

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

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

Agency - Comcare

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Senator Abetz asked on 1/06/2010, Hansard page 34.

Question

COURSES DELIVERED BY PROVIDERS

As I understand it, Comcare has not ever raised one single concern about the conduct nor the quality of the course delivered by Safe Design Pty Ltd. Is that right? Mr O'Connor—I am not aware of any concern, but I will take that on notice in case there is any. Senator ABETZ—All right. That is my understanding. Can you also take on notice whether it is correct that Comcare have never found it necessary to attend another course for the purpose of course review. When I say 'another course', they initially went to one just to see how it operated. As I understand it they were perfectly satisfied and have never bothered to come back to another course. Can I have that confirmed for me as well?

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response.

Records indicate that Safe Design Pty Ltd is not an accredited health and safety representative training provider.

Records indicate that Comcare has attended a course for evaluation purposes on one occasion (New Workplace Learning), following direction from the Health and Safety Representative Training Panel. No further on site evaluations of training courses were conducted under the 2007 *Guidelines for Accreditation of Occupational Health and Safety training courses for Health and Safety Representatives under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 1991*.

It was a recommendation of the 2009 review into the Health and Safety Representatives Training Course Accreditation Program that the training accreditation process include the evaluation and monitoring of health and safety representative courses. This recommendation has been implemented by Comcare and is in accord with section 1.12 of the 2010 *Guidelines – Health and Safety Representatives training in the Commonwealth jurisdiction* to assist the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission, or its delegate, in implementing a program for the effective and efficient administration and monitoring of training provided under section 27 of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1991*.