

Day 1 – 21 February 2012

9:00–10:30am Welcome

Welcome to Country—Matilda House
Welcome to the Meeting—David Kalisch, Director, AIHW
Welcome from Country representatives:

- Representative from NACCHO, Australia
- Michelle Chino, USA
- Malcolm King, Canada
- Atawhai Tibble, New Zealand

Dance performance by the *Aboriginal Dance Group Wiradjuri Echos*

10:30–11:00am Morning tea

11:00–12:30pm Session 1

How we set the scene (link between information/Indicators and policy)

Moderator: Ian Ring, Australia

- Debra Reid, Australia
- Fritz Scheuren, USA
- Valerie Gideon, Canada (remote presentation)
- John Waldon, New Zealand

12:30–1:30pm Lunch

1.30–3:00pm Session 2

Evidence based policy and knowledge translation

Moderator: Malcolm King, Canada

- Margo Greenwood, Canada
- Jeff Henderson, USA
- Fadwa Al-Yaman; Ian Ring, Australia

3:00–3:30pm Afternoon tea

3.30–5:00pm Session 3

Ownership use and data principles—issues and solutions

Moderator: John Waldon, New Zealand

- Arawhetu Gray, New Zealand
- Jane Gray; Judith Bartlett, Canada
- Michelle Chino, USA
- Sophie Couzos, Australia

7:00pm Dinner – The Deck at Regatta Point, Parkes

MC: David Kalisch, Director AIHW, Australia

- Welcome: David Kalisch
- Dinner speaker: Shane Houston, Australia
- Entertainment: Sean Choolburra (Indigenous Comedian from Australia)

Day 2 – 22 February 2012

9:00–10:30am Session 4

Indicators with a focus on Registers

Moderator: John Waldon, New Zealand

- Liz Sullivan; Jon Williams, Australia
- David Espey, USA
- Valerie Gideon; Jennifer Pennock, Canada, (remote presentation)
- Brenda Elias; Lyna Hart, Canada
- Atawhai Tibble, New Zealand

10:30–11:00am Morning tea

11:00–12:30pm Session 5

Risk Factor Surveillance and Monitoring

Moderator: Tom Calma, Australia

- Patricia Nez Henderson, USA
- Jane Gray, Canada
- John Waldon, New Zealand
- Paul Jelfs, Australia

12:30–1:30pm Lunch

1:30–3:00pm Session 6

Workforce Development

Moderator: Lisa Jackson Pulver, Australia

- Teshia Solomon, USA
- Lisa Jackson Pulver, Australia
- Malcolm King, Canada
- Arawhetu Gray, New Zealand

3:00–3:30pm Afternoon tea

3:30–5:30pm Session 7

International collaborations /activities

Moderator: Sam Notzon, USA

- Warwick Anderson, Australia
- Malcolm King, Canada
- Kue Young; Susan Chatwood, Canada
- Annmaree O'Keeffe
- Jane Freemantle, Australia

Day 3 – 23 February 2012

10:00–10:30am Morning tea (networking)

10:30–12:30pm Session 8

Infant and Child Mortality

Moderator: Sam Notzon, USA

Presentations and discussions

- Mike Tjepkema, Canada (remote presentation)
- Jane Freemantle, Australia
- Michelle Chino, USA
- Pat Tuohy, New Zealand (remote presentation)

12:30–1:30pm Lunch

1.30–3.00pm Session 9

Mortality rates/ life expectancy estimates

Moderator: Richard Madden, Australia

Presentations and discussions

- Brenda Elias, Canada
- David Espey, USA
- AIHW, ABS, Len Smith; Ching Choi, Australia

3:00–3:30pm Afternoon tea

3:30–5.00pm Session 9 continued

Mortality rates/ life expectancy estimates continued

Moderator: Richard Madden, Australia

Presentations and discussions

- Brenda Elias, Canada
- David Espey, USA
- AIHW; ABS; Len Smith; Ching Choi, Australia

Day 4 – 24 February 2012

9:00–10:30am Summary

Sam Notzon, USA

10:30–11:00am Morning tea

11:00–12:30pm Actionable items

Sam Notzon, USA

12:30–1:30pm Lunch and closing ceremony

Didgeridoo performance by *Wiradjuri Echos*

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare is honoured to host the *International Group for Indigenous Health Measurement* meeting in 2012.

This will be the fifth meeting of the Group, the first held in Vancouver in 2005.

The Measurement Group is a network of people from government and non-government arenas from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United States who are united in the desire to improve the collection, analysis, dissemination and use of health information for Indigenous populations.

The purpose of the meeting is to progress international collaboration to address health measurement issues for Indigenous populations, building on work from previous meetings.

The meetings bring together representatives from Indigenous organisations, national statistical agencies, departments of health, and researchers from the four countries.

The meeting will allow participants to present information on the work they are doing in their own countries to overcome current data deficiencies, share best practice and lessons learnt, and facilitate collaborative projects in the area of Indigenous health measurement between the countries with the ultimate aim of improving Indigenous health and wellbeing.



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A Clearinghouse for evidence-based research on overcoming disadvantage for Indigenous Australians

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On the Clearinghouse site you will find:

Publications: resource sheets and issues papers that synthesise the evidence, and an annual paper on the key learnings from the Clearinghouse

Assessed collection: research and evaluations relevant to overcoming Indigenous disadvantage

General collection: publications relating to COAG building blocks

Research and evaluation register: recently completed and in-progress research and evaluations by Australian governments

Events calendar: information on seminars, conferences and workshops

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- Sending us details of your seminars and workshops for the Events Calendar
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- Visiting and using the Closing the Gap Clearinghouse website and resources
- Giving us feedback on how we can improve the Clearinghouse resources

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Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Who we are

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) is a major national agency, providing reliable, regular and relevant information and statistics on Australia's health and welfare.

Our aim is to produce authoritative information and statistics to promote better health and wellbeing.

Governments and the community use our reports and data in discussing, debating, and making policy decisions on health, housing and community services matters.

What we do

The AIHW produces authoritative reports and information products on key health and welfare issues in Australia. One of our primary roles is to collect, analyse and report information drawn from health services, community services and housing assistance services.

Data are the core resource of the Institute. In doing our work we collaborate closely and have effective data partnerships with many experts from around Australia, including the Australian Bureau of Statistics, governments at all levels, universities, research centres, and non-government organisations.

The Institute also works closely with governments and non-government organisations to achieve greater adherence to national data standards, which in turn leads to more consistent and comparable data and more accurate reporting.

Our people

We have about 400 staff based in Canberra. Our staff are skilled in statistical analysis, epidemiology and demography, information development, data management, communication and public sector administration. Collaborating units based at universities bring specialist knowledge to areas such as asthma, dental health, injury, the burden of disease, immunisation, HIV/AIDS and public health.

