



# Report: VET redesign Cabinet paper – Talking Points and QAs for SOU 11 December

To:	Hon Penny Simmonds, Minister for Tertiary Education and Skills		
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## Why are we sending this to you?

- You are receiving this because you are taking a Cabinet paper on redesigning the VET system to the Social Outcomes (SOU) Cabinet Committee on 11 December 2024.

## Key facts, issues and questions

- These key messages, talking points and reactive QAs are intended to support you in your conversations with your Ministerial colleagues at Cabinet committee.

## Alignment with Government priorities

1. This report supports progressing redesign of the vocational education and training (VET) system, which is one of your 2024 priorities for the Tertiary Education and Skills portfolio.

## Context

2. You are taking a Cabinet paper to SOU Cabinet Committee on 11 December 2024. This paper seeks decisions on your proposals for the redesign of the vocational education and training system, including authority to issue drafting instructions to Parliamentary Counsel Office. This is to ensure a Bill giving effect to your proposals will be ready to introduce in early 2025.
3. We have prepared a set of talking points as key messages (Annex 1) and reactive Q&As and illustrative examples (Annex 2) for your appearance at SOU.
4. The key messages we have prepared represent major aspects of your proposals and/or the VET system that you may wish to emphasise at SOU. The reactive Q&As and illustrative examples are intended as additional material to support ensuing discussions.

## Feedback from Ministerial consultation

5. Ministers Upston, Potaka, and Brown provided feedback during ministerial consultation.
6. 9(2)(g)(i)  
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7. We have sought to cover off all these concerns either through amendments to the Cabinet paper and/or in these talking points and Q&As.

## Next Steps

8. Advise officials if you require any additional Talking Points for your appearance at SOU.

## Annexes

The following are annexed to this paper:

Annex 1: Talking Points – Key Messages

Annex 2: Talking Points – Reactive Questions and Answers

**Annexes withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act**

## Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- a. **note** the contents of this report

Noted

### Proactive Release:

- b. **Agree** that the Ministry of Education release this paper after Cabinet has taken policy decisions for the disestablishment and replacement of Te Pūkenga, as part of the communications strategy for the announcement of those decisions, 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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Hon Penny Simmonds

**Minister for Tertiary Education and Skills**

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