

ADVISORY COMMITTEES IN HEALTH AND AGED CARE

Name	Purpose	Reports to	Established	Additional Information
Established by Rudd government				
Cognate Committee on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation	Advise governments on implementation of the recommendations in final report from the National Clinical Taskforce on Organ and Tissue Donation (2007).	AHMAC	7 December 2007	Replaces the Intergovernmental Committee on Organ and Tissue Donation and Australians Donate.
COAG Health and Ageing Working Group	Improve health of all Australians and sustainability of health system. Implementation plans for election commitments.	COAG/Prime Minister Chaired by Minister for Health	20 December 2007	Implementation plan for election commitments delivered at March 2008 COAG meeting. Will meet 4 times in 2008
National Health and Hospital Reform Commission	Advise on performance indicators for AHCAs and practical reforms for the Australian health care system for both the short and long term.	Minister for Health, and through Minister to Prime Minister, COAG and AHMC	Election commitment. Members of Commission announced 25 February 2008.	Funded through to July 2009. Advice on framework for next AHCAs and performance indicators delivered April 2008. AIHW performance indicators delivered July 2008. Interim report due December 2008. Final report due June 2008.
Pharmaceutical Industry Working Group (PIWP)	Policy advice on pharmaceutical industry development in Australia.	Minister for Health / Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	Membership announced 8 April 2008.	Revival of earlier group formed in 1998.

National Preventative Health Taskforce	Develop a National preventative Health Strategy, with priority on tobacco, alcohol and obesity. Provide framework for Preventative Health Partnership between Commonwealth and States and Territories.	Minister for Health	Election commitment. Members of Taskforce announced 9 April 2008.	Funded through 20011-12. Discussion paper by September 2008. Draft strategy for comment by March 2009. Final strategy due June 2009.
National Primary Health Care Strategy Reference Group	Support to government in the development of a primary health care strategy	Minister for Health	Election commitment. Members of Reference Group announced 11 June 2008	Work on the strategy will link with current related health reform processes, including the COAG Health and Ageing Working Group, development of the Australian Health Care Agreements, the National Health and Hospital Reform Commission, and the Preventative Health Strategy.
National Advisory Council on Mental Health	Provide independent advice on mental health and assist with the coordination of mental health services across governments.	Minister for Health	Election commitment. Members of Council announced 12 June 2008.	Funded to July 2011.
Ageing Consultative Committee	Improve consultation with aged care industry, workforce and consumer representatives.	Minister for Ageing	Members announced 25 June 2008	Merges former Aged Care Advisory Committee and Community Care Advisory Committee.

Ministerial Council on Ageing	Help initiate, develop and monitor policy reform Facilitate consultation and cooperation between Commonwealth and States and Territories.	Minister for Ageing, and through Minister to Prime Minister and COAG .	Election commitment.	Funding provided through 2011-12.
Australian Suicide Prevention Advisory Council	Identify community needs and priorities for the National Suicide Prevention Strategy.	Minister for Health	10 September 2008	Minister also announced a reinvigorated National Suicide Prevention Strategy Workplan.

Previously established				
Medicines, vaccines, devices and other therapeutic goods				
Australian Drug Evaluation Committee	Provide independent advice on safety, efficacy and listing of new prescription medicines.	Minister for Health	1963	Adverse Drug Reactions Advisory Committee subcommittee advises on safety of medicines.
Medicines Evaluation Committee	Provide independent scientific and policy advice on over-the-counter medicines.	Minister for Health.	1948	Possibly the longest established medicines evaluation committee in the world.
Complimentary Medicines Evaluation Committee	Provide scientific and policy advice relating to controls on the supply and use of complementary medicines.	Minister for Health, through the Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing.	1990	
Complimentary Medicines Implementation Reference Group.	Provide advice on and oversee the implementation of the Government Response to report from Expert Committee on Complementary Medicines in the Health System (2005).	Minister for Health, through the Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing.	2006	
Medical Devices Evaluation Committee	Provide independent medical and scientific advice on the safety, quality and performance of medical devices including issues relating to premarket	Minister for Health, through the Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing	2002	Replaced the Therapeutic Device Evaluation Committee, which was established in 1987.

