

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National e-Health Transition Authority (NeHTA)

Budget Estimates 2011-12, Supplementary Estimates

**Question: 4**

OUTCOME 10.2: e-Health

Topic: Interoperability

Senator Boyce asked:

**Interoperability between health providers and consumers will improve healthcare and is ultimately the goal of the E-Health Reform. To achieve this ideal in health -as in other industries- the Government needs to provide infrastructure and standards. The National Health and Hospital Reform Commission Report specifically stated in recommendation #123 that Governments should not buy, build or design the E-Health system. When did government decide to ignore the NHHRCR recommendations and how was that decision made?**

Answer:

This is a matter for the Government and Department of Health and Ageing.