

Briefing report

Education Review Office (ERO): 2020 March Baseline Update Submission for Vote Education Review Office

Date	18 February 2020
Security Level	N/A
ERO Priority	Medium
ERO Reference	M20-5
Date requested	ERO initiated
Date due	ERO initiated
Proactive release	Recommended

Addressee

Action sought

Deadline

Minister of Education

It is recommended that you:

- a) sign both copies of the attached submission.
- b) **agree** to forward the signed copies to the Minister of Finance's office by 1.00pm on Thursday, 20 February 2020.



Attachments:

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Comments:

Minister's Office to complete		
Noted		
Seen		
Approved		
Referred to:		
Date signed by Minister:		



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18 February 2020

Hon Chris Hipkins Minister of Education

2020 March Baseline Update Submission for Vote Education Review Office

- 1. The attached submission to the Minister of Finance documents changes to the baseline for Vote Education Review Office for the year 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years.
- 2. The changes consist of the replacement of ERO's multi-category appropriation Quality of Education: Evaluations and Services with a single departmental output appropriation Evaluation of the Quality of Education from 2020/21 onwards. ERO is part of a pilot directed by Cabinet to consolidate appropriations as the first step of modernising the public finance system [CAB-19-MIN-0439.01 refers]. ERO has worked with the Treasury to develop this new appropriation structure.
- 3. A small fiscally neutral adjustment has also been made in the multi-category output *National Evaluations and Other Services* to reflect the latest forecast levels of revenue from contractual services for the year 2019/20.
- 4. Forecast adjustments in departmental capital expenditure have also been made in 2019/20 and 2020/21 to reflect ERO's latest capital replacement programme. This includes the timing of expenditure on motor vehicles brought forward from 2020/21 to 2019/20 to enable ERO reduce its carbon footprint faster.
- 5. The Treasury has reviewed the attached submission and raised no further comments with it.
- 6. Two copies of the attached submission are required to be forwarded to the Minister of Finance's office by 1pm, Thursday, 20 February 2020. The Treasury has reviewed the submission and is fine with them.

Recommendation

- 7. It is recommended that you:
 - a) sign both copies of the attached submission.

sign

b) **agree** to forward the signed copies to the Minister of Finance's office by 1.00pm on Thursday, 20 February 2020.

agree/ disagree

Nicholas Pole Chief Executive

NOTED / APPROVED

Hon Chris Hipkins Minister of Education

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