

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000352

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah provided in writing.

School chaplains

Question

Are schools with Christian Chaplains required to also offer secular support to students who may feel uncomfortable going to a Chaplain?

Answer

No, this is not a requirement under the National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP) Project Agreement. Under the terms of the NSCP Project Agreement a school is allowed to choose a chaplain from any faith.

Christian chaplains are able to provide pastoral care services to any child. Chaplains as per the Project Agreement must not proselytise.