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Question:

Does that include spending on the pilot sites?

Answer – Ms Huxtable: Around \$75 million of the \$466.7 million was for the wave site development. Since then we have put more money into some of the transitions, so that they can transition to the national infrastructure: I do not have that number in my head. There was also money in that for the actual build of the national infrastructure. Accenture has been working on the national infrastructure for benefits and evaluation and for the change and adoption. I think the \$110 million and the \$466.7 million overlap a bit, so we will have to take on notice exactly how that is broken down. As Chris said, we engage NEHTA as our managing agent in respect of a number of these elements and then there are elements where we have tripartite contract between NEHTA, and our department and the national infrastructure partner. We have some joint responsibilities in that regard.

Answer:

Funding for the two pilot sites was provided from the original PCEHR budget of \$466.7 million.