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### **Aussie women beyond lies**

In 2002, while 76.7 per cent of Australian females lied to their employers if they took a day off to care for a sick child, only 22 per cent now do so, according to a June 2008 poll conducted by the marketer Heat Group.

"Australian employers have clearly made some progress in their effort to support working mothers, with 71 per cent of women saying they were now comfortable telling the truth and their company would support them in staying home to care for a sick child," says Heat Group Managing Director Gillian Franklin.

"However, it was disconcerting to see the poll also indicate that 60 per cent of women feel Australia has made little or no progress in supporting working women with children in the past 10 years."