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Expanding Maori and Pasifika Trades Training

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Purpose

1. This paper seeks agreement to expand dedicated trades training for Maori and Pasifika young people (aged from 18 to 34). The scheme proposed is a criteria-based, consortia lead scheme that provides additional support for Maori and Pasifika learners to progress from pre-trades training into sustainable employment and New Zealand apprenticeships.

Comment

2. The tertiary education costs associated with this initiative amount to \$35.037 million over four years and will be met from reprioritisation within the Industry Training Fund in the Vote Tertiary Education baseline. The ongoing cost from 2015/16 will be \$11.199 million. As there are no new tuition subsidies there will be no further student support costs.
3. The Associate Minister for Tertiary Education and Skills is seeking \$2 million per annum on an ongoing basis from Budget 2013 to fund project management and co-ordination to support the consortia that drive this initiative. Initially, we had some reservations as to whether this element was necessary, but our view now is that this element will make a positive contribution to successful outcomes from the scheme and ensure better value for money from the expenditure of \$35.037 million on the education component.
4. The main reason is that the *He Toki ki te Rika* Trades Training Initiative was modified in 2012 to include funding for this element, and it is considered central to its operation and the favourable outcomes associated with that scheme.
5. Note that effective implementation of the consortia approach will require support from a range of government agencies including MSD, TPK, MPIA, MBIE and TEC working closely with Maori and Pasifika communities as outlined in paragraph 41.

Treasury Recommendation

6. We recommend that you **support** the recommendations in this paper.

The following table goes into the Executive Summary of the paper

Title	Pg	Recommend	Fiscal Implications (\$m GST excl.)					Treasury Comment
			12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	Out years	
Expanding Maori and Pasifika Trades Training		Support	<i>Operating</i>					Expanding Maori and Pasifika Trades Training is \$35.037m over four years and will be met through reprioritisation within the Industry Training Fund in Vote Tertiary Education. An additional \$2 million per annum is being sought on an ongoing basis for Vote Employment through Budget 2013 for project management and coordination.
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			<i>Capital</i>					
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