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Dear Mr Picton

### **Freedom of Information Internal Review – National Health Agreement**

I refer to your Freedom of Information application received by Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) on 1 May 2018 and your Internal Review application received on 26 June 2018.

Your application specifically requested:

*'Any and all documents (including but not limited to physical, electronic, or written advice and briefs, minutes, emails and any other correspondence) from any Department of Treasury and Finance entity regarding the National Health Agreement dated between 15 March 2018 and 10 May 2018 inclusive.'*

### **Determination under review**

DTF did not make a determination on your initial application within the 30-day time period required by the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act). Accordingly, DTF was deemed to have refused access in full to all documents relevant to your application.

### **Outcome of internal review**

A total of 33 documents were identified as answering the terms of your application and I have determined as follows:

- I grant you access in full to 10 documents, copies of which are enclosed
- I grant you access in part to 1 document, a copy of which is enclosed, and
- I refuse you access to 22 documents.

Please refer to the attached schedule that describes each document and sets out my determination and reasons in summary form.

### **Documents released in full**

Documents 7, 11, 14, 15, 18, 20, 24, 26, 27 and 33

## **Documents released in part**

### **Document 28**

This document contains an active teleconference number which forms part of the business and financial affairs of DTF. If released there is a possibility some adverse effect could flow from its disclosure. As the release of this information is not likely to enhance participation by members of the public in the democratic process, but could possibly have some adverse effect on the agencies financial affairs, DTF considers that, on balance, it would be contrary to the public interest to release it. In light of this, DTF submits that the information is exempt pursuant to clause 7(1)(c) of Schedule 1 to the Act.

## **Documents refused in full**

### **Documents 3**

This document is a draft cabinet submission. I have therefore determined to exempt this information pursuant to clause 1(1)(b).

### **Document 1, 2 and 32**

These documents contains information which, if released, would disclose details concerning a deliberation or decision of Cabinet. I have therefore determined to exempt this information pursuant to clause 1(1)(e).

### **Document 4 – 6, 8 – 10, 12 – 13, 16 – 17, 19, 21 – 23, 25 and 29 – 30**

Pursuant to clause 5 of Schedule 1 to the Act, information is exempt from disclosure if it contains matter the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to cause damage to intergovernmental relations; or would divulge information from a confidential intergovernmental communication. These documents contain correspondence that if released could reasonably be expected to adversely affect the outcomes of health reform negotiations. Disclosure of these documents could also have an impact on the development and implementation of future Commonwealth-State reforms. Taking all of this into account I have therefore determined to refuse access to these documents pursuant to clause 5.

### **Document 31**

This document contains an extract from a parliamentary briefing note prepared specifically for use in Parliament, the disclosure of which would infringe the privilege of Parliament. I have therefore determined to exempt the document in full pursuant to clause 17(c) of Schedule 1 to the Act.

## **Exemptions**

### **Clause 1 – Cabinet documents**

(1) *A document is an exempt document –*

...

(b) *if it is a preliminary draft of a document referred to in paragraph (1); or*

- ...
- (e) if it contains matter the disclosure of which would disclose information concerning any deliberation or decision of Cabinet;

**Clause 5 – Documents affecting inter-governmental or local governmental relations**

- (1) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter—
- (a) the disclosure of which—
- (i) could reasonably be expected to cause damage to intergovernmental relations; or
- (ii) would divulge information from a confidential intergovernmental communication; and
- (b) the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

**Clause 7 – Documents affecting business affairs**

- (1) A document is an exempt document—
- ...
- (c) if it contains matter—
- (i) consisting of information (other than trade secrets or information referred to in paragraph (b)) concerning the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of any agency or any other person; and
- (ii) the disclosure of which—
- (A) could reasonably be expected to have an adverse effect on those affairs or to prejudice the future supply of such information to the Government or to an agency; and
- (B) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

**Clause 17 – Documents subject to contempt etc**

A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the public disclosure of which would, but for any immunity of the Crown—

- ...
- (c) infringe the privilege of Parliament

Please note, in compliance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 - *Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information* (PC045), DTF is now required to publish a log of all non-personal information released under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*.

