

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. ED0335_15

Senator Wright asked on 4 June 2014, Hansard page 129

Question

The criteria of the chaplaincy program

Senator WRIGHT: Yes, it does. But, again, that does not mean that we cannot question what the criteria of the program are. And I am saying that it is religiosity.
Senator Ryan: On behalf of the government, I will take the question you have just asked on notice. But I will say it again, it is us delivering on an election commitment. I will take that question that you just asked on notice. Senator WRIGHT: I will ask the department. Senator Ryan: You can ask them. I can interpose myself and say that I will take it on notice. Senator WRIGHT: Which question then is that? Senator Ryan: You asked for research on behalf of the government. I am taking that on notice.
Senator WRIGHT: Thank you.

Answer

On 19 June 2014 the High Court of Australia found the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program to be invalid. Criteria for the future National School Chaplaincy programme will be developed with consideration to the implications of the High Court decision.