



# Queensland Closing the Gap Partnership Stocktake 2023

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## Acknowledgement

We pay our respects to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and Elders past, present, and emerging and acknowledge the ancestors for their legacy and the foundations laid that give us strength, inspiration and courage to create a better Queensland.

We recognise it is our collective efforts and responsibility as individuals, communities, and governments to continue to care for the lands and waters of Queensland and the Torres Strait that we all call home, that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have stewarded and protected for millennia.

On behalf of the Queensland Government, we offer a genuine commitment to work in partnership with First Nations peoples to ensure equality, recognition, and advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders across all aspects of society and everyday life.

As we reflect on the past and give hope for the future, we walk together on our shared journey to reconciliation where all Queenslanders are equal.

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## Purpose

The Queensland Government is working in partnership with Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples through their representatives, at the national, state and local level, to ensure a focus on achieving long-term social and economic outcomes for Queensland's First Nations peoples.

This Partnership Stocktake is underpinned by Priority Reform 1 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap (the National Agreement). Aligned to this priority and its strong partnership elements is the Path to Treaty and Local Thriving Communities reforms, and the Queensland Government's commitment to reframing the relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders, working to address historical and ongoing economic and social injustices, and recognising First Nations peoples' sovereignty and right to self-determination.

The Queensland Government and the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Coalition (QATSIC) agreed the final stocktake of partnership arrangements in this report.

## Approach

Partnerships identified in Part A as having consensus decision-making, where the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parties hold as much weight as government parties, is being considered by the Joint Council on the Closing the Gap. In keeping with the principles of Priority Reform 1, the 2023 partnership stocktake and review and strengthening activities were undertaken in partnership between the Queensland Government and QATSIC.

The Partnership Working Group on Closing the Gap supports Joint Council and supports national consistency through defining which partnerships should be included in the activity to review and strengthen the partnership.

This document has been prepared in two parts:

**Part A:** where consensus decision-making is occurring (National Agreement, clause 32C(i))

**Part B:** where some level of shared decision-making is occurring.

## Partnerships thresholds and considerations

Clauses 32 and 33 of the National Agreement provide thresholds and considerations for jurisdictions when undertaking the partnership stocktake, as outlined below.

**Clause 32: The Parties agree that strong partnerships include the following partnership elements:**

- a. Partnerships are accountable and representative and are between:
  - i. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, where participation in decision-making is done by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people appointed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in a transparent way, based on their own structures and where they are accountable to their own organisations and communities;
  - ii. up to three levels of government, where government representatives have negotiating and decision-making authority relevant to the partnership context; and

- iii. other Parties as agreed by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives and governments.
- b. A formal agreement in place, that is signed by all parties and:
  - i. defines who the parties are, what their roles are, what the purpose and objectives of the partnership are, what is in scope of shared decision-making, and what are the reporting arrangements, timeframes, and monitoring, review and dispute mechanisms;
  - ii. is structured in a way that allows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parties to agree the agenda for the discussions that lead to any decisions;
  - iii. is made public and easily accessible; and
  - iv. is protected in state, territory and national legislation where appropriate.
- c. Decision-making is shared between government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Shared decision-making is:
  - i. by consensus, where the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parties hold as much weight as the governments;
  - ii. transparent, where matters for decision are in terms that are easily understood by all parties and where there is enough information and time to understand the implications of the decision;
  - iii. where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives can speak without fear of reprisals or repercussions;
  - iv. where a wide variety of groups of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including women, young people, Elders, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a disability can have their voice heard;
  - v. where self-determination is supported, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lived experience is understood and respected;
  - vi. where relevant funding for programs and services aligns with jointly agreed community priorities, noting governments retain responsibility for funding decisions; and
  - vii. where partnership parties have access to the same data and information, in an easily accessible format, on which any decisions are made.

***Clause 33: The Parties recognise that adequate funding is needed to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parties to be partners with governments in formal partnerships. This includes agreed funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parties to:***

- a. engage independent policy advice;
- b. meet independently of governments to determine their own policy positions;
- c. support strengthened governance between and across Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and parties; and
- d. engage with and seek advice from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from all relevant groups within affected communities, including but not limited to Elders, Traditional Owners and Native Title Holders.

## Stocktake of Partnerships

Each table of information provided on the partnership responds to the above-mentioned criteria, from clauses 32 and 33 of the National Agreement.

For the period of 2022-23, the Queensland Government reports a total of 69 partnerships which meet the 2023 reporting thresholds of the National Agreement. Of these:

- 27 are listed at Part A as partnerships which meet clause 32C(i) shared decision-making by consensus; and
- 42 are listed at Part B represent the remaining partnerships with some level of shared decision-making.

### Part A: Consensus decision-making

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<p><b>1. Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages Policy Partnership</b></p> <p>Language is a key component of Outcome 16 under the Closing the Gap initiative which refers to strengthening, supporting and assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and languages to flourish.</p> <p>Queensland is a member of the Language Policy Partnership, established by the Joint Council on Closing the Gap in December 2022.</p> <p>The Many Voices: Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages Policy sets the framework for Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages Policy Action Plan implements the 4 priorities as set out in the policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pathways</li> <li>2. Action and activation</li> <li>3. Restoration and transmission</li> <li>4. Recognition and promotion.</li> </ol>	Policy	Queensland Indigenous Languages Advisory Committee (QILAC) and First Languages Australia	DTATSIPCA	Priority Reform 1 Socio-economic Outcome and Target 16	Ongoing	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A
<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b></p> <p>The Many Voices: Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages Policy provides a framework across the four policy priority areas: pathways, action and activation, restoration, and transmission, as well as recognition and promotion.</p> <p>Initiatives range from supporting First Nations artists who promote traditional languages through cultural expression, to developing community-focused language resources available in Queensland's memory institutions, to increasing the naming of places in original language in an appropriate and respectful way.</p> <p>The policy and action plan 2023-25 has 40 actions including an additional 10 new actions while continuing to support ongoing initiatives such as the Indigenous Language Grants which has funded 91 language projects in community organisations and school-parent associations.</p>																			
<p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>The partnership has strengthened elements under reform item 1, outcome 16 with the Indigenous Language Grants which funded has 91 language projects in community organisations and school-parent associations.</p> <p>Continued development and discussion to form a State Peak body for Languages is being considered.</p>																			
<p><b>2. Local Thriving Communities (LTC) Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC)</b></p> <p>The JCC oversees the LTC reform and provides guidance to the Minister for Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts and other key leaders on the co-design and implementation of the Local Thriving Communities (LTC) Reform including the <i>LTC Action Plan 2022-2024</i>.</p>	Other Governance Body	First Nations Community Representatives Local Government Representatives from Indigenous Councils	DTATSIPCA	Priority Reforms 1 to 4 Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 1 to 17	Members of the JCC are appointed until 2 April 2026.	No (self-assessment)	*	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b></p> <p>The JCC provided oversight to progress the activities of the <i>LTC Action Plan 2022-2024</i> and the establishment and support for interim Local Decision-Making Bodies in 9 remote and discrete communities and 10 urban and regional areas. The JCC meeting was held in Palm Island on 20 and 21 September 2022. This was an opportunity to demonstrate the reframed relationship in action, build trust and provide community context on local decision-making. Being on country contributed to enhancing the cultural capability of government representatives.</p>																			
<p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>The JCC was reviewed prior to the expiration of its first three-year term which found the JCC was achieving its purpose, has been effective and has built the cultural capability of government and should continue for another term to oversee the establishment of LDMBs, progress local decision-making and government reform. The outcomes of the review informed the appointment of members to the JCC</p>																			

