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Question

SCHOOL EDUCATION FUNDING

In the past, Australian Government school funding data has been reported in the National Report on Schooling and the 'Green' reports (i.e., Report on Financial Assistance Granted to Each State and Territory ...). With the new federal financial relations framework and the National Education Agreement implemented last year, how will this information be presented in future? Will it still be published/available/in the same format as previously?

Answer

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority is expected to prepare a national report on schooling during 2010 in respect of the 2009 school year. This is intended to include information on funding and expenditure in government and non-government schools.

Under the new federal financial relations framework, the 2009 Green Report will report financial assistance granted under the *Schools Assistance Act 2008* which applies to non-government schools only.