

## Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2011-2012

#### Agency - Comcare

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

#### Question

#### The Proposal From Stoker And Wright

Documents to be tabled Stoker and Wright from April 2009 (Doc 211) Stoker and Wright interim report (doc 193-194) Questions: 1.Please look at the proposal from Stoker and Wright from April 2009 (Doc 211). Does it say at 2.1 that there will be a comparison of the accreditation systems in other jurisdictions? Where is this in the final report? 2.If the comparison was not detailed, why was this part of the work not done? 3.Does it say at 2.2. of the proposal that "The draft report, including conclusions and recommendations would be written in consultation with the Comcare Project Officer"? 4.Please look at the interim report (Doc 193-194). There is nothing in here about removing the current provisions that encourage providers to design flexible delivery methods. Did Comcare help write the subsequent conclusions and recommendations found in the final report? 5.DidComcare in help write the recommendations that training be predominantly face to face? 6.DidComcare attempt to insert a recommendation that training be exclusively face to face but the authors refused? 7.What parts of the conclusions and recommendations did Comcare help write? 8.IfComcare did not help write the conclusions and recommendations, why did Comcare not do that given it was part of the agreement with the Reviewers? 9.DidComcare advise the reviewers that the introduction of the flexible schemes was an express strategy of the SRCC at meeting 81, 14 December 2005 in order to encourage a greater variety of courses?

#### Answer

*Comcare has provided the following response.*

1. Yes. See, for example, page 8 of the final report discussing the Australian Qualifications Framework and page 12 discussing the Victorian model and a Western Australian benchmark.
2. Not applicable.
3. Yes. The project brief does state at section 2.2 that the draft report (meaning the interim report) would be written in consultation with the Comcare Project Officer; and at section 3.1 states that the final report will incorporate feedback from stakeholders and from Comcare.
4. No.
5. No.
6. No.
7. Comcare did not write any part of the conclusions or recommendations.

8. As noted in section 3.1 of the project brief, Comcare provided feedback on the interim report.

9. No.