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Advice to Minister: Meeting with Playcentre Aotearoa

To:	Hon Tracey Martin, Associate Minister of Education		
Date:	14/01/2020	METIS No:	1217116
Security Level:	In Confidence		
Drafter:	Cara des Landes	DDI:	s 9(2)(a)
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School/ECE/Organisation Details	
Name and location of School, ECE service or Organisation (Invitation from):	Playcentre Aotearoa
Key People / Participants with job title:	Sean McKinley, General Manager
Date and Time (please indicate if flexible):	Timing is flexible
Venue:	Not stated
Purpose of meeting / invitation:	To discuss Playcentre Aotearoa's current situation and the ongoing viability of playcentres
Organiser's/contact's Details (name, email and phone):	

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Background information (what does it do, funding etc)	Playcentre Aotearoa is the service provider of the 400+ playcentres that operate across the country.		
Any achievements that make the meeting/invite worthwhile – ie programmes/strengths to see	<p>We have worked closely with Playcentre Aotearoa on the 2020 Budget bid, using data and evidence they provided.</p> <p>We will shortly be meeting with the organisation to discuss plans for their education programme. This will inform advice on any recommended changes to regulatory requirements for playcentres.</p> <p>You raised questions around changes to Playcentre Aotearoa's operating model and their role in the early learning sector. It could be useful for you to discuss this with Playcentre Aotearoa.</p>		
Link to key education priorities eg the Learning Support Action Plan.	The Early Learning Action Plan contains an action to co-design a funding model with Playcentre Aotearoa.		
Any matters that may make the meeting/invite problematic. Current issues/ risks	<p>Playcentre Aotearoa do not know the dollar amount submitted as part of the Budget bid as this is Budget sensitive. As we have balanced the Crown's interests with the organisation's interests, Playcentre Aotearoa may not agree with some of the assumptions used.</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv) OIA</p> <p>At times, Playcentre Aotearoa expressed interest in a bespoke funding model in which funding is not tied to child enrolments. We have communicated that this would involve a lot of work and would require a strong rationale.</p>		
Is this relevant to current work in the Minister's portfolio	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Should the Minister considers this invitation? Indicate:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, what priority	High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Med <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>

If the Minister is unavailable, could someone else attend?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative representative on behalf / in lieu of the Minister (job title, phone number and email address): Damian Edwards, Associate Deputy Secretary, Education System Policy [REDACTED] Damian.Edwards@education.govt.nz		
Proactive Release:		
Agree that this paper is not released at this time because the information it contains is Budget sensitive Hon Tracey Martin Associate Minister of Education _ / _ / _	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>



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