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:

What exactly, in SMART metric terms, are the promised outcomes from the three lead E-Health sites to justify and measure their performance?

Answer:

The funding agreements that the Department of Health and Ageing has in place with the wave 1 eHealth sites include agreed deliverables.  Payments are made to the sites on acceptance of the deliverables and the Department may defer, reduce, set-off or not make a payment if the project outcomes have not been achieved.

Targets were set for a range of deliverables, for example recruitment of general practices and downloads of Individual Healthcare Identifiers (IHIs).  To date the three wave 1 eHealth sites have recruited 345 general practices (115 per cent of their target) and downloaded 1.3 million IHIs (161 per cent of their target).

Governance and accountability for the outcomes of the eHealth sites is through the personally controlled electronic health records Program Control Group.