



## Education Report: 2019/20 Estimates Examination – Responses

<b>To:</b>	Hon Chris Hipkins		
<b>Date:</b>	17 May 2019	<b>Priority:</b>	High
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### Purpose of Report

- 1 This report provides you with responses to the 2019/20 Standard and Supplementary Estimates Questionnaires for Vote: Education and Vote: Tertiary Education, and recommends you submit the responses to the Standard Estimates Questionnaires to the Finance and Expenditure Committee secretariat by 1pm on Friday 31 May 2019.
- 2 The report also provides you with an update on the 2019/20 Estimates Examination process.

### Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- a. **note** that your 2019/20 Estimates examination for Votes: Education and Tertiary Education has been scheduled for 10.45am – 12.45pm, Wednesday, 12 June 2019, before the Education and Workforce Committee.

**Noted**

- b. **note** that the Ministry of Education has worked closely with other TEC, NZQA and ENZ to prepare responses to the 2019/20 Standard and Supplementary Estimates questionnaires for Votes: Education and Tertiary Education.

**Noted**

- c. **agree** to submit the Standard Estimates responses to the Finance and Expenditure Committee secretariat by 1pm on Friday 31 May 2019.

**Agree / Disagree**

d. **note** that you are still waiting to receive the final Supplementary Estimates questions, but in the interests of time, we have prepared answers to last year's questions for your consideration as they are unlikely to change.

**Noted**

e. **note** that you are likely to receive the Supplementary Estimates questions after Budget day, and the date for submitting responses to the Clerk will be determined then.

**Noted**

f. **note** that we are working closely with your office to ensure we are made aware as soon as you receive the final Supplementary Estimates Questions so we can revise the responses if necessary, and to understand and develop the support material you may require in advance of your Select Committee examination on 12 June.

**Noted**

g. **agree to** proactively release this report.

**Agree/Disagree**



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Hon Chris Hipkins  
**Minister of Education**

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## Background

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- 1 You are scheduled to appear before the Education and Workforce Select Committee (the Committee) from 10.45am – 12.45pm, for the annual Estimates Examination of Votes Education and Tertiary.
- 2 The Ministry has been working closely with the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC), New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA), and Education New Zealand (ENZ) to provide answers to the Standard and Supplementary Estimates questions for Votes Education and Tertiary.

## The Standard and Supplementary Estimates Questionnaires

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### Standard Estimates Questionnaire

- 3 In mid-March, you received a letter from the Clerk of the Finance and Expenditure Committee containing the Standard Estimates Questions for Votes Education and Tertiary Education.
- 4 The Ministry has drafted responses to these questions for you, attached as **Annex 1 – Vote: Education** and **Annex 2 – Vote: Tertiary Education** for your consideration. The responses are required to be lodged with the Clerk of the Finance and Expenditure Committee by 1pm on 31 May 2019.
- 5 This year's questions are thematically similar to previous years', and our responses are consistent with the approach taken in previous years.

### Supplementary Estimates Questionnaire

- 6 You will not receive the Supplementary Estimates Questions for each Vote until Budget 2019 has been tabled in the House. For this reason, we do not yet know when the responses are due to be lodged with the Clerk.
- 7 On the basis that we consider the questions are likely to be similar, if not identical to previous years, and in the interests of time, we have prepared responses to last year's questions for your consideration.
- 8 The Ministry will work closely with your office to ensure we are provided with the final Supplementary Estimates questions once they are submitted to you, and make any necessary revisions. The Supplementary responses accompanying this report are not therefore the final responses.

## Timeline

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- 9 The table below details the anticipated timeline for the remainder of the 2019/20 Estimates process.

17 May	Responses to the Vote: Education and Vote: Tertiary Education Standard and Supplementary Estimates questions delivered to your office.
30 May	Budget 2019 tabled in the House.

31 May	Responses to the Standard Estimates Questions for both Vote: Education and Vote: Tertiary Education to be lodged with the Finance and Expenditure Committee secretariat by 1pm.
31 May onwards	Supplementary Estimates Questionnaire delivered to your office, and forwarded to the Ministry.
Early June	The Ministry delivers responses to the Supplementary Questions to your office.
12 June	Education and Workforce Committee examination of Vote: Education and Vote: Tertiary Education.
Post 12 June	Follow up questions received.

### Hearing Preparation

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- 10 We are working closely with your office to understand your expectations of the support material you may require, and which members of the education agency leadership teams you may wish to have attend the hearing with you.

### Proactive Release

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- 11 We intend to proactively release this briefing with the Ministry's Budget 2019 information release, which is being timed to coincide with Treasury's Budget 2019 information release. Any redactions necessary will be made in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

### Annexes

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Annex 1: Vote: Education – 2019/20 Estimates Examination

Annex 2: Vote: Tertiary Education – 2019/20 Estimates Examination

**<https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/?criteria.Keyword=Estimates&criteria.Author=Education+and+Workforce+Committee&criteria.ParliamentNumber=-1&criteria.Timeframe=&criteria.DateFrom=&criteria.DateTo=>**

**Note:** From the above link you can download and view the full text of the Ministry of Education's 2019/20 responses to the Standard and Supplementary Estimates questionnaires.