



Medical Board of South Australia

MBSA 200/02

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GP Compliance Costs
Productivity Commission
LB 2 Collins Street East
Melbourne VIC 8003

Dear Sir/Madam,

At its meeting on 15 August, 2002, this Board gave consideration to your correspondence of 29 July, 2002, No: GPCC C1. As a result of those considerations, I am instructed to inform you as follows.

1. It is unfortunate that the study is restricted to GP's as Specialists are equally involved in compliance cost matters.
2. There are a range of State costs: Registration; Work Cover; Medical Indemnity etc.
3. The administrative burden of "paper work requirement" is a source of complaint, the time it takes to meet these requirements, is now beginning to seriously "eat into" time which should be spent on patient care and consultations.
4. If paper work requirements are not met during normal consulting hours, these matters have to be attended to out of consulting hours, which contributes to "burn out" ill health and stress related issues.
5. These matters are becoming serious issues of concern – not just to the practitioner, but to patients and practitioner's spouses.

I trust these comments are of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

DH WILDE
REGISTRAR

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