

## PBS Transparency and Efficiencies Subgroup

20 September & 30 October 2019

### Communique

The Transparency and Efficiencies Subgroup met on 20 September and 30 October 2019. Attendees included representatives from the Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association (GBMA), Medicines Australia (MA), industry and the Department of Health (the department).

At the 20 September meeting, members were provided an update on the Health Products Portal and an overview of the Stage 2 PBS process improvements. Members also discussed the consumer Medicines Status Website (MSW) and the criteria for the standardised redaction of Public Summary Documents. Members also agreed to the publication of subgroup communiques biannually.

At the 30 October meeting, members were provided a demonstration of the consumer MSW. Members discussed statutory price reductions and the impact of existing reference pricing policy. Members also discussed PBS cost recovery including the 2018-19 Cost Recovery Implementation Statement outcome and proposed cost recovery arrangements that would apply from 1 July 2020.

The next meeting of the Transparency and Efficiencies subgroup will be held in January 2020.