

Centenary welcomes Australia's Minister for Health

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Professor Mathew Vadas, Executive Director of Centenary Institute welcomed Australia's "soon-to-be" Minister for Health, The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, this morning. Professor Warwick Britton led her on a tour of the PC3 facility and discussed Centenary's tuberculosis projects with her.

She met with Professor John Rasko who discuss gene and stem cell therapy, and Dr Nikolas Haass about his melanoma research that has been published today in *Clinical Cancer Research*. The Minister also visited Centenary's flow cytometry and multi-photon facilities and spent time with Professor Christopher Semsarian at Centenary's Cardiovascular unit.

The Minister heard from the faculty members who are also clinicians at Sydney's Royal Prince Alfred Hospital – about the importance of Centenary's alliance and close proximity to RPA and the University of Sydney. She also heard how government funding was a major contributing factor in Centenary's recent breakthroughs in prostate cancer and melanoma treatments, liver transplants and immune system diseases.

Professor Mathew Vadas, Executive Director of Centenary Institute was delighted that she had managed to fit the visit in before being sworn in by the Governor General at 2pm today.

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