Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National e-Health Transition Authority (NeHTA)

Budget Estimates 2012-13

Question: 38

OUTCOME 10.2: e-Health

Topic: PCEHR testing and safety

Senator Boyce asked:

I have asked NEHTA on a number of occasions about the issue of safety and patient risk that may flow from complex IT systems such as the PCEHR.
I have received many words of assurance but my requests for your safety reports, the detailed results of your testing and software trials as they bear on safety appears to have fallen on deaf ears.
The Committee has been assured by NEHTA representatives in evidence that they exist and that they will be provided to us.
This has not happened; accordingly I renew my request one last time before we are forced to take other measures.
Could NEHTA and DOHA please provide me with the detailed results of all trials and tests it has conducted to establish the safety of all systems it intends to put into the public domain or that will be part of the E-Health system it is rolling out?

Answer:

The PCEHR Clinical Safety Case Report Release 1A and the Clinical Safety Status Report Consumer Release are publicly available.

The Clinical Safety Unit has full access to all testing phases of the PCEHR.