

WPQ 26779 (2026) Table: Briefings received from the education agencies prior to Budget 2026 regarding cost pressures

Ministry of Education

Date sent	Briefing Type	Title
17 July 2025	Report	Budget 2026 Strategy Meeting 1
14 August 2025	Report	Budget 2026 Strategy Meeting #2
18 August 2025	Report	Budget 2026: KiwiSaver cost pressures for Education
21 August 2025	Report	Draft letter to the Minister of Finance on Budget 2026 priorities and KiwiSaver cost pressures
6 November 2025	Report	Budget Strategy Meeting #6 – Cost Pressures, Curriculum and Property
13 November 2025	Report	Budget Strategy Meeting #7 – Workforce, Savings and Reprioritisation, and Contracts
25 November 2025	Information	Budget 2026 – Package builder meeting #1
28 November 2025	Report	Informal Budget meeting with Minister of Finance
4 December 2025	Report	Letter to MOF and confirming the decisions for your final Package Builder Meeting for Budget 2026
15 December 2025	Report	Budget 2026 – Updated Final Package and Submission Letter to the Minister of Finance
4 March 2026	Report	Bilateral Handbook with 1-page initiative summaries
5 March 2026	Report	Your Budget 2026 Package and Bilateral Preparation Information
18 March 2026	Report	Updated Information for Package Builder
1 April 2026	Report	Revised Budget packages for your bilateral meeting
29 April 2026	Report	Budget 2026 Finalised Budget Package

New Zealand Qualifications Authority

Date sent	Title
3 November 2025	Update on NZQA's Financial Stabilisation Plan (FSP) – as at 30 September 2025
19 December 2025	NZQA's Financial Position and Projection (FPP), December 2025
30 April 2026	NZQA's Financial Position and Projection (FPP), April 2026