

# **PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE**

## **Department of Health and Aged Care**

### **Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Legislation Committee Health Legislation Amendment (Modernising My Health Record—Sharing by Default) Bill 2024 [Provisions]**

**PDR Number:** IQ25-000005

#### **Education & Support**

#### **Written**

**Senator:** Jordon Steele-John

#### **Question:**

Will there be consumer education accompanying this Bill? If so, please detail the consumer education plan.

Will there be practitioner education accompanying this Bill? If so, please detail the practitioner education plan?

What support will be given to practitioners to transition to uploading information to My Health Record?

#### **Answer:**

Yes. There will be a comprehensive consumer and healthcare provider education package to support the implementation of the Bill.

In the 2023-24 and 2024-25 Budget, the Australian Government provided \$13.9m to support implementation of the share by default initiative. This includes funding to support:

- pre-implementation education and communications planning work
- proactive work by the Australian Digital Health Agency for public and private pathology and diagnostic imaging providers across every state and territory and software vendors to assist them to connect and commence sharing with the My Health Record system.

For example, in the first 6 months of the 2024-25 financial year the Agency supported 229 diagnostic imaging sites to connect to the My Health Record system, eclipsing the 158 diagnostic imaging sites that connected during the full 2023-24 financial year.