Closing the Gap

Commonwealth 2025 Implementation Actions Table

This implementation actions table documents the individual actions all Commonwealth departments and agencies are taking in 2025 to implement the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. The actions listed are in addition to ongoing frameworks and initiatives underway.

The Commonwealth is acutely aware more needs to be done – much more. The implementation actions listed below (by Priority Reform and socio-economic target) are a crucial next step in the right direction. The Commonwealth is committed to providing more accountability and focussing on achieving real transformative change that is felt on the ground and in communities.

The actions listed below include those highlighted in the *Commonwealth Closing the Gap 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Implementation Plan* (ARIP), as well as a range of additional complementary actions.

## Priority Reform One

| Action  | Lead | Timeframe |
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| Establish the Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Skills Policy Partnership  | Minister for Skills and Training  | 31 December 2025 |
| Establish the Data Policy Partnership | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Establish the First Nations Economic Partnership  | Treasurer  | Mid-2025 |
| Support state and territory jurisdictions to establish a formal agreement for the Tamworth (NSW) place-based partnership  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Support state and territory jurisdictions to establish a formal agreement for the Doomadgee (Qld) place-based partnership  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Support state and territory jurisdictions to establish a formal agreement for the East Kimberley (WA) place-based partnership  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Support state and territory jurisdictions to establish a formal agreement for the Western Suburbs of Adelaide (SA) place-based partnership  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Support state and territory jurisdictions to establish a formal agreement for the Maningrida (NT) place-based partnership  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Support state and territory jurisdictions to establish a formal agreement for the Gippsland (Vic) place-based partnership  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Establish and implement a workplan for the First Nations Health Governance Group, which commenced in 2024 | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise a First Nations Approach to Foreign Policy Strategy  | Minister for Foreign Affairs | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise a playbook that supports the Australian Public Service (APS) to work in genuine partnership with First Nations people | Minister for the Public Service  | 30 June 2025  |
| Finalise the Policy Partnership Evaluation Guideline to support Policy Partnerships to develop individual, yet consistent, evaluations across the Commonwealth | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 30 April 2025 |
| Progress the Strengthening Families and Communities Partnership, through funding community initiatives in Central Australia, to increase family and community safety and strengthening under *A Better, Safer Future for Central Australia* plan  | Minister for Social Services | 31 December 2025  |

## Priority Reform Two

| Action  | Lead | Timeframe |
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| Progress the Justice Sector Strengthening Plan (SSP) | Attorney-General | 31 December 2025 |
| Progress the Languages SSP | Minister for Communications | 31 December 2025 |
| Progress the Family, Domestic, and Sexual Violence SSP | Minister for Social Services | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise a SSP Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework for consideration by Joint Council  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 1 July 2025 |
| Review Housing SSP at the end of its term | Minister for Housing and Minister for HomelessnessMinister for Social ServicesMinister for Indigenous Australians  | 1 July 2025 |
| Progress and review the Disability SSP with consideration to recommendations of the Disability Royal Commission | Minister for Indigenous AustraliansMinister for Social Services | 31 December 2025 |
| Transition 21 health programs to community-control, as outlined through the Funding Transition Program | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 31 December 2025  |
| Finalise co-designed Capacity Building Framework for Aboriginal Community-Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 30 June 2025 |
| Develop implementation advice on the Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations ([ACCO) funding model options report](https://www.education.gov.au/early-childhood/resources/funding-model-options-acco-integrated-early-years-services-final-report)  | Minister for EducationMinister for Early Childhood Education | 31 December 2025 |
| Develop implementation advice on the [Evidence review of optimal hours of subsidised Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) for First Nations children](https://www.education.gov.au/closing-gap/resources/evidence-review-optimal-hours-early-childhood-education-and-care-aboriginal-and-torres-strait) | Minister for EducationMinister for Early Childhood Education | 31 December 2025 |
| Develop a First Nations Aged Care Workforce Action Plan | Minister for Aged Care | 30 September 2025 |
| Increase support for First Nations children and young people under the Specialised Family Violence Services program | Minister for Social Services, in consultation with the Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise the transition of the Leaders in Indigenous Medical Education and Rotary Indigenous Health Scholarships programs to First Nations-led organisations | Minister for Aged Care | 31 December 2025 |
| Deliver the Business Case for a proposed Grants Connected Policy to Government for consideration | Minister for Indigenous Australians Minister for Finance  | 31 December 2025 |

