

**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:**

The chairman of the Australian Medical Association's GP Council, Brian Morton, said the contract doctors would have to sign would put the legal liability on the GP. "Even if the system was hacked it would be the doctor's problem not the governments."

Could you provide a detailed response to this concern?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health and Ageing has negotiated acceptable terms for the personally controlled electronic health record 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.