
A Roundtable program

Day 1 – Tuesday 19 October 2010

16:00–16:30 **Welcome**
Gary Banks, Chairman, Productivity Commission
Felix Knüpling, Director, Europe Programs and Australia, Forum of Federations

Session 1 ***Federalism and benchmarking in comparative perspective***

16:30–18:00 **Prof. Alan Fenna**, Curtin University, Perth

Discussion

219:00–22:30 **Dinner**

Speaker: **Helen Silver**, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Victoria on *Commonwealth–State Benchmarking and the State of Australian Federalism*

Day 2 – Wednesday 20 October 2010

16:00–16:30 **Welcome**
Gary Banks, Chairman, Productivity Commission
Felix Knüpling, Director, Europe Programs and Australia, Forum of Federations

Session 2 ***Benchmarking as an accountability tool***

The morning sessions, moderated by Felix Knüpling, focus on international case studies.

8:45–10:15 **Prof. Kenneth K. Wong**, Chair, Department of Education, Brown University

Dr. Clive Grace, Honorary Research Fellow, Centre for Local & Regional Government Research, Cardiff University, former Director General of the Audit Commission (Wales)

Discussion

10:15–10:30 **Coffee break**

Session 3 ***The open method of coordination of the European Union in action***

10:30–11:30 **Bart Vanhercke**, Co-Director of the European Social Observatory (OSE), former European advisor to the Belgian Minister of Social Affairs

Discussion

Session 4	<i>Emerging benchmarking exercises</i>
11:30–13:00	<p>John Wright, President and CEO of the Canadian Health Information Institute (CIHI); former Deputy Minister of the Government of Saskatchewan</p> <p>Dr. Gottfried Konzendorf, Federal Ministry of the Interior</p> <p>Discussion</p>
13:00–14:00	Lunch
Session 5	<i>The Australian experience with federalism and benchmarking: RoGS</i>
	The afternoon sessions, moderated by Gary Banks, focus on the Australian experience.
14:00–15:00	<p>Gary Banks, Chairman of the Productivity Commission</p> <p>Lawrence McDonald, Head of Secretariat for the Review of Government Service Provision, Productivity Commission</p> <p>Discussion</p>
Session 6	<i>Benchmarking and the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council</i>
15:00–15:45	<p>Mary Ann O’Loughlin, Executive Councillor and Head of Secretariat, COAG Reform Council</p> <p>Discussion</p>
15:45–16:00	Coffee Break
Session 7	<i>Australian perspectives on benchmarking</i>
16:00–17:15	<p>Sharon Bailey, Executive Director, Office of the Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Queensland</p> <p>Peter Dawkins, Secretary, Department of Education and Early Childhood, Victoria</p> <p>Ben Rimmer, Deputy Secretary, Strategic Policy and Implementation, Prime Minister and Cabinet</p> <p>Discussion</p>
17:15–17:45	<p>Wrap-up and closing remarks</p> <p>Prof. Alan Fenna, Curtin University, Perth</p> <p>Felix Knüpling, Director, Europe Programs and Australia, Forum of Federations</p> <p>Gary Banks, Chairman, Productivity Commission</p>
