**Streamlined Pathways Subgroup**

**17 November 2017**

**Communique**

The Streamlined Pathways Subgroup met in Canberra on 17 November 2017. Attendees included representatives from the Department of Health (the Department), Medicines Australia (MA) and KPMG.

This was the first meeting held with KPMG, the consulting firm selected by the Department through an open tender process, to undertake targeted consultations across the sector to develop options for streamlining the medicines listing process for the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. This activity is consistent with the Strategic Agreement between the Australian Government and Medicines Australia (2017).

During this meeting, attendees agreed to a draft set of design principles that will underpin the streamlined pathways framework and inform the work going forward.

Representatives from both the Department and MA will continue to meet regularly with KPMG whilst this work is progressing.

The Streamlined Pathways Subgroup will reconvene on 12 December 2017.