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Thank you for the opportunity to express a view and to participate in the research study examining the administrative and compliance costs associated with Commonwealth Government policies and programs that impact on general practice.

The study is a welcomed initiative in the search for vehicles to stem the burgeoning tide of GP burnout and the consequent negative impact on provision of primary care services to the community.

#### Provision of Abridged Standardised Forms

The excessive burden of documentation is contributed to by both complexity and duplication.

The provision of abridged standardised forms can be achieved by encouraging forms along the lines of Workcover NSW Treating Doctor Reports (TDR).

For example:

1. Comcare now accepts TDR written on Workcover NSW forms;
2. Treating Doctor Reports for Centrelink could be abbreviated; and
3. Treating Doctor Reports for Veterans Affairs could similarly be abbreviated.

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More Efficient Provision of Information

Information Technology (IT) is widely recognised as providing opportunities to enhance compliance. However, IT also presents the busy General Practitioner with the burden of unfiltered and virtually unlimited information inflow.

In relation to information inflow and compliance thereto, appropriate Standards and Accreditation Committees could be set up by Divisions at national, state and regional levels to streamline the dissemination of information.

The recent introduction of Vertically Integrated Medical Education offers an unprecedented opportunity; to introduce undergraduates to the process of compliance, provide vocational trainees with hands-on experience in compliance and at the CPD level a means of disseminating the streamlined information.

We look forward to further active participation in the process.

Yours faithfully



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