

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

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

**Agency - Comcare**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0102\_12**

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

*Refers to previous Question No [EW0715 11](#)*

Documents: 500; 501 Follow up Questions: 1.Comcare have not made any effort to answer this question. The 2009 review by Stoker and Wright lists responses by agency. HSR training guidelines (both old and new) require that the trainers submit an annual account of the number of people trained broken down by agency. Hence Comcare should use these data provided by accredited trainers, along with the survey results to produce the answer or an estimate justified by these data and including the reasoning and all the facts and figures they use to reach the result or estimate. While Comcare are doing this they could provide the information for each provider of training. 2.Do Comcare employ qualified statisticians? 3.Could Comcare arrange for a qualified statistician to report on whether the breakdown of survey respondents represents a valid statistical sample of the jurisdiction and if not what figures would have been necessary from each employer in the jurisdiction to be valid.

**Answer**

*Comcare has provided the following response.*

1. The original question was taken to be asking how many of Dr Culvenor's students had participated in the on-line survey. Comcare responded that it could not specifically answer that question. The survey results were directed to the consultants undertaking the review and Comcare does not have the names of the participants, so is unable to cross-reference with any data that Dr Culvenor may have submitted in relation to the participants of his courses. All HSRs in the jurisdiction were invited to respond. There were 629 responses; these may or may not have included Dr Culvenor's students. Dr Culvenor himself was interviewed as part of the review.

2-3. The total number of HSRs in the federal jurisdiction is not known so this calculation cannot be undertaken.