MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
TE TĀHUHU O TE MĀTAURANGA

Education Report: Budget 2022 Changes to Titles and Descriptions

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Purpose of Report

This report seeks agreement to amendments to titles and descriptions for Budget 2022 initiatives, specifically the initiative to implement the Equity Index in schools and the Export Education Levy Revenue Pressure initiative.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

a. **note** we have identified a significant change required to the title and description of the Budget 2022 initiative to implement the Equity Index in schools, to ensure it is fit for public-facing documentation

Noted

b. **agree** to the proposed change to the equity index initiative title

Agree / Disagree

c. **agree** to the proposed change to the equity index initiative description

Agree / Disagree

d. **note** that we have identified a change required to the description of the Export Education Levy Revenue Pressure initiative, to clarify the funding is for NZQA

Noted

e. **agree** to the proposed change to the Export Education Levy Revenue Pressure description

Agree / Disagree

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f. **do not proactively release** this Education Report at this time because the information contained within it is Budget sensitive.

Release / Not release

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Background

1. On 11 April, Cabinet agreed to the titles, descriptions and funding for all of the education initiatives going forward in Budget 2022.

Proposed changes to title and description

2. We have completed a review of all titles and descriptions to ensure they are fit for purpose for the Treasury's Summary of Initiatives and other public facing documentation. The majority of initiatives in the education package do not require any significant changes.

3. However, during the Budget process, significant changes were made to the title and description of the Equity Index initiative in consultation with the Treasury to ensure that the appropriate Cabinet approvals were given (specifically, forecast changes for the isolation index component). We have also identified another change required for the Export Education Levy Revenue Pressure initiative. This is to clarify that funding for the initiative is to go to NZQA.

4. We propose the changes in the table below to the title and description submitted to Cabinet on 11 April, to be reflected in public facing documentation.

Old Title	**New Title**
Equity and Isolation Indexes Implementation in Schools and Early Learning Equity Index System Infrastructure Costs	Equity Index Implementation in Schools and Early Learning Equity Index System Infrastructure Costs
Old Description	**New Description**
Schools, kura and early learning services will be better supported to mitigate the socioeconomic barriers faced by learners, the wider school community and whānau. This initiative includes a $75 million per annum increase in equity resourcing for schools/kura, transition costs associated with shifting from decile to the Equity Index (including for the isolation index and school donations scheme), and system and infrastructure costs for the early learning Equity Index. Equity Funding and Targeted Funding for Isolation are to be managed through forecast changes, subject to approval by joint Ministers at baseline updates. The initiative also includes a proportionate increase in funding for Te Kura.	This initiative fulfils a manifesto commitment to remove the decile system, implement the Equity Index, and better resource for equity. Schools and kura will be better supported to mitigate the socioeconomic barriers faced by learners, the wider school community and whānau. This initiative includes a $75 million (approximately 50%) per annum increase in equity funding for schools/kura, changes to how we determine Isolation funding (Isolation Index 2020), transition costs associated with both changes (also including the school donations scheme). The initiative also includes a proportionate increase in funding for Te Kura, and internal system and infrastructure costs to begin the implementation of the new early learning Equity Index.
Old Title	**New Title**
Export Education Levy Revenue Pressure	Export Education Levy Revenue Pressure
Old Description	**New Description**
This initiative provides funding for statutory activities that would usually be funded by the Export Education Levy (EEL) using a portion of the tuition fees paid by international students. Due to COVID-19, the EEL has been revoked.	This initiative provides funding for NZQA's statutory activities that would usually be funded by the Export Education Levy (EEL) using a portion of the tuition fees paid by international students. Due to COVID-19, the EEL has been revoked.

Next Steps

5. If agreed, the Budget Team will update all relevant documentation with the new title and description.

Released

Proactive Release

6. We recommend this Education Report is not released at this time because the information it contains is Budget sensitive. This is consistent with section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official information Act 1982, which states that good reason for withholding official information exists if withholding it is necessary to maintain the constitutional convention that protects the confidentiality of advice tendered by officials.

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