# Health Technology Assessment Review Implementation Advisory Group

## Communique – 11 September Meeting

### Meeting 8

* The IAG met for its eighth meeting on 11 September 2025. This meeting was a full-day face-to-face meeting held at the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing’s offices in Canberra.
* Members acknowledged the publication of their [Interim report](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/hta-review-implementation-advisory-group-interim-report?language=en) and the Australian Government’s announcement of immediate actions. Access the media release from the Hon Mark Butler MP, Minister for Health and Ageing and Minister for Disability and the NDIS [here](https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/improving-access-to-new-medicines-and-treatments?language=en).
* Members considered a draft visualisation of the implementation roadmap aligned to the five focus areas outlined in the Interim report.
  1. Improved access and equity
  2. Greater Transparency and Engagement
  3. Modernised assessment pathways
  4. Better data use and enhanced evidence
  5. HTA workforce capacity and capability
* Members agreed a workplan for the remainder of the year and to having two virtual meetings in October.
* The Chair provided an overview of consultations with a range of stakeholders that were held since the last IAG meeting including:
* Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association (GBMA)
* Australian Antimicrobial Resistance Network (AAMRNet)
* Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA)
* Australia Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)
* Health Technology and Genomics Collaboration (HTGC)
* Royal College of Pathologists Australasia (RCPA)
* National Health, Sustainability and Climate Unit (NHSCU)
* The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP).
* Members from the Bridging Funding Coalition presented to the IAG and had an open conversation with members about the potential options for implementation of a bridging fund consistent with recommendations of the HTA Review recommendation.
* The next meeting will be virtual, taking place on 2 October 2025.