

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

**Agency - Comcare**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000318**

**Senator O'Neill asked on 22 October 2015 on proof Hansard page 51**

**Question**

**COMCARE - Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Improving the Comcare Scheme) Bill 2015 - general consultation**

Senator O'NEILL: If you could provide a detailed list of all the people you have consulted with and the correspondence attached to that, that would be good. My understanding is that some bodies have been consulted and others have not.

**Answer**

Comcare is consulting with stakeholders on products required to be developed by the agency should the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Improving the Comcare Scheme) Bill 2015 be passed. Comcare is not consulting on the proposed legislation or any regulations under the Bill – that is the role of the Department of Employment.

Comcare has established processes for consulting with employers in the Scheme. The agency has contacted Australian Government agencies and self-insured licensees about the proposed products. A complete list of Australian Government agencies who were invited to participate in consultation can be found at [Attachment A](#). A complete list of self-insured licensees who were invited to participate in consultation can be found at [Attachment B](#).

In addition, Comcare has written to national bodies with representation of current or potential Comcare scheme participants. On 9 September 2015 Comcare wrote to the Australia Council of Trade Unions, the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Australian Industry Group and the Law Council of Australia. Comcare is following up these letters to work with these bodies and their members to ensure stakeholder views are obtained. Copies of the letters sent are at [Attachment C](#).

**Australian Government Agencies**

Please note, this list is current as at 5 November 2015.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited  
Administrative Appeals Tribunal  
Airservices Australia  
Anindilyakwa Land Council  
Army and Airforce Canteen Service  
Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency  
Attorney-General's Department  
Australian Accounting Standards Board  
Australian Aged Care Quality Agency  
Australian Antarctic Division  
Australian Broadcasting Corporation  
Australian Bureau of Statistics  
Australian Capital Territory Government  
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research  
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity  
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care  
Australian Communications and Media Authority  
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
Australian Crime Commission  
Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority  
Australian Electoral Commission  
Australian Federal Police  
Australian Financial Security Authority  
Australian Fisheries Management Authority  
Australian Government Solicitors  
Australian Human Rights Commission  
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies  
Australian Institute of Criminology  
Australian Institute of Family Studies  
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
Australian Law Reform Commission  
Australian National Audit Office  
Australian National Maritime Museum  
Australian National University  
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation  
Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority  
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority  
Australian Public Service Commission  
Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd  
Australian Reinsurance Pool Corporation  
Australian Securities and Investments Commission  
Australian Skills Quality Authority  
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority  
Australian Sports Commission  
Australian Strategic Policy Institute

Australian Taxation Office  
Australian Trade Commission  
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre  
Australian Transport Safety Bureau  
Australian War Memorial  
Bureau of Meteorology  
Cancer Australia  
Central Land Council  
Civil Aviation Safety Authority  
Clean Energy Regulator  
Comcare  
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions  
Commonwealth Ombudsman  
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation  
Cotton Research and Development Corporation  
CrimTrac  
Defence Housing Australia  
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources  
Department of Communications and the Arts  
Department of Defence  
Department of Education and Training  
Department of Employment  
Department of Finance  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Department of Health  
Department of Human Services  
Department of Immigration and Border Protection  
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science  
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet  
Department of Social Services  
Department of the Environment  
Department of Treasury  
Department of Veterans' Affairs  
Donate Life  
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation  
Fair Work Commission  
Family Court of Australia  
Federal Court of Australia  
Fisheries Research & Development Corporation  
Food Standards Australia New Zealand  
Future Fund  
Grains Research and Development Corporation  
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park  
High Court of Australia  
Indigenous Business Australia  
Indigenous Land Corporation  
Infrastructure Australia  
Inspector General of Taxation

IP Australia  
Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal  
Murray Darling Basin Authority  
Museum of Australian Democracy  
National Archives of Australia  
National Blood Authority  
National Broadband Network Company  
National Capital Authority  
National Disability Insurance Scheme  
National Film and Sound Archive  
National Gallery of Australia  
National Health and Medical Research Council  
National Health Funding Body  
National Mental Health Commission  
National Museum of Australia  
National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority  
National Portrait Gallery  
National Transport Commission  
Northern Land Council  
Office of National Assessments  
Office of Parliamentary Counsel  
Office of the Governor General  
Parliament House  
Parliamentary Budget Office  
Productivity Commission  
Professional Services Review  
Questacon  
Screen Australia  
Snowy Hydro Limited  
Special Broadcasting Service  
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust  
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency  
Therapeutic Goods Administration  
Torres Strait Regional Authority  
Workplace Gender Equality Agency  
Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council

**Licensee Consultation**

Asciano Services Pty Ltd  
Australian air Express Pty Ltd  
Australian Postal Corporation  
Bis Industries Ltd  
Border Express Pty Ltd  
CBA Group of Licensees (BWA Group Services Pty Ltd [Bankwest], Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Colonial Services Pty Ltd, Commonwealth Insurance Ltd, Commonwealth Securities Ltd)  
former-licensee Colonial First State Property Management Pty Ltd  
CSL Limited  
DHL Supply Chain (Australia) Pty Ltd  
Fleetmaster Services Pty Ltd  
John Holland Group of Licensees (John Holland Group Pty Ltd, John Holland Pty Ltd, John Holland Rail Pty Ltd)  
K&S Freighters Pty Ltd  
Linfox Armaguard Pty Ltd  
Linfox Australia Pty Ltd  
Medibank Licensees (Medibank Private Limited and Medibank Health Solutions Pty Ltd)  
NAB Licensees (National Australia Bank Ltd and National Wealth Management Services Ltd)  
Optus Administration Pty Ltd  
Prosegur Australia Pty Ltd  
Reserve Bank of Australia  
StarTrack Retail Pty Ltd  
Telstra Corporation Ltd  
Thales Australia Limited  
TNT Australia Pty Ltd  
Transpacific Industries Pty Ltd  
Visionstream Pty Ltd



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Dear Mr Borowick

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If your organisation is interested, and has capacity, we invite you to nominate a representative for contact by Comcare to arrange a convenient consultation method and timing.

Please contact Mark Rowe, Project Manager, SRC Act Changes Implementation Team, at [Rowe.Mark@Comcare.gov.au](mailto:Rowe.Mark@Comcare.gov.au) or on (02) 6112 9645 with the details of your best contact for this consultation.

We look forward to your response and support.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Ms Davis

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