



# INDIGENOUS EVALUATION COMMITTEE

## MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ, 13 SEPTEMBER 2019

The Indigenous Evaluation Committee's fifth meeting was held in Canberra on 13 September 2019.

### Key discussions

- The Policy Analysis and Evaluation Branch provided updates on the:
  - National Indigenous Australians Agency's (NIAA) implementation of the recommendations from the Australian National Audit Office's audit of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) Evaluation Framework.
  - Status of the 2019-20 IAS Annual Evaluation Work Plan and evaluations and strategies in the IAS 2018-19 Evaluation Work Plan.
  - Timeframe for the publishing of completed evaluations.
  - Development of a tool to assist with the prioritisation of evaluations.
  - Development of an Indigenous Data Strategy.
- Commissioner Romlie Mokak from the Productivity Commission presented on the development of a whole of government Evaluation Strategy for policies and programs affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- The Education, Community Safety and Health Group presented on the work to strengthen *policy and* program architecture.
- The Health and Wellbeing Branch provided an update on youth suicide prevention activities.
- The Policy Analysis and Evaluation Branch presented an update on the *Early Childhood evaluation Strategy*.

### Key message

The Committee highlighted the importance of building the evaluation capability of staff and noted that evaluation should be embedded within the NIAA.

### Other business

- The Committee proposed that at the next Committee meeting updates are provided on:
  - Policy and program architecture
  - Randomised Controlled Trials

### Next meeting

- The Committee's next meeting is planned for March 2020.

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