

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011–2012**

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Hanson-Young asked on 2/06/2011, Hansard page 50.

Question

Chaplaincy Program

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: How many schools under the current program engage a chaplain that is of a secular persuasion? Mr Sheedy: There are 10 at the moment. Senator HANSON-YOUNG: 10 out of? Mr Sheedy: 2,674. Senator HANSON-YOUNG: What is the process that those schools have had to go through to engage those 10 people? Have they gone through an external provider or have they done it internally?

Answer

Of the 10 Secular Pastoral Care Workers currently engaged under the National School Chaplaincy Program, two are directly employed by independent schools, five are employed by a school council or similar body acting on behalf of a state government school and three are provided by an external service provider.