

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 89.

Question

Survey - Training Duration

Senator ABETZ: And was a question asked about the training duration as to what length it should be? Mr Kibble: From memory, I think there was a question in relation to duration, yes, but I will confirm that. Senator ABETZ: And, if so, can you point us to the actual question and in which surveys. Mr Kibble: Yes. Senator ABETZ: I am told that at page 40 of the Stoker and Wright report there is a suggestion that a mix is helpful. A strong thing from those commenting was that the best approach might be a mix of different strategies. Can you take that on notice for us, please. Mr Kibble: I will.

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response.

Question 20 of the HSR survey asked about course duration.

Answer Options	Response Percent
5 day block	62%
2 short blocks (e.g. 2 days and 3 days)	48%
Online	10%
Partially online	20%
Self directed learning	9%
Other (please specify)	

Pages 40-42 of the Stoker & Wright report includes comments from survey respondents. One of the comments included is 'a mix is helpful'. It also states that a majority of respondents nominated a preference for five days as a block. On page 41 it states 'the majority thought 5 days was a minimum.'