

# **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:** IQ25-000004

#### **Healthcare recipient data privacy**

#### **Written**

**Senator:** Jordon Steele-John

#### **Question:**

1. Please outline how this bill changes the privacy of healthcare recipient data.
2. Please outline how this bill changes the healthcare recipient opt-out process.

#### **Answer:**

1. The Bill does not change the strong privacy controls currently in place for healthcare recipient data in the My Health Record system. Healthcare recipients will continue to exercise control over whether they wish to have a My Health Record and what information should be shared to their record.

Existing privacy controls will continue, including those that enable a healthcare recipient to set restricted access codes, which limits who can access their record or specific documents in their My Health Record. Healthcare recipients can also permanently delete a document from their My Health Record or hide and restore a document within their record.

Notification preferences can also be set to remind healthcare recipients to review who has accessed their My Health Record. Healthcare recipients can also receive notifications when their My Health Record is accessed.

2. The Bill does not change the opt-out process. Australians can choose whether to register for a My Health Record or to cancel their My Health Record at any time.