



Advice to Minister: Meeting with Playcentre Aotearoa

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| To: | Hon Tracey Martin, Associate Minister of Education | | |
| Date: | 12/03/2020 | METIS No: | 1222952 |
| Security Level: | In Confidence | | |
| Drafter: | Cara des Landes | DDI: | s 9(2)(a) |
| Key Contact: | Damian Edwards | DDI: | |

| School/ECE/Organisation Details | |
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| 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): | Not stated |
| Venue: | Not stated |
| Purpose of meeting / invitation: | To follow up on your meeting with Playcentre Aotearoa in February |
| 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>You met with Playcentre Aotearoa in February to discuss their current situation and the ongoing viability of playcentres.</p> <p>Following this meeting, the organisation requested to meet with the Ministry to discuss how to proceed with the co-design work. It was reiterated that the next step was to wait for the outcome of the Budget process.</p> <p>The Ministry also discussed the proposed regulatory review, and that part of this work will explore the creation of a generic parent-led service type. The organisation is aware this could result in playcentres being able to operate independently from Playcentre Aotearoa. They may wish to discuss this with you.</p> | | |
| Link to key education priorities eg the Learning Support Action Plan. | The Early Learning Action Plan contains an action to co-design an appropriate funding model with Playcentre Aotearoa. | | |
| Any matters that may make the meeting/invite problematic. Current issues/ risks | <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 150px;"></div> <p>Playcentre Aotearoa have mentioned they would like more certainty around the co-design process as this will inform whether they choose to downsize and close playcentres. You may want to discuss this with them.</p> | | |
| Is this relevant to current work in the Minister's portfolio | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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| 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):

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Proactive Release:

Agree that this paper is not released at this time because the information it contains is Budget sensitive

Yes ☐

No ☐

Hon Tracey Martin
Associate Minister of Education

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Damian Edwards
Associate Deputy Secretary
Education System Policy

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