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Dear Dr Di Dio

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Statement of Expectations

This Statement outlines the Australian Government's expectations about the role and responsibilities of the Professional Services Review (PSR), its relationship with the Government, issues of transparency and accountability and operational matters. It forms part of the Government's commitment to good corporate governance of regulatory bodies and reducing the regulatory burden on business and the community.

The PSR plays an important role in protecting patients and the community from the risks associated with inappropriate practice and to protect the Commonwealth from having to meet the cost of medical/health services provided as a result of inappropriate practice. It is imperative that the PSR act independently and objectively in performing its functions and exercising its powers as set out in Part VAA of the *Health Insurance Act 1973 (Act)*.

Nevertheless, the Government expects that the PSR will take into account the Government's broad policy framework in performing its role and meeting its responsibilities.

Relationship with the Department of Health and Aged Care

The department's key role is to support and advise me in my responsibilities by being the principal source of advice on a wide range of issues, including policy development and maintenance, and the performance of the regulatory system.

To fulfil this role, the department and the PSR maintain a close relationship. The department takes into account the views and experience of the PSR when considering and advising on changes to relevant policy and legislation. By advising the department on the implications of Government policy initiatives on the PSR Scheme, the PSR contributes to policy development.

In working with the department, the Government expects PSR to:

- keep the department appropriately informed of significant meetings between PSR and stakeholders of mutual interest
- advise the department about changes to legislation that, in PSR's opinion, would assist in improving the ability of the PSR Scheme to achieve its statutory obligations.

Relationship with stakeholders

The Government expects PSR to have an open and sound working relationship with practitioner professional bodies.

In relation to statutory appointments under Division 2 of the Part VAA of the Act, the Government expects that PSR will support a productive engagement of the professional bodies in the appointment process.

Transparency and Accountability

The PSR was established as an independent body to protect patients and the community from the risks associated with inappropriate practice and to protect the Commonwealth from having to meet the cost of medical/health services provided as a result of inappropriate practice. Nevertheless, the PSR operates as part of the Government and is accountable to the Parliament, and ultimately to the public, through me, the Parliamentary Committee process and the tabling of its annual report.

The Government expects the PSR to have an open and consultative relationship with its stakeholders. It is important that stakeholders are encouraged to communicate considered and candid views to the PSR, in order to enhance the PSR Scheme.

Operational issues

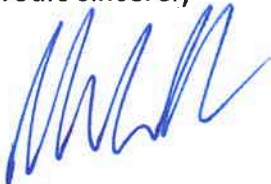
The PSR is assisted by staff employed under the *Public Service Act 1999*. Under the PSA, agencies are required to uphold and promote the APS Values. All APS employees are required to adhere to the APS Code of Conduct. The PSR is also required to comply with the APS Bargaining Framework in relation to APS employees.

The requirements for the PSR's financial management are set out in the relevant legislation and the Finance Minister's Orders.

Conclusion

The Government's vision is for the PSR to be a high performing and consultative agency that administers the PSR Scheme in a way that maximises efficiency, effectiveness and transparency.

Yours sincerely



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