

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 19 October 2016**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Health System Policy, Design and Innovation

**Topic:** eHealth

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

Can you please outline the changes to the ePIP?

**Answer:**

Effective from 1 May 2016, the eligibility requirements for the ePIP were changed to encourage general practices to use the My Health Record system. General practices are required to upload an average of five Shared Health Summaries per full time GP per quarter to remain eligible for the ePIP incentive.

To assist general practices to meet the revised requirements, online training and materials to support self-paced learning as well as face-to-face peer led training were provided from April 2016.

A temporary amendment has been granted by the Minister for Health, Aged Care and Sport, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, to allow all ePIP registered general practices to make up any shortfall in shared health summary uploads by achieving their full accumulated requirement for the first three quarters by 31 January 2017. This will provide general practices up to nine months to resolve any transitional issues that may have prevented them from meeting their ePIP requirements to date.