# Indigenous Evaluation Committee

# Meeting Communiqué, 13 September 2019

The Indigenous Evaluation Committee’s fifth meeting was held in Canberra on   
13 September 2019.

## Key discussions

* The Policy Analysis and Evaluation Branch provided updates on the:
  + National Indigenous Australians Agency’s (NIAA) implementation of the recommendations from the Australian National Audit Office’s audit of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) Evaluation Framework.
  + Status of the 2019-20 IAS Annual Evaluation Work Plan and evaluations and strategies in the IAS 2018-19 Evaluation Work Plan.
  + Timeframe for the publishing of completed evaluations.
  + Development of a tool to assist with the prioritisation of evaluations.
  + Development of an Indigenous Data Strategy.
* Commissioner Romlie Mokak from the Productivity Commission presented on the development of a whole of government Evaluation Strategy for policies and programs affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
* The Education, Community Safety and Health Group presented on the work to strengthen *policy and* program architecture.
* The Health and Wellbeing Branch provided an update on youth suicide prevention activities.
* The Policy Analysis and Evaluation Branch presented an update on the *Early Childhood evaluation Strategy*.

## Key message

The Committee highlighted the importance of building the evaluation capability of staff and noted that evaluation should be embedded within the NIAA.

## Other business

* The Committee proposed that at the next Committee meeting updates are provided on:
  + Policy and program architecture
  + Randomised Controlled Trials

## Next meeting

* The Committee’s next meeting is planned for March 2020.

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