

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National e-Health Transition Authority (NeHTA)

Budget Estimates 2012-13

Question: 29

OUTCOME 10.2: e-Health

Topic: E-Health Authentication Services Pty Ltd

Senator Boyce asked:

When did it become appropriate for a “private company” fully funded by public money to be set up as a “registration authority”? (E-Health Authentication Services Pty Ltd)

Answer:

E-Health Authentication Services Pty Ltd (EHAS) has been established as a special purpose vehicle to become the certification authority under the Gatekeeper Accreditation framework as established by AGIMO. Independent legal advice was obtained by a legal firm on the panel of lawyers listed by AGIMO with expertise on Gatekeeper Accreditation. The establishment of EHAS was in accordance with AGIMO and legal advice.