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Re: (e) (ii): workforce qualifications and training of psychologists

Suggestions continued:

12. That the present two tier model of psychologists be collapsed into one group: Psychologist Health Practitioners.

13. This group comprise psychologists meeting the criteria for points 1, 2 and 3 above, and those currently designated 'Clinical Psychologists' under the Medicare rules.

14. That students currently in Masters and Doctoral Clinical courses be designated Psychologist Health Practitioners upon graduation, but not future students under the current two year University/APS/Board training scheme.

15. That future Psychologist Health Practitioners be those satisfying point 5 above.

16. That the present rebate payable to all Psychologist Health Practitioner services be set at the current 'generalist' fee.

17. That provision be made for an enquiry into the separate Medicare rebating of psychological testing upon referral from Medical Specialists such as Psychiatrists and Neurologists.