

Education Report: Governance to support the Strategic Recovery Plan for the international education sector

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

On 22 June 2020 Cabinet approved a high level Strategic Recovery Plan for the International Education sector (the Recovery Plan). Further development and implementation of the Recovery Plan will require collective action by international education agencies and work has been underway to establish relevant governance structures.

This report provides you with two pieces of collateral to confirm your preferred approach and to clarify key agency roles to support implementation of the Recovery Plan. The collateral includes an outline for a proposed interim Letter of Expectation for Education New Zealand, and a draft letter to your International Education Ministerial colleagues.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends that you:

- note** that the Cabinet paper *A Strategic Recovery Plan for the International Education sector* was approved by Cabinet on 22 June. Next steps include the establishment of governance arrangements to guide and support delivery.

Noted

- agree** that an interim Letter of Engagement for Education New Zealand will be developed by ~~10 July~~ **end of July**

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree

- agree** that, subject to any feedback you may have, the draft letter to International Education Ministers will be finalised and sent by your office by ~~10 July~~ **end of July**

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree

- d. **agree** that this briefing will be proactively released once associated Cabinet decisions and announcements have been made, with any redactions in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

Release Not release



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Hon Chris Hipkins

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Amend the language to talk about workstreams rather than phases.
Phases suggests all work will be sequential, which it need not be.
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Background

1. On 22 June 2020 Cabinet approved a high level Strategic Recovery Plan for the International Education sector (the Recovery Plan).
2. Cabinet agreed that you, in consultation with International Education Ministers, have delegated authority to finalise the details of the International Education Strategic Recovery Plan and to approve any amendments following engagement before it is published. Some amendments are likely to be required following engagement and in particular to accommodate the next phase of CRRF budget decisions. We understand that Cabinet is likely to confirm final decisions on budget on the 6 July 2020.
3. It is also now necessary to establish a clear governance structure to support the further development and delivery of the Recovery Plan. This includes the confirmation and establishment of a Ministerial groups and a senior officials group.

Ministerial Governance Group

4. To lead the next phase of Ministerial oversight of the Recovery Plan, a letter from you to International Education Ministers is attached as Annex One. This sets out an approach to the delivery of the Recovery Plan and seeks their input on the next steps.
5. Subject to your approval and feedback this can be finalised and sent to Ministers over the next week.

Senior officials group

6. On behalf of the Secretary for Education, Education New Zealand will lead the senior officials group. This role will involve convening and chairing the meetings, but a partnership approach across agencies is expected and the decision rights and responsibilities for leading the different phases and projects of recovery work will remain with relevant agencies. For example, Phase Two (strengthening the system) will be primarily led by the Ministry of Education, with some aspects led by the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment.
7. An interim Letter of Engagement for Education New Zealand is required to confirm their leadership role and to set out your expectations regarding key parameters, objectives and requirements.
8. A proposed outline for the interim Letter of Engagement has been prepared and is attached as Annex Two. Subject to your feedback and approval this can be finalised over the next week.

Annexes

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