## Priority Reform Three

| Action  | Lead | Timeframe |
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| Finalise Central Agencies Strategic Action Plan  | The Prime MinisterTreasurerMinister for Finance | 31 March 2025 |
| Finalise a series of cultural capability training eLearning modules through the Australian Public Service Commission | Minister for Public Service | 30 June 2025 |
| Establish Collaboration Circle as an ongoing sub-committee of the Chief Operating Officer Committee | Minister for the Public ServiceMinister for Indigenous Australians | 30 June 2025 |
| Explore options with the Coalition of Peaks for establishing an Independent Mechanism to support agencies to embed Clause 59 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 30 June 2025 |
| Finalise an overarching whole-of-Commonwealth Priority Reform Three Transformation Strategy  | Minister for Indigenous Australians Minister for the Public Service | 31 December 2025 |
| Increase First Nations representation at Senior Executive levels to at least 100 First Nations SES Officers through the second round of the SES100 | Minister for the Public ServiceMinister for Indigenous Australians | 30 June 2025 |
| Establish *Bulabul* and *Yawarra* First Nations talent and assessment programs across the APS | Minister for the Public ServiceMinister for Indigenous Australians | 30 June 2025 |
| Refine APS Census to better capture intersectional insights, including First Nations employees | Minister for Public Service | 30 May 2025 |
| Finalise Action Plan to address barriers to working with First Nations people within whole-of-government systems and processes | Minister for the Public Service | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise APS-wide First Nations Employee Value Proposition to increase First Nations representation in the APS to 5% by 2030  | Minister for the Public Service | 30 June 2026 |
| Finalise second Commonwealth Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Strategy  | Minister for the Public ServiceMinister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Determine if a standardised whole-of-government approach to Confirmation of Heritage for affirmative recruitment is feasible | Minister for the Public ServiceMinister for Indigenous Australians | 30 June 2025  |
| Finalise peer review of foundational cultural competency modules across the APS to ensure it is accessible, appropriate and being used | Minister for the Public ServiceMinister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Implement a pilot program, APS Integrated Unconscious Bias Training from a First Nations perspective, to support individual and organisational transformation. | Minister for the Public ServiceMinister for Indigenous Australians | 30 June 2025 |
| Provide a data report outlining a reconciliation of definitions and methodologies across disability and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander data sets.  | Minister for Indigenous AustraliansMinister for Social Services | 30 June 2025 |

## Priority Reform Four

| Action  | Lead | Timeframe |
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| Provide advice to agencies establishing Indigenous data champions under the Governance of Indigenous Data Framework  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise governance mechanisms for overseeing the implementation of actions under the Governance of Indigenous Data Framework in partnership with First Nationsrepresentatives | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025  |
| Finalise Community Data Projects operational data portal – Blacktown, NSW community site  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 30 September 2025 |
| Progress Community Data Projects operational data portal – Maningrida, NT community site  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 30 September 2025 |
| Progress Community Data Projects operational data portal – Western Suburbs of Adelaide, SA community site  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 30 September 2025 |
| Finalise Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Lands, NT Indigenous Data Network Community Data Projects case study  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 30 June 2025 |
| Finalise Brisbane, Qld Indigenous Data Network Community Data Projects case study | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 30 June 2025 |
| Finalise East Kimberley, WA Indigenous Data Network Community Data Projects case study | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 30 June 2025 |
| Finalise First Nations Disability Data Scoping Study to build consensus of disability definitions amongst key stakeholders | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 30 June 2025 |
| Implement an internal departmental First Nations Data Strategy and have publicly available the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Enterprise Data Strategy to better enable data governance that prioritises First Nations-led processes and supports community-driven data use | Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  | 30 June 2025 |
| Establish culturally appropriate data collection mechanism on family, domestic and sexual violence statistics for First Nations people  | Minister for Social Services | 30 June 2025 |

