

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 712

MS CHIAKA BARRY MLA: To ask the Chief Minister

1. What is the membership of the sub-committee which has been established to progress closing the gap initiatives, as referred to in the ministerial statement to the Assembly on 29 October 2025.
2. When did the sub-committee referred to in part (1) last meet, and what is its schedule for future meetings.
3. What issues has the sub-committee identified for urgent action.

What are the benefits this sub-committee will deliver for Canberra and its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

ANDREW BARR MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Members of the subcommittee include all ACT Government Ministers, the Cabinet Secretary and the Director-General of the Health and Community Services Directorate. The Chair and Deputy of the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body are standing invitees. Other individuals may be invited to meetings of the subcommittee by invitation of the Chair (the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs) in consultation with the Chief Minister.
2. The subcommittee met on Wednesday, 12 November 2025. Meetings are currently scheduled for March, May and July 2026. This schedule may change and additional meetings may be added in the second half of 2026.
3. The Select Policy Subcommittee of Cabinet on Closing the Gap is established to focus on and coordinate major priorities under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap and the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2019-2028 including development of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, delivery of the Closing the Gap Transformation Strategy, and responding to recommendations of the Jumbunna Institute review into the over-representation of First Nations people in the ACT criminal justice system.
4. The subcommittee is expected to benefit the community through enhanced focus and coordinated leadership across government in delivering outcomes under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap and the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2019–2028.

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Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Barr', is positioned above the printed name.

Andrew Barr MLA
Chief Minister

Date: 25.11.25

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