

**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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Question

NSCS Funding - The Navigator College - Port Lincoln

Senator MASON: Then I cannot ask too much about it, can I? The Navigator College in Port Lincoln, South Australia—could we just explain, on notice perhaps, why the school was not successful in obtaining funding? Can you tell me the specific reasons why they were not one of the 1,000 eligible schools? Mr Davies: Yes, we can take that on notice. Senator MASON: Sure, so could we take it on notice and also perhaps contact— Ms Paul: Yes, if we need to contact, we will contact. Senator MASON: Is that alright? Ms Paul: Yes.

Answer

Navigator College applied for funding under the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program (NSCSWP) expansion round.

The Application Form for the NSCSWP states:

Meeting notes from the parent body or school equivalent confirming support for the introduction or expansion of the chaplaincy and student welfare program must be attached.

Navigator College attached minutes from a Pastoral Care committee meeting of 24 May 2011 to their application. However, these minutes do not provide any evidence that the school parent body discussed an application for the NSCSWP, nor do they indicate that the parent body supported such an application.

The school was therefore assessed as unsuccessful as the application did not provide evidence of support for the program from the appropriate school body.