

Streamlined Pathways Subgroup
12 December 2017
Communique

The Streamlined Pathways Subgroup met in Canberra on 12 December 2017. Attendees included representatives from the Department of Health (the Department), Medicines Australia (MA) and KPMG.

This was the second meeting held with KPMG, which has been conducting targeted consultations to inform 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, seven design principles were presented, refined and agreed:

- Alignment with other processes;
- Accountability;
- Fit for purpose;
- Transparency;
- Effective communication;
- Cognisant of relevant policy and statutory frameworks; and
- Adaptive resourcing.

This meeting identified common themes and opportunities to improve each stage of the listing process, aligned to the design principles.

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

A workshop is planned to be held with this group in late January 2018. The Streamlined Pathways Subgroup will reconvene in January 2018.