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	for a further three years on 3 April 2023. JCC Terms of Reference were amended to reflect the transition from co-design to implementation of the LTC reform. Membership has been broadened to include an additional local government member from a regional area and a Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport (DTIS) in response to requests to better enable economic opportunities.																								
<b>3. Doomadgee Place-based Partnership, Gunawuna Jungai Limited</b>	Place-based	First Nations Interim local decision-making body	DTATSIPCA	Priority Reforms 1 to 4 Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 1 to 17	Interim local decision-making body funded in the 2022-23 budget	No (self-assessment)	*	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b>																									
In collaboration with Gunawuna Jungai, DTATSIPCA developed a unique Cooperation Agreement to embed the place-based partnership, and was signed by all relevant parties in April 2023. Queensland is currently meeting with Doomadgee stakeholders to finalise its partnership agreement, including discussion of the future community data project.																									
<b>Strengthening the partnership</b>																									
A Place-based Partnership Working Group has been established which includes members from Gunawuna Jungai Ltd (including their legal representatives), QATSIC, National Indigenous Australians Agency representatives and DTATSIPCA.																									
The Working Group is working towards an Agreement which will outline the governance and accountability principles, identify issues relevant to the Place Based Partnership, and outline how work will progress to support the priority areas identified by community, including health, early childhood care and development, housing, disability, child protection, justice, economic participation and development and data.																									
<b>4. Interim Truth and Treaty Body (ITTB), Path to Treaty</b>	Other Governance Body	First Nations Community Representatives Local Government Representatives from Indigenous Councils	DTATSIPCA	Priority Reforms 1 to 4 Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 1 to 17	Members of the ITTB will be appointed until late 2023 to early 2024	No (self-assessment)	*	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b>																									
The ITTB were appointed, independent to government, to lead a community consultation process to inform the setup of key structures to take the truth-telling, healing and treaty journey forward in Queensland.																									
The ITTB conducted 21 community consultation sessions across Queensland. The purpose of these sessions was for the ITTB to gain community input into key design elements to support establishment of the Truth-telling and Healing Inquiry (Inquiry) and the First Nations Treaty Institute (Institute).																									
<b>Strengthening the partnership</b>																									
Following community consultations, the ITTB co-designed the <i>Path to Treaty Act 2023</i> with the Queensland Government. The Act provided a legislative foundation to setup the Inquiry to lead a formal truth telling and healing inquiry process, and the Institute to inform treaty-making with First Nations parties, and the Institute Council to oversee its operations.																									
In July 2023, the ITTB handed over their recommendations report to the Minister for Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts, the Honourable Leeanne Enoch MP, on the establishment and appointment process for the Institute, Institute Council and Inquiry.																									
Upon appointment of the Institute Council in early 2024, the ITTB will disband.																									
<b>5. Ministerial and Government Champions</b>	Other Governance Body	First Nations Community Representatives Local Government Representatives from Indigenous Councils	DTATSIPCA	Priority Reforms 1 to 4 Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 1 to 17	Ministerial and Government Champions allocated to work closely with First Nation communities	No (self-assessment)	*	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b>																									
The Government Champion program provides an opportunity for Chief Executives of Queensland Government agencies to work together with identified communities to improve life outcomes for Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people, in a collaborative partnership.																									
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	In a complementary program, Queensland Ministers will act as individual champions for discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Under the Ministerial and Government Champions program, Ministers work closely with Mayors and community leaders from their partner community to engage more effectively with Cabinet on the opportunities and challenges facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities																				
<b>6. Our Way: A generational strategy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families 2017–2037</b>	Policy	Queensland First Children and Families Board (QFCFB) Family Matters Queensland (FMQ)  Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak (QATSICPP)  Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Organisations (ATSICCOs)	DCSSDS	Priority Reforms 1 to 4  Socio-economic Outcome 12	2017–2037	Yes	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	*	✓	✓	*	✓	*	✓		
<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b></p> <p>An independent evaluation of <i>Our Way</i>, Changing Tracks (2017 – 2022) released in June 2022 found that the majority of the <i>Our Way</i> Strategy and <i>Changing Tracks</i> actions were implemented on time and as intended. Emerging changes to the systems, policies and collaborative working approaches between government agencies, partners and service providers will enable <i>Our Way</i> to achieve its targets and longer-term outcomes.</p> <p>Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services (DCSSDS) continues to partner with QATSICPP, FMQ and across Queensland Government agencies to co-design the next action plan, <i>Breaking Cycles 2023 – 2025</i>. <i>Breaking Cycles</i> (the third action plan) is a whole of government action plan and builds on the successes and learnings under <i>Changing Tracks</i> (2017 – 2022) and focuses on changing the way services are co-designed, developed and delivered in partnership with, and for, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities by government and non-government organisations.</p> <p>Key achievements over the past 12 months include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implemented delegated authority in two locations in Sunshine Coast/Central Queensland Region, in partnership with QATSICPP and ATSICCO's (Refocus and Central Queensland Indigenous Development (CQID)), where the powers and functions of the Chief Executive, for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child, is delegated to the CEO of an ATSICCO where certain requirements are met.</li> <li>Partnering with QATSICPP and its member organisations, to co-design and implement a new kinship care program for Queensland - Family Caring for Family.</li> <li>Continued investment in 35 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Wellbeing Services (FWS) to deliver culturally responsive Child and Family support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families and young people. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent evaluation of FWS found that de-escalated the risk of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children entering the child protection system within the following 6 months of accessing these services.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Queensland leads the nation in the proportion of expenditure to provide ATSICCO's for family support and Intensive Family Support services.</li> <li>55% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children placed in out of home care are placed with kin.</li> </ul>																					
<p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>A joint project team comprising DCSSDS officers, along with representatives from the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak (QATSICPP on behalf of Family Matters Queensland (FMQ) have worked in partnership over the past 18 months to co-design the second phase of action planning under the <i>Our Way</i> Strategy, <i>Breaking Cycles</i> (2023 – 2025).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The co-design of <i>Breaking Cycles</i> was overseen and endorsed by the QFCFB. The QFCFB provides independent strategic advice, cultural guidance and oversight for the implementation of <i>Our Way</i> and supporting action plans.</li> <li><i>Breaking Cycles 2023-25</i> has been endorsed by, and has the full support, of Queensland Government partner human services agencies.</li> </ul>																					
<b>7. Local Community Engagement Body (LCEB) – Cherbourg</b> <b>8. Local Community Engagement Body (LCEB) – Murgon</b>	Place-based	Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council  Elders from community	DoE (Cherbourg State School)  (Murgon State School)	Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 5, 6 and 7	2021–ongoing	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b></p> <p>The Cherbourg and Murgon LCEBs have co-designed their first concept plans and submitted for approval, including clear targets and actions for educational achievement.</p>																					
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Islander communities in local education decision making.	The group has moved beyond partnership and governance to agreed community action.																				
<b>9. Regional Community Education Board (RCEB)</b> The Darling Downs South West RCEB acts as the regional governing body for Local Community Engagement Bodies (LCEBs). It acts as a form of public accountability to financial delegations, priorities and strategies in line with DoE Local Community Engagement through Co-Design objectives.	Place-based	Gummingurra Aboriginal Corporation  State and Federal government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives: QH, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, DTATSIPCA.  Aboriginal and Torres Strait representatives from non-government organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ) Elder in Residence</li> <li>Carbal Aboriginal Health</li> <li>Mercy Families Services.</li> </ul>	DoE	Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 5, 6 and 7	2021 – ongoing	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> In the last 12 months, this RCEB partnership has been established, with agreed membership and Terms of Reference. The RCEB has approved the first LCEB concept plans, from Cherbourg and Murgon.																					
<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> N/A																					
<b>10. North Queensland Region Local Community Engagement through Co-Design Board</b> The North Queensland Regional Local Community Engagement Board (NQR RCEB) supports the implementation of the Local Community Engagement through Co-design model (the model), a DoE initiative led by the First Nations Strategy and Partnerships branch. The model aims to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through the empowerment of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to inform decision-making	Place-based	Wulgurukaba Traditional Owner  Local Indigenous Organisation  Palm Island Shire Council  DTATSIPCA  National Indigenous Australians Agency	DoE	Priority Reform 1 Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 5 and 7	Commenced 2021, reviewed every 12 months	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> The NQR LCEB endorsed the Spinifex State College LCEB Concept Plan in 2021. The Spinifex State College LCEB acts in an advisory capacity, identifying Indigenous education priorities and makes recommendations on matters that impact the experience of Indigenous students, parents and communities in partnership with Spinifex State College.																					
<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> This partnership has strong elements in accordance with Clause 32 and 33.																					
<b>11. Spinifex State College Local Community Engagement Body</b> The Spinifex Local Community Engagement Body (LCEB) is a body established under the co-design principles described in DoE's Commitment Statement 2020. The Local Community Engagement through Co-design approach aims to	Place-based	Kalkadoon Traditional Owners Kalkadoon and Gooreng parent representative Yirindala/Waluwarra/Kalkadoon parent representative Bularnu parent representative Kalkadoon Community representative	DoE	Priority Reform 1 Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 5 and 7	Commenced 2021, reviewed every 12 months	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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	<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b></p> <p>The Spinifex State College LCEB acts in an advisory capacity, identifying Indigenous education priorities and makes recommendations on matters that impact the experience of Indigenous students, parents and communities in partnership with Spinifex State College. Key objectives reported by the Spinifex State College LCEB in May 2023, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New signage in Kalkatungu language being installed across the Junior and Senior Campus;</li> <li>• Kalkatungu language program approved for implementation in 2024;</li> <li>• Advertisement out for mural design with local artists;</li> <li>• Planning for cultural precincts underway;</li> <li>• Staff cultural awareness/competency professional development completed;</li> <li>• Staff and student voice surveys ongoing;</li> <li>• Student programs ATSIAP &amp; Wearable Arts underway;</li> <li>• Student engagement programs underway;</li> <li>• School/community events NAIDOC/Sorry Day underway;</li> <li>• Engaging an expert in the field (English/Maths) for embedding Indigenous perspectives in the curriculum underway; and</li> <li>• Primary to Secondary transitions planning underway for 2024.</li> </ul>																				
	<p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>This partnership has strong elements in accordance with Clause 32 and 33</p>																				
<p><b>12.The Remote School Attendance Strategy</b></p> <p>The Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) is a community-focused strategy that employs local people to bring together families, schools, communities and other services to design and deliver local solutions to improve school attendance and engagement.</p> <p>This includes the employment of local people in roles such as Coordinators, School Attendance Supervisors and School Attendance Officers.</p> <p>Three schools in North Queensland are the providers for RSAS in discrete communities: Doomadgee State School, Mornington Island State School and Bwgcolman Community School.</p> <p>Camooweal State School and Normanton State School partner with community development program providers (Bynoe and Rainbow Gateway) to provide RSAS.</p>	Place-based	National Indigenous Australians Agency Bynoe Rainbow Gateway Local communities from Mornington Island, Doomadgee, Camooweal, Normanton and Palm Island	DoE	Priority Reform 1 Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 5 and 7	Established in 2014 with NIAA the responsible agency for monitoring and evaluating the partnership	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b></p> <p>This partnership has strong elements in accordance with Clause 32 and 33</p>																					
<p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>N/A</p>																					

