



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Education (Early Childhood Services) Amendment Regulations 2019

Portfolio Education

On 3 December 2019, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Education (Early Childhood Services) Regulations 2008 prevent primary qualified teachers from being the person responsible in teacher-led centres;
- 2 **noted** that there are indications of tight supply of early childhood education qualified teachers;
- 3 **noted** that:
 - 3.1 the Ministry of Education consulted on the proposal to allow primary qualified teachers to be a person responsible in centres for designated hours of the day or at all times;
 - 3.2 consultation feedback showed strong support for the proposal allowing primary qualified teachers to be the person responsible in teacher-led centres at all times because it would ease pressure on centres, enhance roster flexibility and encourage more primary qualified teachers to enter the sector;
- 4 **agreed** that primary qualified teachers should be allowed to be the person responsible in teacher-led centres;
- 5 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Education (Early Childhood Services) Amendment Regulations 2019 [PCO 22538/6.0];
- 6 **noted** that this is a temporary solution designed to ease pressure on teacher-led centres, and that the person responsible requirements will be reviewed again in late-2022;
- 7 **noted** that the Regulations will come into force on 9 January 2020.

Gerrard Carter
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon Ron Mark
Hon Julie Ann Genter
Hon Eugenie Sage
Michael Wood MP (Senior Government Whip)

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG

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