

## **Aide memoir: Education Interagency Meeting, 31 March**

### **Outstanding Issues - Vote Education package, Budget 2009**

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#### ***International Student Levy***

- We would like to confirm Ministers' decision not to fund the International Student Levy emergency pressure in Budget 2009.
- The Minister of Education had previously agreed to a reduction in the rate of the ISL to \$420 from 2010.
- Without funding of \$3.6m per annum to offset the proposed reduction in the rate of the ISL, Crown Revenue will reduce by \$3.6 million per year. The Crown will no longer be compensated for capital and depreciation costs relating to enrolment of international students

#### ***International savings***

- As part of the Vote Education line by line review we proposed savings from international education expenditure totalling \$29.1m over four years.
- The Minister of Education asked for advice on how to maintain a reduced New Zealand International Doctoral Research Scholarships programme, while still maintaining the agreed level of \$29.1 million in savings over four years.
- The Minister has received a briefing on this issue - *Education Report: Final Options for International Education Savings* (30 March).

#### ***NZQA capital costs for subject endorsement***

- NZQA identified \$2.9m per annum of savings to maintain current levels of moderation of NCEA.
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- Ministers have also agreed to fund NCEA moderation in Budget 2009 (at \$2.720m .per annum)
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