



# HEALTH ALERT

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## JUDGMENTS

### Commonwealth. Federal Court

29 April 2016 - *Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Reckitt Benckiser (Australia) Pty Ltd (No 7)* [2016] NSWCATOD 54 - Reckitt Benckiser (RB) is the maker of four Nurofen products that claim to be specifically formulated to treat back pain, period pain, migraine pain, and tension headaches. In December 2015, the Federal Court held that RB had misled consumers as each of the four products contained the same active ingredient and were of the same formulation. Among the orders made in 2015 was a declaration that RB had breached the section 33 penalty provision of the Australian Consumer Law. This hearing was to determine the appropriate penalty to be imposed upon RB.

The ACCC submitted that the pecuniary penalty should be \$6 million. The court heard that consumers had been financially harmed over the space of five years as the pain-specific products were sold at almost double the price of Nurofen's standard range. The ACCC claimed this resulted in RB making substantial profits from its misleading marketing. In comparison, lawyers for RB submitted that the appropriate penalty was \$1.1 million. They argued that "rational" consumers would not think a pain-specific product was any more effective than a regular one.

Justice Edelman commented that the large difference between the party's submissions on the amount of the fine was in part because there is no range of penalties for comparable breaches of section 33. The court held that the appropriate penalty to impose upon RB was \$1.7 million. Justice Edelman stated that the penalty would be much higher if there had been evidence that RB'S conduct involved an intentional or reckless contravention.

29 April 2016 - *Polan v Goulburn Valley Health* [2016] FCA 440 - INDUSTRIAL LAW – application for relief under the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth) and the Workplace Relations Act 1996 (Cth) – alleged breaches of enterprise agreements – meaning of phrase “recall to duty” in applicable enterprise agreements – whether recall to duty clauses limited to the issuing of a direction by an employer to perform duties on a specific occasion – difference between recall to duty and overtime work – whether the applicant making and receiving calls to and from doctors and rearranging rosters at home while on-call constituted a “recall to duty” where the requirement to do so was an ongoing arrangement rather than a specific request from employer – whether the applicant receiving and making calls from doctors and rearranging rosters at home while on-call was overtime work

29 April 2016 - *Sevdalis v Director of Professional Services Review (No 2)* [2016] FCA 433 - HEALTH LAW – Health Insurance Act 1973 (Cth) inappropriate practice pursuant to s 82(1) – items 37, 597, 721, 5043 of Medicare Benefits Schedule – attendances on patients after hours – attendances on patients outside consulting rooms – entitlement to medicare benefit pursuant to s 10(1) – meaning of “adequate and contemporaneous record” pursuant to s 82(3) of the Health Insurance Act 1973 (Cth) and regs 5 and 6 of Health Insurance (Professional Services Review) Regulations 1999 (Cth) – whether there must be a clinical need for attendance after hours and/or outside consulting rooms – whether clinical need must be recorded in clinical records – whether clinical records must be electronic

### New South Wales

5 May 2016 - *Health Care Complaints Commission v Woods* [2016] NSWCATOD 52 - In April 2014, a former enrolled nurse, Mr Woods, was involved in an altercation with an acutely unwell patient. The patient had been involuntarily admitted to the facility a number of times between 2010 and 2014. During this admission, he was reported as being manic, hostile, disinhibited and aggressive despite receiving high doses of antipsychotic medication. The patient had a record of assaulting, or threatening to assault, staff at the facility.

This particular incident occurred when Mr Woods was working the night shift. It is alleged the patient became agitated and began throwing punches at Mr Woods. The Tribunal heard that Mr Woods responded by punching the patient in the head; applying enough force to cause the patient to fall to the floor; and directing inappropriate verbal insults towards the patient. Mr Woods claims to have no memory of the incident. His supervisor on the night gave evidence that he had never seen Mr Woods "lose his cool" or use excessive force with any patient and had not had any incidents of unprofessional conduct of this

nature brought to his notice. Mr Woods resigned from NSW Health and surrendered his registration as an enrolled nurse prior to this hearing.

