

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Agency - Comcare**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0090\_12**

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Availability Of Courses Outside NSW, Vic And ACT**

Document to be tabled: Email from the DEEWR to Comcare on 16 June 2009 (Doc 61-62)  
Questions: 1.Please refer to the submission by the DEEWR to Comcar on 16 June 2009 (doc 61-62). There is an extract below. Does the DEEWR express a concern about the availability of courses outside NSW, Victorian and ACT? 2.I understand that over 2007-2010 Dr Culvenor conducted 32 courses outside NSW, Victoria and ACT. Now that there is one less course on offer and no new courses have developed how will the absence of this course improve access to training outside NSW, Victoria and the ACT? 3.During 2011 have any organizations expressed difficulties obtaining training anywhere in the country? 4.Please provide the content of those communications if they exist. The Department Notes that this Section ( 1.5) does not mention distance learning or e-learning mechanisms. This could be a valuable mechanism for overcoming the problems and gaps in the provision of trainin outside NSW, ACT and VIC.

**Answer**

*Comcare has provided the following response.*

1. Yes.
2. Dr Culvenor has not applied for re-accreditation of his course. Requests for HSR training outside New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory and Victoria are being met by current accredited providers.
3. No.
4. Not applicable.