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Presentations - IGIHM 2012

Presentations from the International Group for Indigneous Health Measurement meeting held in Canberra, Australia, 21 - 24 February 2012.

Day 1 - 21 February 2012

Session 1

How we set the scene. The link between information/indicators and policy

Moderator: Ian Ring, UOW, Australia

- Debra Reid, OATSIH, Australia - [Debra Reid presentation \(261KB PDF\)](#)
- Fritz Scheuren, NORC, USA - [Fritz Scheuren presentation \(245KB PDF\)](#)
- Valerie Gideon, FNIH, HC, Canada (remote presentation) - [Valerie Gideon presentation \(397KB PDF\)](#)
- John Waldon, NZ - [John Waldon presentation \(1326KB PDF\)](#)

Session 2

Evidence based policy and knowledge translation

Moderator: Malcolm King, Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health, Canada

- Margo Greenwood, NCCAHA, Canada - [Margo Greenwood presentation \(1379KB PDF\)](#)
- Jeff Henderson, USA - Verbal presentation
- Fadwa Al-Yaman, Australia - [Fadwa Al-Yaman & Ian Ring presentation \(756KB PDF\)](#)
- Ian Ring, UOW, Australia

Session 3

Ownership use and data principles - issues and solutions

Moderator: John Waldon, NZ

- Arawhetu Gray, Maori Caucus, NZ - [Arawhetu Gray presentation \(980KB PDF\)](#)
- Jane Gray, FNIGC, Canada - [Jane Gray presentation \(1162KB PDF\)](#)
- Michelle Chino, UNLV, USA - [Michelle Chino presentation \(712KB PDF\)](#)

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- Sophie Couzos, NACCHO, Australia - [Sophie Couzos presentation \(1595KB PDF\)](#)

Day 2 - 22 February 2012

Session 4

Indicators with focus on Registers

Moderator: John Waldon, NZ

- Liz Sullivan, NPESU AIHW - [Liz Sullivan presentation \(444KB PDF\)](#)
- Jon Williams, ABS, Australia - [Jon Williams presentation \(201KB PDF\)](#)
- David Espey, CDC, USA - [David Espey presentation \(1744KB PDF\)](#)
- Valerie Gideon/Jennifer Pennock, FNIH, HC, Canada (remote presentation) - [V. Gideon/J. Pennock presentation \(279KB PDF\)](#)
- Brenda Elias, UM; Lyna Hart, Canada - [Brenda Elias presentation \(1106KB PDF\)](#) ; [Lyna Hart presentation \(850KB PDF\)](#)
- Atawhai Tibble, Statistics NZ - [Atawhai Tibble presentation \(1434KB PDF\)](#)

Session 5

Risk Factor Surveillance and Monitoring

Moderator: Tom Calma, Australia

- Patricia Nez Henderson, USA - [Patricia Nez Henderson presentation \(1362KB PDF\)](#)
- Jane Gray, FNIGC, Canada - [Jane Gray presentation1 \(1534KB PDF\)](#)
- John Waldon, NZ - [John Waldon presentation \(1326KB PDF\)](#)
- Paul Jelfs, ABS, Australia - [Paul Jelfs presentation \(1577KB PDF\)](#)

Session 6

Workforce development

Moderator: Lisa Jackson Pulver, UNSW, Australia

- Teshia Solomon, UA, USA - [Teshia Solomon presentation \(5783KB PDF\)](#)
- Lisa Jackson Pulver, UNSW, Australia - [Lisa Jackson Pulver presentation \(2727KB PDF\)](#)
- Malcolm King, SD, CIHR-IAPH, Canada - [Malcolm King presentation \(1147KB PDF\)](#)
- Arawhetu Gray, Maori Caucus, NZ - [Arawhetu Gray presentation1 \(84KB PDF\)](#)

Session 7

International collaborations/activities

Moderator: Sam Notzon, National Center for Health Statistics, USA

- Warwick Anderson, NHMRC, Australia - [Warwick Anderson presentation \(691KB PDF\)](#)
- Malcolm King, CIHR-IAPH, Canada - Verbal presentation
- Kue Young; Susan Chatwood, Institute for Circumpolar Health Research, Canada - [Kue Young/Susan Chatwood presentation \(5736KB PDF\)](#)
- Annmaree O'Keeffe, ICC, Canada - [Annmaree O'Keeffe presentation \(1238KB PDF\)](#)
- Jane Feemantle, Australia - [Jane Feemantle presentation \(1333KB PDF\)](#)

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Session 8

Infant and Child Mortality

Panel discussion

Moderator: Sam Notzon, National Center for Health Statistics, USA

- Mike Tjepkema, SC, Canada (remote presentation) - [Mike Tjepkema presentation \(367KB PDF\)](#)
- Jane Feemantle, Australia - [Jane Feemantle presentation1 \(1320KB PDF\)](#)
- Michelle Chino, UNLV, USA - [Michelle Chino presentation \(1745KB PDF\)](#)
- Pat Tuohy, NZ (remote presentation) - [Pat Tuohy presentation \(650KB PDF\)](#)

Session 9

Mortality rates/life expectancy estimates

Panel discussion

Moderator: Richard Madden, WHO, Australia

- Brenda Elias, UM, Canada - Verbal presentation
- David Espey, CDC, USA - [David Espey presentation \(870KB PDF\)](#)
- Tetteh Dugbaza, AIHW, Australia - Verbal presentation
- Shahidullah, ABS, Australia - [Shahidullah presentation \(428KB PDF\)](#)
- Len Smith, ANU; Ching Choi, UNSW, Australia - [Len Smith/Ching Choi presentation \(148KB PDF\)](#)

Day 4 - 24 February 2012

Summary

Sam Notzon, National Center for Health Statistics, USA - [Summary slides for IGIHM meeting \(454KB PDF\)](#)

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Speakers - IGIHM 2012

Speakers from the International Group for Indigeneous Health Measurement (IGIHM) meeting held in Canberra, Australia, 21 - 24 February 2012.

Director, AIHW

Mr David Kalisch

David Kalisch was appointed Director (CEO) of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare in December 2010.



David is an economist with around 30 years experience across a range of social policy issues, including labour markets, employment programs, retirement incomes, welfare policy and programs, family and children's services, and health policy. This has included roles in policy development, research and analysis and public sector program management, generally in the Commonwealth government.

His recent work experience has included appointments as a Commissioner at the Productivity Commission, Deputy Secretary in the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, and senior executive roles in the Department of Family and Community Services, Social Security and Prime Minister and Cabinet. He has also worked in a number of Divisions of the OECD in Paris, and as Principal Advisor to a previous Commonwealth Minister for Social Security.

