

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: EHEALTH STANDARDS AND TIGER TEAMS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Are there any other aspects of the project that will have to be compromised like this to meet the 1 July 2012 deadline?

Answer:

Specifications for the personally controlled electronic health record (PCEHR) are being developed to enable the implementation of the PCEHR system. Work will be undertaken to transition these specifications to standards, where appropriate, following the usual Standards Australia process. The normal process is that mature working specifications that have been implemented by developers become standards over time.

The PCEHR program of work is complex and the timeframes are tight. The program is on track for delivery of the initial phase by 1 July 2012.