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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Budget 2024 Package: Vote Education

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

#### Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2024 Budget package, as listed in the summary tables below and detailed in the attached initiative documents:

#### Summary of initiatives:

##### Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
16088	20 Hours Early Childhood Education – Returning Departmental Funding	(4.632)	(2.043)	(2.043)	(1.357)	(1.357)
15867	Additional Departmental Reprioritisation Through Business Efficiencies – Reprioritisation of Funding	-	(23.627)	(23.867)	(22.467)	(22.067)
15859	Arts Coordinators – Reprioritisation of Funding	-	(0.178)	(0.178)	(0.178)	(0.178)
15669	Christchurch Schools’ Rebuild – Cost Pressures	-	1.250	3.042	3.585	3.585
15864	Creatives in Schools – Reprioritisation of Funding	-	(2.893)	(3.293)	(3.293)	(3.293)
15848	Data for Wellbeing – Te Rito Kaitiakitanga Group – Reprioritisation of Funding	(0.309)	-	-	-	-
15862	Early Childhood – Targeted Assistance for Participation, Funding Reprioritised	-	(2.640)	(2.629)	(2.623)	(2.667)
15730	Early Childhood Education – Cost Adjustment	-	26.219	54.167	54.699	55.793
15844	Education Payroll Ltd – Reduction in Funding	-	(1.200)	(1.200)	(1.200)	(1.200)
15733	English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) – Cost Pressures (Volume)	-	11.314	11.314	11.314	11.314

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
15640	Essential Digital Services – Internet in Schools, Equipment Replacement and Cyber Security	-	22.517	24.356	25.111	21.684
15729	Holidays Act Remediation for School Employees – Updated Liability Estimate	32.200	-	-	-	-
15940	Ikura   Manaakitia te Whare Tangata – Period Products in Schools – Ongoing Funding	-	2.886	3.518	3.930	4.137
15737	Ka Ora, Ka Ako   Healthy School Lunches Programme – Continuing Beyond 2024	-	119.164	238.111	119.083	-
15705	Kōhanga Reo Property Maintenance – Cost Adjustment	-	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
15853	Laptops for Teachers – Reprioritisation of Funding	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)
16202	Marlborough Boys' and Girls' Colleges and Bohally Intermediate Redevelopments – Write-off Costs	13.397	-	-	-	-
15842	NZQA Stabilisation of Core Information Technology Systems and NCEA Service Delivery	-	10.000	-	-	-
15849	Partnering to Strengthen Māori Education – Partial Reprioritisation of Funding	(0.892)	(0.800)	(0.800)	(0.800)	(0.800)
15711	Playcentre – Sustainable Funding	-	2.903	3.337	3.359	3.405
15858	Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award – Reprioritisation of Funding	(0.168)	(1.050)	(1.050)	(1.050)	(1.050)
15860	Reduction in Contractors and Consultants – Ministry of Education	-	(16.690)	(15.830)	(15.090)	(13.970)
15863	Reduction in Professional Services – Ministry of Education	-	(11.340)	(11.470)	(10.590)	(10.580)
15866	Reduction in Travel and Meeting Related Expenditure – Ministry of Education	-	(1.260)	(1.260)	(1.260)	(1.260)
15865	Reduction in Workforce Through Efficiencies and Stopping Low-Priority Work Programmes – Ministry of Education	-	(37.280)	(38.580)	(36.210)	(36.220)
15861	Reprioritisation of Underspends in Early Learning and Schooling Services	-	(4.050)	(4.050)	(4.050)	(4.050)
15723	School High Health Needs Fund – Cost Pressure (Volume)	1.800	2.879	3.168	3.485	3.834
15721	School Property Portfolio Depreciation Expenses	-	280.000	200.000	150.000	150.000
15671	School Property Portfolio Growth – Cost Pressure	-	2.344	7.031	9.375	9.375
15707	Schools Operational Grant – Cost Pressure	-	28.502	57.087	57.053	56.842

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
15857	Services Academy National Hui – Reprioritisation of Funding	-	(0.031)	(0.031)	(0.031)	(0.031)
15839	Structured Approaches to Literacy Resources – State and State Integrated Schools	-	18.658	31.998	8.465	7.915
15852	Te Kawa Matakura – Reprioritisation of Funding	(4.130)	(4.455)	(4.455)	(4.455)	(4.455)
15643	Teacher Supply Supports	-	12.260	11.619	11.611	17.135
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>37.226</b>	<b>433.859</b>	<b>540.512</b>	<b>358.916</b>	<b>244.341</b>

### Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
16088	20 Hours Early Childhood Education – Returning Departmental Funding	(0.527)	-	-	-	-
15669	Christchurch Schools’ Rebuild – Cost Pressures	-	100.000	43.500	-	-
15640	Essential Digital Services – Internet in Schools, Equipment Replacement and Cyber Security	-	22.460	23.010	23.840	-
15737	Ka Ora, Ka Ako   Healthy School Lunches Programme – Continuing Beyond 2024	-	0.300	0.600	0.300	-
15671	School Property Portfolio Growth – Cost Pressure	-	225.000	175.000	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>		<b>(0.527)</b>	<b>347.760</b>	<b>242.110</b>	<b>24.140</b>	<b>-</b>

### Summary of contingency initiatives:

#### Operating Contingency

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
[38]						
15680	Marlborough Boys' and Girls’ Colleges and Bohally Intermediate Redevelopments – Tagged Contingency	-	-	0.805	2.389	3.168
15799	Partnership Schools (Charter schools   Kura Hourua) – Tagged Contingency	-	25.223	57.018	35.478	35.371
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>60.686</b>	<b>141.286</b>	<b>157.265</b>	<b>176.041</b>

**Capital Contingency**

<b>Initiative ID</b>	<b>Initiative Name</b>	<b>\$m - increase/(decrease)</b>				
		<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28 &amp; Outyears</b>
15680	Marlborough Boys' and Girls' Colleges and Bohally Intermediate Redevelopments – Tagged Contingency	-	-	32.208	32.207	-
15799	Partnership Schools (Charter schools   Kura Hourua) – Tagged Contingency	-	0.120	0.080	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>		-	<b>0.120</b>	<b>32.288</b>	<b>32.207</b>	-

Note: Throughout the document, “total operating” refers to funding over five years (2023/24 to 2027/28) and “total capital” refers to funding over 10 years (2023/24 to 2032/33).

