



Education Report: Draft Cabinet Paper: Update on progress towards reforms of vocational education

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Purpose

This note attaches a draft Cabinet paper for your comment updating Cabinet about the reforms of vocational education work programme. The draft paper:

- Informs Cabinet that you are bringing the two related work streams of the ITP Roadmap 2020 and the vocational education and training system review together under the banner of "Reforms of Vocational Education".
- Informs Cabinet that you intend to report back early next year with substantive proposals for consultation starting around February 2019
- Informs Cabinet that officials will update the sector immediately about the combining of the two work streams and when they can expect to be consulted on the Government's position (subject to Cabinet consideration).

In your meeting with the Minister of Finance of 28 November 2018, the possibility was touched on that this Cabinet paper would provide Cabinet with a taster of the direction of travel we are considering. We have therefore included a very high level story for Cabinet. We will remove this story if you prefer.

The Cabinet paper does not need to signal the need for funding, as this will be included in the subsequent Cabinet paper in early 2019. However, the Treasury have commented that the Cabinet paper should contain a short reference to this and noting recommendation. We have therefore included a high-level reference in this draft.

The draft Cabinet paper makes it clear that the direction of travel and proposals for change will be announced following Cabinet's consideration in early 2019, not as a part of the update to the sector before Christmas.

We are currently drafting the report back for early 2019 and intend to submit a draft for your consideration soon. We are also developing related advice that will input into the Cabinet decisions early next year.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education and the Tertiary Education Commission recommend you:

- a. **note** that you have asked us to draft a Cabinet paper updating Cabinet about your decision to combine the ITP Roadmap 2020 and vocational education and training system review into a single reforms of vocational education work programme

Noted

- b. **note** that to facilitate early communications to the sector, we have drafted assuming that the paper will be submitted directly to Cabinet

Noted

- c. **note** that the Cabinet paper will need to be lodged by the Ministry on Wednesday 5 December 2018

Noted

- d. **note** that we have asked officials from the Treasury, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Tertiary Education Commission, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and New Zealand Qualifications Authority for feedback on Monday 3 December 2018 to facilitate this timeline

Noted

- e. **provide feedback** on this draft Cabinet paper

- f. **agree** to proactively release the final Cabinet paper along with other background material at the beginning of the consultation period currently planned for February 2019

Agree / Disagree



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Annexes

Annex 1: Draft Cabinet Paper: Update on progress towards reforms of vocational education