

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May or 3 June 2011

Question: E11- 076

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: VALUE TO THE TAXPAYER

Written Question on Notice

Senator Back asked:

I understand that the Director of the PSR sought additional funding from the Minister to conduct more reviews this was granted in the 2008 Budget and increased the number of Medicare audits from 1 per cent to 4 per cent of all claims - has this funding been maintained?

Answer:

The 2008-09 Budget included no budget measures or additional funding for PSR. The 'Protecting the Integrity of Medicare through Increased Compliance Audits' budget measure, announced as part of that budget increased the funding for Medicare Australia's administrative audit program to increase the number of compliance audits by 2000. These audits are not linked or related to PSR matters.