## Health and Wellbeing (Targets 1, 2 and 14)

| Action  | Lead | Timeframe |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Identify up to 21 additional regional and remote sites for new renal dialysis clinics in partnership with ACCOs | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 31 December 2025 |
| Evaluate Culture Care Connect Program to improve effectiveness of First Nations suicide prevention and reduce suicide rates for First Nations people  | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 30 June 2025 |
| Develop implementation strategy to address issues raised in the National Review of First Nations Health Care in Prisons to reform health care in the custodial setting for First Nations people in partnership with ACCHOs | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 31 December 2025 |
| Implement Specialist Trainee Support Program to increase the number of specialists that will provide First Nations patients with culturally appropriate high-quality specialised care  | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise recruitment of up to 210 of the 260 new First Nations health care positions to improve cancer outcomes for First Nations people | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 31 December 2025 |
| Implement 10 Birthing on Country activities across rural, remote and very remote locations to increase access to culturally safe maternal care  | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 30 June 2025 |
| Improve access to culturally safe, appropriate rheumatic heart care and address social determinates of health contributing to Acute Rheumatic Fever (ARF) and Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) prevalence  | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 31 December 2025 |
| Develop and pilot the ‘Echos in ACCHO’s’ program to detect, treat and prevent RHD in high-risk communities | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 31 December 2025 |
| Support states and territories development of post elimination strategies to ensure sustainable and effective measures are in place to prevent trachoma resurgence | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 31 December 2025 |
| Develop and implement training options on culturally safe, trauma aware and healing informed care, over 3 years, for mainstream and First Nations Aged Care providers to improve older First Nations people experience of feeling safe when accessing services | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 31 December 2025 |
| Commence implementation of the 19 recommendations of the evaluation of the Australian Family Partnership Program with the 15 sites across Australia and a focus on recruitment and retention of program workforce | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 1 July 2025 |
| Commence implementation of First Nations aged care assessment organisations to provide a culturally safe, trauma aware and healing informed pathway for older First Nations people to access aged care | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 1 July 2025 |
| The Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) Policy Partnership to finalise the refresh of the National Strategic Framework for *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples’ Mental Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing* | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 1 March 2025 |
| Amend *Midwife Professional Indemnity* (Commonwealth Contribution) *Scheme Act 2010* to legislate formal coverage of low-risk homebirths and intrapartum care outside a hospital setting | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 30 June 2025 |
| Allocate $31.8 million of the $32.3 million grant funding to increase antenatal, childhood and adult vaccination uptake for First Nations people attending Aboriginal Community-Controlled Health Services | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise expansion of the Closing the Gap Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Co-payment Program ($11.1 million) to all PBS medicines currently dispensed by public hospitals | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 30 June 2025 |
| Implement National Strategy for Food Security in Remote First Nations Communities Action Plan, including monitoring of progress and evaluation of the Strategy | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 30 June 2025  |
| National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) First Nations Disability Strategy Implementation Plan to be codesigned with the First Nations community and published  | Minister for the NDIS | 31 December 2025 |
| Continue to implement *Australia’s Disability Strategy 2021-2031* alongside the National Agreement to build an inclusive Australian society where policies, program and services of government are responsive to First Nations people with disability, their families, carers and communities | Minister for Social Services | 31 December 2025 |
| Conduct qualitative study that provides insights and data on attitudes towards disability in First Nations communities, including how these attitudes affect people with disability  | Minister for Social Services | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise the implementation plan for the *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy* | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 30 June 2025 |
| Establish subsidy scheme arrangements with Outback Stores Pty Ltd and remote stores, and progress the distribution centre to support provision of low-cost food and essential products  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Create a dedicated governance training and support package for remote stores | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Develop a workforce training program to promote good nutrition and inform healthy choices when community members are shopping and preparing food  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Engage First Nations stakeholders, including the SEWB Policy Partnership, on the design of a flexible funding pool and development of Grant Opportunity Guidelines | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Undertake First Nations consultations, including with the SEWB Policy Partnership, to agree on an approach for the development and dissemination of First Nations-led Social and Emotional Wellbeing assessment tools. Develop grant or procurement approaches for commencement of support in 2025-26 | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Work with the First Nations mental health sector, including the Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association to determine a suitable approach to supporting the higher education fees of up to 150 First Nations psychology students, and engage appropriate provider/s for commencement of support in 2026 | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Engage First Nations organisation(s) to lead the initiative, including identification of up to 12 new community laundry locations (or upgrade existing laundries) in remote First Nations communities across northern and central Australia based on health need and community interest, and development of an implementation plan over the 4 years.  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |

