

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
The National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA)
Budget Estimates
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Subject Outcome: E-Health 10.2

Agency: NEHTA

Issue: NEHTA – Standards/Functionality of the PCEHR

Name of Senator: Sue Boyce

QUESTION: 30

Senator Boyce asked:

It's claimed that Australian Medicines Terminology (AMT) is being distributed without appropriate AMT specific licensing. Is that correct and if so, what are the problems that this will create?

Answer:

There is no licensing breach. While there is no 'specific' AMT license, the licensing model and Intellectual Property rights owned by the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation (IHTSDO) and administered locally in Australia by NEHTA covers:

1. The SNOMED CT Affiliate License Agreement for worldwide access to the SNOMED CT Core including derivatives and specifications managed by the IHTSDO; and
2. The Australian National Terminology Release License Agreement for Australian content including extensions, derivatives and specifications and other tools managed by NEHTA.

AMT is a local extension of SNOMED managed by NEHTA and planning is underway for integration of AMT within SNOMED. AMT v3 is the first step for this to occur.