Rachel Hayward  
Secretary of the Cabinet

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** 20 Hours Early Childhood Education – Returning Departmental Funding

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$11.432 million total operating and \$0.527 million total capital of funding allocated to the Ministry of Education to implement the Budget 2023 expansion of 20 Hours Early Childhood Education (ECE) to two-year-olds.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	(4.632)	(2.043)	(2.043)	(1.357)	(1.357)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	(0.527)	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(5.159)</b>	<b>(2.043)</b>	<b>(2.043)</b>	<b>(1.357)</b>	<b>(1.357)</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Capital Withdrawals:</b>					
Ministry of Education - Capital Withdrawal	(0.527)	-	-	-	-
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Support and Resources for Education Providers (funded by revenue Crown)	(4.632)	(2.043)	(2.043)	(1.357)	(1.357)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	(4.632)	(2.043)	(2.043)	(1.357)	(1.357)
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>(4.632)</b>	<b>(2.043)</b>	<b>(2.043)</b>	<b>(1.357)</b>	<b>(1.357)</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>(0.527)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### Additional Recommendations

- 2 **agreed** that departmental funding related to the expansion of 20 Hours ECE to two-year-olds is returned to the centre;
- 3 **noted** that Joint Ministers (Minister of Finance and Minister of Education) have agreed to the above approach [METIS 1321482 (Education Report: Consequential decisions on the removal of the Budget 2023 20 Hours ECE initiative)];

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Additional Departmental Reprioritisation Through Business Efficiencies – Reprioritisation of Funding

**Description:** This initiative reprioritises \$92.028 million total operating funding from further efficiencies across the Ministry of Education that can be found through reprioritising work and implementing better business processes.

### Appropriation Changes

	<b>\$m - increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28 &amp; Outyears</b>
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(23.627)	(23.867)	(22.467)	(22.067)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(23.627)</b>	<b>(23.867)</b>	<b>(22.467)</b>	<b>(22.067)</b>

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	<b>\$m - increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28 &amp; Outyears</b>
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(8.309)	(8.270)	(8.280)	(8.280)
Support and Resources for Parents and the Community (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.460)	(0.450)	(0.440)	(0.440)
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Support and Resources for Teachers (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(2.890)	(3.300)	(2.100)	(2.100)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)	-	(2.890)	(3.300)	(2.100)	(2.100)
Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Interventions for Target Student Groups (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(3.280)	(3.270)	(3.190)	(3.190)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)	-	(3.280)	(3.270)	(3.190)	(3.190)



	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Oversight of the Education System (MCA) <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i> Stewardship and Oversight of the Education System (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(4.310)	(4.250)	(4.210)	(4.210)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Oversight of the Education System (MCA)	-	(4.310)	(4.250)	(4.210)	(4.210)
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA) <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i> Support and Resources for Education Providers (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(4.378)	(4.327)	(4.247)	(3.847)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	-	(4.378)	(4.327)	(4.247)	(3.847)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(23.627)</b>	<b>(23.867)</b>	<b>(22.467)</b>	<b>(22.067)</b>

### Additional Recommendations

- 4 **noted** that this reprioritisation initiative will reduce the Ministry of Education's workforce and will require consultation with Ministry staff;
- 5 **noted** that the above appropriation changes give effect to the planned changes, but the final impact may be affected by consultation;
- 6 **directed** the Ministry of Education to report to the Minister of Education and Minister of Finance (Joint Ministers) on the final impact of these savings programmes by 31 July 2024;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Arts Coordinators – Reprioritisation of Funding

**Description:** This initiative reprioritises \$0.712 million total operating by stopping the Arts Coordinators/Arts Online service from 2024/25. This service is no longer required because arts teachers have largely migrated to better alternatives such as the Ministry of Education funded Networks of Expertise, as well as informal groups on social media platforms (e.g., Facebook).

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.178)	(0.178)	(0.178)	(0.178)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.178)</b>	<b>(0.178)</b>	<b>(0.178)</b>	<b>(0.178)</b>

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Curriculum Support	-	(0.178)	(0.178)	(0.178)	(0.178)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)	-	(0.178)	(0.178)	(0.178)	(0.178)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(0.178)</b>	<b>(0.178)</b>	<b>(0.178)</b>	<b>(0.178)</b>

### Additional Recommendation

7 **agreed** to stop the Arts Coordinators/Arts Online service from 2024/25;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Christchurch Schools' Rebuild – Cost Pressures

**Description:** This initiative provides funding for the final stages of the Christchurch Schools' Rebuild Programme following the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes. Once complete, the programme will have remediated damage at 115 schools across the Christchurch School Network. This initiative is consistent with the \$1.14 billion announced and approved by Cabinet in 2013, the \$206.0 million for cost increases identified in the 2018 midpoint review, and the \$300.8 million approved by Cabinet in 2022 for close out of the programme.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	1.250	3.042	3.585	3.585
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	100.000	43.500	-	-
No Impact	-	2.500	6.088	7.175	7.175
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>103.750</b>	<b>52.630</b>	<b>10.760</b>	<b>10.760</b>

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.250	3.042	3.585	3.585
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	2.500	6.088	7.175	7.175
<b>Capital Injections:</b>					
Ministry of Education - Capital Injection	-	100.000	43.500	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>3.750</b>	<b>9.130</b>	<b>10.760</b>	<b>10.760</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	<b>100.000</b>	<b>43.500</b>	-	-

**Additional Recommendations**

- 8 **noted** that in July 2022, Cabinet approved \$301 million of additional capital funding to be sought by the Ministry of Education through future Budgets to see the Christchurch Schools Rebuild Programme through to completion [CAB-22-MIN-0251];
- 9 **noted** that in Budget 2023, Cabinet approved a \$157.35 million capital injection to be allocated from the Christchurch Schools Rebuild Programme close out envelope [CAB-23-MIN-0139];
- 10 **agreed** that the funding in Budget 2024 for Christchurch Schools' Rebuild represents the final funding allocation from the envelope to close out the programme;

[38]

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Creatives in Schools – Reprioritisation of Funding

**Description:** This initiative reprioritises \$12.772 million total operating funding by stopping the Creatives in Schools programme from 2024/25. This programme was intended to support the arts sector and was established in response to COVID-19. It is not clearly linked to the Government's education priorities, and the majority of funding went to the arts sector rather than education. Creatives in Schools supported professional artists and creative practitioners to partner with schools and kura to share specialist artistic knowledge and creative practice. The Ministry of Education delivered the programme in partnership with the Ministry for Culture and Heritage and Creative New Zealand.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(2.893)	(3.293)	(3.293)	(3.293)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(2.893)</b>	<b>(3.293)</b>	<b>(3.293)</b>	<b>(3.293)</b>

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Support and Resources for Teachers (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.687)	(0.687)	(0.687)	(0.687)
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Curriculum Support	-	(2.206)	(2.606)	(2.606)	(2.606)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)	-	(2.893)	(3.293)	(3.293)	(3.293)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(2.893)</b>	<b>(3.293)</b>	<b>(3.293)</b>	<b>(3.293)</b>

### Additional Recommendation

15     **agreed** to stop the Creatives in Schools programme;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Data for Wellbeing – Te Rito Kaitiakitanga Group – Reprioritisation of Funding

