



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

**BreastScreen Australia Evaluation
Progress Report – July 2007**

The following progress has been made on the evaluation:

BreastScreen Australia Evaluation Advisory Committee

- The second meeting of the BreastScreen Australia Evaluation Advisory Committee (EAC) was held on 2 July 2007. The EAC discussed progress of the Evaluation and Phase Two projects.
- Two new members have been appointed to the BreastScreen Australia EAC. The new members have specific expertise and skills to support a number of evaluation projects. The new members are Dr Jonathan Osborne, state radiologist for Queensland and Dr Frida Cheok, health economist and epidemiologist.

Progress of Phase 1 Evaluation Projects

- Mortality Study (part 2): An ecological study examining the relationship between participation in BreastScreen and mortality from breast cancer. This project was advertised by open tender on 16 May 2007 and submissions closed on 22 June 2007. The Department is currently conducting a Tender Evaluation to select an appropriate consultant in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines.
- Policy Analysis Project: A review of evidence for the most appropriate screening policy for women of average and high-risk of breast cancer, and an examination of current application of policy across jurisdictions. This project is currently out to tender and submissions will close on 31 July 2007. Further details can be viewed on the Tenders and Grants Page at www.health.gov.au.
- Participation and Performance Trends Project: A study examining the trends in performance of BreastScreen Australia over time and across population sub-groups. The EAC has agreed specifications for this project.
- Review of BreastScreen Australia Infrastructure and Capacity: A study examining the current infrastructure, available workforce and capacity of BreastScreen Australia, and identification of future needs. The Request for Tender for this project is currently being developed by the Department of Health and Ageing.