The Commission sought an order that if Mr Woods was still registered as an enrolled nurse, the tribunal would have cancelled his registration. Despite Mr Woods not working as a nurse since the incident, nor expressing any intention to in the future, the Tribunal deemed it appropriate to make this order.

6 May 2016 - [Health Care Complaints Commission v CNU \[2016\] NSWCATOD 50](#) - Medical Practitioner – Disciplinary Proceedings – Allegation of Sexual Assault – Not Proved

6 May 2016 - [Health Care Complaints Commission v Suri \[2016\] NSWCATOD 54](#) - Medical practitioner - inappropriate prescription of drugs of addiction - breach of regulations concerning drugs of addiction - professional misconduct warranting suspension and imposition of practice conditions.

### South Australia

5 May 2016 - [Inquest into the death of Rodney Lyle Mitton](#) - Findings into the death of Rodney Lyle Mitton.

### Victoria

29 April 2016 - [Inquest into the death of Jack Glen Irvine](#) - Findings into the death of Jack Glen Irvine.

## LEGISLATION

*As a general rule, this bulletin tracks subsidiary legislation at Commonwealth, but not at state level*

### Commonwealth

6 May 2016 - [National Health and Medical Research Council Regulation 2016 F2016L00682](#) as made

5 May 2016 - [Therapeutic Goods \(Charges\) Amendment \(2016 Measures No. 1\) Regulation 2016 F2016L00668](#) as made

2 May 2016 - [National Health \(Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Program\) Special Arrangement Amendment Instrument 2016 \(No 2\) \(PB 35 of 2016\) F2016L00622](#) as made

29 April 2016 - [National Health \(Highly specialised drugs program\) Special Arrangement Amendment Instrument 2016 \(No. 4\) \(PB 33 of 2016\) F2016L00607](#) as made

29 April 2016 - [National Health \(Originator Brand\) Amendment Determination 2016 \(No. 3\) \(PB 38 of 2016\) F2016L00606](#) as made

29 April 2016 - [National Health \(Listed drugs on F1 or F2\) Amendment Determination 2016 \(No. 4\) \(PB 37 of 2016\) F2016L00608](#) as made

29 April 2016 - [National Health \(Efficient Funding of Chemotherapy\) Special Arrangement Amendment Instrument 2016 \(No. 4\) \(PB 34 of 2016\) F2016L00605](#) as made

29 April 2016 - [National Health \(Listing of Pharmaceutical Benefits\) Amendment Instrument 2016 \(No. 4\) \(PB 29 of 2016\) F2016L00604](#) as made

29 April 2016 - [National Health Determination under paragraph 98C\(1\)\(b\) Amendment 2016 \(No. 3\) \(PB 31 of 2016\) F2016L00603](#) as made

29 April 2016 - [Amendment Determination under section 84AH of the National Health Act 1953 \(2016\) \(No. 2\) \(PB 36 of 2016\) F2016L00602](#) as made

29 April 2016 - [National Health \(Pharmaceutical benefits – early supply\) Amendment Instrument 2016 \(No. 4\) \(PB 32 of 2016\) F2016L00601](#) as made

29 April 2016 - [National Health \(Price and Special Patient Contribution\) Amendment Determination 2016 \(No. 3\) \(PB 30 of 2016\) F2016L00600](#) as made

## New South Wales

5 May 2016 - [Public Health Amendment \(Registered Nurses in Nursing Homes\) Bill 2016](#) - Private member's bill introduced

4 May 2016 - [Assisted Reproductive Technology Amendment Act 2016](#) - remainder of Act commenced

## Victoria

3 May 2016 - [Health Complaints Act 2016](#) - assented

2 May 2016 - [Public Health and Wellbeing Amendment \(Safe Access Zones\) Act 2015](#) - commenced

## REPORTS

### Australia. Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)

29 April 2016 - [Reckitt Benckiser ordered to pay \\$1.7 million in penalties for misleading conduct regarding Nurofen specific pain products](#) - The Federal Court has ordered Reckitt Benckiser (Australia) Pty Ltd to pay a penalty of \$1.7 million for engaging in misleading conduct in relation to its Nurofen Specific Pain products, in proceedings brought by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

