COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION

held at the Commonwealth Grants Commission offices, Canberra

9.00 am on 18 November 2015

AGENDA

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the State Finances meeting held on 20 August 2015.

Actions arising

- The history papers on the mining and administrative scale assessments have been placed on the web.

2016 UPDATE

2. AP 2015-44 Update issues – staff recommendations on new issues and update report structure
3. AP 2015-45 Wage costs – results
4. AP 2015-46 Wages costs – capital city or whole of state

2020 REVIEW

HFE papers

5. AP 2015-47 What states do – average policy
6. AP 2015-37 Contemporaneity – alternative approaches
7. AP 2015-38 Treatment of Commonwealth payments
8. AP 2015-35 Trends in horizontal fiscal equalisation
9. AP 2015-19 Should new review methods be phased in?
10. AP 2015-39 Revenue and expense ratios

History papers

11. AP 2015-41 History of CGC methods
12. AP 2015-43 History of the capital assessments

Assessment issues

13. AP 2015-36 Relationship between investment in urban transport and urban roads

Review and information papers

14. AP 2015-40 Review of budget analysis

15. AP 2015-42 Implications of a major increase in GST revenue

OTHER MATTERS

Tax reform and HFE

A presentation was provided by staff to officials from Treasury and PM&C in September addressing whether HFE acts as a disincentive to tax reform. This presentation can be provided to the Commission, if it desires, at the next meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

16. The next Commission meeting will be held on 14 December.