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Cabinet Social Policy Committee

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Minute of Decision

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Expanding Maori and Pasifika Trades Training

Portfolio: Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment

On 27 March 2013, the Cabinet Social Policy Committee:

- 1 **noted** that to further promote the profile and opportunities in a trade career, in conjunction with the Associate Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment (the Associate Minister), it is proposed that the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment (the Minister) announce an expansion of dedicated Maori and Pasifika trades training;
- 2 **noted** that the proposed scheme will be criteria-based, and consortia-lead, that provides additional support for Maori and Pasifika learners to progress from pre-trades training into sustainable employment and New Zealand apprenticeships;
- 3 **agreed** to expand the number of places for dedicated Maori and Pasifika trades training to 3,000 per annum by 2015 through:
 - 3.1 base-lining funding for the 600 places provided through the He Toki ki te Rika and Pasifika Trades Training Initiative;
 - 3.2 adding an additional 400 places in 2013;
 - 3.3 adding an additional 700 places in 2014;
 - 3.4 adding an additional 1,300 places in 2015;
- 4 **agreed** to the broad principles for the design of the programme, as follows:
 - 4.1 where students do not already have the necessary qualifications, the programme should provide pre-trades training aligned with entry into apprenticeships at level 4 on the NZQF;
 - 4.2 dedicated Maori and Pasifika trades training should be an end-to-end programme that allows learners aged from 18 to 34 to progress from foundation education through to the completion of a New Zealand Apprenticeship;
 - 4.3 a proportion of the funding should be linked to employment and qualification outcomes;
 - 4.4 Maori and Pasifika communities, in association with employers, should drive consortia formation;

- 4.5 the programme will use existing funding streams where possible;
- 5 **noted** that the cost of expanding dedicated Maori and Pasifika trades training, over and above existing funding, is estimated to be \$4.066 million in 2013/14, rising to \$11.199 million per annum in 2016/17 and outyears;
- 6 **noted** that the total cost of the scheme over four years is \$35.037 million;
- 7 **agreed in principle** that the Minister reprioritise funding from within the Industry Training Fund baseline to meet the costs as part of the tertiary education package for Budget 2013;
- 8 **noted** that the Associate Minister is seeking \$2 million in 2013/14 and \$2 million in 2014/15 and outyears for Vote Employment, to provide for dedicated project management and co-ordination roles to support the consortia described in paragraph 4 above;
- 9 **agreed in principle** that the additional funding described above (\$8 million) be progressed as part of the Associate Minister's Budget 2013 package;
- 10 **noted** that the Minister intends to announce this initiative with the Associate Minister as part of Budget 2013.

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Committee Secretary

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