

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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Senator Back provided in writing.

Question

Protective security policy framework

Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

Answer

DEEWR

DEEWR is working towards full compliance with the Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF) and has assessed its current overall compliance with the mandatory requirements of the PSPF at 80%. The department is working towards finalising required policies and procedures to achieve full compliance with the PSPF before the 31 July 2013 reporting deadline.

DEEWR actively manages risk and was recently assessed by Comcover as having a structured risk management policy and procedures which comply with the ISO 31000. This includes a risk management policy and framework and, in addition, a risk register, an enterprise wide information system for the management and monitoring of risks.

Fair Work Ombudsman and Fair Work Building and Construction

The Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) and the Fair Work Building & Construction (FWBC) are working collaboratively towards full compliance with the PSPF.

FWO and FWBC's current overall compliance with the mandatory requirements of the PSPF is 76%.

The FWO has reviewed and updated its Risk Management Policy and Guidelines to reflect the implementation of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.

Safe Work Australia

Safe Work Australia is working towards full compliance with the PSPF. There are a number of policies and procedures being developed and revised to ensure compliance with the PSPF before the 31 July 2013 reporting deadline.

Fair Work Australia

FWA is currently compliant with many elements of the PSPF and anticipates being fully compliant by 31 July 2013. FWA is reviewing its risk management policy and its business continuity plan to ensure they are updated in 2013.