

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

Topic: HEALTHCARE IDENTIFIERS SERVICE

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Senator Boyce asked:

Has the overall assessment done by NEHTA of the risk assessments of IHI's become available to the public?

Answer:

No. National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA) have advised that they do not believe that a single point in time risk assessment is adequate or appropriate for a service like the Healthcare Identifiers Service. Rather the Service has undergone extensive clinical safety testing and evaluation, and operates under arrangements that mitigate risk on a day to day basis.

Ongoing risk assessment and mitigation will occur as the Service is further adopted and implemented, including the use of conformance and compliance processes for user software.