

## INDICATIVE WORK PROGRAM FOR 2020 REVIEW AT MAY 2017

Date (a)	Event
<b>2016</b>	
28 November	Terms of reference received.
1 December	State views on work program processes sought.
<b>2017</b>	
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.
<b>2018</b>	
End Feb?	State submissions on approach to review, the objective(s), supporting principles and their implementation.
March to June	Officers Working party meetings to discuss/report on specific issues. Third party experts could be included.
April	Preliminary staff paper released to States on scope and structure, treatment of Commonwealth payments, category and factor assessments (not OWP issues). Any changes to Commission views on HFE and principles would also be covered at this time.
May to August	Commission visits to States for discussions on assessment issues, including service delivery needs. Bilateral meetings with Treasurers/HoTs to cover key issues, if required.
End August	State submissions on scope and structure, treatment of Commonwealth payments, category and factor assessments.
Early December	Last date for OWP reports.
<b>2019</b>	
End February	Optional State submissions on OWP reports due.
End April/May	Commission provides draft report to Commonwealth and States.
June/July	Commission staff visit 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 August	New issues paper issued by Commission staff.
End September	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.
<b>2020</b>	
28 February	Commission provides final report to the Commonwealth and States.

Note: Indicative timing only. Dates in 2017 are firmer than those in 2019.