

Aide-Memoire: Tertiary Education Commission 2017/18 Quarter Two Performance Report

То:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister for Education
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Purpose

- 1. The purpose of this aide-memoire is to provide you with our Quarter Two Performance Report ('the report') for the 2017/18 year.
- 2. We recommend that you release this aide-memoire in full once it has been considered by you.

Background

- 3. We report quarterly to you on our performance. This report covers the period 1 October 2017 to 31 December 2017.
- 4. The Ministry of Education, as our lead monitor, will provide you with a separate report on our performance.

The report

- 5. The report covers our progress against our *Statement of Intent 2015/16 2018/19* (SOI) and the *Statement of Performance Expectations 2017/18* (SPE).
- 6. It shows that the TEC continues to perform well, and provides an update on:
 - a. our progress made against our two functions (Champion and Invest) and our three enablers (Partnership, Knowledge and People).
 - b. our financial performance information.
 - c. our non-financial performance information.

Our financial performance

- Our financial performance is stable. Although we had initially budgeted for operating deficits to continue into the 2017/18 financial year, we are now forecasting to make an operating surplus of \$4.1m.
- 8. We have a grant surplus of \$2.2m YTD against a budget of \$0.9m. This variance is due to a difference in timing between the receipt of government grants and allocation to tertiary education organisations (TEOs). Our grants multi category appropriation is currently forecast to be \$35m under allocation at year-end, excluding Fees Free.
- 9. We have ring-fenced \$55m from forecast recoveries and have undertaken a line by line review of grant appropriations to identify possible savings to support the Budget 2018 process.

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Our non-financial performance

- 11. Our non-financial performance targets are tracking well. We have reported progress against measures where we have relevant new data. This report contains progress information for 21 of our non-financial SOI and SPE 2017/18 measures.
- 12. As at 31 December 2017, we are:
 - a. on track to meet 15 measures
 - b. not on track but expected to meet end of year targets for two measures
 - c. not on track and not expected to meet end of year targets for four measures.
- We provide detailed explanations for the measures not on track in the report.

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