

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2011-2012

Agency - Comcare

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Question

Proposal From Stoker And Wright

Senator ABETZ:..Was a comparison suggested by Stoker and Wright and was that comparison then actually undertaken? Mr Kibble: I will confirm that on notice. Senator ABETZ: Thank you. And did the proposal from Stoker and Wright say at 2.2 that the draft report, including conclusions and recommendations, would be written in consultation with a Comcare project officer? Mr Kibble: I will confirm that on notice. Senator ABETZ: And then in the interim report there does not seem to be anything about removing the current provision that encourages providers to design flexible delivery methods. Mr Kibble: I will get a little bit more detail. Senator ABETZ: You can take that on notice. Mr Kibble: Yes.

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response.

It is assumed that this question relates to the project brief submitted by the consultants in response to Request for Tender 09-04. At clause 2.1 they state that, in Phase 2, they will undertake a 'comparison of the Comcare system with accreditation systems in other jurisdictions (New South Wales, Queensland etc) and other competency based training to identify potentially better practices.'

In their progress report dated 15 June 2009, the consultants advised that they had commenced Phase 2, including the comparison of the Comcare system with accreditation systems in other jurisdictions. In their final report dated 22 September 2009, at section 3.0 (page 8) they state 'The consultants examined approaches to HSR training accreditation in other jurisdictions and the national accreditation process for vocational education and training.'

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.

The interim report noted that the commencement of the consultation phase was delayed. It did not make any recommendations in relation to training methods.