

## Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2011-2012

#### Agency - Comcare

DEEWR Question No. EW0112\_12

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

#### Question

Refers to previous Question No [EW0726\\_11](#)

Follow up question: 1.Regarding question [EW0726\\_11](#): The 2009 review by Stoker and Wright lists responses by agency. The 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 please review your response. Please use the data in your possession 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 you use to reach the result or estimate. While you are doing this please provide it for each provider of training. 2.Further, was Comcare advised specifically by Dr Culvenor of his analysis of this issue? 3.Further if his attendees were not represented, did Comcare receive and take into account survey data that Dr Culvenor provided directly?

#### Answer

*Comcare has provided the following response.*

This question is almost identical to EW0102\_12. The original question relates to estimating 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 by the consultants as part of the review.

The survey was designed to obtain responses from HSRs who volunteered to be involved by responding to the invitation to participate. All HSRs had an equal opportunity to respond and participate. Comcare cannot provide data on how many responses were from participants of Dr Culvenor's course. HSRs were not asked which course they attended. There were asked their opinion (amongst other questions) of their preferred learning style.

Dr Culvenor provided comments on the final report via email dated 29 January 2010. This included his own survey results.