COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION

held at the Commonwealth Grants Commission offices, Canberra

9.30 am on 17 August 2016

AGENDA

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the State Finances meeting held 18 May 2016.

Actions arising

- The last of the history papers – Commission methods, contemporaneity and economic development – have been placed on the Commission's website.
- Three 'what States do' papers – transport services, welfare and electricity subsidies – have been placed on the cloud and States have been asked whether they have any comments on them.

2017 UPDATE

2. The staff discussion paper on New issues for the 2017 Update has been prepared. It seeks State views on staff proposals on the treatment of new Commonwealth payments, the updating of the wages assessment, the use of Independent Health Pricing Authority data, concerns over Natural Disasters data and changes to the data release protocol and data request timetable. As none of these issues are controversial, as agreed previously by the Commission, the paper has not been submitted for Commission approval prior to despatch. Commission decisions on these matters will be sought in November once State views have been received.
3. AP 2016-27 State budget developments 2016-17

NEXT REVIEW

4. AP 2016-25 Changes in State budgets 2000-01 to 2014-15
5. AP 2016-26 Administrative scale – re-estimating fixed costs – progress report
6. AP 2016-18 Gambling taxation – data limitations
7. AP 2016-23 What States do and implications for future work – Payroll tax
8. AP 2016-24 What States do and implications for future work – Stamp duty on conveyances

9. AP 2016-17 What States do and implications for future work – Wage costs

10. AP 2016-29 What States do and implications for future work – Community Health

11. AP 2016-28 What States do and implications for future work – Roads

FUTURE MEETINGS

12. The next Commission meeting will be held on 21 September 2016.