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<b>13. Justice Policy Partnership (JPP) Executive Governance Group</b> Established to oversee and support the JPP work underway in Queensland in partnership with the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Coalition (QATSIC) to reduce incarceration rates under the National Agreement.	Policy	Queensland Government Deputy Director-General level representatives QATSIC Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander non-government members: Queensland Family and Child Commission (Commissioner), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland (Chief Executive Officer), Queensland First Children and Families Board (two member representatives)	DJAG	Priority Reforms 1 to 4 Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 10 and 11	JPP Executive Governance Group commenced in 2021-2022	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	
	<b>Achievements over the last 12 months:</b> N/A																				
	<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> N/A																				
<b>14. Justice Policy Partnership (JPP) Cross Agency Working Group (Working Group)</b> was established to support Queensland Government's commitment to criminal justice targets under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap to reduce incarceration rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in prisons and youth detention centres. The Working Group works in genuine partnership to share decision-making with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities to identify, co-design and develop initiatives to reduce incarceration rates.	Policy	Queensland Government Representatives: QPS, QCS, DCSSDS, DTATSIPCA, DPC, DoH, DoE, DYJESBT, QT and QH. Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander non-government members: Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service (Principal Legal Officer), Queensland Family and Child Commission (Executive Director), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland (Chief Executive Officer), Queensland First Children and Families Board (two member representatives) QATSIC Policy Officers (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Bodies)	DJAG	Priority Reforms 1 to 4 Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 10 and 11	Working Group commenced in 2021/22. First Nations Justice Office anticipates the Working Group will continue beyond the National Agreement to support reducing incarceration rates.	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> The Working Group has developed a JPP Work Plan to support the JPP Executive Governance Group and have established a Working Group to explore expansion of the Muster Initiative.																				
	<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> N/A																				





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people, and to intersect with the work being done in the Northern Peninsula Region to improve food security.																						
<p><b>21. Islands of Origin</b></p> <p>This is a Rugby League competition for all ages for men and women and Junior divisions.</p> <p>There are several determinants of health that are significant in the Torres Strait. Socio-economic disadvantages, level of remoteness and lifestyle factors all contribute to poor health outcomes.</p> <p>Lifestyle factors that have been reported as major determinants of health amongst the region's population are behaviour related to smoking, alcohol use, diet and more importantly, 'exercise'.</p>	Other	Dhahdin Geai Warriors & Sports Torres Strait Islander Corporation ICN Badu Island	QH (HWQ)	Priority Reforms 1 and 2	16 to 18 June 2023	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	(b, c & d)
<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b></p> <p>This program addresses priorities identified in the Queensland Government's Making Tracks toward closing the gap in health outcomes for Indigenous Queenslanders by 2033, by addressing risk factors including the leading contributors to the Indigenous burden of disease and injury in Queensland.</p> <p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>The event was successfully held from 16 to 18 June 2023.</p> <p>Alignment of activities between the goals of the Carnival and that of HWQ that aims to increase health literacy, physical activity and community connectedness in our First Nations communities in the Torres Strait Islands.</p>																						
<p><b>22. Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Partnership (QATSIHP)</b></p> <p>QATSIHP is in the process of being reinvigorated in the second half of 2023.</p> <p>Historically, QATSIHP's Terms of Reference were endorsed in May 2018 as a mechanism to implement an Agreement on the <i>Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Wellbeing 2015 – 2020</i> (the Framework Agreement).</p> <p>QATSIHP will provide a strong and meaningful partnership for all stakeholders to co-decide, co-design, co-implement, and co-evaluate policies and programs that improve the health and wellbeing of First Nations peoples in Queensland.</p>	Policy	Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC)	QH Australian Government, Department of Health and Aged Care	Priority Reforms 1 to 4 Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 1 to 17	(2023-2026) QATSIHP will be an ongoing partnership mechanism; and will prepare a three-year work plan initially	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b></p> <p>While QATSIHP has been inactive for several years, members have continued to work collaboratively on various initiatives such as responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; delivering outcomes of the <i>National Agreement on Closing the Gap</i>; and, at a state level, the co-design and implementation of the <i>Making Tracks Together – Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Equity Framework</i>.</p> <p>QATSIHP intends to meet in late August 2023 and will focus on reaching consensus around a renewed Terms of Reference, workplan and strategic priorities, which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System reform</li> <li>• System benefits</li> <li>• Causal factors</li> <li>• Workforce sustainability and capability</li> <li>• Future proof.</li> </ul> <p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>N/A</p>																						
<p><b>23. Partnership on delivering the Torres and Cape Health Care (TORCH) Commissioning</b></p> <p>The purpose of the TORCH project is to codesign and establish an independent regional healthcare commissioning entity. The TORCH entity is envisaged to be community-</p>	Place-based Policy Other	QAIHC	QH	Priority Reform 1 Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 1, 2 and 14	2021-2034	Yes	✓		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b></p> <p>This partnership between QAIHC, QH and DoHAC forms the TORCH project team, and has achieved the following in the last 12 months related to shared decision making and partnership:</p>																						







Part B: Some level of shared decision-making

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<b>1. National Indigenous Languages Policy Partnership</b>	Policy	Languages Policy Partnerships Working Group	DTATSIPCA	Priority Reform 1 Socio-economic Outcome 16 and Target 16	Ongoing	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A
	<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> Formation of the working party in 2022. Two national meetings convened in March and June 2023. Discussions regarding a national language policy and the setting of agendas aligned to Close the Gap Target 16. Queensland representative is the Deputy Director-General, Strategic Policy, Legislation and Program Reform within DTATSIPCA.																					
	<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> Setting a national agenda for action on Outcome 16 under Reform Target 1 – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages Policy Partnership.																					
<b>2. Queensland Indigenous Voice First Nations Consultative Committee (FNCC)</b>	Other Advisory Body	First Nations Community Representatives	DTATSIPCA	Priority Reform 1	Members of the FNCC were appointed from 7 July 2022 to 31 August 2023	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> The FNCC consisted of eight committee members and were established for 12 months to develop a First Nations Voice preferred model for Queensland. The Committee represented First Nations communities in eight regions – Cape York Peninsula, Far North Queensland, Gulf and West Queensland, North Queensland, Central Queensland, South West Queensland, South East Queensland, and the Torres Strait. Committee members drew upon their connection to their region, experience, and community support to consider a range of options to best meet the needs and priorities of First Nations peoples that reflected the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities in Queensland.																					
	<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> In July 2023, the Committee was extended to August 2023 to finalise their report.																					
<b>3. Under the Local Thriving Communities Social and Emotional Wellbeing Program (SEWB), DTATSIPCA is supporting several initiatives, co-</b>	Place-based	QAIHC: to establish youth hubs across the state - in Mackay, Cherbourg, Aurukun, Mount Isa, Gympie, Palm Island, Townsville, Cairns and Northern Peninsula Area.  Institute for Urban Indigenous Health: to implement an Early Childhood Wellbeing Program.	DTATSIPCA	Priority Reform 2 Socio-economic Outcome and Target 14	Partnerships between 1 and 4 years.  Funding allocation expended.	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	in progress

