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# Closing the Gap Information Repository

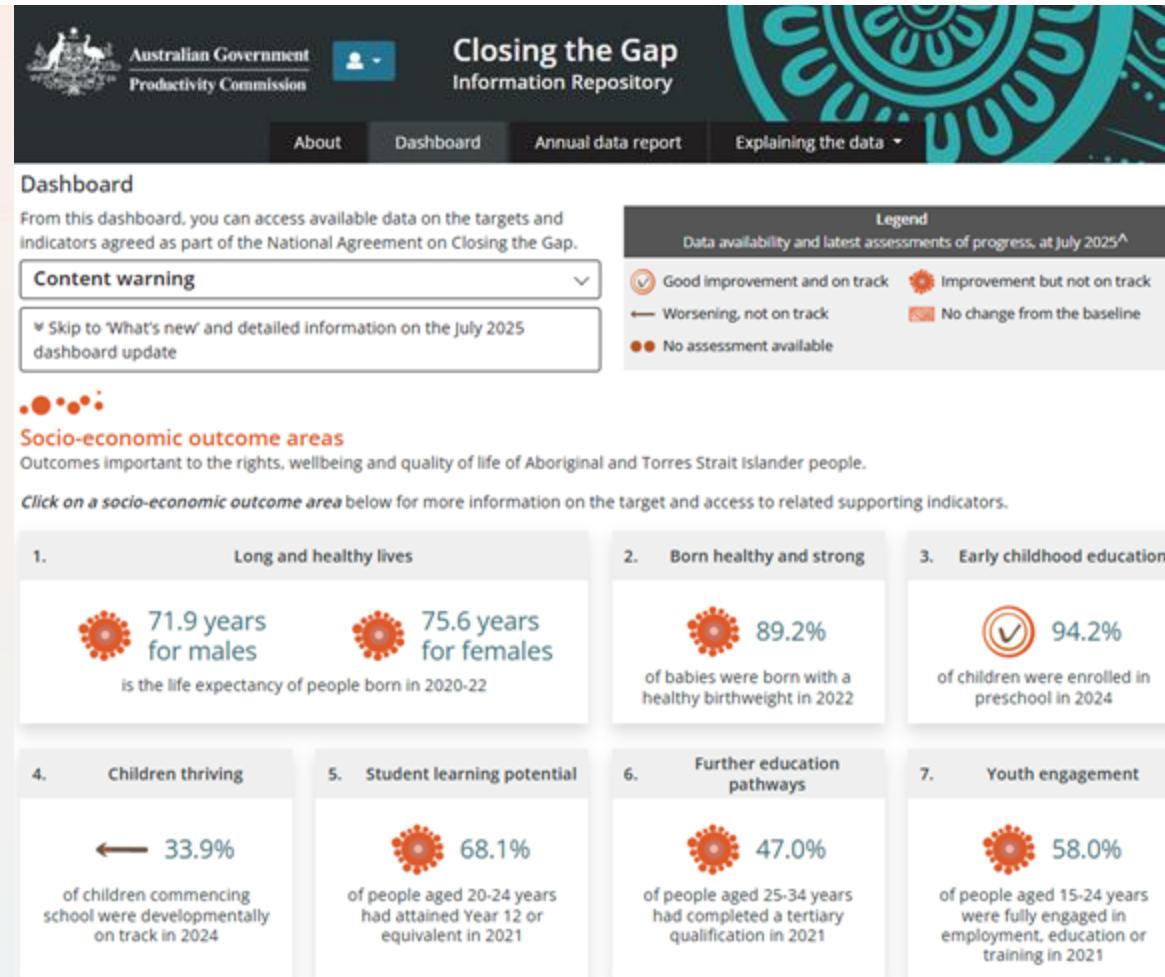
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Closing the Gap dashboard



