



# INDIGENOUS EVALUATION COMMITTEE

## MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ, 1 MARCH 2019

The Indigenous Evaluation Committee's third meeting was held in Canberra on 1 March 2019.

### Key discussions

- The Policy Analysis and Evaluation Branch provided updates on:
  - the Australian National Audit Office's audit of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) Evaluation Framework
  - progress made towards refining the process for developing future IAS Annual Evaluation Work Plans
  - the status of evaluation strategies in the IAS 2018-19 Evaluation Work Plan.
- The Health and Wellbeing Branch presented the evaluation of the *Link-Up Services Program* for discussion.
- The Policy Analysis and Evaluation Branch presented on implications for data collection in early childhood evaluations.
- The Indigenous Health Division, Department of Health, spoke about the four year overarching evaluation of the *Australian Government's Investment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care through the Indigenous Australians' Health Programme*.

### Key message

The Committee highlighted the importance of ensuring all evaluations are published in a timely manner.

### Other business

- The Committee proposed that at the next Committee meeting updates are provided on the following:
  - development of the *2019-20 Annual Evaluation Work Plan*
  - development of IAS Guidance Materials
  - update from a First Assistant Secretary on the evaluation culture and activities in one of the IAG Programme Division areas
  - implications of monitoring and evaluation data for early childhood.

### Next meeting

- The Committee's next meeting will be held in Canberra on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

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