

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

DEEWR Question No. EW0975_12

Senator Brown provided in writing.

Question

Chaplaincy program

"Can you provide a breakdown, including by state and territory, on: How many schools retained chaplains under the new program? How many schools retained the same person but swapped their designation to a Student Welfare Worker? How many schools dropped out of the program completely? "

Answer

Applications for schools to receive funding for a continuation of their existing service closed on 2 March 2012. The final number of continuing schools will not be available until all applications have been assessed and Funding Agreements have been executed between the Commonwealth and the designated Funding Recipient.

At the conclusion of the National School Chaplaincy Program on 31 December 2011, 2,637 schools were receiving funding. Of these, 2,499 schools have been approved to receive ongoing funding under the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program as at 28 February 2012.

Of the 2,499 approved schools, 2,224 have elected for the option of a chaplain, 207 have elected for a student welfare worker, and 68 have yet to make a choice. A State/Territory breakdown is as follows:

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Nat Total
Welfare Worker	13	54	2	27	16	4	78	13	207
Chaplain	29	313	15	725	341	89	399	313	2224
Not yet determined	3	12	1	11	5	3	21	12	68
Total	45	379	18	763	362	96	498	338	2499

DEEWR is not aware of any individual who has changed designation from chaplain to student welfare worker.