	conformity assessment and post market monitoring.			
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National Coordinating Committee on Therapeutic Goods	Promote a coordinated and harmonised approach to the regulation and controls over therapeutic goods and poisons. Provide policy guidance to the National Drugs and Poisons Schedule Committee.	Minister for Health, through the Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing.	1971	
Therapeutic Goods Committee	Advice on standards for therapeutic goods, including labelling and packaging, and on principles to be observed in the manufacture of therapeutic goods for use in humans.	Minister for Health, through the Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing.		
National Drugs and Poisons Schedule Committee	Set standards for the uniform scheduling of drugs and poisons and undertake policy development and harmonisation of poisons/drugs labelling requirements between Australia and New Zealand.	All Australian Ministers for Health.		The decisions made by this committee are included in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons and implemented in State/ Territory legislation by reference or other means.
Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation	Advice on vaccines and national immunisation program.	Minister for Health	1997	Role in approval of vaccines was downgraded in 2005 when responsibility for final decision was given to PBAC.
Australian Influenza Vaccine Committee	Decide on the strains for inclusion in flu vaccine each	?		

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Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee	Assess applications for listing medicines on Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.	Minister for Health	1954	2 subcommittees – Economics Sub-Committee and Drug Utilisation Sub-Committee
Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority	Recommend prices for new items that have been recommended for listing on the PBS and revised prices for currently listed medicines. Prices of all items listed on the PBS are reviewed at least once each year.	Minister for Health	1988	
Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council Working Party on Highly Specialised Drugs	Make recommendations to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee on the suitability of supplying drugs via hospital outpatient departments.	AHMAC	1991	Committee takes a State/Territory policy perspective.
Pharmaceutical Health and Rational Use of Medicines	Provide advice on the Quality Use of Medicines strategy.	Minister for Health	Established initially as a working party in 1991.	Has apparently not met since February 2006.
Australian Pharmaceutical Advisory Council	Consultative forum to advise on medicines policy	Minister for Health	1991	Membership composed of a large number of professional and consumer organisations.

Pharmacy				
Australian Community Pharmacy Authority	Make decisions about pharmacy location rules in accordance with current Pharmacy Agreement.	Minister for Health		The Minister has a discretionary power to approve pharmacies in unique circumstances where the application of the location rules results in a community without reasonable access to the supply of pharmaceutical benefits by an approved pharmacist, and approval of the pharmacy is in the public interest.
Professional Programs and Services Advisory Committee	Advice on the programs and bodies to receive funding for professional programs approved under 4 th Pharmacy Agreement	Minister for Health	Operates for life of Agreement December 2005 – June 2010.	
Medical services, pathology, and diagnostic imaging				
Medical Benefits Consultative Committee	Review particular scheduled services and consider the General Medical Service Table of the MBS.	Minister for Health		Forum established by agreement between the Minister and the AMA to facilitate discussion on the MBS. Similar committees, with appropriate professional groups represented, operate when items concerning optometry or dental services are being reviewed.

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Medical Services Advisory Committee	Advice on the safety, effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of new medical technologies and procedures and under what circumstances funding by the Medicare benefits should be supported.	Minister for Health	1998	Has subcommittee - Health Policy Advisory Committee on Technology
Visiting Optometrists Scheme-National Advisory Committee	Identify priority areas in need of optometry services.	Minister for Health	2006 (?)	The VOS was introduced in 1975 to support optometric outreach services to isolated communities, which would not otherwise have ready access to primary eye care.
Nuclear Imaging Consultative and Economic Committee	Responsible for managing Medicare outlays for Nuclear Medicine Imaging Services and Quality Practice MoU between govt and Australia and NZ Association of Physicians in Nuclear Medicine.	Minister for Health	MoU applies 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2008. Has been extended while under DoHA review.	In November 2006 the Government agreed to add \$32.7 million to the MoU to cover increased services as a consequence of policies introduced since the MOU was signed.
Radiation Management Committee	Responsible for managing MoU between govt and Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists.	Minister for Health	MoU applies 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2008. Has been extended while under DoHA review.	