The Court ordered Reckitt Benckiser to pay \$1.7 million in penalties for contravening the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) by making representations on its website and packaging that Nurofen Specific Pain products were each formulated to specifically treat a particular type of pain, when this was not the case. In fact, each product contains the same active ingredient, ibuprofen lysine 342mg, which treats a wide variety of pain conditions and is no more effective at treating the type of pain described on its packaging than any of the other Nurofen Specific Pain products.

### Australia. Department of Health

Media releases

5 May 2016 - [Community Awareness Grants awarded to help boost registration of donation decisions](#) - Assistant Minister for Health, the Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP has announced almost \$400,000 in Community Awareness Grants to enable 17 organisations to help encourage more Australians to join the Australian Organ Donor Register online and to discuss their decision with family and friends.

1 May 2016 - [New anti-smoking campaign aims to Close the Gap](#) - The Coalition Government will launch the latest phase of the National Tobacco Campaign tonight as it aims to Close the Gap in smoking rates.

29 April 2016 - [Empowering children with diabetes](#) - A new resource for schools to help their students with diabetes has been launched by Minister for Health Sussan Ley.

Consultations

2 May 2016 - [AUSpar Survey](#) - The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) would like to know what you think about the Australian Public Assessment Reports (AusPARs) for prescription medicines. This questionnaire should only take a couple of minutes to complete and will help us to understand who the audience of an AusPAR is, what AusPARs are used for and how useful their content is to our external stakeholders.

Current Issues

7 April 2016 - [Food Irradiation Labelling](#)

Private Health Insurance Circulars

5 May 2016 - [PHI 35/16 - Lifetime Health Cover Mail Out 2016](#)

5 May 2016 - [PHI 34/16 - Revoke Private Hospital Information](#)

5 May 2016 - [PHI 33/16 - New Private Hospital Information](#)

5 May 2016 - [PHI 32/16 - Amendment to February 2016 Prostheses List](#)

4 May 2016 - [PHI 31/16 - Private Hospital Information](#)

### **Australia - National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA)**

29 April 2016 - [New global collaboration between GS1 and IHTSDO supporting interoperability - GS1](#) and the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization (IHTSDO) recently announced the signing of a new collaborative agreement that supports interoperability in health information systems globally.

29 April 2016 - [The SNOMED CT-AU v1.7 Common Release](#) is now available for [download](#) from the NEHTA website.

29 April 2016 - [The Clinical Terminology April v20160430 Release](#) is now available for [download](#) from the NEHTA website.

28 April 2016 - [Digital Health Incentive Product Register](#) is now available [here](#).

27 April 2016 - [Healthcare Industry eProcurement Survey](#) - As part of NEHTA's Digital [Supply Chain](#) program, we are seeking input from the healthcare industry to establish an industry baseline of readiness and capability of electronic trading in Australia.

26 April 2016 - [NEHTA congratulates Ramsay Health Care](#) - Ramsay Health Care is an active participant in the Australian Healthcare Supply Chain reform agenda led by NEHTA.

21 April 2016 - [NEHTA Board welcomes the Australian Digital Health Agency and pays tribute to its outgoing CEO Mr Peter Fleming](#) - The Chair of the Board of NEHTA Dr Steve Hambleton has welcomed the news that the disallowance period for the Australian Digital Health Agency (the Agency) had passed and looks forward to the next stage, the transition to the Agency.

### **Australia. Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and the boards (AHPRA)**

6 May 2016 - [Consultation submissions published](#) - The Psychology Board of Australia has published submissions that were received in response to the recent public consultation on proposals to update the Area of practice endorsements registration standard and the Guidelines for area of practice endorsements.

3 May 2016 - [Tribunal reprimands former medical radiation practitioner, finds professional misconduct](#) - The State Administrative Tribunal of Western Australia (the tribunal) has reprimanded a medical radiation practitioner.

