Communique

Partnership Priorities Committee

Date: 14 October 2026

The Partnership Priorities Committee (Committee) met for the fourth time in 2026 to discuss the following matters.

Closing the Gap

The Committee discussed the strategic priorities for the next phase of the Commonwealth implementation of Closing the Gap, considered Close the Gap targets that are within reach and identified opportunities to maximise the impact of existing Commonwealth effort over the next 18-months.

The Committee also discussed opportunities for the National Indigenous Australians Agency's (NIAA's) Community Intelligence Data Dashboard to strengthen understanding of remote community vulnerability and inform more targeted investment and cross-government collaboration to support Closing the Gap outcomes.

Improving child development and wellbeing – Joining up Commonwealth investment in integrated child and family hubs

The Committee agreed that the Commonwealth should have a more deliberate and coordinated approach to integrated child and family hubs and will work with relevant agencies to better align existing investments, policy settings. This includes engagement with jurisdictions and delivery partners on child and family hubs.

Update on the national Place Partnership Model

The Committee discussed opportunities to apply learnings from DSS' Partnership Tables to policies and programs within their portfolios and considered potential agency participation in a pooled approach to flexible funding.