

ADVANCING HEALTH 2026 Oversight Committee

Communique – July 2018

The *Advancing health 2026* Oversight Committee met on 19 July 2018. The meeting was attended by the Honourable Steven Miles as the Minister for Health and the Minister for Ambulance Services.

Members noted the alignment of *Advancing health 2026* with the whole-of-government government *Our Future State: Advancing Queensland's Priorities*. The Department of Health has responsibility for the *Keeping Queenslanders healthy* priority which is focused on increasing the number of Queenslanders with a healthy body weight and reducing suicide.

Obesity and physical activity

The committee finalised their discussion on obesity and physical activity. Key points of discussion included:

- addressing obesity is a complex and a multisector issue requiring collaborative approaches
- prevention and early intervention as a better option to managing obesity
- best practice approaches for dealing with obesity are still emerging.

Indigenous health outcomes

The committee noted the range and diversity of initiatives and programs in place to support improved Indigenous health outcomes. Members agreed that the health workforce is critical for promoting better health outcomes for Indigenous Queenslanders and to 'close the gap'.

Research and innovation

The committee agreed the primary focus of the next meeting will be a discussion on research and innovation. Members were provided with the [Queensland Advancing Health Research 2026](#) which is Queensland Health's strategy for supporting the type of health and medical research that will ultimately lead to better health outcomes for Queenslanders.