

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-361

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REVIEW (PSR) INVESTIGATIONS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) How many health professionals were investigated last financial year?
- b) How many medical practitioners were investigated in the last financial year?

Answer:

- a) In 2009-10 there were 39 new investigations of health professionals initiated. During the year 22 final determinations resulting from committee investigations were made and 49 negotiated agreements were ratified. At the end of 2009-10, 41 committees were still in progress.
- b) In 2009-10 38 of the new investigations were for medical practitioners. During the year 21 of the final determinations resulting from committee investigations and 48 of the negotiated agreements ratified were for medical practitioners.