

## Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2011-2012

#### Agency - Comcare

DEEWR Question No.EW0089\_12

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

#### Question

#### A Question At February Estimates That Was Not Answered

In the Hansard of 23 February 2011 (at EEWR8) the Mr O'Connor, ComcareCEO, undertook to answer the following question: Senator ABETZ - As a result of those new guidelines, how many new courses have become available? Mr O'Connor - I will get that detail for you. Question: 1.The flexible guidelines were introduced by the SRCC in December 2005 to encourage more training options. How many providers were accredited as at December 2005 and what were their names? 2.As an indication of the effectiveness of the SRCC's attempt to improve course choice, how many providers were accredited at March 2010 and what were their names? 3.Was there an increase in the number of providers between December 2005 and March 2010 as the SRCC had intended with their change to the guidelines in 2005? 4.The change to the guidelines was made in March 2010 to remove the flexible course delivery option and to replace it with a specification that courses be only face to face. A year has now passed since that change, how many providers are presently accredited and what are their names? 5.Has there been a decrease or an increase in the number of providers since March 2010 and what is the size of that change? 6.What providers have come on board and what providers are no longer listed?

#### Answer

*Comcare has provided the following response.*

1. There were 10 courses approved as at 30 June 2005 (Appendix 8, SRCC Annual Report). They were:

- Australian Council Trade Union/TLC
- Australia Post/Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union
- Australian Taxation Officer
- Centrelink
- CPSU Advantage Ltd
- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
- National Safety Council of Australia
- Occupational Safety & Health Associates
- Parasol EMT
- Telstra

2. There were 15 full courses approved as at 30 June 2009 (Appendix 9 SRCC Annual Report). They were:

- Australia Post/Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union
- Australian Broadcasting Commission
- Centrelink
- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation

- Greg Seberry & Associates Pty Ltd
- Job Safety Assistance Pty Ltd
- John Holland Group Pty Ltd
- National Safety Council of Australia Ltd
- New Workplace Learning
- Occupational Safety & Health Associates
- Parasol EMT
- Shared Advantage Ltd
- SRC Solutions Pty Ltd
- Telstra
- Transport Training Centre Inc.

3. There was an increase of five providers over the four year period.

4. There are 11 providers accredited as at 28 June 2011. They are:

- Australian Council Trade Union
- Centrelink
- Greg Seberry & Associates Pty Ltd
- Job Safety Assistance Pty Ltd
- John Holland Group Pty Ltd
- Linfox Australia Pty Ltd
- National Safety Council of Australia Ltd
- Occupational Safety & Health Associates
- Parasol EMT
- Shared Advantage Ltd
- SRC Solutions Pty Ltd

The following have applications under consideration:

- Australia Post/Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union
- Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
- Commonwealth Bank of Australia/National Bank of Australia
- John Kirwin

5. There has been a decrease of four at the present moment. There are four providers with applications under consideration.

6. The parameters of the question are not listed. However, the names of the providers are given in each response to the previous questions.