

HIV TASKFORCE ROUNDTABLE

17 October 2025 Meeting Communiqué

The HIV Taskforce Roundtable met on 17 October 2025 in Adelaide on the land of the Kaurna people. The meeting brought together HIV Taskforce members and guests to review progress, discuss ongoing challenges, and reaffirm Australia's commitment to virtually eliminating HIV transmission by 2030. In attendance were Ms Renee Coffey MP and Mr Tim Wilson MP, representing the Parliamentary Friends for Ending HIV, STIs and other blood borne viruses.

This year's roundtable focused on the implementation of HIV Taskforce Report recommendations, with a particular emphasis on expanding HIV testing, addressing HIV in multicultural communities, Australia's assistance to HIV epidemics in the Pacific, and the global HIV response.

Attendees discussed Australia's continued progression toward virtually eliminating HIV transmission and how the epidemic is sustained by transmission from people who don't know they have HIV. Despite a downward trend in overall diagnoses, transmission within priority populations – such as people who are born overseas – remains a critical focus of efforts.

Strong progress has been made on implementing the Taskforce's recommendations, notably on the following:

- Recommendation 1: The Federal Funding Agreement to subsidise HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) access for people who are ineligible for Medicare, with program delivery now active in the Northern Territory, Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia.
- Recommendation 5: Research into barriers to HIV PrEP uptake and why individuals do not resume use after discontinuing for a period of time, with findings detailing the need for more targeted health promotion tools.

Through the Optimal HIV Testing Mix project (led by Health Equity Matters and the Burnet Institute), the Australian Government and states and territories have been presented with new options to expand current HIV testing options to reduce undiagnosed HIV and accelerate progress toward national diagnosis goals.

Next steps

With World AIDS Day approaching on 1 December, the Minister for Health and Ageing and the Minister for Disability and the NDIS, the Hon Mark Butler MP, thanked sector leaders, researchers, and community partners for their ongoing leadership. The roundtable will reconvene in 2026 to review progress and discuss the latest data and developments.

Chair

Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Disability and the NDIS, The Hon Mark Butler MP
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