

# Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

## BUDGET ESTIMATES - 2 JUNE 2011 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Professional Services Reviews

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**Senator:** Back

**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

How many cases has Medicare Australia referred to the PSR since it was established in each financial year?

**Answer:**

This information is available in Medicare Australia's Annual Reports

Medicare Australia has referred a total of 746 matters to the Professional Services Review since the 1994-95 financial year, when the Professional Services Review was established.

Financial Year	Referrals made by the Health Insurance Commission / Medicare Australia to the Professional Services Review
2010-11 FYTD*	48
2009-10	36
2008-09	137**
2007-08	50
2006-07	26
2005-06	8
2004-05	9
2003-04	38
2002-03	52
2001-02	74
2000-01	52
1999-00	50
1998-99	11
1997-98	43
1996-97	92
1995-96	19
1994-95	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>746</b>

\* Accurate as at 30 April 2011.

\*\* The reason for the temporary increase in referrals is due to a change in methodology which resulted in the clearance of a backlog of cases in 2008-09. The referral figures for 2009-10 returned to expected levels.