3 May 2016 - [Communiqué from the Board](#) - The Optometry Board of Australia releases its latest communiqué.

2 May 2016 - [Guidelines for the prescription of optical appliances released for optometrists](#) - The Optometry Board of Australia (the Board), the national optometry regulator, has published revised guidelines on the prescription of optical appliances for the profession.

2 May 2016 - [Brisbane forum invitation for practitioners, students and stakeholders of Chinese Medicine](#) - The Chinese Medicine Board of Australia invites practitioners, students and stakeholders of Chinese medicine to attend an information forum being held at the George Williams Hotel on Monday 23 May 2016.

2 May 2016 - [Revised general registration standard takes effect from today](#) - The Psychology Board of Australia's revised registration standard for general registration takes effect today and replaces the previous version dated 1 July 2010.

### **Australia. National Blood Authority**

29 April 2016 - [Patient Blood Management Guidelines: Module 6 – Neonatal and Paediatrics](#) is now available to download as a PDF on the NBA's website with hard copies available shortly.

### **Australia. National Health Performance Authority**

28 April 2016 - [Groundbreaking report reveals changes in hospital efficiency](#) - The cost of providing care to similar acute patients at similar hospitals can be almost twice as high depending on the hospital, a new National Health Performance Authority [report](#) reveals. The report shows some hospitals spent up to

\$6,100 to deliver a notional "average" service for acute admitted patients, while others spent as little as \$3,100.

28 April 2016 - [Long-term health conditions the biggest driver of ED attendances](#) - Having one or more long-term health conditions is one of the strongest factors driving hospital emergency department (ED) visits – stronger than the influence of age, living in areas with long GP waiting times or facing cost barriers to GP or specialist care.

### **Australia. Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)**

6 May 2016 - [MRA GMP clearance application processing timelines](#) - April 2016 update.

5 May 2016 - [Conference participation by the TGA](#) - The TGA is participating in these events and conferences.

4 May 2016 - [Prescription medicines: registration of new chemical entities in Australia](#) - Added April 2016 prescription medicine NCE registrations.

4 May 2016 - [Prescription medicines: new or extended uses of registered medicines](#) - Over time, the approved therapeutic uses of prescription medicines can change

3 May 2016 - [Updated list of "permissible ingredients" for use in listed medicines](#) - On 29 April 2016, an updated version of the Therapeutic Goods (Permissible Ingredients) Determination was registered.

3 May 2016 - [Medical devices and IVDs: Cancellations from the ARTG](#) - Cancellation of One Step HCG Urine Pregnancy Tests due to lack of evidence of performance as intended and compliance with Essential Principles.

3 May 2016 - [Military Trauma and Haemorrhage Wound Dressing](#) - Recall - may break during use.

2 May 2016 - [Super Dragon capsules](#) - Safety advisory.

2 May 2016 - [AusPARs user survey](#) - The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) would like to know what you think about the AusPARs for prescription medicines.

2 May 2016 - [Medical Devices Safety Update, Volume 4, Number 3, May 2016](#) - In this issue: report contamination after reprocessing of endoscopes; heater-cooler devices; free CPD modules; recent safety alerts.

29 April 2016 - [Updates to the list of designated orphan drugs](#) - Added Nusinersen.

### **Australian Institute of Health & Welfare (AIHW)**

4 May 2016 - [Client contacts at Indigenous health organisations continue to increase](#)

3 May 2016 - [Cervical cancer screening saving lives](#) - Nearly 6 in 10 women continue to participate in cervical screening programs in Australia, according to a report released today by AIHW. The report, [Cervical screening in Australia 2013-2014](#), shows that more than 3.8 million women aged 20 to 69 participated in cervical screening in 2013-2014, a participation rate of 57%.

### **Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care**

5 May 2016 - [App to support reduction of radiation exposure from CTs for children and young people](#) - The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care and the Western Australian Department of Health have developed the DIP 4 Kids App to support a reduction in unwarranted exposure to radiation from CT scans for children.

