

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2011-2012

Agency - Comcare

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Senator Abetz asked on 30/05/2011, Hansard page 88.

Question

SRCC Survey Responses

Senator ABETZ: In relation to the responses, is it correct that, with the ATO representing 30 per cent of the entire survey, the ATO thus represented three times the entire private sector input in this survey? Mr Kibble: We will take it on notice, providing a breakdown of where the HSRs came from. I cannot recall the breakdown. We would be surprised if that was the case. Senator ABETZ: Were there emails circulating within Comcare from, for example, Colleen Kelly, expressing concern that the survey was being populated mainly by Commonwealth agencies, and what did Comcare do to overcome that concern? That was by way of a message, I assume, emailed, dated 17 July 2009? Mr Kibble: I am not personally aware of that email, but we can look at that and respond on notice.

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response.

Comcare does not have the complete breakdown of responses for all employers of the HSRs represented in the survey results. However, of the 'top ten sites', private sector companies represent 8.5% of the responses.

The email from Colleen Kelly dated 17 July 2009 states '...to date we have had an excellent response to the survey, with a high percentage of the respondents from Commonwealth Agencies. We are very keen to ensure that survey findings are representative of all HSRs working within the jurisdiction ...'

This email was sent to all licensees and provided a link to the online survey.