IGIHM speakers

Dr Fadwa Al-Yaman

Dr Fadwa Al-Yaman is the current Head of the Social and Indigenous Group at the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. She is responsible for the Institute's data collection, development, reporting activities and stakeholder relationships in the areas of the health and welfare of mothers, children, youth and families, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Fadwa has a strong research background and has extensive



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experience in statistical analysis and reporting, demographic techniques, and in building strong collaborative relationships with key stakeholders. Dr Al-Yaman was awarded the Fulbright fellowship, University of Maryland USA in 1990, and the Australian public service medal in 2008 for outstanding public service in improving the accuracy and reliability of data on Indigenous Australians contained in information collections for health, housing and community services. Dr Al-Yaman has a PhD in Immunology from the John Curtin School of Medical Research and a Master of Population Studies from the demography program at the Research School of Social Studies at the ANU. She has previously worked as an immunologist at the Australian National University and as a Research Fellow at the Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research.

Professor Ian Ring

Professor Ian Ring is a Professorial Fellow at the Centre for Health Service Development, at Wollongong University; Professorial Visiting Fellow, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of New South Wales and Adjunct Professor in the School of Indigenous Australian Studies, James Cook University.



He was previously Head of the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine at James Cook University, Principal Medical Epidemiologist and Executive Director, Health Information Branch, at Queensland Health, and Foundation Director of the Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute at the Australian National University. He has been a Member of the Board of the Australian Institute of Health, Member of the Council of the Public Health Association and the Australian Epidemiological Association. He is an Expert Advisor to the Close the Gap Steering Committee and is a member of the International Indigenous Health Measurement Group, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Demographic Statistics Expert Advisory Group, Scientific Reference Group Indigenous Clearinghouse, Australian Indigenous Health *InfoNet* Advisory Board, AMA Taskforce on Indigenous Health, RACP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Expert Advisory Group, NHF Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Advisory Committee, and the National Advisory Group on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Information Data.

Dr Malcolm King

Dr Malcolm King, PHD, FCCP, Professor, Department of Medicine (Pulmonary Research Group). Dr. Malcolm King, a member of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, is a health researcher at the University of Alberta. In his career in pulmonary research, he has developed new approaches to treat mucus clearance dysfunction in chronic lung disease, and is now working on addressing issues in airborne disease transmission. Since January 2009, he has led the CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health as its Scientific Director. In this role, he leads the development of a health research agenda aimed at improving wellness and achieving health equity for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples.



Mr Michael Tjepkema

Michael Tjepkema is a principal researcher in Health Analysis Division at Statistics Canada. Michael received a Masters in Public Health (Epidemiology) from the University of Toronto in 2010. He has been with Statistics Canada since 1996 and has conducted numerous population based health studies. His current research interests are in Aboriginal health, socioeconomic health inequalities and record linkage.



Associate Professor Jane Freemantle

Associate Professor Jane Freemantle main career focus is as a paediatric epidemiologist working with total population linked data describing Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander infants, children and young people and communities, nationally and (Indigenous populations) internationally. She is currently leading a ARC Discovery Grant funded project that will develop an accurate and complete total population birth and mortality profile of Victoria's Aboriginal (and non-Aboriginal) children born between 1998-2008, using an innovative method and research process. This will establish an accurate baseline from which to measure the patterns and trends of births and deaths for Victorian Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal infants, children and young people and provide empirical evidence as to the success (or otherwise) of initiatives aimed at reducing the current disparities in health outcomes among Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander populations. Her previous research has resulted in the development of a unique and a comprehensive, total population mortality profile, describing deaths for all Western Australian live births from 1980-2006 inclusive, using linked population data. She has also reported on the significant associations between previous hospitalization and mortality for this cohort. She holds a position as Principal Research Fellow within the Centre for Health and Society, the University of Melbourne and is an Australian Research Council Australian Research Fellow. She is CI on other NHMRC and ARC grants and holds honorary academic positions at the University of Western Australia and Monash University Professor Freemantle is currently leading an international consortium that will focus on more accurate and complete reporting on Indigenous child health within an international context.



Dr Michelle Chino

Dr. Michelle Chino is an American Indian academic with extensive experience conducting public health and social justice research. She is currently an Associate Professor of Public Health at the University of Nevada Las Vegas where she conducts research and teaches at the graduate level. Her research focuses on understanding the social determinants of health and on issues that cross health and justice paradigms, such as violence prevention. She is nationally recognized for her work with American Indian populations, particularly with regard to building tribal capacity for research. Dr. Chino has been awarded multiple research grants from the National Institutes of Health and other federal granting agencies and regularly serves as a consultant to the



Indian Health Service, the National Institutes of Justice, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr Paul Jelfs

Dr Paul Jelfs (PhD) is the Assistant Statistician leading the Health Information Branch of the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Paul has extensive experience in Commonwealth and State Government agencies in both information management and service delivery. Paul was responsible for establishing the National Cancer Statistics Clearing House, the National Death Index and National Diabetes Register and designing the national monitoring systems for the breast and cervical screening programs. He has undertaken studies of Vietnam and Korean War veterans' health and worked with community stakeholders in the child support areas. He has managed the delivery of the cervical screening program in South Australia and New South Wales. He is currently leading 3 major survey developments - the Australian Health Survey, the Survey of Disability Ageing and Carers and the Patient Experience Survey. Paul also is responsible for delivering a health information analysis program, as well as supporting national reporting arrangements in health and disability areas through the Coalition of Australian Governments.

Dr Ching Choi

Dr Ching Choi is an Associate Professor (Adjunct) at the Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales and at the Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute, the Australian National University. He was previously a senior executive at the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). At the AIHW, Dr Choi was in charge of data collection, analysis and reporting of large scale national data relevant to the monitoring of several national welfare and health programs. His current research interests are Indigenous mortality and ageing and retirement.

Dr Jeff Henderson

Dr. Jeff Henderson is a Lakota and enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Dr. Henderson acquired both his Bachelor's and Medical degrees from the University of California, San Diego. After completing a residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Washington, Dr. Henderson moved to Eagle Butte, South Dakota in 1992, where he served as Clinical Director of the PHS Indian Hospital there for two years. He returned to Seattle to pursue his training in Public Health, after which he moved to the Black Hills of western South Dakota and worked for two more years at the Sioux San PHS Indian Hospital. In 1998 Dr. Henderson began his transition to public health and epidemiology, joining the Strong Heart Study as a co-investigator and entering the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center's Native Investigator Career Development Program. Also in 1998, Dr. Henderson founded the Black Hills Center for American Indian Health, a community-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the wellness of American Indians through research, service, education, and philanthropy. The Center has met with considerable early success, garnering over \$18 million through 14 peer-reviewed health research grants and contracts, largely from NIH. These grants include the Stop Atherosclerosis in Native Diabetics Study (SANDS), a first-of-its-kind randomized clinical trial to prevent cardiovascular disease among high-risk American Indians with type 2 diabetes. More recent grants examine

contextual issues in traditional Lakota healing; digital images for the determination of eye disease in persons with diabetes; tobacco control and prevention; an intervention to increase colorectal cancer screening rates; atmospheric influences on health; and environmental justice education and outreach efforts.

