

Australia's Disability Strategy (ADS) Advisory Council (Advisory Council) met virtually on 27 June 2024.

The Chair of the Advisory Council, Ms Jane Spring AM, welcomed new Core members and state and territory representatives to the Advisory Council. The Chair also acknowledged the outgoing state and territory representatives for their work over the past year.

Special Guest, the Hon Justine Elliot MP, Assistant Minister for Social Services and the Prevention of Family Violence, noted the critical role of the Advisory Council in providing independent advice to Commonwealth and state and territory Disability Ministers on the effectiveness of the implementation of ADS.

The Advisory Council discussed:

- Accountability and data approaches under ADS including the Outcomes Framework, Data Improvement Plan and the National Disability Data Asset.
- The ACT's Disability Justice Strategy 2019 – 2029, as an example of practical implementation of ADS.

The Advisory Council noted:

- The current ADS Review, early findings and recommendations, as well as proposed consultation processes.
- Work undertaken by the Advisory Council since March 2024, including the process to recommend a candidate for Chair of the National Disability Research Partnership, and steps to formalise the Advisory Council's Housing Working Group.
- The Chair's attendance at the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (June 11-13) in New York.
- Emerging issues in the disability community, and updates on activities in states and territories.

The next Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for October 2024.