# **Acknowledgement of Country**

# The Closing the Gap dashboard assesses progress towards the agreed outcomes of the National Agreement



**Dashboard | Closing the Gap Information Repository - Productivity Commission (pc.gov.au)**

# The scope of the dashboard is large

**Data specified in the National Agreement**

**4 Priority Reforms**

**17 Socio-economic outcomes**

**4 targets**

**19 targets**

**18 supporting indicators**

**146 supporting indicators**

**6 data development items**

**123 data development items**

**Currently on the dashboard**

**No data for the Priority Reforms**

**Data for 18 of 19 Socio-economic outcomes**

**Data for 48 Supporting indicators**

# The information repository continues to report mixed progress

## Fifteen socio-economic targets with data available to assess progress



4 targets show good improvement and are on track



6 targets show improvement but are not on track



1 target has no change from the baseline



4 targets are worsening



4 targets cannot be assessed



# **Built in partnership**

# The National Agreement and performance reporting framework has been built in partnership



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Northern Territory



Victoria



Australian Capital Territory



Queensland



New South Wales



Tasmania



Western Australia



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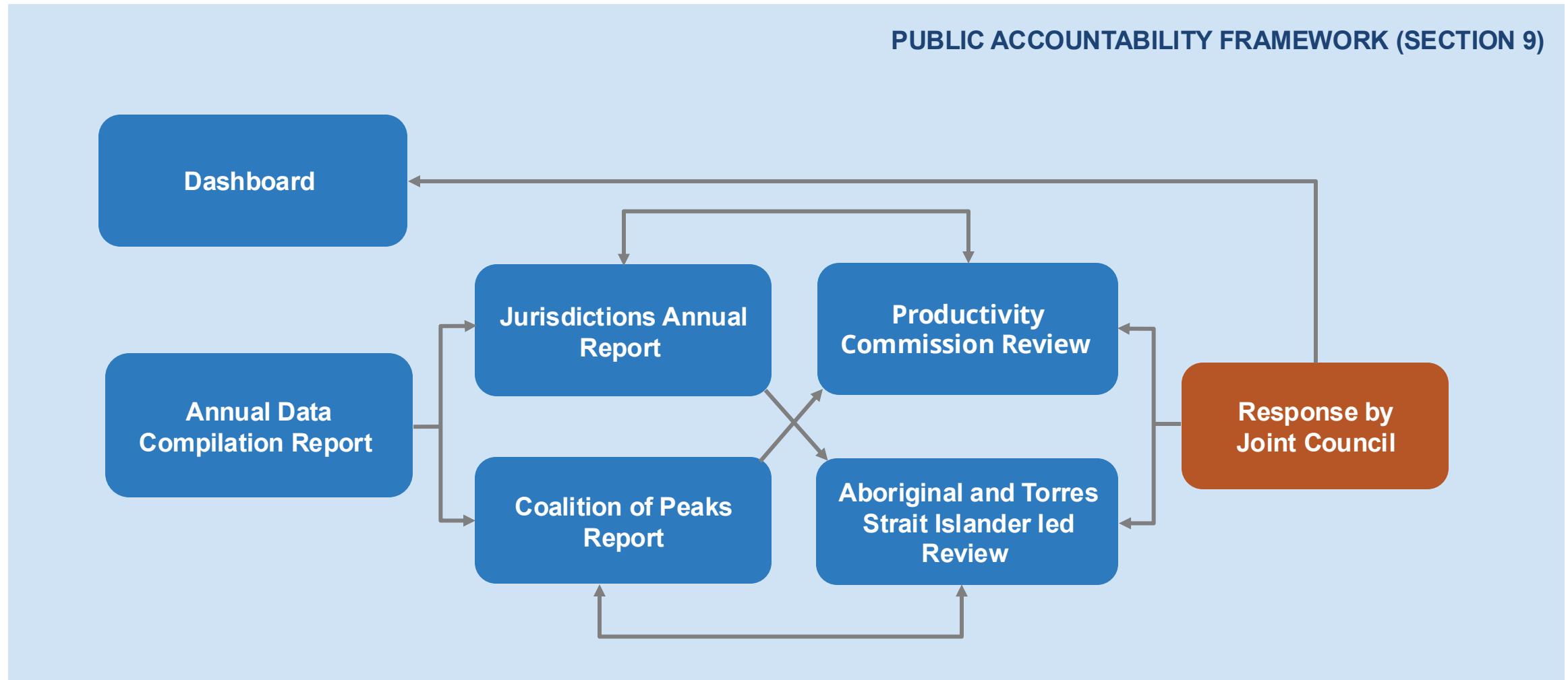


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# And is part of a broader public accountability framework



# Considering context

# Beyond the headline - considering context

## Disaggregations

- provide insights into the outcomes and experiences in different regions and population groups

## Supporting indicators

- help to understand the drivers for change and context to the outcomes

## Historical and ongoing context

- promote a richer understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people/s and the historical contexts that help explain current day outcomes



# Indigenous story-telling through the data

*When it comes to the histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, it is data that tells our stories on a grand scale. Each statistic or number in a data report can be traced back to a person – an individual star – who happened to be asked or chose to share their story with others.*

- Dr Scott Avery



## Further work

# The work is ongoing

## Data gaps:

- There is no data to assess progress on the Priority Reforms
- We do not have an assessment of progress for four socio-economic targets
- Many targets have only been assessed once
- The dashboard reports on 54 of the 164 supporting indicators
- 150 data development items

## Community level data

- has the potential to provide more relevant information for local decision-makers and local partnerships



# Thank you

The Productivity Commission and the Parties to the Agreement wish to acknowledge all people that have contributed to the stories shared through the Information Repository, as well as those who have chosen not to identify but whose stories remain important.

**Further queries?**

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