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Question

Chaplains - data

Senator WRIGHT: Absolutely. What proportion of people working in schools in 2014 are chaplains, and what proportion are welfare workers? Mr Cook: Eighty per cent are chaplains. Twenty per cent are welfare workers. The numbers are: 2,335 are chaplains, which is 80 per cent; and 583, which is 20 per cent, are student welfare workers. Senator WRIGHT: Is that for this year? Mr Cook: As at 30 April this year. There are 2,918 workers. While there are 3,511 schools, some of those workers are across a number of schools..... Senator WRIGHT: Can you also do that in terms of the denominations of the chaplains, please? Mr Cook: We can look at the data, yes.

Answer

As at 18 June 2014, under the former National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program there were 2942 chaplains and student welfare workers. Of these 2336 (79 per cent) were chaplains and 606 (21 per cent) were student welfare workers.

The number of chaplains as at 18 June 2014 is provided in the following table.

Chaplains as at 18 June 2014

Chaplains	Total
Christian	2312
Aboriginal traditional religions	1
Baha'i	1
Buddhist	1
Islam	13
Judaism	8
Chaplain Total	2336