

Tertiary Education Report: Tertiary Education Commission Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2020

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ACTION SOUGHT		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Chris Hipkins Minister of Education	Note the Tertiary Education Commission Annual Report (the Annual Report) for the year ended 30 June 2020, and Present two copies of the Annual Report to the House of Representatives as soon as possible after the commencement of the next session of Parliament.	As soon as possible after the commencement of the next session of Parliament
Enclosure: TEC Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2020	Round Robin: No	

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THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES HAVE SEEN THIS REPORT						
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Comments:						

Recommendations

Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education

It is recommended that you:

1. **note** the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) Annual Report (the TEC Annual Report) for the year ended 30 June 2020.
2. **present** two copies of the TEC Annual Report to the House of Representatives as soon as possible after the commencement of the next session of Parliament.
3. **agree** that the TEC releases this briefing with officials' contact details withheld.



John Soulis

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Tertiary Education Commission

18 December 2020

Hon Chris Hipkins

Minister of Education

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Purpose

1. This briefing provides you with a PDF of the TEC Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2020.
2. Printed copies of the TEC Annual Report will be provided to your office as soon as they are available. Two of these printed copies are for presentation to the House of Representatives as soon as possible after the commencement of the next session of Parliament. Two printed copies will also be provided for your office.

Background to the Annual Report

3. The Annual Report provides Members of Parliament and the public with the information needed to assess the TEC's progress against the financial and non-financial performance measures set out in the TEC's *Statement of Intent 2018/19 – 2021/22* and *Statement of Performance Expectations 2019/20*.
4. Audit New Zealand issued their audit report on 10 December 2020. They issued an unmodified opinion on the financial statements and a modified opinion on the performance information.
5. The modified opinion was issued as TEC was not able to conduct its 2019/20 customer survey (Partner and Provider Survey) due to the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on proposed survey respondents.
6. Audit NZ has indicated that TEC is one of a number of agencies receiving a modified opinion relating to performance information as surveys were not able to be held due to the impact of the pandemic.

Presenting the Annual Report to Parliament

7. Under section 150(3) of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (the Act) the TEC must:
“provide the report to its responsible Minister no later than 15 working days after receiving the audit report”.
8. We have met this requirement by submitting the PDF of the Annual Report to you today.
9. Under section 150(3) of the Act:
“A responsible Minister of a Crown entity must present the entity's annual report to the House of Representatives within five working days after the responsible Minister receives the annual report or, if Parliament is not in session, as soon as possible after the commencement of the next session of Parliament”.
10. You are required to present two copies of the Annual Report to the House as soon as possible after the commencement of the next session of Parliament.
11. We will manage the tabling process by providing five printed copies of the Annual Report and a downloadable version of our Annual report (PDF formatted, structured and tagged to increase accessibility) to the House Office for publishing to the Parliament website. We will liaise with your office to ensure these copies are with the Clerk of the House before you table the TEC Annual Report.

12. Under section 150(4) of the Act, the TEC is required to:

“publish its annual report as soon as practicable after it has been presented to the House of Representatives, but in any case not later than 10 working days after the annual report is received by the Minister”.

13. We will meet this requirement through the publication of the TEC’s Annual Report on the TEC website no later than 24 December 2020.