

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Agency - Safe Work Australia**

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**Senator Edwards asked on 17 October 2012 , Hansard page 42**

**Question**

**SWA - Estimated cost of producing code of practice**

Mr Hoy: It well might be that that document ends up as guidance as distinct from the code. That needs to be determined and then it is up to the jurisdictions as to whether or not they adopt it as a code of practice. Senator EDWARDS: As best as you possibly can, Mr Hoy, would you be able to take notice what you would estimate the cost to be of producing this code of practice and then an overall figure for the 40 codes of practice which might be subject to the same kind of treatment, I would suspect? Mr Hoy: I will take it on notice but I foreshadow it will be very difficult to estimate that. Senator EDWARDS: That is all right. Come back in February.

**Answer**

*Safe Work Australia has provided the following response:*

It is not possible to estimate the cost of producing the draft *Preventing and Managing Fatigue in the Workplace* Code of Practice. The draft Code of Practice was developed in-house by agency staff who consolidated existing jurisdictional guidance material on fatigue. It is also not possible to make a general estimation of the cost of producing the other 39 codes of practice of which 23 have been finalised.