

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: e-Health

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Question:

- a) Can the department advise on how many doctors are using electronic health records on a weekly basis, and how many patients are regularly accessing electronic health records?
- b) How many shared health summaries have been uploaded to individual health records
- c) Can the department advise on the total cost of rebranding PCEHR to My Health Record
- d) Can the department advise on the cost of the consultants advising on the new commission that will be in charge of running e-health?

Answer:

- a) In the period between the 22 October 2015 and 11 February 2016, on average, approximately 300 general practices used the My Health Record system each week. In the same period between 22 October 2015 and 11 February 2016, approximately 10,900 consumers on average regularly accessed the My Health Record system each week.
- b) As of 11 February 2016, a total of 74,805 shared health summaries had been uploaded to the My Health Record System.
- c) An amount of \$1,476,957 can be directly attributable to the rebranding of PCEHR to the My Health Record. However, additional work related to rebranding has been undertaken as part of broader system improvements and other related work associated with Participation Trials, communications and change and adoption activities. This cost is unable to be calculated without significant estimation effort.
- d) The cost of the services is estimated to \$3.9 million (GST inc).