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## Media statement

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### ANSTO medical isotope price changes

ANSTO has announced a new price structure across its range of medical products which will come into effect on 1 February 2010.

These will be the first price changes in two years. Prices were held steady until ANSTO was comfortable with product manufacturing, supply and delivery reliability from the commissioning of a new plant and the new OPAL reactor.

The price changes are based on a break-even cost which is the basis of a sustainable model for the future. At the moment, money provided by government to ANSTO for its research program is subsidising the supply of nuclear medicine.

OPAL has now successfully completed commissioning and has been operating reliably. In addition, the newly commissioned Molybdenum-99 plant has been able to provide partial supplies to Australia since July this year and since October has been in full operation.

ANSTO is an Australian government agency with obligations to further nuclear research and support national nuclear medicine along with ensuring we are an economically sustainable organisation going forward.

ANSTO has discussed with its customers the organisation's commitment to ensuring the highest levels of product quality and customer service in a competitive market.

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