

Report: VET Work-based Learning talking points for SOU 9 April 2025

То:	Hon Penny Simmonds, Minister for Vocational Education		
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Why are we sending this to you?

- You are receiving this because you are taking the Cabinet paper 'A redesigned vocational education and training system – work-based learning options' to Social Outcomes (SOU) Cabinet Committee on 9 April 2025.
- . This briefing provides you with a set of talking points and Q&As

What action do we need, by when?

 Please indicate if you require additional talking points at your Tertiary Agencies meeting on 8 April 2025.

Alignment with Government priorities

1. This report supports the redesign of the vocational education and training (VET) system, which is one of your priorities for the Vocational Education portfolio.

Background

- 1. You are taking a Cabinet paper to the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee (SOU) on 9 April 2025. This fulfils December's Cabinet decision to undertake and report back on targeted consultation with key industry stakeholders [SOU-24-MIN-0174 refers].
- 2. We have prepared key messages to support you at SOU when you are invited to speak to your Cabinet paper.
- 3. We have also provided Q&As addressing some of the issues raised during agen y and Ministerial consultation on the Cabinet paper.

Next Steps

4. Your next Tertiary Officials meeting at 8.30am Tuesday, 8 April pro ide an opportunity for you to raise any questions you might have in relation to SOU and/or these talking points.

Annexes

The following are annexed to this paper:

Annex 1: Talking Points – Key Messages

Annex 2: Talking Points – Reactive Questions and Answers

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

a. **note** that Talking Points at **Annex 1** are to support your appearance at Social Outcomes Cabinet Committee on 9 April 2025 to present your Cabinet paper 'A redesigned vocational and education training system – Options for work-based learning'

Noted

Proactive Release:

b. **agree** that the Ministry of Education release this paper once Cabinet decis ns on the future of work-based learning have been announced, with any information needing to be withheld done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

Agree / Disagree

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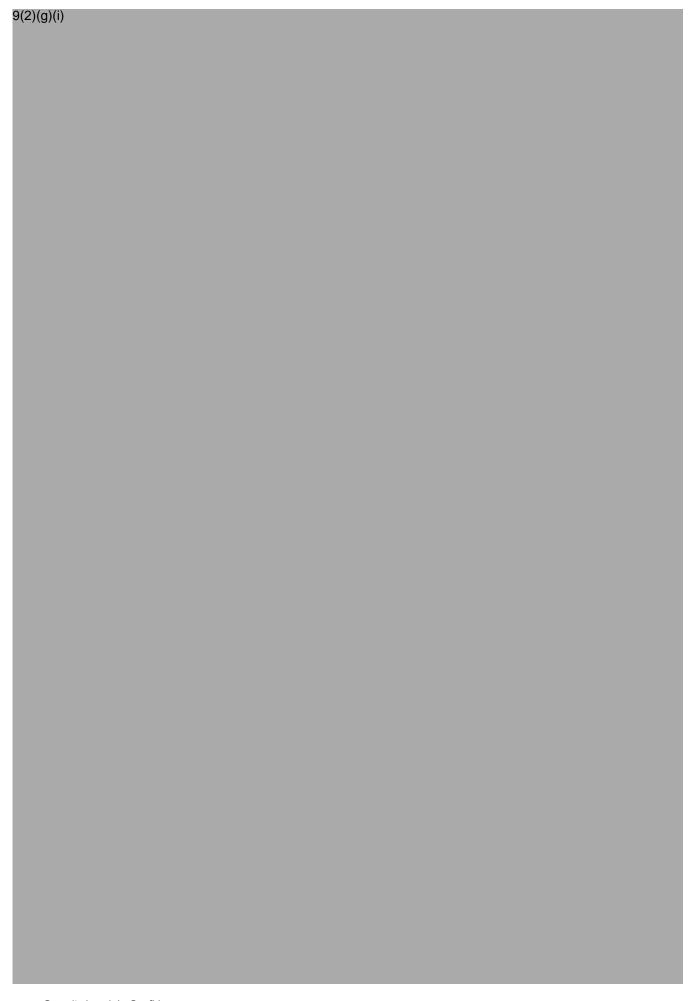
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