

Closing the Gap Working Group Report March 2022

1. Meeting of members of the Closing the Gap Working Group

The CTG working group held its fourth meeting on 9 March 2022.

Sarah Hopkins provided an update on process around the priority proposals and related business cases which were successful at the first budget stage in 2021. Sarah confirmed each priority proposal would have associated funding, regardless of whether additional funding is secured as part of the 2022-23 budget. Sarah confirmed there was no additional assistance needed from the WG at this stage.

Sarah also discussed the recently formed Family Violence Advocacy Network which will be separately funded and work towards achieving the goals under Target 13. A First Nations Women's sub-group will sit within the network, with 3 funded positions to sit within Wirringa Baiya.

Sarah noted the recent formation of an Aboriginal Justice Committee as part of DCJ's justice commitments under Targets 10 to 13. Sarah noted the Committee would work using a justice system contact point framework (i.e., pre-court, bail, sentencing, return to community), and that DCJ would be able to make data available to Committee members upon request. Sarah noted these sub-groups would be open to WG members to join and that ALS can share tasks to WG members.

2. Next steps

Sarah and Dominic Moore from ALS will monitor Committee sub-groups and liaise with WG members as needed where tasks for WG members arise. Sarah noted that should the priority proposals be successful there will be a drive for employees at ALS, most likely as secondees.

The next CTG WG meeting is scheduled to occur on 1 June 2022 at 3pm

Jonathon Hunyor, CEO Public Interest Advocacy Centre
Chair

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