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Budget 2026 Package: Vote Education

On 7 May 2026, Cabinet:

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2026 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)				
		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
17326	Administration Payment to Schools and Kura for Administering NCEA Co-requisite Assessments	-	1.407	1.407	1.407	1.407
17311	Cyber Security and Digital Support - Reprioritisation	(6.000)	-	-	-	-
17584	Dame Karen Poutasi Response - Strengthening the Safety Nets to Identify and Respond to Children at Risk of Harm - Training for Core Children's Workers	-	4.164	3.555	-	-
17320	E-ako Tool and Pathways Awarua - Reprioritisation	-	(0.440)	(0.440)	(0.440)	(0.440)
17340	Early Childhood Education Cost Adjustment	-	39.963	41.045	41.615	42.199
17323	Education Payroll Upgrade	-	2.375	2.779	2.130	2.172^
17341	Education Workforce Professional Standards Setting - New Ministry of Education Function	-	4.985	4.233	4.239	4.245
17334	Excellence Awards for Schools, Kura and Teachers	-	0.738	0.497	0.500	0.504
17347	Foundations for Educational Success: Pathway to 2030	-	51.893	30.125	24.531	24.672
17324	Healthy School Lunches Programme	-	102.214	110.152	-	-

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
17315	Industry Skills Boards - Developing New Industry-led Secondary School Subjects	-	5.106	1.639	1.639	1.639
17332	KiwiSaver - Cost Pressure	2.341	39.107	38.851	38.556	38.304
17329	Learning Support - Deaf Education Cost Pressure	-	0.760	0.760	0.760	0.760
17331	Learning Support - English for Speakers of Other Languages Cost Pressure	6.000	4.000	-	-	-
17330	Learning Support - School High Health Needs Fund Volume Pressure	-	3.580	5.564	6.111	6.714
17397	Music Kits for Years 0-8	-	5.636	-	-	-
17328	New Zealand Qualifications Authority - Delivery of National Certificate of Educational Achievement and New Zealand Scholarships	-	6.874	10.239	12.136	15.256
17338	New Zealand Qualifications Authority - Implementing the New Secondary School Qualification	-	8.423	-	-	-
17322	New Zealand Qualifications Authority - Piloting Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship	-	2.053	-	-	-
17339	New Zealand Qualifications Authority - Strategic Technology Enhancement Project	-	29.471	-	-	-
17384	Positive Behaviour for Learning - Reprioritisation	-	(2.299)	(3.103)	(3.103)	(3.103)
17385	Professional Learning and Development - Reprioritisation	(12.000)	-	-	-	-
17382	Ready to Learn - Children in Care	-	2.410	2.617	3.480	3.586
17316	Rockquest Events - Cost Pressure	-	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050
17348	School Onsite Training Programme - Cost Pressures	-	0.154	0.154	0.154	0.154
17121	School Property - Growing and Expanding the English Medium, Māori Medium and Kaupapa Māori Education Portfolio	-	2.039	4.960	6.000	6.156
17122	School Property - Maintaining and Upgrading the Portfolio	-	0.375	0.750	0.750	0.750
17278	School Property - Operating Cost Pressures	-	25.000	-	-	-
17308	Schools' Operational Grant - Cost Pressure	-	23.351	45.263	44.897	44.770
17333	Schools Payroll - Compliance and Remediation Cost Pressure	0.964	8.941	1.404	1.317	1.323

17344	Senior Secondary Subjects - Resources to Support the Refreshed Curriculum for Years 9-13	-	18.449	19.091	13.804	1.669
17327	Senior Secondary Subjects - Teacher Professional Learning and Development for the Refreshed Curriculum for Years 11-13	-	5.651	7.171	7.171	-
17166	Stafford v Attorney-General - Implications for the Ministry of Education	1.266	2.123	2.063	2.208	2.353^
17383	Student Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting Tool - Expansion Up to Year 11	-	5.767	1.205	1.205	1.205
17524	Targeted Assistance for Participation - Reprioritisation	(3.000)	-	-	-	-
17309	Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust Cost Adjustment	-	0.721	0.721	0.721	0.721
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17310	Te Rito - Reprioritisation	(4.000)	(3.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)
17302	Younger Provision - Reprioritisation	-	(3.500)	(3.500)	(3.500)	(3.500)
Total Operating		[33]				

^has irregular outyears

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
17584	Dame Karen Poutasi Response - Strengthening the Safety Nets to Identify and Respond to Children at Risk of Harm - Training for Core Children's Workers	-	0.126	-	-	-
17341	Education Workforce Professional Standards Setting - New Ministry of Education Function	-	0.329	-	-	-
17334	Excellence Awards for Schools, Kura and Teachers	-	0.043	-	-	-
17347	Foundations for Educational Success: Pathway to 2030	-	0.316	-	-	-
17324	Healthy School Lunches Programme	-	0.450	0.450	-	-
17330	Learning Support - School High Health Needs Fund Volume Pressure	-	0.018	-	-	-
17121	School Property - Growing and Expanding the English Medium, Māori Medium and Kaupapa Māori Education Portfolio	-	224.659	72.163	12.773	-
17122	School Property - Maintaining and Upgrading the Portfolio	-	85.000	25.000	25.000	25.000*
17333	Schools Payroll - Compliance and Remediation Cost Pressure	0.072	-	-	-	-

