

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Senator Di Natale

Question:

Recently the Minister claimed that electronic health programs will save more than 11 billion over the next 15 years. What was the methodology used to arrive at this figure? Please provide detailed breakdowns.

Answer:

In 2010-11, Deloitte modelled that the net direct benefits of the national personally controlled electronic health record (PCEHR) system are expected to be approximately \$11.5 billion over the 2010 to 2025 period. The details are in the table below. This table, as well as further information regarding PCEHR benefits, is available publicly on the Your Health website at www.yourhealth.gov.au

Benefit	Expected total net benefits (2010-2025) (\$M)
Public benefits	\$13,121
Public costs	\$3,614
Net public benefit	\$9,507
Private benefits	\$7,594
Private costs	\$5,555
Net private benefit	\$2,038
Total community benefits	\$20,715
Total community costs	\$9,170
Net community benefits	\$11,545

The benefits accrue for two key areas:

- reduced avoidable hospital admissions and GP visits due to the more effective medication management - \$10.237 billion; and
- improved continuity of care - \$1.308 billion.