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Question

Student pastoral care programs

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Senator Ryan referred to a large body of research that shows that student pastoral care programs—I think he may have actually focused on part of the program statement, the advantages in relation to social and emotional skills. Does that research focus on student pastoral care programs in a general sense or does it focus solely on programs provided by chaplains? Senator Ryan: If you are asking me— Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I am asking you or the department. I am just noting that you referred to it earlier. Senator Ryan: I was trying to provide a summary for Senator Kroger. Ms Paul: I think we might have to take it on notice. I am not sure. Just let us have a look at the research and answer that.

Answer

A selection of the research that focusses on pastoral care programmes, including programmes provided by chaplains, is listed below:

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Hughes, P. and Sims, M. (2009) *The Effectiveness of Chaplaincy*. As provided by the National School Chaplaincy Association to Government Schools in Australia. Edith Cowan University: Social Justice Centre, School of Psychology and Social Science:

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