

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National e-Health Transition Authority (NeHTA)

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Question: 8

OUTCOME 10.2: e-Health

Topic: e-Health –Study Tour

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

Have any “trip reports” been filed by the resources participating on the study tour and if so, when may they be published as an outcome for the substantial \$36K

Answer:

Outcomes of NEHTA’s participation in meetings in Washington include understanding the US perspective on implementing of healthcare technology reform, such as challenges in achieving interoperability across distributed IT systems, continuing the delivery of high quality healthcare during system transitions, and protecting the privacy and confidentiality of consumers’ healthcare information.

These perspectives were discussed in reference groups by meeting attendees and directly contributed to the development of the Concept of Operations for the PCEHR and implementation strategy for other NEHTA products.

Formal “trip reports” were not published. The outcome of the \$36k investment is the contribution of this knowledge to the implementation of Australia’s eHealth program.