

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-036

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REVIEW (PSR) AGENCY

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Have there been occasions in recent history where these allegations (Dr Webber's) could have been tested in some parliamentary forum?

Answer:

There have been opportunities in the past to discuss allegations such as the ones raised by Dr Webber. Both the 2009 Senate Inquiry on the Increased Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Compliance Audits Initiative and the 2011 Inquiry into the Professional Services Review (PSR) Scheme provided a platform for stakeholders to raise issues in regard to compliance activities, inappropriate practice, professional probity and financial accountability.