

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0237_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Question

Chaplains

Can the Department provide a list of all schools that currently have a Chaplain or Student Welfare Officer under the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program? a. Can the list be provided electronically in a spreadsheet? b. Can the information be broken down by state? And electorate? And whether schools are independent, catholic or government? c. Can the Department identify those schools that have a chaplain and those schools that have a welfare officer? d. Can the department provide information about the financial assistance provided to each school with a chaplain or welfare officer, since the start of the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program? e. Does the Department have information about the qualifications of those employed as welfare officers under the National Schools Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program? How many are qualified as social workers? psychologists? Or in other fields?

Answer

Questions A to D

A spreadsheet outlining those schools participating in the former National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program (NSCSWP) as at 18 June 2014 has been provided.

This spreadsheet contains information on 3511 schools active in the program as at 18 June 2014. For each school, the following information is included:

- State (*Question B*)
- Electorate (*Question B*)
- Sector (*Question B*)
- Worker Type (*Question C*)
- Total funding approved (*Question D*)

Question E

Information on the qualifications of student welfare workers under the former NSCSWP is outlined in the following table.

Field of Study	Number of Student Welfare Workers	Number of Chaplains
Certificate IV in Youth Work or Pastoral Care	110	1056
Counselling	50	104
Social Work	93	86
Youth Work (other than Cert IV)	17	54
Health (includes psychology)	67	87
Community Services	40	69
Education	181	521
Enrolled in training or other study	4	28
Other	30	63
Religious	14	268
Total	606	2336

Level of qualifications held	Number of Student Welfare Workers	Number of Chaplains
Degree/Post Graduate	308	797
Certificate/Diploma	228	698
Core Units only	56	790
Waiver	10	23
Enrolled in training or other study	4	28
Total	606	2336