

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Professional Services Reviews

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Question:

- a) Once you have determined which cases should be referred to the PSR – are the practitioners notified?
- b) Does this communication state which matter is being investigated?
- c) If yes, is it specific?
- d) Does this charge often change once the matter has been referred to the PSR?
- e) If no, why isn't it detailed?

Answer:

- a) Yes. Health professionals are notified in writing.
- b) Yes.
- c) Yes. Medicare Australia outlines the specific concerns.
- d) Once the matter has been referred, the Director of the Professional Services Review will undertake its own enquiries separately and independently to Medicare Australia.
- e) Not applicable.