



Briefing Note: Finalising options to fund transformational curriculum work programme

To:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
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Purpose

The purpose of this paper is for you to:

- **Note** that you have agreed several tactical actions to fund the transformational curriculum and assessment work programme [METIS 1236732 refers];
- **Note** that these agreed actions included a fiscally neutral adjustment of \$10 million to provide for Te Kete Ipurangi Replacement and Aotearoa New Zealand Histories and support for Curriculum, Progress and Achievement, and the NCEA Change Programme;

	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
Vote Education Minister of Education	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Improved Quality Teaching and Learning MCA					
Non-departmental Output Expenses:					
Professional Development and Support	(8.000)	-	-	-	-
Curriculum Support	(2.000)	-	-	-	-
Departmental Output Expense:					
Support for Resources and Teachers (funded by revenue Crown)	10.000	-	-	-	-


- **Note** that the Treasury was proactively consulted on the content of the Education Report seeking the above decisions but did not have significant time to review and provide feedback;
- **Note** that the Treasury has retrospectively advised the Ministry of an existing transfer limit (\$5 million) on the impacted Multi-Category Appropriation (Improved Quality Teaching and Learning¹) and that joint Ministerial approval is therefore required to enact this adjustment;
- **Agree** to send a written request to Hon Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance to seek this approval, including an attachment of the signed Education Report (see Annex 1 for a draft letter to this effect);

☒ Agree / ☐ Disagree

- **Agree** that this Briefing will be proactively released.

☒ Agree / ☐ Disagree


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¹ Improved Quality Teaching and Learning MCA: Scope "The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to improve the quality of teaching and learning for children and young people aged 0-18 years." Intention: "to achieve improved professional development of the workforce and enhanced learning for age 0 to 18 years".

Proactive Release

- We recommend that this Briefing is proactively released as per your expectation that information be released as soon as possible. Any information which may need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

Annexes

- **Annex 1:** Draft letter to Minister of Finance seeking agreement to options to fund curriculum and assessment work programme; and
- **Annex 2:** Signed Education Report: "Options to fund transformational curriculum and assessment work programme" [METIS 1236732].