



Briefing Note: Information to Support Meeting with the PBRF Review Panel

To:	Hon Jenny Salesa, Associate Minister of Education		
Cc:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
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Purpose of paper

The purpose of this paper is for you to:

Note that you will be meeting with the 2019 Performance-Based Research Fund (PBRF) Review panel at their fifth meeting, at Mātauranga House in Wellington on Thursday 21 November. This briefing provides information to support you at this meeting.

Agree that this Briefing will be proactively released with other PBRF Review papers as part of the public consultation on any recommendations for change in early 2020.

Agree / Disagree

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Background

1. You are meeting with the 2019 Performance-Based Research Fund (PBRF) Review panel (“the panel”) at Mātauranga House from 3:00pm – 3:30pm on Thursday 21 November. Ministry of Education (“the Ministry”) officials will also be in attendance to support the meeting. Afternoon tea will be served during your time with the panel.
2. There will be an opportunity for you to ask the panel members about their progress on the Review and thank them for their work. The panel is made up of the following members:

Panel member	Current organisation/institution
Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith (Chair)	University of Waikato
Professor Wendy Larner	Victoria University of Wellington
Dr David Phipps	York University, Canada
Dr Ian Town	Ministry of Health (Chief Science Advisor)
Associate Professor Yvonne Underhill-Sem	University of Auckland
Associate Professor Marcus Williams	Unitec Institute of Technology

Progress of the PBRF Review

3. Following their appointment in July this year [METIS 1196268 refers], the panel have been meeting regularly over the last four months and this will be their fifth meeting. They may have one additional meeting in January, as you have granted them an extension to complete their independent report [METIS 1209243 refers].
4. We suggest you use this opportunity to thank the panel for their work on the Review so far, to outline to them how their report will be used, and to discuss the process that they have undertaken and how it has informed their views.

Papers and presentations

5. The panel have received several papers from the Ministry with supporting information designed to help them discuss the issues outlined in the Terms of Reference. These papers were written in consultation with the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).
6. They have also received presentations from Ministry, TEC and MBIE officials on a range of topics, including the Tertiary Education Strategy, the Research, Science and Innovation Strategy and the results of the 2018 PBRF Quality Evaluation.

Informants and stakeholders

7. The panel have met with a range of key informants and interested stakeholders during their meetings (either in person or via video conference). These include:
 - a. Early Career Researchers.
 - b. Senior Researchers.

- c. Universities New Zealand (including Vice-Chancellors and the Research Committee).
- d. Private Training Establishment (PTE) Research Directors.
- e. Wānanga Research Directors and Researchers.
- f. Māori Researchers.
- g. Pacific Researchers.
- h. Creative Arts Researchers.
- i. Researchers with International Experience.
- j. Professor Juliet Gerrard (Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor).
- k. End-Users of Research.
- l. Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics Research Directors (due to meet 21 November).

Sector consultation

- 8. As well as talking to a wide range of key informants in person, the panel also carried out consultation with the sector through written submissions. The Ministry assisted the panel with this process, and are currently putting together an analysis of submissions to help inform the panel's decision-making process.
- 9. The panel received 51 submissions in total, from the following groups:
 - a. Tertiary education organisations (on behalf of the institutions themselves, as well as from institutional research groups).
 - b. Research organisations (such as Science New Zealand and Callaghan Innovation).
 - c. Representative groups (such as Royal Society | Te Apārangi, Universities New Zealand | Te Pokai Tara and the Tertiary Education Union | Te Hautū Kahurangi o Aotearoa).
 - d. Individual researchers within the tertiary sector.

Timeline of the PBRF Review

- 10. Once the panel have submitted their final report, we will be working to the following timeline:

Date	Action
Friday 31 January 2020	The panel will provide you with their final report and any recommendations for change to the PBRF.
February 2020	The Ministry of Education (in consultation with relevant agencies) will provide you with an analysis of the panel's final report for decisions on any recommendations for changes to the PBRF.

