



## Education Report: Revised Cabinet papers for Reform of Vocational Education

<b>To:</b>	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
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### Purpose of Report

This paper provides you with further revised drafts 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 you on 10 June, and from your office on 5 June, and these revised drafts are attached

**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**

**note** that you may wish to discuss Regional Leadership Groups (RLGs) with the Minister of Employment following the recent Labour Market Ministers meeting, particularly to confirm that RLGs are likely to be funded via Vote Employment from 2020/21

**Noted**

**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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## Background

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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 have updated the two draft Cabinet papers (attached) in line with feedback we received from you earlier today, and in line with feedback we received from your office on 5 June. We seek your feedback on these two revised Cabinet papers as soon as possible.
3. Once we receive your feedback, we will recirculate the papers to agencies for final agency feedback and comment.

## Key changes to these papers

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### Paper 1 – Key decisions

4. We have attached both a “clean” and a “marked” version of Paper 1. The “marked” version shows the key changes to this paper from the version on which you provided feedback on 10 June:
  - a. **Blue highlighted text** shows changes made by your office.
  - b. **Yellow highlighted text** shows changes we made in response to your feedback on 10 June, and in response to feedback from your office on 5 June seeking:
    - i. a clearer description of the current system
    - ii. more evidence and rationale for change
    - iii. information about how consultation shaped the proposals.
  - c. **Green highlighted text** shows changes we made in response to feedback from your office on 5 June seeking more detail on the proposals for change, and for paper 2 to be pared back to fiscal implications. The highlighted text in Paper 1 shows the material that has shifted from paper 2, and shows decisions for Cabinet and decisions to be delegated to you.

### Paper 2 – Fiscal implications

5. We have attached only a “clean” version of Paper 2. Since the version provided to your office on 5 June, this paper has been updated following a meeting with Treasury on 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 since the version of 6 June.

## Ongoing work on Cabinet papers

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### Parliamentary Counsel Office

6. 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.

## **Regional Leadership Groups (RLGs)**

7. Aligned with your recent discussions with Labour Market Ministers about RLGs, we have indicated in Paper 2 that RLGs are likely to be funded via Vote Employment from 2020/21. You may wish to discuss this with the Minister of Employment.

## **Next steps with the revised papers**

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8. As soon as we have your response to these two draft Cabinet papers we will share revised versions with wider agencies.
9. Work is under way on the redraft of the Change Document and to finalise the RIA and Business Case. We will work with your office to agree when the full set will be sent back to you for final review.

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