

BOARD OF TREASURERS

Communiqué

Brisbane

Friday 22 July 2022

State and territory Treasurers gathered in Brisbane for their first in-person Board of Treasurers (Board) meeting since February 2020. The Australian Capital Territory Chief Minister and Treasurer, Mr Andrew Barr MLA, is chairing the Board in 2022.

The Board welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Commonwealth Treasurer, the Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP, at the Council on Federal Financial Relations on the same day. The Board raised with Treasurer Chalmers some of the priorities of State and Territory Treasurers including health reform, workforce, productivity, energy, cost of living (including housing affordability) and extending the GST no-worse off guarantee.

The Board looks forward to working with the Commonwealth Government, building on the shared desire to work collaboratively and pursue national reform aimed at addressing the key economic and fiscal challenges that Australia faces.

The Board continues to focus on health reform, with its work supporting First Ministers' efforts on health system interface issues.

The Board is also continuing its work on actions where states and territories can lead in addressing the skills shortages that have been exacerbated by the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on labour mobility and net overseas migration. This work will complement the outcomes of the Prime Minister's September Jobs and Skills Summit.

State and territory Treasurers will next meet in Adelaide on 9 September 2022.

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Board of Treasurers meeting in Brisbane on 22 July 2022 attendees (L to R) Hon Matt Kean MP, NSW Treasurer; Hon Stephen Mullighan MP, SA Treasurer; Hon Eva Lawler MLA, NT Treasurer; Hon Cameron Dick MP, Queensland Treasurer; Mr Andrew Barr MLA, ACT Chief Minister and Treasurer; Hon Mark McGowan MLA, WA Premier and Treasurer; Mr Tim Pallas MP, Victoria Treasurer; Hon Michael Ferguson MP, Tasmania Deputy Premier and Treasurer