**Description:** This initiative reprioritises \$0.309 million total operating funding from the Data for Wellbeing (Te Rito) project. The Te Rito Data Kaitiakitanga Group was established in 2023/24 to oversee the access and use of data held in Te Rito and to build sector and public confidence that information in Te Rito is safe, secure and accessed only by those with the right to view it.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Operating Balance Impact*	(0.309)	-	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(0.309)</b>	-	-	-	-

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Primary Education	(0.309)	-	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	(0.309)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>(0.309)</b>	-	-	-	-

### Additional Recommendation

16     **agreed** to stop the Te Rito Data Kaitiakitanga Group;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Early Childhood – Targeted Assistance for Participation, Funding Reprioritised

**Description:** This initiative reprioritises \$10.559 million total operating funding from the Targeted Assistance for Participation (TAP), a package of property assistance grants that contribute to the costs of building new or expanding infrastructure for existing services. The TAP programme supports an increased supply of early learning places with a particular focus on participation initiatives, targeted at Māori, Pacific and low socio-economic communities. There are two programmes: TAP 2 provides funding of up to \$12,000 per place, or 50% of total project costs, whichever is lesser. TAP 3 provides funding of up to \$100,000 per project. There is no TAP 1.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(2.640)	(2.629)	(2.623)	(2.667)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(2.640)</b>	<b>(2.629)</b>	<b>(2.623)</b>	<b>(2.667)</b>

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Support for Early Learning Providers	-	(2.640)	(2.629)	(2.623)	(2.667)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(2.640)</b>	<b>(2.629)</b>	<b>(2.623)</b>	<b>(2.667)</b>

### Additional Recommendation

17 **agreed** that baseline funding for the Early Childhood - Targeted Assistance for Participation programme be reduced from 2024/25 to reprioritise persistent underspends;



**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Early Childhood Education – Cost Adjustment

**Description:** This initiative provides funding for a cost adjustment of two percent to the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Subsidy for under two-year-olds, ECE Subsidy for two-year-olds and over, 20 Hours ECE, Equity Funding (all components) from 1 January 2025 and to Targeted Funding for Disadvantage from 1 March 2025. This will assist ECE services in managing the increasing costs of provision whilst maintaining quality and affordable early learning for children, parents, and whānau.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	26.219	54.167	54.699	55.793
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>26.219</b>	<b>54.167</b>	<b>54.699</b>	<b>55.793</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Early Learning	-	26.219	54.167	54.699	55.793
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>26.219</b>	<b>54.167</b>	<b>54.699</b>	<b>55.793</b>

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Education Payroll Ltd – Reduction in Funding

**Description:** This savings initiative will return \$4.800 million total operating from Education Payroll Ltd efficiency savings across the service including back-office positions and additional management layers. This will require a change management process and will potentially involve redundancies.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(1.200)	(1.200)	(1.200)	(1.200)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(1.200)</b>	<b>(1.200)</b>	<b>(1.200)</b>	<b>(1.200)</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Support and Resources for Education Providers (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(1.200)	(1.200)	(1.200)	(1.200)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	-	(1.200)	(1.200)	(1.200)	(1.200)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(1.200)</b>	<b>(1.200)</b>	<b>(1.200)</b>	<b>(1.200)</b>

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) – Cost Pressures

**Description:** This initiative provides additional funding for schools to support rapidly increasing numbers of learners from migrant backgrounds to learn English and engage with learning. ESOL funding is \$780 per year per approved learner in Years 0-8 and \$1000 per year per learner in Years 9-13. It enables schools to provide a range of supports to migrant background learners such as intensive literacy support and online English programmes.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	11.314	11.314	11.314	11.314
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>11.314</b>	<b>11.314</b>	<b>11.314</b>	<b>11.314</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Learning Support and Alternative Education	-	11.314	11.314	11.314	11.314
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)	-	11.314	11.314	11.314	11.314
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>11.314</b>	<b>11.314</b>	<b>11.314</b>	<b>11.314</b>

**Additional Recommendations**

- 18 **noted** that this initiative is linked to Vote Labour Market (Immigration) Initiative 16124 for proposed increases to the immigration levy;
- 19 **noted** that in April 2024, Cabinet:
- 19.1 agreed in principle, subject to final Budget 2024 decisions, that users of the immigration system fund the current Crown costs and future cost pressures based on the principle that those that receive the benefit or create the risk should bear the cost of those services, comprising:
    - 19.1.1 \$72.9 million per annum (average over four years) of immigration system activities (\$86.1 million including cost pressures);
    - 19.1.2 \$41.3 million per annum for ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) programmes in schools (\$58.1 million including cost pressures);
  - 19.2 agreed to targeted consultation with key stakeholders in April 2024 on increases to fee and levy rates;
  - 19.3 invited the Minister of Immigration to report back to the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee in mid-2024 following targeted consultation to seek agreement to final proposals on fee and levy rates, with updated rates taking effect in late September 2024;
- [CAB-24-MIN-0109]
- 20 **noted** that Cabinet will make final decisions on increased fee and levy rates, including relevant appropriation changes and final decisions on ESOL funding, as part of the mid-2024 report back referred to above;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Essential Digital Services – Internet in Schools, Equipment Replacement and Cyber Security

**Description:** This initiative provides funding to maintain existing Information Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure and services in schools, which are foundational to the delivery of the Cyber Security and Digital Services programme. The initiative provides funding for: Email Protection to block malicious emails to schools, Domain Name Services to provide websites to schools, Microsoft and Google licensing, Security Operations Centre to monitor and address security threats, and Netsafe cyber safety training. The Crown entity Network for Learning (N4L) is contracted to deliver a number of these services on behalf of the Ministry of Education. N4L also requires additional funding to meet the cost pressures for ICT network equipment replacement and support.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	22.517	24.356	25.111	21.684
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	22.460	23.010	23.840	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>44.977</b>	<b>47.366</b>	<b>48.951</b>	<b>21.684</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	9.460	9.600	10.090	6.930
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Schooling Improvement	-	4.286	5.638	5.638	5.638
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Schools Furniture and Equipment	-	22.460	23.010	23.840	-
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Curriculum Support	-	0.710	0.980	1.160	0.800
<b>Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)</b>	-	<b>0.710</b>	<b>0.980</b>	<b>1.160</b>	<b>0.800</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA) <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i> Support and Resources for Education Providers (funded by revenue Crown)	-	8.061	8.138	8.223	8.316
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	-	8.061	8.138	8.223	8.316
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>22.517</b>	<b>24.356</b>	<b>25.111</b>	<b>21.684</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	<b>22.460</b>	<b>23.010</b>	<b>23.840</b>	-

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**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Holidays Act Remediation for School Employees – Updated Liability Estimate

**Description:** This initiative provides funding for Holidays Act remediation by the Ministry of Education on behalf of 2,500 schools and for over 235,000 current and former employees to meet its legal obligations. The Ministry has revised its liability estimate (for payments for specialist and support staff across all leave types covered by the Holidays Act and for family violence, bereavement leave, alternative holidays, public holidays and sick leave for teachers) and estimated the previously unquantified liability for teachers’ annual holidays. The revised estimate now includes payments for teachers’ annual holidays and the \$32.200 million funding in 2023/24 recognises an increase in the liability estimate. The funding meets financial compliance (accounting standard) requirements for such liabilities.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Operating Balance Impact*	32.200	-	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>32.200</b>	-	-	-	-

