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DEST Question No. E538_07

Senator Nettle asked on 1 November 2006, EWRE Hansard page 121

Question:

In relation to a discussion of the Schools Chaplaincy Programme:

Could you let us know of any other programme where, in order to apply for funds, you have to provide a list of staff that the minister gets to veto?

Answer:

Schools Chaplaincy Programme

Under a number of DEST funding programmes in which payments are authorised by the Minister the grant of financial assistance is conditional upon satisfactory police checks being completed for certain personnel proposed to work on the project. An unsatisfactory police check may result in the exclusion of the relevant person from the programme in question. These programmes include programmes under the Schools Assistance legislation and the Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act.