

## Agency Management Committee Communiqué

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### August 2020

The 123<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) (AManC) was held on Thursday, 27 August 2020 via 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.

### Business items

The committee welcomed the Chair of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia, Distinguished Professor Charlie Xue to provide a briefing to members. The AManC thanked Professor Xue for attending the meeting and providing an informative overview of the regulation of Chinese medicine and the work of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia. Members also acknowledged the outstanding contributions Professor Xue has made to the regulation of Chinese medicine and across the National Scheme.

In other business items, the Committee:

- approved the adoption of Ahpra's 2019/20 financial statements, noting that this has been the third year in a row where there have not been any auditor adjustments to the draft financial accounts, which reflects the quality of the work that is undertaken by the Ahpra finance team
- approved the deferral of the decision about payment of an annual 2.5% indexation increase to board member and chair sitting fees for FY 2020/21 until early 2021 (the AManC Chair will write to the Chair of the Ministerial Council advising of the deferral)
- approved the deferral of the decision about payment of a 2.5% indexation increase to eligible employees on contracts above the Enterprise Agreement banding (including the CEO) for FY 2020/21 until early 2021
- approved the payment of the 2.5% increase to those employees on individual contracts whose salary falls within the range of the Enterprise Agreement banding
- reviewed and endorsed recommendations made by the cultural safety training procurement panel to ensure the full rollout of cultural safety training is fit-for-purpose
- agreed the FY 2020/21 National Board budgets for inclusion in the budget schedule of the Health Profession Agreements
- agreed the FY 2020/21 National Board registration fees for inclusion in the fee schedules of the Health Profession Agreements
- approved the FY 2020/21 Ahpra operating budget.
- approved the progress of the proposed approach to respond to productivity impacts of COVID-19 on notifications performance, noting that work on any immediate action and high-risk matters will continue as a priority.

The Committee also discussed other priority business items including:

- providing feedback on a revised approach for an integrated orientation, induction and professional development program for Board and committee members
- agreeing that a report on the governance review be brought to the September meeting.

### Next meeting of the Agency Management Committee

15 September 2020

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