

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0969\_12

**Senator Brown provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Chaplaincy program**

What is the minimum level of consultation required in schools looking to participate in the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program (NSCSWP)? Has the standard been revised with the expansion of the program? If so, what was the rationale for the change? Is a school required to complete a new consultation in relation to each new application or renewal?

**Answer**

The minimum required level of consultation which must be conducted by schools wishing to participate in the NSCSWP is consultation with the school's parent body or equivalent. This level of consultation is similar to that required for the NSCP.

Evidence of the consultation, such as a signed (and countersigned) letter from the parent body, minutes of the parent body meeting, and/or parent survey results, must be provided to DEEWR with each application for service. Satisfactory evidence of ongoing community support must also be provided with the school's annual Progress Report in order to be eligible for subsequent payments.