

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000339

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah provided in writing.

School chaplain

Question

The Australian Government has committed \$243.8 million over four years from 2014-15 to 2017-18 to assist schools to engage the services of a school chaplain. How much of that has been spent? Will it all be spent by the end of 2017-18? What oversight is there of the chaplaincy program and the associated spending?

Answer

As at 14 March 2017 the total amount provided to states and territories is \$181 million.

It is anticipated that all funds will be spent by 30 June 2018.

Clause 9 (e) of the National School Chaplaincy Programme Project Agreement requires states and territories to report on project milestones. The reports are due to the Australian Government by 31 December of each year that the program is in place.