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Refocus of ACARA

Question

Senator O'NEILL: I have a few questions for the minister with regard to the coalition's Students First policy for school students, in which you promised to transfer all data reporting on compliance functions that are not curriculum-related back to the education department. This, you would have to say, has been roundly rejected as a consequence of reviews that have indicated that these functions need to be kept together in ACARA. When will you refocus ACARA and how will it be refocused?

Senator Birmingham: Are you quoting from the 2013 election policy document?

Senator O'NEILL: Yes.

Senator Birmingham: I will take that on notice.

Answer

The Australian Government is examining the role and responsibilities of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) informed by the Review of the ACARA.