

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator Wright asked on 4 June 2014, Hansard page 126

Question

Chaplaincy

Senator WRIGHT: But my understanding is that the new restriction is that they need to be a recognised denomination. You can call me pedantic, but I am wondering if that has to be a denomination recognised by the minister, Senator Ryan or whether it is recognised on a list somewhere—a regulation—so that schools can ascertain whether the sort of person that they want to employ as a chaplain is within a recognised denomination or is it in the eye of the beholder, which would seem to be the minister. Mr Thomas: There is a recognised denominations list. I do not have the reference on me but— Senator WRIGHT: Alright, so if you could provide that on notice.

Answer

The department refers to the *Australian Standard Classification of Religious Groups, 2011 (1266.0)* published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.