

Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council

Meeting communique

The sixth meeting of the second term of the Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council (the Council) was held on 10 February 2021 and chaired by the Honourable Leanne Linard MP, Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs.

The Council started with a discussion on opportunities for Multicultural Queensland Month in 2021 and on engaging with Queensland's faith communities, which was identified as a gap during 2020 particularly in relation to disseminating information about COVID-19.

The Council then met with the Deputy-Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service and the Queensland Human Rights Commissioner regarding the increase in racially motivated incidents during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council also met with the Director-General, Department of Justice and Attorney-General and a representative from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet regarding activities addressing domestic and family violence.

Opportunities created by the forming of the new Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs were discussed, including stronger engagement with culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Finally, during general discussion members spoke about the importance of an ongoing conversation about racism, investment in the multicultural sector and improving employment opportunities for migrants and refugees.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for May 2021.