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
17344	Senior Secondary Subjects - Resources to Support the Refreshed Curriculum for Years 9-13	-	2.154	2.035	1.650	1.650*
17327	Senior Secondary Subjects - Teacher Professional Learning and Development for the Refreshed Curriculum for Years 11-13	-	0.054	-	-	-
17166	Stafford v Attorney-General - Implications for the Ministry of Education		1.520	12.500	3.300	1.000^
Total Capital		0.072	314.669	112.148	42.723	27.650

* funding for 2029/30 only - no outyears funding

^ Has irregular outyears

Summary of contingency initiatives:

Operating Contingency

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
17336	[33]					
17343						
17584	Dame Karen Poutasi Response - Strengthening the Safety Nets to Identify and Respond to Children at Risk of Harm - Training for Core Children's Workers - Tagged Contingency	-	4.390	3.815	-	-
17571	Fuel Response - Tagged Contingency	[33]				
17603	Education Payroll Upgrade - Tagged Contingency					
17602	New Zealand Qualifications Authority - Strategic Technology Enhancement Project - Tagged Contingency					
17523	[33]					
17342	Expanding Vocational Training Opportunities for Secondary School Students – Tagged Contingency	-	2.699	10.674	23.835	31.700
Total Operating		[33]				

^Has irregular outyears

Capital Contingency

		\$m - increase/(decrease)				
Initiative ID	Initiative Name	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
17342	Expanding Vocational Training Opportunities for Secondary School Students – Tagged Contingency	-	0.018	-	-	-
Total Operating		-	0.018	-	-	-

Appropriation Administrator: Charter School Agency**Summary of initiative:****Operating Initiative (Impact on Operating Balance)**

		\$m - increase/(decrease)				
Initiative ID	Initiative Name	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
17601	Schools' Operational Grant (Charter Schools) - Cost Pressure	-	0.301	0.602	0.602	0.602
Total Operating		-	0.301	0.602	0.602	0.602

Diana Hawker
Acting Secretary of the Cabinet

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Administration Payment to Schools and Kura for Administering NCEA Co-requisite Assessments

Description: This initiative will provide funding for schools' and kura' administrative costs to deliver National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) co-requisite external assessments. Funding will be administered by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	1.407	1.407	1.407	1.407
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1.407	1.407	1.407	1.407

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Oversight and Administration of the Qualifications System (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Standards and Qualifications Support	-	1.407	1.407	1.407	1.407
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Oversight and Administration of the Qualifications System (MCA)	-	1.407	1.407	1.407	1.407
Total Operating	-	1.407	1.407	1.407	1.407

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Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Cyber Security and Digital Support - Reprioritisation

Description: This initiative reprioritises underspent funding that was allocated for the Cyber Security and Digital Support programme for other education priorities in Budget 2026. Returning this funding will have no impact to current service delivery.

Appropriation Changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	(6.000)	-	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(6.000)	-	-	-	-

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

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Support and Resources for Education Providers (funded by revenue Crown)	(6.000)	-	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	(6.000)	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	(6.000)	-	-	-	-

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Dame Karen Poutasi Response - Strengthening the Safety Nets to Identify and Respond to Children at Risk of Harm - Training for Core Children's Workers

Description: This initiative establishes a tagged operating contingency to deliver mandatory training for core children's workers to progress the implementation of recommendations made in the Dame Karen Poutasi review. This initiative also draws down funding from the '*Making the Care System Safe - Building a Diverse, Capable and Safe Care Workforce*' tagged operating contingency established at Budget 2025 to fund the design and initial rollout of mandatory training.

Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Contingency	-	4.390	3.815	-	-
Total	-	4.390	3.815	-	-

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	4.164	3.555	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	0.126	-	-	-
No Impact	-	0.003	0.006	-	-
Total	-	4.293	3.561	-	-

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Capital Injections:					
Ministry of Education - Capital Injection	-	0.126	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Attract and Retain Educators, Teachers and Leaders in the Education System (funded by revenue Crown)	-	4.167	3.561	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)	-	4.167	3.561	-	-
Total Operating	-	4.167	3.561	-	-
Total Capital	-	0.126	-	-	-

Additional Recommendations

Delivery of training

- 6 **authorised** the Minister of Finance, Minister of Education, Minister for Child Poverty Reduction, and the relevant appropriation Ministers to jointly draw down the above tagged operating contingency (establishing any new appropriations as necessary), subject to agencies providing Ministers with the funding share for each agency;
- 7 **agreed** that the expiry date for the above tagged operating contingency be 30 June 2028;

Design and initial rollout of training

- 8 **noted** that in Budget 2025, Cabinet agreed to establish the '*Making the Care System Safe - Building a Diverse, Capable and Safe Care Workforce*' tagged operating contingency [CAB-25-MIN-0126.72, Initiative 16995];
- 9 **agreed** that the expenses and capital injection in the appropriation tables above be charged against the '*Making the Care System Safe - Building a Diverse, Capable and Safe Care Workforce*' tagged operating contingency, noting that the capital injection component will have a positive impact on the operating balance;
- 10 **noted** that, following the adjustments detailed above, the remaining balances and indicative phasing of the '*Making the Care System Safe - Building a Diverse, Capable and Safe Care Workforce*' tagged operating contingency will be:

	\$m				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Making the Care System Safe: Building a Diverse, Capable and Safe Care Workforce	-	23.587	17.939	21.500	21.500

General

- 11 **directed** the Ministry of Education to work with the Social Investment Agency, the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry of Health, and Oranga Tamariki, as appropriate, to develop an evidence-based, programme-level theory of change and monitoring and evaluation plan;
- 12 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 17202 in Vote Social Development, Initiative 17583 in Vote Health, and Initiatives 17585 and 17586 in Vote Oranga Tamariki;

