

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

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

Agency - Safe Work Australia

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Harmonisation of Occupational Health and Safety Laws

What will the cost be to employers for the additional training and additional safety equipment? a. Can a breakdown be provided?

Answer

Safe Work Australia has provided the following response:

No specific information on the costs of additional training and safety equipment to employers was provided during the model WHS Bill public consultation process. As these issues are dealt with in detail in the model WHS Regulations, however, it is anticipated that these impacts will be discussed in the Decision RIS for the model WHS Regulations.

For the draft model WHS Regulations, a Consultation RIS was released with the public comment versions of the draft model regulations and codes of practice and is available on the Safe Work Australia website at www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/Legislation/AdministrativeRegulations/Pages/Model%20work%20health%20and%20safety%20Regulations.aspx.

The final analysis for the model Work Health and Safety Regulations and model Codes of Practice, taking account of public comment, is currently being developed and will be published in the Decision RIS for the model WHS Regulations and Codes of Practice on completion.