

Briefing report

Education Review Office (ERO): Tokelau Education Summit 26-29 August 2019, Atafu, Tokelau

Date	26 June 2019
Security Level	N/A
ERO Priority	Medium
ERO Reference	M19-29
Date requested	ERO initiated
Date due	ERO initiated
Proactive release	Recommended

Addressee	Action sought	Deadline
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Minister of Education

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- a) **note** that ERO has been approached to participate and present at an Educational Summit on the atoll of Atafu on the 26th to the 29th of August 2019.
- b) **note** this follows on from work in 2017 reviewing the quality of schooling in Tokelau.
- c) **note** ERO is working closely with MFAT on how it can contribute to improvements in the quality of education in the Pacific, in particular in respect of Pacific Realm countries.
- d) **note** that ERO officials having received verbal confirmation will attend this summit with a view to providing our insights into the areas in most need of attention and to assisting in identifying creative solutions to the education challenges which exist in Tokelau
- e) **note** attached are the:
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Attachments:

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Comments:

Minister's Office to complete

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Date signed by Minister:	3. 7. 19

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26 June 2019

Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

Tokelau Education Summit 26-29 August 2019, Atafu, Tokelau

Purpose

1. The Education review Office has been invited, and proposes to accept an invitation, from the Tokelau Minister of Education to attend and present to an education summit which will be held from the 26th to the 29th of August 2019 on the atoll of Atafu. This summit follows on from ERO's recent review of schooling in Tokelau which we briefed you on in November 2017 (M17-59).

Background

2. The summit will be attended by officials, and educators from across the Tokelaus, along with representatives from MFAT. The intention is to search out solutions to lifting the quality of Tokelau early childhood education and schooling, and seeks to identify strategies across 10 Thematic areas.
3. ERO has also discussed the potential for representation from Te Kura at the Summit, given the potential for distance education and support to address a number of the challenges which are being considered by the Government of Tokelau. As a Realm nation, Tokelau children are New Zealand citizens and therefore entitled to enrol with Te Kura.
4. ERO would send a delegation of 2 to this summit. We are working closely with MFAT in preparing for this engagement and MFAT have agreed to make a contribution to any costs which may arise from this work.

Recommendations

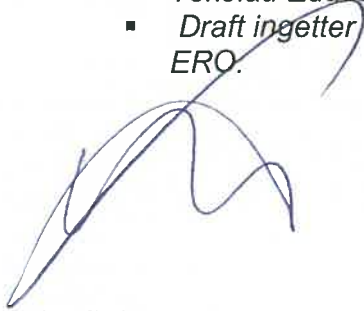
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Chief Executive

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