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Question

List of Election promises - lengthening terms for ARC grants

Senator KIM CARR: Apart from this speech by the Prime Minister, what other advice have you received about lengthening of terms for the grants? Prof. Byrne: There have been a number of statements made in the period before the election, by a number of people who are now government, about a desirable outcome being longer grants. Senator KIM CARR: So you see this as an election promise? Prof. Byrne: It is a statement that was made before the election. Senator KIM CARR: Is it an election promise or not? You provide a list, don't you? Do you still right up the lists of election promises? Ms Paul: It is a statement by the Prime Minister that you are referring to. Clearly it is an indication of the government's desire to look at the most effective length of tenure for these projects. That is always worth looking at. 'Have we got it right?' That is the question. Senator KIM CARR: Does the department prepare a list of election promises? Ms Paul: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: Is this thought bubble on that list of promises? Ms Paul: I would have to check that out. I am happy to do so.

Answer

Lengthening of the tenure of ARC grants was not included on the department's list of promises from the 2013 election.