

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National e-Health Transition Authority (NeHTA)

Budget Estimates 2012-13

Question: 4

OUTCOME 10.2: e-Health

Topic: Stakeholder functions

Senator Boyce asked:

Can NEHTA confirm that it has held 731 functions for stakeholders since January 2011 as reported in the Australian on May 12 2012?

- a. Can NEHTA also confirm that a large portion of these were held in 5 star hotels with three course meals and guest comedians or performing artists as entertainment?**
- b. How can NEHTA justify this extravagant expense?**

Answer:

NEHTA has held approximately 731 engagement events with external stakeholders (which includes meetings, workshops, events and conferences).

No, that is not the case. . NEHTA does not believe that the related expenses to run these events can be considered extravagant. Every effort is made to keep costs to a minimum