Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Senator Mason asked on 31 May 2012 , Hansard page 34

Question

School Chaplaincy applications

Mr Davies: I do not have the breakdown with me of the reasons why applications were deemed ineligible. I am happy to get that on notice for you. It is certainly the case that the criteria were clear that school community support had to be evidenced and I will be happy to get a breakdown for you of the ineligible categories and reasons for those.

Answer

The assessment process for the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program expansion round used nine criteria to assess each application, as follows:

Essential Criteria

- School Community Support
  - The provision of details such as the results of school surveys, meetings, newsletters and community discussions. Copies of relevant documentation were required as evidence.
- Parent Body Support
  - Meeting notes from the parent body or school equivalent was required as evidence.
- Ongoing Support
  - Details of the plan to implement and review community support throughout the life of the program.

Weighted Criteria

- Location Code
- Disadvantage Code
- FTE Enrolments
- Percentage of Indigenous FTE
- Student Wellbeing Service
- Statement of Need

A total of 315 schools were unsuccessful in the expansion round:

- 257 schools received a 'Not Acceptable' rating against 1 essential criterion.
- 43 received a 'Not Acceptable' rating against 2 essential criteria
- 15 received a 'Not Acceptable' rating against all 3 essential criteria.