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<p>designed with local leadership, to improve mental health and social and emotional wellbeing outcomes, respond to substance misuse, and reduce rates of suicide in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities throughout Queensland.</p> <p>Since 2019–20, the department has allocated almost \$6.9 million over four years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health and wellbeing, with a particular focus on youth suicide prevention, early childhood and family support.</p>		<p>Coen Regional Aboriginal Corporation - for a men's crisis centre.</p> <p>Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good: funded Kunjur First Nations Men's Collective, a suicide prevention initiative in Cairns and surrounds.</p> <p>Galangoor Duwulami Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation: to deliver the Galangoor Child and Youth Connect Program on the Fraser Coast.</p> <p>Inala Wangarra Inc.: to establish the Seventy7 Youth Hangout Centre.</p> <p>Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council: funded Coordinator to work with Men's and Women's Groups to co-design health and cultural services.</p> <p>Palm Island Community Company: Bwgcorman Youth Service to support young people aged 13 years to 17 with training, educational &amp; employment pathways.</p> <p>Yulu-Burri-Ba Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health: North Stradbroke Island Indigenous Youth Social and Emotional Wellbeing Program.</p> <p>Yiliyapinya Indigenous Corporation: Deadly Brains Project - co-designed and customised brain health and fitness program for children.</p>																			
<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b></p> <p>The SEWB program is supporting a suite of initiatives, co-designed with community to improve mental health and wellbeing, respond to problematic alcohol and other drug use, and contribute to the reduction of suicide rates in communities. Examples of achievements in the past 12 months include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health implemented an Early Childhood Wellbeing Program with wraparound family support that has provided families with access to culturally safe primary health care, dedicated family support workers, and programs to transition children into early education and school. This has led to increased numbers of children prepared and transitioned into kindergarten, increased literacy skills, increased achievement of developmental milestones, and reduction in rates of developmental vulnerability.</li> <li>Five community-led initiatives are working to reduce the high rates of youth suicide. Initiatives include First Nations youth programs in Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island), Inala, Palm Island and the Fraser Coast region developed and delivered by local leadership and community-controlled health services to provide after-hours support, cultural and recreational activities, peer-to-peer mentoring, counselling, local education and employment opportunities, and alcohol and other drug services. To date, uptake has been steady with young people engaging meaningfully in recreational and training opportunities provided.</li> </ul>																					
<p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>An internal review is being undertaken in late 2023 to inform continuous improvement to the DTATSIPCA's SEWB funding approach, including eligible providers, funding amounts, timeframes for meaningful implementation, and a framework for measuring and capturing outcomes.</p>																					







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	<p>outcomes including leadership development, community engagement, leadership capacity, mediation, supporting identification of community aspirations and priorities, develop ongoing governance structures and support local employment.</p> <p>Models are being progressed/finalised in other locations such as Doomadgee, Aurukun, the Torres Strait, Kowanyama, Cairns, Townsville, Southern Tablelands, Gladstone, Murgon, St George, Cunnamulla, Mareeba, Redlands, Beaudesert, Moreton Bay and Mackay.</p> <p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>Interim LDMBS included in the 2022 partnership stocktake (Hope Vale, Napranum, Mapoon, Wujal Wujal) received and are eligible for the second instalment of grants to operate and build upon governance capacity and capability. Existing interim LDMBS were supported to engage with government agencies to co-design service delivery in accordance with community priorities including progressing community safety initiatives.</p>																				
<p><b>7. First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel</b></p> <p>The Panel advises Arts Queensland (AQ) on the necessary actions to support delivery of Creative Together key priority to Elevate First Nations arts by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>informing the development of programs and strategies, and identifying opportunities that build sustainable and ethical Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts industries</li> <li>reviewing data to evaluate the success of programs and policies</li> <li>providing appropriate cultural advice on recommendations for AQ initiatives</li> <li>developing and providing feedback on existing arts and cultural strategies and programs that support or include First Nations activities;</li> </ul>	Policy	Panel consists of Individual members. List of current members can be found on the Arts Queensland website <a href="https://www.arts.qld.gov.au/projects-and-initiatives/first-nations-arts-and-cultures-panel">https://www.arts.qld.gov.au/projects-and-initiatives/first-nations-arts-and-cultures-panel</a>	DTATSIPCA (AQ)	Priority Reform 1 Socio-economic Outcome and Target 16	Members are contracted for a period of time. Timeframes vary for individual members	No (self-assessment)				✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓				
	<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b></p> <p>Developed and released <i>Cultural Engagement Framework – Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and cultures in Queensland</i> in September 2022, in collaboration with AQ. The framework has been embedded into AQ funding guidelines, agreements and reporting requirements to support respectful, collaborative and culturally safe engagement with First Nations artists, communities and cultural businesses.</p> <p>Informed the development and revision of programs being delivered through <i>Grow 2022-2026</i>, the second action plan for <i>Creative Together</i> including revision of the Backing Indigenous Arts Program</p> <p>Developed the <i>Grow First Nations Arts and Cultures Framework 2022-2026</i> to monitor First Nations specific deliverables of the <i>Creative Together 2020-2030 – Grow</i> action plan.</p> <p>Advised on the implementation of the new peer assessment model, that ensures 50 percent First Nations representation on AQ assessment panels and 100 per cent First Nations representation on all dedicated First Nations funding program panels.</p> <p>Informed the development of Queensland Government submissions to Australian Government Productivity Commission report – <i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Visual Arts and Crafts</i> and the Australian Government consultation on a new National Cultural Policy.</p> <p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>A strong baseline to measure progress was established in 2022-2023 through the co-design of frameworks and programs for policy and investment implementation for First Nations arts and cultures in Queensland. Arts Queensland is undertaking reviews of the <i>Cultural Engagement Framework</i>, the <i>Peer Assessment model</i> and the <i>Grow First Nations Arts and Cultural Framework</i> to provide insights and identify opportunities for adjustments that will grow outcomes and inform continued co-design opportunities.</p>																				



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<p>Breaking Cycles was developed through extensive consultation and engagement throughout Queensland. This included 1,000 people across 25 communities (urban, regional, remote) through interviews, focus groups, yarning circles, community forums, surveys and a flagship forum. This brought together diverse voices including young people, parents, carers, community members, government agencies, non-Indigenous peaks, service providers, ATSICCOs, and peaks, Elders and Traditional Owners.</p> <p>The Our Way Interagency Strategic Partnership group comprising of Deputy Director-Generals across government provided strategic oversight on behalf of Queensland Government in the design and development of Breaking Cycles actions.</p> <p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b> The Breaking Cycles 2023-2025 action plan was released in September 2023.</p>																					
10. Delegated Authority – Reclaiming our Storyline: Transforming systems and practice by making decisions in our way	Place based Policy	Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak (QATSICPP) Queensland First Children and Families Board (QFCFB) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Organisations (ATSICCO) Refocus Central Queensland Indigenous Development	DCSSDS	Priority Reforms 14 Socio-economic Outcomes and Target 12	2023 to 2032	Yes		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b></p> <p>Delegated Authority transforms how child protection responses (services) are delivered to develop culturally safe and responsive ways of protecting children. Implementation of delegated authority, through Reclaiming our Storyline: Transforming systems and practice by making decisions in our way, represents a significant opportunity for positive change. It is therefore considered a high priority action under Our Way: A generational strategy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families 2017-2037 and supports efforts towards Closing the Gap and the implementation of Safe and Supported: The National Framework for Protecting Australia’s children 2021-2031.</p> <p>DCSSDS partnered with QATSICPP to co-design Reclaiming our Storyline, the 10-year blueprint to support the implementation of delegated authority across Queensland. Reclaiming our Storyline outlines the process and actions to be undertaken to progress this new way of working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. It also signals the shared vision and objectives surrounding this approach, which respectfully considers the readiness, priorities and needs of local communities. It is a long-term plan for shifting the decision making and delivery of child protection functions and powers to the individuals and organisations that know children and families best. The approach also recognises that the change process is complex and will take a sustained commitment from the department, QATSICPP and the ATSICCO child protection sector to work together in new ways.</p> <p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>Collaborative project teams with officers from DCSSDS and the QATSICPP have worked and continue to work in genuine partnership to ensure that the implementation of Reclaiming our Storyline: Transforming systems and practice by making decisions in our way, reflects the aspirations of the ATSICCO child protection sector and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families and communities across the state. Reclaiming our Storyline was approved by the QFCFB, the QATSICPP Board, the previous Minister for Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs, and has been publicly released.</p>																					
11. First Nations Council (FNC)	Policy	Partnership between DCSSDS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders and invitees from other Government agencies and external partners (DYJESBT, DJAG and Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak).	DCSSDS	Priority Reforms 14 Socio-economic Outcome and Target 12	2020 – ongoing	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b></p>																					

