



# Briefing report

## Education Review Office (ERO): State Sector Decarbonisation – drawdown of funding from tagged capital contingency (Tranche Ten projects)

Date	21 July 2022
Security Level	N/A
ERO Priority	Medium
ERO Reference	M22-37
Date requested	ERO initiated
Date due	ERO initiated
Proactive release	Recommended

Addressee	Action sought	Deadline
<b>Minister of Education</b>	It is recommended that you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Agree</b> to sign briefing EECA 2022 BRF 006 from EECA.</li> <li>b) <b>Agree</b> that this briefing is not published until either EECA release briefing EECA 2022 BRF 006 or this project is publicly announced.</li> </ul>	



### Attachments:

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projects)**



### Comments:

### Minister's Office to complete

Noted

Seen

Approved

Referred to:

Date signed by Minister:



Our Ref: M22-37

21 July 2022

**Hon Chris Hipkins**  
**Minister of Education**

**State Sector Decarbonisation – drawdown of funding from tagged capital contingency  
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**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this letter is to update you as Minister of Education on the Education Review Office's (ERO) adoption of electric vehicles (EV) and seek your agreement to sign the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) briefing EECA 2022 BRF 006.

**Background**

2. ERO operates a fleet of 67 owned vehicles to visit schools and early learning centres across New Zealand. Emission reduction progress was made by transitioning from an internal combustion engine (ICE) fleet to 64 Hybrid fleet in 2018/19 and 2019/20 and the purchase of three Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles in 2020/21.
3. In December 2021 ERO developed a draft fleet transition plan which included the purchase of five EVs in 2022/23 as a pilot. The pilot will inform how best to manage the change and challenges when ERO fully adopts EVs. Further EV purchases are planned in 2024/25 and 2025/26 to replace the full fleet as the current fleet is retired.
4. ERO has been working with EECA to submit a request for funding from the State Sector Decarbonisation Fund. EECA has submitted this request in the briefing EECA 2022 BRF 006 which requires your agreement as it will result in a change to ERO's appropriation funding.
5. ERO has requested funding to cover 50% of the purchase cost for five EVs and chargers. This will provide ERO with a capital injection of \$0.135 million. The remaining 50% will be funded by ERO through the disposal of five hybrid vehicles and the depreciation held for these vehicles.
6. This capital injection will support ERO to cover the higher capital cost of vehicle replacement compared to its current fleet cost.

**Recommendations**

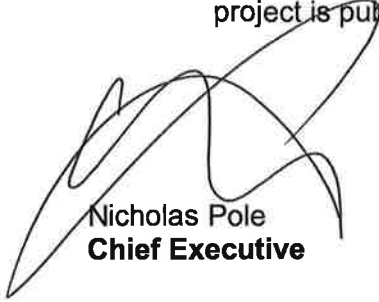
7. It is recommended that you:

a) **Agree** to sign briefing EECA 2022 BRF 006 from EECA.

**Agreed** Disagreed

b) **Agree** that this briefing is not published until either ECCA release briefing EECA 2022 BRF 006 or this project is publicly announced.

**Agreed/** Disagreed



Nicholas Pole  
**Chief Executive**

NOTED/APPROVED



Chris Hipkins  
**Minister of Education**

10 / 08 / 2022

With the range of EV's increasing considerably I expect ERO to be looking for opportunities to significantly increase the use of EV's in the near future. CH