

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Privatisation of Medicare Payments System

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Senator: Cameron, Doug

Question:

What guarantees will there be that Medicare records and patient data will be safe if the payment system is outsourced? What research or analysis shows that those records can be kept safe by a private provider? What accountability measures will private sector be subject to if the payments system are privatised?

Answer:

No decision has been taken by Government

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner will be consulted in the design of any payments services solution – whether it is run by a government agency or by private enterprise.