## Education and Early Years Development (Targets 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7)

| Action  | Lead | Timeframe |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Support implementation of Junior Rangers program expansion to 50 locations, providing more place-based opportunities that are community driven and tailored to local needs and priorities  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Establish Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework to enable Junior Rangers providers to enhance the measurement of outcomes  | Minister for Indigenous Australians  | 31 December 2025 |
| Establish new services through the $1 billion Building Early Education Fund. This will increase the capacity of existing ECEC services and support priority cohorts, including First Nations children | Minister for EducationMinister for Early Childhood Education | From July 2025 |
| Replace the activity test and offer 100 hours of subsidised ECEC per fortnight to First Nations children by January 2026  | Minister for EducationMinister for Early Childhood Education | 31 January 2026 |
| Extend the Closing the Gap Partnership on Early Childhood Care and Development for 3 years from 2025-26 | Minister for EducationMinister for Early Childhood Education | 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2028 |
| Extend the Aurora Education Foundation’s Redefining Indigenous Success in Education initiative to provide tutoring and mentoring programs for First Nations high school students in New South Wales and Western Australia  | Minister for Education | February 2025  |
| Extend the GO Foundation initiative to provide access to quality education, mentorship, and pathways to employment for young First Nations people  | Minister for Education | February 2025 – December 2027 |
| Finalise Monitoring and Evaluation Framework under the Early Years Strategy 2024-34 | Minister for Social ServicesMinister for Early Childhood Education | 31 December 2025  |
| Conduct Preschool Outcome Measure National Trial  | Minister for Early Childhood Education | 31 December 2025 |
| Open 3 new Community Child Care Fund Restricted Expansion Program services in remote and very remote areas | Minister for EducationMinister for Early Childhood Education | 31 December 2025  |
| Finalise evaluation of the Cultural Responsiveness Reflection Toolkit in 40 schools to inform refinements  | Minister for Education | 31 December 2025 |
| Establish first 2 of up to 7 Remote Training Hub Networks  | Minister for Skills and Training | 31 December 2025 |
| Promote engagement and compliance with the Early Childhood Worker Retention Payment workplace instruments to meet criteria  | Minister for EducationMinister for Early Childhood Education | 30 June 2025 |
| Implement the Indigenous Boarding Provider grants program extension in 2025 and 2026, for approximately 50 boarding providers supporting around 2,500 First Nations students from remote and very remote areas | Minister for Indigenous AustraliansMinister for Education  | 31 December 2025 |
| Open the 10 new Regional University Study Hubs announced in March 2024  | Minister for Education | 31 July 2025 |
| Finalise evaluation of the Skills for Education and Employment program | Minister for Skills and Training | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise Round 3 of the Skills for Education and Employment program | Minister for Skills and Training | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise the development of the First Nations Teacher Strategy in consultation with First Nations education peak bodies | Minister for EducationMinister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise development of the First Nations Education Policy in partnership with key First Nations stakeholders and state and territory governments | Minister for Education | 31 December 2026  |
| Finalise a sector analysis and government funding review report to strengthen the Community-Controlled and First Nations Owned Registered Training Organisation sector | Minister for Skills and Training | 30 December 2025  |
| Finalise evaluation of Trainer and Assessor Demonstration Project with NACCHO to build the First Nations skills and training workforce in the Aboriginal Community-Controlled Registered Training Organisation sector  | Minister for Skills and Training | 31 December 2025  |
| Pilot community-led models of distance education in 5 remote locations | Minister for Indigenous AustraliansMinister for Education | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise evaluation report of current distance education models | Minister for Indigenous AustraliansMinister for Education | 31 December 2025 |
| University pathways – initial evaluation of demand driven places | Minister for Education | 30 November 2025  |
| Finalise new early childhood attendance target  | Minister for Indigenous AustraliansMinister for Early Childhood Education | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise formal partnership agreements with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Corporation (NATSIEC) and SNAICC – National Voice for our Children (SNAICC) | Minister for Education Minister for Early Childhood Education | 31 March 2025 |
| Delivery of the final evaluation of the SNAICC – National Voice of our Children’s Early Years Support Program | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 28 February 2025 |
| Implement core funding, as agreed in the 2024-25 Budget, to support the ongoing operations of SNAICC ($16.6 million over four years from 2024-25) and the NATSIEC ($12.5 million over 4 years from 2024-25) as First Nations education peaks  | Minister for EducationMinister for Early Childhood Education  | 31 March 2025 |

