



Briefing Note: Budget 2021: Amendments to Education Initiatives' Descriptions

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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is for you to:


Note Treasury have requested amendments to the descriptions of four Education initiatives as outlined below. ✓

Note the updated descriptions will be reflected in the Treasury's Summary of Initiatives published on Budget Day. ✓

Proactive Release

It is recommended that this Briefing Note is not proactively released at this time as the information contained within is Budget Sensitive.

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Background

On 29 March 2021 [METIS 1254001 refers] you approved the updated titles and descriptions for Budget 2021 Education initiatives. You have authorised the Ministry, in consultation with your Office, to make minor changes to titles and descriptions that may be necessary for consistency.

Amendments to Descriptions for Budget 2021 Education Initiatives

Treasury have requested amendments to the descriptions of four Education initiatives. These are all minor or technical amendments to reflect what has been funded. The four amended descriptions are listed below.

Vote Education

Initiative title	Christchurch Schools' Rebuild Programme
Initiative description (Existing)	This initiative provides funding for the Christchurch Schools' Rebuild Programme for another year, following the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes. This is consistent with the \$1.137 billion announced in 2013 and the \$206.0 million for cost increases identified in the 2018 midpoint review.
Initiative description (Amendments highlighted)	This initiative provides funding for the Christchurch Schools' Rebuild Programme for another year following the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes, enabling remediation of damage to 115 schools in the Christchurch School Network. This is consistent with the \$1.137 billion announced in 2013 and the \$206.0 million for cost increases identified in the 2018 midpoint review.
Initiative title	Funding Increase for Alternative Education
Initiative description (Existing)	This initiative will strengthen education provision for the most at-risk young people by addressing the inflationary cost-pressure for Alternative Education (AE). This initiative will increase funding by \$1.111 million per annum, allowing a per place rate increase of 5%. This will stabilise funding for AE while the system of support for at-risk ākonga is redesigned.
Initiative description (Amendments highlighted)	This initiative will maintain education provision for the most at-risk young people by addressing the inflationary cost-pressure for Alternative Education (AE). This will stabilise AE funding while the system of support for at-risk ākonga is redesigned. Funding can be used flexibly by providers to help to meet the costs of essential resources and supports, such as access to quality teaching and learning experiences; learning resources; access to health, mental health and broader social services; enrichment activities; transport costs; and other basic wellbeing needs.
Initiative title	Property Funding to Build and Expand Schools Delivering Māori Medium Education
Initiative description (Existing)	This initiative provides funding to address growth in existing and new schools delivering Māori medium education.
Initiative description (Amendments highlighted)	This initiative provides funding to address growth in three new schools delivering Māori medium education, Te Wharekura o Manurewa; TKKM o Te Wananga Whare Tapere o Takitimu and Manukura, as well as growth in existing schools in the Māori Medium Education Network.

Vote Tertiary Education

Initiative title	Extending the Temporary Hardship Fund for Learners in Tertiary Education
Initiative description (Existing)	This initiative will provide funding for a temporary extension of the COVID-19 Hardship Fund for Learners in tertiary education in the 2021 calendar year. Some learners will have lower incomes, reduced financial support from their families and may face additional costs this year due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 that go beyond the current levels of support, or may not be supported by student loans and allowances. This initiative will help students in hardship remain connected to their education provider and engaged in their learning.
Initiative description (Amendments highlighted)	This initiative will provide funding for a temporary extension of the COVID-19 Hardship Fund for Learners in tertiary education in the 2021 calendar year. Some learners will face additional costs this year related to COVID-19 whilst also having lower incomes eg. reduced financial support from family, or no additional support from student loans or allowances. This initiative will help students in hardship remain connected to their education provider and engaged in their learning.

Next Steps

The Ministry will update these descriptions in the Treasury system for inclusion in their Statement of Initiatives (Sol). This will be published on Budget Day, 20 May 2021.

The deadline for updating descriptions in the Treasury system is COP Thursday 15 April.