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Focus of new AITSL board

Question

Senator WRIGHT: This might be a question for Minister Ryan. The education minister said: The focus of the new board is on skills and expertise.

How is that different from the focus of the old board?

Senator Ryan: Firstly, again, I cannot speak on behalf of the particular sentence uttered by the minister. I honestly do not know the context of it. I also think we can over read things. I can say that the focus of this board I have just appointed is A, B or C. It does not always mean, depending on the context, one should assume that it previously was not. I can be reinforcing something. I will take that question on notice. If the minister has anything to add, I am sure he will. I would not necessarily read such a statement as implying that those characteristics were lacking before the announcement.

Answer

Following the release of the Teacher Education Ministerial Advisory Group report, *Action Now: Classroom Ready Teachers*, the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) has been tasked with leading the implementation of the Australian Government's response. To support this, membership of the Board is no longer based on representation of organisations but has been selected based on the expertise required by AITSL to drive its future work.

The new Board comprises membership with expertise in initial teacher education, regulation and accreditation, teaching practice, school leadership, governance, leadership and management of school systems, public policy and government liaison.