**STAGE 1 PBS PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS**

**2020-21 Metrics Report**

Clause 10.3 of the [Strategic Agreement](https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/CC4088EE246D44BFCA25811B002759EE/$File/Medicines%20Australia%20-%20Strategic%20Agreement.pdf) between the Commonwealth and Medicines Australia included objectives that needed to be addressed in any process improvement outcomes. Stage 1 PBS process improvements included the development of key metrics. The metrics provided below has been aggregated based on de-identified data in alignment with the main objectives of the agreement and will be published annually. The data set (below) includes metrics covering 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. This is the second report since implementation of Stage 1 PBS process improvements on 1 July 2019.

**Pre-Submission Meetings**

* **48** initial pre-submission meetings were requested; **6** withdrawn; **45** accepted; **3** not accepted and **39** meetings have been held.
* **1** subsequent pre-submission meeting was requested, accepted and held.

**Intent to Apply**

* **176** intent to apply forms were received
* **140** submissions were received

**Notice of Intent for Pricing**

* **47%** of applicants with a recommended outcome lodged their notice of intent for pricing form by week 4 post the PBAC meeting (earliest opportunity)
* Of these applicants, **53%** submitted their pricing offer package in week 5 post the PBAC meeting (earliest opportunity)

**Pricing Pathways**

* **14%** of pricing offer packages complete when initially provided to the department
* **63%** of utilisation and cost model templates were initially provided to the department in the correct format
* The time from the department confirming the pricing offer package was lodged correctly to the department and the applicant reaching in principle pricing agreement was an average (mean) of **26 days** and a median of **18** **days**.
* For applicants who lodged their notice of intent for pricing form in week 4 and their pricing offer package in week 5, the time from PBAC minutes to PBS listing date was an average (mean) of **131 days** (approx. 4.4 months) and a median of **123 days** (approx. 4.1 months). This represents 23 out of 57[[1]](#footnote-1) listings.
* For all other applicants, the time from PBAC minutes to PBS listing date was an average (mean) of **166 days** (approx. 5.5 months) and a median of **180 days** (approx. 6 months). This represents 34 out of 57[[2]](#footnote-2)1 listings.

In the 2020-21 financial year, six companies sought a postponed PBS listing date. If these applications were removed, then:

* For applicants who lodged their notice of intent for pricing form in week 4 and their pricing offer package in week 5, the time from PBAC minutes to PBS listing date was an average (mean) of **119 days** (approx. 4 months) and a median of **123 days** (approx. 4.1 months). This represents 20 out of 51[[3]](#footnote-3) listings.
* For all other applicants, the time from PBAC minutes to PBS listing date was an average (mean) of **163 days** (approx. 5.4 months) and a median of **171 days** (approx. 5.7 months). This represents 31 out of 512 listings.

1. *There were 57 PBAC recommended listings implemented on the PBS from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 where pricing services were required.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. *There were 51 PBAC recommended listings implemented on the PBS from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 where pricing services were required, and sponsors agreed to the earliest possible PBS listing date.* [↑](#footnote-ref-3)