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	<p>The FNC within DCSSDS was established to provide cultural advice to the executive leadership of DCSSDS to ensure policies, programs, practice and services are culturally responsive and meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and that members represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives throughout DCSSDS.</p> <p>The FNC meets quarterly, and provides advice and oversight to the Board of Management and executive leadership on priorities including, but not limited to the implementation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Capability Action Plan.</li> <li>• Path to Treaty readiness planning.</li> <li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Strategy.</li> <li>• Our Way Strategy and supporting action plans.</li> <li>• Youth Justice Strategy, in partnership with Youth Justice.</li> <li>• Child and Family Reforms.</li> </ul>																				
	<p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>Nil.</p>																				
<b>12. Community Justice Group (CJG) Program and the DFV Enhancement program</b>	Place-based	CJGs in 41 locations across Queensland  Limited funding also provided to CJGs operating across 11 locations in the Torres Strait outer islands.	DJAG	Priority Reforms 1 and 2  Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 10, 11 and 13	Ongoing	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
	<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b></p> <p>The partnership has enabled CJGs to provide essential services across Queensland, including Murri Court, Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Enhancement program and other various localised programs.</p>																				
	<p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>The Framework for Stronger CJGs was released in October 2020 – presents a refocused model for the CJG program and recognises the scope of CJG service delivery across the justice system.</p>																				
<b>13. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Assistance Forum (LAF).</b>  The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LAF is a specialist sub-forum of the Queensland Legal Assistance Forum (QLAF) and seeks to promote cooperation and collaboration between legal assistance service providers and non-legal services,	Other	Aboriginal Family Legal Service Queensland  Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service  Bar Association of Queensland  Community Legal Centres Queensland  Institute for Urban Indigenous Health  Legal Aid Queensland  Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service  Queensland Law Society	DJAG	Priority Reforms 1, 2 and 3  Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 10, 11 and 13	Ongoing forum	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b></p>																				

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including social, community and health services working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The objectives and responsibilities of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LAF that work towards Closing the Gap include:	N/A																							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>leading discussions around systemic change and advocacy between legal assistance service providers working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.</li> <li>identifying, progressing and implementing priority initiatives and maintaining flexibility to address new initiatives as they are identified.</li> <li>to share information and resources to facilitate the implementation of agreed priority initiatives.</li> <li>to advise the QLAF on issues relevant to the provision of legal services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>N/A</p>																							



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outcomes (Outcomes 1, 2, 4, 5, 13, 14).																							
<b>15.Yarrabah Food Security</b> To develop the Yarrabah Food Security Action Plan, two Bond University Dietetics students on placement with HWQ conducted a project that focused on identifying the enablers, barriers, and opportunities associated with food security in the Yarrabah community.	Place-based Research	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	QH (HWQ)	Priority Reforms 1 and 2	Approx. March 2022–ongoing	No (self-assessment).		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (c & d)
	<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Literature reviews conducted on First Nations food insecurity and nutrition interventions were undertaken, along with a situational analysis using the Good Food Planning Tool.</li> <li>Yarrabah Food Security Action Plan in progress.</li> </ul>																						
	<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> Stakeholder interviews were conducted with two First Nations Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council members and one First Nations community store manager/operator – to gain a better understanding of the food security concerns faced by the community, along with insight on current initiatives and potential capacity for other opportunities to help strengthen local food security.																						
<b>16.Market Garden Mornington Island</b> HWQ in partnership with Mornington Shire Council, Arup Group Ltd and Peak Services has delivered a Market Garden Feasibility Study. The aim of this feasibility study is to support establishment of a Market Garden to provide immediate fresh food relief, build community and workforce engagement around local food production and enable further engagement, data and information to inform a large-scale operation (council's ultimate vision). This feasibility study is a key action of the draft Gather + Grow 2023-2032 Queensland Remote Food	Place-based Research	Mornington Shire Council	QH Arup Group Ltd	Priority Reforms 1, 2 and 3	2021 to 2024	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
	<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feasibility Study completed.</li> <li>Pilot study being planned.</li> </ul>																						
	<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> Proposed to develop a Mornington Island Market Garden Technical Advisory Group (as part of the Gather + Grow Strategy Governance Framework), consisting of community stakeholders and content experts to oversee planning and implementation.																						

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Security Strategy and Action Plan.																							
<b>17. Supply Chain Mapping Study</b> HWQ funded this study to better understand the supply chains of remote communities by mapping the supply chains of fresh food to Bamaga and Mornington Island. The report will help identify supply chain efficiency and resilience mechanisms to improve food security in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities.	Place-based Research	Torres and Cape Indigenous Council Alliance	QH (HWQ)	Priority Reforms 1, 2 and 3	November 2022	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> Supply Chain Study completed.																							
<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> This partnership has ensured that community priorities are heard and responded to. It ensures that at a state level, HWQ is engaging closely with cross-government colleagues to ensure a coordinated and collaborative approach is taken to obtain the maximum benefits.																							
<b>18. Making Tracks Together Health Equity – Prescribed Stakeholder</b> HWQ continues to work in partnership with the QH's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Division (ATSIRD) to support the Making Tracks Together health system reform to address health inequities for First Nations people.	Place-based Policy	First Nations Health Office	QH (HWQ) Prescribed Stakeholder for the Hospital and Health Services	Priority Reforms 3 and 4	2021 to 2030	No (self-assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16 Hospital and Health Services (HHS) strategies reviewed.</li> <li>Implementation plans under review, with 11 having now been reviewed by HWQ and feedback given to the HHS.</li> </ul>																							
<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This partnership enables strong public health system legislation by enabling partners to input to the design and delivery of local healthcare services.</li> </ul>																							
<b>19. The Safe and healthy drinking water in Indigenous local government areas program</b> is a partnership between QH and	Place based	31 communities across 17 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Local Governments.	QH Hospital and Health Services: Cairns and Hinterland; Darling Downs;	Socio-economic Outcome 9 and Target 9B	Ongoing	No Partnership between Hospital and Health Services and local government	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓		N/A	

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<p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island local governments. Its purpose is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• protect public health;</li> <li>• build the capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander drinking water operators;</li> <li>• assure the safety, quality and continuity of supply of drinking water;</li> <li>• assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Councils in achieving regulatory compliance across their drinking water operations.</li> </ul> <p>The partnership supports Closing the Gap outcomes via maintenance of a safe and reliable supply of drinking water to communities to reduce the risk of drinking water-associated illnesses which, in turn, may reduce the burden on healthcare services and improve attendance at schools and workplaces. The partnership enables Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Councils to more effectively prioritise and advocate for drinking water infrastructure appropriate for their communities' needs.</p>			Townsville; and Central Queensland			vary for each community																	
<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b></p> <p>To date, program delivery has commenced in 26 of the 31 eligible communities. During 2022-23, intensive support was provided in six communities – Dauan, Yarrabah, Torres Shire, Erub, Woorabinda and Mornington Island. During 2022-23, a further eleven communities received at least one site visit under an individual ongoing tailored support package. In addition, three communities received assistance to respond to drinking water related incidents. This included Yarrabah, where QH has played a significant role in the multi-government agency response to the detection of metals in drinking water samples collected from some community facilities.</p> <p>During March 2023, program delivery was bolstered by a First Nations' Water Operators Workshop, hosted by QH in Cairns. The workshop provided an opportunity for water operators from 13 of the 17 local governments involved in the program to network, to share experiences and participate in valuable training opportunities.</p> <p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>Delivery of the Safe and healthy drinking water in Indigenous local government areas program is evolving with the recognition that each partnership with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander local government is distinct.</p> <p>Drinking water related challenges in each community will differ and will change over time. The partnership element of program delivery is being strengthened by the recognition that in different communities, different stakeholders require involvement in the partnership to help the community build their capacity to deliver a safe and continuous supply of water to all community members.</p>																							
<b>20.The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental</b>	Place-based	34 communities across 16 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Local Governments.	QH Hospital and Health Services:	Socio-economic Outcome	Ongoing	Yes LGs have the ability to choose the	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓			N/A

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<b>Health Program (ATSIEHP)</b> supports 16 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Local Governments to deliver public health legislative obligations preventing and reducing the burden of disease within rural and remote First Nation communities. The focus of the program is to support the employment and training of the community based environmental health workforce and to monitor and improve environmental health conditions within the community. This includes supporting the development of place-based and co-designed Environmental Health Plans and delivery of ATSIEHP review outcomes.  The Program seeks to address issues relating to:  Water quality, food safety, pest management, waste management, public health infrastructure (e.g., sewerage, home hygiene impacting hardware within homes)			Cairns and Hinterland; Darling Downs; Townsville; and Central Queensland	9 and Target 9B		specific environmental health program they intend to prioritise providing this is within the scope of the ATSIEHP																
	<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> During 2022-23, all 16 Local Governments have been funded, engaged and actively reporting on their priorities. There have been 49 Environmental Health Workers and Animal Management Workers employed with the Local Governments which is a strong increase from the previous years. The workforce's key role is to help implement community based environmental health programs. Improvements in health outcomes as a result of improving environmental health conditions are gradual and not able to be easily quantified. However, a key focus of the program is community education and awareness which is intended and to support for healthier living by the community.  Healthy Housing pilot Program, in partnership with Department of Housing (DoH) was successfully implemented in two communities. The following key outcomes were realised for two pilot communities that were supported under the program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yarrabah - 98 properties inspected; work orders completed/ raised = 596/1400 = 43 per cent; all inspected houses had pest control undertaken.</li> <li>• Badu - 22 properties inspected; work orders completed/ raised = 82/493 = 17 per cent; all inspected houses had pest control undertaken.</li> </ul> Other key outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• health promotion education sessions with children at the Police Citizen's Youth Club (PCYC) in Yarrabah covering topics such as hand hygiene, skin health and dental hygiene.</li> <li>• Development of a dashboard to monitor operational delivery, assist in timely reporting of inspections from QH and give data feedback to stakeholders. This information is being utilised by advisory groups to inform ongoing delivery of healthy living practice supports and messaging.</li> </ul> This program is expected to be expanded to other Local Governments subject to funding.																					
	<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> During April 2023, key stakeholders, including EHWs and AMWs, attended a workshop to discuss community led Environmental Health (EH) Planning, a key aspect was to develop sixteen co-designed local EH Plans underpinned by a QH strategic plan to support the community plans. This process is expected to be implemented in 2023/24 financial year onwards.																					



