

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National e-Health Transition Authority (NeHTA)

Budget Estimates 2011-12, Supplementary Estimates

Question: 1

OUTCOME 10.2: e-Health

Topic: PCEHR

Senator Boyce asked:

Is there an available document which analyses and identifies issues related to the clinical safety of the PCEHR?

If so can NEHTA /DOHA confirm there are NO unmitigated risks?

Answer:

Release 1a of the PCEHR, is scheduled for release to the software vendor community for testing in late March. A Clinical Safety Case Report for Release 1a is currently being prepared. This clinical safety report does not focus on the live clinical environment, rather it primarily focuses on potential clinical hazards introduced through the delivery of the PCEHR national infrastructure.

Release 1a provides medical software developers with an environment in which they can:

- test the development of their products against the national infrastructure;
- retrieve information for test purposes from the PCEHR; and
- upload clinical documents.

NEHTA considers that there are no Unacceptable Residual Risks present in PCEHR Release 1a, with respect to the delivery of PCEHR infrastructure.