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Hon Chris Hipkins  
Minister of Education

Dear Chris

**Approval for drafting by Parliamentary Counsel Office before policy approved by Cabinet**

Thank you for your letter dated 12 July 2021. You have sought my approval for the Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO) to begin drafting a Bill to urgently amend provisions in the Education and Training Act 2020 related to the Teaching Council's fee-setting power, before the decisions made by the Cabinet Business Committee (CBC) today are confirmed by Cabinet.

I consider, for the reasons outlined in your letter, that it is necessary to have the legislation enacted as soon as is practicable this year. As the CBC decisions cannot be confirmed by Cabinet until 2 August 2021, I have approved your request and have authorised PCO to begin drafting the proposed legislation immediately on receipt of drafting instructions from Ministry of Education officials.

Yours sincerely

Hon David Parker  
**Attorney-General**