

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Health System Policy, Design and Innovation

Topic: My Health Record

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

How successful has the Practice Incentives Program eHealth Incentive been in encouraging GPs to actively use the My Health Record system?

a) How many GPs and practices have registered? How many GPs and practices are actively using the My Health Record system?

b) According to the MyHealthRecord website, the ePIP had been successful in encouraging the majority of general practices to become “My Health Record ready”, however this had not translated into active use of the system. Why is this the case?

Answer:

As at 2 June 2017, more than 6,000 general practices are registered for the My Health Record System. Of these approximately 5,000 are registered to receive the eHealth Practice Incentives Program (ePIP) incentive payment.

Those general practices that are registered to receive the ePIP incentive are required to actively use the My Health Record system by uploading a minimum of 0.5 shared health summaries per 1,000 standard whole patient equivalent per quarter (approximately 5 per full time GP per quarter).

The ePIP incentive has resulted in 77 per cent of registered general practices uploading more than 760,000 shared health summaries since 1 May 2016, compared to just 96,000 in the three years prior.