

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0265_15

Senator Wright provided in writing.

Question

National School Chaplaincy Programme - consultation

Before the budget was announced – who did the Minister consult with about the chaplaincy program? Did the Department consult with anyone separately? What correspondence and meetings has the Minister had with stakeholders about removing the option of secular welfare workers since coming to Government? Did the Minister write, speak or meet the Australian Christian Lobby about the national chaplains program between September 7, 2013, and the budget?

Answer

Questions about who the Minister consulted with should be directed to the Minister.

The department engaged routinely with a range of stakeholders as part of the administration of the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program.