



Aboriginal Strategic Advisory Group

Communique Meeting 04/2023 – 4 & 5 December 2023

The Aboriginal Strategic Advisory Group (Advisory Group) met in Walyalup to consider information and updates from the Department of Communities (Communities) on the strategic priorities identified by the members.

The Minister for Child Protection, Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence and Community Services, Hon Sabine Winton MLA, joined members briefly on Day 1 and provided an update on the Family and Domestic Violence Taskforce and the Western Australian (WA) Government's recent announcement of \$72.6 million in new funding to strengthen responses to family and domestic violence.

Members also received a briefing from Communities Director General, Mike Rowe, on the outcomes of the Public Sector Commission's Agency Capability Review.

Key discussion points at the meeting included:

Perth Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation program

- The importance of providing safe, culturally appropriate and affordable short-term accommodation for Aboriginal people who travel to Perth to access services, or for business, cultural or family reasons.

Care Planning Project

- Enhancing child safety through improving compliance in care planning.
- Improving and measuring the quality-of-care planning.
- Embedding culture, cultural safety and healing throughout the care planning process.

Closing the Gap – Partnership Planning Groups

- Cross-agency collaboration and working in partnership with Aboriginal organisations, people and their communities, to expedite Western Australia's progress against socioeconomic outcome areas 3, 4, 12 and 13 and associated targets in the National Agreement.

The next meeting of the Advisory Group will be held in the Great Southern on 25-26 March 2024.

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Acknowledgment of Country

The Department of Communities acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to their Elders past and present.