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Inquiry into the National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2010

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Community Affairs Legislation Committee
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Dear Ms Bleeser

Re: National Health Amendment (Parliament Benefits Scheme) Bill 2010 Submission

Thank you for inviting NPS to comment on the Community Affairs inquiry into the National Health Amendment (PBS) Bill.

NPS supports this Bill with the view that it will allow the sector to further concentrate on the quality and safety of prescribing.

Essentially we consider that the provisions for collection of under-co-payment data will provide a more complete picture of PBS medicine prescribing, dispensing and usage. This information will allow the sector to focus on the quality and safety of all medicine usage during every stage of the medication process.

In addition we believe the measures for statutory price reductions and price disclosure will not only allow for the financial viability of the PBS, but also through this stability and dependability enable the sector to bring quality and safety of prescribing to the forefront.

NPS appreciates the opportunity to participate in the Committee's inquiry. If you have any questions please contact Kerren Hosking, Manager Corporate Affairs & Strategy on (02) 8217 8796 or email khosking@nps.org.au.

Yours sincerely

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