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B (i) – through the development of a formal Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Group, which may serve as a preliminary governance structure for further discussions about formal partnership.</li> <li>• B (ii) – through co-design of the agenda for each meeting.</li> <li>• C (i) – through consensus provisions in the ToR, noting that the Group remains an advisory body.</li> <li>• C (ii) – through an emphasis on transparency in the Guiding Principles and Purpose sections of the ToR.</li> <li>• C (iii) – through a commitment to the safety and wellbeing of the Group stated in the ToR.</li> <li>• 33 – through remuneration for Group members in the form of daily sitting fees.</li> </ul>																				
<b>23.Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council</b>  This is a strong working relationship between police and the Council to make Woorabinda a safer and more harmonious community.  Council works with police to develop holistic local strategies to address local issues such as alcohol fuelled violence, domestic and family violence, youth crime and anti-social behaviours caused by alcohol and drug use.	Place-based	Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council	QPS, Capricornia Police District	Priority Reform 3 Outcomes 10, 11 and 13	Ongoing working relationship  Formal partnership to be established	Yes  Some fields assessed by the Mayor as being partially present	✓	*	*	*	*	*	*	✓/*	✓/*	✓	✓/*	✓	✓	*	*
<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A joint partnership assessment was completed in November 2022, which found that this is a moderate partnership.</li> <li>• The Mayor of Woorabinda granted QPS permission to share the completed assessment with other Queensland First Nations Councils, in case it may assist them in completing their own local partnership assessments.</li> </ul>																					
<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> The partnership has been strengthened against partnership elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C (ii) – through transparency in the completion of a thorough partnership assessment over an extended timeframe, to allow full consideration of the concepts and issues.</li> <li>• All – through identification of the strong partnership elements that need improvement to strengthen the partnership.</li> </ul>																					
<b>24.Aurukun Shire Council</b>  Aurukun Police and Aurukun Shire Council work together to identify community issues, upcoming events, community programs, family disputes, and liaise with other agencies.	Place-based	Aurukun Shire Council	QPS	Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 10 and 13	Ongoing working relationship  Formal partnership to be established	Yes  Some fields assessed by the Mayor as being partially present and some require further discussion	✓	✓/*	✓					*							*
<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> A joint partnership assessment was completed in November 2022, which found that this is a moderate partnership.																					
<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> The partnership has been strengthened against partnership elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A (i) – through elected members of the Aurukun Shire Council actively discussing the partnership with family clan members.</li> <li>• A (ii) – through regular interagency meetings.</li> <li>• A (iii) – through liaison with other bodies including Aurukun Justice Group, Apunipima (an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation), the Aurukun Shire Council Security Team and Community Police Officers</li> </ul>																					

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C (ii) – through transparency in the completion of a partnership assessment over an extended timeframe, to allow sufficient consideration of the concepts and issues</li> </ul>																				
<b>25. Coen Regional Aboriginal Corporation</b>  Coen Police and Coen Regional Aboriginal Corporation work together to identify community issues, upcoming events, community programs, family disputes, and to liaise with other agencies.	Place-based	Coen Regional Aboriginal Corporation	QPS	Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 10 and 13	Ongoing working relationship  Formal partnership to be established	Yes  Some fields assessed by the Council General Manager as being partially present	✓	✓/x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓/x
<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> A joint partnership assessment was completed in October 2022, which found that this is a moderate partnership																					
<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> The partnership has been strengthened against partnership elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A (i) – through Council employees maintaining transparency with all family groups and being accountable to their community.</li> <li>A (ii) – through regular local management meetings.</li> <li>A (iii) – through identifying that the working relationship between the Council and Coen Justice Group is important (future work may consider including the Justice Group in the partnership).</li> <li>C (ii) – through transparency in the completion of a partnership assessment over an extended timeframe, to allow sufficient consideration of the concepts and issues.</li> </ul>																					
<b>26. Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council</b>  Kowanyama Police and Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council work together to address community issues and to facilitate improving the lives of Kowanyama First Nations peoples and improve liveability and safety in Kowanyama.	Place-based	Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	QPS	Priority Reform 4  Socio-economic Outcome and Target 14	Ongoing working relationship  Formal partnership to be established	Yes	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> A joint partnership assessment was completed in November 2022, which found that this is a moderate partnership.																					
<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> The partnership has been strengthened against partnership elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C (ii and iii) – through professionally-run meetings between Council and police where police seek feedback and input from Council on what areas need to be addressed and improved.</li> <li>C (v) – through QPS respect for culture and practices by First Nations people, and decision-making informed by cultural sensitivities and local customs.</li> </ul>																					
<b>27. Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council</b>  Lockhart River Police and Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council work together	Place-based	Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	QPS	Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 10 and 13	Ongoing working relationship  Formal partnership to be established	Yes  Some fields assessed by the Mayor and QPS as being partially present	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓/x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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to improve community safety, and deal with community issues or emerging crime problems.	<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> A joint partnership assessment was completed in April 2022, which found that this is a moderate partnership.</p> <p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b> The partnership has been strengthened against partnership elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A (iii) – through identifying that the working relationship between the Council and Lockhart River Justice Group (Wulpumu Community Justice Group) is important (future work may consider including the Justice Group in the partnership)</li> <li>C (ii) – through transparency in the completion of a partnership assessment over an extended timeframe, to allow sufficient consideration of the concepts and issues.</li> </ul>																					
<p><b>28. Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council</b></p> <p>Wujal Wujal Police and Wujal Wujal Regional Aboriginal Corporation work together and with other agencies to address concerns within the community and provide positive solutions for First Nations persons, thereby encouraging community confidence in police and other agencies.</p>	Place-based	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council	QPS	Priority Reform 3 Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 10 and 11	Ongoing working relationship. A formal partnership is yet to be established.	Yes Some fields assessed by the Mayor as being partially present and some require further discussion	✓	✓	✓					*	✓	✓	✓/*	✓	✓	✓	✓/*	
	<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> A joint partnership assessment was completed in December 2022, which found that this is a moderate partnership.</p> <p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b> The partnership has been strengthened against partnership elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A (iii) – through identifying that the working relationship between the Council and Wujal Wujal Community Justice Group is important (future work may consider including the Justice Group in the partnership).</li> <li>C (ii) – through transparency in the completion of a partnership assessment over an extended timeframe, to allow sufficient consideration of the concepts and issues.</li> </ul>																					
<p><b>29. Rookwood Weir Project Indigenous Land Use Agreements with Darumbal People Aboriginal Corporation (DPAC) and Gaangalu Nations People (GNP)</b></p> <p>The agreements provide oversight of activities around the footprint of the Rookwood Weir Project on country and offer a range of benefits to compensate and</p>	Place-based	DPAC GNP	DRDMW	Priority Reform 2	2022–ongoing	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<p><b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> These partnerships have continued to promote transparency and strong relationships relating to project activities for the weir, highlighting the importance of understanding cultural impacts and sought consent when required for activities undertaken during the life of the project.</p> <p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b> Not applicable.</p>																					



