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Question:

Senator CAMERON: In terms of the penetration testing results—and again, that is something we have heard issues about tonight and that you have discussed with me in some detail—on the Medicare Express Plus mobile phone application, there is one medium and two informational vulnerabilities. Have they been fixed?

Mr Sterrenberg: I will take that on notice, but I believe they have.

Answer:

There was one medium vulnerability and three informational vulnerabilities. The medium vulnerability has been fixed and two of the three informational items have also been fixed. Informational items have negligible security vulnerability but are provided to assist addressing non-security issues found by the penetration tester. The remaining informational item will be addressed by the September 2014 release.