

Hand-outs from UNPAC's Gender Budget Workshop
Sample Letter to MLA

Dear

I am a Manitoba woman interested in learning more about the provincial budget and how it affects me and other women in Manitoba. As a participant in a recent workshop organized by the UN Platform for Action Committee (UNPAC), I recognize that budgets impact women and men differently. I also see the potential of the budget to contribute to greater equality for women in Manitoba.

Women are more than half our population. We need a society in which our needs are met and we all have opportunities to contribute fully. A budget that works for women will work for everyone. For this reason, I would like to see gender analysis integrated into the budget process. This includes looking at the impact of the budget on different groups of women and girls.

At the same time I ask that the provincial budget place an emphasis on spending areas that are priorities for women, particularly the large numbers of women who experience poverty, in order to alleviate women's economic inequality. Particular concerns for women in my community include:

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Cc: Minister of Finance Greg Selinger
Minister responsible for the Status of Women Nancy Allan
UN Platform for Action Committee (UNPAC)

