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Minute of Decision

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Partnership Schools/Kura Hourua: Selection and Ongoing Provision

Portfolio: Education

On 15 July 2013, Cabinet:

Preliminary selection process

- 1 **noted** that the Education Act 1989 empowers the Minister of Education (the Minister) to approve a body to be a sponsor of a Partnership School/Kura Hourua (Partnership Kura);
- 2 **noted** that an application process was run in accordance with the requirements of whole of government procurement policies, which resulted in 35 applications being received to set up Partnership Kura;
- 3 **noted** that applications were evaluated by the Authorisation Board (the Board), an advisory board to the Minister [APH Min (13) 1/8], and that 13 applicants were subsequently shortlisted;
- 4 **noted** that two applicants (C-ME Mentoring Trust Foundation and Pacific People's Advancement Trust) withdrew;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister has received a report from the Board that recommends six applications;

Proposals to select for contract discussions

- 6 **noted** the intention of the Minister to progress the following five applications to contract discussions:
 - 6.1 Advance Training Centres Limited, which proposes establishing a senior secondary school (Years 11 to 13) located in Albany, targeting Maori, Pasifika, and lower socio-economic students;
 - 6.2 He Puna Marama Charitable Trust, which proposes establishing a composite school (Years 7 to 13) located in Whangarei, targeting Maori students;
 - 6.3 Ngatiwai Whangaruru Whenua Toopu Trust, which proposes establishing a secondary school (Years 9 to 13) located in Whangaruru, Northland, targeting Maori students;

- 6.4 Rise UP Trust, which proposes establishing a primary school (Years 1 to 8) located in Mangere, targeting Pasifika and Maori students;
- 6.5 Villa Education Trust, which proposes establishing a middle school (Years 7 to 10) located in South Auckland, targeting Maori, Pasifika, and children from low socio-economic backgrounds;

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- 8 **noted** that a dedicated team led by MoE will undertake contract discussions on behalf of the Minister;
- 9 **noted** that the contract will include an outcomes-based performance management system that will set indicators and targets for a few, vital outcomes for which meaningful measures can be set;
- 10 **noted** that the targets will be:
- 10.1 for secondary education, the system-level targets of 85 per cent of each school's leavers achieving a minimum of NCEA level 2 or equivalent in 2017;
 - 10.2 for primary education, the system-level target of 85 per cent of students achieving at or above National Standards in 2017;
 - 10.3 growth or value-added targets set against NCEA and National Standards targets that will allow the schools to demonstrate the progress that all of their students are making;
 - 10.4 targets for student engagement;
 - 10.5 targets for good financial performance;
- 11 **noted** that the term of the contract for Partnership Kura needs to be set for a reasonable period to allow for security for sponsors, and to allow the school to be in operation for sufficient time for a cohort of students to move through the school;
- 12 **agreed** that the term of the contract for Partnership Kura be six years, plus six years, plus six years; s 9(2)(f)(iv) OIA



Financial implications

- 15 **noted** that additional funding will be required if the Minister approves five schools, but that more certainty about the amounts needed will be determined during contract discussions;

- 16 **noted** that as part of Budget 2013, an operating contingency was set aside for the establishment of Partnership Kura [CAB Min (13) 12/6(7)], as follows:

Vote Education	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & outyears
Partnership Schools / Kura Hourua	5.846	4.368	4.368	4.368	4.368

- 17 **approved** the following changes to appropriations to establish Partnership Kura, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance:

Vote Education Minister of Education	\$ million – increase/(decrease)				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & outyears
Non-Departmental Other Expenses:					
Primary Education	0.878	0.775	0.775	0.775	0.775
Secondary Education	4.968	3.593	3.593	3.593	3.593
Total Operating	5.846	4.368	4.368	4.368	4.368
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

- 18 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2013/14 above be included in the 2013/14 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, these increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 19 **agreed** that the changes to expenses incurred under paragraph 17 above be a charge against the “Partnership Schools/Kura Hourua” tagged operating contingency established as part of Budget 2013;

Publicity

- 20 **noted** that the Minister intends to proactively release information about the Partnership Kura application and selection process at the appropriate time.

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Secretary of the Cabinet

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