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Dear Nigel

Delegation to fund the development of early childhood education programmes in languages other than English or Māori

I delegate to the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) (under section 159F(1)(e) of the Education Act 1989) authority to pay funding to tertiary education organisations (TEOs) to develop early childhood programmes contextualised for delivery in languages other than English or Māori. Contextualising the programme includes translating existing material, and making the programme culturally appropriate. Those programmes must lead to the New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4) [Ref: 2850] qualification.

The TEC must allocate the funding with the primary aim of maximising the number of learners who will complete the New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4) [Ref: 2850] qualification in a language other than English or Māori.

TEC will design processes for seeking and assessing applications for funding from TEOs.

To access the funding, a TEO must:

- submit an application; and
- currently offer NZQA approved programmes leading to the New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4) qualification; and
- demonstrate a strong record of supporting learners to achieve successful educational outcomes; and
- provide evidence in their application that they are able to engage and support learners from the community to which their application relates; and
- present evidence of demand for their proposed programme; and
- provide any other evidence requested by the TEC.

The TEC may pay up to \$1 million to TEOs to develop early childhood programmes contextualised for delivery in languages other than English or Māori from the date of this letter until 30 June 2021.

I expect the TEC to report to me on progress by the end of 2021, including the programmes being developed, the number of learners expected to complete the programmes, and any learnings relating to how to improve the attainment of the New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4) in target

communities and how these learnings can be applied to other areas of tertiary education.

This delegation applies from the date of this letter until 30 June 2021. The TEC may exercise any of its administrative functions as required to give effect to this delegation outside of those dates.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CH', written in a cursive style.

Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education