



Briefing Note: Reform of Vocational Education: Draft technical consultation documents

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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is for you to:

Note the three attached Reform of Vocational Education draft technical discussion documents

Agree that this Briefing will be proactively released along with other Reform of Vocational Education documents following the release of the consultation document on 13 February 2019

Agree / Disagree

Summary

- We have attached drafts of three technical discussion documents, covering more technical details outlined in the consultation document on the reform of vocational education.
- You are invited to comment on the drafts by noon on Thursday 7 February, prior to these documents being finalised for printing.



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Background

1. On 29 January 2019, Cabinet agreed to proposals on the reform of vocational education [CAB-19-MIN-0009 refers]. These proposals are outlined in a draft consultation document, which has been provided to you and your colleagues for review.
2. A number of the more technical elements of proposals considered by Cabinet have not been incorporated in the main consultation document, in order to promote accessibility of the document. The intention was to raise the more technical issues in separate technical discussion documents.
3. Three technical discussion documents have been prepared – one for each of the three proposals (i.e. roles of industry and providers, the new New Zealand Institute of Skills & Technology, and a unified funding system for vocational education). Members of the public would be able to access these documents and respond to the questions they pose, but it is likely that the majority of responses to the more technical aspects of proposals will be from core sector stakeholders.
4. All consultation documents, including the technical discussion documents, need to be finalised later this week in order to have them printed in time for 13 February.

Next Steps

5. You are invited to comment on the draft documents, prior to finalisation and printing later this week. In order to meet this timetable, we would invite you to respond by noon on Thursday 7 February.

Proactive Release

6. We recommend that this briefing is not released until after the consultation document and technical discussion documents are released to the public on 13 February 2019. 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: Technical Consultation Documents