

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Agency - Comcare

DEEWR Question No.EW0024_11

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

COMCARE COURSE

Were all the courses accredited under the 2007 guidelines compatible with the Commonwealth law being the OHS Act 1991 and its Regulations?

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response:

Where a course was found to be non compatible with the 2007 *Guidelines for Accreditation of Occupational Health and Safety training courses for Health and Safety Representatives under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 1991* and concomitantly the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1991*, accreditation was suspended until the course provider either amended the course or advised that they did not wish be accredited. At all times Comcare worked with, and actively committed resources to working with course providers to bring their courses up to the standards required by the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission.