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Question

National School Chaplaincy Programme

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: That is where I would like to see the figures—that carve-up that you just gave me—to see if that has changed historically. If you go back to the origins of the program, for instance, is that 11 per cent for Catholic schools something that grew? Mr Cook: We will take that on notice. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: That is my impression, but I do not know if that is a fact. CHAIR: We need to wind up. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I have just one more question on this. CHAIR: Very briefly, Senator Collins. We are into the carving. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: On those figures, could you also give me the break-up between chaplains as opposed to welfare workers for each school sector? I would like to know what is going to happen to the existing welfare workers in a range of schools. I would like to be able to quantify what even the problem is. Mr Cook: We are happy to take that on notice.

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Senator JACINTA COLLINS: You have taken on notice breaking that down into sector, too, haven't you? Could you do that sector by state too for me, please? Mr Cook: Sure.

Answer

The following table details the number of schools by sector that participated in the former National School Chaplaincy Programme 2007–2011 (NSCP) and the former National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program 2012–2014 (NSCSWP). Data for the NSCP includes all schools that participated during the life of the programme.

Number of schools by sector and programme

Sector	Schools	
	NSCP 2007-11	NSCSWP As at 18 June 2014
Government	1982 (71.2%)	2648 (75.4%)
Catholic	320 (11.5%)	398 (11.3%)
Independent	481 (17.3%)	465 (13.2%)*
Total	2783	3511

* Does not add to 100 per cent due to rounding

The following table details the number of chaplains and student welfare workers by sector as at 18 June 2014.

Number of chaplains/student welfare workers by sector as at 18 June 2014

Sector	Chaplain	Student Welfare Worker	Total
Government	1778	311	2089
Catholic	190	198	388
Independent	389	105	494
Total	2357	614	2971

Notes:

1. A worker providing services in more than one sector is counted against each sector.
2. Some workers provided services in more than one school.

The following table details the number of chaplains and student welfare workers by state/territory as at 18 June 2014.

Number of chaplains/student welfare workers by state/territory as at 18 June 2014

State/Territory	Chaplain	Student Welfare Worker	Total
ACT	27	22	49
NSW	408	167	575
NT	17	7	24
QLD	719	72	791
SA	341	49	390
TAS	98	14	112
VIC	407	234	641
WA	319	41	360
Total	2336	606	2942

Note: No worker was engaged in more than one state or territory.

Combining these tables will result in double counting of chaplains/student welfare workers as workers can provide services in different schools and across sectors.