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: E-ako Tool and Pathways Awarua - Reprioritisation

Description: This initiative reprioritises funding for the license that provided access to E-ako and E-ako pāngarau, PLD 360, and Pathways Awarua. These are online tools and resources that supported mathematics and literacy but no longer align with the new national curriculum. This reprioritised funding will be used for other education priorities in Budget 2026.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(0.440)	(0.440)	(0.440)	(0.440)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(0.440)	(0.440)	(0.440)	(0.440)

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Curricula and Assessment (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Curricula and Assessment Support and Capability	-	(0.440)	(0.440)	(0.440)	(0.440)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Curricula and Assessment (MCA)	-	(0.440)	(0.440)	(0.440)	(0.440)
Total Operating	-	(0.440)	(0.440)	(0.440)	(0.440)

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Early Childhood Education Cost Adjustment

Description: This initiative provides funding for a cost adjustment of 1.5 percent to a mix of full and partial early learning subsidy rates from 1 July 2026. This will support early childhood education services to manage a growing range of cost pressures and the increasing cost of provision, while helping maintain quality and affordable early learning.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	39.963	41.045	41.615	42.199
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	39.963	41.045	41.615	42.199

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
System Stewardship and Operational Management (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Funding Early Childhood Education	-	39.963	41.045	41.615	42.199
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: System Stewardship and Operational Management (MCA)	-	39.963	41.045	41.615	42.199
Total Operating	-	39.963	41.045	41.615	42.199

Additional Recommendation

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

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Education Payroll Upgrade

Description: This initiative funds an upgrade to the schools' payroll system to a secure platform, improving standardised payroll services and system reliability for New Zealand schools, and reducing compliance risks.

Appropriation Changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)					
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
Operating Balance Impact*	-	2.375	2.779	2.130	2.172	1.111
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	2.375	2.779	2.130	2.172	1.111

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

	Sm - increase/(decrease)					
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:						
Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)						
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>						
Provide Payroll System and Lead Sector Workforce Employment Conditions (funded by revenue Crown)	-	2.375	2.779	2.130	2.172	1.111
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)	-	2.375	2.779	2.130	2.172	1.111
Total Operating	-	2.375	2.779	2.130	2.172	1.111

Additional Recommendation

14 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 17603 in Vote Education;

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Education Payroll Upgrade - Tagged Contingency

Description: This initiative provides funding in a tagged contingency to upgrade the schools' payroll system to a secure platform, improving standardised payroll services and system reliability for New Zealand schools, and reducing compliance risks.

Tagged Contingency

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Additional Recommendations

- 15 **noted** that, subject to future Budget decisions and Cabinet approval of the detailed business case, additional funding may be sought;
- 16 **agreed** that the drawdown of the above tagged contingency is subject to the completion and Cabinet approval of an Education Payroll Upgrade detailed business case;
- 17 **invited** the Minister of Education to complete and seek Cabinet approval of an Education Payroll Upgrade detailed business case by 30 September 2026;
- 18 **agreed** the expiry date for the Education Payroll Upgrade tagged contingency be 31 March 2027;
- 19 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 17323 in Vote Education;

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Education Workforce Professional Standards Setting - New Ministry of Education Function

Description: This initiative provides funding to establish and operate a professional standards setting function within the Ministry of Education. This is required due to the legislated transfer of education workforce regulatory functions from the Teaching Council to the Ministry of Education, effective July 2026.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	4.985	4.233	4.239	4.245
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	0.329	-	-	-
No Impact	-	0.008	0.016	0.016	0.016
Total	-	5.322	4.249	4.255	4.261

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Capital Injections:					
Ministry of Education - Capital Injection	-	0.329	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Attract and Retain Educators, Teachers and Leaders in the Education System (funded by revenue Crown)	-	4.985	4.233	4.239	4.245
Attract and Retain Educators, Teachers and Leaders in the Education System (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.008	0.016	0.016	0.016
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)	-	4.993	4.249	4.255	4.261
Total Operating	-	4.993	4.249	4.255	4.261
Total Capital	-	0.329	-	-	-

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Excellence Awards for Schools, Kura and Teachers

Description: This initiative establishes 32 annual Excellence Awards for schools, kura and teachers in compulsory schooling. The awards will recognise excellence and share examples of successful, transferable and transformative best practice that improve learning outcomes for learners. This initiative is partly funded by reprioritised funding from the disestablishment of the New Appointments National Panel in January 2026.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	0.738	0.497	0.500	0.504
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	0.043	-	-	-
No Impact	-	0.001	0.003	0.003	0.003
Total	-	0.782	0.500	0.503	0.507

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Capital Injections:					
Ministry of Education - Capital Injection	-	0.043	-	-	-
Benefits or Related Expenses:					
Scholarships and Awards for Teachers and Trainees	-	0.640	0.640	0.640	0.640
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Attract and Retain Educators, Teachers and Leaders in the Education System (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.001	0.003	0.003	0.003
Attract and Retain Educators, Teachers and Leaders in the Education System (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.098	(0.143)	(0.140)	(0.136)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)	-	0.099	(0.140)	(0.137)	(0.133)
Total Operating	-	0.739	0.500	0.503	0.507
Total Capital	-	0.043	-	-	-

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Fuel Response - Tagged Contingency

Description: This initiative provides funding in a tagged contingency to respond to fuel price pressures experienced by the education sector. This will support the maintenance of current education provision levels in a timely, temporary and targeted manner, once other options to manage fuel price pressures have been exhausted.

Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Contingency	[33]				
Capital Contingency					
Total					

Additional Recommendations

- 20 **directed** the Ministry of Education to produce a Fuel Response Implementation Plan that will include:
 - 20.1 policy options to manage fuel price pressures without drawing down funding from the contingency above;
 - 20.2 clear prioritisation criteria for drawing down the contingency above, including how support will be timely, temporary and carefully targeted to education providers that are unable to meet fuel price pressures from their current resources;
- 21 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Education jointly to agree the drawdown of the above tagged contingency, subject to their approval of the Ministry of Education's Fuel Response Implementation Plan;
- 22 **agreed** that the expiry date for the above tagged contingency be 31 March 2027;
- 23 **agreed** that any unspent contingency or drawn down funding is to be returned to the centre and cannot be transferred elsewhere in existing baselines;

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Foundations for Educational Success: Pathway to 2030

Description: This initiative funds 11 components to build on recent gains and further strengthens teaching and learning as part of achieving the Government's target of 80 percent of students at curriculum level by 2030. It includes: Establishment and initial trial of maths and pāngarau hubs, maths kits to every class in Year 0-8, times table and division check, an additional 36 full-time equivalent teachers for targeted maths and pāngarau support, professional learning and development (PLD) for High Impact Pedagogies, structured literacy decodables and readers, a universal digital writing solution for Years 6-8, expansion of the Maths and Pāngarau Acceleration programme, PLD for smarter data use aimed at school and kura leaders, end of Year 2 Reading Check, and an Accelerated Reading | Pānui Support programme and Universal Reading | Pānui Programme.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	51.893	30.125	24.531	24.672
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	0.316	-	-	-
No Impact	-	0.008	0.016	0.016	0.016
Total	-	52.217	30.141	24.547	24.688

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Capital Injections:					
Ministry of Education - Capital Injection	-	0.316	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Curricula and Assessment (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Services, Support and Resources for Quality Curricula and Assessment (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.008	0.016	0.016	0.016
Services, Support and Resources for Quality Curricula and Assessment (funded by revenue Crown)	-	21.844	7.177	4.799	4.427
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Curricula and Assessment Support and Capability	-	17.830	11.306	8.150	8.663
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Curricula and Assessment (MCA)	-	39.682	18.499	12.965	13.106

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Attract and Retain Educators, Teachers and Leaders in the Education System (funded by revenue Crown)	-	10.276	7.756	7.696	7.696
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Paying and Retaining Teachers and Leaders	-	1.943	3.886	3.886	3.886
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)	-	12.219	11.642	11.582	11.582
Total Operating	-	51.901	30.141	24.547	24.688
Total Capital	-	0.316	-	-	-

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Healthy School Lunches Programme

Description: This initiative provides funding for the continuation of the Healthy Schools Lunches and the Early Learning Food programmes in the 2027 calendar year.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	102.214	110.152	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	0.450	0.450	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	102.664	110.602	-	-

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:					
Schools Furniture and Equipment	-	0.450	0.450	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Access to Education (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Deliver Access and Attendance Services and Programmes (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.011	0.034	-	-
Deliver Access and Attendance Services and Programmes (funded by revenue Crown)	-	6.935	7.439	-	-
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Access Services to the Education System	-	95.279	102.713	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Access to Education (MCA)	-	102.214	110.152	-	-
Total Operating	-	102.214	110.152	-	-
Total Capital	-	0.450	0.450	-	-

Additional Recommendations

- 24 **noted** that this initiative is led by the Associate Minister of Education;
- 25 **directed** the Ministry of Education to work with the Social Investment Agency to develop a monitoring and evaluation plan alongside an evidence-based theory of change for the pilots and trials component of this initiative by 31 December 2026;
- 26 **noted** that the above work can inform future decisions about the direction of the Healthy School Lunches Programme;

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Industry Skills Boards - Developing New Industry-led Secondary School Subjects

Description: This initiative provides funding for Industry Skills Boards to develop at least eight new secondary subjects, each focused on a specific industry. This will lead to more students getting high-quality vocational education and training while at secondary school, to support them into work or further study, including apprenticeships.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	5.106	1.639	1.639	1.639
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	5.106	1.639	1.639	1.639

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Curricula and Assessment (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Services, Support and Resources for Quality Curricula and Assessment (funded by revenue Crown)	-	5.106	1.639	1.639	1.639
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Curricula and Assessment (MCA)	-	5.106	1.639	1.639	1.639
Total Operating	-	5.106	1.639	1.639	1.639

Additional Recommendation

27 **noted** that in March 2026, Cabinet agreed to pre-commit \$5.106 million operating funding in 2025/26 to support the development of industry-led subjects to progress from March 2026 [CAB-26-MIN-0068];

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: KiwiSaver - Cost Pressure

Description: This initiative provides funding for the changes to the increased default rate of 3.5 percent for KiwiSaver contributions from 1 April 2026. The funding will address the increased employer costs for teachers and principals employed by state and state-integrated school boards that are funded from staffing entitlements, and non-teaching staff and over entitlement teachers employed by school boards.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	2.341	39.107	38.851	38.556	38.304
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2.341	39.107	38.851	38.556	38.304

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Primary Education	1.021	-	-	-	-
Secondary Education	1.320	-	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	2.341	-	-	-	-
Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Paying and Retaining Teachers and Leaders	-	39.107	38.851	38.556	38.304
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)	-	39.107	38.851	38.556	38.304
Total Operating	2.341	39.107	38.851	38.556	38.304

