

Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council

Meeting communique

The sixth meeting of the third Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council (MQAC) was held on 27 August 2024 in Brisbane, chaired by the Honourable Charis Mullen, Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Multicultural Affairs.

MQAC members received a presentation from Multicultural Affairs Queensland on the new Queensland Multicultural Action Plan 2024–25 to 2026–27 (Action Plan), which was launched on 23 August 2024.

It is the fourth Multicultural Action Plan released since 2016 to advance Queensland Multicultural Policy priorities.

The Action Plan includes 105 actions being delivered by 31 agencies across four Focus Areas: (1) Deliver culturally responsive services; (2) Drive diversity and inclusion across the Public Sector; (3) Strengthen our economy; and (4) Promote social cohesion.

This was followed by the Director-General, Department of Child Safety, Disability Services and Seniors discussing the department's actions under the fourth Action Plan.

MQAC members provided advice on the department's commitment to review child and family services across 2-3 locations to test service system responsiveness to the needs of children and families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

The review process is an opportunity to take stock of how well services are meeting the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse communities and identify opportunities for enhancements to create improved outcomes for children and families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

MQAC members discussed and identified opportunities to support the implementation of the fourth Action Plan.

The Council noted accountability of Queensland Government agencies with actions under the Action Plan, improving employment outcomes for migrants and refugees, and anti-racism strategies as key priorities.

This was the last formal MQAC meeting for 2024. The next meeting of MQAC will be scheduled for early 2025.