

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National e-Health Transition Authority (NeHTA)

Budget Estimates 2011-12, Supplementary Estimates

**Question: 13**

OUTCOME 10.2: e-Health

Topic: Industry

Senator Boyce asked:

**Industry was "extraordinarily concerned" about the process under way and feared members would bear the cost of new development work as a result. What's the response of NEHTA to those well-articulated concerns?**

Answer:

NEHTA is working collaboratively with the sector to ensure NEHTA Managed Specifications are ready for implementation and will provide support for those specifications for two years.

NEHTA has clearly articulated the time frame pressures and has sought to gain support from the sector to achieve the outcomes required for the PCEHR Program working collaboratively and effectively with the Department of Health and Ageing and the PCEHR Partners for National Infrastructure, Benefits Evaluation and Change and Adoption.

NEHTA is also working closely with GP Desktop software vendors to integrate NEHTA specifications into their products.