



**EXPERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DRUGS MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Chair: Dr Bob Boyd**

**Thursday, 12 June 2003**

**CO1, Ministry of Health, 180 Molesworth Street, Wellington**

The meeting commenced at 9.20 am

**Members present:**

Dr Bob Boyd (Chair)

Dr Stewart Jessamine

Associate Professor Tim Maling

Dr Doug Sellman

Dr Geoffrey Robinson

Andrew Coleman

Dr Keith Bedford

Detective Inspector Gary Knowles

Apology – Keremete Warbrick

Apology – Dr Helen Moriarty

**Secretariat in attendance:**

Matthew Andrews

Megan O'Brien

## **1. Welcome and apologies**

- The Chair welcomed members and introduced the secretariat.
- The minutes of the meeting of 12 September 2002 were confirmed.
- Apologies were received from Keremete Warbrick and Dr Helen Moriarty.
- No conflicts of interest were recorded.

**Agreed:**

**To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 12 September 2002.**

## **2. General discussion in relation to the Re-Classification of Methamphetamine**

- The EACD was informed of the completion of the classification and re-classifications made under the Misuse of Drugs (Changes to Controlled Drugs) Order 2003. The EACD discussed the process for a presumption of supply for methamphetamine

## **3. MDMA (Ecstasy)**

- The EACD considered the preliminary assessment paper on MDMA provided by the secretariat.

**Agreed:**

**That the EACD will consider the preliminary assessment paper at its next meeting.**

**That further information will be provided to the EACD on MDMA.**

## **4. Discussion relating to processes of the EACD**

- The EACD discussed aspects of the preparation of papers provided to them. Processes are to be set out more clearly for future papers.

## **5. LSD**

- The EACD considered a second paper on LSD provided by the secretariat.

**Agreed:**

**That the EACD not recommend any change to the classification of LSD at this time.**

**That papers relating to the original classification for LSD in New Zealand be provided to the EACD.**

**7. Hypnotic sedatives**

- The EACD discussed what approach it would take to the consideration of the drugs in the hypnotic sedatives class.

**Agreed:**

**That the EACD initially consider Benzodiazepines, zolpidem and zopiclone together in one paper, barbiturates in another paper and the remaining hypnotic sedatives individually.**

**That the EACD will consider Benzodiazepines, zolpidem and zopiclone at its next meeting, noting the similarities and differences, potential for harm and the principles for sorting them.**

**8. Psuedoephedrine**

- The EACD considered a preliminary assessment paper on psuedoephedrine provided by the secretariat.

**Agreed:**

**That the EACD recommend to the Minister that psuedoephedrine be classified in the third part of the third schedule of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 (eg: Class C3).**

**9. Next meeting**

**Agreed:**

**That the next meeting will be organised at a later date.**