

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Agency - Comcare

DEEWR Question No.EW0287_12

Senator Abetz asked on 30/05/2011, Hansard page 86.

Question

List Of Options Available

Can you confirm for us whether the option of face-to-face/workplace based fell off the list of options available Senator ABETZ: Thank you very much. Are you able to tell us whether some of the HSRs would have chosen one of these options if they were actually offered them to say which of these would you actually prefer as opposed to saying, 'Do you agree the training could be delivered flexibly, example, any of the below?' Mr Kibble: Yes, I can confirm that on notice.

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response.

Comcare can confirm that the wording of the survey question was different in the version that went to HSRs than to the wording of the survey that went to the members of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission. The option 'face-to-face/workplace based' (in the Commission survey) was replaced as the existing options '5 day block' and 'two short blocks' encompassed that format. New options of 'online', 'partially online' and 'self-directed learning' were included.

Comcare is unable to speculate on the responses HSRs may have made if presented with different options.

The question was not phrased 'Do you agree training could be delivered flexibly...'. It actually stated 'Training can be delivered in different formats. Which of the following would you choose? (You may choose more than one answer)'.