



Education Report: Revised Cabinet papers for Reform of Vocational Education

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Purpose of Report

This paper seeks feedback on a revised draft of the two reconfigured Cabinet papers for the proposals on the Reform of Vocational Education (RoVE), now scheduled for Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC) to consider on 26 June and Cabinet on 1 July.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education and the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) recommend that you:

note that officials have revised the two draft Cabinet papers following further feedback from your office on 5 June and these revised drafts are attached

Noted

note that we are awaiting your feedback on the reconfigured Cabinet papers before seeking final agency feedback and comment

Noted

note that the Cabinet papers are still subject to proof reading processes and further work will be undertaken to ensure alignment of terminology across the suite of cabinet papers

Noted

forward the attached Cabinet papers to any additional ministers you may wish to include in discussion

Agree / Disagree

agree to proactively release this briefing note and the draft Cabinet papers once final decisions have been made (and following any Cabinet agreement).

Agree / Disagree

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Hon Chris Hipkins

Minister of Education

9/6/19

Proactively Released

Background

1. Work is progressing to support your report back to Cabinet in June 2019, based on consultation on RoVE proposals from 13 February to 5 April.
2. We received feedback from your office on 30 May asking for the papers to be reconfigured. The following three papers were provided to your office on 4 June:
 - a. Cabinet paper 1: "Reform of Vocational Education"
 - b. Cabinet paper 2: "Reform of Vocational Education – Detailed decisions to give effect to the reforms"
 - c. Change document: "Making the change: Creating one system for all vocational education"
3. We received feedback from your office on 5 June on these three papers. We have updated the two Cabinet papers in line with this feedback (attached). We seek your feedback on these two revised Cabinet papers as soon as possible.

Ongoing work on Cabinet papers

Parliamentary Counsel Office

4. We have worked with Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO) and our legal team to condense the recommendations required to support legislative drafting instructions. We believe these are as short as possible, in light of the complexity of the change and the compressed time available for legislative drafting.

Fiscal implications

5. Cabinet paper 2, which includes the financial decisions, has been updated following a meeting with Treasury yesterday (6 June), and there have been minor amendments to the framing of recommendations to meet technical requirements. We have made no changes to proposed drawdowns from the RoVE contingency funding.

Next steps with the revised papers

6. Please let us know as soon as possible whether the papers meet your requirements. We need time to send these papers back to officials for review, and to the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) panel to allow them to reach a final assessment.
7. Work is under way on the redraft of the Change Document and to finalise the RIA and Business Case.