

# Communique

## Partnership Priorities Committee

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Date: 7 June 2023

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The newly established Partnership Priorities Committee will be a time-limited committee and will steer better policy and delivery outcomes for Australians by further embedding partnership culture and behaviour in the public service in alignment with the Secretaries Board's strategic direction, including:

1. First Nation priorities including Closing the Gap
2. The APS Reform priorities
3. Budget and economic priorities
4. Other priorities as determined by the Co-Chairs in consultation with the Board.

The Inaugural meeting was held on 2 February 2023 and agreed membership, terms of reference and a forward work plan.

The second meeting held on 7 June 2023 discussed in depth, the recent budget and where budget initiatives provided an opportunity for the APS to leverage or embed partnership culture.

A Charter of Partnership and Engagement is being developed which will be important for the APS to build on and learn from the existing work already happening in the context of shared decision making, for example through Empowered Communities, and to progress Closing the Gap Priority Reforms across the APS.

A place – based partnership roundtable was discussed with the intent to invite senior public servants and non-government participants to understand how government and our systems can best work in genuine partnership.