Education Report: NZQA's 2018/19 Annual Report

| Date: | 19 September 2019 | NZQA Priority: | Medium |
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| Security Level: | In confidence | Report No. | CR 19498 |

## Action Sought:

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| Hon Chris Hipkins <br> Minister of Education | note the contents of the <br> 2018/19 Annual Report; and <br> note NZQA will liaise with your <br> office on timeframes for <br> presenting the 2018/19 Annual <br> Report to Parliament. | The Minister of <br> Education will present <br> NZQA's Annual Report <br> to Parliament within 5 <br> working days of <br> receiving it. |
| Enclosure: Yes <br> (select as appropriate) | Round Robin: Yes/No <br> (select as appropriate) |  |

Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)

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redacted section $9(2)(a)$
The following departments/agencies have seen this report:
NZQA has worked closely with both the Ministry of Education and Audit New Zealand on the development of its 2018/19 Annual Report.

| Minister's Office to Complete: |  |
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| $\square$ Noted $\square$ Seen <br> $\square$ Needs change $\square$ Approved <br>  $\square$ Withdrawn <br> $\square$ See Minister's comments $\square$ Declined <br> Referred to: $\square$ Overtaken by Events |  |

## Purpose of Report

1. To provide an accurate/audited account of NZQA's financial and non-financial performance for the year ending 30 June 2019 (in accordance with Crown Entities Act 2004).

## Background

2. The Crown Entities Act 2004 requires NZQA to produce an annual report. An annual report must provide the information that is necessary to enable an informed assessment to be made of the entity's operations and performance for that financial year, including an assessment of the entity's progress in relation to its strategic intentions as set out in the most recent Statement of Intent.
3. NZQA's 2018/19 Annual Report reports against the strategic intentions in the 2016/17 2019/20 Statement of Intent, the 2018/19 Statement of Performance Expectations and the 2018/19 Minister's Letter of Expectations. This is the final year of reporting against the 2016/17 - 2019/20 Statement of Intent.

## Comment

4. As per section 150 (1) (b) of the Crown Entities Act 2004, NZQA is providing you with the final version of its 2018/19 Annual Report.
5. NZQA has been working closely with the Ministry of Education's Monitoring and Appointments Team (the team responsible for monitoring NZQA), and Audit New Zealand, to ensure that the 2018/19 Annual Report accurately reflects NZQA's performance against client expectations and meets relevant statutory requirements.
6. Section 150 (3) of the Crown Entities Act 2004, states that a responsible Minister must present the entity's annual report to the House of Representatives within 5 working days of receiving it, or if Parliament is not in session, as soon as possible after the commencement of the next session of Parliament.
7. To meet the requirement to publish the annual report "not later than 10 working days after the annual report is received by the Minister" under section 150 (4) of the Crown Entities Act 2004, NZQA will publish the document via the NZQA website no later than 3 October 2019.
8. The Annual Report provides an account of the performance of NZQA during 2018/19 and is unlikely to pose any risk.


Karen Poutasi (Dr)
Chief Executive
19 September 2019

Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education
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