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Jenn Bestwick
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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. The 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.

The TEC will utilise funding appropriated in the Tertiary Sector / Industry Collaboration Projects appropriation within Vote Tertiary Education. Up to \$0.5 million can be utilised to fund ACE Aotearoa in the 2020/21 financial year from 1 January 2021, and up to \$1 million in each financial year thereafter.

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

- to ACE Aotearoa;
- for the sector capability building activities, including strategic leadership of the sector, and other activities agreed to with the TEC;
- of up to \$0.5 million in 2020/21, and up to \$1 million each financial year thereafter.

I expect the 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 the 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 1 January 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 read 'CH', with a large, stylized initial 'C' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education