



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Approach to Reforms of the Institutes of Technology and Polytechnic Subsector

Portfolio **Education**

On 28 March 2018, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC):

- 1 **noted** that in February 2018, SWC invited the Minister of Education (the Minister) to report back in March with an approach to a programme of change for the institutes of technology and polytechnic (ITP) subsector, and for vocational education more generally [SWC-18-MIN-0004];
- 2 **noted** that ITPs are sixteen autonomous providers that operate in a system that does not currently co-ordinate well;
- 3 **noted** that the Minister is working with ITP Chairs and Chief Executives on serious viability issues for the sector with the intent of gaining a common understanding of how to create a system of strong, modern institutions to meet skills needs across New Zealand;
- 4 **noted** that the options for reform range from more co-ordination between existing providers to significant structural change;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister and the Tertiary Education Commission will continue to work with the sector and other stakeholders over the next six months;
- 6 **noted** that the Minister intends to provide updates on progress to the sector and the public from time to time during this period;
- 7 **noted** that the Minister intends to report back to the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee no later than December 2018 with a proposed way forward, process, and to indicate the direction of any associated policy changes.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

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Present:

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Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon Willie Jackson
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