

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National e-Health Transition Authority (NeHTA)

Budget Estimates 2012-13

Question: 24

OUTCOME 10.2: e-Health

Topic: Standards

Senator Boyce asked:

If the National E-Health Transition Authority Limited are setting their own Standards for the Australian PCEHR, then are they legally liable if there are any errors in the Standards/Data or other information vendors and others may be required to rely on?

Answer:

The usual laws apply here. NEHTA has used a standards basis for all technical services within the PCEHR design. The PCEHR makes use of existing standards (international and Australian) where ever possible as a principle of the design. Where new or novel standards are required these have been established as candidates for the Standards Australia publication process. NEHTA works with the Department of Health and Ageing and Standards Australia to establish these novel standards candidates as Standards Australia work program items, and provides ongoing support for these specifications as they progress through Standards Australia publication process.