Hepatitis Australia looks forward to ongoing work with new Ministers

Hepatitis Australia welcomes the appointment of Hon. Greg Hunt as Minister for Health and Minister for Sport.

“The Turnbull Government has shown a strong commitment to the elimination of hepatitis C through the billion dollar investment in new direct-acting antivirals and we look forward to working constructively with Minister Hunt to address the ongoing challenge of increasing treatment uptake,” said Kevin Marriott, Acting CEO at Hepatitis Australia.

“We would also like to recognise Hon. Sussan Ley on her efforts to achieve these ground-breaking PBS listings, which will be remembered as a watershed moment in the response to hepatitis C in Australia and a legacy of her tenure as Health Minister.”

Hepatitis Australia also congratulates Hon. Ken Wyatt on his appointment to Cabinet as Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Indigenous Health and looks forward to working with him to address hepatitis rates in the indigenous community.

“Much has been achieved with the reimbursement of new generation hepatitis C antivirals but the work is only just beginning. We now need to focus on making sure as many people as possible are being cured and we continue working toward the elimination of viral hepatitis as a public health concern,” Mr Marriott said.

“Attention also needs to be paid to ongoing strategies to reduce the burden of hepatitis B among priority populations. We look forward to working collaboratively with Minister Hunt and Minister Wyatt on these issues and many more,” he added.

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