

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000478

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

Commitment to refocus ACARA

Question

In the Government's 2013 election document they committed to refocus ACARA and transfer all data, reporting and compliance functions back to the Department. What happened to that commitment? Was it implemented? If not, why not?

Answer

The 2015 Review of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) found that ACARA had delivered positive outcomes and achievements over the preceding six years. The review findings were considered by all state and territory education ministers in September 2015. Education Council unanimously agreed that ACARA's three national education functions in curriculum, assessment and reporting would remain part of ACARA's charter and strategic directions for the next funding quadrennium.