



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

March 2017

The 84th meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) (the Committee) was held on Tuesday 21 March 2017 in Melbourne.

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

### Chair and members' report

Since the February meeting, the Chair has had recent engagement with the Podiatry Board of Australia as part of regular meetings at the invitation of National Boards

The Chair attended the launch of the National Health Support Service funded by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

The Chair participated in a panel discussion on governance at the recent Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Conference.

The Chair thanked Mr David Taylor and Professor Merrilyn Walton for their service with the Agency Management Committee as they are not standing for re-appointment. Professor Walton provided a short reflection on her positive experience serving as part of the Agency Management Committee since the inception of the National Scheme.

### Business items

The Committee noted the CEO report and update, and discussed and provided advice on key themes about the:

- Confirmation of Queensland funding arrangements, the government response to the recent Parliamentary Inquiry and an upcoming appearance before the Queensland Parliamentary Committee
- An update on the Senate inquiry into the complaints mechanism administered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law
- Recent high profile matters in relation to alleged holding out matters in NSW and Victoria. Members supported further legislative amendments to be proposed in the light of these matters.

The Committee approved the 2017-18 AHPRA budget which now will be provided to National Boards as part of the budget setting process. The Committee also approved the capital budget plan for 2016-17 and 2017-18.

The Committee approved the AHPRA Financial delegations policy and work underway to update the financial delegations schedule.

The Committee noted the proposed framework for the operational implementation of the Advertising compliance and enforcement strategy and provide feedback on the approach and language used in the framework.

The next meeting of the Agency Management Committee will take place on Tuesday 18 April 2017 in Melbourne, Victoria.