

Senate Community Affairs Committee

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Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

Can you provide the baseline research that was used to support the PC part of the PCEHR?

Answer:

'Personally controlled' means that individuals are able to choose whether or not to have a personally controlled electronic health record (PCEHR) and, if they choose to have one, they will be able to set their own access controls.

The desire for consumer choice was a strong theme that emerged during extensive public consultations for the Healthcare Identifiers Service and Health Reform. The National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission recommended in 2009 that, *'to support people's decision making and management of their own health, by 2012 every Australian should be able to have a personal electronic health record that will at all times be owned and controlled by that person'*.¹

¹ *A Healthier Future for All Australians, Final Report June 2009*, National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission.