

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
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**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
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**Outcome Number: 3.1 Disability, Mental Health and Carers      Question No: SQ17-000437**

**Topic: National Disability Strategy**

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**Senator Carol Brown** asked:

On P. 9 of the Second Implementation Plan (Driving Action 2015 - 2018), it states "all levels of government have agreed to convene a series of targeted, solution-focused workshops. A minimum of three workshops will be held each year." Can the Department identify how many workshops have taken place? Where have the workshops taken place and what were the outcomes? What were the dates of these workshops and who attended?

**Answer:**

One workshop has taken place, on 2 May 2017 in Sydney. This workshop focussed on improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability.

The workshop was the first of five workshops to be held in response to the Redfern Statement. The workshop also responds to the Government's commitment in the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020 Second Implementation Plan: Driving Action 2015-2018 to hold annual solutions-focussed workshops focussed on improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people with disability.

Attendees at the workshop comprised representatives from: First Peoples Disability Network, Machado Joseph Disease Foundation, Australian Federation of Disability Organisations, National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health, SNAICC – National Voice for Our Children, Indigenous Allied Health Australia, People with Disability Australia Incorporated, Synapse, Disabled People's Organisations Australia, Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara Women's Council, the Australian Human Rights Commission, Department of Social Services, the National Disability Insurance Agency, and the wider community.

The Communiqué is attached.

Dates and locations for the other two workshops to be held in 2017 (improving employment outcomes for people with disability and one focused on a topic yet to be determined) have not yet been confirmed.