

Minister commissioned reviews

Please note, a very wide range of activities can be referred to as reviews, from small internal processes to public, external, Government-initiated processes. This is an indicative list only.

Responsible Minister	Review name	Summary of Review	Date review commissioned by Minister	Date review commenced
The Hon Mark Butler MP	National Review of First Nations health care in prisons	The Review is to consider current state and territory approaches to First Nations health care in prisons; barriers to culturally safe health care for First Nations people in prisons; and opportunities for systemic reform.	An RFQ was released on Austender on 3 October 2023	November 2023
The Hon Mark Butler MP	Evaluation of First Nations vaccination uptake support	Evaluation of grant funding to address declining First nations vaccination rates to inform ongoing supports for First Nations vaccination uptake.	14 May 2024 – as part of Budget 2024-25	TBC – planned to commence in 2025-26
The Hon Mark Butler MP	Evaluation of First Nations Molecular Point of Care Testing program	Evaluation of communicable disease PoCT programs for First Nations, rural and remote communities to inform the success of the initiatives and influence future funding decisions.	14 May 2024 – as part of Budget 2024-25	TBC – planned to commence in 2025
The Hon Mark Butler MP	Evaluation of the Children’s Ground Family Health and Wellbeing Framework	Evaluation aims to investigate and measure the impact of the activities delivered under the Framework.	6 February 2024	Contract executed on 19 August 2024 and evaluation to be completed on 10 January 2025
The Hon Anika Wells MP	Review of the <i>Australian Sports Commission Act 1989</i>	The Australian Government is undertaking a review of the Act. The review is part of the government’s strategic approach to the ‘Green and Gold Decade’, culminating in the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Brisbane.	9 May 2023	17 May 2024
The Hon Mark Butler MP	First Nations Health Funding Transition Program	Review programs within the department that explicitly target First Nations health outcomes and identify opportunities to transition activities, where appropriate, to First Nations led organisations.	30 November 2022	8 March 2023

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The Hon Mark Butler MP	Redesign of the Transition Care Program	Review and redesign the Transition Care Program so that it is fit-for-purpose into the future.	2024-25 Budget	Expected to commence September/October 2024
The Hon Anika Wells MP	Review of the Schedule of Specified Care and Services	Review the Schedule of Specified Care and Services in response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Safety and Quality and in preparation for the New Aged Care Act.	30 March 2023	July 2023
The Hon Mark Butler MP	headspace Funding Review	This Review is to collect and assess full and accurate data on the total cost of the National headspace Program, including headspace National as per Recommendation 9 of the recent Evaluation of the National headspace Program (2022) (Final Report). The Review will also include the development of alternative new funding models, as per Recommendation 10 of the Final Report.	MYEFO 2023-24	21 June 2024
The Hon Mark Butler MP	headspace Governance Review	Includes undertaking a review of program governance roles and responsibilities across the headspace network, to clarify the scope of roles in planning, commissioning, delivering and tailoring headspace services.	MYEFO 2023-24	3 May 2024
The Hon Mark Butler MP	Review of General Practice Incentives	The Review is assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of existing general practice incentives, including the Practice Incentives Program (PIP) and Workforce Incentives Program (WIP).	Budget 2023-24	October 2023
The Hon Mark Butler MP	The National Strategic Framework for Chronic Conditions (2017-2025)	The Australian Government is undertaking a Review and refresh of the Framework to consider how chronic conditions can best be prevented and managed for all Australians. The refreshed Framework will align with Australia's Primary Health Care 10-year Plan 2022-2032, the Strengthening Medicare Taskforce Report, and other national and international policies, strategies and plans, including the National Preventive Health Strategy 2021-2030.	May 2023	June 2023
The Hon Mark Butler MP	Stoma Appliance Scheme Schedule Review	To ensure products listed on the Stoma Appliance Scheme Schedule are clinically appropriate, priced appropriately and cost-effective.	Budget 2023-24	1 July 2023

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The Hon Mark Butler MP	Private Hospital Sector Financial Health Check	The Health Check will assess the costs, revenues and profitability of operators across the private hospital sector. Further Information on the Health website.	May 2024	May 2024
The Hon Mark Butler MP	Review of the viability of private radiation oncology providers	To determine the financial viability of private organisational providers of radiation oncology services.	4 December 2023	22 March 2024
The Hon Mark Butler MP	Review of Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives	The Review is expected to include consideration of appropriateness and accessibility of existing MBS items to support patient access and affordability.	21 June 2024	9 July 2024
The Hon Mark Butler MP	Medicare Safety Net	Establish a working group to consult with stakeholders for future reform consideration of Extended Medicare Safety Net.	9 May 2024	July 2024
The Hon Mark Butler MP	Targeted analysis of funding for pathology services	Announced in May 2024, the analysis will consider options for improvements and reform to ensure accessible and affordable pathology services for patients, and a sustainable pathology sector. This includes work currently being undertaken in the Point-of-Care Testing Working Group.	The pathology sector were advised of this review post Budget 2024	Expected to commence October 2024
The Hon Mark Butler MP	Development of the National Allied Health Workforce Strategy	Deliver a Strategy that will outline how to address current and future allied health workforce issues in Australia over a 10-year horizon.	Commissioned by Health Ministers' 22 February 2023	Implementation of National Allied Health Workforce Strategy project commenced on 6 December 2023
The Hon Mark Butler MP	Development of the National Oral Health Plan 2025-34	Deliver a 10-year plan to improve the health and wellbeing across the Australian population by improving oral health status and reducing the burden of poor oral health.	Commissioned by Health Ministers' June 2023	First meeting of NOHP Governance Group August 2024

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The Hon Mark Butler MP	Development of the National Nursing Workforce Strategy	Australia's first National Nursing Workforce Strategy. The strategy establishes priorities for enhancing the nursing workforce, aiming to bolster the delivery of health and aged care to all Australian communities. It offers a comprehensive framework to foster collaboration and drive action among stakeholders in shaping the future of workforce planning, investment and reform. The strategy is developed from a significant evidence base, draws from best practice including the importance of building the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nursing workforce.	Commissioned by Health Ministers' 22 February 2023	August 2022
The Hon Mark Butler MP	Review of Regulatory Complexity of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (Complexity Review)	The objective of the Review is to ensure the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (National Scheme) is fit for purpose. It is an opportunity to strengthen self-reflection and continuous improvement and make recommendations to Health Ministers about options for a stewardship approach that improves efficiency and effectiveness without unnecessary complexity. This will also address recommendations 25 and 27 of the Kruk Review.	September 2023	April 2024
The Hon Mark Butler MP	Unleashing the Potential of our Health Workforce (Scope of Practice) Review	Aims to identify priority recommendations for systemic reform and implementation by governments, regulators, health sector employers, professional bodies, educators and professionals that will enable health professionals, particularly those working in primary care, to deliver better health outcomes by working to their full scope of practice.	24 August 2023	1 September 2023
The Hon Mark Butler MP	Working Better For Medicare Review	The Review is examining the effectiveness of the distribution mechanisms (19AA and 19AB of the <i>Health Insurance Act 1973</i> ; District of Workforce Shortage - DWS; Distribution Priority Area - DPA; Monash Modified Model - MMM) used by Government to better target health workforce programs and direct health professionals to areas of greatest need.	21 November 2023	1 December 2023