

QUARTERLY MEETING WITH COMMONWEALTH  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING, STATE OFFICE

## COMMUNIQUÉ

Attended by: Ms Fran Lovell, Assistant State Manager, DoHA  
Mr Bruce Fleming, Program Manager Health Programs, DoHA  
Ms Robyn Fanning, OATSIH, DoHA  
Allan Quire, Acting State Manager, DoHA  
Ms Gretchen Scinta, Chief Executive Officer, GPSA

1. The implications of the **Health Budget announcements** and the new RA classifications were discussed, but no new information was provided.
2. GPSA raised ongoing concerns about the funding associated with the **Aged Care Access Initiative**. DoHA confirmed that, with indexation, there will be at least the same funding over the next two years. DoHA advised there is no carryover of funds from 2007-08 that were rolled into 2008-09, and 2008-09 funds will be treated the same as core funding carryover, i.e. amounts greater than \$5,000 will need to be referred to DoHA for approval.
3. GPSA provided an update on the **AGPN activities supporting CDM**, and the move to integrate the network coordination activities across the Diabetes Prevention, PCIP and CDSM programs.
4. The **OATSIH Regional Health Planning** activities were discussed and DoHA confirmed that this will feed into the broader national planning around the Closing the Gap initiative.
5. GPSA provided an update on its new structure and DoHA provided a current organisational structure as at May 2009.

**Dr Cathy Sanders**  
Vice Chair, Board of Directors

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