

**Question on Notice**

**No. 84**

**Asked on 8 February 2007**

**MR WELLINGTON** asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (MR WELFORD) —

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Government's recent election commitment to support school chaplains – how will the schools in the electorate of Nicklin be able to access this Government support?

**ANSWER:**

The Beattie Government has committed \$3 million over three years (2007-08 to 2009-10) to further expand the pastoral care services available in schools.

We are committed to creating safe and supportive school environments for all Queensland students. In order to achieve this it is important that students have access to a range of support services while they are at school. Chaplaincy services can complement existing school support programs by addressing students' spiritual and emotional needs.

The procedures and guidelines for the distribution of funding are currently being finalised by my department. All schools will be advised of the process to access this support as soon as these procedures are complete.