



Health Technology Assessment Policy and Methods Review Reference Committee

Communique – 3 July 2023 meeting

The Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Policy and Methods Review (Review) Reference Committee (Committee) met by video conference on 3 July 2023.

Support staff from the Review Secretariat in the Department of Health and Aged Care (Department) attended.

What did the Committee discuss?

Update on action items from previous meeting

The Department informed the Committee that it was working to progress the publication of Consultation 1 submissions. The Committee noted that a submission could only be published if the responsible individual or organisation provided consent. The Committee noted that the Department was currently in the process of obtaining consent to publish submissions that were received via email for Consultation 1. The Committee noted that 107 written submissions were received, and 7 organisations provided their submission through a virtual forum.

Stocktake on progress of the HTA Review

The Committee considered that it would be worthwhile to undertake an informal stocktake of the progress of the HTA Review, supported by a detailed chart of the milestones and timelines for the Review.

Forward meeting plan for Reference Committee meetings

The Committee discussed its forward meeting plan, including deep dives with stakeholders and presentations by the HTA Experts supporting the Review, that will be needed for the formulation of draft options.

The Committee agreed to explore scheduling of additional meeting time prior to Consultation 2 to support these discussions.

Australian market authorisation, funding and assessment pathways and timelines

The Committee considered refinements to the previously presented data and analysis on Australian market authorisation, funding and assessment pathways and timelines. The Committee discussed current Australian HTA pathways and timelines, with the view to reducing time to access and determining rate limiting steps. Further refinements and granularity were requested and it was agreed to further consider this topic.

Issues and Options for Reform

Based on information presented to the Committee to date, the Committee started to consider the key issues and potential options for reform.