

**Appendix 8: Ranking\* by 101 Members of Parliament and senior aides of 8 barriers to increased funding of health research, by years of service**

Barrier (as stated in questionnaire)	Years of service; mean ranking (SD)		
	≤ 7 years	≥ 8 years	Total
There are too many other competing priorities	7.2 (2.2)	7.0 (2.2)	7.2 (2.2)
Investing in front-line health care is a better use of the money	6.1 (2.4)	5.8 (2.5)	6.0 (2.4)
We do not know where the money is going and how it is spent	5.3 (2.6)	3.9 (2.2)	4.8 (2.6)
The research being conducted is not a priority for the government	5.1 (2.3)	3.9 (2.2)	4.7 (2.3)
Research is too expensive	4.6 (2.2)	4.4 (2.2)	4.5 (2.2)
We do not know if the research will be used	4.3 (2.6)	3.5 (2.2)	4.0 (2.5)
We cannot be assured that the best science is being done	4.2 (2.7)	3.1 (2.1)	3.8 (2.5)
Research provides no real benefit to the health care system	2.5 (1.7)	2.5 (1.6)	2.5 (1.7)

Note: SD = standard deviation

\*Ranking was on a scale of 1 (insignificant) to 10 (extremely significant).