

Use the information provided to answer Questions 5–6.

In 2008, the Council of Australian Government (COAG) agreed to a set of national policy targets to guide the design and delivery of programs and services for Indigenous people.

These targets known as 'Closing the Gap' targets are:

Close the life-expectancy gap within a generation

Halve the gap in mortality rates for Indigenous children under five within a decade

Ensure access to early childhood education for all Indigenous four-year-olds in remote communities within five years

Halve the gap in reading, writing and numeracy achievements for children within a decade

Halve the gap for Indigenous students in Year 12 (or equivalent) attainment rates by 2020

Halve the gap in employment outcomes within a decade

- 6 With reference to ONE of the 'Closing the Gap' targets, explain how addressing racism can help to 'close the gap'. 4

Addressing Racism in the workplace would be a pivotal step in resolving Aboriginal employment rates in Australia. Though racism is often overlooked it still remains to be a significant factor when related to indigenous employment. Abolishing racism in the workplace, ~~racism~~ would drastically improve employment rates allowing Aboriginal employment to rise over the current 50% employment statistic.