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Topic: National Disability Strategy

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Senator Carol Brown asked:

Given improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability are one of the key action areas (P. 8 Driving Action 2015 - 2018); What consultation has the Department had with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

Answer:

The Department engages with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, as stakeholders, in its disability engagement activities. The development of the *Australian Government Plan on Improving Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability* (the Plan) (currently being finalised) has been informed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability, their representative organisations, researchers and community organisations. Engagement was undertaken through a roundtable and the establishment of a focus group. The focus group met three times, and provided out-of-session advice and comments on drafts of the Plan.