

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-497

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: EHEALTH - ACCESS AND ADOPTION

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Can a patient may have registered for a PCEHR on 1 July 2012, but that their Doctor / Pharmacist / Specialist / Medical Professional may not yet be capable of entering data on to that patients electronic record?
- b) What provisions are in place to encourage medical professionals to upgrade their software to allow this?

Answer:

a) - b)

Consumers will be able to register for a personally controlled electronic health record (PCEHR) on 1 July 2012. For information to be entered into a consumer's PCEHR, their healthcare professional will also need to be participating in the system to be capable of entering data.

The Department and the National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA) have had ongoing consultation with consumers, clinicians and allied health practitioners to ensure that their feedback is taken into account in the development of the PCEHR system. The Department and NEHTA are continuing to work with these stakeholders in implementing the PCEHR system, including programs to develop ongoing training materials and guidelines. The PCEHR National Change and Adoption Partner will be leading the work with consumers, as well as medical and allied health organisations to ensure uptake of the PCEHR.