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## **PROTOCOLS FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

*(Endorsed on 28 February 2013, see Decision on Agenda Item 13 of ATSIEB Meeting No.4/2012-13)*

1. Members of ATSIEB are elected by the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
2. ATSIEB has been established to represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the ACT and to act as an advocate for their interests.
3. In addition to the existing ATSIEB protocol on engagement with the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, there are occasions when ATSIEB will be required to work with an ACT Government Minister, an Opposition Party Spokesperson or another Member or Political Party within the ACT Legislative Assembly. When undertaking such engagement, the Chair or an elected member must only do so with the authority of ATSIEB.
4. Should an elected member become aware of issues or concerns then this must be brought to ATSIEB for consideration before taking any action or making any representations to an ACT Government Minister, an Opposition Party Spokesperson or another Member or Political Party within the ACT Legislative Assembly.
5. The Secretariat will arrange briefs, reports or meetings between an ACT Government Minister, an Opposition Party Spokesperson or another Member or Political Party within the ACT Legislative Assembly, ATSIEB or the Chair or an authorised ATSIEB member.
6. ATSIEB members can, in their capacity as private citizens, approach an ACT Government Minister, an Opposition Party Spokesperson or another Member or Political Party within the ACT Legislative Assembly.