

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: EHEALTH

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

Interoperability between health providers and consumers will improve healthcare and is ultimately the goal of the E-Health Reform. To achieve this ideal in health - as in other industries - the Government needs to provide infrastructure and standards. The National Health and Hospital Reform Commission Report specifically stated in recommendation #123 that Governments should not buy build or design the E-Health system. When did government decide to ignore the NHHRCR recommendations and how was that decision made?

Answer:

The Government response to the National Health and Hospital Reform Commission Report (NHHRCR), "A National Health and Hospitals Network for Australia's Future - Delivering Better Health and Better Hospitals", describes the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records (PCEHR) system for Australia. This response was published in 2010.