Dr. Patricia Nez Henderson

Dr. Patricia Nez Henderson, a member of the Dine' (Navajo) tribe, is the Vice President for the Black Hills Center for American Indian Health, an American Indian nonprofit health organization located in Rapid City, South Dakota. Dr. Nez Henderson received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from the University of Arizona and earned a Master of Public Health degree from Yale University. In 2000, Dr. Nez Henderson became the first American Indian woman to graduate from the Yale University School of Medicine and was the first person to receive the Patricia Nez Award, an annual award given to recognize a Yale School of Medicine graduate committed to improving the health of American Indians. For the past ten years, Dr. Nez Henderson has collaborated with tribal communities all over the country in implementing comprehensive tobacco control and prevention programs. Projects have included development of culturally tailored cessation programs, development of web-based prevention programs for Native youth, and mobilizing the Navajo Nation towards a commercial tobacco-free legislation. Dr. Nez Henderson is a panel member of the PHS Guideline Tobacco Dependence and Treatment 2008 and on the FDA Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee. She and her husband, Dr. Jeffrey Henderson, have two beautiful children, Zahlianii (9 years old) and Mato (7 years old).

Ms Arawhetu Gray

Arawhetu's tribal heritage to Aotearoa are through her ancestral links with Rangitane, Ngati Kahungunu, and Ngai Tahu iwi (tribes). She is an independent contractor/consultant based in Wellington, New Zealand. She is also a Director of one of the largest tribally owned agribusinesses in Aotearoa. Arawhetu has worked in the health sector for 25 years, during that time she has led innovation in indigenous health in the areas of workforce, policy, and service development. She has had extensive involvement in ethics review committees at both national and local levels. She has also worked on key health issues such as cervical screening and ownership of data, youth suicide prevention, sexual and reproductive health, and mental health.

Annmaree O'Keeffe AM

Annmaree O'Keeffe has worked in international development for the past three decades. She was deputy director general (deputy CEO) of the Australian Government's foreign aid agency, AusAID, from 2002 to 2009. During much of this time, she was also Australia's first Ambassador dedicated to working on HIV/AIDS. She was Australia's Ambassador to Nepal in the mid 1990s before taking up AusAID's Minister-Counsellor position in PNG where she headed AusAID's operations. Originally trained as a journalist, she has worked in the media in Zimbabwe and London and has also worked for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Thailand and at their headquarters in Geneva. She was made a member in the Order of Australia in 2007 in recognition of her services to international development and in particular, HIV/AIDS. She

now divides her time between Sydney where she is a fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy and north America where she works with the Inuit Circumpolar Council.

Dr Len Smith

Dr Len Smith has appointments at the Australian National University, Charles Darwin University and the University of Melbourne and is a consultant to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. He has written on the demography and epidemiology of Indigenous Australians, and is currently working with Dr Ching Choi and AIHW staff on linkage-based methods for improving the estimation of the mortality and life expectancy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. He also collaborates with Swedish colleagues in research on Sami health and mortality, and is working on several major Australian projects which involve the reconstitution of historical populations from contemporary records, including Aboriginal Victorians, Tasmanian convicts and World War I soldiers.

Debra Reid

Director, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan, former Senior Advisor Data Development, Office of Department of Health and Ageing, Co-developer of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework (HPF). Over 27 years of working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health in Australia. Of that 10 years experience in the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector, 8 years with a State Health Department as an Aboriginal Health Policy Officer and 9 years with the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health.

Dr John Waldon

Dr John Waldon is recognised as a descendant of Tuhoe Potiki, having strong connections with the Ruatoki Valley, Waimana and Te Urewera as a member of Ngai Tuhoe. John has connections with Ngati Kahungunu and Ngati Porou. John last presented at the International Group for Indigenous Health Measurement (IGIHM) workshop in Seattle, Washington in 2011. In 2001, Dr Waldon was invited by Prof Jackson-Pulver to take an interest in IGIHM. Dr Waldon accepted an invitation to be a conjoint member of the Murri Mari Indigenous Health Research unit here at the University of New South Wales on the 3rd of November, 2004. Since then John has provided support and advice, participated in our strategic planning day in 2009. Since joining the Department of Public Health and Community Medicine, faculty of Medicine, John presented the principle keynote presentation at a meeting of the IGIHM in Hawaii in March 2009. The presentation set the tone for the two day meeting. Dr Waldon, recently an HRC Eru Pomare Post Doctoral Research Fellow in Māori Health, was also supported by the National Centre for Health Statistics, Public Health Services, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention to attend the meeting in Hawaii.

Dr Kue Young

Kue Young, MD, DPhil, is professor at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at

the University of Toronto, where he holds the endowed TransCanada Chair in Aboriginal Health. He devoted much of his career as primary care physician, public health administrator and academic researcher in northern Canada. For his contributions he was awarded the Order of Canada in 2010, the highest civilian honour in Canada. He is also a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. He was founding president of the International Network for Circumpolar Health Research and is currently Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Circumpolar Health.

Susan Chatwood

Susan Chatwood, BScN, MSc, is the founding Executive and Scientific Director of the Institute for Circumpolar Health Research in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, and an Assistant Professor at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health in the University of Toronto. She has spent most of her career in remote and northern communities, working in clinical nursing, public health, and research. Her research interests include circumpolar health systems, climate as a determinant of health; health monitoring strategies; and building sustainable and ethical health research capacity and networks in northern regions. She is dedicated to the development of research infrastructure for the Arctic.

Dr Pat Tuohy

Dr Pat Tuohy took up the position of Chief Advisor Child Health in December 1997. Later in 1998 Pat's role expanded to include youth health. His responsibilities include coordination and leadership of child and youth health with respect to the Ministry of Health, district health boards and child and youth health professionals and organisations. Pat is a specialist paediatrician with a particular interest in community child health. After studying medicine at the Otago Medical School, and qualifying in 1979, Pat undertook postgraduate training in Paediatrics in Wellington, Melbourne and Nottingham. For three years he worked as a General Paediatrician in New Plymouth and joined the Plunket Society in 1991 as its Regional Paediatrician based in Wellington. Pat was later appointed to the position National Paediatrician for Plunket at the head office in Dunedin, until his move to the Ministry in 1997. Pat has published widely in areas of child and youth health, and until recently held a visiting lectureship in child and youth health with the University of Otago. He has been a member of the RACP Paediatric Divisional Policy and Advocacy Committee since 2005. Pat's particular interests are in the areas of developmental and behavioural paediatrics, SUDI, immunisation and child protection.

