

**Summary of Health Consumer organisations supported by Medicines Australia Companies
For the period 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016**

Company Name: Merck Serono Australia Pty Ltd

Name of Health Consumer Organization	Description of and/or purpose of the support	Nature of support (monetary value or equivalent) or description of non-financial support AUD
MS Research Australia	Merck purchased a corporate table for staff and partners at the Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia "Kiss goodbye to MS" 2016 dinner. Merck also provided funds towards fundraising lapel pins associated with the event. Funds raised will be used by MS Research Australia for funding of various research projects.	3300
MS Research Australia	Merck provided a financial grant to MS research Australia to be used towards the following activities: 1. corporate table at the "Kiss Goodbye to MS - The Red Affair" campaign dinner. This is a public awareness and fundraising event organised by MS Research Australia 2. MS Research Australia "Progress in MS-Biennial Research" Conference to be held in 2017. The purpose of the conference is to stimulate innovative research into the causes, prevention, improved treatments and cure for MS & to promote the exchange of scientific thought and investigation amongst neurologists, scientists biologists, social and applied researchers and other qualified individuals interested in advancing the field of MS research	22500
MS Research Australia	Merck provided a financial grant to MS Research Australia towards The Australian MS Longitudinal study (AMSLS). The AMSLS is a survey-based study of life issues, designed to more fully understand the impact of MS, including the individual and overall community impacts. The data from the AMSLS provides a regularly updated, evidence base for a number of stakeholders including health professionals, scientific and applied scientists and a specialist workforce servicing the MS community in an effort to increase understanding of MS and improve the provision of services and advocacy for people affected by MS. Management of the AMSLS is overseen by the Menzies Institute for Medical Research.	15000
Trish Multiple Sclerosis Research Foundation	Merck purchased a corporate table for staff and partners at the Trish Multiple Sclerosis Research Foundation Black and White Ball. Funds raised will be used by Trish Multiple Sclerosis Research Foundation for funding of various research projects.	4300

Access Australia	Merck provided financial support as a Diamond Visionary Partner to Access Australia - Australia's National Infertility Network which is a resource for information and support for the one in six people in Australia with infertility by supporting them through their journey and making them aware of the medical and social options available to help them pursue their wish to have a child of their own.	30000
MS Research Australia	Support of the above Longitudinal Study. Management of the AMSLS is overseen by the Menzies Institute for Medical Research at the University of Tasmania.	16500
Multiple Sclerosis Western Australia (MSWA)	Merck provided a financial grant to MS Western Australia (MSWA) to assist in a range of special projects in support of patients with MS.	11000
Multiple Sclerosis Society of SA & NT Inc.	Merck provided a financial grant to the MS society of South Australia & Northern Territory Inc. to assist in a range of special projects in support of patients with MS.	11000
Australian Pituitary Foundation Ltd	Merck provided a financial grant to the Australian Pituitary Foundation Ltd in support of the development of a website to assist in the creation of awareness for patients and carers, providing them with support and education and thus increasing their engagement with patients and carers and also the general medical community.	5500