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Acting Inspector-General of Aged Care signs inaugural agreement with Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission

A new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care (Office) and the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (Commission) will help to support greater accountability and transparency across the Commonwealth's administration of the aged care system.

The Acting Inspector-General of Aged Care (Inspector-General), Ian Yates AM, welcomes the signing of the MOU, which will formalise the information-sharing process between the Commission and the Office. The MOU was signed in Adelaide Tuesday evening at the Commission's national conference, by the Acting Inspector-General and the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner, Janet Anderson PSM.

The Inspector-General of Aged Care has oversight of the administration, regulation, and funding of the aged care system and therefore their Office needs full access to a comprehensive suite of data about the performance of the entities it oversees.

While the Inspector-General has strong compulsory information-gathering powers under their legislation, the Office has sought to establish agreements to enable voluntary sharing of key information.

The Commission is one of the principal agencies of government over which the Inspector-General has oversight, and it has agreed to provide detailed, comprehensive information on its activities to the Office on a regular basis. The Inspector-General acknowledges this as a demonstration of the Commission's own commitment to transparency and accountability.

The Inspector-General commends the work done by both agencies in developing the MOU.

The MOU Head Agreement is available on the Inspector-General of Aged Care's website, <https://www.igac.gov.au/resources/memorandum-understanding-aged-care-quality-and-safety-commission>.

For any questions, or to interview the Acting Inspector-General, Ian Yates AM, please contact Media@igac.gov.au.