

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

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Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

Does NEHTA accept that the issue of liability is an extremely vexed matter that may take months of negotiation to clarify before any consensus is reached?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing, not the National E-Health Authority (NEHTA), is responsible for developing the participation agreement for healthcare provider organisations. The Department has negotiated acceptable terms for the personally controlled electronic health records (PCEHR) healthcare provider organisation participation agreement, in close consultation with key stakeholders including medical indemnity insurers, the Australian Medical Association and other healthcare provider representative bodies. A number of shareholders have publicly supported the arrangements.