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Learning Support and Alternative Education	2.029	-	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)	2.029	-	-	-	-
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Primary Education	17.871	-	-	-	-
Secondary Education	12.300	-	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	30.171	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>32.200</b>	-	-	-	-

**Additional Recommendations**

- 30 **noted** that additional funding has been made available for the cost of resolution for school staff that have received non-compliant Holidays Act 2003 related pay in the past, including through Budget 2019 [CAB-19-MIN-0174.13], Budget 2021 [CAB-21-MIN-0116.10], and Budget 2023 [CAB-23-MIN-0139];
- 31 **note** that time-limited funding has been made available to 2026/27 to ensure schools' staff receive corrective payments where they have not been paid in accordance with the requirements of the Holidays Act 2003, in Budget 2021 [CAB-21-MIN-0116.10] and Budget 2023 [CAB-23-MIN-0139];

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Ikura | Manaakitia te Whare Tangata – Period Products in Schools – Ongoing Funding

**Description:** This initiative provides funding for the continuation of the Ikura | Manaakitia te Whare Tangata – Period Products in Schools programme. This programme provides access to free period products for children and young people in all state and state-integrated schools and kura across New Zealand. Charter schools will be able to opt into the programme. This reduces barriers to school attendance and sports involvement, improves child and youth wellbeing, reduces financial strain on families and whānau, and promotes positive gender norms by reducing stigmatisation of menstruation.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	2.886	3.518	3.930	4.137
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.886</b>	<b>3.518</b>	<b>3.930</b>	<b>4.137</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Students Attendance and Engagement	-	2.886	3.518	3.930	4.137
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)	-	2.886	3.518	3.930	4.137
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.886</b>	<b>3.518</b>	<b>3.930</b>	<b>4.137</b>

**Additional Recommendations**

- 32 **noted** that the Period Products in Schools initiative received \$2.592 million time-limited funding from the Prime Minister’s Emerging Priorities Fund in March 2020 to pilot the initiative [CAB-20-MIN-0094] and that a further \$25.6 million time-limited funding was provided to roll the initiative out to all state and state-integrated schools until June 2024 [CBC-20-MIN-0130];
- 33 **noted** that on 24 March 2024, the Minister of Education made a pre-Budget announcement for \$2.9 million of funding to continue providing period products in schools;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches Programme – Continuing Beyond 2024

**Description:** This initiative provides funding to continue the Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches programme for learners from Years 0-6, and introduced an alternative provision model for learners that are Year 7 or older. Additionally, it provides \$8 million to introduce a targeted early childhood food programme. Funding is provided to the end of school year 2026 while advice is developed on policy settings that better target the initiative, and to design longer-term options that ensure investment adds to and complements private and non-government sector provision. This initiative supports learner health, wellbeing, concentration and behaviour, and helps families with the rising cost of living. It reduces food insecurity and barriers to participation, engagement and achievement in education.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Operating Balance Impact*	-	119.164	238.111	119.083	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	0.300	0.600	0.300	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>119.464</b>	<b>238.711</b>	<b>119.383</b>	-

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Schools Furniture and Equipment	-	0.300	0.600	0.300	-
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Interventions for Target Student Groups (funded by revenue Crown)	-	3.062	5.908	2.981	-
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Food Programme for Schools and Early Learning	-	116.102	232.203	116.102	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)	-	119.164	238.111	119.083	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>119.164</b>	<b>238.111</b>	<b>119.083</b>	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	<b>0.300</b>	<b>0.600</b>	<b>0.300</b>	-

### Additional Recommendations

34 **noted** that in April 2024, Cabinet agreed policy decisions for this initiative and invited the Associate Minister for Education to report back to the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee on options for design and funding of the programme beyond 2026 [CAB-24-MIN-0131.01];

35 **agreed** to amend the title and scope of the category as follows:

Existing Title	Existing Scope	Amended Title	Amended Scope
School Lunch Programme	This category is limited to providing school lunches to students in schools and kura with high concentrations of disadvantage.	Food Programme for Schools and Early Learning	This category is limited to providing food to learners in schools and early learning settings with high concentrations of disadvantage.

<b>Vote:</b>	Education
<b>Appropriation Administrator:</b>	Ministry of Education
<b>Title:</b>	Kōhanga Reo Property Maintenance – Cost Adjustment
<b>Description:</b>	This initiative provides funding to assist with property maintenance and upgrade cost pressures in kōhanga reo early learning services. This continues the one-year increase of \$3 million provided in Budget 2023. Including existing funding, this will provide ongoing funding of \$8.280 million per year for Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust property.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3.000</b>	<b>3.000</b>	<b>3.000</b>	<b>3.000</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Early Learning	-	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3.000</b>	<b>3.000</b>	<b>3.000</b>	<b>3.000</b>

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Laptops for Teachers – Reprioritisation of Funding

**Description:** This initiative reprioritises \$2.000 million operating funding through more cost-effective delivery of Laptops for Teachers. The Laptops for Teachers initiative provides funding to supply digital devices and user support, including insurance, to principals and teachers. This service has been reviewed for cost efficiency, and savings have been identified by transitioning the programme from a three-year device lease period to a four-year option with a residual value remaining at the end of the leasing period (this also currently occurs for the three-year leasing term). Apart from the leasing term changing to four years, all other current Laptops for Teachers eligibility criteria remain the same.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.500)</b>	<b>(0.500)</b>	<b>(0.500)</b>	<b>(0.500)</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Curriculum Support	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)	-	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)	(0.500)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(0.500)</b>	<b>(0.500)</b>	<b>(0.500)</b>	<b>(0.500)</b>

### Additional Recommendations

- 36 **noted** that these savings are estimates based on historical data for the Laptops for Teachers scheme and if the risks underlying these savings are actualised, the Laptops for Teachers scheme will need to identify reprioritisation within the Ministry of Education baseline or return through future Budgets to seek additional funding;
- 37 **agreed** to scale the Laptops for Teachers Scheme from 1 July 2024;



**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Marlborough Boys' and Girls' Colleges and Bohally Intermediate Redevelopments – Tagged Contingency

**Description:** This initiative provides funding in contingency to complete the Ministry of Education’s preferred solution to address priority condition issues at Marlborough Boys’ and Girls’ Colleges and Bohally Intermediate. Each school has specific investment needs either driven by condition related failures or deferred capital maintenance and upgrades, or a combination of both. This initiative will deliver refurbishments to improve the schools' physical performance in terms of temperature, acoustics, lighting and overall fitness-for-purpose. This initiative will improve Blenheim’s secondary education provision.

### Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Marlborough Boys' and Girls' Colleges and Bohally Intermediate Redevelopments - Operating Contingency	-	-	0.805	2.389	3.168
Marlborough Boys' and Girls' Colleges and Bohally Intermediate Redevelopments - Capital Contingency	-	-	32.208	32.207	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>33.013</b>	<b>34.596</b>	<b>3.168</b>

### Additional Recommendations

- 38 **noted** that in September 2018, Cabinet agreed to co-locate the Colleges on the current Marlborough Girls’ College site and adjacent Bohally Intermediate site and relocate Bohally Intermediate to the Marlborough Boys’ College site, at an estimated cost of \$168.8 million (plus land costs) [GOV-18-MIN-0061];
- 39 **agreed** that the Ministry of Education will redevelop Marlborough Boys’ College, Marlborough Girls’ College and Bohally Intermediate on their current sites, subject to the completion of project level business cases;
- 40 **noted** that under Cabinet Office Circular CO (23) 9, the Marlborough Schools projects would require Cabinet approval as the whole-of-life cost exceeds \$35 million;
- 41 **noted** that the need to progress the projects quickly and Cabinet decisions on the scope of the project justify delegating authority to Joint Ministers to approve the projects;
- 42 **authorised** the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance (Joint Ministers) to approve the Marlborough Schools projects, subject to the works being consistent with the high-level scope of the projects as described by Initiative 15680;

- 43 **agreed** to establish tagged operating and capital contingencies for the Marlborough Schools projects to provide for the redevelopment of the three schools;
- 44 **authorised** the Joint Ministers to draw down the tagged operating and capital contingency funding, subject to their satisfaction with the completion of project level business cases;
- 45 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 16202 in Vote Education;
- 46 **agreed** that the expiry date for the above tagged contingency be 1 March 2025;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Marlborough Boys' and Girls' Colleges and Bohally Intermediate Redevelopments – Write-off Costs

**Description:** This initiative provides funding to complete the Ministry of Education’s preferred solution to address priority condition issues at Marlborough Boys’ and Girls’ Colleges and Bohally Intermediate. Each school has specific investment needs either driven by condition-related failures or deferred capital maintenance and upgrades, or a combination of both. This initiative will deliver refurbishments to improve the schools' physical performance in terms of temperature, acoustics, lighting and overall fitness-for-purpose. This initiative will improve Blenheim’s secondary education provision. Note this initiative covers the 2023/24 write-off costs for this project.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Operating Balance Impact*	13.397	-	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.397</b>	-	-	-	-

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Other)	13.397	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>13.397</b>	-	-	-	-

### Additional Recommendations

- 47 **noted** that this initiative covers the 2023/24 write-off costs for the Marlborough Schools;
- 48 **agreed** that write-off costs for this initiative are being managed outside allowances and will therefore directly impact the operating balance;
- 49 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 15680 in Vote Education;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** NZQA Stabilisation of Core Information Technology Systems and NCEA Service Delivery

**Description:** This initiative provides funding for costs associated with stabilising the New Zealand Qualification Authority (NZQA) IT systems; preparing a Budget 2025 Bid to replace the core legacy technology platform; and funding to address risks and pressures in delivery of the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Qualification. Up to \$3.5 million will address critical pressure points and risks across the NCEA exam delivery cycle for 2024/25. This allows NZQA to address its highest priority core IT stabilisation issues and have the foundation needed to transition away from its legacy technology. This supports delivery of and manages national and international perception of the NCEA qualification. <sup>[33]</sup>

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Operating Balance Impact*	-	10.000	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>10.000</b>	-	-	-

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Oversight and Administration of the Qualifications System (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Standards and Qualifications Support	-	10.000	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Oversight and Administration of the Qualifications System (MCA)	-	10.000	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>10.000</b>	-	-	-

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**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Partnering to Strengthen Māori Education – Partial Reprioritisation of Funding

**Description:** This initiative reprioritises \$4.092 million total operating which is a portion of baselined funding by disestablishing the Secretariat for Te Pae Roa Ministerial Group. The remaining funding will be used to re-scope the work to focus on the Government’s priorities, and to progress a more targeted work programme providing practical support to strengthen the Māori Education pathway. This work programme enables Māori input into sustaining and growing the sector in partnership with government.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	(0.892)	(0.800)	(0.800)	(0.800)	(0.800)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(0.892)</b>	<b>(0.800)</b>	<b>(0.800)</b>	<b>(0.800)</b>	<b>(0.800)</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Schooling Improvement	(0.892)	(0.800)	(0.800)	(0.800)	(0.800)
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>(0.892)</b>	<b>(0.800)</b>	<b>(0.800)</b>	<b>(0.800)</b>	<b>(0.800)</b>

### Additional Recommendations

- 53 **agreed** to a partial return of funding from the Partnering to Strengthen Māori Initiative resulting from disestablishing the Secretariat for Te Pae Roa Ministerial Group;
- 54 **noted** that the remaining funding will be set aside, pending the release of the Waitangi Tribunal Wai 1718 report;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Partnership Schools (Charter schools | Kura Hourua) – Tagged Contingency

**Description:** This initiative provides funding in contingency for Charter schools | Kura Hourua (charter schools), in line with the Coalition Agreement between the New Zealand National Party and ACT New Zealand. New charter schools will be created and state schools will have the option to become charter schools. This initiative provides for the establishment of approximately 15 new charter schools and the conversion of approximately 35 state schools into charter schools, along with appropriate support.

**Tagged Contingency**

	<b>\$m - increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28 &amp; Outyears</b>
Partnership Schools (Charter schools   Kura Hourua) - Operating Contingency	-	25.223	57.018	35.478	35.371
Partnership Schools (Charter schools   Kura Hourua) - Capital Contingency	-	0.120	0.080	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>25.343</b>	<b>57.098</b>	<b>35.478</b>	<b>35.371</b>

**Additional Recommendations**

- 55 **noted** that the establishment of charter schools is a commitment under the New Zealand National Party and ACT New Zealand Coalition Agreement;
- 56 **noted** that in April 2024, Cabinet agreed to a legislative framework for the establishment of new charter schools and the conversion of state schools to charter schools [CAB-24-MIN-0107.01];
- 57 **noted** that in March 2024, Cabinet agreed to establish a departmental agency, hosted by the Ministry of Education, to support establishing and implementing the charter school model [SOU-24-MIN-0018];
- 58 **noted** that most charter school funding will be reprioritised from the Ministry of Education’s baselines as State schools convert and students transfer to charter schools;
- 59 **agreed** to establish tagged operating and capital contingencies associated with Charter schools | Kura Hourua;

