

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-473

OUTCOME 10: Health Systems Capacity and Quality

Topic: EHEALTH MEDICO-LEGAL ISSUES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

Has NEHTA resolved the serious and complex medico-legal liability issues associated with the electronic health record?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing and the National E-Health Transition Authority have worked closely with peak medical and insurance organisations throughout the personally controlled electronic health record design and legislative process to identify and minimise potential medico-legal issues.