On the Radar – 2 May 2016 – Issue 271 ([PDF 134KB](#)) ([Word 149KB](#))

Commission update e-newsletter, March 2016 ([PDF 373KB](#)) ([HTML](#))

### **Australia. Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)**

2 May 2016 - [Post-market Reviews of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension medicines and biological Disease Modifying Anti Rheumatic Drugs to treat severe chronic plaque psoriasis](#) - The public consultation process is now open for the following two post-market reviews: Pulmonary Arterial

Hypertension (PAH) medicines; and biological Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drugs (bDMARDs) to treat severe chronic plaque psoriasis.

1 May 2016 - [PBS Website Update](#) - The Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits was updated on 1 May 2016 and the Summary of Changes can be found on the New, Amended and Deleted Items page.

1 May 2016 - [Updated treatment algorithm for the treatment of HER2+ metastatic breast cancer](#) - The treatment algorithm for anti-HER2 therapies for treating metastatic breast cancer has been updated to reflect recent changes to restrictions for lapatinib and transtuzumad emtansine.

29 April 2016 - [PBS and RPBS Section 85 Date of Processing and Date of Supply Data](#) has now been updated.

28 April 2016 - [Agenda for the July 2016 PBAC Meeting](#) is now available. Your comments are welcome whether you are a patient, carer, member of the public, health professional or member of a consumer interest group.

22 April 2016 - [Recommendations made by the PBAC](#) - The recommendations from the March 2016 Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) meeting are now available.

22 April 2016 - [Record of Stakeholder Meeting - Eculizumab \(Soliris®\) for Atypical Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome \(February 2016\)](#) - A clinical advice meeting was held on 12 February 2016 to discuss the place of eculizumab (Soliris) for the treatment of atypical haemolytic uraemic syndrome (aHUS) in the context of renal transplantation.

22 April 2016 - [Post-market Reviews of Medicines to treat PAH and bDMARDs to treat Chronic Plaque Psoriasis](#) - A public submission process for the Post-market Reviews of [Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension \(PAH\) medicines](#) and [biological Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drugs \(bDMARDs\) to treat Chronic Plaque Psoriasis](#) will be open between 2 May and 16 May 2016.

### **Australian Capital Territory (ACT). Health Directorate**

5 May 2016 - [Legislation guides the way for new Secure Mental Health Unit](#) - Two new pieces of legislation to guide the day to day management of ACT Health's new Secure Mental Health Unit, and to clearly define the transfer of the court ordered custody for detainees, was introduced to Legislative Assembly by Minister for Health Simon Corbell today.

5 May 2016 - [New laws to help reduce spread of blood-borne disease](#) - Legislation introduced by Attorney-General Simon Corbell today to decriminalise the peer distribution of sterile injecting equipment will help minimise the spread of blood-borne diseases.

### **New South Wales (NSW). Ministry of Health**

#### Media Releases

5 May 2016 - [CBD Legionnaires' disease outbreak - Update](#) There are no further cases of Legionnaires' disease associated with the Sydney CBD outbreak. A woman aged in her thirties is recovering at Prince of Wales Hospital; a man in his eighties is stable at Royal North Shore Hospital; and another woman in her thirties is in a critical condition at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Environmental health teams have now inspected and tested 58 cooling towers in the area of interest. Field operations continue today and laboratory results are expected next week.

4 May 2016 - [NSW Health investigates new CBD Legionnaires' disease cases](#) - NSW Health is reminding building owners in the CBD to ensure their cooling tower systems are properly cleaned and maintained after three people were diagnosed with Legionnaires' disease after spending time in Sydney's CBD late last month.

5 May 2016 - [Planning approval for Penrith's new ambulance superstation](#) - Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Penrith MP Stuart Ayres today welcomed news that major works will soon begin on Penrith's new NSW Ambulance superstation, with planning approval granted for the High Street site. The Penrith superstation is part of the NSW Government's \$150 million Sydney Ambulance Metropolitan Infrastructure Strategy (SAMIS) investment, which currently includes five sites across Sydney.

