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## Partnership Priorities Committee

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The Partnership Priorities Committee met for the fifth time to discuss the following matters.

### **Indigenous Affairs Priorities**

The Committee noted that the National Indigenous Australians Agency is working across Government, including with states and territories, to identify and progress priority work, with a strong focus on practical and positive outcomes for First Nations people and communities in housing and employment.

### **Cultural Safety – Closing the Gap**

The Committee noted the National Indigenous Australians Agency is working in partnership with agencies across the APS to embed cultural safety, including the establishment of a National Cultural Safety Working Group. Representation will include all levels of government, working with the Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peaks to consider, identify and scope potential actions to align with the research throughout 2024.

### **Charter of Partnerships and Engagement guidance and Implementation**

Following endorsement of the Charter of Partnership and Engagement out-of-session, the Committee noted the Charter's good practice guidance and the proposed implementation approach. The Charter's good practice guidance aims to articulate what good practice looks like, and what to avoid when partnering and engaging.

### **Genuine Partnerships with First Nations People**

The Committee discussed early work on the Genuine Partnership with First Nations people initiative and discussed the proposed next steps.

### **Targeting Entrenched Disadvantage Package**

The Committee received an update on the Targeting Entrenched Disadvantage Package including the current state of play of the six initiatives under the package.

### **APS Wide Vision for User Centred Excellence**

The Committee noted the communication activities to support the launch of the APS Vision for User-centred Service Excellence "Reliable and accessible services, when and how you need them" and the activities planned to embed the vision across the APS.

### **Forward Work Program for 2024**

The Committee is establishing the Forward Work Program for 2024 with projects identified across the APS to assist with delivering the actions identified through the Place-based Partnerships Roundtable.