

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 30 & 31 May and 1 June 2012

Question: E12-247

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: EHealth

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Number of pages: 1

Senator: Senator Di Natale

Question:

- a) How much is budgeted over forward estimates to support nurses and allied health professionals in becoming involved in the rollout of personally controlled electronic health record?
- b) Have allocations been made to ensure that standards and practice guidelines are available for the involvement of allied health and nursing professionals and their organisations and various facets of eHealth?

Answer:

- a) The Australian Nursing Federation (ANF) and the Australian Practice Nurses Association (APNA) have been funded \$47,000 for engagement activity targeted at nursing professionals. The eHealth Learning Centre website provides training materials for all health care professionals and was developed with input from a wide range of subject matter experts including Allied Health and Nursing professionals. Additionally, Medicare Locals are funded \$50 million over two years to support the adoption of the personal controlled electronic health record (PCEHR) system for primary healthcare providers, including allied health professionals and nursing professionals.

Brochures and eHealth training modules have been developed to support allied health participation in the eHealth record program. Through funding provided by the Department of Health and Ageing, the training modules will be available free of charge to allied health practitioners from January 2013.

- b) The eHealth Learning Centre website provides training materials for all health care professionals and was developed with input from a wide range of subject matter experts including Allied Health and Nursing professionals. Additionally, Medicare Locals are funded \$50 million over two years to support the adoption of the PCEHR system for primary healthcare providers, including allied health professionals and nursing professionals.