



# Cabinet Social Policy Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Partnership Schools Kura Hourua: Policy for Round Five

Portfolio                      Education

On 7 December 2016, the Cabinet Social Policy Committee (SOC):

- 1        **noted** that SOC:
  - 1.1      agreed in March 2012 that charter schools be developed to provide targeted response to educational underachievement in disadvantaged areas [SOC Min (12) 2/1];
  - 1.2      agreed in July 2012 that charter schools be called Partnership Schools | Kura Hourua (PSKH) [SOC Min (12) 14/14];
- 2        **noted** that the PSKH model extends the menu of options for parents and students by offering greater freedom and flexibility to achieve quality education outcomes in return for stronger accountabilities;
- 3        **noted** that in November 2013, SOC noted that the main policy benefits for further application rounds for establishing PSKHs would be increased choice for parents and a wider range of educational options [SOC Min (13) 24/4];
- 4        **agreed** that provision be made in each application round to focus on a government preference;
- 5        **agreed** that for PSKH application Round 5, the focus be on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education;
- 6        **noted** that if no suitable STEM-focussed applications, or others of interest, are received for PSK application Round 5, all selected PSKH will continue the current focus on priority learners;
- 7        **noted** that as part of Budget 2016, Cabinet agreed to the operating contingency *Additional Partnership Schools 2018 and 2019* [CAB-16-MIN-0189.10];
- 8        **agreed** that funding, performance standards, and accountabilities will be negotiated by the Ministry of Education according to the successful applicants within the parameters of the Budget provision, referred to in paragraph 7 above;

- 9 **agreed** to change the principal's salary component of the establishment grant for PSKH application Rounds 4 and 5 so that:
- 9.1 primary schools receive up to one year of a principal's salary;
- 9.2 secondary schools receive up to five terms/quarters of a principal's salary;
- 10 **noted** that the Guaranteed Minimum Roll will be extended from one term to up to one year for PSKH application Round 3 and all subsequent application rounds.

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Committee Secretary

**Present:**

Hon Paula Bennett (Chair)  
Hon Hekia Parata  
Hon Anne Tolley  
Hon Judith Collins  
Hon Peseta Sam Lotu-liga  
Hon Jo Goodhew  
Hon Nicky Wagner  
Hon Peter Dunne  
Hon Te Ururoa Flavell  
David Seymour MP

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
Office of the Chair of SOC  
Office of the Minister of Health  
Office of the Minister for Social Development  
Office of the Minister of Corrections  
Office of the Minister for Pacific Peoples  
Office of the Associate Minister for Social Development  
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