

National Best Practice Unit – Tackling Indigenous Smoking  
Advisory Group Meeting #6  
29 August 2017  
**Communiqué**



The Advisory Group for the National Best Practice Unit for Tackling Indigenous Smoking (NBPU TIS) met by teleconference on 29 August 2017.

In addition to an update on the overall NBPU TIS programme, the Advisory Group was briefed on four new activities that the Department of Health has contracted the NBPU TIS to implement in response to the preliminary national evaluation findings, namely:

1. Leadership workshops for board members and chief executives of TIS and TIS related organisations. NBPU TIS reported on the first of the leadership workshops, held in Darwin on 18 August.
2. Updating the Tackling Indigenous Smoking Resource and Information Centre (TISRIC) and TIS portal.
3. Producing and distributing best practice videos.
4. An audit of nutrition and obesity resources to assist healthy lifestyles for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in conjunction with the TIS program.

The meeting also discussed drafting a briefing paper on the TIS program and its achievements, to be prepared by the NBPU TIS in response to a decision of the Advisory Group at its last meeting (10 May 2017). The draft paper will present a succinct summary of the achievements of the TIS program for the Minister for Indigenous Health, additional to the results of the preliminary evaluation of the TIS program. The paper is to be authored by the NBPU TIS incorporating advice from the Advisory Group, and will concentrate on the regional tobacco control grants to 37 grant recipients, predominantly Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs), across Australia.

Finally, the Advisory Group was briefed on the positive results from the latest NBPU TIS Survey of Grant Recipients.

The next Advisory Group meeting is planned for early 2018 (by teleconference).