



Blueprint for Youth Justice Taskforce

Workshop – 10 July 2018

The Blueprint for Youth Justice Taskforce (the Taskforce) held their eighth meeting on 10 July 2018 to progress the refresh of the ACT Government's 10-year *Blueprint for Youth Justice in the ACT 2012-22*. This meeting was the second of two half-day workshops to consider information received by the Taskforce to date and how this information can be used to progress the priorities of the *Blueprint for Youth Justice in the ACT 2012-22* (Blueprint) over the next five years.

Organisations participating at the workshop were: the Community Services Directorate (CSD), the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body, Aboriginal Legal Services, Legal Aid, PCYC, Youth Coalition, Woden Community Services, Koomarri, ACT Policing, Education Directorate (EDU), Justice and Community Safety Directorate (JaCS), Health Directorate, and Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD).

The Taskforce considered in detail how the Blueprint might advance two of the identified priority areas over the final five years of the Strategy. The priority areas considered at this workshop were:

- Improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people; and
- Disability justice in the context of the youth justice system

Ms Katrina Fanning, Chairperson, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body and Mr Leo Nickels, ACT Practice Manager, Aboriginal Legal Service addressed the Taskforce and provided strategic and operational advice to guide the workshop's discussion.

The Taskforce also heard from Ms Robyn Bicket, JaCS on the issues faced by people with disability and their contact with the justice system and development of the Disability Justice Strategy.

The next meeting of the Taskforce is scheduled for August 2018.

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