

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

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

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0976\_12**

**Senator Brown provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Chaplaincy program**

Please explain in practical terms how students or parents are able to “opt out” of the services or classes of chaplains or welfare workers engaging in religious practices in their schools?

**Answer**

Sections 5.1 and 5.2 (page 20) of the Program Guidelines provides information on the voluntary nature of the program and consent arrangements for schools. Further information on Best Practice for Consent Arrangements is also provided as an attachment to the Guidelines (Attachment H).

The Program Guidelines are available on the DEEWR website:  
[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/NSCSWP/Documents/NSCSWP\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/NSCSWP/Documents/NSCSWP_Guidelines.pdf)