**Education Report:** Targeted Funding in ECE: Proposed Sector Reference Group members and ToR

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**Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this paper is for you to:

*Agree* to a shortlist of proposed members and Terms of Reference for the Targeted Funding in ECE Sector Reference Group.

**Recommended Actions**

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

a. *agree* to the list of proposed members for the Sector Reference Group, as attached in Annex 1

   ![Agree/Disagree]

b. *agree* to the Terms of Reference for the Sector Reference Group, as attached in Annex 2

   ![Agree/Disagree]
c. **agree** that this Education Report is proactively released following confirmation of the Sector Reference Group membership

[Signature]

Damian Edwards  
Associate Deputy Secretary  
Education System Policy

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Hon Chris Hipkins  
Minister of Education

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Background

1 You agreed that targeted funding in ECE should be redesigned to allocate funding using individual level indicators of disadvantage in the Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI) [METIS 1207062 refers]. This aligns with work to replace school decile funding with a new schooling Equity Index.

2 You also agreed that a Sector Reference Group comprising 15-20 members should be convened to support this work.

Sector Reference Group

3 This paper seeks your agreement to a proposed membership list, attached in Annex 1.

4 The Ministry sought nominations for the Sector Reference Group from Regional Managers and National Office staff. As previously advised, nominees include a mix of peak bodies and representatives from early learning services that reflect the diversity of early learning provision.

5 The nominees from early learning services include representatives from private and community-based services. These services provide early childhood education to children that have come from disadvantaged backgrounds.\[8(2)(b)(ii)]

6 If you approve the list, we will begin contacting the nominated representatives with a view to holding the first meeting in April or early May. We will advise you of the final list.

7 We also seek your agreement to the Sector Reference Group Terms of Reference, attached in Annex 2.

Proactive Release

8 We recommend that this Education Report is released following confirmation of the Sector Reference Group membership.

Annexes

Annex 1: Proposed Sector Reference Group members
Annex 2: Sector Reference Group Terms of Reference

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1 Targeted Hours are the estimated number of Funded Child Hours generated by children considered to be from disadvantaged backgrounds. The 20 percent of children/tamariki that have spent the largest proportion of their life as the dependent of a beneficiary are considered to be disadvantage. This is for the purpose of the calculation only. Targeted Hours are used to determine a service’s eligibility for Targeted Funding for Disadvantage.