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## Education Report: Export Education Levy Annual Report 2020/21 – Tabling in the House of Representatives

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<b>To:</b>	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
<b>Date:</b>	24 February 2022	<b>Priority:</b>	Low
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### The Export Education Annual Report requires submission to Parliament

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1. Section 641 of the Education and Training Act 2020 requires that the responsible Minister (in this case the Minister of Education) present a copy of the Education Export Levy (EEL) Annual Report (the report) to the House of Representatives. The report includes financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.
2. There is no deadline to present this report to the House of Representatives, so you may do so at your earliest convenience.

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### Summary

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3. Due to the emergence of COVID-19 and border restrictions, EEL payment obligations have been suspended for international fee-paying students enrolled between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2022. For the 2020/21 year this has resulted in minimal information to provide on EEL operations.
4. The Ministry of Education will provide advice on options to reform the EEL.
5. In response to the cancellation of EEL obligations for the 2020 calendar year, there has been immaterial transactions being total income of \$7,641 (mostly relating to interest) and no expenditure.
6. Activities that utilised the EEL funding such as promotions, market research and professional development have continued through Education New Zealand's baseline appropriation or using the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund.

## Background

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7. The Education Export Levy (EEL) is payable by any education provider who enrolls international fee-paying students. The EEL is administered by the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) and is used to fund a broad range of activities that benefit the international education sector, including:
  - administration of the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice,
  - International Student Contract Dispute Resolution Scheme,
  - administration of the EEL,
  - International Student Wellbeing Strategy funding, and
  - support for Education New Zealand's marketing and promotion activities.
8. A new Code of Practice has come into effect from 1 January 2022 – this will be administered by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority and may be funded by future EEL obligations.
9. The Ministry of Education is responsible for the administration of the levy. The Ministry is required by legislation to present to the Minister an annual report on the administration of the levy after 1 July of each year. The Minister must present a copy of this report to the House of Representatives. There is no deadline for tabling the report and it can be done at your earliest convenience.

## Recommendations

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1. **note** the financial statements of the annual report have been audited by Ernst & Young and considered to fairly reflect the financial performance and cash flows for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.
2. **note** your office has been provided with printed and pdf copies of the Annual Report for presenting to the House.
3. **agree** to present EEL Annual Report 2020/21 to the House of Representatives at your earliest convenience.

**Agree** Disagree

4. **agree** that the Ministry of Education release this briefing in full once it has been considered by you.

**Agree** Disagree



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