## Employment and Economic Development (Target 8)

| Action  | Lead | Timeframe |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Finalise first Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) grant round and open the second grant round, with an allocation of at least 630 jobs across these 2 rounds | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise the design and implement the new remote employment service through a grant selection processes  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Transition New Jobs Program Trial employers and jobs determined to be suitable (in line with the RJED Program Grant Opportunity Guidelines) to the RJED program | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 July 2025 |
| Finalise evaluation of all 37 organisations delivering projects under the Indigenous Skills and Employment Program  | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Continue delivery of the Launch into Work program  | Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations | 31 December 2025 |
| Implement relevant evaluations of Local Jobs National Priority Fund projects and other Local Jobs Program data in future policy and program design and development  | Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations | 30 June 2025 |
| Commence development of a First Nations Economic Framework | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise the remaining 6 projects under the Workforce Specialist Initiative | Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations | 31 December 2025 |
| Implement phase one of the Reconnection, Employment and Learning (REAL) Program in up to 15 locations | Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations | 31 December 2025 |
| Commence implementation of Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP) reforms with the new Commonwealth and Portfolio procurement targets commencing 1 July 2025 and the change to IPP eligibility criteria commencing 1 July 2026 | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Commence delivery of a place-based business mentoring and coaching program for First Nations women and entrepreneurs | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |

## Housing and Infrastructure (Targets 9a, 9b and 17)

| Action  | Lead | Timeframe |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Provide 270 new houses for First Nations families across 40 remote NT communities and 3 additional Alice Springs town camps | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025  |
| Allocate acute housing measure funding for remote First Nations communities through a Federation Funding Agreement Schedule to fund repairs, maintenance and improvements in remote Indigenous communities in the NT, Qld, SA and WA. | Minister for Indigenous Australians  | 30 June 2025  |
| Release a 10-year National Housing and Homelessness Plan with considerations for First Nations people’s needs and priorities | Minister for Housing Minister for Homelessness | 31 December 2025 |
| Deliver a pilot capacity building program in the community housing sector, to enable participating organisations to better access and manage funding from government housing finance programs | Minister for Housing  | 31 December 2025  |
| Monitor the progress of all jurisdictions building social dwellings using Social Housing Accelerator Payment funds to reduce social housing wait list times  | Minister for Housing  | 31 December 2025  |
| Commence 2-year evaluation of the Social Housing Accelerator Payment, considering its impact on First Nations people and the Indigenous community housing sector | Minister for Housing  | 30 September 2025  |
| Implement the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Housing Organisation Capacity Building Program pilot  | Minister for Housing  | 31 December 2025 |
| Improve shared decision-making and monitoring of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clauses of the National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness outcomes through separate First Nations focused reporting | Minister for HousingMinister for Homelessness | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise First Nations specific outcomes and a separate First Nations schedule to the National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness | Minister for Housing | 31 December 2025 |
| Increase the number of Indgenous Business Australia Indigenous Home Ownership Program concessional loans | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Install Community Wi-Fi equipment in a further 9 remote NT communities through the Digital Connectivity Project  | Minister for Communications | 31 December 2025 |
| Establish First Nations Digital Support Hub and a Network of Digital Mentors to support the digital ability and connectivity literacy of First Nations people across Australia  | Minister for Communications | 31 December 2025 |
| Invest an additional $20 million over 3 years through an open competitive program to provide free Wi-Fi in more remote communities | Minister for Communications | 31 December 2025 |
| Provide 23 remote First Nations communities with free community wide Wi-Fi in partnership with NBN Co.  | Minister for Communications | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise survey work to improve data collection on First Nations inclusion and release analysis | Minister for Communications | 31 December 2025 |
| Implement the First Nations Digital Inclusion Roadmap | Minister for Communications | 31 December 2025 |

