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Minister for Education and Training Senator Simon Birmingham agrees that school funding "does matter, but what you do with it matters even more".

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Minister for Education and Training Senator Simon Birmingham says schools across Australia are already finding ways to improve the learning they offer and that being required to file additional plans with the Commonwealth would be burdensome for schools while delivering no student advantage.

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