In accordance with this Circular, any non-personal information determined for release as part of this application, may be published on the DTF website. A copy of PC045 can be found at the following address: <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars> Please visit the website for further information.

**External review**

If you remain dissatisfied with this determination, you have the right to apply to the Ombudsman for external review under section 39 of the FOI Act. You have 30 days from the date on which you receive this letter to apply for an external review. If you have any

questions about an application to the Ombudsman, please contact the office on (08) 8226 8699.

Yours sincerely



David Reynolds  
PRINCIPAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

## Schedule of Documents

T&F18/0269 - Mr Chris Picton MP - 'Any and all documents (including but not limited to physical, electronic, or written advice and briefs, minutes, emails and any other correspondence) from any Department of Treasury and Finance entity regarding the National Health Agreement dated between 15 March 2018 and 10 May 2018 inclusive.'

Doc. No.	Date	Description of Document	# of pages	Determination	Exemption Clause
1	27/03/2018	Email	1	Refused in full	1(1)(e) - Contains information concerning deliberation or decision of Cabinet or Cabinet committee
2	29/03/2018	Email	2	Refused in full	1(1)(e) - Contains information concerning deliberation or decision of Cabinet or Cabinet committee
3	27/03/2018	Cabinet Submission	10	Refused in full	1(1)(b) - Draft of document prepared for Cabinet or Cabinet committee
4	28/03/2018	Agenda paper	3	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest
5	28/03/2018	Email	4	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest
6	28/03/2018	Letter	1	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest
7	3/04/2018	Agreement	8	Released in full	
8	3/04/2018	Email	2	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest
9	3/04/2018	Email	1	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest
10	5/04/2018	Briefing	4	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest
11	6/04/2018	Email	1	Released in full	
12	6/04/2018	Letter	2	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest
13	7/04/2018	Email	3	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest
14	17/04/2018	Email	1	Released in full	
15	17/04/2018	Meeting paper	1	Released in full	
16	17/04/2018	Meeting agenda	3	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest
17	18/04/2018	Meeting paper	1	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest
18	26/04/2018	Email	2	Released in full	
19	26/04/2018	Meeting agenda	9	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest

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21	3/05/2018	Email	4	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest
22	3/05/2018	Meeting agenda	2	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest
23	4/05/2018	Meeting paper	1	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest
24	4/05/2018	Email	2	Released in full	
25	4/05/2018	Meeting minutes	3	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest
26	7/05/2018	Email	2	Released in full	
27	7/05/2018	Email	1	Released in full	
28	7/05/2018	Meeting agenda	1	Released in part	7(1)(c)(i)(ii)(A)(B) - Contains information concerning the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of any agency or person & contrary to public interest
29	7/05/2018	Meeting agenda	1	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest
30	8/05/2018	Email	3	Refused in full	5(1)(a)(i) - Damage to intergovernmental relations & contrary to public interest
31	9/05/2018	Email	2	Refused in full	17(c) - Disclosure would infringe the privilege of Parliament
32	9/05/2018	Email	2	Refused in full	1(1)(e) - Contains information concerning deliberation or decision of Cabinet or Cabinet committee
33	3/05/2018	Email - Strategy Workshop - National Health Reform	8	Released in full	

# Heads of Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States and Territories on public hospital funding and health reform

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*This Agreement is made between the COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA (Commonwealth) and NEW SOUTH WALES, VICTORIA, QUEENSLAND, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, the AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY and the NORTHERN TERRITORY (the States)*

