

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

Ms Briggs - If I may supplement Ms Golightly's answer: the IHI system has a full audit log associated with it that Medicare Australia is responsible for and that operates in the same way as our existing systems do. Anything peculiar in the operation of access to IHIs would be floated up through that system.

Senator BOYCE - Is that audit system functioning now in terms of IHIs?

Ms Briggs - Yes, it is.

Senator BOYCE - On notice, would you be able to give any sort of activity report around what, if anything, has come up in that area, please?

Ms Briggs - Yes.

Answer:

To date, nobody has called to inform Medicare Australia that people have accessed their Healthcare Identifier inappropriately.