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Dear Nigel

Delegation to fund emergency management and search and rescue training

I delegate to the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) (under section 159F(1)(e) of the Education Act 1989) authority to purchase civil defence emergency management (EM) training and search and rescue (SAR) training.

Purpose and amount of funding

The purpose of funding for SAR and EM training is to ensure the provision of good quality training that supports SAR and EM trainees to achieve an appropriate level of training and/or accreditation.

The total amount of funding that can be allocated under this delegation will be set through the Government's annual budget processes.

The TEC must determine the appropriate total amount of EM and SAR provision, measured in learner hours, that it purchases using the funding allocated under this delegation.

Learner eligibility

The TEC may only fund SAR and EM training under this delegation that is for domestic students (as defined in section 159 of the Education Act 1989).

Up to 1.9% of SAR training each year may be accessed by persons required to be treated as if they are not international students, as set out in the *Domestic Students (Tertiary Education) Notice 2016*.

Quality assurance

The TEC must require that the EM and SAR provision it purchases using the funding allocated under this delegation is quality assured by an appropriate organisation, as determined by the TEC.

Fees for provision funded under this delegation

The TEC must attach to funding paid under this delegation a condition that an organisation that receives funding under this delegation must ensure that a fee is not

charged to a learner who is participating in EM or SAR training for which the organisation receives funding.

For the purposes of this condition, the term “fee” includes the following items: tuition fees; compulsory course costs; examination fees; costs of materials; costs of field trips; costs associated with the compulsory purchase of equipment or books; and other charges associated with a course.

For the purposes of this condition, the term “fee” does not include compulsory student services fees or fees for student identification cards.

Funding for co-ordination

The TEC may pay funding under this delegation for co-ordinating and arranging EM and SAR training, up to a maximum of \$100,000 for EM, and up to a maximum of \$85,000 for SAR.

Funding used for the right purpose

The TEC may impose any conditions on funding paid under this delegation that it considers necessary, including, without limitation, conditions for ensuring that the funding will achieve the purpose for which it has been provided.

Time period for delegation to fund emergency management training and search and rescue training

This delegation is effective from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2020. The TEC may exercise any of its administrative functions as required to give effect to this delegation outside of those dates.

Measures to be included in Statement of Service Performance

I expect that the TEC will set appropriate measures as part of its Statement of Service Performance in order to report to me on its performance in giving effect to this delegation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Hipkins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education