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Dear Jenn

Delegation to fund ACE Aotearoa

I am writing to advise you of my delegation of responsibility to the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) for administering funding to ACE Aotearoa. ACE Aotearoa plays an important leadership and co-ordination role across the Adult and Community Education (ACE) sector.

I expect this funding to be used for sector capability building activities, including strategic leadership of the ACE sector. TEC must negotiate with ACE Aotearoa about other appropriate activities which should be conducted with this funding to support the ACE sector. All activities must align with wider Government priorities, such as those indicated in Tertiary Education Strategy, Kā Hikitia, and Tau Mai te Reo.

TEC will utilise funding appropriated in the Tertiary Sector / Industry Collaboration Projects appropriation within Vote Tertiary Education. Up to \$1.2 million per year can be utilised to fund ACE Aotearoa from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 and each calendar year thereafter. For the 2021/22 financial year, TEC can make an additional one-off payment of up to \$0.2 million to reflect additional funding for the 2021 calendar year.

I delegate to TEC under section 409(1)(j) of the Education and Training Act 2020 authority to pay funding:

- to ACE Aotearoa;
- for sector capability building activities, including strategic leadership of the sector and other activities agreed to with TEC;
- of up to \$1.2 million per year from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 and each calendar year thereafter;
- of up to \$0.2 million as an additional one-off payment in the 2021/22 financial year to reflect additional funding for the 2021 calendar year.

I expect TEC to:

- report to me on the impact ACE Aotearoa is having in the sector annually;
- publish information on the work of ACE Aotearoa every six months;
- pay funding when appropriate milestones, as agreed by TEC, are met;

- work to ensure that ACE Aotearoa is collaborating with the sector and demonstrating how it is maximising efficiency and effectiveness for the use of Government funding.

This delegation applies from the date of this letter. From 1 January 2022, this letter will replace the previous letter delegating responsibility to the TEC to administer funding for ACE Aotearoa.

The TEC may exercise any of its administrative functions as required to give effect to this delegation outside of those dates.

Yours sincerely



Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education