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From the Chairman's Office

Dated 22 August 2016
Addressed to The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

On behalf of the Productivity Commission, I am pleased to submit to you our report National Partnership Agreement on Essential Vaccines: Performance Report 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016. 

This is the third annual report on the National Partnership Agreement on Essential Vaccines prepared by the Productivity Commission, following a request from COAG in February 2015. 

Our report shows that all governments have achieved the required minimum two out of four benchmarks necessary to be eligible for reward payments.

Consistent with the request from COAG, the Productivity Commission will publicly release this report in September 2016. 

Yours sincerely

Peter Harris AO
Chairman


# Letter of Direction

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Sender: Australian Government, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet 

Dated: 4 February 2015
Addressed to: Mr Daryl Quinlivan, Head of Office, Productivity Commission, GPO Box 1428, Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Mr Quinlivan

I am writing to formalise arrangements for the transfer of the performance assessment function under the National Partnership Agreement on Essential Vaccines (NP) to the Productivity Commission. 

With the agreement of all parties, the NP has been varied to allow the Productivity Commission to take on responsibility for assessing state and territory (state) achievement against four benchmarks and reporting to the Council of Australian Governments before reward payments can be made.

Please find a signed copy of the agreement enclosed.

I look forward to working with you and your colleagues on this matter. 

Yours sincerely

Jo Laduzko
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