

Aide-Memoire: Background for Minister's Speech at the NZQA All Staff Half-Day

To:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education
From:	Dr Karen Poutasi, Chief Executive
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Purpose

1. This aide memoire is to provide you with background information for the speech at the NZQA all staff half-day on Friday 31 August 2018 in the Amokura Gallery on level 4 at Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa.

Background

2. The staff at NZQA have an annual half-day assembly to celebrate achievements over the past 12 months, look forward to the next 12 months and to engage staff on the strategic agenda.
3. This year the event takes place from 9am – 1pm on Friday 31 August 2018.
4. The purpose of the meeting is to enhance the strategic alignment throughout the organisation, communicate refreshed organisational priorities and work collectively on issues that require collaborative input.
5. NZQA's overarching mission is Kia Noho Takatū Ki Tō Āmua Ao! – Qualify for the Future World!, and it has three strategic goals for this portfolio of work which are:
 - NCEA examinations online, where appropriate, by 2020
 - Qualification recognition arrangements with at least 50 countries by 2020
 - Partner with education system agencies to support a 50 percent lift of Māori and Pasifika student achievement at NCEA Level 3 in one or more standards in STEM subject related areas by 2020.
6. The theme of the 2018 staff hui is Reflect, Reset, Refocus. We are particularly addressing customer responsiveness.
7. You are scheduled to speak at 11am. One hour has been set aside for your presentation but the programme is somewhat flexible. This will provide an opportunity to engage with NZQA staff on the strategic vision and supporting work programme you have initiated for the Education Sector and how NZQA can support it. Your thoughts on the importance of customer responsiveness would be welcome.

8. The other speakers are Board Chair, Sue Suckling and Ian Taylor, Founder and Owner of Animation Research Ltd, and member of NZQA's Ngā Kaitūhono group.
9. We look forward to having you speak to staff on Friday 31 August 2018. If you have further questions please contact redacted s9(2)(a), Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive on 04 463 redacted s9(2)(a)@nzqa.govt.nz.



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