

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: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

How does the Agency intend to spend the significant new money to make a success of the My Health Record program? How could we assess their strategy, advertising, education, staff and technology? Please be specific.

Answer:

An implementation plan for the national expansion of the My Health Record in 2018 is currently being developed in consultation with state and territory jurisdictions, Primary Health Networks and health stakeholders. A Programme Board has been established with rigorous governance controls in place to ensure the objectives of the programme are met, including budget costings.

The Programme Board has senior representation from all delivery partners and is advised by a skills-based steering group with members representing all key parts of the health system and consumer organisations.