

INDUSTRY ADVISORY GROUP

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

Communique – Meeting 06 15 May 2026

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. 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 an 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 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 6th meeting of the Industry Advisory Group (IAG) was held on 15 May 2026. IAG is a sub-committee of IGPRG and is chaired by Ben Shores.

Assistant Secretary Dr Nicholas Johnson gave an update on the outcome of Budget 2026–27, and the [announcement](#) of \$15.8 million to progress the next stage of the [National One Stop Shop](#).

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

- The Summary Report on public consultation for [Standards and Accreditation for Human Research Ethics Committees](#) which will be published shortly
- The [public consultation](#) on the revised [National Standard Operating Procedures for Clinical Trials in Australia](#).

IGPRG Chair led a discussion on where Australia's clinical trials sector needs to be in 5 to 10 years. Members provided advice on the reforms required and measurements that matter, as well as the implications of inaction. The advice will be considered by IGPRG and IAG Members will be invited to contribute further to the discussion.

The next meeting is planned for August 2026.

Further information

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

To receive regular updates on the national reforms in health and medical research please [subscribe](#) to the Newsletter.