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Learning Support - Deaf Education Volume Pressure

Description: This initiative funds volume pressures for deaf education services in schools and for deaf parents (of children) to access interpreters to attend more educational events.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	0.760	0.760	0.760	0.760
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.760	0.760	0.760	0.760

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Learning Support Services (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Deliver Learning Support Services through the Education System	-	0.760	0.760	0.760	0.760
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Learning Support Services (MCA)	-	0.760	0.760	0.760	0.760
Total Operating	-	0.760	0.760	0.760	0.760

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Learning Support - English for Speakers of Other Languages Cost Pressure

Description: This initiative provides short-term funding for schools to meet increased demand for English for Speakers of Other Languages programmes. This demand is from new immigration, and New Zealand born children of migrants and refugees.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	6.000	4.000	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6.000	4.000	-	-	-

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Access to Education (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Deliver English for Speakers of Other Languages and Refugee Support	-	4.000	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Access to Education (MCA)	-	4.000	-	-	-
Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Learning Support and Alternative Education	6.000	-	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Outcomes for Target Student Groups (MCA)	6.000	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	6.000	4.000	-	-	-

Additional Recommendation

28 **noted** that this funding is time limited to allow a review of provision, delivery and funding of this Programme ahead of Budget 2027;

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Learning Support - School High Health Needs Fund Volume Pressure

Description: This initiative provides funding for teacher aide support for an additional 100 eligible students with a significant health condition to attend school, and 1 full-time equivalent to support the timely processing and assessment of applications.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	3.580	5.564	6.111	6.714
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	0.018	-	-	-
No Impact	-	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
Total	-	3.599	5.565	6.112	6.715

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Capital Injections:					
Ministry of Education - Capital Injection	-	0.018	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Learning Support Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Deliver Quality Learning Support (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
Deliver Quality Learning Support (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.151	0.158	0.159	0.161
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Deliver Learning Support Services through the Education System	-	2.586	4.078	4.490	4.943
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Learning Support Services (MCA)	-	2.738	4.237	4.650	5.105
Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Paying and Retaining Teachers and Leaders	-	0.843	1.328	1.462	1.610
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)	-	0.843	1.328	1.462	1.610
Total Operating	-	3.581	5.565	6.112	6.715
Total Capital	-	0.018	-	-	-

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Music Kits for Years 0-8

Description: This initiative provides funding for music kits with an average value of \$2,000 to each state and state integrated school with Years 0-8 students. It responds to the gap in basic musical instruments for delivering the refreshed Arts and Toi Ihiihi curriculum for Years 0-8.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	5.636	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	5.636	-	-	-

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Curricula and Assessment (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Curricula and Assessment Support and Capability	-	5.636	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Curricula and Assessment (MCA)	-	5.636	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	5.636	-	-	-

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: New Zealand Qualifications Authority - Delivery of National Certificate of Educational Achievement and New Zealand Scholarships

Description: This initiative provides funding for the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) to address the gap between the funding received by NZQA to deliver the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) and New Zealand Scholarships and the costs to deliver these services.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	6.874	10.239	12.136	15.256
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	6.874	10.239	12.136	15.256

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Oversight and Administration of the Qualifications System (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Secondary School Assessments	-	6.874	10.239	12.136	15.256
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Oversight and Administration of the Qualifications System (MCA)	-	6.874	10.239	12.136	15.256
Total Operating	-	6.874	10.239	12.136	15.256

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: New Zealand Qualifications Authority - Implementing the New Secondary School Qualification

Description: This initiative provides time-limited funding for the New Zealand Qualifications Authority to begin developing the new secondary school qualification. It includes development and testing of internal and external assessments for the new Years 11-13 curriculum subjects.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	8.423	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	8.423	-	-	-

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Oversight and Administration of the Qualifications System (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Standards and Qualifications Support	-	8.423	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Oversight and Administration of the Qualifications System (MCA)	-	8.423	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	8.423	-	-	-

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: New Zealand Qualifications Authority - Piloting Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship

Description: This initiative provides funding to the New Zealand Qualifications Authority for pilots and proof of concepts for auto-text scoring, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning to support marking, moderation and exam development for the National Certificate of Educational Achievement and New Zealand Scholarship. AI and machine learning applications will enable greater consistency and standardisation, operational efficiency and speed.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	2.053	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	2.053	-	-	-

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Oversight and Administration of the Qualifications System (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Standards and Qualifications Support	-	2.053	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Oversight and Administration of the Qualifications System (MCA)	-	2.053	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	2.053	-	-	-

Additional Recommendation

29 **directed** the New Zealand Qualifications Authority to report back to the Minister of Education on progress on the pilots and proof of concept by February 2027;

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: New Zealand Qualifications Authority - Strategic Technology Enhancement Project

Description: This initiative provides funding for the New Zealand Qualifications Authority to employ specialist skills and engage with vendors to begin delivery of the Strategic Technology Enhancement Project (STEP). STEP will deliver modern IT infrastructure to support core business functions and integration with the wider education and social sector.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	29.471	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	29.471	-	-	-

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Oversight and Administration of the Qualifications System (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Standards and Qualifications Support	-	29.471	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Oversight and Administration of the Qualifications System (MCA)	-	29.471	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	29.471	-	-	-

Additional Recommendation

30 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 17602 in Vote Education;

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: New Zealand Qualifications Authority - Strategic Technology Enhancement Project - Tagged Contingency

Description: This initiative provides funding in a tagged contingency for the New Zealand Qualifications Authority to deliver and implement the Strategic Technology Enhancement Project (STEP). STEP will deliver modern IT infrastructure to support core business functions and integration with wider education and social sector.

Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)
[33]	

Additional Recommendations

- 31 **agreed** that the drawdown of the above tagged contingency is subject to joint Ministers’
(Minister of Finance and Minister of Education) approval of an Approval to Deliver for
this investment;
- 32 **agreed** that the expiry date of the above tagged operating contingency be 31 March 2027;
- 33 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 17339 in Vote Education;

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: [33]

Description:

Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)
[33]	

Additional Recommendations

- 34 **noted** that this initiative is led by the Associate Minister of Education;
- 35 **authorised** the Associate Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance (Joint Ministers) to draw down the tagged operating contingency funding above, subject to joint Ministers' [33]
- 36 **agreed** that the expiry date for the above tagged contingency be 31 March 2027;

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Positive Behaviour for Learning - Reprioritisation

Description: This initiative reprioritises funding by not renewing contracts within the Positive Behaviour for Learning Programme. These contracts are: Restorative Practice, Te Mana Tikitiki, and School-Wide operating expenses peer support and coach funding. This reprioritised funding will be used for other education priorities in Budget 2026.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(2.299)	(3.103)	(3.103)	(3.103)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(2.299)	(3.103)	(3.103)	(3.103)

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Learning Support Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Deliver Quality Learning Support (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.279)	(0.279)	(0.279)	(0.279)
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Deliver Learning Support Services through the Education System	-	(2.020)	(2.824)	(2.824)	(2.824)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Learning Support Services (MCA)	-	(2.299)	(3.103)	(3.103)	(3.103)
Total Operating	-	(2.299)	(3.103)	(3.103)	(3.103)

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Professional Learning and Development - Reprioritisation

Description: This initiative reprioritises underspent funding that was allocated for professional learning and development. This reprioritised funding will be used for other education priorities in Budget 2026.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	(12.000)	-	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(12.000)	-	-	-	-

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Professional Development and Support	(12.000)	-	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Quality Teaching and Learning (MCA)	(12.000)	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	(12.000)	-	-	-	-

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Ready to Learn - Children in Care

Description: This initiative provides funding for measures to support children and young people in care to attend and engage at school. These children are more likely to experience enrolment issues, change schools frequently and gain lower to no secondary qualifications compared to other students.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	2.410	2.617	3.480	3.586
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	2.410	2.617	3.480	3.586

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Learning Support Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Deliver Quality Learning Support (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.144	0.037	0.007	-
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Deliver Learning Support Services through the Education System	-	2.266	2.580	3.473	3.586
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Learning Support Services (MCA)	-	2.410	2.617	3.480	3.586
Total Operating	-	2.410	2.617	3.480	3.586

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Rockquest Events - Cost Pressure

Description: This initiative provides funding to support the delivery of a range of national Rockquest events that provide students with hands-on access to real-world creative experiences across live performance, digital media, and visual arts.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Curricula and Assessment (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Curricula and Assessment Support and Capability	-	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Curricula and Assessment (MCA)	-	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050
Total Operating	-	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: School Onsite Training Programme - Cost Pressures

Description: This initiative provides an 4 percent cost adjustment increase for the School Onsite Training Programme.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	0.154	0.154	0.154	0.154
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.154	0.154	0.154	0.154

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Develop and Attract Educators, Teachers and Leaders in the Education System	-	0.154	0.154	0.154	0.154
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)	-	0.154	0.154	0.154	0.154
Total Operating	-	0.154	0.154	0.154	0.154

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: School Property - Growing and Expanding the English Medium, Māori Medium and Kaupapa Māori Education Portfolio

Description: This initiative provides targeted funding for additional capacity in the school network, enabling the Ministry of Education to respond to critical growth pressures. 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, Learning Support, Māori Medium and Kaupapa Māori education roll growth programmes. It delivers up to 223 classrooms for approximately 4,542 learners.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	2.039	4.960	6.000	6.156
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	224.659	72.163	12.773	-
No Impact	-	5.576	-	-	-
Total	-	232.274	77.123	18.773	6.156

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	2.039	4.960	6.000	6.156
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	5.576	-	-	-
Capital Injections:					
Ministry of Education - Capital Injection	-	224.659	72.163	12.773	-
Total Operating	-	7.615	4.960	6.000	6.156
Total Capital	-	224.659	72.163	12.773	-

Additional Recommendations

37 **agreed** to ringfence [33] for land acquisition, [33] of which is for land acquisition in Queenstown;

38 **noted** that the continued use of offsite manufactured buildings in the school property portfolio may support a demonstration effect for other government agencies and potentially the broader construction industry;

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: School Property - Maintaining and Upgrading the Portfolio

Description: This initiative provides funding to maintain and upgrade the school property portfolio to ensure warm, safe and dry learning environments. It will extend the life of the property portfolio and mitigate the long-term costs, reducing the need for future major redevelopments. This initiative will also fund learning support property modifications, along with high-risk safety and compliance projects for a more resilient portfolio.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	0.375	0.750	0.750	0.750
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	85.000	25.000	25.000	25.000**
No Impact	-	2.125	-	-	-
Total	-	87.500	25.750	25.750	25.750

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

** funding for 2029/30 only - no outyears funding

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	2.125	-	-	-
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.375	0.750	0.750	0.750
Capital Injections:					
Ministry of Education - Capital Injection	-	85.000	25.000	25.000	25.000
Total Operating	-	2.500	0.750	0.750	0.750
Total Capital	-	85.000	25.000	25.000	25.000