## Justice for All (Targets 10 and 11)

| Action  | Lead | Timeframe |
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| Finalise funding support for 4 additional justice reinvestment initiatives under the Justice Reinvestment in Central Australia Program | Attorney-General | 10 April 2025 (Round 3)10 September 2025 (Round 4) |
| Finalise the structure and governance arrangements for the final National Justice Reinvestment Unit | Attorney-General | 31 December 2025 |
| Establish independent National Justice Reinvestment Unit | Attorney-General | 31 July 2026  |
| Develop Measurement and Evaluation Framework to measure success of initiatives funded under the National Justice Reinvestment Programs | Attorney-General | 31 August 2025 |
| Finalise and publish the 2024-25 Justice Policy Partnership Implementation Roadmap on the Attorney-General’s Department website | Attorney-General | May 2025 |
| Finalise a needs analysis for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled justice sector and develop a workforce stream under the SSP to address workforce constraints | Attorney-General | 31 December 2025 |
| Establish a co-chair with NATSILS working group to progress and implement recommendations contained in the Justice Policy Partnership’s Bail and remand reform report | Attorney-General | 31 July 2025 |
| Establish Terms of Reference for the Closing the Gap Engagement Forum to develop the Closing the Gap Schedule in partnership with the Aboriginal community-controlled sector, under the new National Access to Justice Partnership | Attorney-General | 30 June 2025  |
| Progress grant round(s) for remaining Justice Reinvestment projects in 2025 | Attorney-General | 31 December 2025 |

## Families and Kin (Targets 12 and 13)

| Action  | Lead | Timeframe |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Commence implementation of the Outcome and Evidence Fund trial projects in 8 locations across Australia | Minister for Social Services  | 28 February 2025 |
| Finalise the national child placement minimum standards to reduce the over-representation of First Nations children and young people in child protection systems  | Minister for Social Services | 31 December 2025 |
| Promote the existing [Keeping Our Kids Safe: Cultural Safety and the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations](https://www.childsafety.gov.au/what-we-do/lead-national-principles-child-safe-organisations/keeping-our-kids-safe)  | Attorney-General | 31 December 2025 |
| Establish the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Support to drive self-determined research grounded in First Nations knowledge  | Minister for Social Services | 31 December 2025 |
| Monitor state and territory governments in effective implementation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle  | Minister for Social Services | 31 December 2025 |
| Develop the Second Action Plan of the National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Child Sexual Abuse to strengthen alignment with relevant Closing the Gap Priority Reforms | Attorney-General | 31 December 2025 |
| Launch *Our Ways - Strong Ways - Our Voices*, informed by the findings of the *Senate Inquiry into Missing and Murdered First Nations Women and Children* to guide a whole of society approach to address the unacceptable rates of violence against First Nations women and children  | Minister for Social Services | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise $41.9 million extension of the First Nations Leaving Violence Program Regional Trial to include 3 new sites in Broome, WA, Darwin NT and Dubbo, NSW  | Minister for Social Services | 31 December 2025 |
| Establish a National Peak Body to champion the rights and interests of First Nations communities affected by Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence (FDSV) and oversee the implementation of *Our Ways - Strong Ways - Our Voices* | Minister for Social Services | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise National Child and Family Investment Strategy under the *Safe and Supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Action Plan 2023-26* to underpin the Commonwealth’s $10 million investment | Minister for Social Services | 31 December 2025 |
| Administer the Innovation Fund grant opportunity to drive a proportionate shift in investment to the ACCO sector, for services delivered to First Nations people and their families | Minister for Social Services | 31 December 2025 |
| Establish the National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People | Minister for Social Services  | 31 January 2025 |
| The National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People to identify priorities and set the work program for 2025-26 | Minister for Social Services  | 31 December 2025 |
| Progress scoping of Community-Controlled FDSV SSP | Minister for Social Services | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise scoping study to improve the availability and quality of legal support for families engaged with child protection systems | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 1 July 2025 |
| Establish Community of Practice with ACCOs, stronger families’ partners, SNAICC and the Early Child Care and Development Policy Partnership | Minister for Social Services | 30 April 2025 |
| Continue consultation with First Nations people with disability, peaks and community-controlled organisations to develop options for a, First Nations Disability Forum or other appropriate shared decision-making mechanism | Minister for Social Services | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise theNDIS First Nations Disability Strategy Implementation with the First Nations community  | Minister for the NDIS | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise study and provide qualitative data on attitudes towards disability in First Nations communities, including how these attitudes affect people with disability in a final report  | Minister for Social Services | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise APS-wide Understanding Gender in First Nations Policy and Program Work online training module | Minister for Indigenous Australians  | 31 December 2025 |
| Publish annual status of women report card, in support of *Working for Women; A strategy for Gender Equality* | Minister for Women | 31 March 2025 |
| Establish First Nations Gender Justice Institute | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 28 February 2025 |
| Commence implementation of the *National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTQIA+ People 2025-2035* | Minister for Health and Aged Care | 30 June 2025 |
| Extend activities which deliver critical prevention, early intervention and response services to address FDSV in high-needs First Nations communities | Minister for Social Services | 31 December 2025 |

