

*1. Why is it in Australia's interest to have a viable, internationally competitive health and medical research sector?*

The health of the nation determines the health of our economy.

*2. How might health and medical research be best managed and funded in Australia?*

Best funded by a guaranteed indexed contribution from general revenue supplemented by tax incentives for individuals to become benefactors and for companies to become sponsors of health related programs. Increase the levy on cigarettes and introduce same on alcohol. Provide tax concessions for companies who encourage participation by employees in mild physical activity in the workplace during working times. Provide free restricted gym memberships to genuine welfare recipients.

*3. What are the health and medical research strategic directions and priorities and how might we meet them?*

Obesity and related issues of high blood pressure and diabetes. Provide incentives to achieve a normal weight.

*4. How can we optimise translation of health and medical research into better health and wellbeing?*

Encourage investment in the medical technology sector. Provide greater media coverage to educate the population about the benefits of better health and wellbeing.