## Preliminaries

1. The Commonwealth and the States (the Parties) agree this Heads of Agreement (the Agreement) will form the basis of negotiations for a new five-year national health agreement (NHA) to commence on 1 July 2020 and conclude on 30 June 2025.
2. The Parties agree four strategic priorities for reform in our health system:
  - a. Improving efficiency and ensuring financial sustainability;
  - b. Delivering safe, high quality care in the right place at the right time;
  - c. Prioritising prevention and helping people manage their health across their lifetime; and
  - d. Driving best practice and performance using data and research.
3. The NHA will be subject to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations and should be read in conjunction with that agreement and any subsidiary schedules.
4. This Agreement recognises that responsibility for health is shared between the Commonwealth and the States.
  - a. The States will remain system managers for public hospitals and will remain responsible for their infrastructure, operation, delivery of services and performance;
  - b. The Commonwealth will continue to have lead responsibility for general practice (GP) and primary health care, including the Primary Health Networks, and continue to support private health services through the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS), the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), the Private Health Insurance Rebate; and
  - c. All governments have a shared responsibility to integrate systems and services to improve health outcomes for Australians, acknowledging the interoperability of the health system, as well as areas such as aged care and disability services.



5. The Parties note the Medicare Principles:
  - a. eligible persons are to be given the choice to receive, free of charge as public patients, health and emergency services of a kind or kinds that are currently, or were historically provided by hospitals;
  - b. access to such services by public patients free of charge is to be on the basis of clinical need and within a clinically appropriate period; and
  - c. arrangements are to be in place to ensure equitable access to such services for all eligible persons, regardless of their geographic location.
6. The Parties agree to maintain the independence and functions of the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, the Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool, the National Health Funding Body and the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. Parties also agree to continue the functions of Local Hospital Networks and Primary Health Networks.

### **The national health agreement**

7. Based on this Agreement, the NHA will include:
  - a. public hospital funding arrangements to apply from 1 July 2020 until 30 June 2025;
  - b. ongoing reforms commenced under the Addendum to the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) to improve Australians' health outcomes and decrease avoidable demand for public hospital services through:
    - i. better coordinated care, particularly for patients with complex and chronic disease;
    - ii. funding and pricing for safety and quality, to avoid funding unnecessary or unsafe care;
    - iii. reducing avoidable readmissions to hospital; and
    - iv. the Commonwealth continuing to focus on reforms in primary care that are designed to improve patient outcomes and reduce avoidable hospital admissions.
  - c. new long-term system wide reforms agreed for further development by the COAG Health Council (CHC):
    - i. Paying for value and outcomes;
    - ii. Joint planning and funding at a local level;
    - iii. Nationally cohesive health technology assessment;
    - iv. Empowering people through health literacy;
    - v. Prevention and wellbeing; and
    - vi. Enhanced health data (including health system data and developing a Commonwealth-State primary and community care dataset to inform the development of quality indicators).
  - d. enacting other reforms:
    - i. My Health Record implementation; and
    - ii. The Australian Health Performance Framework (as agreed by CHC in 2017).



8. Commonwealth and State Health Ministers will lead the development of the NHA for COAG agreement before the end of 2018. This Agreement will lapse following COAG agreement to the NHA.

#### **Private patients in public hospitals**

9. The Parties agree to ensure the information and process for patients electing to use private health insurance in public hospital emergency departments is appropriate, robust and best supports consumer choice.
10. In developing the NHA, the Parties will work together to:
- a. examine the underlying drivers of growth of private patients in public hospitals;
  - b. develop reform initiatives to improve admission policy and practices to support patient choice, and to deliver comprehensive data provision and more consistent financial reporting on private patients; and
  - c. examine the impact of historic changes to the original Medicare principles and ensure the final agreement supports access to public hospital services by all patients on the basis of clinical need.

