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OUTCOME 10.2: e-Health

Topic: e-Health – Health Identifier System

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

Previously I have asked for the risk assessment done for the individual health identifier system. In response I was supplied with an 'answer' that dealt with the risk assessment of the 'HI' system which is not the same thing and not what I asked for. To make it plain I make the following request; Can you supply me with the risk assessment of the individual health identifier (IHI) system? Can you also supply me with the risk assessments done by NEHTA or its delegates, in regard to the Health Identifier?

Answer:

Individual Healthcare Identifiers are contained and managed within the HI Service and the system it uses. There is no distinct risk assessment of the "individual health identifier system".

The software Conformance Testing requirements for healthcare identifiers, including individual healthcare identifiers, which are specifically designed from a risk management perspective, have been developed and agreed jointly with NEHTA, Department of Health and Ageing, Department of Human Services (formerly Medicare Australia), Standards Australia, State and Territory jurisdictional representatives, industry representatives including MSIA, AIIA,MA, Clinicians, Practice Manager, Health Information Manager and is overseen by the Conformance, Compliance & Accreditation (CCA) Governance Group. The CCA Governance Group oversees the conformance requirements for all e-Health Products to ensure risk assessments and mitigations are included.