

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012

Agency - Comcare

DEEWR Question No. EW0766_12

Senator Abetz asked on 19 October 2011, Hansard page 77

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No [EW0086_12](#).

Question

Comcare - 2007 guidelines

Senator ABETZ: ..We were told by you that the reviewers were given the 2007 guidelines and that they are referred to on page 12 of the review. Can you just take on notice whereabouts on page 12 of the review you get that answer from? Mr Kibble: Yes, Senator.

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response.

The report '*A Review of the Comcare Health and Safety Representatives Training Course Accreditation Program– Final Report*' by Stoker & Wright, dated 22 September 2009 (the report) refers to the 2007 guidelines in the final paragraph of page 12 of the report.

The final paragraph reads (Comcare's emphasis):

"Training Providers were asked specifically about the **current** "Guidelines for Accreditation of Occupational Health and Safety training courses for Health and Safety Representatives under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 1991" (the Guidelines). This was to see whether the Guidelines contributed to inconsistency in training design. There was some general agreement that while some improvements could be made there for the most part, the Guidelines provide clear parameters for the development of training curriculum."

The 2007 Guidelines were current at the time of writing of the report. The full title of the [2007] guidelines is: '*Guidelines for Accreditation of Occupational Health and Safety training courses for Health and Safety Representatives under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 1991 – Information for Training Providers – As approved by the Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission August 2007*'. This is the same title as cited in the report.

The year 1991 referred to in the title is the year of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.