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## Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

# Agency Management Committee Communiqué

July 2016

The 77<sup>th</sup> meeting of the <u>Agency Management Committee</u> (the Committee) was held on Tuesday 19 July via tele-conference.

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

### Chair and members' report

Since the May 2016 meeting, the Chair has met with a number of stakeholders including representatives of health services and the Victorian Health Minister to discuss current issues.

The Chair provided a presentation at an Australasian College of Health Service Management Forum about the work of AHPRA and the National Scheme.

The Committee received updates and recommendations from its sub-committees including the <u>Finance</u>, <u>Audit and Risk Management Committee</u> which met on 13 July 2016, the Remuneration Committee and the Notifications Working Group.

#### **Business items**

The Committee noted the regular update report from the CEO and discussed the considerable growth of work in the Statutory Offences Unit, with a significant number of new complaints recently received. Discussion occurred about the strategy and process for risk assessing and prioritising offence complaints and wider work with Boards and stakeholders in this area. The Committee also noted progress with the current negotiations for a new Enterprise Agreement.

The Committee continues to have an oversight role in the progress and implementation of the Enterprise Resource Project. This is a significant project that will replace a number of current business systems. The Committee received advice on a report of a recent quality assurance review of the project which indicates that good progress is being made to establish the new system.

The Committee approved the consolidated 2016/17 budget.

The Committee provided feedback on a proposed consultation to review the governance of the National Scheme which forms part of the follow up of recommendations from the <u>Independent Review of NRAS</u>.

The Committee noted the proposed plan and timing for a joint AHPRA/National Boards submission to the Queensland Parliamentary Committee Inquiry into the performance of the <a href="Queensland Health">Queensland Health</a> <a href="Queensland Health">Qmbudsman</a>'s functions pursuant to section 179 of the Health Ombudsman Act.

#### **News from AHPRA**

AHPRA and the Medical Board of Australia will jointly host the <u>International Association of Medical</u> <u>Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA) 12th International Conference on Medical Regulation</u> that will take place from 20 – 23 September 2016.

Members of the Committee attended AHPRA offices to mark the recent 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Scheme.

The next meeting of the Agency Management Committee will take place on Friday 26 August 2016 in Melbourne. The August meeting will occur immediately prior to the 2016 National Regulation and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) All Boards Combined Meeting.