

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-077

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: VALUE TO THE TAXPAYER

Written Question on Notice

Senator Back asked:

- a) What is the total amount recouped from doctors in the last two financial years?
- b) As a trend has this figure been increasing?

Answer:

- a) The total amount of repayment orders made by Professional Services Review (PSR) for the last two financial years is \$6.88 million.
- b) Over the last five financial years PSR has made repayment orders totalling \$11,627,816.00. As a trend this repayment figure has remained relatively static over the past five years, with the exception of 2009-10 which saw a significant increase in completed matters.

A summary of the outcomes over the five year period is provided in the table below.

**Outcomes of PSR Matters**

<b>FY</b>	<b>Matters Completed</b>	<b>Repayment Orders</b>	<b>Practitioners Partially Disqualified</b>	<b>Practitioners Fully Disqualified</b>
<b>2005-06</b>	14	\$1,327,316.40	3	4
<b>2006-07</b>	20	\$1,750,867.84	12	4
<b>2007-08</b>	34	\$1,660,804.00	5	27
<b>2008-09</b>	42	\$1,607,955.18	21	5
<b>2009-10</b>	77	\$5,280,872.59	42	14

Please note that a practitioner may receive both a full disqualification and partial disqualification. For example a Practitioner may be fully disqualified from Medicare for a specified period, and partially disqualified from access to specific item numbers for a further, extended period.