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National Women's Health Advisory Council Meeting Communiqué

The Tenth meeting of the National Women's Health Advisory Council (council) was held on 14 August 2025. The meeting was attended by council members and chaired by the Hon Rebecca White MP, Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health and Assistant Minister for Women.

The council has been established to provide strategic advice and recommendations on how to improve the nation's health system to provide better, more targeted and effective healthcare for Australian women and girls to ensure improved health outcomes.

At the meeting:

1. The new council chair spoke to her portfolio and noted the significant funding package for women's health in the 2025-26 Federal Budget.
2. An update on implementation of these Budget measures was provided along with updates on the implementation of activities under the council's 2025 work plan.
3. The council received an update on the development of a Contraception Decision Support Tool, which will provide comprehensive, impartial and evidence-based information to support informed contraceptive decisions. Members provided feedback on the policy parameters for the tool and will provide written feedback by 28 August 2025.
4. Ms Deanna Eldridge, Head of the Sexual and Reproductive Health Unit at the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), provided an overview of the AIHW's sexual and reproductive health dataset work program. Members provided strong support for this dataset, as well as feedback on the draft monitoring framework and proposed priority areas for data development.
5. The council received updates on several activities relevant to women and girls' health, including the review of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Prescriber Bag Schedule, the upcoming Women's Health Week, and the Victorian Inquiry into Women's Pain.
6. It was noted the next meeting will be held on 10 November 2025.