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Hon Nicola Willis

Minister of Finance
Minister for the Public Service
Minister for Social Investment
Associate Minister of Climate Change



15 April 2024

Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Education
Parliament Buildings

Dear Erica

Budget 2024 decisions – Vote Education

Following our discussions over the past weeks, this letter confirms the decisions made as part of Budget 2024.

I note that you have worked hard to ensure that resources previously concentrated in Ministry of Education funding, including consultants, lower value programmes, and departmental funding, is reprioritised to ensure a funding uplift for schools, early childhood services and tertiary providers delivering frontline education services.

This careful reprioritisation is an essential support for our Government's drive to lift attendance and achievement, with a commitment to maximising the impact of all education funding.

I would be grateful if you could direct your officials to work with the Treasury to complete the financial recommendations, as well as to prepare the necessary Estimates and Supplementary Estimates material for your sign off by 24 April.

A reminder that these decisions remain Budget Sensitive and should only be shared on a need-to-know basis. My office will provide further advice on the approach to Budget communications. Thank you again for your support towards the successful delivery of Budget 2024.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hon Willis', with a stylized flourish.

Hon Nicola Willis
Minister of Finance

Cc Hon David Seymour, Associate Minister of Education (Partnership Schools)
Iona Holsted, Secretary for Education, Ministry of Education

Vote Education

Budget 2024 Package as at 15 April

All operating values are in average per annum and capital values are total capital. Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding. Initiatives are listed under lead portfolio.

New Spending	Savings and Revenue
<p>Education Envelope – New Spending and Cost Pressures</p> <p>Total Operating: [33] and [38] Total Capital: \$69.3m</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID 15640: Essential Digital Services - Internet in Schools, Equipment Replacement and Cyber Security <i>Operating: \$32.0m Capital: \$69.3m</i> • ID 15643: Continued Teacher Supply Supports <i>Operating: \$13.2m</i> • ID 15705: Kohanga reo property maintenance - cost adjustment <i>Operating: \$3.0m</i> • ID 15707: Schools Operational Grant - cost pressure <i>Operating: \$49.9m</i> • ID 15711: Playcentre - Sustainable Funding <i>Operating: \$3.3m</i> • [33] and [38] • ID 15721: Property Portfolio Revaluation Impact <i>Operating: \$195.0m</i> • ID 15723: School High Health Needs Fund – Volume Pressure <i>Operating: \$3.8m</i> • ID 15729: Holidays Act Remediation for School Employees, updated liability estimate* <i>Operating: \$8.1m</i> • ID 15730: Early Childhood Education - Cost Adjustment <i>Operating: \$47.7m</i> • ID 15733: English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Volume cost pressures <i>Operating: \$11.3m</i> 	<p>Baseline Savings</p> <p>Total Operating: (\$65.9m) Total Capital: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID 15844: Education Payroll Ltd efficiency savings <i>Operating: (\$1.2m)</i> • ID 15860: Ministry Departmental: Reduce spend on contractors and consultants <i>Operating: (\$15.4m)</i> • ID 15863: Ministry departmental: Reduce spend on professional services <i>Operating (\$11.0m)</i> • ID 15866: Ministry departmental: Reduce travel and meeting related spend <i>Operating (\$1.3m)</i> • ID 15865: Ministry departmental: Reduce workforce through stopping low priority programmes <i>Operating (\$37.1m)</i> <p>Targeted Policy Savings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID 16088: 20 Hours ECE – Returning Departmental Funding <i>Operating: (\$2.9m), Capital: (\$0.5m)</i>

- ID 15839: **Structured Approaches to Literacy - Further Teacher Professional Learning and Development (PLD)**
Operating: \$16.8m
- ID 15842: **NZQA IT System Stabilisation***
Operating: \$2.5m
- ID 15940: **Ikura | Manaakitia te whare tangata - Period products in schools**
Operating \$3.6m

Education Envelope - Reprioritisation

Total Operating: (\$41.3m), Total Capital: -

- ID 15848: **Digital Era Learning Teaching Assessment**
Operating: (\$0.1m)
- ID 15852: **Te Kawa Matakura – return of funding**
Operating: (\$5.5m)
- ID 15853: **Laptops for Teachers**
Operating: (\$0.5m)
- ID 15857: **Services Academy National Hui – full saving option**
Operating: (\$0.03m)
- ID 15858: **Prime Minister’s Vocational Excellence Award – return of funding**
Operating: (\$1.1m)
- ID 15859: **Arts Coordinators – return of funding**
Operating: (\$0.2m)
- ID 15861: **Removal of Persistent Underspends**
Operating: (\$4.1m)
- ID 15862: **Early Childhood – Targeted Assistance for Participation**
Operating: (\$2.6m)
- ID 15864: **Creatives in Schools - return of funding**
Operating: (\$3.2m)
- ID 15867: **Ministry departmental: Reductions in the regional workforce**
Operating: (\$23.0m)
- ID 15849: **Partnering to strengthen Māori Education**
Operating: (\$1.0m)

Total Education Envelope Operating: ^[33] and ^[38] Capital: \$69.3m	
Capital Cost Escalations Total Operating: \$22.7m, Total Capital: \$543.5m <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID 15669: Christchurch Schools' Rebuild - Cost Pressures <i>Operating: \$8.6m, Capital: \$143.5m</i> • ID 15671: School Property Portfolio Growth Cost Pressure <i>Operating: \$14.1m, Capital: \$400.0m</i> 	
Government Policy Commitments Total Operating: \$157.4m, Total Capital: \$1.2m <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID 15737: Ka Ora, Ka Ako Healthy School Lunches Programme: Continuing beyond 2024* <i>Operating: \$119.1m, Total Capital: \$1.2m</i> • ID 15799: Partnership Schools (Charter schools Kura Hourua) <i>Operating: \$38.3m, Total Capital: \$0.2m</i> 	
Capital Investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID 15680: Marlborough Boys' and Girls' Colleges and the relocation of Bohally Intermediate – New Initiative <i>Operating: \$1.6m, Total Capital: \$64.4m</i> 	
Total New Spending Initiatives Operating: \$617.7m, Total Capital: \$678.4m	Total Savings and Revenue Initiatives Operating: (\$68.8m), Total Capital: (\$0.5m)
Net total: Operating ^[33] and ^[38] Total Capital \$677.9m	

*Denotes no outyears funding (time-limited)