

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National e-Health Transition Authority (NeHTA)

Budget Estimates 2011-12, Supplementary Estimates

**Question: 19**

OUTCOME 10.2: e-Health

Topic: Pilot eHealth sites

Senator Boyce asked:

**In relation to the suspension of several pilot eHealth sites in January 2012:**

**How long did it take the National eHealth Transition Authority to identify the range of software incompatibilities that led to the suspension? What is the estimated cost of the suspension? Were issues surrounding software compatibility explored at the time of the tender process?**

Answer:

From the time inconsistencies were identified in specifications, the analysis of the five specifications took 2.5 weeks of effort to assess (each specification is around 500 pages in length). Assessment of the impact of the inconsistencies by technical and clinical teams, and decisions by the NEHTA Executive took an additional 4 days.

The existing budget for the eHealth sites has not been impacted by the suspension. However, timelines for some of the agreed deliverables have been extended in consultation with the individual sites.

The implementation guides were not published at the time of conducting the tender processes for either the National Infrastructure Partner or the eHealth sites. Therefore the issue did not impact these processes.