

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

During the May Estimates there was the following question and answer exchange between Senator Sinodinos and Ms Huxtable:

Sinodinos: "If you are a consumer in one of these areas and you log on to this on 1 July, what functions will you be able to access?"

Mr Fleming: The discussion around functionality is probably more for DoHA.

Mrs Huxtable: the 1 July commitment is around the capacity of consumers to register for a PCEHR. The expectation is that from 1 July a consumer can register. That can be done either through a Medicare shopfront or a Medicare call centre. There will also be an online registration capacity which may not be available from 1 July but will be available very soon thereafter.

- a) Remembering the simple question, what is meant by, "The expectation is that from 1 July a consumer can register." Does that mean they will be able to or they won't be able to register as of July 1? Yes or No?
- b) If interested consumers won't be able to register on July 1, doesn't that mean that nothing, no functions for consumers will be available as at July 1?

Answer:

a and b)

From 1 July 2012 consumers were able to register for their individual personally controlled electronic health record.