

**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

FACE TO FACE TRAINING

It was said in the hearing that the new laws foreshadowed face to face training. Please explain in detail where that is foreshadowed?

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response

Safe Work Australia is developing the model work health and safety laws as part of the initiative of the Council of Australian Governments. The Commonwealth and each state and territory government have agreed to harmonize their work health and safety laws so that work health and safety laws.

As Safe Work Australia advised the Committee on 1 June 2010 (Hansard, p 45), as part of the implementation of the new laws, Safe Work Australia will be developing model training for health and safety representatives (HSRs) in association with the vocational education training sector.

Comcare also notes that all jurisdictions, with the exception of Tasmania, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, currently require five day face to face HSR training. New South Wales and Tasmania require four days face to face training as a minimum, and in the Australian Capital Territory twenty-eight hours face to face (equivalent of four full time days) is required as a minimum.