The Medical Workforce Reform Committee (MWRAC) met on 30 August 2019 in Melbourne.

McKinsey & Company (McKinsey) presented the proposed scope of activity for the National Medical Workforce Strategy (NMWS) to mid-2020 and the feedback from the NMWS Steering Committee’s planning session on 29 August 2019. Members provided further input on the proposed scope and talked though key considerations.

The Commonwealth Department of Health (DoH) presented on the importance of data sharing to the success of the NMWS and proposed key data sets that will need to be shared.

DoH provided an overview of the Commonwealth’s Specialist Training Program and noted that future work will seek to better align its operation with increased support for disciplines and training settings with strong emerging needs.

The Australasian College of Emergency Medicine (ACEM) provided an update on progress on implementing the recommendations of the Australia’s Future Health Workforce – Emergency Medicine Report 2018. ACEM discussed the introduction of the revised ‘Selection into FACEM Training’ process, the FACEM training program and curriculum review and the revision of the ACEM’s Emergency Medicine Certificate and Diploma.

The next meeting of the MWRAC will be held on 22 November 2019.