5 May 2016 - **10-year strategy for eHealth in NSW** - Health Minister Jillian Skinner has launched a 10-year eHealth strategy to deliver smart, safe, sustainable and digitally-enabled care to patients.

2 May 2016 - **A NSW-first for young people recovering from brain injury or illness** - Health Minister Jillian Skinner today officially opened NSW's first dedicated inpatient ward for children undergoing rehabilitation following brain injury or illness.

29 April 2016 - **Gosford Hospital: Ahead of time and under budget**

Policy Directives & Guidelines

29 April 2016 - **Nursing Home Type Patients and the National Acute Care Certificate** PD2016\_011

### **New South Wales (NSW). Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC)**

5 May 2016 - **Ian Haris – Prohibited from providing any cosmetic injection services for a minimum period of three years** - The NSW HCCC completed an investigation into the professional conduct of Ian Haris.

3 May 2016 - **Dr Gerard Wain – Finding of unsatisfactory professional conduct** - The NSW HCCC prosecuted Dr Gerard Wain, a specialist gynaecological oncologist, before the Medical Professional Standards Committee.

3 May 2016 - **Dr Toby Greenacre – finding of unsatisfactory professional conduct and cautioned** - The NSW HCCC prosecuted Dr Toby David Ross Greenacre, before a Medical Professional Standards Committee.

2 May 2016 - **Dr Sanaa Mohammed Ismail – Finding of unsatisfactory professional conduct – Reprimand and Conditions imposed** - The NSW HCCC prosecuted Dr Sanaa Mohammed Ismail, an anaesthetist, before a Medical Professional Standards Committee alleging unsatisfactory professional conduct.

29 April 2016 - **Mr Ian Pile - Conditions placed on his provision of herbal medicine health services** - Ian Pile is permanently prohibited from prescribing or providing any herbal medicine in a paid or voluntary capacity to any client without the approval and oversight of the patient's general practitioner, including the authorisation by that general practitioner of any treatment plan.

27 April 2016 - **Dr Wilson Pakalu - Registration cancelled by NCAT** - unfit to hold registration as a medical practitioner.

Information Bulletins

5 May 2016 - **NSW Aboriginal Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections Framework 2016-2021** IB2016\_020

4 May 2016 - **Medical Speciality Coding in StaffLink** IB2016\_019

29 April 2016 - **National Aborigines And Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week 2016** IB2016\_018

### **Northern Territory. Department of Health**

5 May 2016 - **Midwives Recognised for Their Outstanding Contribution** - Today is the International Day of the Midwife and the Central Australia Health Service celebrates our midwives and the care they provide for women across the Central Australia region.

### **Queensland. Department of Health**

4 May 2016 - **Grieving for lost children after a lifetime of silence** - A handicrafts project at Roma's Westhaven Aged Care Facility has unexpectedly turned out to be very therapeutic for residents who had experienced the loss of their babies many years before

29 April 2016 - **Indigenous bubbas encouraged to get their jabs** - Parents in Indigenous Queensland communities will have access to more information about childhood immunisation for their children.



## South Australia (SA). Department for Health & Ageing

5 May 2016 - **Great results for hand hygiene** - Today is Global Hand Hygiene day and SA Health is reminding staff and the greater community about the importance of practising good hand hygiene. SA Health Chief Medical Officer, Professor Paddy Phillips, said the most common complication affecting patients in hospital is healthcare associated infections.

4 May 2016 - **2016 Meningococcal season reminder**

29 April 2016 - **Health alert: Raw bean sprout update** - South Australians can resume eating raw bean sprouts after an SA Health investigation has given the all clear and SA Health is lifting the advisory warning about not consuming raw bean sprouts.

## Tasmania. Department of Health & Human Services

5 May 2016 - **Up to 50 percent reduction in hospital double shifts** - Double shift data released today has shown action taken by the Hodgman Liberal Government to reduce double shifts in the public hospital system is working.

