

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- 073

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: SUSPENSION OF PSR PANELS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Back asked:

- a) When were the PSR Panels formally suspended? More than 6 months ago now?
- b) How many cases have been deferred or abandoned?

Answer:

- a) Professional Services Review suspended activities on 39 Committee matters on 6 August 2010.
- b) On 10 March 2011 PSR informed the Chief Executive Officer of Medicare Australia that it could not action these 39 matters and that they would receive no further action.