



Indigenous Evaluation Committee

Meeting Communiqué, 23 January 2025

The Indigenous Evaluation Committee's (IEC) first meeting of 2025 was held on Thursday 23 January 2025. Mr Jason Ardler (Chair), Mr Tony Kiessler, Dr Fiona Cram and Professor Michelle Dickson attended online. An apology was received from ex-officio member Ms Julie-Ann Guivarra and ex-officio member Ms Eleanor Williams, with Ms Nattie Smith attending for NIAA and Mr Harry Greenwell attending from the Australian Centre for Evaluation from Treasury (on behalf of Ms Eleanor Williams)..

Key discussions

- The IEC received a briefing about the National Indigenous Australians Agency's efforts to improve impact measurement in the Indigenous Advancement Strategy's subprograms. The IEC discussed the challenges of measuring outcomes and impact across diverse subprograms and within complex funding environments, and suggested ways of prioritising effort in the short- and medium-term.
- Learnings from the Community Development Program trials and New Jobs Program Trials that have helped shaped the development of the Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) program were presented to the IEC.
- The IEC then discussed and provided feedback on components of the draft RJED Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework, including the Theory of Change, Program Logic, and Key Evaluation Questions.
- The IEC also reviewed the Indigenous Advancement Strategy Evaluation Work Plan updates.

Next meeting

The next IEC meeting is proposed to be held on Tuesday 29 July 2025.

Mr Jason Ardler
IEC Chair

