

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National e-Health Transition Authority (NeHTA)

Budget Estimates 2012-13

**Question: 39**

OUTCOME 10.2: e-Health

Topic: PCEHR testing and safety

Senator Boyce asked:

**NEHTA has given the community and this Committee, frequent assurances regarding the safety of the PCEHR to be launched on July 1 with this in mind can I draw your attention to the contents of the “Clinical Safety Case Report”.**

**Thirty three pages of the 34 page document detail the bevy of safety risks the PCEHR system has to contend with but on page 32 the document says this and I quote, “The feedback to date on the clinical safety recommendations has not described to what degree they have been accepted in the design and if they will be included in future specifications”**

**What is your reading of this last underlined sentence as it bears on the safety of the PCEHR?**

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.

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