

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 11 – Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: PCEHR (Aged Care)

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

As aged care provides health services second only to the state health systems by volume, will the government support aged care providers with funding to integrate their systems with the PCEHR as it has done for private hospitals? If so, how much will be provided? If not, why not?

Answer:

The Department of Health has done initial work to identify potential solution options, costs and timeframes to establish linkages between the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR) and My Aged Care. This work will continue to progress with the recent Machinery of Government changes and the transfer of aged care to the Department of Health.