



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

Ref: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Budget Statement G, p. 1, output class CSD 3.1
Strategic Policy

In relation to: support for commitments under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreements
2019–2028 and the National Agreement on Closing the Gap

1. Which initiatives from these two agreements will be actioned during 2021–22, and how much funding has been allocated for each of these initiatives?

RACHEL STEPHEN-SMITH MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

In August 2021, the ACT Government released its first Implementation Plan under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. The Implementation Plan:

- is closely aligned with the commitments set out in the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2019–2028 and associated Phase One Focus Area Action Plans;
- provides information on the alignment between the Ten Focus Areas in the ACT Agreement and each of the Four Priority Reform Areas of the National Agreement;
- highlights partnership arrangements and accountability, monitoring and reporting on progress of both Agreements;
- sets out the National Closing the Gap Targets by ACT Agreement Focus Areas; and
- explains how the Implementation Plan will work in practice.

Under each Priority Reform Area section in the Implementation Plan there is a table setting out the action/initiative, funding as at 2020–21 Budget, timeframes and Minister's responsible for action.

The ACT Government Closing the Gap Jurisdictional Implementation Plan can be found here:
[ACT National Closing the Gap Agreement Implementation Plan](#)

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

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By the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA