

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: 31

Senator Boyce asked:

It's also alleged by certain vendors that AMT codes in the PBS distribution appear to be different from AMT codes for the same concept in the AMT distribution. Is this correct and if so what are the consequences if that is not rectified?

Answer:

If the question being addressed is "Do all AMT codes contained in the PBS exactly match codes contained in the NCTIS AMT releases" the answer is no. PBS have on occasion the need to allocate their own 'AMT-like code' due to differences in how a product may need to be described for legislation/ reimbursement purposes and the corresponding AMT description contains either too much/too little detail (e.g. inclusion/exclusion of a container type or salt of a substance). In these cases, PBS create their own description and use their own namespace identifier (a 7 digit ID which appears within the full identifier string) to differentiate it from a true AMT code.

NEHTA and PBS will continue to work together to ensure quality mapping processes and alignment between the releases.

NEHTA anticipated that there would be a number of questions from vendors around inclusion of AMT codes and descriptions in PBS files and has drafted an FAQ document outlining some of the most likely questions to assist and guide vendors