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: School Property - Operating Cost Pressures

Description: This initiative provides funding for increased costs to operate the school property portfolio, such as lease costs and building warrant of fitness costs. Funding is time-limited to allow for the new operating model within the New Zealand School Property Agency to take effect.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	25.000	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	25.000	-	-	-

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	25.000	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	25.000	-	-	-

Additional Recommendation

39 **directed** the New Zealand School Property Agency, once established, to complete a review of its cost base ahead of Budget 2027;

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Schools' Operational Grant - Cost Pressure

Description: This initiative provides funding for a cost adjustment of 2 percent to schools' operational grant funding, including base funding for Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu. This funding will enable schools to meet rising costs, including staffing (teachers employed from operational grant 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 2027.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	23.351	45.263	44.897	44.770
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	23.351	45.263	44.897	44.770

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Access to Education (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Alternative Education Services	-	0.041	0.082	0.082	0.082
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Access to Education (MCA)	-	0.041	0.082	0.082	0.082
Curricula and Assessment (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Curricula and Assessment Support and Capability	-	0.053	0.107	0.107	0.107
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Curricula and Assessment (MCA)	-	0.053	0.107	0.107	0.107
Learning Support Services (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Deliver Learning Support Services through the Education System	-	0.894	1.787	1.785	1.785
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Learning Support Services (MCA)	-	0.894	1.787	1.785	1.785

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
System Stewardship and Operational Management (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Funding Early Childhood Education	-	0.012	0.025	0.025	0.025
Funding Schools	-	22.336	43.099	42.886	42.736
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: System Stewardship and Operational Management (MCA)	-	22.348	43.124	42.911	42.761
Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Support Effective Performance and School Governance	-	0.015	0.163	0.012	0.035
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)	-	0.015	0.163	0.012	0.035
Total Operating	-	23.351	45.263	44.897	44.770

Additional Recommendation

40 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 17601 in Vote Education (Charter School Agency);

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Charter School Agency

Title: Schools' Operational Grant (Charter Schools) - Cost Pressure

Description: This initiative provides a 2 percent cost adjustment for charter schools base funding (new and existing schools) and operational property funding (new schools) to maintain broad equivalency with state school funding. The cost adjustment will take effect from 1 January 2027.

Appropriation Changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	0.301	0.602	0.602	0.602
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.301	0.602	0.602	0.602

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

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:					
Charter Schools Primary and Secondary Education	-	0.301	0.602	0.602	0.602
Total Operating	-	0.301	0.602	0.602	0.602

Additional Recommendation

41 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 17308 in Vote Education;

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Schools Payroll - Compliance and Remediation Cost Pressure

Description: This initiative funds critical ongoing work on Holidays Act 2003 remediation, calculating and preparing to pay outstanding amounts for the twelve years from 2013-2025, and ensuring future legislative and contractual compliance.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	0.964	8.941	1.404	1.317	1.323
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	0.072	-	-	-	-
No Impact	0.002	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004
Total	1.038	8.945	1.408	1.321	1.327

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Capital Injections:					
Ministry of Education - Capital Injection	0.072	-	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Support and Resources for Education Providers (funded by revenue Crown)	0.002	-	-	-	-
Support and Resources for Education Providers (funded by revenue Crown)	0.964	-	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	0.966	-	-	-	-
Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Provide Payroll System and Lead Sector Workforce Employment Conditions (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004
Provide Payroll System and Lead Sector Workforce Employment Conditions (funded by revenue Crown)	-	8.941	1.404	1.317	1.323
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)	-	8.945	1.408	1.321	1.327
Total Operating	0.966	8.945	1.408	1.321	1.327
Total Capital	0.072	-	-	-	-

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Senior Secondary Subjects - Resources to Support the Refreshed Curriculum for Years 9-13

Description: This initiative provides funding for the development of resources for all secondary curriculum subjects in the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. Resource development will be sequenced over a four-year period in alignment with curriculum implementation.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	18.449	19.091	13.804	1.669	1.669
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	2.154	2.035	1.650	1.650	-
No Impact	-	0.054	0.159	0.214	0.222	0.222
Total	-	20.657	21.285	15.668	3.541	1.925

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)					
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31 & Outyears
Capital Injections:						
Ministry of Education - Capital Injection	-	2.154	2.035	1.650	1.650	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:						
Curricula and Assessment (MCA)						
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>						
Services, Support and Resources for Quality Curricula and Assessment (funded by revenue Crown)	-	18.449	19.091	13.804	1.669	1.669
Services, Support and Resources for Quality Curricula and Assessment (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.054	0.159	0.214	0.222	0.222
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Curricula and Assessment (MCA)	-	18.503	19.250	14.018	1.891	1.891
Total Operating	-	18.503	19.250	14.018	1.891	1.891
Total Capital	-	2.154	2.035	1.650	1.650	-

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Senior Secondary Subjects - Teacher Professional Learning and Development for the Refreshed Curriculum for Years 11-13

Description: This initiative provides funding for professional learning and development for all 32,000 secondary teachers to deliver the refreshed senior secondary curriculum and new national secondary qualifications for Years 11-13.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	5.651	7.171	7.171	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	0.054	-	-	-
No Impact	-	0.001	0.003	0.003	-
Total	-	5.706	7.174	7.174	-

