



Education Report: Early Learning Strategic Plan – Draft Cabinet Paper for Consultation

To:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is for you to:

- **Agree** to release this draft Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation before lodging it with the Cabinet Office on 18 October for consideration by the Social Wellbeing Committee on 24 October and Cabinet on 29 October.

Recommended Actions

- note** that, following your feedback, there have been some changes to the previous draft Strategic Plan
- note** that the Ministry of Education is currently undertaking agency consultation on the draft Cabinet paper
- agree** to provide the draft Strategic Plan and draft Cabinet paper to your Ministerial colleagues for consultation
- provide feedback** on the attached draft Cabinet paper
- agree** to lodge a Cabinet paper and draft Strategic Plan on 18 October seeking Cabinet's agreement to public consultation, with consultation beginning on 12 November

Agree / Disagree

Agree / Disagree

- f. **agree** that this Education Report is proactively released at the same time as the Early Learning Strategic Plan.

Agree / Disagree



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10/10/18



Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

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Proactively Released

Background

1. In September we provided you with the draft Early Learning Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan). This was developed by a Ministerial Advisory Group working with a sector Reference Group, with support from the Ministry of Education (METIS 1152128 refers).
2. Following your feedback and further internal work we have made the following changes to the draft Strategic Plan:
 - a. reordered the goals to ensure children are put first, followed by teachers, then the system
 - b. amended the timeframes to show order of priority rather than including specific dates
 - c. removed the proposal to establish a funding working group, with this work to be undertaken by the ministry in consultation with the sector
 - d. s 9(2)(f)(iv) 
 - e. amended the recommendation to 'consider' the establishment of state-owned services.
3. We have liaised with the Ministerial Advisory Group and they are comfortable with these changes.

Draft Cabinet paper and process for consultation

4. The draft Cabinet paper for your consideration and consultation with your ministerial colleagues is attached.
5. We have sent the draft Cabinet paper to the following agencies for comment:
 - Oranga Tamariki-Ministry for Children
 - Ministry of Health
 - The Education Review Office
 - Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
 - Te Puni Kōkiri
 - Ministry for Women
 - Ministry of Social Development
 - The Treasury
 - Ministry for Pacific Peoples
 - New Zealand Qualifications Authority
 - Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment
 - Tertiary Education Commission
 - State Services Commission.
6. We are yet to hear from all agencies, but so far all feedback has been relatively minor. We will keep your office informed if there is substantial feedback that you should be aware of.

Next Steps

7. You have indicated that you wish to take the draft Strategic Plan to the Social Wellbeing Cabinet Committee on 24 October and Cabinet on 29 October. In order to progress the Cabinet paper within this timeline, we will need your feedback, and any feedback from your ministerial colleagues, by 16 October.

8. We will work with your office to ensure the feedback we receive is incorporated into the paper ahead of lodging with the Cabinet Office on 18 October.

Proactive Release

9. We propose that this Education Report be proactively released at the same time as the Strategic Plan, as per your expectation that information be released as soon as possible. Any information which may need to be withheld will be withheld in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

Release / Not Release

Annexes

- Annex 1: Draft Cabinet paper – Draft Early Learning Strategic Plan, 2019-2029 – Release for Consultation
- Annex 2: He Taonga te Tamaiti – Strategic Plan for Early Learning, draft for consultation