Cardiac Imaging Management Committee	Responsible for managing Cardiac and Imaging Quality and Outlays MoU between govt and Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand.	Minister for Health	MoU applies 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2008. Has been extended while under DoHA review.	
Obstetric and Gynaecological Ultrasound Quality Outcomes MoU Management Committee	Responsible for managing MoU between govt and Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists.	Minister for Health	MoU applies 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2008. Has been extended while under DoHA review.	
Radiation Oncology Reform Implementation Committee	Provide a collaborative mechanism for governments and other key stakeholders to address ways to improve patient access to radiotherapy.	All Ministers for Health and AHMAC.		Replaced the Radiation Oncology Jurisdictional Implementation Group which was established in 2003.
National Pathology Accreditation Advisory Council	Advice to governments on pathology laboratory accreditation issues	All Ministers for Health	1997	
Pathology Consultative Committee	Management and advice on Pathology Quality and Outlays MoU between govt, Australian Association of Pathology Practices, Royal College of Pathologists and National Coalition of Public Pathology.	Minister for Health	MoU runs 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2009. Currently under review.	Has subcommittee Quality Use of Pathology Committee. In November 2006 the Government agreed to add \$39.2 million to the MoU to cover increased services as a consequence of policies introduced since the MOU was signed.

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Substance abuse, alcohol and tobacco				
Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy	Promote a consistent approach between Commonwealth and State/Territories on drug related matters.	COAG / Prime Minister		Peak policy and decision-making body in relation to licit and illicit drugs in Australia. Supported by the Interdepartmental Committee on Drugs. Has National Drug Strategy Reference Group for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.
Interdepartmental Committee on Drugs	Provide policy advice on drug-related matters; responsible for implementing the National Drug Strategic Framework	Minister for Health and other relevant Ministers	1998	Has a Methadone and Other Treatment Subcommittee.
Australian National Council on Drugs	Principal advisory body to Government on drug policy. Forum for community to influence drug policy.	Prime Minister	1998	Has also established a National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee.
National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre	Help develop innovative approaches to delivering	Minister for Health	2007	

Management Committee	treatment for people with cannabis problems			
National Advisory Group on Smoking and Pregnancy		Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing	2005	Possibly no longer active.

Mental Health				
National Youth Mental Health Foundation	Provide a national, coordinated focus on youth mental health and related problems.	Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing (?)	2006	Operates <i>headspace</i>
National Advisory Council on Suicide Prevention	Advice and coordination on National Suicide Prevention Strategy.	Minister for Health (?)	1998	NACSP held its first Annual Suicide Prevention Planning Forum in Canberra on 24–25 August 2004.
COAG Mental Health Stakeholder Reference Group	Facilitate information exchange and provide advice on planning and implementation of COAG mental health initiatives being implemented by DoHA.	COAG senior officials	2006	A Better Access Evaluation Reference Group is to be established as a subgroup.
Population health				
Australian Screening Advisory Committee	Advice on national screening program, those under consideration and emerging issues	Minister for Health	2008 (?)	Replaces National Advisory Committee to BreastScreen Australia, National Advisory Committee to the Cervical Screening Program and the

				Bowel Cancer Screening Pilot Implementation Committee.
Healthy Living Ministerial Taskforce	Advice on and coordinate initiatives in health eating and physical activity.	Minister for Health	2007	

National Immunisation Committee	Oversee development, implementation and delivery of Immunise Australia Program.	AHMC, through Australian Health Protection Principal Committee.		
Aged Care				
Aged Care Advisory Committee	The major forum for consultation, discussion and advice on issues of relevance to aged care.	Minister for Ageing		Comprised of consumers, providers and government representatives. The Committee has a Consumer Working Group.
Aged Care Funding Instrument Reference Group	Consultative mechanism to assist in review of Aged Care Funding Instrument, which starts in 2010.	Minister for Ageing		
Aged Care Planning and Advisory Committees	Advice on distribution of new aged care places in each state/territory.	Delegate of Secretary of DoHA		There is a Planning and Advisory Committee in each state and territory.
Aged Care Assessment Officials Committee	Advice on the operation of the assessment program.	?	Mid 1990s	ACAP Data Working Group (provides advice on reporting requirements for the ACAP)

