

**National Medical Training Advisory Network
Executive Committee Meeting
Communiqué
March 2016**

The National Medical Training Advisory Network (NMTAN) Executive Committee met on 10 March 2016 in Melbourne.

As part of the Committee's capacity and distribution work, *Australia's Future Health Workforce (AFHW) Report – Anaesthesia* was discussed. The Report, which is second in this work series, includes the supply and demand projections for the anaesthesia workforce to 2030 and was developed in consultation with the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists as well as the professional body, Australian Society of Anaesthetists. Following discussion at the meeting, the Report is expected to be updated with suggested revisions and endorsed out of session.

NMTAN also agreed to consider the recommendations relevant to its scope of work from the supply and demand projection reports for further action.

Information was provided on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Curriculum Framework, which has been developed to address the variable nature and extent to which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health curriculum is being implemented by health professions and higher education providers. Members recognised the need for NMTAN to include a greater focus on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical workforce and agreed to undertake further work in this area.

NMTAN was briefed on national initiatives including the Australian Government response to the Review of Mental Health Programmes and Services, My Health Record, Review of the Specialist Training Programme, the Integrated Rural Training Pipeline and the Review of Medical Intern Training.

The next meeting of NMTAN will be held on 21 June 2016. The newly appointed Chair of the National Nursing and Midwifery Education Advisory Network will be invited to attend this meeting, providing an opportunity in future for collaborative work on health workforce by the two expert groups.