#### **Public hospital funding arrangements for 2020-21 to 2024-25**

11. The Parties agree, consistent with Clause A(1) of the NHRA and its subsequent Addendum, that the Commonwealth's contribution to hospital services from 1 July 2020 until 30 June 2025 will comprise funding relating to:
- a. hospital services provided to public patients in a range of settings, and eligible private patients in public hospitals and a range of settings, with funding provided on the basis of activity based funding (ABF);
  - b. block funding for public hospital services better funded through block grants, including relevant services in regional and rural communities and teaching, training and research functions; and
  - c. public health activities.
12. The Parties agree that ABF will be the preferred basis for funding public hospital services where ever practicable.
13. From 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2025, the Commonwealth will fund 45 per cent of the efficient growth of activity based services, subject to a cap in the growth of overall Commonwealth funding outlined in Clause 16 below. Schedule A outlines ABF arrangements.
14. Where services or functions are more appropriately funded through block grants, the Commonwealth will provide 45 per cent of the growth in the efficient cost of providing these services.
15. Commonwealth payments for public health activities for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25 will be calculated consistent with the process outlined in the NHRA.

16. Under the NHA, growth in Commonwealth funding for public hospitals will not exceed 6.5 per cent per year. The funding cap will continue to be applied through the 'national funding cap' and 'soft cap' methodology, agreed as part of the Addendum to the NHRA.
17. Where a jurisdiction may receive less funding under these arrangements than block funding, indexed at Consumer Price Index and population growth, the Commonwealth will work with any effected jurisdiction to ensure they are no worse off under these arrangements.
18. Parties agree to continue the use of Data Conditional Payments, as contained in the Addendum to the NHRA.
19. States will determine the amount they pay for public hospital services and functions and the mix of those services and functions, and will meet the balance of the cost of delivering public hospital services and functions over and above the Commonwealth contribution.
20. The States agree to maintain, at a minimum, their current levels of funding for public hospitals, while having regard to new, appropriate models of care that may change the setting in which care is delivered.
21. In developing the NHA, all Parties agree to discuss development of a single Commonwealth contribution rate across ABF service categories, consistent with Deputy Senior Officials' discussions of 24 February 2017.
22. The Commonwealth commits to finalising the reconciliation of 2015-16 National Health Reform funding prior to the 2018-19 Commonwealth budget, contingent on the timely receipt of updated advice from the Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool.
23. The Commonwealth commits to reconciling future determinations in a timely fashion contingent on the timely receipt of advice from the Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool.
24. The Parties agree to work together to examine processes for reviewing determinations and dispute resolution to ensure timely, accurate and transparent reconciliations in the future, building on the existing reconciliation and dispute resolution processes implemented in the Addendum to the NHRA.

**Long-term reforms to improve health outcomes and drive health system improvements**

25. The Parties agree to develop, by 1 November 2019, detailed implementation plans, including timelines, for the long-term system wide reforms outlined at Clause 7(c) above. These reforms will be incorporated into the NHA.
26. The immediate focus of discussions will be progressing:
  - a. exploring a nationally cohesive health technology assessment process;

- b. enhanced health data, including:
      - i. The Commonwealth will provide a timing commitment on the provision of patient-level MBS and PBS data for the use of system managers.
      - ii. States will provide a timing commitment on the provision of patient-level data for all services funded under the Agreement.
27. Implementation of these reforms will need to take into account each State's particular circumstances.
28. The Commonwealth will provide \$100 million for a Health Innovation Fund, with project criteria to be agreed by COAG by 1 July 2018, to fund trials that support health prevention and the better use of health data (consistent with the reforms outlined at Clauses 7(c)(v) and (vi)).
- a. 50 per cent of this fund will be made available for the use of States that sign up to this Agreement on 9 February 2018, to be divided amongst signatory States.
    - i. In the case of Tasmania, recognising their caretaker period, they will have access to this portion of the fund should they sign up to this Agreement within two weeks of the swearing in of the next Tasmanian government.
  - b. All States (inclusive of those at Clause 28(a) above) will have access to the remaining 50 per cent of this fund from 1 July 2020 once all States have signed this Agreement.
  - c. Allocations will be made on an equal per capita basis.
29. Developing the NHA provides an opportunity to incorporate Commonwealth-state health funding arrangements into a single health agreement and to streamline terms and conditions to demonstrate citizen benefit, remove any duplication and balance accountability and autonomy.
- a. This work will be progressed through a working group with Deputy Senior Officials from First Ministers', Treasuries and Health departments, reporting to COAG Senior Officials.
30. In the event that arrangements outlined in this Agreement are subsequently changed or updated, any jurisdiction that signs this Agreement on 9 February 2018 will be subject to the new or changed terms, subject to agreement by those affected First Ministers.
- a. This clause also applies to Tasmania, should they sign up to this Agreement within two weeks of the swearing in of the next Tasmanian government.

