



## Briefing Note: Draft Cabinet Paper ‘Delivering on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy: update on implementation and next steps’

<b>To:</b>	Hon Chris Hipkins		
<b>cc</b>	Hon Jan Tinetti		
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### Purpose of Report

This briefing note provides information about the draft Cabinet paper *Delivering on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy: update on implementation and next steps* that is currently with you for Ministerial consultation.

### Summary

- The Minister for Child Poverty Reduction is consulting on a draft Cabinet paper, *Delivering on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy: update on implementation and next steps*. This paper outlines how the Government is delivering on this Strategy and proposed next steps. It also seeks agreement to release a monitoring report for the period July-December 2020.
- The Ministry of Education was consulted on this paper and support its overall direction. We provided information about the various initiatives we are leading within the Strategy and are satisfied with the representation of this information.
- The Minister for Child Poverty Reduction has asked government agencies to align strategic and business planning documents and funding decisions with the Strategy by July 2021. She has signalled that she will be looking to Ministers and the Social Wellbeing Board to ensure this happens.

It is recommended that you **agree** this briefing note be proactively released once the Cabinet paper it comments on has been confirmed and released.



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Hon Chris Hipkins  
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## Background

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*The Minister for Child Poverty Reduction is consulting on a draft Cabinet Paper about the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy*

1. The Minister for Child Poverty Reduction is seeking your feedback on the draft Cabinet Paper *Delivering on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy: update on implementation and next steps* and the associated monitoring report for the period July-December 2020.
2. The draft Cabinet Paper provides an overview of the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy (the Strategy) as launched in August 2019 and the work that has been undertaken across government agencies to implement the strategy.

*The Ministry of Education has provided information for this paper*

3. To support the development of this paper, the Ministry of Education provided the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet with updated information on education sector actions within the Strategy. This information is accurately reflected in the monitoring report attached to the draft paper and some initiatives are highlighted in the paper itself, including:
  - a. the extension of Ka Ora, Ka Ako;
  - b. the launch of the National Educational Learning Priorities;
  - c. the roll out of free period products to schools, starting in the Waikato
  - d. testing of the Aotearoa New Zealand histories content; and
  - e. the launch of Te Hurihanganui in participating communities.
4. As part of this process, we were asked to indicate which Strategy Actions have been completed or moved to 'business as usual' since the last monitoring report. These actions have been removed from this period's monitoring report.
5. We have also added a new action to the *Children and Young People are Learning and Developing* outcome area:

*Trialling support for young children to improve their self-regulation, resilience, and social skills.*

6. This initiative will test the scale-up of self-regulation programmes to embed social and emotional skills in various regions, urban/rural communities and types of early learning services. We are preparing a separate briefing on this trial and will provide it to you within the next week [METIS 1255308].
7. We are also developing a briefing about Mental Health programmes across the Education and Health portfolios for Ministers Tinetti and Little, following the recent meeting of the Child and Youth Wellbeing Ministers Group. This is due on 6 April 2021 [METIS 1254901]. ✓

*The Ministry of Education supports the overall direction of this paper*

8. The Ministry of Education was consulted on this paper and support its overall direction.
9. The paper proposes moving to annual reporting for the Strategy. We agree with this recommendation.

10. The Minister for Child Poverty Reduction has asked all central government agencies to align their strategic and business planning documents and funding decisions with the Strategy by July 2021. She has signalled that she will be looking to Ministers and the Social Wellbeing Board to ensure this happens. We are progressing work within Vote: Education to support this alignment.

## Proactive Release

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11. We recommend this briefing note is not released at this time because the draft Cabinet paper it comments on has not yet been considered by Cabinet. The Minister for Child Poverty Reduction intends to proactively release the paper once it has been considered. It would be appropriate to release this briefing note at that time.