

## Ahpra Board communiqué

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### June 2023

The [Ahpra Board](#) met on Tuesday 20 June 2023 in a hybrid capacity, with some members attending face-to-face in Melbourne and others by videoconference. This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the lands on which the meeting was being held and paid respect to their Elders, past and present.

#### CEO report

Members noted the CEO report highlighting:

- expansion of the Notifier Support Service consistent with our blueprint commitments
- strong progress on cosmetic surgery reforms
- case study of proactive media strategy on National Law amendments
- progress of legislative amends following Committee scrutiny in the Queensland Parliament
- latest appearance at Senate Estimates.

A comprehensive presentation on the current work underway as well as challenges and issues faced by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner Board (the Board) was provided by the Chair of the Board. Follow up discussion will occur on strategies to address the challenges for the Board and how the Ahpra Board might assist.

#### Business items

In other agenda items the Ahpra Board:

- received a presentation on the progress of the Transformation Program, noting we will continue to add functions and capability over the coming year in progressive releases
- approved the Modern slavery statement
- agreed to the inclusion of National Boards budgets and fees in Health Profession Agreements for FY 2023/24
- noted the Health Professions Agreement Schedules update 2023 and next steps
- approved the Data strategy for 2023-2028 for publication

Members discussed the current work being undertaken by Ahpra and National Boards in response to the Interim report of Regulatory Settings for International Health Practitioners (the Kruk report) and the National Cabinet submission and workplan on workforce.

Members also noted an update on the current work and key priorities of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Unit.

The next meeting of the Ahpra Board is scheduled for Tuesday 18 July 2023.