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this Agreement as follows:

*Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth  
of Australia by*

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**The Honourable Malcolm Turnbull MP**  
Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia  
February 2018

*Signed for and on behalf of the  
State of New South Wales by*

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**The Honourable Gladys Berejiklian MP**  
Premier of the State of New South Wales  
February 2018

*Signed for and on behalf of the  
State of Victoria by*

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**The Honourable Daniel Andrews MLA**  
Premier of the State of Victoria  
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*Signed for and on behalf of the  
State of Queensland by*

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**The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP**  
Premier of the State of Queensland  
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*Signed for and on behalf of the  
State of Western Australia by*

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**The Honourable Mark McGowan MLA**  
Premier of the State of Western Australia  
February 2018

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State of South Australia by*

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**The Honourable Steven Marshall MP**  
Premier of the State of South Australia  
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*Signed for and on behalf of the  
State of Tasmania by*

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**The Honourable Will Hodgman MP**  
Premier of the State of Tasmania  
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*Signed for and on behalf of the Australian  
Capital Territory by*

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**Andrew Barr MLA**  
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*Signed for and on behalf of the Northern  
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**The Honourable Michael Gunner MLA**  
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory of Australia  
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## SCHEDULE A – Improving efficiency and ensuring financial sustainability

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### Activity Based Funding (ABF) Arrangements for 2020-21 to 2024-25

1. For the period 2020-21 to 2024-25, the Commonwealth's funding for each ABF service category will be calculated individually for each State by summing:
  - a. *previous year amount*—the Commonwealth's percentage funding rate for the relevant State in the previous year, multiplied by the volume of weighted services provided in the previous year, multiplied by the National Efficient Price (NEP) in the previous year;
  - b. *price adjustment*—the volume of weighted services provided in the previous year, multiplied by the change in the NEP relative to the previous year, multiplied by 45 per cent (or a lower rate if the funding cap is reached);
  - c. *volume adjustment*—the net change in volume of weighted services to be provided in the relevant State (relative to the volume of weighted services provided in the previous year), multiplied by the NEP, multiplied by 45 per cent (or a lower rate if the funding cap is reached).
2. The Commonwealth's contribution to activity based funding (including efficient growth) will be calculated at the start of each financial year, and will be updated or revised based on advice from the Administrator, including a final reconciliation of public hospital services, consistent with arrangements established under the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA).
3. The Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool will calculate and advise the Commonwealth Treasurer of the monthly Commonwealth payments into the National Health Funding Pool.
4. The States, in consultation with the National Health Funding Body (NHFB), will determine when state payments are made into the Pool and State managed funds.
5. Payments will be made out of the Pool accounts to Local Hospital Networks and state managed funds as set out in the NHRA.
6. The Parties agree that the NEP and National Efficient Cost will continue to be set by the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) as set out in the NHRA (as amended in 2017) and that the IHPA's:
  - a. ongoing costs will continue to be met by the Commonwealth; and
  - b. functions will continue as set out in the Addendum to the NHRA and existing legislation, including maintaining the independence of the IHPA.
7. The Parties also agree that the single national health funding pool will continue as set out in the Addendum to the NHRA and existing legislation, including that:
  - a. the Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool (the Administrator) and the NHFB will continue to provide for the transparent and efficient administration of public hospital funding;

- b. the roles of the Administrator and the NHFB will continue as set out in the Addendum to the NHRA;
- c. the Administrator will use IHPA's determination of the National Efficient Cost to calculate the Commonwealth's funding contribution for block funding; and
- d. the States will continue to provide data on public hospital services to the Administrator as set out in the Addendum to the NHRA.

