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Question:

With reference to the speech by the Secretary, Dr Watt, to the Canada-Australia Public Policy Institute about the Australia in the Asian Century White Paper on 10 July 2012:

This White Paper is very broad in its ambition. It will provide a framework for government policy-making over the next several years or more. It is not about short-term solutions; it is about ensuring that Australia has the right settings in place for a decade or two, or longer, not just a few years ahead.

What is the status of the framework provided by the Australia in the Asia Century White Paper?

Answer:

The Australia in the Asian Century White Paper (the White Paper) is the former Government's policy framework. The evidence base that underpinned the White Paper continues to significantly influence policy development.