IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA SYDNEY REGISTRY

NO S 53 OF 2012

ON APPEAL FROM THE FULL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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THE REGISTRY SYDNEY

BETWEEN:

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Appellant

AND:

DR IL-SONG LEE

First Respondent

BERNARD KELLY, ELIZABETH MAGASSY AND VAN PHUOC VO IN THEIR CAPACITY AS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REVIEW COMMITTEE NO 348

Second Respondent

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF MEDICARE
AUSTRALIA

Third Respondent

DETERMINING AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 106Q OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE ACT 1973 (CTH)

Fourth Respondent

DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REVIEW

Fifth Respondent

CHRONOLOGY OF THE APPELLANT

PART I

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This chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

PART II

Date

Event

The Health Insurance Commission (subsequently Medicare Australia) makes an investigative referral to the Director of Professional Services Review ('the Director') pursuant to ss 106KA of the Health Insurance Act 1973 (Cth) ('the Act').

9 July 2002

The Director purports to constitute Professional Services

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Contact: Hervee Dejean File ref: 11065354 Telephone: 02 9581 7504 Facsimile: 02 9581 7650 E-mail: hervee.dejean@ags.gov.au Review Committee number 348 ('the Committee') pursuant to ss 93(1) of the Act, comprising Dr Bernard Kelly as Chairperson and Dr Van Phuoc Vo and Dr Elizabeth Magassy as members. The Director makes Professional Services Review ('PSR') referral number 348 to the Committee in respect of Dr Lee purportedly pursuant to ss 93(1) of the Act.

31 July 2002

The Committee holds a meeting, purportedly pursuant to s 97 of the Act, and determines that an oral hearing is warranted.

27 September 2002

The Committee holds an oral hearing purportedly pursuant to ss 101(1) of the Act. Dr Lee attends the hearing, accompanied by his legal representative.

24 January 2005

The Minister executes an instrument stating that he appoints, amongst others, Dr Bernard Kelly as a Deputy Director of PSR under ss 85(1) of the Act for the period from 25 January 2005 until the expiration of 24 January 2010.

30 September 2009

The Committee sends a copy of the Committee's draft report, purportedly prepared pursuant to s 106KD of the Act, to Dr Lee.

23 November 2009

The Minister executes an instrument stating that she appoints (amongst others) Dr Van Phuoc Vo and Dr Elizabeth Magassy to be Panel Members under s 84(2) of the Act, with effect from 25 January 2010 until 24 January 2015.

23 November 2009

The Minister executes an instrument stating that she appoints (amongst others) Dr Bernard Kelly to be a Deputy Director pursuant to ss 85(1) of the Act, with effect from 25 January 2010 until the expiration of 24 January 2015.

1 June 2010

The Committee sends a copy of the Committee's final report, purportedly prepared pursuant to section 106L of the Act, to Dr Lee.

23 June 2010

The First Respondent files an Application for an Order of Review pursuant to ss 5 and 6 of the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977* and s 39B(1A) of the *Judiciary Act 1903* (Cth) in the Federal Court of Australia. The Application seeks to review the decision, conduct or actions of the Second and Fifth Respondents, and the Appellant, in the above process.

8 July 2010

The Committee sends a copy of the Committee's final

report, purportedly pursuant to ss 106L(3) of the Act, to the Determining Authority.

8 April 2011

By consent, Justice Flick orders that agreed questions be determined separately and before any trial in the proceedings. Justice Flick further reserves those questions for consideration and determination by the Full Court, pursuant to s 25(6) of the Federal Court of Australia Act 1976 (Cth).

28 July 2011

The Full Court of the Federal Court comprised of Rares, Flick and Katzmann JJ order that the agreed questions be answered as set out in its reasons and as formalised in the orders dated 22 August 2011.

24 August 2011

The Appellant files an Application for Special Leave to Appeal the decision of the Full Court of the Federal Court, in the High Court of Australia.

10 February 2012

The High Court of Australia orders that Special Leave to Appeal be granted.

23 February 2012

The Appellant files a Notice of Appeal in the High Court of Australia.

1 March 2012

The First Respondent files a Notice of Contention and Notice of Constitutional matter in the High Court of Australia.

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