## Connection to Country, Culture and Languages (Targets 15a, 15b and 16)

| Action  | Lead | Timeframe |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Finalise re-establishment of Indigenous Protected Areas Managers Network, to share knowledge relevant to land and sea management on Indigenous Protected Areas  | Minister for the Environment and Water | 31 December 2025 |
| Expand the Indigenous Rangers Program (round 2) to create over 800 new jobs (including capacity-building grants of up to $50,000 per year) | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise plans with Indigenous Protected Areas (IPA) managers to transitioning 8 IPA funds to community-controlled organisations, including a Registered Native Title Body Corporate  | Minister for the Environment and Water | 31 December 2025 |
| Continue to progress work to develop a National Native Title Compensation Framework, working closely with the states, territories and National Native Title Council (targeting provision of the Framework to a Native Title Ministers Meeting and/or updates on work in progress)  | Attorney-General |  31 December 2025  |
| Monitor the progress of Australian Law Reform Commission review of the future acts regime in the *Native Title Act 1993* | Attorney-General, with the Australian Law Reform Commission | 8 December 2025 |
| Support Federal Court of Australia to commence expanding application of its First Nations-led case management and mediation model to assist the Court to work through native title claims according to the law and facts before Court | Attorney-General, with the Federal Court of Australia | 31 December 2025 |
| Support National Native Title Tribunal to commence co-designed decision-making and dispute resolution processes with native title holders to enhance their capacity to leverage their native title rights and interests | Attorney-General | 31 December 2025 |
| Support the Federal Court of Australia and the National Native Title Tribunal to commence digitisation and preservation of historically and culturally significant native title records, for completion in 2027  | Attorney-General | 31 December 2025 |
| Implement Aboriginal Water Entitlements Program, Murray-Darling Basin Enduring Water Holding Arrangements, and Cultural Flows Planning for Cultural Economies Program | Minister for the Environment and Water | 31 December 2025 |
| Develop a First Nations Water Strategy to inform Commonwealth actions under the proposed National Water Agreement and the Inland Waters target | Minister for the Environment and Water | 31 December 2025  |
| Establish the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Climate Resilience Centre with regional leaders and Traditional Owners to create a coordinated regional response to climate change led by First Nations people  | Minister for Climate Change and Energy | 31 December 2025  |
| Establish the First Nations Renewable Hydrogen Engagement Fund to support First Nations communities’ capacity to engage with large-scale renewable hydrogen project developers, as part of the National Hydrogen Strategy  | Minister for Climate Change and Energy | 31 January 2025  |
| Establish a First Nations Advisory Group to provide advice to the Future Drought Fund on drought and climate resilience  | Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | 31 March 2025 |
| Implement drought and climate resilience pilot program to facilitate place-based, First Nations-led activities to improve opportunities for Indigenous participation in Future Drought Fund activities | Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise National Collections Strategy for management of First Nations language materials held in community, state and private collections | Minister for the Arts | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise development of the 4th National Indigenous Languages Survey | Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Finalise draft Languages SSP for consideration by Joint Council | Minister for the Arts | 30 June 2025 |
| Determine Indigenous Languages and Arts Program funding allocations | Minister for the Arts | 31 December 2025 |
| Review the Indigenous Languages and Arts program to embed Priority Reforms  | Minister for the Arts | 31 December 2025 |
| Commence grant activities under the First Nations Language Program  | Minster for Education, Minister for the Arts | 31 December 2025 |
| In partnership with First Nations people, develop national policy and deliver actions to reduce disaster risk and support culturally appropriate response and recovery  | Minister for Emergency Management Minister for Indigenous Australians | 31 December 2025 |
| Release *Commonwealth First Nations Clean Energy Strategy Implementation Plan 2025-26* | Minister for Climate Change and Energy | 30 June 2025 |
| Administer the First Nations Clean Energy Futures Grants Program | Minister for Climate Change and Energy | 31 December 2025  |
| Deliver draft evaluation report for the Languages Policy Partnership  | Minister for the Arts | 30 November 2025 |