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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Migrant Settlement and Integration Services for 2021/22: Funding from the Immigration Levy

Portfolio **Immigration**

On 23 June 2021, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

Background

1 **noted** that in 2015, Cabinet:

- 1.1 approved \$6.990 million of Immigration Levy revenue annually to support settlement services across government agencies (that had previously been funded from the Migrant Levy);
- 1.2 agreed that the 2016/17 allocations remain the same as 2015/16;
- 1.3 directed officials to report back to the Minister of Immigration on the design of a new funding allocation process to fully implement the New Zealand Migrant Settlement and Integration Strategy (the Strategy) from 2017/18;

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2 **noted** that in 2017, Cabinet:

- 2.1 agreed that the Immigration Levy settlement funding allocations would be for a four-year period (specifically for the period of 2017/18 to 2020/21);
- 2.2 authorised the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Immigration and the relevant Vote Minister to make the final decisions within the four-year period on any adjustment to the allocations within the overall \$6.990 million annual funding;

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3 **noted** that a Cabinet decision is now required to allocate funding from the Immigration Levy to support settlement services for 2021/22;

Immigration Levy funding allocations for 2021/22

4 **agreed** to the cross-agency allocations of the \$4.798 million Immigration Levy funding for 2021/22 for the following mix of settlement services that support the Strategy:

Settlement service	Responsible Agency	2021/22 Immigration Levy allocation \$m
Regional Skills matching and job assistance services	MBIE	1.227
Work Connect Programme (Migrant Futures)	Tertiary Education Commission	1.613
Pacific Work Connect Programme	Tertiary Education Commission	0.564
ESOL provision for adult migrants	Tertiary Education Commission	0.426
Bilingual Support Workers	Ministry of Education	0.514
Multi-lingual Settlement Information Programmes	MBIE	0.454
TOTAL allocations		\$4.798

5 **noted** that given the impact of COVID-19 on the Immigration Levy revenue stream, the allocation of this funding will further increase the deficit in the Immigration Levy hypothecation account;

6 **noted** that a review of the immigration funding model is underway, which will consider options for the future allocation of Immigration Levy funding and Confidential advice to Government

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8 **noted** that Immigration Levy funding allocations for the following settlement services will not be continued from 2021/22:

- 8.1 ESOL in schools (Vote Education);
- 8.2 national level support for organisations that facilitate migrant participation in host communities (Vote Labour Market);

Financial implications

- 9 **approved** the following appropriations to give effect to the mix of settlement services as outlined in paragraph 4 above:

Vote	2021/22 \$m – increase/(decrease)
Vote Labour Market Minister of Immigration Departmental Output Expense: Immigration Services MCA – Settlement and Integration of Refugees and Other Migrants (funded by revenue Crown)	1.681
Vote Tertiary Education Minister for Education Non-Departmental Output Expense: Administration of and Support for the Tertiary Education and Careers Systems	2.177
Vote Tertiary Education Minister for Education Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Tertiary Tuition and Training (MCA) Non-Departmental Output Expense: Community Education	0.426
Vote Education Minister of Education Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Quality teaching and Learning MCA Non-Departmental Output Expense: Professional Development and Support	0.514
Total Operating	4.798

- 10 **agreed** that the change to appropriations for 2021/22 above be included in the 2021/22 October Baseline Update and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
 Hon Dr Megan Woods
 Hon David Parker
 Hon Nanaia Mahuta
 Hon Poto Williams
 Hon Stuart Nash
 Hon Kris Faafoi
 Hon Willie Jackson
 Hon Michael Wood
 Hon Dr David Clark
 Hon Meka Whaitiri
 Hon Phil Twyford
 Rino Tirikatene MP
 Dr Deborah Russell MP

Officials present from:

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 Officials Committee for DEV