Action Items from Software Vendor Forum 9 September 2009 Sydney

Issue #	To be followed up by:	Issue
1	PharmBiz	Further discussion regarding the Restriction Wording Tool (RWT) is required with Industry and Medicare Australia to sure up requirements and future direction. See issue # 5.
2	PILLS to advise	If the release and distribution of embargo information could be made available to all, and then it is a decision for Medicare Australia to value add on the data.
3	PILLS	Investigate if a table of Extemporaneous Preparations could be added on the website for easy download. <u>Response -</u> See Section 4 for tables: http://www.pbs.gov.au/html/healthpro/browseby/explanatory-notes
4	PILLS	When a search is made on the PBS Portal, the resulting list is not in a useful order. Response - This is a known issue and will be addressed as soon as possible.
5	MSIA	Prescribers to provide use cases to PharmBiz, for guidance in the design of XML and to model data.

Explanation of where PharmBiz and PILLS sit in the Department of Health and Ageing

PharmBiz	 Is responsible for the development of the new PharmCIS system. Is part of the eHealth, PharmBiz and Compliance Section in the Access and System Branch of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Division.
PILLS	 Is responsibe for the monthly uploads of the PBS Schedule on to the PBS.gov.au website.
	 Is the Publishing, Industry Liaison, and Listing Section in the Pharmaceutical Evaluation Branch in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Division.

Other issues raised during the Forum

To be followed up by:	Issue
MSIA	To raise the issue with Helen Joung regarding DVA data not clearly seen on the website. DoHA need to receive a request about what any additional needs are for the displaying of information.
MSIA	The compliance checking issue needs to be raised between Software Vendors and Medicare Australia.
MSIA	To make a representation to request PBS Item Codes to be printed on scripts inorder to identify the prescribing rule.