

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:

- a) Have the National Change and Adoption Partners and the National eHealth Transition Authority set quantitative targets for consumer and clinician adoption of the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record?
- b) What steps are being taken to promote consumer and clinician registration?

Answer:

- a) No. As is appropriate for a personally controlled record, the system is designed to be “opt-in”, to enable consumers to exercise a choice as to whether to participate.
- b) A range of materials and tools, including an online Learning Centre for healthcare providers and consumers, has been developed by the National Change and Adoption Partner to support the use of the PCEHR. Peak consumer and healthcare associations, including the Consumer Health Forum, the Australian Medical Association and the Aged Care Association Australia, are involved in the development and delivery of these materials.