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Budget 2024 Package: Vote Education Review (Technical Initiatives)

On 29 April 2024, Cabinet:

Appropriation Administrator: Education Review Office

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

Summary of technical initiative:

Operating Initiative (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
15996	Transfer of Funding from 2023/24 to 2024/25 for Vote Education Review Office	(1.370)	1.370	-	-	-
Total Operating		(1.370)	1.370	-	-	-

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 Review Office

Appropriation Administrator: Education Review Office

Title: Transfer of Funding from 2023/24 to 2024/25 for Vote Education Review Office

Description: This initiative will transfer funding from 2023/24 to 2024/25 for the Education Review Office and Independent Children’s Monitor. This funding will help meet one-off cost pressures to help manage future cost pressures and support system improvements to provide operating efficiencies for both agencies.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	(1.370)	1.370	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(1.370)	1.370	-	-	-

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Evaluations of the Quality of Education (funded by revenue Crown)	(1.080)	1.080	-	-	-
Independent Monitoring and Assurance of the Oranga Tamariki System (funded by revenue Crown)	(0.290)	0.290	-	-	-
Total Operating	(1.370)	1.370	-	-	-

Additional Recommendations

- 1 **noted** that due to the uncertain timing of implementing changes to achieve the baseline savings from 1 July 2024 onwards, the Education Review Office requires an in-principle transfer to manage temporary cost pressures of up to \$0.600 million from 2023/24 to 2024/25 and \$0.900 million from 2023/24 to 2025/26 of operating funding in the Evaluations of the Quality of Education appropriation;
- 2 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Education jointly to agree the final amount to be transferred, following completion of the 2023/24 audited financial statements, with no impact on the operating balance and/or net core Crown debt across the forecast period.