



Secretaries Board Communique

Date: 20 August 2025

The Secretaries Board met at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to discuss the following matters.

Strategic Outlook

The Board discussed government decisions, priorities, emerging risks and strategic issues and noted the Government's focus is on delivery during its second term.

The Board received an update on geostrategic issues from Ms Jan Adams AO PSM, Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Mr Greg Moriarty AO, Secretary, Department of Defence.

The Board received an economic and budget update from Mr Richard Windeyer, Acting Secretary, Department of Finance, and Mr Damien White, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

Ms Katherine Jones PSM, Secretary, Attorney-General's Department led an update and discussion on the delivery of Government commitments.

Closing the Gap

Ms Jody Broun updated the Board on Closing the Gap, including implementation of key milestones for 2025 and received a briefing from Ms Pat Turner AM, Lead Convenor, and Ms Lisa Charles, Executive Director, of the Coalition of Peaks.

The Board noted the findings of the Independent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-Led Review of Closing the Gap and discussed opportunities to support Closing the Gap commitments.

Other Business

The Board thanked Ms Jody Broun for her contributions and leadership as Chief Executive Officer of the National Indigenous Australians Agency ahead of her departure at the end of the month.

Next Meeting

The next Secretaries Board meeting is scheduled for 17 September 2025.