- 60 **noted** that this initiative provides funding for:
- 60.1 the establishment and transition costs of the charter schools that will be established and converted;
  - 60.2 the additional ongoing operating costs of the charter schools that will be established and converted;
  - 60.3 the ongoing operating costs of the departmental agency that will be established; and
  - 60.4 Vote Education Review Office to conduct confirmation assessments of potential sponsors of charter schools and school sites;
- 61 **agreed** that the contingency draw down is subject to:
- 61.1 suitable appropriation structures being defined for the departmental agency;
  - 61.2 an accompanying clear outline of respective roles and responsibilities between the departmental agency and the Ministry of Education;
- 62 **authorised** the Associate Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance to jointly:
- 62.1 draw down the tagged contingency, subject to the above conditions being met;
  - 62.2 decide the final appropriation structure for funding charter schools;
- 63 **agreed** that the expiry date for the above tagged contingency be 31 August 2024;
- 64 **directed** the Associate Minister of Education to report back to the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee by September 2025 on the implementation of charter schools including levels of demand and updated costs;



**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Playcentre – Sustainable Funding

**Description:** This initiative provides ongoing funding to both increase playcentre funding rates and introduce an additional mechanism to recognise quality in playcentres. This is intended to support playcentre sustainability. The initiative also includes separate ongoing funding for property costs, which is intended to support Playcentre Aotearoa with part of these costs.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	2.903	3.337	3.359	3.405
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>2.903</b>	<b>3.337</b>	<b>3.359</b>	<b>3.405</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Early Learning	-	1.403	1.837	1.859	1.905
Support for Early Learning Providers	-	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>2.903</b>	<b>3.337</b>	<b>3.359</b>	<b>3.405</b>

### Additional Recommendation

65 **noted** that this initiative is led by the Associate Minister of Education;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Prime Minister’s Vocational Excellence Award – Reprioritisation of Funding

**Description:** This initiative reprioritises \$4.368 million total operating funding by discontinuing the Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award from 2024/25. The Award has not been evaluated. It was launched in 2019 to celebrate the achievement of secondary students enrolled in vocational programmes.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	(0.168)	(1.050)	(1.050)	(1.050)	(1.050)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(0.168)</b>	<b>(1.050)</b>	<b>(1.050)</b>	<b>(1.050)</b>	<b>(1.050)</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Benefits or Related Expenses:</b>					
Scholarships and Awards for Students	(0.168)	(0.900)	(0.900)	(0.900)	(0.900)
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Support and Resources for Teachers (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.150)	(0.150)	(0.150)	(0.150)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)	-	(0.150)	(0.150)	(0.150)	(0.150)
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>(0.168)</b>	<b>(1.050)</b>	<b>(1.050)</b>	<b>(1.050)</b>	<b>(1.050)</b>

### Additional Recommendation

66 **agreed** to discontinue the Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Reduction in Contractors and Consultants – Ministry of Education

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$61.580 million total operating funding for contractors and consultants at the Ministry of Education.

### Appropriation Changes

	<b>\$m - increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28 &amp; Outyears</b>
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(16.690)	(15.830)	(15.090)	(13.970)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(16.690)</b>	<b>(15.830)</b>	<b>(15.090)</b>	<b>(13.970)</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	<b>\$m - increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28 &amp; Outyears</b>
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(5.750)	(5.720)	(5.700)	(5.700)
Support and Resources for Parents and the Community (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.440)	(0.410)	(0.390)	(0.390)
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Support and Resources for Teachers (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.620)	(0.540)	(0.240)	(0.240)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)	-	(0.620)	(0.540)	(0.240)	(0.240)
Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Interventions for Target Student Groups (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(3.290)	(3.030)	(2.890)	(2.890)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)	-	(3.290)	(3.030)	(2.890)	(2.890)

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Oversight of the Education System (MCA) <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i> Stewardship and Oversight of the Education System (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(2.450)	(2.240)	(2.120)	(2.120)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Oversight of the Education System (MCA)	-	(2.450)	(2.240)	(2.120)	(2.120)
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA) <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i> Support and Resources for Education Providers (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(4.140)	(3.890)	(3.750)	(2.630)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	-	(4.140)	(3.890)	(3.750)	(2.630)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(16.690)</b>	<b>(15.830)</b>	<b>(15.090)</b>	<b>(13.970)</b>

### Additional Recommendations

- 67 **noted** that this savings initiative will reduce the Ministry of Education's expenditure on contractors and consultants pending more detailed analysis;
- 68 **noted** that the above appropriation changes give effect to the planned changes, but the final impact may be affected by the results of more detailed analysis;
- 69 **directed** the Ministry of Education to report to the Minister of Education and Minister of Finance (Joint Ministers) on the final impact of these savings programmes by 31 July 2024;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Reduction in Professional Services – Ministry of Education

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$43.980 million total operating funding for professional services at the Ministry of Education.

### Appropriation Changes

	<b>\$m – increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28 &amp; Outyears</b>
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(11.340)	(11.470)	(10.590)	(10.580)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(11.340)</b>	<b>(11.470)</b>	<b>(10.590)</b>	<b>(10.580)</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	<b>\$m – increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28 &amp; Outyears</b>
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(4.100)	(4.150)	(4.150)	(4.150)
Support and Resources for Parents and the Community (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.130)	(0.130)	(0.130)	(0.130)
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Support and Resources for Teachers (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(4.180)	(4.030)	(3.150)	(3.150)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)	-	(4.180)	(4.030)	(3.150)	(3.150)
Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Interventions for Target Student Groups (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(1.380)	(1.540)	(1.540)	(1.530)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)	-	(1.380)	(1.540)	(1.540)	(1.530)

	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Oversight of the Education System (MCA) <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i> Stewardship and Oversight of the Education System (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.660)	(0.680)	(0.680)	(0.680)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Oversight of the Education System (MCA)	-	(0.660)	(0.680)	(0.680)	(0.680)
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA) <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i> Support and Resources for Education Providers (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.890)	(0.940)	(0.940)	(0.940)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	-	(0.890)	(0.940)	(0.940)	(0.940)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(11.340)</b>	<b>(11.470)</b>	<b>(10.590)</b>	<b>(10.580)</b>

### Additional Recommendations

- 70 **noted** that this savings initiative will reduce the Ministry of Education’s operating funding for professional services and will require consultation with Ministry staff;
- 71 **noted** that the above appropriation changes give effect to the planned changes, but the final impact may be affected by consultation;
- 72 **directed** the Ministry of Education to report to the Minister of Education and Minister of Finance (Joint Ministers) on the final impact of these savings programmes by 31 July 2024;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Reduction in Travel and Meeting Related Expenditure –  
Ministry of Education

