



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

September 2016

The 79<sup>th</sup> meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) (the Committee) was held on Tuesday 20 September via teleconference.

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

### Chair and members' report

The Presiding member, Mr Ian Smith, chaired the Committee meeting in the absence of Mr Michael Gorton AM, Chair, Agency Management Committee.

The Committee noted the CEO report and update from the CEO.

### Business items

The Committee noted the update from the CEO regarding his appearance on 31 August 2016, at the Queensland Parliamentary Committee - Inquiry into the performance of the Queensland Health Ombudsman's functions. The Queensland Parliamentary Committee advised the CEO he may receive a request to re-appear and provide more information. A transcript of the public hearing can be found on the Queensland Parliament website at

<http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/committees/HCDSDFVPC/2016/PerformanceQHO/16-trns-pb-31Aug2016-Proof.pdf>

The Committee received an update on the progress of the independent review of chaperone restrictions being undertaken by Professor Ron Paterson. Public submissions for the review are open until close of business Monday 3 October 2016.

The Committee received a briefing on the current progress and workload of the Statutory Offences Unit, noting the significant increase in complaints.

The Committee noted the Health Profession Agreement (HPA) aligned to the National Scheme Strategy 2015-20 and authorised the CEO to finalise the HPAs with each National Board.

The Committee noted the update on progress to regulate the Paramedics profession under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

The Committee noted the early development of proposals from jurisdictions for potential amendments to the National Law.

### News from AHPRA

AHPRA and the Medical Board of Australia will jointly host the [International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities \(IAMRA\) 12th International Conference on Medical Regulation](#) from 20-23 September 2016. More than 460 delegates have registered from 42 countries. In the lead up to the IAMRA meeting, meetings of the International Physicians Assessment Coalition and a WHO policy roundtable on regulation in the Western Pacific region are scheduled. A tour of AHPRA offices and briefings on the National Scheme are organised for 19 September.

The next meeting of the Agency Management Committee will take place on Tuesday 18 October 2016 via teleconference.