

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 1
Output Group: 1.3

DEST Question No. E759_07

Senator Nettle provided in writing.

Question:

School Chaplaincy

1. How many applications for chaplains under the new programme are from schools which already have chaplaincy services?
2. Have you had any applications from Exclusive Brethren Schools? Please provide details of which schools and campuses and how the Chaplain will be.
3. Can you please provide details of the number of meetings between representatives of the Exclusive Brethren, the people present at those meetings, and a record of correspondence between the Exclusive Brethren and DEST.
4. If a school community wanted a Scientologist chaplain could they have one under the new programme?

Answer:

School Chaplaincy

1. A full breakdown of applications by new or existing chaplaincy service will be available after applications from the first round have been analysed.
2. At the time of providing this information, there have been no applications from Exclusive Brethren Schools for funding under the National School Chaplaincy Programme.
3. There have been no meetings or correspondence between the Exclusive Brethren and DEST in relation to school chaplains.
4. The school community determines the Chaplaincy service for the school as part of the application. Any Chaplain is required to satisfy the definition of a school chaplain as outlined in section 1.5 of the Guidelines.