

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-200

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: EHEALTH

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

For each of the successful 9 Wave2 PCEHR tender bids receiving collectively approx. \$70M of tax payers funds could you supply the following details?

- a) Are all lead E-Health sites, including Wave 1 and Wave 2 sites, compliant with this set of grant funding criteria?
- b) There are reports of four different versions of E-Discharge Summaries implemented in the lead E-Health sites, can this be confirmed and if confirmed, how was this permitted to happen?
- c) Are there any penalties applicable to either the three lead Wave 1 E-Health sites or nine Wave 2 sites for not meeting the specified criteria for grant funding, and if so, how will the penalties be determined and/or administered?

Answer:

- a) All Department of Health and Ageing funding agreements, including the eHealth sites process, are in accordance with Commonwealth Government Procurement Guidelines.
- b) There are not four different eDischarge summaries being implemented in the lead eHealth sites. All the sites are working to a single consistent National eHealth Transition Authority specification for eDischarge summary.
- c) 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.

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