



**Australian Government**

**Department of Health  
and Aged Care**

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Dear Ms Reeves

Thank you for your correspondence of 14 July 2022 to the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Mark Butler MP copied to the Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Ged Kearney MP, regarding ending HIV transmission in Australia by 2025. The Minister for Health and Aged Care has asked me to reply.

The Australian Government is demonstrating its commitment to ending the transmission of HIV in Australia by 2025 in various ways, including pledging support to the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO) to implement initiatives from *Agenda 2025* and funding HIV treatment for people ineligible to access Medicare. The Department of Health and Aged Care is finalising the details for these HIV initiatives and expects roll out in the upcoming months.

The Department is in the process of writing the *Ninth National HIV Strategy 2023-2030* and is engaging in extensive community consultation to inform its development. If you have not already received a link to participate in the consultation, it is available at:  
[https://allenandclarke.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0jEmUc6pU15YzfE?Q\\_R=R\\_1GIT0ddLNbrW1dn&Q\\_R\\_DEL=1](https://allenandclarke.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0jEmUc6pU15YzfE?Q_R=R_1GIT0ddLNbrW1dn&Q_R_DEL=1)

We would greatly welcome CoPHAM's input to the development of the *Ninth National HIV Strategy 2023-2030* as you hold significant insight into the migrant and mobile populations that will be critical in ending HIV transmission in Australia. I would also encourage your continued engagement with AFAO as they further their work on *Agenda 2025*.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Celia Street'.

Celia Street  
26 August 2022