

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Question:

- a) To date, the eHealth structures have been very provider/professional focussed, how is the Department engaging with consumers and consumer groups about the changes to eHealth?
- b) Given that funding for eHealth was only extended for this financial year, what contingencies are in place for July 2015?
- c) Have professional groups sought additional funding from the government to participate in the eHealth system development? What has the Department's response to those requests been?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Health regularly consults with consumers and consumer groups regarding the personally controlled electronic health record (PCEHR).

The Department provides information to the public about the eHealth system on health.gov.au and the ehealth.gov.au websites. Information is also available on mygov.gov.au and the Department of Human Services dhs.gov.au websites.

Consumer representatives participate in the PCEHR Independent Advisory Committee.

- b) The Government continues to consider the recommendations of the Review of the PCEHR and ongoing funding will be considered in that context.
- c) The Department reimburses travel costs and remunerates eligible participants in line with the relevant Determinations of the Remuneration Tribunal.