

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Agency - Comcare

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

COMCARE- 2007 GUIDELINES

Is it acknowledged that the 2007 guidelines encouraged the development of programs other than face to face courses?

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response:

The 2007 Guidelines provided flexible options regarding health and safety representative training course format and modes of delivery.

As part of its commitment to continuous improvement and in response to the findings and recommendations of a review of the Health and Safety Representative Training Course Accreditation Program, the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission (the SRCC) revised the 2007 guidelines and published the new guidelines in April 2010.

The review found that stakeholders were supportive of streamlining and modifying the accreditation process to place greater clarity and expansion on the 2007 guidelines content and requirements. The review also recommended a greater focus be placed on implementing a learner centered approach, including prescribed learning objectives.