

Vote Education Budget 2013

Towards a Pass-Fail Economy

Vote Education

- VE \$9.7b or 13.4% of core Crown expenses in 2013-2014
- Minister of Finance claims \$202m new Education spending in 2013-2014 or 16% of total new Government spending (\$1.26b)
- Overall VE 2013 represents a nominal increase of only \$101m on VE 2012 (\$9.6b) or + 1.05%
- 2014 CPI inflation forecast is + 1.9% which would require VE to be up to \$9.8b to match forecast CPI

Sectors

- ECE +\$65.5m (+4.6%)
- Primary education -\$29.9m (-1.07%)
- Secondary education -\$57.5m (-2.8%)

Buildings and technology

- MoE Capital Expenditure +\$51m (+9.1%)
- School managed network funding \$11.5m (new)
- School furniture +\$3.9m (+16%)

Teaching and learning

- Secondary tertiary interface + \$27.8m (+120%)
- Pre-Budget release: PB4L \$14.5m
- Interventions to target student groups + \$6.5m (+2.5%)

Ideology

- Hidden: Contingency fund Partnership Schools Kura Hourua \$19m (new)

- Hidden: Private school funding 30% subsidy (\$10m)

Absent: \$1 day food for decile1-4 schools (\$40m)

Consistent themes

- ✓ Child as pathological learner (measurement systems e.g network for learning and PACT, behaviour modification - PB4L, mentored student credential choices, targeted ECE subsidies)
- ✓ Privatisation of schooling (e.g. secondary-tertiary interface, PSKH, further erosion of public-private subsidy differential)
- ✓ Withdrawal of State (e.g. parents responsible to feed children, targeted not universal provision of ECE, reliance on charity (e.g Kidscan) and corporate niche philanthropy (Fonterra & Sanitarium))