

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

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

Agency - Comcare

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Senator Abetz asked on 1/06/2010, Hansard page 35.

Question

'SPIN OFF' COMPANIES THAT DELIVER TRAINING

To that end, are you aware if any trade unions have spin-off companies that deliver training? Mr O'Connor—In regard to the first comment, the response we will provide on notice will address the background of the requirements. With regard to the second question, I am broadly aware that some trade unions do have related training companies, but I have no knowledge of whether or not they are involved in these types of training programs. We can again provide on notice a list of those training organisations that are accredited. Senator ABETZ—If you could, I would be pleased. Then surprise me with the answer to this question, which I am sure you will have to take on notice: is the methodology used by the trade union movement spinoff companies, as I have described them, classroom methodology? If you could find that out for us as well on notice, that would be very helpful. Mr O'Connor—I will.

Answer

Comcare provided the following response

The following table is sourced from course material provided by accredited health and safety representative training providers.

Course Name	Union	Course Target	Current Course Length
ACTU	Union	General	5 days face to face
Greg Seberry and Associates		General	4 days face to face. Provider is currently reworking course in order to comply with revised 2010 Guidelines
Job Safety Assistance		General	5 days face to face
New Workplace Learning		General	It is estimated based on course materials provided that the course currently comprises approximately 28% face to face learning; 6% is introductions, summaries of material and conclusion; 9% is presentation of project work; and 53% is self-directed learning.
Occupational Safety and Health Associates		General	5 days face to face
Parasol EMT		General	5 days face to face
Shared Advantage	Union	General	5 days face to face

SRC Solutions		General	4 days face to face
Centrelink		Organisation Specific	5 days face to face
NSCA (has received conditional accreditation)		General	5 days face to face
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (AQIS)		Organisation Specific	5 days face to face
Australia Post		Organisation Specific	5 days face to face
Centrelink		Organisation Specific	5 days face to face
John Holland Group		Organisation Specific	5 days face to face
Telstra		Organisation Specific	5 days face to face
Linfox Australia Pty Ltd		Organisation Specific	5 days face to face