

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator Brown provided in writing.

Question

Chaplaincy program

How does the role of a welfare worker differ from the role of a chaplain under the NSCSWP? What is the distinction between a chaplain or welfare worker if a welfare worker is able to provide services with a spiritual content?

Answer

Section 2 of the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program Guidelines provide definitions for 'School chaplains' and 'Student welfare workers'.

The difference between a Chaplain and a Student Welfare Workers is the requirement for a Chaplain to be recognised through formal ordination, commissioning, recognised religious qualifications or endorsement by a recognised or accepted religious institution or a state/territory government approved chaplaincy service.