

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-033

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REVIEW (PSR) AGENCY

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Senator Bernardi asked:

Would you say that for the vast majority of cases, there has been an adverse finding and has to be reimbursements taking place?

Answer:

Since establishment of the Professional Services Review (PSR) Scheme to 31 January 2012, 32 per cent of completed matters have been dismissed with no further action taken, 38 per cent have resulted in a Negotiated Agreement and 30 per cent of matters have resulted in a Final Determination following review by a Committee of peers.

From 1 July 2008 to 31 January 2012 PSR has completed 266 matters. Of these there have been a total of 171 findings and/or acknowledgements of inappropriate practice. Repayment orders were made in 156 matters totalling \$9.9 million. These repayment orders consisted of:

- 120 Negotiated Agreements resulting in repayments orders totalling \$7,069,837.09; and
- 36 Final Determinations following a Committee finding resulting in repayment orders totalling \$2,827,919.07.