

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 1  
**Output Group:** 1.3

#### **DEST Question No. E840\_07**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

National School Chaplaincy Programme – Existing programmes

1. Can you provide details of the existing school chaplaincy programs for government schools in the various states and territories? Where do they exist, and how extensive are they?
2. Do they operate, generally speaking, as this new Commonwealth one will operate?
3. Before this new program was announced, what research did the Department undertake on the adequacy and extent of existing chaplaincy programs in the government and non-government school sectors? Were any studies commissioned? Please provide details.
4. Will a school that already has a chaplain be able to get additional chaplaincy services under this program? Will the Department take into account the existing chaplaincy or similar services already available to a school?

#### **Answer:**

*National School Chaplaincy Programme – Existing programmes*

1. Refer to answer to E535-07 (2006-07 supplementary estimates hearing).
2. In developing the guidelines for the National School Chaplaincy Programme, the operation of existing school chaplaincy programmes was considered. Due to the variety of programmes currently operating it is not possible to make a general comparison.
3. The Department examined how chaplaincy programmes in government schools were delivered in those states and territories in which chaplaincy services were available.
4. Yes, as per the Programme Guidelines, schools can apply for funding to enhance existing chaplaincy services.