

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

Through addressing institutional racism, governments can increase Indigenous employment in large companies and establishments. Through promoting Indigenous peoples as equal it will help them to 'halve the gap in employment outcomes', as socially the Australian community will be more willing to employ Indigenous peoples.