

Communique

Partnership Priorities Committee

Date: 19 August 2025

The Partnership Priorities Committee (Committee) met for the third time in 2025 to discuss the following matters.

Commonwealth, State and Territory Relations

Members noted key lessons from the 2024 National Health Reform Agreement negotiation process and learnings from the Better and Fairer Schools Agreements. The Committee discussion how lessons from these approaches may inform future Commonwealth engagement strategies with states and territories, including opportunities to build the capability of the APS to negotiate successfully.

Place-based Engagement Networks Report & Next Steps

Members discussed the findings and agreed the recommendations of the Place-based Engagement Networks Project. They discussed the opportunity for the PPC to support the delivery of place-based partnerships and engagement through a focused support for regional economic transition. Codifying the lessons learned and other outputs from this work will benefit capability uplift across government and will be discussed in the December meeting under the Partnering with Business theme.