				Minimum Data Set, version 2) reports to this committee.
Aged Care Workforce Committee	Advice on aged care workforce issues.	Minister for Ageing	1996	
Continence Management Advisory Committee	Advices on National Continence Management Strategy.	Assistant Secretary, Community Care Branch, DoHA	2002	

The National Evaluation Steering Committee for the Innovative Care Rehabilitation Services Pilots	Oversee the evaluation of the innovative care rehabilitation service pilots.	?		Chaired by the Head of Policy and Evaluation Branch (Ageing and Aged Care Division, Department of Health and Ageing). Not clear if still operational.
Healthy Ageing Taskforce	Development of a national healthy ageing strategy as a basis to guide governments in addressing the challenge of an ageing society	Minister for Health and Minister for Community Services	1996	Not clear if this is still operational.
Dementia National Health Priority Taskforce	Formed to guide the implementation of projects tackling prevention, treatment and care for people with dementia and their carers.	Minister for Ageing	2005	Not clear if this is still operational.
Transactions and Technology Reference Group	Advice on electronic payments in aged care.	Minister for Ageing		Consults with Medicare Australia and industry.

The Reference Group for Clinical IT in Aged Care	Advice to the Clinical IT Project Team on issues relating to information technology, nursing, aged care, health informatics and clinical terminology and language.	?		No information found on Clinical IT Project Team.
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Foods				
Australia and New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council	Responsible for developing domestic food regulatory policy and guidelines for food standards	COAG/Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand	2002	Formerly known as the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Council
Advisory Panel on the Marketing in Australia of Infant Formula	Advice on the operation of the Marketing in Australia of Infant Formulas: Manufacturers and Importers Agreement (1992).	Minister for Health		
Communicable diseases, pandemics and disaster planning				
Communicable Diseases Network Australia	Provide public health co-ordination on communicable disease surveillance, prevention and control, offers strategic advice to governments and other key bodies on public health actions to minimise the impact of communicable diseases in Australia and the region.	Minister for Health	1989	Established as a joint initiative of the NHMRC and AHMAC. Has two advisory committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Arboviruses and Malaria Advisory Committee • Measles Elimination Advisory Committee
National Influenza Pandemic	Advice on implementation of	Minister of Health	2003	

Action Committee	National Action Plan for Human Influenza Pandemic.			
Scientific Influenza Advisory Committee		Chief Medical Officer?		No information available on DoHA website.
National Tuberculosis Advisory Committee	Expert advice to Commonwealth and the states and territories on the prevention and control of tuberculosis .	Minister for Health	1999	Committee has developed guidelines and produces an annual report which is published in <i>Communicable Diseases Intelligence</i> .
Australian Health Disaster Management Policy Committee	An inter-jurisdictional committee to improve national health disaster preparedness.	Minister for Health (?)	2003	Committee was formed in the wake of the Bali bombing disaster.
Health Infrastructure Assurance Advisory Group	Highlight specific private sector issues that impact on the health of the community in the event of a health emergency.	?		A group of HIAAG Communicating members has also been established
Gene technology				
Gene Technology Ministerial Council	Issue policy principles, guidelines and codes of practice for the Gene Technology Regulator .	Minister for Health (?)	2001	Membership includes Ministers from range of relevant portfolios in states and territories.
Gene Technology Standing Committee	Provide support and advice to the Gene Technology Ministerial Council	Minister for Health through the Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing.	2001	

Gene Technology Technical Advisory Committee	Provide expert technical advice to the Gene Technology Ministerial Council and Gene Technology Regulator	Minister for Health through the Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing.	2001	
Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee	Provide advice on ethical issues relating to gene technology, policy advise on genetically modified organisms	Minister for Health through the Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing.	2008	Replaced Gene Technology Community Consultative Committee and Gene Technology Ethics Committee whose terms expired in 2007.

