

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0554_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Question

Chaplains in schools

In relation to the School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program: a. Can the department provide an update on which jurisdictions have signed up to the new Chaplains in Schools program for 2015, and how much each jurisdiction will receive under these agreements. b. Can the department provide a copy of the new guidelines that will govern these funding agreements, including but not limited to guidelines relating to child safety and proselytising?

Answer

- a) All state and territory Education Ministers have signed the National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP) Project Agreement.

The indicative amount of funding each jurisdiction will receive is provided in [ED0658_15].

- b) The Project Agreement includes responsibilities for States/Territories and the Commonwealth, with Clause 9(f) advising that states are responsible for establishing their own guidelines.

The Project Agreement has been published on the Council on Federal Financial Relations website at www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/education.aspx.