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Subject: RE: [FYI] MSD report "Opportunities to increase entry into the social worker workforce" added to Minister Reti weekend bag
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 12:08:14 pm
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Kia ora koutou,

9(2)(a) and I just met with SWRB, they will send us in writing the context of their review condition for prescribing the new qualification. They don't have any concerns at all, and in fact are very confident in both the new programme and in BTI as the first provider to deliver the 3-year degree. We did tell them that we may add a condition that ongoing funding is contingent on the SWRB review, which they said was fine and they will be proactive in keeping in touch with us going forward.

They also let us know that there are lots more providers intending to deliver the 3-year degree from 2027 – essentially all of the polytechs, a wānanga, and also 9(2)(b)(ii) will be adding to their suite of graduate-entry masters with a 2-year social work degree, so we have all of those coming up. They have yet to review and prescribe these qualifications but they are working closely with all the providers in the development of the qualifications to make sure they meet the new standards, so despite the review caveat, I recommend we go ahead with funding when these come through to us.

Ngā mihi,

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All good

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Kia ora Team

We will hold off on approvals in DXP and any communication just in case your discussion on Monday 9(2)(a) reveals any other concerns.

If you could please reach out to 9(2)(a) or myself as 9(2)(a) will be on leave once you know more.

Thanks

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Came across this in my inbox. 9(2)(a) and I are very aware of the pressure to increase social workers in the workforce and the shortened degree is a significant part of this.

I think we would have to have very good reasons NOT to fund Bethlem's shortened degree. While it would be good to reach out to SWRB to understand the scope of the desk top review and potential outcomes, I think we should allow the PTE to use its funding for this programme but in doing so we should note it needs to have contingency plans in place for learners to transition should the desk top review result in the prescription of the qualification being removed for 2027 and beyond.

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Do you know who was on social worker stuff - I'm thinking 9(2)(a) maybe? Will get her onto it first thing.

Sent from my phone - please excuse typos and brevity.

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Hi 9(2)(a)

Hoping you can help in 9(2)(a) absence – do you know who inputted into this for TEC? GD looking some notes for her meeting with Dr Reti on Monday morning.

9(2)(a)

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Hi

Can you please reach out to CID re this paper and get us some notes for Mon am

Thanks

GD

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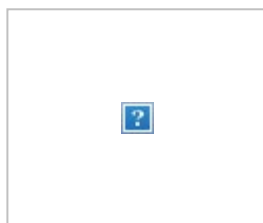
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Kia ora,

FYI – we'll be adding the attached MSD report to the Minister's weekend bag.

I note that MSD has engaged with TEC and MoE on the development of this paper so hopefully you have some awareness of it.

Ngā mihi,



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