

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

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

**Agency - Comcare**

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**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Harmonization – Choose The Worst Features Of Each Training Model**

Document to be tabled: Consultation draft on training (doc 507) 1.Please look at document 507. It is an invitation from Comcare to comment on a “underpinning principles of a regulator-approved HSR curriculum. Does this essentially copy the highly regulated 5-day face to face, “sit, listed and go away” model in Victoria that they even describe as being “boring, dull, inefficient and ineffective”. 2.Are we choosing the worst features of HSR training just to get a common approach?

**Answer**

*Comcare has provided the following response.*

The documents ‘Underpinning Principles for the Development of a Regulator-Approved Health and Safety Representatives (HSR) Training Curriculum’ and ‘Proposed Learning Outcomes for the Initial 5-Day Course for Health & Safety Representatives’ were created by the Heads of Workplace Safety Authorities (HWSA) working group tasked with harmonisation of HSR course accreditation. Comcare circulated the documents for public consultation at the request of HWSA. All State and Territory work health and safety regulators were asked to do so.