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## **Burness, Sandy (DTF)**

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**Burness, Sandy (DTF)**

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**Attachments:** NHRA Timeline v1.pdf; National Health Agreement - Jurisdiction Committee and Governance Struct....pdf; Health Reform Negotiation Group - Agenda 19 April 2018.docx

Hi central agencies,

Following our commitment to the COAG Heads of Agreement, the Commonwealth has now invited us to join the 'signatories only' group of jurisdictions to negotiate the NHA.

The process mapped out attached, does seem rather complicated, so I think Thursday's meeting may be an opportunity to better understand and input into this.

Can DTF and DPC please confirm your availability this Thursday at 4pm? Lauren has organised us a meeting room at CitiCentre where we can dial in.

Skye

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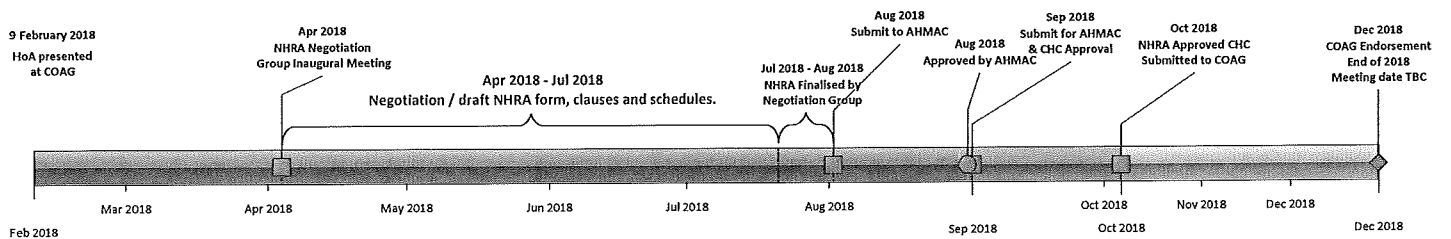
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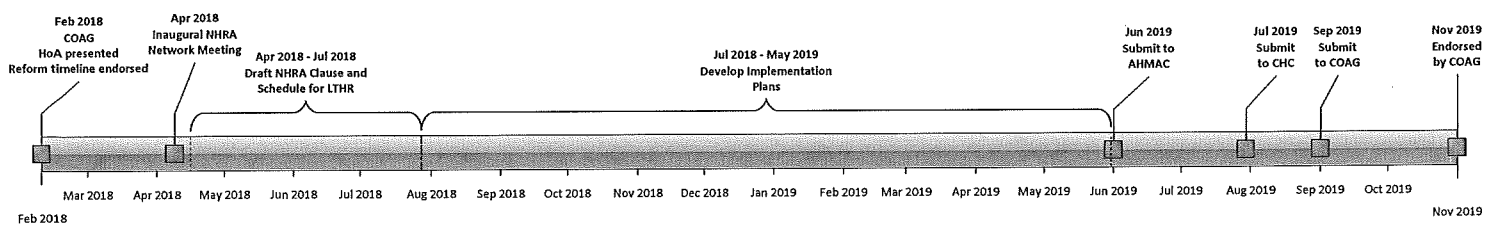
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## Proposed NHRA negotiation timeline Complete by end of 2018



## NHRA Long Term Reform Implementation Plan – COAG endorsement 1 November 2019



**Burness, Sandy (DTF)**

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**Attachments:** HoTs Working Group Meeting Agenda \_ 3 May 2018.docx; Meeting Paper 1 - Draft Terms of Reference 2018.docx; Meeting Paper 2 - Options for approach.docx; Meeting Paper 3 - Priorities for forward work agenda.docx

Dear colleagues,

Please find attached the agenda and meeting papers for the next meeting of the Heads of Treasuries Working Group on National Health Reform.

