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## MP for Manukau East

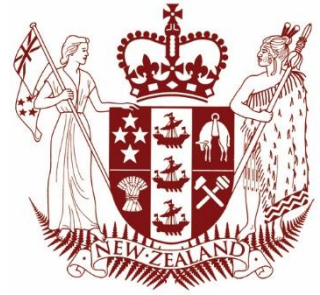
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Michael Gilchrist  
Te Tumu Whakarae

Sandra Grey  
National Secretary

Tertiary Education Union  
By email to [kylie.cox@teu.ac.nz](mailto:kylie.cox@teu.ac.nz)

Dear Michael and Sandra

Thank you for your letter of 18 September 2020 about the Performance-Based Research Fund (PBRF) Review. I appreciate you sharing your concerns.

I am aware COVID-19 has affected the tertiary research sector in many ways, and I understand this may have made it difficult for your members to fully engage in the targeted consultation on the PBRF Review.

I would like to hear from as many people as possible how the proposed changes to the PBRF could work in practice. As you will appreciate, I also need to balance the time needed for the implementation of any changes that may be agreed to following the targeted consultation. I am pleased to advise I have extended the deadline for the PBRF Review consultation process. The new closing date will now be Friday 6 November, and the Ministry of Education will accept submissions and survey responses until this date.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact Michelle Kynaston, acting Senior Policy Manager at the Ministry, at [michelle.kynaston@education.govt.nz](mailto:michelle.kynaston@education.govt.nz), or on 04 463 7671.

I hope this information is helpful. Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Salesa', written over a light blue circular watermark.

Hon Jenny Salesa  
**Associate Minister of Education**