

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Question No. 76

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005

- a) Does EMA have any figures on how many people have so far undertaken the graduate certificate in emergency management?
- b) Do you have a target for how many people you wished to undertake the certificate?
- c) Is the certificate part of an EMA training course, or the training program of any of the state organisations?
- d) How many EMA employees have undergone the training course?
- e) Have you received any feedback on the course?
 - (i) If so, what feedback have you received?
 - (ii) Have you altered the course as a result of any feedback?
 - (iii) If so, how and why?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- a) 41 enrolled
- b) One intake per annum with a limit of 25 students per intake
- c) EMA Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management was accredited under the Australian Quality Training Framework in 2003
- d) One enrolled
- e) Yes
 - (i) Generally very positive with modules averaging a participant satisfaction rating of 80%. (a) Preference for some visiting lecturers to have more time and others removed from the program. (b) Suggested changes to terminology in syndicate instructions. (c) Some lectures should be moved from evening to daytime sessions for greater impact. (d) Some sessions too academic.
 - (ii) Yes
 - (iii) (a) Presenters with lower rating removed from subsequent delivery of the module and those rated higher given more time to work with participants. (b) Changes made to clarify syndicate instructions (c) Relevant lectures re-located on the program in subsequent delivery of the module. (d) Theory more closely integrated with emergency management practice. All changes were made without impacting on achievement of the learning outcomes for the modules.