

INDICATIVE WORK PROGRAM FOR 2020 REVIEW (a)

Date	Event
2016	
28 November	Terms of reference received.
1 December	State views on work program processes sought.
2017	
February-March	States and Commonwealth consulted and work program finalised.
April	Officer Working Party (OWP) of Commission and State officials commence examination of specific issues (Canberra). Work program agreed and work started.
Mid May	Initial staff paper on approach to review, HFE, supporting principles and their implementation, including assessment guidelines, released. Supported by research/background papers.
End July	State submissions on staff paper on approach to review, HFE, supporting principles and their implementation, including assessment guidelines due. Remaining 'What States do' Papers to be placed on cloud. Comments welcome but optional – most useful prior to telepresences held to discuss the relevant category.
Late August/Sept	Bilateral discussions between the Commission and States on submissions.
End September	Commission paper sent to States on approach to review, HFE, supporting principles and their implementation, including assessment guidelines.
October-November	Telepresences – staff and Treasury officer discussions on changes to 2015 Review assessment methods based on alternative HFE approaches, what States do papers and other concerns.
2018	
End Feb	State submissions on approach to review, the objective(s), supporting principles and their implementation.
April	Preliminary staff paper released to States on scope and structure, treatment of Commonwealth payments, category and factor assessments (not OWP issues).
June to September	Commission visits to States for discussions on assessment issues, including service delivery needs. Bilateral meetings with Treasurers/HoTs to cover key issues, if required.
June to December	Officers Working party meetings to discuss/report on specific issues. Third party experts could be included.
End August	State submissions on scope and structure, treatment of Commonwealth payments, category and factor assessments.
2019	
Late May	Commission provides draft report to Commonwealth and States.
June/July	Commission staff bilateral meetings with States to discuss the draft report.
July/Aug	Possible multilateral meeting between Commission and HoTs to discuss draft report.
End August	State submissions on draft report due.
End September	New issues paper issued by Commission staff.
Mid-November	State submissions on new issues due.
Mid November	Commission paper sent to States on significant changes since the draft report.
Mid December	Final State comments due on proposed changes to draft report.
2020	
28 February	Commission provides final report to the Commonwealth and States.

(a) Last amended 5 December 2018 to reflect actual outcomes in 2018 and firmer timing for 2019.