

Communique

Partnership Priorities Committee

Date: 25 July 2023

The Partnership Priorities Committee met at the Department of Social Services to discuss the following matters.

Charter of Partnerships and Engagement

The Charter of Partnerships and Engagement is being developed to support stronger relationships, genuine collaboration and joint decision-making between the Australian Public Service (APS), non-government sectors and the public. The discussion focussed on opportunities to grow the capability of public servants to work genuinely in partnership with communities.

Whole of Government Framework to Address Community Disadvantage

The Committee discussed the development of a whole-of-government framework to support a coordinated APS effort in addressing disadvantage. This work is part of the Targeting Entrenched Disadvantage Package which was announced as part of the 2023-24 budget.

More information on the Targeting Entrenched Disadvantage can be found on the Department of Social Services website: [Entrenched disadvantage package | Department of Social Services, Australian Government \(dss.gov.au\)](https://www.dss.gov.au/entrenched-disadvantage-package)

Place-based Partnerships Roundtable

The Committee was updated on the progress to hold a Place-Based Partnerships Roundtable focused on supporting genuine community partnerships and better outcomes for disadvantaged communities and cohorts. It is intended the roundtable will have a clear practitioner focus.

The Committee also agreed to hold a separate roundtable on Social Impact Investing in the context of designing the Outcomes Fund, which is another initiative of the Targeting Entrenched Disadvantage Package.

Net Zero Partnerships

The Committee received a presentation from the Net Zero Economy Agency, which provided information on positive net zero partnerships and lessons learnt, to support work occurring in regional communities.