SIAIEMENI beyondblue Annual General Meeting - October 18, 2011

The Annual General Meeting of beyondblue was held today and was attended by all eligible Board Members who are representatives of States, Territories and Australian governments which contribute to the funding of the organisation.

The Hon. Jeff Kennett was re-elected unopposed as Chairman of beyondblue by the Board Members of beyondblue. Other Board Directors who were also re-elected unanimously are Deputy Chairs Tim Marney and Kate Carnell, Natasha Stott Despoja, A/Professor Michael Baigent and Dr Michael Bonning. Dr Leanne Rowe did not seek re-appointment due to travel and family commitments.

Following recent media scrutiny of beyondblue's operational and financial management, and Mr Kennett's role as Chairman, questions were raised by beyondblue government representatives about the media coverage, particularly the circumstances surrounding the CEO's resignation and the staff survey. These questions were addressed by Board Directors and the Acting CEO.

The Board is satisfied that the organisation is meeting its clearly defined operational and strategic directions, and that sound financial procedures and reporting methods are in place and are of a high standard. 2010/11 financial statements were approved with a clean bill of health given by external auditors, KPMG.

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