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**PROSTHESES LIST:
QUALITY OF INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE INDUSTRY WORKING GROUP
COMMUNIQUE**

The fourth meeting of the Quality of Information and Guidance Industry Working Group (QIG) was held in Sydney on Thursday, 15 August 2019, with an agenda focussed on key prostheses reform activities. Attendees included members (or their proxies), Departmental staff and a number of invited observers. The meeting was chaired by Ms Karen Binnekamp, A/g Assistant Secretary, Office of Health Technology Assessment.

During this meeting, QIG discussed:

- fit for purpose assessment pathways, in particular the requirements for a simplified pathway for listing some substantially equivalent devices,
- updates to the *Prostheses List: Guide to listing and setting benefits for prostheses* (the Guide)
- options to reduce application and assessment timeframes,
- possibilities for sponsor education sessions and pre-submission meetings, and
- options to improve transparency and feedback to sponsors throughout the assessment and listing process.

These items will continue to be addressed through the Prostheses List Advisory Committee, and the Industry Working Groups (IWGs) tasked with prostheses reform activities. More information on prostheses reform and the IWGs is available on the [Department of Health website](#).

A minor update to the Guide will be published on the Department's website shortly, addressing minor and administrative changes identified through QIG.

The next meeting date for QIG has yet to be set.

Any queries relating to QIG or prostheses reform activities can be emailed to prosthesesreform@health.gov.au.