From 12/17/13 Oversight and Government Reform Committee interview with CMS Chief Information Security Officer Teresa Fryer #2

Q So since December 10th, have you had the daily out briefs with MITRE?

A Yes.

Q Have you been on the calls?

A Not today. And not -- I'm trying to remember, not yesterday, but I was since December 10th.

Q So what issues have they discovered with this round of security testing?

A I can't in detail give you -- there were two high findings. I can't give you in detail what the two high findings were, but they are in -- they are being remediated.

BY MR. [redacted]:

Q So you say you can't give us detail because you don't recall the details?

A Yes, I -- one was just recently discovered, and the other one I can't -- I don't recall the exact details of the finding.

Q Just to be clear, these are two new high findings that were not previously identified by MITRE or anybody else?

A One high finding was identified in an incident that was reported in November.

Q What can you tell us about that incident?

A [redacted]

[redacted] So that incident was reported and that's when they discovered this vulnerability in the system. However, they shut the module down so this functionality is currently shut down. [redacted]

Q So one high finding was identified in November, and the other high finding has -- was identified after December 10th?

A No, this -- so just to correct, the high finding was just discovered during this testing last week, but it was related to the incident that was reported in November.

Q I see. That's one of the high findings?

A Yes.

Q And what's the other high finding?

A That one, I guess that I don't know the details of. It was just reported, I believe, yesterday.

Q Okay. So two new high findings. How about so-called moderate findings, or in the terminology in the report, moderate findings? Have there been new moderate findings?

A There have been new moderate findings, but I can't say. There's only been a few moderate findings, and I can't give you the details of those.

Q Okay. How about so-called low findings?

A A couple new low findings.

BY MR. [redacted]:

Q The first high finding that you said was reported in

November, who reported it?

A I can't give -- I mean, I can't answer that because I don't know specifically who reported the incident. We see the incident tickets when they come in, so I know that issue was reported.

Q Was it -- was it reported by someone who had gotten access to another person's application?

A I can't answer that. I can't -- I can't recall exactly who it was reported by.

Q But was that -- correct me -- let me clarify. Was that the high finding that an individual received the application of another individual?

A No, [redacted]

Q Oh, I see. And the second high finding was just discovered yesterday?

A Yes, it was yesterday or -- what is today -- Tuesday.

Q Do you know if these -- were these high findings, do you know how long they were in existence in the system?

A No, I don't know.

Q So it's possible they have been in the system since October 1st?

A Again, I can't speculate. If they would have been discovered in the first -- again, I can't say.

Q Would they have been within -- were they within the scope of the security testing in the August-September time frame frame? Do you know?

A I can't recall if it was a piece that was in scope of the first testing.

Q Do you know how these high findings are being remediated?

A No, I don't. In detail I don't know how they are.

Q You said that with the first high finding that the module was shut down?

A Yes, so that functionality has -- is currently shut down.

Q Do you know what functionality that is?

A It's the [redacted]

Q Are there any other functionalities that have been shut down as a result of security testing that you know of?

A I can't -- I can't answer that. I don't know.

Q Okay.