

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-199

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: EHEALTH

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

The original Wave#2 PCEHR grants tender specified "ongoing sustainability" as a requirement for successful tender respondents. For each of the successful x9 Wave#2 PCEHR tender bids receiving collectively approx. \$70M of tax payers funds:

- a) How many have proposed sustainable funding models post June 30th?
- b) What is the degree of confidence from DOHA & NEHTA that these funding models will be achieved?
- c) What happens to the lead E-Health site if they are unable to sustainably operate post June 30th 2012?
- d) Are there any penalties for securing and wasting tax payers funding if not able to operate sustainably post June 30th

Answer:

a) - d)

All wave two eHealth sites are funded to 30 June 2012, however, they have demonstrated the capacity to sustain the solutions post 1 July 2012, with each proposing a sustainability model and commitment to the development of transition planning as part of their funding agreement.

In accordance with the Department of Health and Ageing funding arrangements, payments are made to the eHealth sites on acceptance of the agreed deliverables. The Department may defer, reduce, set-off or not make a payment if the project outcomes have not been achieved.