Dr Valerie Gideon

Dr Valerie Gideon is a member of the Mik'maq Nation of Gesgapegiag, Quebec. She currently holds the position of Director General, Strategic Policy, Planning and Analysis of the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, Health Canada. From 2007-2011, she was the Regional Director for First Nations and Inuit Health, Ontario Region, Health Canada. From 2004-2007, she occupied the position of Senior Director of Health and Social Development at the Assembly of First Nations in Ottawa, Ontario. Dr. Gideon previously held the position of Director of the First Nations Centre at the National Aboriginal Health Organization. She was named Chair of the Aboriginal Peoples' Health Research

Peer Review Committee of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research in 2004, and continued in this role until 2007. She graduated from McGill University (Montreal) in 2000 with a Ph.D. (Dean's List) in Communications (dissertation pertaining to telehealth and citizen empowerment).

Dr David Espey

Dr David Espey, MD graduated from medical school at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC in 1986 and completed training in internal medicine at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center in 1989. He worked with Doctors without Borders in West Africa from 1990-91 and worked as a staff internist at Gallup Indian Medical Center from 1991-93. He joined the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 1993 as an Epidemic Intelligence Officer. From 1995-2000 he was assigned to the New Mexico Department of Health to support chronic disease prevention and control programs. He was active during that time in cancer, tobacco and diabetes control programs and in developing a statewide clinical prevention initiative. Since July 2000 he has been assigned from CDC to Indian Health Service Division of Epidemiology and Disease Control where he has focused on improving the quality of cancer surveillance and mortality data in support of cancer prevention and control programs in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities.

Jane Gray

Jane Gray is a Mi'gmaq from the community of Listuguj, Quebec, Canada. She has held positions at the community, regional and national level in an active health career spanning 25 years advocating for improvements in First Nations health. She is a strong promoter of First Nations self-determination in the area of research. She considers herself a Data Warrior and upholds the First Nations Principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP). She dedicates and commits herself to improving the health status of First Nations through research. She currently holds the position of the National Project Manager for First Nations Regional Health Survey which is now permanently located at the First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC).

Francis C. (Sam) Notzon

Sam Notzon is Director of the International Statistics Program at the U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, CDC. He holds M.S. degrees in demography and economics from the University of Wisconsin (1973), and a Ph.D. in Population Dynamics from Johns Hopkins University (1989). He has worked in the area of international health statistics for more than 25 years, dealing with both developed and developing countries as well as multi-national organizations. He has provided consultation and technical assistance on civil registration in a number of countries, including Jamaica, several countries in West Africa, and Russia. He served as the resident advisor for the World Fertility Survey in Morocco, and on an earlier demographic survey. He served as part of the Health Committee of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission, a US-Russia group dedicated to promoting collaboration between government scientists of the two countries. He is currently a member of the Statistical Advisory Commission of the Pan American Health Organization, WHO. He has also participated in several international collaborations sponsored by NCHS, on topics such as infant mortality, health data for the elderly, injury morbidity and mortality, and the use of automation in mortality data. His main area of

interest is in international comparisons of health data. He is one of the founding members of the International Group for Indigenous Health Measurement and has served as convenor of the group since its beginning in 2004. He is also directing a project to working to improve civil registration and vital statistics in developing countries.

Shadulliah

Obtained First Class Honours and Masters degrees in Statistics from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. Have a Ph.D in Demography from the Australian National University. Joined the Methodology Division of the Australian Bureau of Statistics in 1996 and led a number of projects related to improving the Australian monthly labour force survey estimates by changing the scope of the survey and introducing a new questionnaire, and improving the quality of national accounts statistics by combining administrative data from the Australian Taxation Office with the ABS economic survey data. Now working in the Demography Section of the ABS. Major interests include Indigenous population estimates, projections and life tables.

Jon Williams

Jon Williams is the acting Assistant Director of Vital Statistics at the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Jon has worked at the ABS since 1999 and is currently responsible for the Births, Deaths, Marriages and Divorces collections. He has worked with Health and Vitals data since 2004, including 12 months in the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics Unit. He has been heavily involved in the analysis and dissemination of Indigenous cause of death data during this time. Jon's recent work has involved building collaborative relationships with the Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages to improve the overall quality of registration data, with a particular focus on improving Indigenous identification in registration events.

Professor Liz Sullivan

Professor Sullivan MBBS, MPH, MMed (Sexual Health), MD, FAFPHM is a public health physician with 20 years experience at a national and international level as a medical epidemiologist. She has specialised in maternal, reproductive and perinatal epidemiology and previously in infectious disease epidemiology. Prof Sullivan is Director of the AIHW National Perinatal Epidemiology & Statistics Unit (NPESU), a collaborating unit of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and the Perinatal and Reproductive Epidemiology Research Unit (PRERU), a population based research unit of The University of New South Wales, Faculty of Medicine, School of Women's and Children's Health. Prof Sullivan research interests are in maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality and Indigenous health. She holds a number of national competitive research grants and is a member of a number of national and international committees and advisory groups and has published widely in the maternal and perinatal field with over one hundred peer review articles and published reports.

Professor Warwick Anderson

Professor Warwick Anderson is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NHMRC,

Australia's major governmental funding body for health and medical research. Previously, he was Head of School of Biomedical Sciences at Monash University and Deputy Director of the Baker Medical Research Institute, following research fellowships at the University of Sydney and Harvard Medical School. Professor Anderson obtained his PhD from the University of Adelaide, South Australia. His research has focussed on renal mechanisms in the pathogenesis of hypertension, including the roles of renal vascular remodelling and the renin-angiotensin system. He has published over 170 peer review articles. For his contributions to medical research, Professor Anderson was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2005.

IGIHM Dinner speaker

Professor Shane Houston

Professor Shane Houston is a Gangulu man from Central Queensland. He has worked in Aboriginal Affairs for more than 35 years holding many roles at local, state, national levels. Shane has worked intensely in the community sector over a number of decades including as a CEO of an Aboriginal Medical Service and National Coordinator of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Organisation. He has also held senior executive positions in the public sector for more than 17 years. He is currently responsible for monitoring the performance of the NT health system and for the development and promulgation of Aboriginal health policy in the NT. Professor Houston completed his PhD at Curtin University in 2003 graduating with a Chancellor's Commendation. Shane was appointed Adjunct Professor of Health Sciences at Curtin University in 2006 and Professor in the School of Medicine University of Notre Dame, Sydney in 2008. In 2009 Shane was awarded the Chief Minister's Public Service Medal for meritorious and outstanding public service for his contributions aimed at improving the cultural security of services in the health sector.