4 May 2016 - **Labor gets it wrong on elective surgery** - Labor is ideologically opposed to using the private sector to improve health results; it seems Ms White would prefer people suffered in pain on waiting lists rather than get surgery in a private hospital.

4 May 2016 - **Commitment to Mersey welcomed in Federal Budget** - The Hodgman Liberal Government welcomes the Federal Government's commitment to hospital services in Tasmania, and in particular support for the Mersey Community Hospital.

2 May 2016 - **12 new paramedics for the North West** - The Hodgman Liberal Government is able to reinvest in essential services such as health because we have put the budget back on track.

## Victoria. Department of Health

5 May 2016 - **Wage Justice For Nurses: Better, Safer Care For Patients** - The Andrews Labor Government has reached a fair, just and responsible in-principle agreement with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation to resolve the enterprise agreement and deliver better, safer care for Victorian patients.

4 May 2016 - **Applications Open For Doctors In Secondary Schools** - Students at 100 Victorian government secondary schools will have regular access to a doctor and the healthcare they need. Minister for Education James Merlino today invited almost 200 secondary schools across Victoria to apply to participate in the Doctors in Secondary Schools program, which will commence from the start of 2017.

3 May 2016 - **Time For Malcolm Turnbull To Stop The Health Cuts And Start Investing** - Malcolm Turnbull needs to prove to Victorians his plan for health and medical research amounts to more than just cutting health funding in tonight's Federal Budget.

2 May 2016 - **More Victorians To Access World Best Practice Stroke Treatment** - The Andrews Labor Government is rolling out a new state-wide service delivering a breakthrough treatment for stroke in Victoria, in a bid to save more lives and improve patient outcomes.

2 May 2016 - **Victoria Steps In To Support New Mums After Turnbull's Cuts** - The Andrews Labor Government is providing \$11.2 million to support new mothers and families experiencing mental illness to get well and stay well.

## Western Australia. Department of Health

### Media Releases

5 May 2016 - **Survey reveals fewer tobacco retailers are selling to minors** - The Department of Health's latest Tobacco Retailer Compliance Survey has shown a dramatic reduction in the number of tobacco retailers selling cigarettes to children.

5 May 2016 - **Western Australian Health Promotion Foundation (Healthway) Board Members – Expressions of Interest** - The Western Australian Health Promotion Foundation is a statutory board established under the Western Australian Health Promotion Foundation Act 2016.

4 May 2016 - **Premier, Minister for Mental Health and Minister for Regional Development: Big mental health commitment in State Budget** - Next week's State Budget will deliver a record \$865.8 million to the Mental Health Commission, representing an 83.9 per cent increase to the sector since 2008-09.

3 May 2016 - **Minister for Health: Grants to push WA science on to national stage** - State Government research funding totalling \$1.35 million will help 21 local health and medical researchers improve their chances of securing National Health and Medical Research Council grants and fellowships.

2 May 2016 - **Undiagnosed diseases program solves first case** - Western Australia's recently launched Undiagnosed Diseases Program has made a triumphant start, providing a confirmed diagnosis for its first child. A seven year old girl, the program's inaugural case, was found to have a rare genetic disease so uncommon that it affects just one person in a million.

2 May 2016 - **Midwives of Western Australia, we salute you** - The theme of International Day of the Midwife on Thursday 5 May is "Women and Newborns: The Heart of Midwifery".

## ABOUT US

### Caroline Atkins



Caroline Atkins is the Office Managing Partner for the Canberra office of DLA Piper and has worked extensively in the health sector for Australian Government agencies. Her experience includes the conduct of major technology projects for the health sector, such as in the e-health and aged care sectors, and in advising the Commonwealth on the implementation of policy programs in contractual arrangements (including for medical indemnity insurance and for CSO arrangements for PBS funding). She has also advised the National Blood Authority on major Commonwealth contracts for the supply of blood products including with the Red Cross and CSL. Caroline's commercial experience extends over 30 years and also includes significant experience in ICT outsourcing, whole-of-government technology procurements, intellectual property rights licensing, contract management, procurement strategy and dispute resolution.

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