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Question:

Can the Department explain their understanding of the Change the Record Coalition most recent report on justice targets?

Answer:

In their most recent report released in May 2017, *Over-represented and overlooked: the crisis of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women's growing over-imprisonment*, the Change the Record Coalition and the Human Rights Law Centre outline 18 recommendations to redress what they describe as racialised and gendered justice system outcomes.

Recommendation 6 calls for the Council of Australian Governments to develop, in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak organisations, national justice targets to:

- close the gap in the rates of imprisonment between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous people by 2040; and
- cut disproportionate rates of violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to at least close the gap by 2040, with priority strategies for women and children.