



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

Reference: Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

Hearing: 27 July 2026

In relation to: Closing the Gap

Question received: 28 July 2026

Answer Due: 11 August 2026

The City and Environment Directorate budget statements (Budget Statements E) clearly acknowledge their commitments to Closing the Gap (Strategic Indicator 7.2: embedding cultural integrity in 100% of senior executive performance agreements) but strategic indicators like these haven't been established in other directorates. Why hasn't CMTEDD established similar strategic indicators related to the Closing the Gap commitments, and what is your directorate doing to address these commitments?

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Closing the Gap Principle has been implemented in CMTEDD Executive Performance Agreements, supported by whole-of-government guidance, executive workshops and performance agreement templates. As at 7 August 2026, all CMTEDD executives on long term contracts currently working within CMTEDD, excluding those on long-term leave, have compliant performance agreements in place.

CMTEDD has embedded the Closing the Gap principle and Closing the Gap commitments under the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2019-2028 and these are stated in Budget Statement B:

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Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026–2027

Signature: 

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA

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