

**Prostheses List Reform  
Governance Group Meeting Communiqué, 17 June 2019**

The sixth meeting of the Prostheses List Reform Governance Group was held in Sydney on 17 June 2019. Attendees included the Chair of the Prostheses List, Emeritus Professor Terry Campbell AM, representatives from the Department of Health and the Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA). This meeting was chaired by Mr Ian Burgess, Chief Executive Officer, MTAA. Chair responsibilities are shared between Mr Burgess and Professor Campbell.

During this meeting, the group discussed:

- the global benefits concept for prostheses as adopted for cardiac ablation catheters for the treatment of atrial fibrillation;
- the value of sponsorship education;
- timing for the abbreviated pathway;
- data monitoring under the MTAA agreement;
- the decision to remove the Health Economics Sub-Committee; and
- cardiac ablation catheters for the treatment of non-atrial fibrillation procedures.

The group discussed the next agenda of the Revised Benefit Setting and Review Framework IWG which would include:

- risk sharing;
- reviews;
- listing technologies that do not meet the criteria (i.e. criteria for listing devices on Part C of the Prostheses List);
- superior clinical performance; and
- revisiting health technology assessment pathways and evidentiary requirements.

The Department advised that it is working toward a stakeholder consultation forum to be held later this year. The Department also advised it will need to undertake costings of the current processes to update the current cost-recovery model, as they have not been revised since 2008. Process improvements will also need to be costed and modelled.

The Prostheses List Reform Governance Group will reconvene in September 2019.

Further information on Industry Working Group membership and Terms of Reference can be found at <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-privatehealth-prostheses-reform>

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