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2025 Horizon Scanning Forum | 3 September | Parliament House

Event program

Opening Session Horizon Scanning – The Future is Now	9.15	Welcome and opening remarks	Liz de Somer, CEO, Medicines Australia Penny Shakespeare, Deputy Secretary, Health Resourcing Group, Department of Health, Disability & Ageing
	9.25	Opening address	Blair Comley PSM, Secretary, Department of Health, Disability & Ageing
	9.45	Keynote address Implementation of Horizon Scanning in the international context	Professor Dawn Craig, Director of the NIHR Innovation Observatory at Newcastle University, UK
	10.10	Panel discussion The importance of Horizon Scanning in the Australian context	Led by Dr Orin Chisholm, Associate Professor University of Sydney, who recently received NHMRC funding to establish the Australian Health Innovation Observatory Professor Dawn Craig, Director of NIHR Innovation Observatory, UK David Pearce, Takeda Managing Director Oceania Nicky Conway, Chair, Genetic Alliance Australia Jodi Johnson-Glading, Acting ACT Chief Medical Officer Nick Henderson, First Assistant Secretary, Medicines Regulation Division, TGA
	10.30	Audience Q&A	Facilitated by Penny Shakespeare, Deputy Secretary, Health Resourcing Group at Department of Health, Disability & Ageing
	10.50	Morning tea	
Session Two Fit for Purpose Regulatory and Reimbursement Pathways for Timely Patient Access	11.15	Industry showcase Case study – Radioligand therapy	Michelle Gregory, Country Head, Public Affairs, Novartis Sally Sara, Director of Nursing from Prostate Cancer Foundation Deanna Mill, Evo Health
	11.45	Panel discussion Fit for purpose regulatory and reimbursement pathways for timely patient access	Rodney Hicks, Melbourne Theranostic Innovation Centre Meredith Cummins, CEO NeuroEndocrine Dylan Jones, Country Head of Value and Access Novartis
	12.10	Audience Q&A	Facilitated by Liz de Somer, CEO, Medicines Australia
	12.30	Lunch	

Session Three The Importance of A Values Framework and Methods for HTA	1.10	Industry showcase Case study - small molecule for narcolepsy that targets the mechanism of disease	Sharon Weber, Head of Market Access, Takeda Dr Aaron Schokman, Lived experience Research Fellow at the University of Sydney and advocate for narcolepsy awareness.
	1.40	Audience Q&A	Facilitated by Liz de Somer, CEO, Medicines Australia
Session Four System Preparedness for Personalised Therapies	1.55	Industry showcase Case study – Personalised mRNA cancer vaccines	Quentin Bracquart, Principal, IQVIA
	2.25	Panel discussion System Preparedness for Personalised Therapies	Led by Penny Shakespeare, Deputy Secretary, Health Resourcing Group, Department of Health, Disability & Ageing Quentin Bracquart, Principal, IQVIA Dr Kaye Robertson, Acting Chief Medical Advisor, TGA Professor Matt Brown Chief Scientific Officer, Genomics UK Christine Cockburn, CEO of Rare Cancers Australia
	2.45	Audience Q&A	Facilitated by Penny Shakespeare, Deputy Secretary, Health Resourcing Group, Department of Health, Disability & Ageing
Closing Session Where to From Here? From Conversations to Action	3.05	Panel discussion Where to From Here? From Conversations to Action	Led by Dr Orin Chisholm, Associate Professor University of Sydney Jo Watson, Deputy Chair PBAC and Chair of HTA Consumer Consultative Committee Sue MacLeman, Chair of Medicines Australia Professor Dawn Craig, Director, NIHR Innovation Observatory Clare Stuart, Policy & Advocacy Manager, Mito Foundation
	3:25	Closing remarks	Liz de Somer, CEO, Medicines Australia Penny Shakespeare, Deputy Secretary, Health Resourcing Group, Department of Health, Disability & Ageing
	3.30	Refreshments served in foyer	