



Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Health Practice
Chinese Medicine
Chiropractic
Dental
Medical
Medical Radiation Practice
Nursing and Midwifery
Occupational Therapy
Optometry
Osteopathy
Pharmacy
Physiotherapy
Podiatry
Psychology

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Agency Management Committee Communiqué

December 2016

The 82nd meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) (the Committee) was held on Tuesday 20 December in Melbourne.

This Communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Committee's meeting.

Chair and members' report

Since the November meeting, the Chair has met with a number of stakeholders and participated in the December 2016 Forum of NRAS Chairs. The Chair attended, as a guest speaker, a recent University of Queensland graduation ceremony for medical, psychology, paramedic and health sciences graduates.

The Committee was provided with an update from the Chair of the Performance Committee and discussed the latest notifications performance data and noted minutes from a recent Remuneration Committee meeting.

Business items

The Committee noted the CEO report and update including a [report](#) about the Inquiry into the Performance of the Health Ombudsman's Functions, which was tabled in Queensland Parliament on Friday 16 December 2016.

The Committee received an update about National Board related issues including work AHPRA and the Medical Board of Australia are leading, in liaison with NSW Health, to develop and implement a national medical training survey to better understand the experience of junior doctors, specialist trainees and their supervisors; and, the Senate Community Affairs References Committee inquiry into the medical complaints process.

The Committee discussed and provided advice on key themes about the:

- Strategic Management Framework.
- Governance Review.
- Review of Accreditation Systems.

The Committee noted the first tranche of proposed amendments to the National Law has been approved by Ministers and an amendment bill is being drafted for consultation in early 2017 and endorsed a process for developing proposals from the National Scheme for consideration of the Health Workforce Principal Committee (HWPC).

The Committee approved the Communications and Engagement Strategy.

The Committee was provided with a presentation which previewed AHPRA's five year financial model.

News from AHPRA

The Perth office recently hosted a visit by Professor Le Quang Cuong, vice minister, Ministry for Health, Vietnam, and a delegation of health administrators, academics and legislative advisors from Vietnam. The delegation had requested to meet with us to learn about how the National Scheme operates in Australia.

Improved correspondence and the development of 'how to' videos for renewing registrants resulted in new records for online renewal rates and CST enquiries in 2016. Staff across AHPRA worked together to review and refresh renewal reminders and to develop videos explaining how to renew online which were published ahead of the three annual renewal campaigns for nursing and midwifery, medical, and all other health professions.

The next meeting of the Agency Management Committee will take place on Tuesday 21 February 2017 in Hobart, Tasmania.