

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Health Practitioner Regulation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010

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Senator Boyce asked:

“It still leaves me a little bit puzzled that the letter sent to the AMA says the Medical Board of Australia ‘has set’ the registration fees. You are telling me that in fact that is not a settled issue.”

Answer:

That is correct. The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) has not published the fee schedule for the practitioners under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for health professions. AHPRA is working with the ten National Boards considering fees for applications and annual renewals. Fees will be announced in June once final information about assets and liabilities transferring to the national scheme is available.