

Closing the Gap

Commonwealth 2025 Implementation Plan Actions Table



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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
Establish the Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Skills Policy Partnership	Minister for Skills and Training Minister for Education	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

PRIORITY REFORM ONE

Action	Lead	Timeframe
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 <i>A Better, Safer Future for Central Australia</i> plan	Minister for Social Services	31 December 2025

PRIORITY REFORM TWO

Action	Lead	Timeframe
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 Minister for Homelessness Minister for Social Services Minister for Indigenous Australians	1 July 2025

PRIORITY REFORM TWO

Action	Lead	Timeframe
Progress and review the Disability SSP with consideration to recommendations of the Disability Royal Commission	Minister for Indigenous Australians Minister 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	Minister for Education Minister 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	Minister for Education Minister 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
Finalise Central Agencies Strategic Action Plan	The Prime Minister Treasurer Minister for Finance	31 March 2025
Finalise a series of cultural capability training eLearning modules through the Australian Public Service Commission	Minister for the Public Service	30 June 2025
Establish Collaboration Circle as an ongoing sub-committee of the Chief Operating Officer Committee	Minister for the Public Service Minister 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 Service Minister for Indigenous Australians	30 June 2025
Establish <i>Bulabul</i> and <i>Yawarra</i> First Nations talent and assessment programs across the APS	Minister for the Public Service Minister for Indigenous Australians	30 June 2025

PRIORITY REFORM THREE

Action	Lead	Timeframe
Refine APS Census to better capture intersectional insights, including First Nations employees	Minister for the 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 Service Minister 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 Service Minister 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 Service Minister 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 Service Minister for Indigenous Australians	30 June 2025

PRIORITY REFORM THREE

Action	Lead	Timeframe
Provide a data report outlining a reconciliation of definitions and methodologies across disability and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander data sets.	Minister for Indigenous Australians Minister for Social Services	30 June 2025

PRIORITY REFORM FOUR

Action	Lead	Timeframe
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 Nations representatives	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

PRIORITY REFORM FOUR

Action	Lead	Timeframe
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

HEALTH AND WELLBEING (TARGETS 1, 2 AND 14)

Action	Lead	Timeframe
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 <i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Mental Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing</i>	Minister for Health and Aged Care	1 March 2025

HEALTH AND WELLBEING (TARGETS 1, 2 AND 14)

Action	Lead	Timeframe
Amend <i>Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Act 2010</i> 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 <i>Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031</i> 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 <i>National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy</i>	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

HEALTH AND WELLBEING (TARGETS 1, 2 AND 14)

Action	Lead	Timeframe
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 Education Minister 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 Education Minister 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 Education Minister 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 Services Minister for Early Childhood Education	31 December 2025
Conduct Preschool Outcome Measure National Trial	Minister for Early Childhood Education	31 December 2025

EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS DEVELOPMENT (TARGETS 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 7)

Action	Lead	Timeframe
Open 3 new Community Child Care Fund Restricted Expansion Program services in remote and very remote areas	Minister for Education Minister 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 Education Minister 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 Australians Minister 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 Education Minister 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

EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS DEVELOPMENT (TARGETS 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 7)

Action	Lead	Timeframe
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 Australians Minister for Education	31 December 2025
Finalise evaluation report of current distance education models	Minister for Indigenous Australians Minister 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 Australians Minister 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 - 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 Education Minister 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 Housing Minister 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 Indigenous Business Australia Indigenous Home Ownership Program concessional loans	Minister for Indigenous Australians	31 December 2025

HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE (TARGETS 9A, 9B AND 17)

Action	Lead	Timeframe
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
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

JUSTICE FOR ALL (TARGETS 10 AND 11)

Action	Lead	Timeframe
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

FAMILIES AND KIN (TARGETS 12 AND 13)

Action	Lead	Timeframe
Promote the existing Keeping Our Kids Safe: Cultural Safety and the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations	Minister for Social Services	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 <i>Our Ways - Strong Ways - Our Voices</i> , informed by the findings of the <i>Senate Inquiry into Missing and Murdered First Nations Women and Children</i> 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 <i>Our Ways - Strong Ways - Our Voices</i>	Minister for Social Services	31 December 2025
Finalise National Child and Family Investment Strategy under the <i>Safe and Supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Action Plan 2023-26</i> 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

FAMILIES AND KIN (TARGETS 12 AND 13)

Action	Lead	Timeframe
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 Social Services	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 the NDIS 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 <i>Working for Women; A strategy for Gender Equality</i>	Minister for Women	31 March 2025
Establish First Nations Gender Justice Institute	Minister for Indigenous Australians	28 February 2025
Commence implementation of the <i>National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTQIA+ People 2025-2035</i>	Minister for Health and Aged Care	30 June 2025

FAMILIES AND KIN (TARGETS 12 AND 13)

Action	Lead	Timeframe
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 <i>Native Title Act 1993</i>	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

CONNECTION TO COUNTRY, CULTURE AND LANGUAGES (TARGETS 15A, 15B AND 16)

Action	Lead	Timeframe
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

CONNECTION TO COUNTRY, CULTURE AND LANGUAGES (TARGETS 15A, 15B AND 16)

Action	Lead	Timeframe
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	Minister 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 <i>Commonwealth First Nations Clean Energy Strategy Implementation Plan 2025-26</i>	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



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