

From: [Alexis Apostolellis](#)
To: s22; [James Gray](#); [Dash Heath-Paynter](#)
Cc: [FIRTH, Clare](#)
Subject: Re: PrEP supply shortage: joint community/clinical messaging [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 1 October 2024 9:21:55 AM
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Good pick up !

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To: James Gray s47F @healthequitymatters.org.au>; Alexis Apostolellis s47F @ashm.org.au>; Dash Heath-Paynter s47F @healthequitymatters.org.au>
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Hi James – I'm just chasing up the Dept on this one

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Hi s22

Thanks for letting us know – we will follow up with our release once yours goes out.

Can I just check on the first line of the below statement 'with or at risk of contracting HIV' in relation to PrEP. As the second line notes, PrEP is for people who do not have HIV. I know there are a small number of people with HIV that may still be using tenofovir/emtricitabine as part of their treatment, but just wanted to check if this was an intended statement, give it's focus on PrEP.

Thanks
James



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Hi Alexis and Dash – this will go at out 9am today – s22

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Noted -thanks s22

Alexis



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Hi all

Apologies for a late Friday evening email – the PrEP media release has been delayed a bit more. I'll let you know if it goes out over the weekend.

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From: Dash Heath-Paynter s47F <[redacted]@healthequitymatters.org.au>
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Hi s22

Thanks for the update. We'll direct media to the MO for now and wait for your steer on releasing our statement. I am copying James Gray, our Principal Director, Australia Programs, into the email. I will be on leave from Friday – Tuesday 8 August. James will work with ASHM to release the statement and will be available to you next week for any further matters relating to Australia's critical PrEP supply shortage.

Dash



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Hi Dash

It is looking like a Friday release. You can always send media inquiries our way, or say you're working with the government on a solution to address this shortage.

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From: Dash Heath-Paynter s47F <[redacted]@healthequitymatters.org.au>
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Hi s22

I am emailing to circle back to this email exchange.

We are receiving media enquiries regarding the PrEP shortage. Is there an update on timing for the release of our statement?

Let me know if you need to discuss this matter.

Thanks

Dash



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Great – hope you have a good weekend too.

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Hi §22

Thanks for the reply. Discussing this early next week is a-ok.

Have a nice weekend

Dash



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On 20 Sep 2024, at 4:21 PM, §22 <§22@health.gov.au> wrote:

Thanks Dash

The media team is looking at doing some comms next week re this PrEP listing. I had a chat with them re your MR and we'll get back to you early next week – if that is ok with you and Alexis?

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Hi Clare

In consultation with the Department ASHM and Health Equity Matters have prepared the attached media statement.

I will get your steer on whether the statement is needed. In the event the release is needed Alexis and I are happy to adapt the content to ensure consistency with the Government's messaging on the matter.

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From: s47F
To: s22, s47F
Cc: s47F
Subject: FW: Butler: SECURING SUPPLY OF PrEP [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 1 October 2024 8:38:20 AM

Release here – will go out at 9am.

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From: s47E(d)
Sent: Monday, 30 September 2024 4:39 PM
To: s47F
Cc: s22, s47E(d)
Subject: RE: FAS cleared Media Release - PrEP listing [SEC=PROTECTED]

Hi s47F

Minor edits below as the drug can be used as PrEP, but is also available for HIV treatment.

Thanks

s47F

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Cc: s22, s47E(d)
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To: [REDACTED] s47F <[REDACTED]@health.gov.au>

Cc: [REDACTED] s22 <[REDACTED]@health.gov.au>; [REDACTED] s47E(d) <[REDACTED]@health.gov.au>

Subject: FW: FAS cleared Media Release - PrEP listing [SEC=PROTECTED]

TGA have now come back with this:

“The supply situation is improving and it is expected that most Australian brands will be back in supply in November. We anticipate the supply of tens of thousands of units will resolve the shortage by early November, with approximately 4 months supply in the country by then, with future planned deliveries meeting normal ongoing demand.”

From: [REDACTED] s47F

Sent: Monday, 30 September 2024 3:16 PM

To: [REDACTED] s47F <[REDACTED]@health.gov.au>

Cc: [REDACTED] s22 <[REDACTED]@health.gov.au>; [REDACTED] s47E(d) <[REDACTED]@health.gov.au>

Subject: FW: FAS cleared Media Release - PrEP listing [SEC=PROTECTED]

This is the latest wording I have received from TGA:

“The supply situation is improving and it is expected that most Australian brands will be back in supply in November and the shortage will be resolved. By this time, we expect that there will be approximately 4 months supply in the country with future planned stock meeting normal demand into the future.”

Alternatively, I suggest we could go with the additional text in red. Currently seeking TGA confirmation on this:

“The supply situation is improving and it is expected that most Australian brands will be back in supply in November and the shortage will be resolved following the supply of tens of thousands of units. By this time, we expect that there will be approximately 4 months supply in the country with future planned stock meeting normal demand into the future.”

Thanks,

[REDACTED] s47F

From: [REDACTED] s47E(d) <[REDACTED]@health.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 27 September 2024 4:29 PM

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Cc: s22 [redacted] <[redacted].Health.gov.au>; s47F [redacted]
 [redacted] <[redacted].Health.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FAS cleared Media Release - PrEP listing [SEC=PROTECTED]

The updated release is back with you in PDMS.

s47F [redacted] and the TGA have advised the following:

“We have updated the HIV/PrEP Media release with a line about the stock position and that it is improving and we/TGA expect resupply in November to give the public more confidence. Have sent it back your way in PDMS

Following consultation with our TGA colleagues we do not recommend that any the specific figure around the number of doses is included in the release.

We are advised that there is still some uncertainty over the actual timing of deliveries and quantities as flight/shipment details are in the process of being finalised, and so it would not be appropriate to include actual figures at this stage.”

Thanks

s47F [redacted]

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Sent: Friday, 27 September 2024 11:55 AM
To: s47E(d) [redacted] <[redacted].health.gov.au>
Cc: s47F [redacted] <[redacted].Health.gov.au>; s47F [redacted]
 [redacted] <[redacted].Health.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FAS cleared Media Release - PrEP listing [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi can this release be updated to include the line that over 100k supply is expected to be in country by end of October and that will solve supply issue?

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Subject: FW: FAS cleared Media Release - PrEP listing [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi s47F [redacted]

See attached scanned copy of the PrEP listing media release for your review while we wait for PDMS to come back online.

Thanks

s47F [redacted]

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