Program

International Group for Indigenous Health Measurement Meeting (IGIHM) 2012

Tuesday 21 February - Friday 24 February 2012

The goal of the meeting will be to produce recommendations concerning tangible outcomes for measures of Indigenous health. All of the topics relate to data linkage. The aim will be to determine where we are and where we should go in indentifying solutions to the Indigenous identification problem.

- [21 February, 2012](#)
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- [23 February, 2012](#)
- [24 February, 2012](#)

21 February, 2012

8:30 am - 9:00 am	Registration Tea/coffee on arrival
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Welcome Welcome to Country Louise Brown Welcome to the International Indigenous Meeting David Kalisch Director, AIHW Welcome from Country Representatives Justin Mohamed, NACCHO, Australia Michelle Chino, UNLV, USA Malcolm King, SD, CIHR-IAPH, Canada Atawhai Tibble, Statistics NZ, NZ
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Morning tea Dance performance by the Aboriginal Dance Group Wirajuri Echos
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Session 1 How we set the scene. The link between

information/indicators and policy

Moderator: Ian Ring, UOW, Australia

Debra Reid, OATSIH, Australia

Fritz Scheuren, NORC, USA

Valerie Gideon, FNIH, HC, Canada (remote presentation)

John Waldon, NZ

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Session 2

Evidence based policy and knowledge translation

Moderator: Malcolm King, Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health, Canada

Margo Greenwood, NCCAH, Canada

Jeff Henderson, USA

Fadwa Al-Yaman, Australia

Ian Ring, UOW, Australia

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Afternoon tea

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Session 3

Ownership use and data principles - issues and solutions

Moderator: John Walden, NZ

Arawhetu Gray, Maori Caucus, NZ

Jane Gray, FNIGC, Canada

Michelle Chino, UNLV, USA

Sophie Couzos, NACCHO, Australia

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Dinner - The Deck at Regatta Point, Parkes

Welcome

David Kalisch

Director, AIHW

Dinner Speaker

Shane Houston, Australia

22 February 2012

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Session 4

Indicators with focus on Registers

Moderator: John Waldon, NZ

- Liz Sullivan, NPESU AIHW; Jon Williams, ABS, Australia
- David Espey, CDC, USA
- Valerie Gideon/Jennifer Pennock, FNIH, HC, Canada (remote presentation)
- Brenda Elias, UM; Lyna Hart, Canada
- Atawhai Tibble, Statistics NZ

10:30 am - 11:00 am

Morning tea

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Session 5

Risk Factor Surveillance and Monitoring

Moderator: Tom Calma, Australia

- Patricia Nez Henderson, USA
- Jane Gray, FNIGC, Canada
- John Waldon, NZ
- Paul Jelfs, ABS, Australia

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Session 6

Workforce development

Moderator: Lisa Jackson Pulver, UNSW, Australia

- Teshia Solomon, UA, USA
- Lisa Jackson Pulver, UNSW, Australia
- Malcolm King, SD, CIHR-IAPH, Canada
- Arawhetu Gray, Maori Caucus, NZ

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Afternoon tea

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Session 7

International collaborations/activities

Moderator: Sam Notzon, National Center for Health Statistics, USA

- Warwick Anderson, NHMRC, Australia
- Malcolm King, CIHR-IAPH, Canada

- Kue Young; Susan Chatwood, Institute for Circumpolar Health Research, Canada
- Annmaree O'Keeffe, ICC, Canada
- Jane Feemantle, Australia

23 February 2012

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Morning tea

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Session 8

Infant and Child Mortality

Panel discussion

Moderator: Sam Notzon, National Center for Health Statistics, USA

- Mike Tjepkema, SC, Canada (remote presentation)
- Jane Feemantle, Australia
- Michelle Chino, UNLV, USA
- Pat Tuohy, NZ (remote presentation)

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Session 9

Mortality rates/life expectancy estimates

Panel discussion

Moderator: Richard Madden, WHO, Australia

- Brenda Elias, UM, Canada
- David Espey, CDC, USA
- Tetteh Dugbaza, AIHW, Australia
- Shahidullah, ABS, Australia
- Len Smith, ANU; Ching Choi, UNSW, Australia

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Afternoon tea

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Session 9 continued...

Mortality rates/life expectancy estimates continued...

Panel discussion

Moderator: Richard Madden, WHO, Australia

- Brenda Elias, UM, Canada
- David Espey, CDC, USA
- AIHW, ABS, Len Smith, ANU; Ching Choi, UNSW, Australia

24 February 2012

9:00 am - 10:30 am	Summary Sam Notzon, National Center for Health Statistics, USA Wrapping up the discussions over the previous days
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Morning tea
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Actionable items Sam Notzon, National Center for Health Statistics, USA
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch and closing ceremony dancers



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Closing the gap clearinghouse

An online clearinghouse for evidence-based research
on overcoming disadvantage for Indigenous Australians

Dr Fadwa Al-Yaman; Ian Ring
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Presentation to the International Group for Indigenous Health Measurement
Meeting , Canberra 21-24 February 2012

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Rational for the clearinghouse

- Extent of disadvantage is known
- Gap is under-estimated across many areas
- Finding out what works to address the problem
- How could this be supported by evidence



Clearinghouse overview

- COAG initiative, jointly funded by all governments and delivered by the AIHW in collaboration with AIFS
- Purpose – to identify programs/interventions that work to overcome Indigenous disadvantage (evidence-based evaluations)
- Primary audience is policy makers
- Governed by the Clearinghouse Board, with support from a Scientific Reference Group



Focus

The Clearinghouse's efforts are directed across 7 building blocks which support the 6 COAG targets

COAG Targets (6)

Related to:

1. Life expectancy by 2031
2. Mortality rates for children
3. Early childhood education-
universal access
4. Reading, writing and numeracy
5. Year 12 attainment
6. Employment outcomes

Building Blocks (7)

- Health
- Early childhood
- Schooling
- Economic participation
- Healthy homes
- Safe communities
- Governance and leadership



Scope of the clearinghouse collections

- Indigenous Australians
- Non-Indigenous Australians
- Indigenous populations in USA, NZ and Canada
- Non- Indigenous populations in USA, NZ and Canada
- Other countries



Clearinghouse collections

1. General collection
2. Assessed collection- create an assessment tool
 - General info
 - Advice on rating of evidence
 - Adaptability of the evidence to Indigenous Australians
 - Other relevant info
3. Research & Evaluation Register



Clearinghouse publications

- **Issues papers and resource sheets**

Final topics set by the Board following discussions with jurisdictions

- **Key learnings and gaps in evidence**

An annual paper that summarises and synthesises the evidence and identifies the major gaps in the research

- **Annual report**

An overview of the Clearinghouse's achievements.