The meeting will be held via telepresence on Thursday 3 May from 4pm-5pm AEDT. Please note the logistical details listed in the original calendar invitation, and let me know if you are intending to dial-in.

Don't hesitate to get in touch if needs be, otherwise we look forward to seeing you next week.

Kind regards,

Clare Peachey



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**Cc:** Frater, Don (Health); Walters, Jeanette (Health); Pekarsky, Brita (Health); Miholos, Jenny (Health)  
**Subject:** National Health Reform Agreement - Strategic Workshop

Dear all,

Following the signing of the COAG Heads of Agreement, the Commonwealth is now commencing negotiations for a new National Health Agreement. At the Commonwealth end, this is being led through the Department of Health, however, it has been made clear that States may involve their central agencies in discussions.

There are considerable matters for negotiation under the agreement including the 6 long term reform proposals and private patient arrangements in public hospitals.

SA Health is currently preparing a summary of the areas of negotiation and the key questions and negotiation challenges going forward. I propose that we hold a strategic workshop at Executive level in the next fortnight to discuss the path forward and the priorities for SA. SA Health also plans to establish some ongoing governance to oversee the negotiation process throughout the year.

My office will be in touch to organise a time with you all. Please advise if any other key contacts in your agency should also be present.

Thanks,  
Skye

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**Subject:** Treasuries Working Group on National Health Reform - Meeting Minutes  
**Attachments:** Draft Minutes - Heads of Treasuries Working Group meeting - 3 May 2018.pdf

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for attending the meeting of the Heads of Treasuries Working Group on National Health Reform.

Please find attached the draft Meeting Minutes including actions arising, reflecting the conversation and decisions made yesterday.

Could you please review the attached and let me know of any suggested changes to the Minutes as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please feel free to give me a call.

Kind regards,

Clare Peachey



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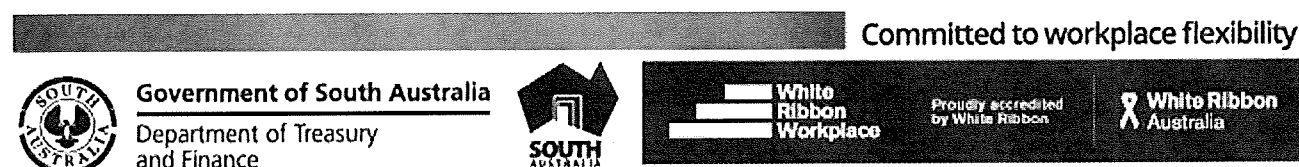
Thanks Skye – could you please send this to both Belinda and myself in the first instance.

Thanks very much.

**Sandy Burness**

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Thanks Skye – could you please send meeting requests and any materials to both Jon and I from a DPC perspective.

Also, if you have any further info on the differences between the two groups that you could send through, that would be great.

Thanks,

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Hi central agencies,

The Commonwealth has started to populate our diaries with upcoming meetings around NHA negotiations. We would welcome DTF and DPC involvement and I ask for your nominees so we can forward through the meeting invites. Please note I do not yet have an agenda for the 2 day meeting in Sydney, but this is expected to include a review of the drafting priorities under the new agreement.

The two groups are:

- NHRA Negotiating Group – Teleconference on 11 May at 3-4pm **and** Face-to-Face meeting in Sydney on 31 May to 1 June.
- Long Term Health Reform Network – Teleconference on 22 May 2:30 to 3:30 .

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**Subject:** NHRA Negotiation Group Teleconference - 11 May 2018 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Attachments:** Item 2 - Action Items from 19 April 2018.docx; Item 3 - Draft Agenda for 31 May 2018 Workshop.docx; NHRA Negotiating Group Teleconference - 11 May 2018 - Agenda.docx

Hi all

FYI for Friday's meeting. Please note I have sent you a meeting request and booked Citi Centre Level 9 meeting room 2 for the teleconference.