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$5.040 million total operating funding for travel and meeting expenditure at the Ministry of Education. This initiative focuses on costs relating to travel and meetings that are not essential in delivering the Government's priorities and maintaining the delivery of frontline services and support to schools and learners.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(1.260)	(1.260)	(1.260)	(1.260)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(1.260)</b>	<b>(1.260)</b>	<b>(1.260)</b>	<b>(1.260)</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.290)	(0.290)	(0.290)	(0.290)
Support and Resources for Parents and the Community (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.020)	(0.020)	(0.020)	(0.020)
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Support and Resources for Teachers (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.060)	(0.060)	(0.060)	(0.060)
<b>Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)</b>	-	<b>(0.060)</b>	<b>(0.060)</b>	<b>(0.060)</b>	<b>(0.060)</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA) <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i> Interventions for Target Student Groups (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.520)	(0.520)	(0.520)	(0.520)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)	-	(0.520)	(0.520)	(0.520)	(0.520)
Oversight of the Education System (MCA) <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i> Stewardship and Oversight of the Education System (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.160)	(0.160)	(0.160)	(0.160)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Oversight of the Education System (MCA)	-	(0.160)	(0.160)	(0.160)	(0.160)
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA) <i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i> Support and Resources for Education Providers (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.210)	(0.210)	(0.210)	(0.210)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	-	(0.210)	(0.210)	(0.210)	(0.210)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(1.260)</b>	<b>(1.260)</b>	<b>(1.260)</b>	<b>(1.260)</b>

### Additional Recommendations

- 73 **noted** that this savings initiative will reduce the Ministry of Education's travel and meeting related expenditure pending results of more detailed analysis;
- 74 **noted** that the above appropriation changes give effect to the planned changes, but the final impact may be affected by the results of more detailed analysis;
- 75 **directed** the Ministry of Education to report to the Minister of Education and Minister of Finance (Joint Ministers) on the final impact of these savings programmes by 31 July 2024;



**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Reduction in Workforce Through Efficiencies and Stopping Low-Priority Work Programmes – Ministry of Education

**Description:** This savings initiative returns \$148.290 million total operating funding. This will result in a reduction in the total number of FTE in the Ministry of Education, as the Ministry looks to stop some programmes of work and work more efficiently. The Ministry has already restricted the recruitment of vacant positions, except for the recruitment of specified frontline roles and other high priority appointments as approved by the Secretary for Education. The Ministry will focus resources on delivering outcomes for learners.

### Appropriation Changes

	<b>\$m - increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28 &amp; Outyears</b>
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(37.280)	(38.580)	(36.210)	(36.220)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(37.280)</b>	<b>(38.580)</b>	<b>(36.210)</b>	<b>(36.220)</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	<b>\$m - increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28 &amp; Outyears</b>
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(13.350)	(13.110)	(13.130)	(13.130)
Support and Resources for Parents and the Community (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.690)	(0.700)	(0.680)	(0.680)

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Support and Resources for Teachers (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(3.200)	(4.630)	(2.410)	(2.410)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)	-	(3.200)	(4.630)	(2.410)	(2.410)
Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Interventions for Target Student Groups (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(4.000)	(4.060)	(3.970)	(3.970)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)	-	(4.000)	(4.060)	(3.970)	(3.970)
Oversight of the Education System (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Stewardship and Oversight of the Education System (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(8.950)	(8.940)	(8.960)	(8.970)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Oversight of the Education System (MCA)	-	(8.950)	(8.940)	(8.960)	(8.970)
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Support and Resources for Education Providers (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(7.090)	(7.140)	(7.060)	(7.060)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	-	(7.090)	(7.140)	(7.060)	(7.060)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(37.280)</b>	<b>(38.580)</b>	<b>(36.210)</b>	<b>(36.220)</b>

### Additional Recommendations

- 76 **noted** that this savings initiative will reduce the Ministry of Education's workforce and will require consultation with Ministry staff;
- 77 **noted** that the above appropriation changes give effect to the planned changes, but the final impact may be affected by consultation;
- 78 **directed** the Ministry of Education to report to the Minister of Education and Minister of Finance (Joint Ministers) on the final impact of these savings programmes by 31 July 2024;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Reprioritisation of Underspends in Early Learning and Schooling Services

**Description:** This initiative returns \$16.200 million total operating from persistent underspends from four programmes: Playgroups, Whānau at Home (HIPPY), Early Learning Taskforce and Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L). These initiatives sit within wider appropriations which do not generally return underspends annually.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(4.050)	(4.050)	(4.050)	(4.050)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(4.050)</b>	<b>(4.050)</b>	<b>(4.050)</b>	<b>(4.050)</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Early Learning	-	(3.300)	(3.300)	(3.300)	(3.300)
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Learning Support and Alternative Education	-	(0.750)	(0.750)	(0.750)	(0.750)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)	-	(0.750)	(0.750)	(0.750)	(0.750)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(4.050)</b>	<b>(4.050)</b>	<b>(4.050)</b>	<b>(4.050)</b>

### Additional Recommendation

79 **agreed** to return funding for the following programmes:

- 79.1 base funding for Playgroups;
- 79.2 Whānau in Home Learning;
- 79.3 Positive Behaviour for Learning; and
- 79.4 Early Learning Taskforce;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** School High Health Needs Fund – Cost Pressure (Volume)

**Description:** This initiative provides funding to meet the forecasted increase in students/ākonga with high health needs through the School High Health Needs Fund (SHHNF). The funding provides a contribution towards teacher aide support for those students/ākonga with significant health needs, for example (but not limited to) type one diabetes, incontinence, and seizure-based medical conditions, to safely attend school and develop independence in managing their health conditions.

There are more ākonga who meet the criteria for high health needs who need to stay in the SHHNF for longer, meaning that the increased funding will help to meet demand.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	1.800	2.879	3.168	3.485	3.834
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.800</b>	<b>2.879</b>	<b>3.168</b>	<b>3.485</b>	<b>3.834</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Interventions for Target Student Groups (funded by revenue Crown)	1.800	1.633	1.797	1.977	2.175
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)	1.800	1.633	1.797	1.977	2.175
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Primary Education	-	1.246	1.371	1.508	1.659
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	-	1.246	1.371	1.508	1.659
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>1.800</b>	<b>2.879</b>	<b>3.168</b>	<b>3.485</b>	<b>3.834</b>

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** School Property Portfolio Depreciation Expenses

**Description:** This initiative provides additional depreciation funding to maintain and upgrade the school property portfolio. The school property portfolio has recently undergone revaluation, which has contributed to a notable increase in the value of the Ministry of Education's portfolio. Previous depreciation funding did not align with the total value of the portfolio and was insufficient to undertake the necessary repair and upkeep works. The work this initiative funds is business-as-usual, including funding for both school and Ministry-led projects, and affects all learners across the country.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	280.000	200.000	150.000	150.000
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>280.000</b>	<b>200.000</b>	<b>150.000</b>	<b>150.000</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	280.000	200.000	150.000	150.000
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>280.000</b>	<b>200.000</b>	<b>150.000</b>	<b>150.000</b>

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** School Property Portfolio Growth – Cost Pressure

