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Australian Pathology welcomes Minister Hunt

Australian Pathology today welcomed back Greg Hunt to the position of Minister for Health and Minister Assisting the PM for the Public Service and Cabinet.

AP Chief Executive Officer, Ms Liesel Wett, said that Australian Pathology has had a productive working relationship with the Morrison Government and now looks forward to this continuing as demonstrated by the Government's commitment to continuing health care reform with Minister Hunt.

“There is much work to do in key areas of genetic medicine, with pathology playing the key role so we will be working with the Minister on issues such as these and the MBS Review. We will be seeking early engagement with the Health Minister and his office to ensure Australian pathology services remain world class,” Ms Wett said.

“If you have ever had a biopsy, swab or a blood test, you have received this important health care service from a pathologist.”

Pathology services are critical in the assessment and diagnosis of patients and 70 per cent of medical decisions, and each and every single cancer diagnosis relies on pathology tests, diagnosed by a pathologist. Pathology is crucial in the management of most diseases and cancer, especially chronic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, arthritis, hepatitis and HIV.

“Pathology is an essential medical service in the health care system in Australia that is supported by Government and we look forward to working with Minister Hunt to ensure pathology continues and grows its critical and essential role in our health care system,” Ms Wett said.

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