

# Ministry Evaluation Strategy

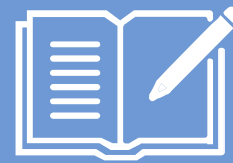
## Ministry Vision



**We shape an education system that delivers equitable and excellent outcomes**

*He mea tārai e mātou te mātauranga kia rangatira ai, kia mana taurite ai ōna huanga*

## Vision for Evaluation



**Embed continuous improvement**

## High quality evaluation which...



**influences**

development of an education system that delivers equitable and excellent outcomes



**improves**

the quality and effectiveness of decision-making by policy-makers and sector stakeholders



**delivers**

against education sector strategic priorities in a smart, timely and efficient way

## To achieve this vision we will need...

## Key Actions for 2017/18 and 2018/19



**Improve capability and capacity** to deliver high quality evaluation & monitoring

- ✓ Recruit and develop staff with evaluation skills
- ✓ Embed a strong culture of evaluation & monitoring
- ✓ Build a clear shared understanding of what constitutes good evidence and the need to be sensitive to differing cultural perspectives
- ✓ Continue to invest in people, process and technology to enable evaluation



**Leverage existing governance mechanisms** to support decisions about where to invest evaluation resources

- ✓ Establish evaluation planning and monitoring processes that:
  - help embed a learning culture and evidence-based decision-making
  - align with the Ministry's strategic planning process and operating model
- ✓ Build evaluation & monitoring into investment proposals including internal and external (Budget bid) investment decisions



**A well governed work programme** reflecting key priorities for the Ministry

- ✓ Invest and deliver on evaluation priorities aligned with the Ministry's agreed strategic direction and priorities
- ✓ Invest and deliver on commissioned research and data



**Support/build the capability of the sector** to deliver high quality, timely and relevant evaluation & monitoring evidence

- ✓ Develop and implement a stewardship plan for engaging with and influencing others in the sector
- ✓ Promote data literacy and a culture of monitoring and evaluation within the sector



**Improve approaches to sharing** high quality evaluation & monitoring evidence for maximum impact

- ✓ Continue to refine our approach to sharing evaluation and monitoring evidence
- ✓ Set in place a review process to monitor impact / influence achieved



Evaluation and monitoring are **critical** activities for **embedding continuous improvement** which aims progressively to improve its performance and to achieve its vision and desired outcomes.



It allows **systematic learning** from past and current activities about “what works, for whom and in what circumstances”. It supports coherent, **evidence-based decision-making** and wise investment of money and other resources.



A **strong culture** that values and acts on evaluation & monitoring evidence is required.