

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

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

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Marshall asked on 2/06/2011, Hansard page 54.

Question

Chaplaincy Complaints

CHAIR: Have you received complaints from children? Mr Davies: I do not have that breakdown of the complainants. Mr Sheedy: I am not aware of any. CHAIR: I guess that, actually, in response to your proposition, Mr Davies, is the answer. Mr Davies: I was saying they might complain to adults. That is what I was saying—to a variety of them. Ms Paul: We would generally get it via the parent, I would have thought. Mr Davies: Yes. Ms Paul: Anyway, we would have to take that on notice and look at those 72 complaints I suppose.

Answer

The Department has not received any complaints directly from children. There have been four complaints that originated from students, but which were submitted to the Department by parents.