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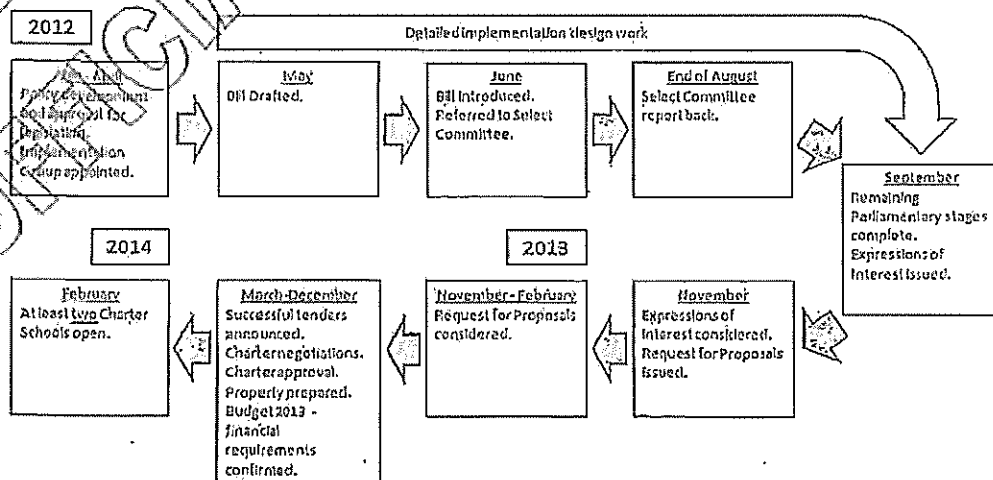
Operating funding

37. The Agreement states that charter schools will be able to raise their own revenues, pay their teachers according to performance and receive operational grant funding that may include funding targeted at disadvantaged groups. Funding will be on a per child basis and tuition fees will not be permitted.
38. Work in this area could include issues such as:
- a. giving charter schools additional flexibility will almost certainly require that all resourcing should be provided in the form of a cash payment. The Ministry will need to develop a funding formula. Is there value in incorporating an element of at risk funding as an accountability measure?
 - b. Withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
 - c. will charter schools get access to resourcing that sits outside the operations grant such as assistance from Group Special Education, transport assistance, laptops for teachers, centrally-funded professional learning and development? Or will there be a cash equivalent?

Implementation

39. The Agreement is clear that charter schools will be introduced during this parliamentary term. This is achievable, including the changes to legislation. The Bill will need to be given sufficient priority in the legislative agenda.

Indicative timetable



Assumptions

- The Bill gets high priority on the Order Paper and progresses quickly through the Select Committee process and the House.
- The Implementation Group is not involved in the high level policy process but is set up early in 2012 to advise on detailed work on implementation e.g. the funding formula.
- Little consultation at the policy development stage.
- No new schools built.