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Vote Tertiary Education initiatives

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Туре	Title	Description	2016/17	2017/18		2019/20		4 Yr Total	2016/17		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	4 Yr Total	Treasury Comment
Vew nitiative	Increasing the PBRF	The Performance-Based Research Fund rewards research performance and funds research-led teaching in tertiary education. It contributes to government's goal of strengthening our research system to drive innovation, as well as the government priority to strengthen research-based institutions. This will increase funding for high performing providers offering study at degree-level and above.		[33]					0	0	C	0	c	0	There is no clear case for increasing the PBRF at this time. The PBRF received additional funding in Budge 2012, which increased the fund each year until 2016. The Endeavour Fun- is also seeking additional funding in Budget 2017 - as a contestable fund this may better incentivise TEOs to improve research performance.
New nitiative	Tuition subsidy increase	This initiative provides an increase to tuition subsidy rates at qualification Level 3 and above. The increase will support providers to maintain quality and innovate when demand is falling due to the strong economy. The funding directly supports two key government priorities for tertiary education: delivering skills for industry; and strengthening research-based institutions.	0	[33]					0	0	C	0 0	C	0	Do not support. There is no clear evidence that an across-the-board increase is required to maintain quality education provision.
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ew itiative	Strengthening the Foundations for Sustainable Growth of International Education	This funding will enable Education New Zealand to continue its current level of activity in three core areas: i) the Regional Partnership Programme to grow and support international education in New Zealand's regions; ii) marketing New Zealand as a destination for quality education; and iii) improve the international student experience.	0	1.700	1.700	0 1.700	0 1.700	6.800	0	1.700	1.700	1.700	1.700	6.800	Support - cost pressures due to depletion of cash reserves and increases/issues in international education.
	[33]	improve the international student experience.													

Reprior ation within Vote	tis Workplace Literacy and Numeracy	This funding is to meet a cost pressure arising from a slower transition to new funding arrangements agreed for workplace literacy and numeracy delivery in Budget 2016 to meet increased demand for employer-led delivery.	-3.500	3.500	0	0	0	0	-3.500	3.500	0	0	0	0	Support. Initial employer reports indicate that workplace literacy and numeracy tuition assists in increasing productivity and family wellbeing.
Reprior ation within Vote	tis Careers New Zealand Integration into the Tertiary Education Commission	This funding will contribute to the costs of integrating Careers New Zealand into the Tertiary Education Commission. Both organisations have existing capital plans and critical business initiatives that mean the transition requires additional specialist resource and funding. Reprioritisation has occurred but a funding shortfall remains.	-4.000	4.000	0	0	0	0	-4.000	4.000	0	0	0	0	Support. TEC requires funding to effectively integrate CNZ functions into the TEC. TEC is reprioritising \$4 million to contribute to these costs.
	Total In	ives - operating [33]													

Tertiary related initiatives in other Votes

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New initiative	who are Not in Education,	This funding will support regional, employer- led initiatives aimed at supporting individuals aged 16-24 who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) into the labour market.	[33]												Partially support. This initiative contains promising ideas to reduce NEETs in priority regions and it has strong strategic alignment with Government priorities. However, Treasury is not confident that this is
	Training*														investment-ready, so a more focused trial is recommended.
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