

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates, 2017-2018, 29 & 30 May 2017**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 Health System Policy, Design and Innovation

**Topic:** eHealth

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Richard Di Natale

**Question:**

What are the reasons for the continued delays to the roll out of Ehealth in Australia?

**Answer:**

There have been no delays in the roll out of ehealth in Australia. A considered implementation approach has been, and continues to be taken as these important health system changes are rolled out to jurisdictions, consumers and healthcare providers.

In July 2012 the My Health Record (previously known as the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR)) was launched. The PCEHR Review was later conducted and, based on its recommendations, Government trialled opt out consumer participation arrangements in 2016. Following the success of the trials, the Government will transition the My Health Record to opt out consumer participation arrangements in 2018.