

# Professions Reference Group Communiqué

The Professions Reference Group (PRG) met at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) National office in Melbourne on Monday 29 February 2016.

The group noted:

- that the Senate is inquiring into the medical complaints process in Australia, under a motion co-sponsored by Senators Nick Xenophon and John Madigan
- the current proposal to include paramedics in the National Scheme
- that following the increase in the number of statutory offences complaints received, a new team had been established to exclusively assess statutory offences complaints
- the opportunity for professional associations to share data on CPD compliance/course completion with AHPRA
- current AHPRA work on the practitioner experience of the notifications process
- actions to-date as part of the implementation NRAS Review recommendations
- commencement of AHPRA's national awareness campaign 'Know your obligations', which will be rolled out to employers, practitioners and the public in three phases, and
- An overview of the costs of the the consumer consultative groups facilitated by AHPRA.

## **Decisions and actions:**

- Interested PRG members to discuss audit requirements/proposals further with AHPRA
- AHPRA to facilitate a meeting with the Health Workforce Principal Committee to discuss the NRAS Review implementation.

## **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the PRG will be held face to face at the AHPRA offices in Melbourne in April 2016.

## **Genevieve Quilty**

Chair

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