

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

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

Agency - Comcare

DEEWR Question No. EW0109_12

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Refers to previous Question No [EW0722_11](#)

Follow up questions: 1. Given the opportunity to contribute to the review, it is confirmed not one person in Comcare thought that there should be a change to the flexible approach to delivery. Do you see that the explanation that it was such a necessary and useful move seems a bit strange given that not one person in Comcare thought it was important enough to make a contribution? 2. We have been given the impression that this was an independent review. Did Comcare staff in fact help write the report? 3. Please look at the proposal (attached) for this work.

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response.

1. The previous question [EW0722_11](#) asked whether Comcare or Comcare staff provided any direction or suggestion to the consultants in relation to the issue about the method of face to face training and in particular about it being an exclusive method. Comcare responded in the negative. That should not be construed to imply that Comcare had no involvement in the review or an opinion in relation to the effectiveness of HSR courses on offer (the report notes that Comcare staff were also interviewed). However, Comcare did not direct or suggest to the reviewers how to frame their recommendations.
2. No.
3. Comcare did not receive an attachment.