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22 October 2021

Hon Chris Hipkins  
Minister of Education  
Parliament Buildings  
Wellington

Dear Chris,

Thank you for your recent engagement on Budget 2022. As you will be aware, we have set a very high bar for the initiatives that will be invited for submission.

This letter concerns proposed initiatives for Vote Education Review Office (ERO). I have sent you a separate letter regarding Votes Education and Tertiary Education.

I have considered the two proposed ERO initiatives you outlined in your letter and, unfortunately, I am not inviting you to submit these initiatives for consideration through Budget 2022.

The ERO initiatives that you have identified may be addressed through future Budgets or other levers. As per the expectations that I have previously outlined, I will not support any out-of-cycle funding requests for these initiatives unless there is a compelling case for urgency.

I wish to emphasise that the information that you have provided will help lay the groundwork for future Budgets and provides important insight into the challenges and opportunities facing our Government this term.

I look forward to discussing options for funding initiatives through Budget 2023 at a later stage.

Thank you for your ongoing work.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Grant Robertson'.

Hon Grant Robertson  
**Minister of Finance**

CC: Hon Jan Tinetti, Associate Minister of Education