



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Update on Progress Towards Reform of Vocational Education

Portfolio **Education**

On 10 December 2018, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that in March 2018, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee invited the Minister of Education to report no later than December 2018 with a proposed way forward on reforms to the Institutes of Technology and Polytechnic (ITP) subsector, process, and the direction of any associated policy changes [SWC-18-MIN-0017];
- 2 **noted** that this work proceeded during 2018 as two work streams: the ITP Roadmap 2020 project and the vocational education and training system review;
- 3 **noted** that the two work streams referred to above will be combined as a single work programme under the title of “Reform of Vocational Education”;
- 4 **noted** that:
 - 4.1 work on this combined work programme is continuing;
 - 4.2 the Minister of Education will report to Cabinet early in 2019 with substantive reform options for public consultation;
- 5 **noted** that these options could include fundamental reform, including structural reform and reform of the roles and functions in the vocational education system, so the system can contribute strongly in response to the changing future of work;
- 6 **s 9(2)(f)(iv)** [REDACTED]
- 7 **noted** that, subject to Cabinet agreement, the Minister will look to consult publicly early in 2019, starting around February;
- 8 **noted** that officials will communicate immediately with the vocational education and training sector to:
 - 8.1 inform them that the ITP Roadmap project and vocational education and training system review are now a single Reform of Vocational Education work programme;

- 8.2 update them that they can expect consultation to start early next year, possibly around February.

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