



Education Report: 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates and 2021/22 Estimates for Vote Education and Vote Tertiary Education

To:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
Date:	21 April 2021	Priority:	High
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Purpose of report

1. This paper seeks your approval of the 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates and 2021/22 Estimates of Appropriations for Vote Education and Vote Tertiary Education. The Budget documents and the Ministerial sign offs must be submitted to the Minister of Finance no later than 23 April 2021.

Background

2. Attached are the final 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates and 2021/22 Estimates of Appropriations documents for Vote Education and Vote Tertiary Education. These documents reflect:
 - the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Foundation Package (wave 2) and July Package (wave 3)
 - the approved baselines from the 2021 March Baseline Update
 - subsequent adjustments approved by Joint Ministers in Vote Education (for example, Childcare for Essential Workers at Alert Level 4, METIS 1250401 refers) and in Vote Tertiary Education (Managing increased demand for tertiary education and training, METIS 124678 refers)
 - estimated actuals for 2020/21 to reflect the best estimates of the year-end out-turn and the most likely outcome
 - Budget 2021 technical initiatives considered by Cabinet on 6 April
 - Budget 2021 significant initiatives considered by Cabinet on 12 April, and
 - non-financial information and performance measures.

3. We have previously provided drafts of the 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates and 2021/22 Estimates to your office for review and are now providing the proposed final versions for your approval.

Performance Measures

4. We have previously advised you of changes to performance measures across the two Votes for 2020/21 [METIS 1250034 refers] and 2021/22 [METIS 1250035 refers] . Minor changes were subsequently made to:
 - include additional Ministerial Servicing measures for 2021/22 as per your request
 - update performance information where necessary to support Budget decisions
 - address any technical issues raised by our auditors and/or Treasury.

Next Steps

5. The Estimates and Supplementary Estimates documents are now complete and ready for publication. The documents have been reviewed for compliance against the Treasury's technical and style guidelines.
6. Please sign the attached Minister sign offs to the Minister of Finance and forward them to his office by 23 April 2021.
7. We will work with your office to provide communication material to support you on Budget day and your attendance at the Education and Workforce Select Committee's examination of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates. This material will assist you and officials to proactively address any queries about the financial information and performance measures.

Proactive Release

8. We recommend that this Education Report is not released at this time because the information it contains is Budget sensitive. This is consistent with section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act 1982, which states that good reason for withholding official information exists if this is necessary to maintain the constitutional convention that protects the confidentiality of advice tendered by officials. The Estimates documents will be released by the Minister of Finance on Budget day (20 May 2021).
9. A proactive release of Budget 2021 reports will be prepared for your consideration as part of a wider communications strategy for your Budget 2021 package of initiatives.

Recommended Actions

10. We recommend that the Minister of Education:

- a. **approve** the attached final versions of the 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates and 2021/22 Estimates of Appropriation documents

☒ Approved ☐ Not approved

- b. **note** that the Secretary for Education has recommended that you sign the attached Ministerial sign offs

☒ Noted

- c. **sign** and forward the attached Ministerial sign off to the Minister of Finance by 23 April 2021

☒ Agree ☐ Not agree

- d. **agree** that this Education report is not proactively released at this time because the information contained within it is Budget sensitive.

☒ Agree ☐ Not agree



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Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

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23 April 2021

Hon Grant Robertson
Minister of Finance
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

Dear Grant

2021/22 Estimates: Ministerial Sign-off for Vote Education and Vote Tertiary Education

I advise that the *Estimates of Appropriations 2021/22 and Supporting Information* documents for Vote Education and Vote Tertiary Education, for which the Ministry of Education is the administering department, have been completed and that they are accurate and suitable for publication. I confirm that the information provided:

- is consistent with the policies and performance expectations of the government, and has been prepared in accordance with the Public Finance Act 1989
- is consistent with the proposed appropriations to be set out in the Appropriation (2021/22 Estimates) Bill, existing appropriations and financial authorities, and with Cabinet decisions up to 12 April 2021
- is provided in the required format, and has been prepared in accordance with the guidance that has been issued by the Treasury, and
- has been through an appropriate quality assurance process and is free of material errors and omissions.

In signing this statement, I acknowledge that I am responsible for the information for Vote Education and Vote Tertiary Education administered by the Ministry of Education included in the *Estimates of Appropriations 2021/22 and Supporting Information*.

Yours sincerely

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Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

Hon Chris Hipkins

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23 April 2021

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Dear Grant

2020/21 Supplementary Estimates: Ministerial Sign-off for Vote Education and Vote Tertiary Education

I advise that the *Supplementary Estimates of Appropriations 2020/21 and Supporting Information* documents for Vote Education and Vote Tertiary Education, for which the Ministry of Education is the administering department, have been completed and that they are accurate and suitable for publication. I confirm that the information provided:

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Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education