

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-074

OUTCOME 10: Health Systems Capacity and Quality

Topic: eHEALTH

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

Now that the PCEHR is approved and being implemented why is it that the public cannot review the business and benefits cases that you claim have been developed and approved by Health Ministers?

Answer:

The National E-Health Strategy released by Health Ministers in December 2008 outlines the expected benefits and the steps for developing a national electronic health record system.

The business and benefits case referred to is not a Commonwealth document and was developed through a multi-jurisdictional process. Any decision to release the document publicly would require agreement of all jurisdictions.