

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Agency - Comcare

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

COMCARE

Is it acknowledged that the restriction on delivery is a complete turnaround of the 2007 encouragement toward innovative design?

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response:

Prior to the introduction of the 2010 *Guidelines – Health and Safety Representatives training in the Commonwealth jurisdiction* (the Guidelines), policy regarding training course requirements had not been consistently articulated to the jurisdiction and training providers.

The Guidelines clarify and expand on previous guidelines content and requirements. The most notable changes to the new guidelines include:

- The Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission's framework for monitoring accredited courses has been strengthened in response to the review of the Health and Safety Representatives Program finding that stakeholders wanted a more effective, open and transparent administrative process;
- Learning outcomes for each of the four training objectives have been included, as a way of encouraging and facilitating an instructional shift from teaching to learning.