

The Australian National Preventative Health Agency

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The Australian National Preventative Health Agency (ANPHA) was established on 1 January 2011 to support the development and implementation of evidence-based approaches to preventive health initiatives. The Agency has a particular focus on the three target areas of obesity, harmful alcohol consumption and tobacco.

Major projects and campaigns currently being undertaken by ANPHA include:

- The National Tobacco Campaign;
- The Measure Up - *Swap it, Don't Stop it* obesity prevention campaign; and
- The roll-out of the National Binge Drinking Strategy expansion measures.

ANPHA also supports the Australian Health Ministers in managing the complex challenges of preventable chronic disease.

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Background

In November 2008, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) released the [National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health](#), which included an agreement to establish a dedicated preventative health agency. The creation of a national preventative health agency was also recommended in the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission's [report](#), released in July 2009, and in the [final report](#) of the National Preventative Health Taskforce, released in September 2009.

Funding

Under the COAG National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health, the federal government committed \$872 million over six years commencing in 2009-10 for a range of initiatives targeting the lifestyle risk factors of chronic disease. Of this funding, ANPHA received \$133.2 million over four years,

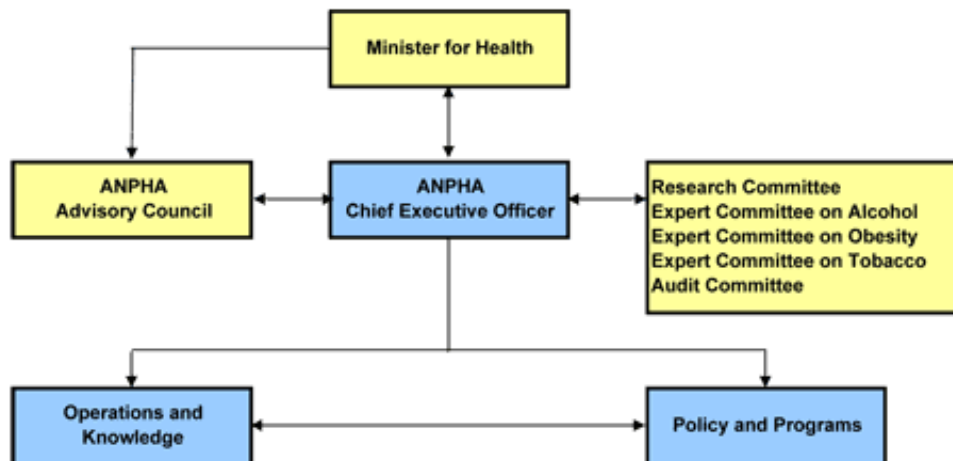
allocated to social marketing campaigns (\$102.0 million), Agency functions (\$17.6 million), the research fund (\$13.1 million), and a workforce audit (\$0.6 million).

Structure & Governance

ANPHA is a statutory authority established under the [Australian National Preventive Health Agency Act 2010](#). The [Revised explanatory memorandum](#) explains the aims and the operations of the Act. The Agency is also a prescribed agency for the purposes of the [Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997](#) and Agency staff are engaged under the Public Service Act 1999.

The Agency consists of a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Agency staff. The CEO is responsible for managing the agency and is directly accountable to the Minister for Health for the financial management of the Agency. The CEO is also accountable to COAG’s ministerial health forum, the Standing Council on Health, for the Agency’s performance against agreed five year strategic and annual operational plans.

Additionally, an Advisory Council and five advisory committees support the CEO by providing advice and recommendations on preventive health matters.



Advisory Council

The ANPHA Advisory Council focuses on those issues identified in the Agency’s five-year strategic and annual operational plans. The Advisory Council is ministerially appointed and consists of Australian government, state and territory government representatives and individuals with preventive health expertise.

Committees

The five advisory committees advise the CEO and Agency staff on different aspects of the Agency’s work, including the three priority areas of alcohol, tobacco and obesity. The committees are:

- [ANPHA Research Committee](#)



- [National Evaluation Advisory Committee](#)
- [Expert Committee on Alcohol](#)
- [Expert Committee on Obesity](#)
- [Expert Committee on Tobacco](#)

The Agency is then divided into two groups: the Policy and Programs Group, and the Operations and Knowledge Group.

The Policy and Programs Group

The Policy and Programs Group is responsible for providing advice and recommendations on health promotion and disease prevention. The Policy and Programs group:

- Collects, analyses, interprets and disseminates information relating to preventive health.
- Is responsible for developing partnerships with industry, non-government organisations and the health sector for progressing innovative and collaborative approaches to prevention and health promotion.
- Is responsible for developing national standards and codes of practice and managing 'excellence in performance' award schemes relating to preventive health.
- Promotes research into preventive health through the development of a national preventive health research strategy and research fund with a focus on facilitating the application of research into health promotion programs.
- Supports the development of preventive health related workforce capacity, ensuring Australia will have the appropriate skills in research, program evaluation and use of the highest standards in program implementation.

Dr Lisa Studdert is the Manager of the Policy and Programs Group.

Operations and Knowledge Group

The Operations and Knowledge Group is responsible for developing the Agency's capacity to undertake its role as key preventive health policy adviser to governments. The Group is responsible for ensuring organisational alignment with the Agency's strategic and operational plans.

The group provides leadership for establishing and maintaining the Agency's governance arrangements including systems, structures, policies, practices, processes and procedures for human resources, financial, business, procurement, ICT, legal, information management and corporate record-keeping, risk management and grants administration and managing secretariat functions for the ANPHA Advisory Council.

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More information about ANPHA is available at www.anpha.gov.au