

INTRODUCTION

An extension of time for the completion of the Health Market Inquiry (HMI) has been granted by the Commissioner of the Competition Commission, until **15 December 2017**. A notice to this effect will be published in the Government Gazette on 9 December 2016.

The Revised Administrative Timetable for the completion of the HMI is set out hereunder.

REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE TIMETABLE

(1 December 2016)

Timeframes	Event / Activity	Status
31 May 2014	Draft Statement of Issues and draft Guidelines for Participation issued for public comment.	Complete
1 - 30 June 2014	Receive comments on the draft Statement of Issues and the draft Guidelines for Participation.	Complete
1 - 31 July 2014	Consider comments on the draft Statement of Issues and the draft Guidelines for Participation.	Complete
1 August 2014	Publishing of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guidelines for Participation, 2. Statement of Issues, 3. Administrative Timetable, 4. Guideline for Submissions on Technical Data and Analysis, 5. Call for Submissions. 	Complete
1 August 2014 to 31 October 2014	Stakeholders make full submissions on subject matter of the Inquiry. After closing date, publish list of submissions received.	Complete

<p>1 November 2014 to 5 February 2015</p>	<p>Analyse submissions received.</p> <p>Publish all non-confidential submissions received and invite responses to submissions from affected stakeholders.</p>		<p>Complete</p>
<p>5 February 2015 to 31 July 2015</p>	<p>Receive responses to submissions from stakeholders and publish non-confidential versions.</p> <p>Prepare and issue first round questionnaires, information and data requests to stakeholders, and summonses as may be required.</p> <p>Commence with receipt of information from stakeholders and conduct direct consultations with stakeholders.</p> <p>Commence with research studies.</p>		<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>
<p>RESEARCH PHASE AND 1ST PUBLIC HEARINGS</p>			
<p>1 August 2015 to 31 December 2016</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Research & Analysis</u></p> <p>Receive outstanding data and information from stakeholders.</p> <p>Prepare and issue further data and information requests to stakeholders, and summonses as may be required.</p> <p>Prepare and publish methodology papers on key areas of analyses.</p> <p>Conduct detailed analyses and research studies.</p> <p>Publish Revised Statement of Issues (RSol).</p> <p>Direct interviews with stakeholders, where necessary.</p> <p>Preparations for 1st round of public hearings.</p> <p>Further research and analysis arising from public hearings.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1st Round of Public Hearings</u></p> <p>Re-open registration for participants to make oral submission at public hearings.</p> <p>Prepare and publish schedule for of public hearings, including venues, with adequate notice for participants.</p> <p>Conduct pre-hearing consultations.</p> <p>Commence with public hearings on 16 February 2016.</p> <p>Publish non-confidential audio recordings of all public hearings, and thereafter transcripts where appropriate.</p> <p>Conclude 1st round of public hearings process by 31 May 2016.</p>	<p>Complete & Pending</p>

PUBLICATION OF KEY DOCUMENTS

Profitability Analyses Methodology

September 2015	Publish Profitability Analyses Methodology.	Complete
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Revised Statement of Issues (RSol)

11 February 2016	Publish RSol.	Complete
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Methodology Paper: Market Power in Healthcare Facilities

26 August 016	Publish Market Definition Assessing Market Power in Healthcare Facilities.	Complete
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Market Definition for Financing of Healthcare

18 November 2016	Publish Market Definition for Financing of Healthcare document.	Complete
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18 November 2016 to 19 December 2016	Period for public comment.	Pending
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HMI Consumer Survey

18 November 2016	Publish Summary of Results from the Healthcare Consumer Survey.	Complete
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Descriptive Statistics: Medical Schemes Data

21 November 2016	Publish of HMI Descriptive Statistics: Medical Schemes Data.	Complete
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21 November 2016 to 21 December 2016	Period for public comment.	Pending
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Attribution Analysis: Medical Schemes Data

1 December 2016	Publish attribution analysis report on medical schemes data.	Complete
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1 December 2016 to 31 January 2017	Period for public comment.	Pending
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Prescribed Minimum Benefits Analysis

28 February 2017	Publish of analytical report on Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMBs).	Pending
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1 March 2017 to 31 March 2017	Period for public comment.	Pending
Research Report: Brokers		
28 February 2017	Publish HMI research report on brokers in healthcare financing.	Pending
1 Mar 2017 to 15 March 2017	Period for public comment.	Pending
Profitability Analyses: Three Major Medical Schemes Administrators and Hospital Groups		
10 November 2016	Complete preliminary profitability analyses on the following medical scheme administrators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovery Health (Pty) Ltd • Metropolitan Health Corporate (Pty) Ltd • Medscheme Holdings (Pty) Ltd 	Complete
10 November 2016 to 27 February 2017	Period for consultation on preliminary analyses with individual medical scheme administrators.	Pending
16 November 2016	Complete preliminary profitability analyses on the following hospital groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediclinic Southern Africa • Netcare • Life Healthcare 	Complete Complete Pending
10 November 2016 to 27 February 2017	Period for consultation on preliminary analyses with individual hospital groups.	Pending
15 March 2017	Publish final profitability analyses reports: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Profitability analysis on private healthcare funders 2. Profitability analysis on private healthcare facilities 	Pending
15 March 2017 to 15 April 2017	Period for public comment on profitability analysis reports.	Pending
Analyses into Supplier Induced Demand		
28 February 2017	Publish HMI report on supplier induced demand in private healthcare.	Pending

28 February 2017 to 31 March 2017	Period for public comment.	Pending
Facilities Analysis		
1 March 2017	Publish HMI Facilities Analysis report.	Pending
1 March 2017 to 31 March 2017	Period for public comment.	Pending
Funder Analysis		
1 March 2017	Publication of HMI Funder Analysis report.	Pending
1 March 2017 to 31 March 2017	Period for public comment.	Pending
Practitioner Analysis		
1 March 2017	Publish HMI Practitioner Analysis report.	Pending
1 March 2017 to 31 March 2017	Period for public comment.	Pending
PUBLIC HEARINGS PART 2		
1 April 2017 to 30 April 2017	Preparation period for public hearings and identification of subject matter for hearings. Publication of schedule for public hearings.	Pending
PUBLIC HEARINGS		
May 2017 to 30 June 2017	Period for public hearings.	Pending
PROVISIONAL REPORT		
Publish		
1 September 2017	Publish provisional findings report and conditional recommendations.	Pending
Comment Period		
1 September 2017 to 30 September 2017	Period for receiving stakeholder comments on provisional report and provisional recommendations.	Pending

FINAL REPORT

15 December 2017	Publish HMI final report and recommendations.	Pending
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NOTE:

All comments and input on published documents must be submitted in writing to the following email address, by no later than the published date for the respective comment periods:

Submissions@healthinquiry.net

In addition to the above, the HMI will continue to engage stakeholders in terms of Supplementary Guideline No. 3 on various analyses which it is conducting.

In the event that additional documents / information / analyses are required to be published by the HMI Panel, stakeholders will be notified by publication of a notice to such effect on the HMI website, at least five days prior to publication.

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