



Briefing Note: Agenda Items for March 8, 2023, ECAC meeting

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Purpose of Report

1. This paper provides you with a briefing on the agenda items ahead of the Early Childhood Advisory Committee (ECAC) members' meeting on Wednesday, 8 March 2023.

Summary

2. The purpose of ECAC is to foster a relationship between Government, through the Ministry of Education and the early learning sector to achieve common goals. ECAC is made up of senior representatives from early learning sector organisations and the Ministry of Education.
3. You are attending the upcoming ECAC quarterly face to face meeting on Wednesday, 8 March from 10:30am – 11:30am, alongside Under-Secretary Jo Luxton MP. The meeting is being held at the Generator complex in the Pūtahi Room, 40 Bowen Street, Wellington. This is located behind Defence House at the rear of Parliament.
4. This is an opportunity for you and the Under-Secretary to meet ECAC members, to share information and to hear from them.

Background

5. ECAC was established to bring employer peak bodies, large providers, and union groups together to provide advice on the operation of early childhood education at a national level.
6. The meeting allows organisations to share information; give feedback on proposals by the Government, the Ministry and other government agencies; discuss difficulties and

opportunities facing the early learning sector; and identify and discuss strategic challenges and opportunities.

7. Currently the group includes 30 members who meet four times a year in Wellington, in addition to more regular online operational fortnightly meetings in recent times. A small number of Ministry of Education staff attend both the quarterly and the operational meetings.

The March 8 ECAC Meeting

8. In addition to meeting with you, the following items will be discussed at ECAC on March 8:
 - a. Annual ECE Census, Early Learning Participation data and an update (with ERO) on the Early Learning Action Plan evaluation.
 - b. Early Learning Action Plan (ELAP) Update
 - c. The challenges of teacher supply
 - d. Supporting resilience in teams and communities.
9. Ministry officials will speak to these agenda items, providing an update or overview on specific streams of work in the Early Learning space. A brief overview of each item is provided for you below.
10. A copy of the agenda for this meeting is attached as Annex One.
11. The list of ECAC representatives is attached as Annex Two.

ECE Census, participation data and the Early Learning Action Plan evaluation

12. The Ministry will share key findings from ECE Census 2022 factsheets. There will also be discussion around Early Learning Participation data.
13. Following this, we will present the draft 2022 A3 Summary for ELAP, and with ERO, provide an update on the measurements being developed for the ELAP monitoring and evaluation work programme in 2023.

Early Learning Action Plan

14. Members will be provided with an update on the quarterly activity against the objectives and actions in the Early Learning Action Plan. This quarter the update will include
 - a. An overview on the first month, post the go live, of the ECE Network Management function and an outline of the next steps.
 - a. An update on the last quarter's work on the equity index and the regulations review, including an update on consultation that has just concluded.
 - b. An update on Early Learning Action Plan actions relating to the curriculum.

Workshops on Teacher Supply and Building Resilience

15. The Teacher Supply workshop will include:

- a. agreeing drivers and current state of demand for qualified teachers
 - b. understanding what is currently in play to increase supply of qualified teachers and what else could be considered.
 - c. agreeing 1-3 actions as a result of the discussion.
16. The Supporting Resilience in Teams and Communities workshop, led by Nicola Woollaston (who represents Hospital Play Specialists on ECAC), will focus on individual's wellbeing and resilience and supporting wellbeing and resilience in centre staff, children and the ECE community.

Proactive Release

- a **agree** that the Ministry of Education release this briefing in full once it has been considered by you and the meeting has taken place.

☒ Agree / ☐ Disagree



Nancy Bell
Hautū | Deputy Secretary
Te Mahau | Te Tai Runga

02/03/2023



Hon Jan Tinetti
Minister of Education

04/03/2023

Annexes

Annex 1: ECAC 8 March Agenda
Annex 2: List of ECAC members

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Early Childhood Advisory Committee (ECAC)

8 March 2023
9:00am to 3:30pm

Location	Pūtahi Room, Generator 40 Bowen Street, Wellington
Chair	Nancy Bell
Secretariat	Catherine Wright
Apologies	Lee Jones, Geena Fagan
Circulated before meeting	Apologies, minutes, actions
Guests	Hon. Jan Tinetti; Minister of Education Jo Luxton MP; Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister of Education Iona Holsted; Secretary for Education Lesley Wright; Education Review Office Elena Moretti; Education Review Office

#	Topic	Sponsor	Paper/ Oral	Start time
1	Welcome, karakia and introductions			9:00
	(a) General welcome to all	Nancy Bell	Oral	
	(b) Karakia	Kathy Wolfe	Oral	
	(c) Member movements	Nancy Bell	Oral	
	(d) Apologies	Nancy Bell	Oral	
	(e) Confirming December minutes and actions	Nancy Bell	Paper	
2	Report from ECE Census 2022 Early Learning Participation data Update on the Early Learning Action Plan evaluation	Tom Dibley & Rory Sudfelt	Presentation	9:10
	Morning tea			10:10
3	Minister of Education and Parliamentary Under-Secretary	Hon. Jan Tinetti & Under-Secretary Jo Luxton MP	Oral	10:30

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4	Early Learning Action Plan Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network Management • Equity Index • Regulations Review • Curriculum. 	Jane Ewens	Presentation	11:30
	Lunch			12:00
5	Challenges of Teacher Supply	Nancy Bell	Workshop	12:45
6	Supporting Resilience in Teams and Communities	Nicola Woollaston	Workshop	2:15
7	Reflections and wrap up	Nancy Bell	Oral	3:15
8	Closing Karakia	Kathy Wolfe		3:30

Annex 2: Early Childhood Advisory Committee – List of Representatives

1. Some services have alternative representatives; those in orange are attending the meeting on 8 March.

Name	Service
Michelle Pratt	Advocates for Early Learning Excellence
Kelly Seaburg	Advocates for Early Learning Excellence
Pauline Winter	Auckland Kindergarten Association (AKA)
Heather Taylor	Barnardos New Zealand
Karen Reynolds	Barnardos New Zealand
Fiona Hughes	BestStart
Jenny Te Punga-Jurgens	Christian Early Childhood Education Association of Aotearoa
Simon Laube	Early Childhood Council
Sue Kurtovich	Early Childhood Council
Christine Hall	Early Childhood Leadership Group
Lee Jones	Early Intervention Association of Aotearoa New Zealand (EIAANZ)
Sandra Collins	Education Review Office
Raewyn Overton-Stuart	Home Early Learning Organisation (HELO)
Nicola Woollaston	Hospital Play Specialists
Cathy Wilson	Montessori Aotearoa New Zealand (MANZ)
Allanah Clark	NZEI Te Riu Roa
Geena Fagan	NZEI Te Riu Roa
Tere Gilbert	Ngā Puna Reo o Aotearoa
Bethany Fox	NZ Home-based Early Childhood Education Association
Julie Craig	NZ Kindergartens Inc.
Susan Bailey	NZ Playcentre Federation
Hellen Puhipuhi	Pasifika Advisory Group
David Moger	Playcentre Aotearoa
Karen Affleck	Steiner Education, Aotearoa
Lesley Hoskin	Teaching Council of Aotearoa
Simon Cottle	Teaching Council of Aotearoa
Annie Malir	Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu, NZ Correspondence School
Cherie Marks	Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust
Emily Dakin	Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust
Kathy Wolfe	Te Rito Maioha Early Childhood NZ