

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-121

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: EHEALTH – ALLIED HEALTH AND NURSING FUNDING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Adams asked:

- a) What funding is available to the allied health and nursing profession and organisations to ensure that standards and practice guidelines are available for their member's involvement in various facets of eHealth?
- b) Is any funding or are any grants available for them to apply for?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Health and Ageing funds the Department of Human Services Medicare Australia to operate and disseminate information on the Healthcare Identifiers service, and secure messaging, for use by various stakeholders including both the allied health and nursing professions. The personally controlled electronic health record (PCEHR) National Change and Adoption Partner is consulting with allied health and nursing peak bodies on development of the national change and adoption strategy and delivery plan, training and communication materials.
- b) There are no specific funding grants available from the Department for allied health and nursing organisations to be involved in eHealth.