

**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:** Ehealth

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**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

There was a consultation which closed in January this year? Where is it up to?

**Answer:**

The Australian Digital Health Agency undertook a national consultation process to inform the development of the National Digital Health Strategy through the ‘Your Health. Your Say’ program. The aim of the consultation was to use a variety of engagement methods to reach patients, consumers and carers – and the healthcare professionals, organisations and innovators serving them.

Information about the key themes that emerged from the national consultation are summarised on the consultation website at <https://conversation.digitalhealth.gov.au/>

A specific website page was developed called [conversation.digitalhealth.gov.au](https://conversation.digitalhealth.gov.au/). The Australian Digital Health Agency received input from over 1,000 individuals and organisations representing patients, consumers, clinicians and the technology, science and industry sectors through the online survey on the conversation website. All written submissions received from organisations have now been made available through the website for anyone to read and reference.

A number of workshops and webcasts (using social media to interact with viewers), as well as more than 100 forums, and other face-to-face meetings were convened across the country including outreach directly into rural and remote and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to ensure a range of views and perspectives were heard.