



## Briefing Note: Meeting with Ako Aotearoa

<b>To:</b>	Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister of Education		
<b>Date:</b>	20 July 2023	<b>Priority:</b>	Medium
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### Purpose

This paper provides you with background information and talking points for your meeting with Ako Aotearoa on Monday 24 July, via Zoom.

### Proactive Release

The Ministry of Education recommends that you:

- a **agree** that the Ministry release this briefing note once you have met with Ako Aotearoa, with any redactions made in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

**Agree / Disagree**

  
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20/07/2023

  
Hon Jan Tinetti  
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## Background

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1. Ako Aotearoa is the National Centre for Tertiary Teaching Excellence.
2. As of 1 July 2023, it is hosted by a consortium led by Massey University in partnership with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and Te Pūkenga for at least the next three years. It was previously hosted by Massey University on its own.
3. Ako Aotearoa receives around \$3.7m in funding a year from the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) to:
  - a. build teaching capability of tertiary education organisations and educators,
  - b. commission and conduct research, monitoring and evaluation about effective teaching,
  - c. provide associated advice to the sector and government agencies, and
  - d. administer Te Whatu Kairangi | Aotearoa Tertiary Educator Awards.
4. The TEC also funds Ako Aotearoa \$1.15m a year to deliver professional development services and resources to the foundation education sector.

## Topics for discussion

5. Ako Aotearoa has indicated it wishes to brief you on its Te Whatu Kairangi | Aotearoa Tertiary Educator Awards for 2023 – to be held at Parliament on 26 September.
6. Ako Aotearoa also wishes to take the opportunity to update you on its work.
7. Talking points to support your discussion are attached.

## Annexes

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- Annex 1: Talking points for your meeting with Ako Aotearoa


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