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Dear Helen,

RE: General Practice Compliance Costs

I write on behalf of the Riverland Division of General practice expressing some perhaps not unexpected views on the topic of General Practice Compliance Costs.

Being a smaller division, we do find it increasingly onerous to cope with the ever increasing amounts of red tape that comes with even the most innocuous-looking items. I'm sure that the bigger divisions also have trouble, but I suspect that the amount of duties are similar for small divisions as for large, even though we have less personnel to do the work.

On an individual doctors note, to also comes as no surprise that GPs especially perhaps country GPs are usually too busy to take the time to fully come to grips with the administrative requirements for implementing the government initiatives such as EPC. Consequently these initiatives will not be widely taken up until the paperwork is markedly reduced.

I hope this is of some help to you.