

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 89.

Question

Reduction Of Course Availability

how has the reduction of course availability helped in Comcare's task or mission to improve occupational health and safety? Time is unfortunately pressing. Did Comcare help write the conclusions and recommendations in the report? Mr Kibble: I am not aware that we had assisted the consultants write the recommendations or the conclusions of the report, but if I am wrong in that understanding I will correct it on notice, but I am not aware that we did that, no.

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response.

The new guidelines ensure that all accredited courses meet the specified learning objectives which in turn ensure that HSRs have the required skills, knowledge and competency to perform their role confidently. HSRs have an important role under federal work health and safety laws and contribute to improvements in health and safety in the jurisdiction.

Comcare did not assist the consultants in writing the recommendations in their report.