

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-498

OUTCOME 10: Health Systems Capacity and Quality

Topic: EHEALTH PERSONALLY CONTROLLED ELECTONIC HEALTH RECORD  
AUDIT TRAIL

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Is it true that the PCEHR audit trail will only be able to identify which organisation accessed PCEHR, and not the individual that accessed it?
- b) Why is this so?
- c) Does this not defeat the purpose of being able to track which people inappropriately view a patient's record?

Answer:

a) – c)

The personally controlled electronic health record (PCEHR) system audit function has been designed with the capability to identify both organisations and individuals who access the system. This is necessary as a security and privacy protection mechanism to protect consumer health information and maintain the integrity of the system.