

INDUSTRY ADVISORY GROUP

Inter-Governmental Policy Reform Group (IGPRG) Sub-Committee

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Background

Inter-Governmental Policy Reform Group (IGPRG)

In 2023 all Australian Health Ministers agreed to the establishment of an enduring [Inter-Governmental Policy Reform Group](#) (IGPRG) to provide policy and operational oversight of key national health and medical research reforms. The IGPRG is responsible for delivering the broader policy program including:

- a [National One Stop Shop](#)
- implementation of [National Clinical Trials Governance Framework](#)
- review of [National Standard Operating Procedures for Clinical Trials in Australia](#) (National SOPs)
- [Quality Standards and Accreditation scheme for Human Research Ethics Committees](#).

IGPRG Sub-Committees

As part of its approved arrangements and structures, sub-committees support IGPRG and its functions. Advisory Groups focus on seeking views, perspectives and input from external and industry stakeholders. Cross-jurisdictional working groups will undertake operational activities and provide technical advice to IGPRG in support of its initiatives and reform agenda.

National One Stop Shop for health and medical research

National One Stop Shop (NOSS) will streamline health and medical research through a single, national approvals and data system. It will make it easier for patients, researchers and sponsors to find, conduct and participate in research in Australia.

Update

The fifth meeting of the Industry Advisory Group (IAG) was held on 30 October 2025. IAG is a sub-committee of IGPRG and chaired by Ben Shores.

Austrade provided an overview of the [Australian Clinical Trials Initiative \(ACTI\)](#). ACTI will encompass 25 international events in 2025-26 helping Australian firms diversify and build greater access to key international markets, providing opportunities for shaping national messaging. This new initiative complements the national reforms to promote Australia as a destination of choice for clinical trials.

Members were invited to discuss progress on IGPRG's national reform program to improve the health and medical research ecosystem. Members discussed:

- Progress of pre-delivery workshops to inform design requirements for the [National One Stop Shop](#) which will be completed by December 2025. Members were reminded that a pre-tender notification was published on [AusTender](#). This early notice allowed vendors to prepare for the Request for Information and conduct background research. The close date for submissions was 14 November 2025.
- Outcomes from the public consultation on [Quality Standards and Accreditation for Human Research Ethics Committees](#) and next steps for progressing the accreditation scheme.
- Industry perspectives on the health research workforce including: current challenges faced by commercial sponsors, potential opportunities to improve workforce development (including attraction and retention), and potential policy levers or activities that could incentivise greater investment in health research workforce.

Meeting dates for 2026 will be communicated following IGPRG's meeting in November.

Further information

Information is available on the [Australian Clinical Trials](#) website, or by emailing IGPRG@health.gov.au.

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