Regards  
 Jen

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**Subject:** NHRA Negotiation Group Teleconference - 11 May 2018 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear all

Please find attached the agenda for Friday's teleconference (11 May 2018) and related papers including the draft agenda for the Negotiating Group workshop.

To assist us in preparing for the 31 May – 1 June 2018 Workshop, we would appreciate it if you would confirm the following details to the Long Term Health Reform Mailbox by COB 10 May 2018:

- the name of your lead negotiator and other attendees; and
- any special dietary requirements for your attendees.

The venue for this meeting is the Holiday Inn Sydney Airport.

For those driving to the venue, parking will be \$15 per day. We are also happy to send the timetable for the airport shuttle buses if needed.

For our interstate travellers, other hotels within the vicinity of Holiday Inn are the Stamford Plaza, Ridges, Pullman Hotel and Ibis.

Kind regards  
 Shareen

## National Health Reform Agreement

### Negotiating Group Teleconference

Friday 11 May: 3.30pm - 4.30pm (AEST)

Clause 7(1)(c) Business Affairs
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3.30-3.35pm	Item 1. Welcome, apologies	Chair
3.35-3.45pm	Item 2. Minutes and actions arising	Chair
3.45-4.15pm	Item 3. Negotiating Group Workshop planning (including draft agenda)	Anne-marie Boxall
4.15-4.30pm	Item 4. Other business	Chair
4.30pm	Item 5. Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next Teleconference is scheduled for 22 May 2018</li> </ul>	Chair
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Kind regards,

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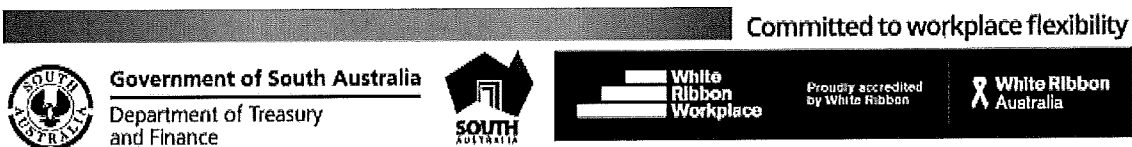
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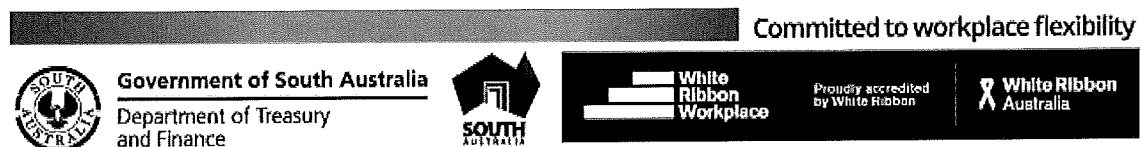
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Thanks  
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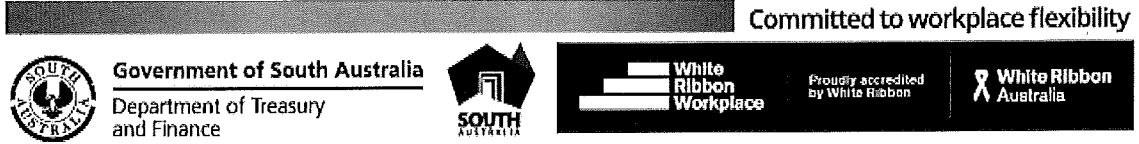
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Sandy

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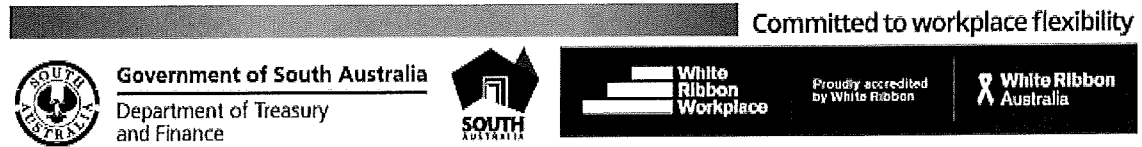
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