

Oral submission by Fisher & Paykel Healthcare

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Q: Has your organisation engaged in the Proposed Conduct, and if so, what was your experience in doing so? If not, why not?

Fisher & Paykel Healthcare (F&P) has recently joined the ventilator working group teleconferences hosted by the MTA. F&P supplies ventilator consumables, not ventilators, so its role is different to that of the ventilator manufacturers who are the primary parties to the working group. It appears to F&P that the primary purpose of the working group to date is for ventilator manufacturers to keep government stakeholders informed on how many ventilators are being supplied into Australia.

Q: Is the Proposed Conduct working as expected?

F&P has observed that government stakeholders, including the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and Department of Industry (DoI), who are parties to the working group, find this forum very useful. The only visibility F&P has to date is on the teleconferences and from F&P's observation so far, the main information being shared is whether ventilator manufacturers are on track to meet their supply obligations for that month. This appears consistent with the conduct described in the application for authorisation.

Q: Are there any particular benefits or detriments that the Proposed Conduct is resulting in?

The main public benefit is to the government stakeholders, in that they get a consolidated source of information on a regular basis from all major suppliers, which is an efficient means of gathering information.