

**PBS Listing Transparency and Efficiencies Subgroup
19 February 2018
Communique**

The PBS Listing Transparency and Efficiencies Subgroup met in Canberra on 19 February 2018. Attendees included representatives from Medicines Australia, the Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association, industry and the Department of Health.

Attendees were provided with an update on the Streamlining Pathways project and the cost recovery. Cost recovery will be included as an item on the next PBS Transparency and Efficiencies Subgroup agenda.

The issue of transparency around out of session PBAC agendas and outcomes was also discussed. The Department noted the circumstances applying to out of session consideration, the need to publish an agenda for new submissions to facilitate consumer input to inform the PBAC's consideration, and agreed to publish out of session outcomes where appropriate on the PBS website within the usual timeframes (6 weeks after decision).

The PBS Listing Transparency and Efficiencies subgroup will next meet in April 2018.