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## Partnership Priorities Committee

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The Partnership Priorities Committee (Committee) met for the sixth time in 2024 to discuss the following matters.

### **Justice Reinvestment**

The Committee noted the initiatives under the National Justice Reinvestment Program and the work underway on the Justice Reinvestment in Central Australia Program and the National Justice Reinvestment Unit. They also discussed opportunities for whole of government coordination to support joint efforts, place-based approaches and Justice Reinvestment initiatives.

### **Supporting Partnership and engagement through APS Reform**

The Committee noted work to strengthen partnerships and engagements between government and external stakeholders, exploring ways to strengthen the capability of the APS in putting people and business at the centre of policy, implementation and delivery.

### **Place-Based Engagement Networks**

The Committee noted and discussed networks across Australian Government agencies and endorsed relevant agencies returning to the Partnership Priorities Committee with recommendations on how the networks can be better connected and leveraged. Better connections with existing networks will maximise on-the-ground insights and evidence to inform policy design and delivery decisions.

### **Empowered Communities**

The Committee received an update on the Empowered Communities partnership with the Australian Government. Empowered Communities are seeking opportunities to work collaboratively across governments, sectors and programs to maximise the impact of the partnership on supporting outcomes in their regions.

The Committee noted there is an opportunity to expand the partnership with Commonwealth agencies.

### **Closing the Gap Place-Based Partnerships**

The Committee received a progress update on the Closing the Gap Place-Based Partnerships. The Placed-Based Partnerships will seek opportunities to work in a shared decision-making practice with First Nations people and across Governments to maximise the impacts of the partnerships.

Ongoing and sustainable funding for Place-Based Partnerships will be required in the long-term. There is a need for Commonwealth agencies to actively collaborate in the development and implementation of these partnerships.