



Briefing Note: Export Education Levy 2022 Suspension Cabinet Paper

To:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
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Purpose of Report

This paper provides a cabinet paper (attached) that proposes to suspend the Export Education Levy for 2022. This responds to your decision (METIS 1256415 refers).

Summary

1. The proposed cabinet paper outlines the benefits of suspending the levy and recommends Cabinet suspends the Export Education Levy for 2022.
2. A decrease in levy revenue of \$1.3m is expected over the 2022 calendar year if the levy is suspended. Future decisions will determine how much of this shortfall will have a fiscal implication for the Crown.
3. The Ministry of Education's Quality Assurance Panel has reviewed the Regulatory Impact Analysis "Export Education Levy 2022 Suspension" produced by the Ministry of Education (attached). The panel considers that it partially meets the Quality Assurance criteria. Due to the need for a decision to continue the suspension before it expires at the end of the year, and in advance of Budget 2022, there is some uncertainty about the potential impacts of the proposal.
4. Feedback on the EEL consultation revealed that all respondents (47) supported the EEL suspension. Feedback from agencies consulted has not raised concerns with the proposal.

Next Steps

5. In order for Cabinet to make policy decisions and leave time for implementation we propose:
 - a. beginning ministerial consultation when possible from 24 September 2021
 - b. lodging the final paper on 30 September 2021 for the Cabinet Business Committee of 4 October 2021.

Proactive Release

6. This Briefing will be proactively released once relevant decisions have been made, as per your expectation that information be released as soon as possible. Any information which may need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

Recommendations

- a **note** the attached Cabinet paper "*Export Education Levy 2022 Suspension*" proposes to amend the Export Education Levy (EEL) regulations so that no levy is payable for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

- b **agree** to commence ministerial consultation on the cabinet paper.

☒ Agree / ☐ Disagree.

- c **agree** that this Briefing will be proactively released once relevant cabinet decisions have been made, as per your expectation that information be released as soon as possible. Any information which may need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

☒ Agree / ☐ Disagree.


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Hon Chris Hipkins
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Annexes

Annex 1: Cabinet Paper: Export Education Levy 2022 Suspension

Annex 2: Regulatory Impact Analysis: Export Education Levy 2022 Suspension

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