

Healthy Food Partnership Communiqué 13 May 2016

The Healthy Food Partnership (the Partnership) Executive Committee met in Canberra on Friday 13 May 2016 and considered a number of relevant issues, including recent results from the Australian Health Survey and a report from the National Heart Foundation of Australia (Heart Foundation). Members were advised of the release of the Partnership website (www.health.gov.au/healthyfoodpartnership) and noted that the website would be updated as the work of the Partnership progressed.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) provided a presentation on findings from the Australian Health Survey (2011-12) and in particular, key findings contained within the two most recent releases: Consumption of Added Sugars; and Consumption of Food Groups from Australian Dietary Guidelines. Members discussed the key issues raised within the ABS findings, the over-consumption of added sugars and the under-consumption of food products from all five food groups, and discussed how the Partnership could be used as a platform to address these unhealthy dietary patterns.

Members considered a report (Report on the Evaluation of the nine Food Categories for which reformulation targets were set under the former Food and Health Dialogue) and presentation from the National Heart Foundation of Australia on the progress made by industry to achieve the reformulation targets set under the Food and Health Dialogue. The report provides the outcomes of an evaluation of potential changes to the nutritional profile of products that fall within the food categories for which target were set under the Dialogue.

Continuing the focus on collaboration, members discussed the proposed structure, membership and activities for the five Partnership working groups. The HFP Secretariat was tasked with further developing the proposal, which would be tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

Members will next meet to further progress the work of the Partnership in August 2016.