

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National e-Health Transition Authority (NeHTA)

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Question: 4

OUTCOME 10.2: e-Health

Topic: e-Health – Staff Vacancies

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Senator Boyce asked:

- a) How many positions do NEHTA currently have vacant
- b) Can NEHTA please provide a quarterly figure of staff vacancies since for the last two years (or as far back as is convenient) as a percentage of the workforce at the time?
- c) How long would a job vacancy on average last at NEHTA?

Answer:

- a) There are currently 31 positions vacant.
- b) Quarterly Figures of accepted staffing requests:

1 July 2009 – 1 October 2009:	29 (12% of the workforce)
1 October 2009 – 1 January 2010:	44 (17% of the workforce)
1 January 2010 – 1 April 2010:	50 (19% of the workforce)
1 April 2010 – 1 July 2010:	26 (9% of the workforce)
1 July 2010 – 1 October 2010:	54 (19% of the workforce)
1 October 2010 – 1 January 2011:	76 (25% of the workforce)
1 January 2011 – 1 April 2011:	59 (17% of the workforce)
1 April 2011 – 1 July 2011:	43 (12% of the workforce)

The increase in accepted staffing requests for the period July-December 2010 was related to the need to meet requirements for the PCEHR work program.

- c) We do not have an automated way of checking how long an average position is vacant for so we have used a sample group (based on the numbers above). The average length of a job vacancy in the sample is 6 weeks.