

Code Review Panel Communiqué

The Code Review Panel (CRP) held its ninth formal meeting on 18 March 2014. The following members attended the meeting:

Mr Geoff McDonald (Chairman)	GlaxoSmithKline
Ms Kerry Cunningham	FIT Bioceuticals
Ms Daniella Dickson	PriceWaterhouseCoopers
Ms Sonja Eibl	Bayer
Mr Aaron Guttmann	Bristol-Myers Squibb
Mr Paul Hodgkinson	Novartis
Dr Robyn Langham	Australian Medical Association
Ms Shane McSpedden	Pfizer Australia
Dr Beata Niechoda	Shire Australia
Dr Shaun O'Mara	Novo Nordisk
Mr Andrew Roberts	Boehringer Ingelheim
Ms Claire Willmott	Roche Products

Secretariat

Ms Deborah Monk	Medicines Australia
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Apologies

Dr Ken Harvey	Consumers Health Forum
Ms Holly Kania	Roche Products

The CRP:

- Received a report of the Member company briefings about the draft Code Edition 18 and transparency model. Members had asked a number of questions about the transparency model and its operation. Overall Members were supportive of the proposed transparency model as presented.
- Considered whether further changes are required to Section 7 – Starter Packs. Members of the Legal Advisory Sub-Group provided advice concerning the current State and Territory legislation relevant to these provisions. Further advice will be requested from relevant government officials in some jurisdictions.
- Made further proposed amendments to the Code:
 - Included further definitions in the Glossary for 'consultants' and 'Advisory Boards' and 'medical information websites'
 - Reviewed a number of sections of the Code and made editorial refinements to the text
- Agreed that the Code should not be amended to permit companies to give items of medical equipment to medical practices; these items may be provided on loan only.

The next meeting of the CRP will be held in early April 2014.