

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. ED0263_15

Senator Wright provided in writing.

Question

National School Chaplaincy Programme - administrative requirements

The budget paper says the chaplains program will have simpler reporting conditions and less administrative requirements. The department has flagged that this may include streamlining of complaints handling procedures. Can the Department provide as much information as possible on what requirements that are currently part of the program will not be included in the revised program?

Answer

On 19 June 2014 the High Court of Australia found the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program to be invalid. Implications of the High Court decision on a future programme are being considered.