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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH
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SENATE

HEALTH LEGISLATION (PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REVIEW) AMENDMENT
BILL 1993

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Amendments to be moved on behalf of the Government)

(Circulated by the authority of the Minister for Health,
Senator the Hon Graham Richardson)

OUTLINE

This memorandum covers the changes agreed by the Government to the Health Legislation (Professional Services Review) Amendment Bill 1993 in the course of the public inquiry into the Bill by the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs on 19 November 1993.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

These amendments are not expected to have any financial impact.

NOTES ON AMENDMENTS

Clause 6, proposed subsection 84(3) now provides that the Minister must (not may) make an arrangement with the AMA for it to consult with other organisations and associations before advising the Minister on appointments of medical practitioners to the Professional Services Review Panel.

Clause 6, proposed subsection 85(2) increases the maximum number of Deputy Directors from 12 to 15.

Clause 6, proposed subsection 85(3) now provides that the Minister must (not may) make an arrangement with the AMA for it to consult with other organisations and associations before advising the Minister on the appointment of a medical practitioner as a Deputy Director.

Clause 6, proposed subsection 95(2) is amended by requiring that all members of a Professional Services Review Committee, including the Chairperson, must belong to the profession in which the practitioner under review was practising when he or she rendered or initiated the referred services.

Clause 6, proposed subsection 106P(1) now provides that a Professional Review Committee must (not may) provide, where it thinks it necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to life or health of any person, material before it along with a statement of its concerns to a relevant professional registration or licensing authority with the power to take action against the person being reviewed.