Clearinghouse communications

- e-news - Clearinghouse activities
- Presentations and discussions of Clearinghouse resources in each jurisdiction
- Public seminars-authors and policy makers
- Conference presentations
- Helpdesk



Clearinghouse products



General collection 4,757 items

Building Block	No.	Per cent
Early childhood	1,413	30
Schooling	784	16
Health	1,764	37
Economic participation	929	20
Healthy homes	588	12
Safe communities	1,408	30
Governance and leadership	180	4
Total	4,757	100

Note: Items can be counted in one or more building blocks

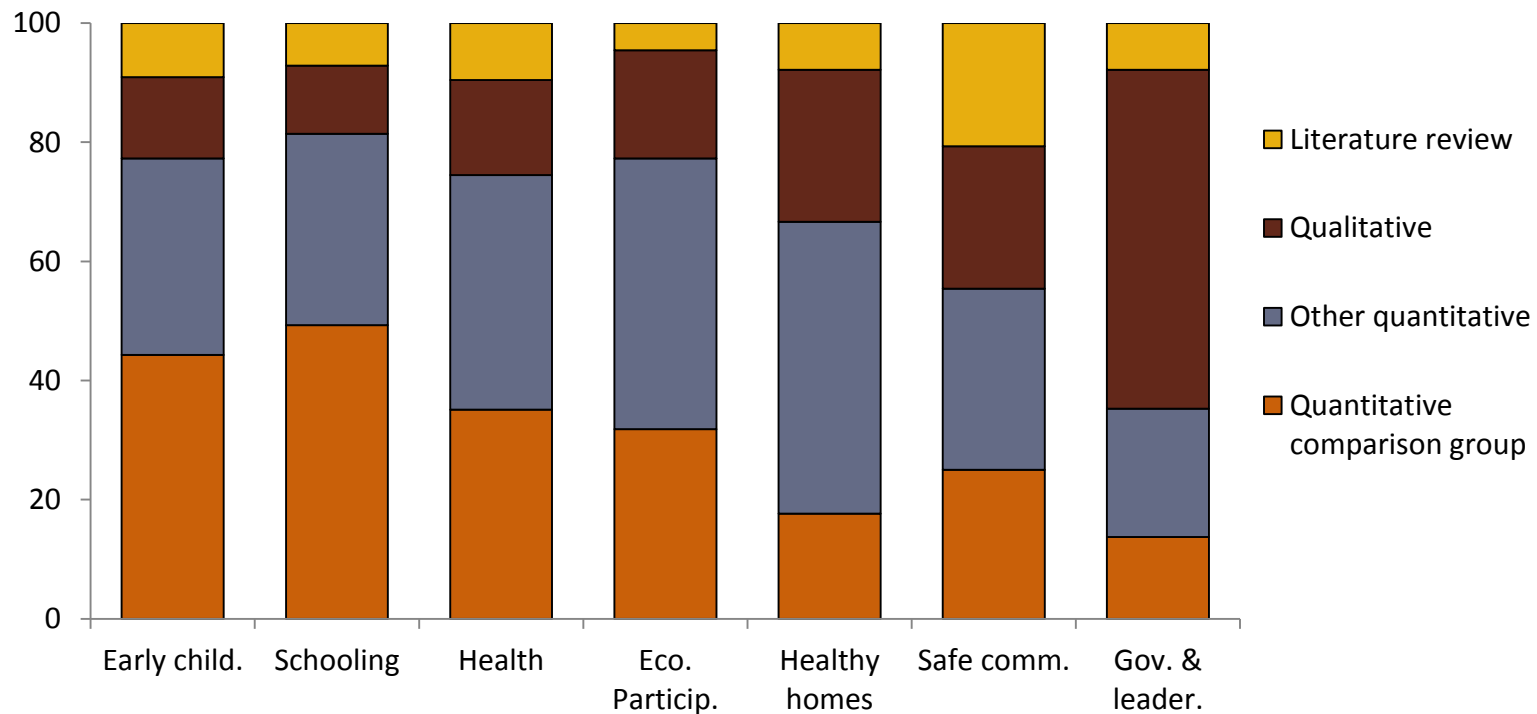


Assessed items

Building Block	No.	Per cent
Early childhood	88	14
Schooling	140	23
Health	194	32
Economic participation	88	14
Healthy homes	53	9
Safe communities	92	15
Governance and leadership	52	9
Total	607	100

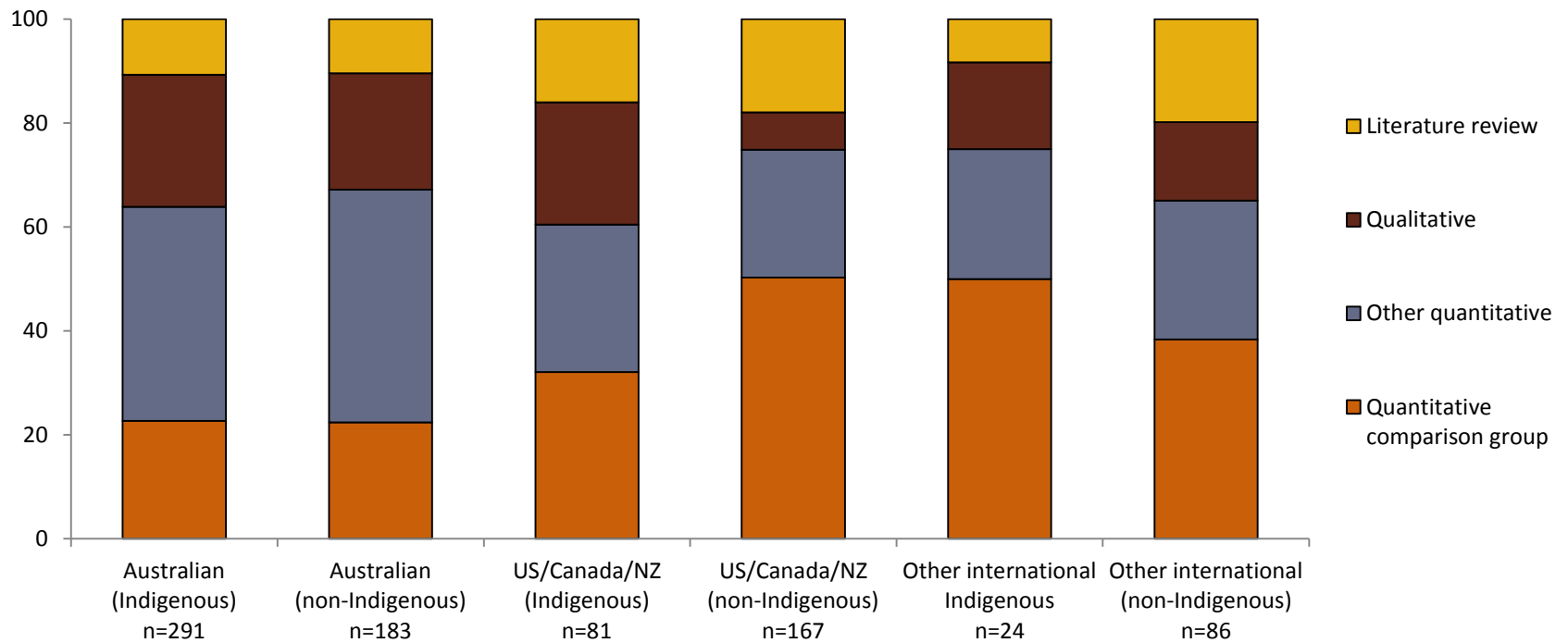


Characteristics of the assessed collection by building block and type of study (%)