Workforce				
General Practice Recognition Appeal Committee	Consider appeals from medical practitioners who have been refused re-inclusion on the Vocational Register or who have been removed from the Vocational Register.	Minister for Health		
General Practice Recognition Eligibility Committee	Consider applications from medical practitioners requesting re-inclusion on the Vocational Register and assesses practitioners eligibility according to the criteria defined in the relevant Regulations.	Minister for Health		

Sexually transmitted diseases				
Intergovernmental Committee on AIDS, Hepatitis C and Related Diseases	Key advisory body) on policy, program, social issues and activities related to HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C, sexually transmissible infections and related diseases.	Minister for Health	1987	Originally the Intergovernmental Committee on AIDS.
Ministerial Advisory Committee on AIDS, Sexual Health and Hepatitis	Provide advice on issues relevant to HIV/AIDS, sexually transmissible infections and hepatitis C.	COAG / Prime Minister	2003	Three expert subcommittees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmissible Infections Subcommittee • Hepatitis C Subcommittee • Indigenous Australians' Sexual Health Subcommittee.
Indigenous Health				
National Aboriginal Mental Health Advisory Committee	Oversee, coordinate and monitor the National Aboriginal Mental Health Policy and Plan including policy, program, intersectoral, and evaluative aspects.	Minister for Health	1995	When established had two working parties in education and training and data collection. Not clear if this Committee remains operative.
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Council	Advice s on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health policy and planning and monitors the national implementation of agreements relating to Aboriginal and Torres	Minister for Health	1996	Not clear if this Committee is still operative and / or how it had changed since abolition of ATSIC.

	Strait Islander health issues.			
Miscellaneous				
Hearing Services Consultative Committee		Minister for Health		Has an Accreditation Working Group.
Chief Medical Officers' Expert Advisory Committee		Chief Medical Officer		
Health Privacy Forum	Advice on health privacy issues	Privacy Commissioner		
Prostheses and Devices Committee	Provide advice on listing of no gap and gap permitted prostheses and benefits payable for them by PHI funds.	Minister for Health	2004	Committee has 8 clinical advisory groups to evaluate prostheses in different areas.
Advisory Group on Chemical Safety	Advice on the safety and use of pesticides, veterinary medicines, and industrial, domestic and cosmetic chemicals	Director of Office of Chemical Safety		
National Health Information Group	Provide leadership on information management and technology, and to coordinate advice to AHMAC and AHMC. Work alongside the Australian Health Information Council.	All Ministers for Health		

Cross-government groups				
Australian Health Ministers' Conference	Provide a forum for governments to discuss matters of mutual interest concerning health policy, health services and programs; promote a consistent and coordinated national approach to health policy development and implementation; and consider matters reported to the Conference by the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council.	COAG / Prime Minister		
Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council	Provide effective and efficient support to the Australian Health Ministers' Conference (AHMC) by advising on strategic issues relating to the coordination of health services, and operate as a national forum for planning, information sharing and	All Ministers for Health		Currently has six principal committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Health Protection Principal Committee; • Australian Population Health Development Principal Committee;

	innovation.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical, Technical and Ethical Principal Committee; • Health Policy Priorities Principal Committee; • Health Workforce Principal Committee; • National E-Health Information Principal Committee. <p>These Committees have a number of subcommittees and task forces reporting to them.</p>
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare	Develop a strategic framework that will improve safety and quality across the health system.	AHMC	2006	Formerly Australian Council for Safety and Quality in Health Care. Has subcommittee Healthcare Associated Infection Implementation Advisory Committee.
Ministerial Council on Health, Community and Disability Services	A COAG ministerial council that allows consultation between portfolios.	COAG/Prime Minister		
APEC Health Working Group	Address health related threats to economic trade and security, focusing mainly on infectious diseases and disasters.	APEC	2003	Developed from an ad hoc APEC Health Task Force.

Statutory Agencies/Authorities				
National Health and Medical Research Council	Peak body for supporting health and medical research; developing health advice for the Australian community, health professionals and governments; and for providing advice on ethical behaviour in health care and in the conduct of health and medical research	Minister for Health	1937	10 committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Health Ethics Committee • ATSI Health and Research Advisory Committee • Human Genetics Advisory Committee • NHRMC Licensing Committee • NHRMC Audit Committee • National Health Committee • Research Committee • 4 expert committees on cellular therapies, transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, water quality, antimicrobial resistance.
Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Develop food standards, and joint codes of practice with	Minister for Health through Parliamentary Secretary for	Established by <i>Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991</i> .	12 Board members drawn from relevant specialty areas.

