Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National e-Health Transition Authority (NeHTA)

Budget Estimates 2012-13

Question: 48

OUTCOME 10.2: e-Health

Topic: eHealth software

Senator Boyce asked:

I quote the following exchange between Senator Sinodinos and Mr Peter Fleming: (Page 88 of the transcript form hearings conducted on May 20)

"Senator Sinodinos: Is there a cost for those updates?
Mr Fleming: No, not for GPs. They generally have software on their systems—around 98 per cent of general practices are computerised. In that context, they have general maintenance agreements with software vendors, and updates would be covered under those."

What percentage of that 98% quoted have systems that are currently compatible with the PCEHR, which can interface with the PCEHR and that, can access the PCEHR?

Answer:

This is the next step, and it will be available soon.