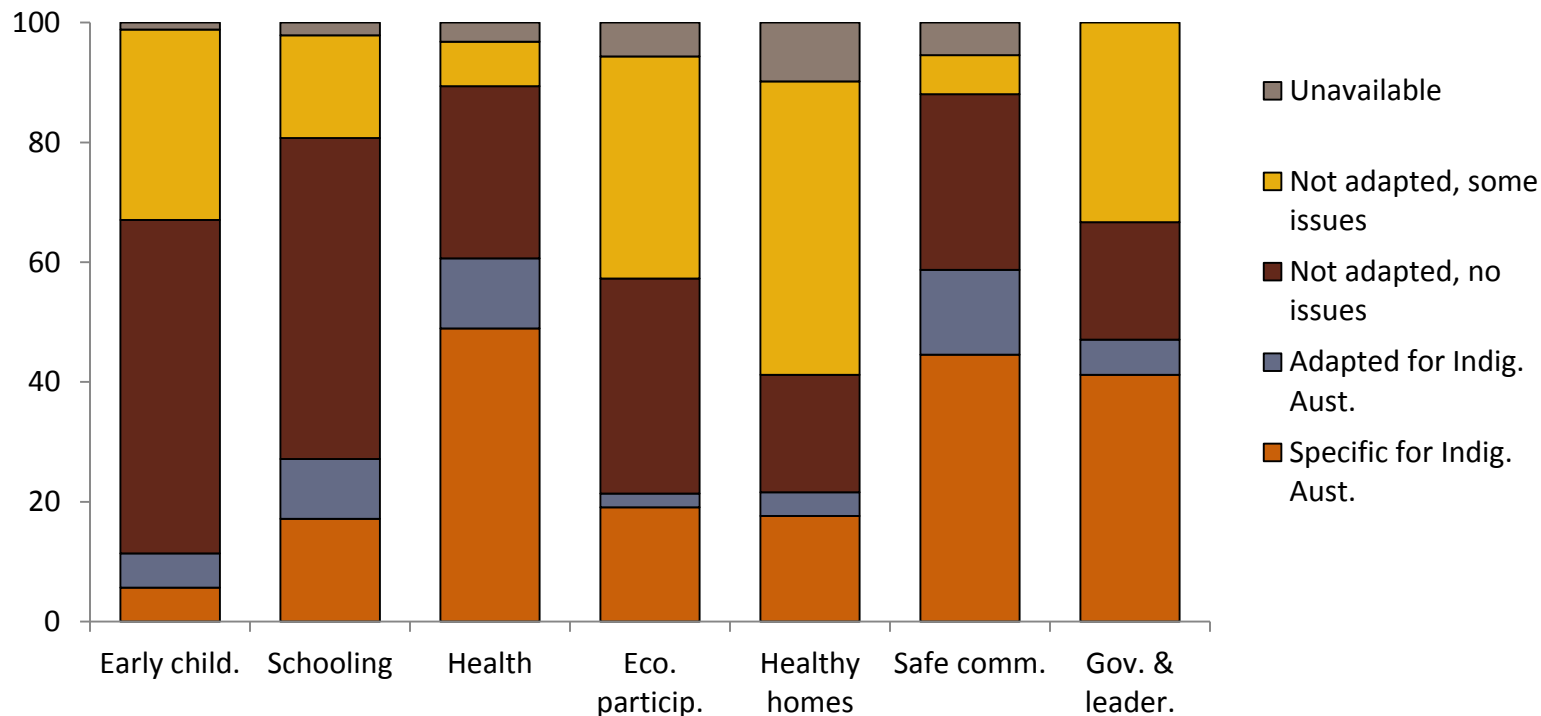


Assessed items by country and Indigenous status and research type





Characteristics of assessed collection by building block (%) – program/activity





Research and Evaluation Register

Building Block	Total Research and Evaluation items		Completed Research and Evaluation items	
	No.	Per cent	Total completed	Per cent publically available
Early childhood	118	18	58	59
Schooling	145	23	79	54
Health	350	55	162	52
Economic participation	128	20	75	55
Healthy homes	118	18	66	50
Safe communities	147	23	91	56
Governance and leadership	72	11	51	65
Total	639	100	582	55

Note: Items can be counted in one or more building blocks



Limitations of the approach

Assessed collection

- Assessors bias in terms of ranking the evidence and issues with a ranking approach especially in social sciences
- Confusion over assessment of peer review articles
- Not enough rigorous evaluations to sustain the agreed number of items for assessed collections (600)
- Too much time spent screening assessed items by Clearinghouse team



Limitations of the approach

Resource sheets and issues papers

- Too many topics to cover each year
- Topics not fully scoped with policy makers upfront
- The mismatch between what policy makers wanted and what academics produced
- Focus by many authors on the process and listing of programs not on program outcome
- Little incentive for academics and significant delays
- Some were ideologically driven rather than evidence driven



Main implications

- Variable quality of evidence
- Not enough synthesis of evidence
- Many small-scale Australian programs across the building blocks
- Not enough rigour in the evaluations



Way forward

- Which evidence?
- What works in what context? How generalizable is the evidence?
- When evidence is available? what are the barriers?
- Adapting the evidence- local context is very relevant
 - Small versus large jurisdictions
 - Remote versus urban
 - Other context



An example – home visitation

- Long time to establish program effectiveness
- Cost effective if targeted
- Returns across many areas - many years later
- Issues are around successful implementation
 - intensive (almost 3 years)
 - Flexible
 - Holistic
 - Trained staff
 - Partnership- Indigenous and non- Indigenous service delivery



Future directions cont.

- More focus on the synthesis of evidence – less topics
 - With a focus on the quality and strength of evidence
 - No of studies
 - Research design
 - Quality of research
 - Consistency of findings (strength of evidence)
- Greater linkages between policy makers and those who synthesize the evidence
- Process to ensure evidence is used by policy makers
- Better dissemination of evidence to the public to improve uptake (authors seminars)



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