

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

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

Agency - Comcare

DEEWR Question No.EW0034_11

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

THE PROJECTED SET OF MODEL LAWS

How does the projected set of model laws provide a reason to restrict training opportunities within the commonwealth jurisdiction?

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response

The model laws do not restrict training opportunities within the Commonwealth jurisdiction. The model laws are being developed as part of an initiative of the Council of Australian Governments. This initiative demonstrates a commitment to improving the work health and safety of all Australian workers and enhancing productivity.

The Commonwealth and each state and territory government have agreed to harmonise their work health and safety laws (including Regulations and Codes of Practice).