

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

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Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

One of the reasons cited for the delay is the complexity of combining the existing state and territory registers - but this was known at the time the project commenced, wasn't it? What has changed since the project started in relation to the complexity of the project?

Answer:

There was an assumed complexity associated with combining the existing state and territory registers. The extent of the complexity could not be fully understood until all states had provided identified data, and DHS had provided Medicare data (which is used to match individuals on the state registers to a common identity). The complexity of the overall data migration and transition activity is significant, and ensuring accuracy in migration and transition of this information is a top priority.