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<b>31. First Nations Reference Group</b> The purpose is to enable internal culturally led perspectives be considered in the development and implementation of policies, programs, processes, and initiatives that impact First Nations people.	Other	Internal First Nations TMR employees	DTMR	Priority Reforms 1 and 3	2023 – ongoing	No (self assessment)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
	<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> Since establishment in April 2023, the partnership has developed an agreed Terms of Reference and has appointed fifteen employees who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.																				
	<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> As this partnership is still in its infancy, procedures and governance arrangements are not yet finalised.																				
<b>32. Community Access Roads Program (CARP)</b> In partnership with the Torres and Cape Indigenous Council Alliance, DTMR is progressing a program of works to upgrade unsealed sections of primary road access to a number or remote Cape York communities.	Place-based	Torres and Cape Indigenous Council Alliance	DTMR	Priority Reform 4 Socio-economic Outcome and Target 8	Ongoing	No (self assessment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
	<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CARP is part of the \$237.5 million Cape York Region Package Stage 2 program of works to continue to deliver infrastructure upgrades on the Cape York Peninsula.</li> <li>Local councils on the Cape York Peninsula carry out these works themselves, with the assistance where required from DTMR.</li> <li>In July 2023, the final two of four sections of sealing and pavement works on 107-kilometre-long Aurukun Access Road were completed, with the road now fully sealed.</li> <li>Aurukun Access Road is the first community access road to be fully sealed from the Peninsular Developmental Road (PDR) under the CARP works.</li> </ul>																				
	<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> The partnership is based on local councils on the Cape York Peninsula carry out the works themselves, with assistance from TMR where required.																				
<b>33. First Nations Training Strategy Consultative Committee</b> is to ensure a voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities in the implementation of <i>Paving the Way</i> – the First Nations Training Strategy. <i>Paving the Way</i> will also drive progress towards meeting Closing the Gap targets for	Other Oversee implementation of actions under <i>Paving the Way</i>	Terms of Reference include stakeholders from a range of training, community and business organisations. High proportion of First Nations people are Committee Members.	DYJESBT	Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 6, 7 and 8	Established January 2023 for 12 months	No (self assessment)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A						
	<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b> Identify and support good practice, opportunities for locally led and community-led and more joined up approach in the delivery of the 11 actions under <i>Paving the Way</i> . Provide advice to support the achievement of training and employment outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.																				
	<b>Strengthening the partnership</b> The <i>Paving the Way</i> is the Government’s vision and plan to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be better connected with training and skilling opportunities that link to sustainable jobs. It provides a vehicle through which a ‘step change’ can occur to drive progress toward meeting <i>National Agreement on Closing the Gap</i> targets for training and employment participation.																				



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<b>36. On Country program</b>	Place-based service delivery	Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation GR8Motive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation	DYJESBT	Priority Reform 2 Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 10, 11 and 12	1 July 2023 to 30 June 2025 (current agreement)	No (self assessment)		✓		✓			✓		✓	✓			✓		
	<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b>																				
	In the 12 months to 30 June 2023, this partnership achieved 135 referrals incoming with 110 accepted; 195 distinct young people active in the reporting period; 100 per cent of distinct young people identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and 53 cases closed with majority of needs met.																				
<b>Strengthening the partnership</b>																					
DYJESBT has undertaken significant community consultation in relation to the procurement of a new provider for the Mount Isa On Country program. This includes meeting with local leadership groups and Traditional Owner groups to inform a culturally safe procurement process. In addition to ensuring the cultural integrity of the new program within the Mount Isa community, the procurement approach has been designed to remove some of the barriers that exist for First Nations organisations when applying for government funding (such as lengthy written procurement responses).																					
<b>37. Cultural mentoring</b>	Place-based service delivery	Wuchopperen Health Service Ltd Kambu Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Health Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Health Services (to 30 June 2023)	DYJESBT	Priority Reform 2 Socio-economic Outcomes and Targets 10, 11 and 12	1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 (current agreement)	No (self assessment)		✓		✓			✓		✓	✓					
	<b>Achievements over the last 12 months</b>																				
	In the last 12 months this partnership achieved 81 referrals incoming with all 81 accepted; 126 distinct young people active in the reporting period; 99 per cent of distinct young people identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and 39 cases closed with majority of needs met.																				
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N/A																					
<b>38. DoE's Early Childhood is seeking advice from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to strengthen decision making on key early childhood initiatives related</b>	Place-based	In each community, the partners vary due to the context and the focus of the particular place-based plan.	All agencies DoE (lead)	Priority Reform 1 Socio-economic outcome and Target 4	Ongoing	Yes															
	<b>Achievements over the past 12 months</b>																				

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to Kindy uplift, Workforce strategy, the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) collection and Free Kindy campaign	Establishment of partnerships that provide opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people a voice in the jointly agreed priorities and design of relevant funding programs that respond to Early Childhood priorities.																				
	<p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>Workforce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Nations early childhood educators and key stakeholders have been engaged to lead the development of actions and provide advice on implementation of initiatives contained within the Early Childhood Workforce Strategy. Co-designing with First Nations stakeholders ensures the Strategy is culturally responsive and properly considers what is required to build a sustainable First Nations workforce in the early childhood sector.</li> </ul> <p>Kindy uplift:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working in partnership with Early Childhood Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experts and leaders to develop guidance materials for over 2000 Kindergartens and Kindy uplift advisors to support services deliver kindergarten programs that are culturally responsive and culturally safe through the Kindy uplift funding program. Ongoing consultation will support Kindy uplift advisors to strengthen their work with kindergartens.</li> </ul> <p>AEDC First Nations project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement of a highly regarded First Nations education expert to travel between August and September to a number of urban, regional and remote communities to listen to educators and community members about how the AEDC can work better for First Nations children, families and communities. Findings from the consultation will support the 2024 AEDC collection communication and future AEDC data literacy materials.</li> </ul> <p>Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCO):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early Childhood in Queensland is working toward a future where ACCOs design and deliver early childhood learning and services that meet the needs of their people and community. To achieve this, DoE is working with key ACCOs to understand the current barriers and determine new pathways and solutions in partnering and provisioning service delivery. An ACCO stakeholder group is being established to continue discussions and develop strategies to continue to grow a sustainable ACCO sector and ways of working that allow for Communities to address their needs.</li> </ul> <p>Cultural Capability for the Early Childhood Regulatory Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of professional learning (including an ongoing community of practice) to raise awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, so that Authorised Officers understand and acknowledge the importance of culturally appropriate engagement and learning in service delivery, in order to provide inclusive, safe and supportive environments that promote meaningful participation by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.</li> </ul>																				
<p><b>39. DoE's Placed-based Community Partnerships</b></p> <p>The Department of Education (DoE) is partnering with local communities to give all children a strong start.</p> <p>DoE's focus on Placed- Based Community Partnerships aims to ensure communities and places with the highest vulnerability or need are prioritised</p>	Place-based	In each community, the partners vary due to the context and the focus of the particular placed-based plan.	All agencies DoE (lead)	Priority Reform 1 Socio-economic outcome and Target 4	This Place-Based work will continue on from the Connect 4 Children strategy and will expand into additional communities guided by verified data. Partnerships are ongoing and continue to grow for each community, derived from local priorities for	Yes Plans will be co-designed and agreed upon by all parties															

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and provided with differentiated support. Place Based Plans will guide DoE, communities and stakeholders to work together to:					local solutions.																	
<p><b>Achievements over the past 12 months</b></p> <p>Strong partnerships have ensured services, programs and systems are driven by the priorities of the local community. Collaboration with communities and services have helped to strengthen integration and responsiveness of services for young children and their families through the implementation of priority actions.</p> <p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>Regional Directors conduct Deep Dives in priority locations, to review the progress of local actions and system responsiveness to key priorities. The introduction of a middle layer of governance continues to support the authorising environment and align other Whole-of-Government and DoE responses focused on giving all children a strong start.</p> <p>DoE has further evolved its <i>Equity and Excellence</i> strategy, with an explicit focus on <i>Starting Strong</i>. This includes prioritising Early Childhood outcomes through supporting and working with communities to set critical foundations for wellbeing and learning for every child through quality early childhood education and early years services. Through effective partnerships DoE will focus on the following priority pillars:</p> <p>Positive and Confident Transitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>supporting families, early childhood education and care services and schools to positively transition children from home to quality early learning services, kindergarten and schools.</li> </ul> <p>Quality Improvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>working cooperatively with the Regulatory Authority to target and support services working towards quality improvement.</li> </ul> <p>Participation and Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>work to remove barriers so that ALL children have equitable access to early learning pathways including approved kindergarten programs, that are free of cost to families, delivered by a qualified Early Childhood Teacher, with a strong focus on First Nations children.</li> </ul> <p>Wellbeing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>creating positive and confident transitions, improving quality and increasing participation and engagement leading to improvements in connection to family and community; development and learning; and an overall sense of belonging and wellbeing.</li> </ul> <p>Success of these priorities will be measured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100 per cent of all children kindergarten age accessing quality, culturally responsive and inclusion ready kindergarten programs;</li> <li>Number of place-based plans developed and implemented;</li> <li>Number of partnership schools Early Childhood Education and Care has connected with to support improvement; and</li> <li>reduction in the percentage of children who are developmentally vulnerable in one or more Australian Early Development Census domains to 22 per cent by 2025.</li> </ul>																						
<p><b>40. Gundoo Early Learning Centre</b></p> <p>The purpose of the agreement is to deliver programs and services under the integrated service delivery funding category that support children and families aged from birth to eight in Cherbourg.</p> <p>The intended outcomes specified in</p>	Place-based	Gundoo Aboriginal Corporation Other partners include but are not limited to: Cherbourg Regional Aboriginal and Islander Community Controlled Health Services and Indigenous Knowledge Centre	DoE QH (and the DDSW Hospital and Health Service) QPS Cherbourg State School	Priority Reforms 1 and 2 Socio-economic outcome and Target 4	The service agreement commits DoE to funding the Early Years Place (EYP) in Cherbourg until June 2024.	Yes – Gundoo works in partnership with DoE to achieve Early Childhood (EC) outcomes in accordance with the funding agreement.																
<p><b>Achievements over the past 12 months</b></p> <p>Strong partnerships have ensured services, programs and systems are driven by the priorities of the local community. Collaboration with communities and services have helped to strengthen integration and responsiveness of services for young children and their families through the implementation of priority actions.</p>																						

