

DECISION:

MR NEVILLE JAMES COLLINS (DENTAL PROSTHETIST)

5 September 2001

Panel: **Dr Anthony Dickinson**
 Mr Antony Edwards
 Mr Jack Harty
 Mr Craig McCracken

It was alleged that Mr Collins had practised certain aspects of dentistry that he was not qualified or registered to perform. Specifically, it was alleged that he had fabricated partial artificial dentures for his patient Mrs G, despite not having satisfactorily completed a prescribed training course in the fabrication of partial dentures.

It was also alleged that Mr Collins had failed to implement appropriate standards of hygiene and cleanliness at his practice.

In relation to the fabrication of partial dentures the Panel found Mr Collins to have been guilty of unprofessional conduct of a serious nature. In relation to the hygiene issue it found him guilty of unprofessional conduct that was not of a serious nature.

The Panel made the following determinations:

- (a) it reprimanded Mr Collins;
- (b) it imposed a fine of \$2,500 (in doing so, it confirmed an undertaking given by Mr Collins' counsel that Mr Collins would repay the sum of \$120 to Mrs.G);
- (c) it suspended Mr Collins' registration for three months, but stayed the suspension for a year on condition that there were no other findings against him under the *Dental Practice Act* in that period;
- (d) it cautioned Mr Collins that infection control procedures at his practice must comply with the standards promulgated by the Board;
- (e) it required Mr Collins to be counselled by staff of the Board about infection control and related matters.

