

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National e-Health Transition Authority (NeHTA)

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Question: 13

OUTCOME 10.2: e-Health

Topic: PCEHR Research

Senator Boyce asked:

Have you done research to establish who your principal target markets are?

Answer:

The establishment of the principle target markets for the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record system, as identified in the Concept of Operations, are in line with the National eHealth Strategy (2008) and findings from a series of government commissioned consultations such as the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission- A Healthier future for all Australians 2009, and the National Indigenous Reform Agreement (NIRA) - Closing the Gap 2009 report.

The National eHealth Strategy (NeHS) 2008 highlights that those with the greatest health need include Young Children, Consumers with Chronic Disease, Older Australians, and Indigenous Australians. Those people whose lives can be saved through improving the access to direct, timely, and appropriate medical care represent the greatest health needs and are reflective of target cohorts.

Taking this information into consideration in developing the PCEHR, the PCEHR concept of operations includes :

- complex and chronic conditions,
- older Australians,
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples,
- mothers and their newborn children,
- people with mental health conditions,
- people with disabilities and,
- people living in rural or remote communities.