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<p>the service agreement are underpinned by the Integrated Service Delivery Funding Guidelines, while the processes, activities and strategies for achieving the outcomes specified in the guidelines are community informed and implemented by Gundoo Early Years Place.</p>	<p>DoE has funded an Early Years Place (EYP) for Cherbourg to support children from birth to eight years old and their families, in early development, learning and wellbeing. Gundoo Aboriginal Corporation is the funded organisation operating the EYP in a co-located space adjacent to the Gundoo Early Learning Centre. The partnership and funding arrangement with Gundoo Aboriginal Corporation leverages successful community engagement and development approaches evident in the Gundoo Early Learning Centre. It also provides the opportunity for co-design and co-delivery of services for families with other organisations inside and outside of the EYP. This may include delivering a range of services and activities including playgroup in other locations in the community in partnership with a government or non-government organisation.</p> <p>The intended outcomes specified in the service agreement are underpinned by the Integrated Service Delivery Funding Guidelines, while the processes, activities and strategies for achieving the outcomes specified in the guidelines are community informed and implemented by Gundoo Early Years Place.</p> <p>Gundoo EYP has a strong effective partnership with Community Health that enables the joint delivery of parenting programs and regular playgroups held onsite with Community Health staff. This enables parents/carers and children to engage in play-based activities and Community Health staff to discuss developmental issues or participate in child development health checks at the same time.</p> <p>Strong partnerships with other programs including Bushkids, South Burnett Community Training Centre (CTC) Youth and Family Programs and the Bridges Health and Community Care initiatives of the Bundaberg Regional Council, enables strong referral pathways to support families in accessing early childhood and development intervention services as needed.</p>																				
	<p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>Regional Directors conduct deep dives in priority locations, to review the progress of local actions and system responsiveness to key priorities. The introduction of a middle layer of governance, and with oversight and collaboration with funding (contract) managers, continues to support the authorising environment and align other whole-of-Government and DoE responses focused on partnering with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations in giving all children a strong start.</p>																				
<p><b>41. Palm Island Early Years Place (EYP)</b></p> <p>The purpose of the agreement is to deliver programs and services under the integrated service delivery funding category that support children and families aged from birth to eight in Palm Island.</p> <p>The intended outcomes specified in the service agreement are underpinned by the Integrated Service Delivery Funding Guidelines, while the processes, activities and strategies for achieving the outcomes specified in the guidelines are community informed and implemented by Palm Island Community Centre Early Years Place.</p>	Place-based	<p>Palm Island Community Centre (PICC)</p> <p>Other partners include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadly Choices (Institute for Urban Indigenous Health)</li> <li>• St. Michael's Catholic School</li> <li>• Bwgcolman State School</li> <li>• Talk HQ</li> <li>• PAEDS clinic</li> <li>• Child Development Services</li> <li>• Deadly Ears</li> <li>• Hearing Australia</li> <li>• Joyce Palmer Hospital</li> <li>• Palm Island Early Years Reference Group</li> <li>• Registry of Births, Deaths</li> </ul>	<p>DoE</p> <p>QH (and the Hospital and Health Service)</p> <p>QPS</p> <p>Bwgcolman State School.</p> <p>St Michael's Catholic School Palm Island</p> <p>Goodoo Long Day Care Centre</p>	<p>Priority Reforms 1 and 2</p> <p>Socio-economic outcome and Target 4</p>	<p>The service agreement commits DoE to funding the EYP in Palm Island until June 2024.</p>	<p>Yes – PICC works in partnership with DoE to achieve EC outcomes in accordance with the funding agreement.</p>															
	<p><b>Achievements over the past 12 months</b></p> <p>Partnerships have ensured services, programs and systems are driven by the priorities of the local community. Collaboration with communities and services have helped to strengthen integration and responsiveness of services for young children and their families through the implementation of priority actions.</p> <p>DoE has funded an Early Years Place (EYP) for Palm Island to support children from birth to eight years old and their families in early development, learning and wellbeing. PICC is the funded organisation operating the EYP. The partnership and funding arrangement with PICC leverages the community engagement and development approaches and provides DoE the opportunity for co-design and co-delivery of early childhood programs services for families with other organisations inside and outside of the EYP. PICC currently provides a range of services and activities including playgroup, child and maternal health (allied health and visiting health services, parenting and family supports and transport.</p> <p>The intended outcomes specified in the service agreement are underpinned by the Integrated Service Delivery Funding Guidelines, while the processes, activities and strategies for achieving the outcomes specified in the guidelines are community informed and implemented by Palm Island Community Centre EYP.</p>																				
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<p>Regional Directors conduct deep dives in priority locations, to review the progress of local actions and system responsiveness to key priorities. The introduction of a middle layer of governance, and with oversight and collaboration with funding (contract) managers, continues to support the authorising environment and align other whole-of-Government and DoE responses focused on partnering with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations in giving all children a strong start.</p> <p>DoE is progressing a place-based consultation process to hear community voice regarding Early Childhood Services on Palm Island. Both users and non-users of the services across the community will be part of the consultation to determine the reasons for and barriers to service usage. The primary purpose is to discuss the objectives and outcomes of the community consultation session with PICC as the funded Early Years Place provider. Consultation is continuing with other early childhood providers operating on Palm Island including the State and Catholic Schools, the Long Day Care services and other funded childhood providers. The outcome of the consultation will be a codesigned plan for Early Childhood reimaged on Palm Island.</p>																					
<p><b>42. Deadly Kindies</b></p> <p>The purpose of the funding agreements are to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families to transition into and enrol and participate in kindergarten programs in targeted locations; and to increase access to early childhood development and improve the effectiveness of the early childhood development system.</p>	Place-based	<p>Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUHI)</p> <p>Other partners include but are not limited to Internal IUHI partners such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birthing in Our Community</li> <li>• Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program</li> <li>• Moreton Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service</li> <li>• National Disability Insurance Service (NDIS) Access</li> <li>• The Benevolent Society</li> <li>• IUHI Member services – Kambu, ATSICHS, Kalwun and Yulu Burri Ba.</li> </ul> <p>External Partners include but are not limited to a number of private long day care and kindergarten services and DoE funded Early Years Places.</p>	DoE Creche and Kindergarten Association	<p>Priority Reforms 1 and 2</p> <p>Socio-economic outcome and Target 4</p>	The service agreement commits DoE to June 2024	Yes – IUHI works in partnership with DoE to achieve Early Childhood outcomes in accordance with the funding agreement.															
<p><b>Achievements over the past 12 months</b></p> <p>Partnerships have ensured Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are able to access, enrol and participate in kindergarten programs. Partnerships have enabled IUHI to lead and participate in programs and activities that enable children and families to access relevant medical and allied health services that assist in effective and successful transitions to kindergarten. IUHI have supported the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) sector in becoming more aware and confident in embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives within the early learning environments, ensuring kindergartens are culturally safe and welcoming for children and families.</p>																					
<p><b>Strengthening the partnership</b></p> <p>The Early Childhood Division in DoE review the outcomes of investment in accordance with departmental and government objectives and assess progress of local actions and system responsiveness to key priorities. DoE has oversight of the strategies and continues to support the partnering with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations in giving all children a strong start.</p>																					
<p><b>Total Part B, Partnerships that include some level of shared decision making - 42</b></p>																					

## Glossary

Agency acronyms referenced in this document.

Queensland Government Agencies	
<b>DAF</b>	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
<b>DCSSDS</b>	Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services
<b>DoE</b>	Department of Education
<b>DEPW</b>	Department of Energy and Public Works
<b>DES</b>	Department of Environment and Science
<b>DoH</b>	Department of Housing
<b>DJAG</b>	Department of Justice and Attorney-General
<b>QCS</b>	Queensland Corrective Services
<b>QFES</b>	Queensland Fire and Emergency Services
<b>QH</b>	Queensland Health
<b>HWQ</b>	Health and Wellbeing Queensland
<b>QPS</b>	Queensland Police Service
<b>QT</b>	Queensland Treasury
<b>DRDMW</b>	Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water
<b>DoR</b>	Department of Resources
<b>DPC</b>	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
<b>PSC</b>	Public Sector Commission
<b>DSDILGP</b>	Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning
<b>DTIS</b>	Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport
<b>DTMR</b>	Department of Transport and Main Roads
<b>DTATSIPCA</b>	Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts
<b>AQ</b>	Arts Queensland
<b>SLQ</b>	State Library of Queensland
<b>DYJESBT</b>	Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training