

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

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

**Agency - Comcare**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0765\_12**

**Senator Abetz asked on 19 October 2011, Hansard page 76**

**Question**

**COMCARE - OHS Act & transitional arrangements**

Mr O'Connor: I believe it is in the current legislation. In the current legislation, the Occupational Health and Safety Act 1991, that the accreditation by the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation commission— Senator ABETZ: No, the bill that is currently before the parliament does not have a provision for transitional arrangements for trainers that we are talking about, does it? Mr Kibble: We will take that on notice, just have to make sure.

**Answer**

*Comcare has provided the following response.*

Clause 5 of the *Work Health and Safety (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2011* includes authority to make regulations of a transitional, application or saving nature relating to the repeal of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1991* and enactment of the *Work Health and Safety Bill 2011*.

The current policy intention is to draft a transitional provision/s that will deem a health and safety representative training course that is accredited by the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission to be approved by the Regulator for the purposes of clause 72(1) of the *Work Health and Safety Bill 2011* for 12 months following commencement of the Bill.