	industry, covering the content and labelling of food sold in Australia and New Zealand.	Health and Ageing		
National Industrial Chemicals Notification And Assessment Scheme	A statutory scheme that provides a national notification and assessment scheme to protect the health of the public and environment from the harmful effects of industrial chemicals	Minister for Health through Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing	1990	Has 3 sub-committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry Government Consultative Committee, • Community Engagement Forum, • MoU Group.
National Blood Authority	Statutory authority established to improve the management of the Australian blood and plasma products sector	Minister for Health	Established under <i>National Blood Authority Act 2003</i> .	Jointly funded by the Commonwealth (63%) and the States (37%)
Cancer Australia	Work in partnership with consumers, health professionals, cancer organisations, researchers and governments, to improve outcomes for all people affected by cancer and particularly for those people whose survival rates or cancer experiences are poorer.	Minister for Health	2006	Has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 national advisory groups, • an intergovernmental strategic forum, • 14 national reference groups.
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Statutory authority of Australian government and national agency for health and welfare statistics	Australian Parliament	Established under the <i>Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act 1987</i> .	Has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 health related committees; • 8 health related advisory committees. •
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Responsible for protecting the health and safety of people, and the environment, from the	Minister for Health	Established under the <i>Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998</i> .	Has 3 advisory councils: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiation Health and Safety Advisory Council;

	harmful effects of ionising and non ionising radiation			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiation Health Committee; • Nuclear Safety Committee
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Private Health Insurance Administration Council	Central function is to monitor and regulate the private health insurance industry, and to provide information to Government and other stakeholders on private health insurance membership and utilisation, reinsurance benefits and gap cover.	Minister for Health.	Established by the <i>National Health Act 1953</i>	4 part-time members appointed by the Minister.
Private Health Insurance Ombudsman	Provide an independent service to help consumers with health insurance problems and enquiries.	Minister for Health.	Established by the <i>National Health Act 1953</i>	Government agency, but acts independently.
Professional Services Review	Examine suspected cases of inappropriate practice referred by Medicare Australia.	Minister for Health.	1994	Independent of DoHA and Medicare Australia. The director is appointed by the Minister for Health and Ageing (with agreement from the AMA).

National E-Health Transition Authority Ltd	A not-for-profit company established by the Australian, State and Territory governments to develop better ways of electronically collecting and securely exchanging health information.	Minister for Health.	2005	Emerged from the National E-Health Transition Authority (which was established in 2004). Jointly funded by Commonwealth and States. Board is made up of CEOs from health departments within these jurisdictions.
Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Ltd	An independent company that manages the residential aged care accreditation process.	Minister for Health and Ageing is the sole shareholder for the company	Established under the Australian Securities and Investment Commission in 1997	
General Practice Education and Training Ltd	Develop, oversee and fund general practice training for postgraduate medical practitioners	Minister for Health.	2001. Subject to the <i>Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997</i>	Majority of 10 member Board must be GPs or doctors training to be GPs
Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Responsible for administering the <i>Gene Technology Act 2000</i>	Minister for Health.	Established as part of the <i>Gene Technology Act 2000</i> (commenced 2001)	Regulator appointed by Governor-General with the agreement of the majority of jurisdictions.
Office of the Aged Care Commissioner	Provide free of charge service to anyone wishing to question the decisions made or processes adopted by the Complaints Investigation Scheme, or to complain about the operations of the Scheme or the conduct of the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency.	Minister for Ageing	Established under the <i>Aged Care Act 1997</i>	The Aged Care Commissioner is a statutory appointment and the Commissioner is independent from both the Department of Health and Ageing and the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency.
Australian Sports Commission	Primary national sports administration and advisory agency	Minister for Health through the Minister for Sport	Established under <i>Australian Sports Commission Act 1989</i>	Sport was made a function of the Department of Health and Ageing by the Rudd

				Government.
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority	Anti-doping organisation with functions outlined in the <i>Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Act 2006</i> . These include testing, education and advocacy roles.	Minister for Health through the Minister for Sport	2006.	Sport was made a function of the Department of Health and Ageing by the Rudd Government.