

**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 Marshall asked on 20 October 2011, Hansard page 46

Question

Chaplains

CHAIR: Could the chaplain be a student at the school that they are a chaplain for?
... Ms Paul: It is extremely unlikely. We will take on notice whether we know of any instances.

Answer

In order to respond to this question, the Department conducted a telephone survey of the major chaplaincy service providers, which account for over 50% of all chaplains in schools. Those providers contacted were:

- The Council for Christian Education in Schools;
- NSW High School Special Religious Education Association Incorporated;
- Scripture Union Queensland;
- The Churches' Commission on Education Incorporated;
- Heads of Churches State Schools Ministry Coordination Group Incorporated.

None of these providers employ a chaplain funded by the National School Chaplaincy Program who is also a student at the school where they are the chaplain.