

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2011–2012**

**Outcome 2 - Schools**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0473\_12**

**Senator Wortley asked on 2/06/2011, Hansard page 55.**

**Question**

**Chaplains Training In Cybersafety**

Senator WORTLEY: Do any of the chaplains have training in cybersafety? I imagine there are many issues regarding perhaps social networking sites— Mr Sheedy: I cannot say definitely, but I would be extremely surprised if a number of them do not, it being a prominent issue at the moment. Bullying is one the issues they deal with, so I imagine that that would be part of the training that a number of them have.  
Senator WORTLEY: Are you able to take that on notice?

**Answer**

The National School Chaplaincy Association providers (the major providers in each state – employing chaplains in 57 per cent of all schools in the program) and other large providers, provide on-going professional development and workshops as part of their chaplaincy programs. The National School Chaplaincy Association advises that their members provide cybersafety modules as part of ongoing professional workshops and conferences for their chaplains. The Department does not hold records on how many chaplains have undergone specific training in this area.