

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National e-Health Transition Authority (NeHTA)

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Question: 16

OUTCOME 10.2: e-Health

Topic: e-Health - PCEHR

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

Does NEHTA believe the DRAFT PCEHR 'Concept of Operation' to be "fit for purpose" in conducting a public engagement and consultation process?

Answer:

NEHTA was contracted by the Department of Health and Ageing to produce a draft PCEHR Concept of Operations to describe how the PCEHR system will work, its benefits, the structure and the important privacy principles. It was intended to prompt further discussion on its design and input into areas that require further discussion and development.

The Department of Health and Ageing holds responsibility for the public consultation process for the PCEHR Draft Concept of Operations. In this role, the Department accepted the document as fit for purpose and led the consultation, including the development of supporting documentation.