

## Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2011-2012

#### Agency - Comcare

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Senator Abetz asked on 30/05/2011, Hansard page 4.

#### Question

#### Comcare Interim Report

Senator ABETZ: And then tell us why it changed from the draft to the final report when, as I understand it, in the surveys nothing suggested that it should be exclusively face to face for five days. But take that on notice. In particular, did Comcare, in fact, help insert the recommendation that training be predominantly face to face? Can you take that on notice. Can you confirm for us that about one-third of the HSRs wanted some other format than five day classroom format, and that was in 2009. Mr Kibble: I will put on notice the detail, but I think that is, from memory, about right, yes. Senator ABETZ: Yes. So the survey did not allow people to indicate whether or not the training guidelines allowing a variety of delivery methods should be maintained. That was not an option for the survey. Can you take that on notice as well. Mr Kibble: We will take that on notice, yes.

#### Answer

*Comcare has provided the following response.*

An Interim Report was prepared in June 2009, three months before the finalisation of the review to provide a status update of the project. A draft of the final report was prepared in September 2009 with the final dated 22 September 2009. The only change between the draft report and the final report was a correction to the citation of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1991*.

No, Comcare did not help insert the recommendation that training be predominantly face to face.

The results of the HSR survey are as follows:

Answer Options	Response Percent
5 day block	62%
2 short blocks (e.g. 2 days and 3 days)	48%
Online	10%
Partially online	20%
Self directed learning	9%
Other (please specify)	

NOTE: The percentages add up to more than 100 per cent as respondents could choose more than one answer.

The survey confirmed that a significant majority of respondents preferred either a five day

block or two short blocks. It also showed that 'self-directed learning' was the least popular methodology.

The survey did allow people to indicate whether a variety of delivery methods were preferable, as they could choose more than one answer.