

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. ED0562_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

"Refers to previous Question No ED 0335_15".

Question

School chaplaincy program

In relation to the school chaplaincy program a. Can the Department provide an update in the implementation of the program? And provide the criteria for the new program foreshadowed in answer to ED 0335_15? Can the Department provide these criteria? b. Can the Department provide any details of agreements with the states and territories? Including details of meeting at a department or ministerial level, and information about what was discussed and decided? c. Can the Department provide a breakdown of numbers of position under the new program by state? And are you able to contrast that with the total number of chaplains and student welfare officers employed under the current School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program?

Answer

a. Information on the implementation of the National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP) has been provided in response to [ED0554_15].

b. Information about the agreement with states and territories has been provided in response to [ED0554_15]. Information about meetings at the department level has been provided in response to [ED0579_15]. Information about meetings at the ministerial level has been provided in response to [ED0578_15].

c. The Department of Education cannot report on the number of positions under the NSCP until each jurisdictions' cross sector panel has selected schools to receive funding. The indicative amount of NSCP school funding available to each state and territory is provided in [ED0658_15].