**Description:** This initiative provides funding to address critical growth pressures within the school network by delivering additional student capacity in high growth areas. This funding will be allocated across priority new school projects, land acquisition and adding additional capacity at existing schools via the Ministry of Education’s English Medium and Learning Support roll growth programmes. This will add approximately 8,000 student places to the school network.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	2.344	7.031	9.375	9.375
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	225.000	175.000	-	-
No Impact	-	2.344	7.032	9.375	9.375
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>229.688</b>	<b>189.063</b>	<b>18.750</b>	<b>18.750</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	2.344	7.031	9.375	9.375
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	2.344	7.032	9.375	9.375
<b>Capital Injections:</b>					
Ministry of Education - Capital Injection	-	225.000	175.000	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>4.688</b>	<b>14.063</b>	<b>18.750</b>	<b>18.750</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	<b>225.000</b>	<b>175.000</b>	-	-

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Schools Operational Grant – Cost Pressure

**Description:** This initiative provides funding for a cost adjustment of 3 percent to the equity and isolation index-based components of schools' operational grant funding, and a 2.5 percent increase to the remaining components of the grant, including base funding for Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu (the Correspondence School). This funding will enable schools to meet their rising running costs, including staffing (teachers employed above their staffing entitlement and non-teaching staff), curriculum delivery, and other general day-to-day operations, such as heat, light, and water, or repair and maintenance costs. The cost adjustment will take effect from 1 January 2025.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	28.502	57.087	57.053	56.842
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>28.502</b>	<b>57.087</b>	<b>57.053</b>	<b>56.842</b>

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Early Learning	-	0.015	0.030	0.030	0.030
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Curriculum Support	-	0.064	0.128	0.128	0.128
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)	-	0.064	0.128	0.128	0.128

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Learning Support and Alternative Education	-	2.007	4.122	4.160	4.168
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)	-	2.007	4.122	4.160	4.168
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Primary Education	-	14.604	29.031	28.899	28.732
Secondary Education	-	11.812	23.776	23.836	23.784
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	-	26.416	52.807	52.735	52.516
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>28.502</b>	<b>57.087</b>	<b>57.053</b>	<b>56.842</b>



<b>Vote:</b>	Education
<b>Appropriation Administrator:</b>	Ministry of Education
<b>Title:</b>	Services Academy National Hui – Reprioritisation of Funding
<b>Description:</b>	This initiative reprioritises \$0.124 million total operating funding by stopping a 1.5-day event held annually for professional development of 50-60 schools and New Zealand Defence Force staff working in Services Academies.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.031)	(0.031)	(0.031)	(0.031)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(0.031)</b>	<b>(0.031)</b>	<b>(0.031)</b>	<b>(0.031)</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Interventions for Target Student Groups (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.031)	(0.031)	(0.031)	(0.031)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)	-	(0.031)	(0.031)	(0.031)	(0.031)
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>(0.031)</b>	<b>(0.031)</b>	<b>(0.031)</b>	<b>(0.031)</b>

### Additional Recommendation

80 **agreed** to stop investment in Services Academy National Hui from 1 July 2024;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Structured Approaches to Literacy Resources – State and State Integrated Schools

**Description:** This initiative funds Professional Learning and Development (PLD) (first for all Year 0-3 teachers, then Year 4-6), supplementary online training, decodable texts and resources to help teachers use a structured approach to literacy / te reo matatini in kura kaupapa Māori, state and state-integrated schools. Schools will have a choice of approved provider. Learners in the 50 percent of schools not yet using a structured approach will benefit from this approach. The 50 percent of schools already using the approach will be further supported. Evaluation data will be gathered throughout using teacher surveys, phonics checks, PLD data, e-asTTle data and the Curriculum Insights and Progress Study (CIPS). Statistically significant improvements in literacy measured by CIPS is anticipated after four years.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	18.658	31.998	8.465	7.915
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>18.658</b>	<b>31.998</b>	<b>8.465</b>	<b>7.915</b>

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	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Support and Resources for Teachers (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.895	1.235	0.735	0.735
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Curriculum Support	-	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Professional Development and Support	-	14.763	28.763	5.730	5.180
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)	-	18.658	31.998	8.465	7.915
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>18.658</b>	<b>31.998</b>	<b>8.465</b>	<b>7.915</b>

**Additional Recommendation**

- 81 **directed** the Ministry of Education to report back to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance (Joint Ministers) on the progress of Structured Approaches to Literacy Resources by December 2025;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Te Kawa Matakura – Reprioritisation of Funding

**Description:** This initiative will reprioritise \$21.950 million total operating funding from the Te Kawa Matakura programme from 2023/24. Te Kawa Matakura had low participation and was consistently underspent. Te Kawa Matakura was intended to support rangatahi to strengthen their mātauranga-ā-iwi. It used a traditional wānanga approach, predominantly implemented through oral practice.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	(4.130)	(4.455)	(4.455)	(4.455)	(4.455)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(4.130)</b>	<b>(4.455)</b>	<b>(4.455)</b>	<b>(4.455)</b>	<b>(4.455)</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Curriculum Support	(4.130)	(4.455)	(4.455)	(4.455)	(4.455)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)	(4.130)	(4.455)	(4.455)	(4.455)	(4.455)
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>(4.130)</b>	<b>(4.455)</b>	<b>(4.455)</b>	<b>(4.455)</b>	<b>(4.455)</b>

### Additional Recommendation

82 **agreed** to stop the Te Kawa Matakura programme;

**Vote:** Education

**Appropriation Administrator:** Ministry of Education

**Title:** Teacher Supply Supports

**Description:** This initiative provides continued funding to increase the number of teachers across the sector. It grows and maintains the pipeline of teachers by investing in the onsite training of teachers in state and state-integrated schools, encouraging the relocation of overseas-qualified teachers and New Zealand teachers based overseas, and contributing towards overseas recruitment costs for schools and early learning services. Additionally, this funding supports the overseas recruitment of other child-facing education workforces and retention of our current workforce through targeted career development opportunities and continuing a programme that matches beginning teachers with schools experiencing recruitment and retention issues.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	12.260	11.619	11.611	17.135
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>12.260</b>	<b>11.619</b>	<b>11.611</b>	<b>17.135</b>

\* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b>					
Early Learning	-	-	-	-	1.239
<b>Benefits or Related Expenses:</b>					
Scholarships and Awards for Teachers and Trainees	-	5.927	4.926	4.601	4.602
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Oversight and Administration of the Qualifications System (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Standards and Qualifications Support	-	0.328	0.328	0.328	0.328
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Oversight and Administration of the Qualifications System (MCA)	-	0.328	0.328	0.328	0.328

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Primary Education	-	2.106	2.114	2.219	3.916
Secondary Education	-	3.899	4.251	4.463	7.050
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	-	6.005	6.365	6.682	10.966
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>12.260</b>	<b>11.619</b>	<b>11.611</b>	<b>17.135</b>

### Additional Recommendations

- 83     **noted** that modelling shows there will continue to be supply challenges in the next few years, particularly at the secondary level;
- 84     **directed** the Ministry of Education to report back to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance (Joint Ministers) on the effectiveness of this investment by July 2026.