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- ATAGI held its first face to face meeting for 2006 on the 9th and 10th of February.
- ATAGI provided further input to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee's (PBAC) *Guidelines for the Pharmaceutical Industry on Preparation of Submissions to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee* draft vaccine-specific appendix. This appendix will be used to assist sponsors in developing submissions to the PBAC for the assessment of the cost-effectiveness of vaccines potentially suitable for funding under the National Immunisation Program.
- ATAGI discussed the process and timelines for the development of the 9th Edition of the Australian Immunisation Handbook. The release date for the 9th Edition is expected to be early 2007. The National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS) is continuing to assist ATAGI in the coordination, reviewing and writing of the 9th Edition Handbook.
- ATAGI received reports on the activities and progress of its Rotavirus Working Party, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Working Party, and agreed to the establishment and terms of reference for a Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella (MMRV) and Zoster Working Party. The Rotavirus and HPV Working Parties both met by teleconference in January 2006. The MMRV and Zoster Working Party is expected to meet in mid-2006.
- The next ATAGI meetings for 2006 are scheduled for 7-8 June and 5-6 October.