ a representative from your organisation to join an ABS Gender Statistics Advisory Group (GSAG).

This new advisory group is being formed to provide focussed, expert advice to the ABS on gender statistics requirements and developments.

I anticipate that the group will normally meet once a year, but may need to meet twice in its first year of operation.

I expect the early focus of the GSAG will be on the further development, and release in a new product, of a set of Australian gender indicators, building on work previously undertaken by a Working Group established by the Commonwealth, State, Territory and New Zealand Ministers' Conference on the Status of Women.

The first meeting of the GSAG is planned for Tuesday 30 November 2010, at ABS House in Belconnen, ACT from 10.00am to 3.00pm EST and will have on its agenda:

- a. an update on ABS developments in, and availability of, gender statistics. ABS will seek member feedback and advice on developments and opportunities, particularly suggestions for improving the content and usability of the gender topics page (the central access point for gender statistics created on the ABS website)
- b. a progress report on the gender indicators product, seeking member advice on content and priorities for data development
- c. an update on international statistical developments in gender statistics in which ABS is playing a part.

Please let me know:

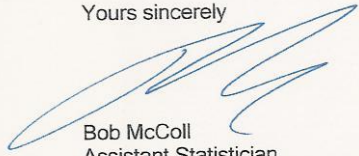
- a. if you are available to join the GSAG
- b. if you are available to join, whether you are able to attend the first meeting on Tuesday 30 November 2010 in Canberra
- c. regardless of your availability for that meeting, whether there are additional issues you would like discussed at the first meeting.

If you wish to join the GSAG but cannot make the first meeting, we will send you papers in advance and, if possible, feed any comments you may have into the meeting discussion.

I will chair the GSAG and would be happy to answer any queries you might have about its formation. However, as I am travelling overseas on Friday 22 October, in the first instance please contact Rajni Madan, Acting Director, Living Conditions Section, at <rajni.madan@abs.gov.au> or on (02) 6252 7457.

I look forward to you being able to join the advisory group.

Yours sincerely



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