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Capital Injections:					
Ministry of Education - Capital Injection	-	0.054	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Curricula and Assessment (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Services, Support and Resources for Quality Curricula and Assessment (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.001	0.003	0.003	-
Services, Support and Resources for Quality Curricula and Assessment (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.819	0.934	0.934	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Curricula and Assessment (MCA)	-	0.820	0.937	0.937	-
Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Develop and Attract Educators, Teachers and Leaders in the Education System	-	4.832	6.237	6.237	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Teachers, Leaders and Governance (MCA)	-	4.832	6.237	6.237	-
Total Operating	-	5.652	7.174	7.174	-
Total Capital	-	0.054	-	-	-

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Stafford v Attorney-General - Implications for the Ministry of Education

Description: This initiative provides funding to address implementation costs for the Ministry of Education arising from the resolution agreement for the Stafford v Attorney-General High Court case. It also allows the Ministry to maintain status quo education delivery.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)						
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	1.266	2.123	2.063	2.208	2.353	2.863	2.013
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	1.520	12.500	3.300	1.000	4.000	-
No Impact	-	0.038	0.389	0.784	0.891	1.016	1.116
Total	1.266	3.681	14.952	6.292	4.244	7.879	3.129

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)						
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:							
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.038	0.389	0.784	0.891	1.016	1.116
School Property Portfolio Management (funded by revenue Crown)	1.266	2.123	2.063	2.208	2.353	2.863	2.013
Capital Injections:							
Ministry of Education - Capital Injection	-	1.520	12.500	3.300	1.000	4.000	-
Total Operating	1.266	2.161	2.452	2.992	3.244	3.879	3.129
Total Capital	-	1.520	12.500	3.300	1.000	4.000	-

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Student Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting Tool - Expansion Up to Year 11

Description: This initiative provides funding for the expansion of the Student Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting Tool (SMART) up to Year 11 in English and Mathematics, in anticipation of the new national secondary school qualification. It will serve the dual purpose of supporting teachers' understanding of student progress and credentialling achievement in English and Mathematics.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	5.767	1.205	1.205	1.205
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	5.767	1.205	1.205	1.205

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Curricula and Assessment (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Services, Support and Resources for Quality Curricula and Assessment (funded by revenue Crown)	-	5.767	1.205	1.205	1.205
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Curricula and Assessment (MCA)	-	5.767	1.205	1.205	1.205
Total Operating	-	5.767	1.205	1.205	1.205

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Targeted Assistance for Participation - Reprioritisation

Description: This initiative reprioritises underspent funding for Targeted Assistance for Participation (TAP). These underspends have occurred due to the pausing of TAP funding. This reprioritised funding will be used for other education priorities in Budget 2026.

Appropriation Changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	(3.000)	-	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(3.000)	-	-	-	-

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

	Sm - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expenses:					
Support for Early Learning Providers	(3.000)	-	-	-	-
Total Operating	(3.000)	-	-	-	-

Additional Recommendation

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

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust Cost Adjustment

Description: This initiative provides funding to the Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust (the umbrella organisation for kōhanga reo) to address cost pressures.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	0.721	0.721	0.721	0.721
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.721	0.721	0.721	0.721

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
System Stewardship and Operational Management (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Funding Early Childhood Education	-	0.721	0.721	0.721	0.721
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: System Stewardship and Operational Management (MCA)	-	0.721	0.721	0.721	0.721
Total Operating	-	0.721	0.721	0.721	0.721

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: [33]

Description:

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Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Te Rito - Reprioritisation

Description: This initiative reprioritises funding from reducing the scope of the Te Rito programme to focus on core delivery components from July 2026 onwards. This reprioritised funding will be used for other education priorities in Budget 2026.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	(4.000)	(3.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(4.000)	(3.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Primary Education	(1.570)	-	-	-	-
Secondary Education	(2.430)	-	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Primary and Secondary Education (MCA)	(4.000)	-	-	-	-
System Stewardship and Operational Management (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Providing Stewardship Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.676)	-	-	-
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Digital Services to Schools	-	(2.324)	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: System Stewardship and Operational Management (MCA)	-	(3.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)
Total Operating	(4.000)	(3.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)	(2.000)

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Younger Provision - Reprioritisation

Description: This initiative reprioritises funding from Younger Provision. This reprioritised funding will be used for other education priorities in Budget 2026.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	(3.500)	(3.500)	(3.500)	(3.500)
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(3.500)	(3.500)	(3.500)	(3.500)

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Access to Education (MCA)					
<i>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Alternative Education Services	-	(3.500)	(3.500)	(3.500)	(3.500)
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Access to Education (MCA)	-	(3.500)	(3.500)	(3.500)	(3.500)
Total Operating	-	(3.500)	(3.500)	(3.500)	(3.500)

Vote: Education

Appropriation Administrator: Ministry of Education

Title: Expanding Vocational Training Opportunities for Secondary School Students – Tagged Contingency

Description: This initiative provides funding in a tagged contingency to expand the number of places in Trades Academies by 10,000 by 2030. The Trades Academies programme is a secondary-tertiary programme that provides industry-focused learning for secondary students.

Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Contingency	-	2.699	10.674	23.835	31.700
Capital Contingency	-	0.018	-	-	-
Total	-	2.717	10.675	23.836	31.701

Additional Recommendations

- 45 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Education to jointly approve the drawdown of this contingency subject to their satisfaction that funding can be appropriated;
- 46 **agreed** that the expiry date for the Expanding Vocational Training Opportunities tagged contingency be 31 March 2027;
- 47 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 17356 in Vote Tertiary Education and Initiative 17638 in Vote Revenue (IRD-Crown).