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In preparing this Information Release, the Treasury has considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

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Dear Hekia

Thank you for your submission of Budget initiatives in Vote Education for consideration by Budget Ministers.

### **Budget initiatives**

Budget Ministers have considered the following Budget initiatives and have reached the following decisions:

The following initiatives are supported in full:

- Savings from Crown Line-by-Line Review (7553)
- Savings from Departmental Line-by-Line Review (7554)
- TeachNZ Scholarships Reprioritised (7555)
- Depreciation Charges on Existing School Property (7556)
- Losses on Disposal of School Property (7557)
- School Network Upgrade Project and National Education Network Trial (7558)
- School Property Expansion (7559)
- Canterbury Earthquake – Support Package for Christchurch Schooling Workforce (7561)
- Canterbury Earthquake – Greater Christchurch Education Taskforce (7562)
- Canterbury Earthquake Education Renewal (Schools Infrastructure Group Costs) (7563)
- Insurance Premium Increases Post-Christchurch Earthquake (7564)
- School Property Improvement Programme (7565)
- School Property Asset Management Improvement Programme (7566)
- Cost Pressures on Established Property Management Service Contracts (7567)
- Contingency for Partnership Schools/Kura Hourua (7568)
- Continued Roll-out of Positive Behaviour for Learning Initiative (7569)
- National Mentoring Programme (7570)
- Connecting Communities (7571)
- Early Childhood Education Participation (7573)
- Quality Teaching Agenda (7574)
- Improving School Governance – Supporting Boards of Trustees (7575)
- Price Level Adjustment to Schools' Operations Grant (7576)
- Ngarimu VC and 28<sup>th</sup> (Maori) Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund (7579)

- Quality Teaching Agenda – Contingency (7818)
- Retention Programme for Maori Medium (7825)
- Additional Costs from Novopay (7826)
- Independent Advice on Government Priority Areas (7845)

Budget Ministers have also agreed to place the following conditions around the funding of certain initiatives agreed above:

- School Property Expansion (7559) – set aside in a tagged contingency, subject to business case approval
- Contingency for Partnership Schools/Kura Hourua (7568) – set aside in a tagged contingency
- Early Childhood Education Participation (7573) – the part of the initiative that is for increased subsidies is set aside in a tagged contingency (\$56.535m over four years)
- Quality Teaching Agenda (7574) – [6]
- Quality Teaching Agenda – Contingency (7818) – set aside in a tagged contingency
- Additional Costs from Novopay (7826) – set aside in a tagged contingency

Please note that final decisions on all Budget initiatives will be made by Cabinet on 15 April 2013.

Yours sincerely

Hon Bill English  
**Minister of Finance**