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Tēnā koe Peter

On 28 June the Authorisation Board gave me its recommendations about which sponsors I consider should proceed into the contract negotiations stage to open Partnership Schools | Kura Hourua.

I have written to the Authorisation Board asking for clarifications to reflect their comprehensive process and to ensure that I fully understand their recommendations. I enclose a copy of the letter for your information.

I am seeking your advice to ensure I can give the fullest consideration in my decision making.

As has become my practice, once decisions have been made I intend to release all documentation that I have relied upon to make these decisions. Also included in this release will be information about the indications of interest, which I understand the Ombudsman has issued a draft ruling should be released. If contract negotiations are not concluded by 31 July, this would affect your undertaking.

In the interests of maintaining our overall timeline I have asked the Authorisation Board to respond by Friday. I would be grateful for the Ministry advice by early the following week. Once I have considered the Ministry advice I would then expect to finalise the Cabinet paper.

Heoi anō

Hon Hekia Parata  
**Minister of Education**

cc Hon John Banks, Associate Minister of Education