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From: Jess Edlin
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Subject: Budget bid templates - new spending bids
Attachments: Out of Scope

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Spending - NZSAR Severe weather emergency response and resilience.docx;
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Please note that:

- The GBNAs, SLSNZ / Coastguard, and severe weather bids were not invited budget bids, so they're not in the proper Budget 24 template (we funded these through reprioritisation)
- Out of Scope

That should be everything but please let me know if you have any questions or I've missed something!

Cheers,

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Budget 2024 overview template for New Spending Priorities and CERF Initiatives

Please ensure the minimum required information is provided for each question. The minimum required information is set out in italics in each of the answer boxes.

Section 1A: Basic initiative information

<p>Initiative title (max 120 characters)</p>	<p><i>Initiative titles should be clear, concise, informative, and self-explanatory. They should not start with generic words such as “increasing”, “additional”, and “establishing”. Initiatives are listed alphabetically so it is important that the first word in the title distinguishes the initiative from others. For example, “Emissions Reduction Plan Performance Monitoring”.</i></p> <p>Severe weather / emergency response readiness, resilience, and recovery</p>
<p>Problem / opportunity (What is the problem that this initiative is trying to solve and why does it need to be solved now?)</p>	<p><i>Describe the problem the initiative is trying to solve by outlining its root cause(s) and consequence(s) and explain why the problem needs to be solved now. The problem should be framed in terms of current and/or future outcome(s) for New Zealanders.</i></p> <p>Non-government organisations (NGOs) (Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (AREC), Coastguard New Zealand (Coastguard), New Zealand Land Search and Rescue (Land Search and Rescue), and Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) are providing services, including supporting search and rescue operations, during severe weather events without the appropriate capability (i.e., personnel with specialist training and the appropriate equipment) nor are they able to replace assets critical for the continuation of service delivery damaged or destroyed during recent severe weather events.</p> <p>The severe weather events have emphasised the considerable capability (personnel and equipment) and adaptability of search and rescue personnel who made and can continue to make important contributions to the overall response efforts during events. However, these responders are being put at risk due to the lack of organisational readiness for such events both internally and externally.</p> <p>They have operated in contaminated floodwaters, and silt and hazard laden environments without the necessary assessments, training, or equipment. The level of cooperation and collaboration, including readiness planning with the organisations (government, local government, and other NGOs) they worked alongside has also shown to be at best limited. Urgent action is needed to ensure the safety and well-being of all parties involved in operations during severe weather, and other emergency, events.</p> <p>Readiness includes having capability (appropriately trained personnel and equipment), strong, collaborative relationships and widely understood procedures with all potential partners and is critical to support safe and legislative compliant delivery (notably HS&W Act requirements) of frontline safety and search and rescue services in all environments.</p> <p>To allow the NGOs to be in a state of readiness to respond effectively and safely during severe weather events and emergencies, funding is sought for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> targeted severe weather event training allowing better informed risk and operational decision making in new environments appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect responders from presenting dangers establishing regionally based equipment and provision caches to allow for swift deployments and quicker responses by skilled responders who can operate independently for at least 48 hours developing regional coordination to account for the greater interagency collaboration needed between all agencies involved in such events during readiness planning before the events the replacement of assets destroyed/damaged during recent severe weather events so that services can continue to be delivered. <p>Given the ongoing likelihood of severe weather events, it is critical for the NGOs requesting funding in this initiative to be in a state of readiness and preparation. This funding would enable their personnel (most of whom are unpaid volunteers) to operate competently to support New Zealanders in trouble needing rescue services. The services provided during events to date have proved critical in achieving successful responses and with the use of volunteers represents value for money for any government dollar invested. Investment will lead to better response outcomes, save lives, and allow services to continue to be safely delivered.</p>

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<p>Initiative description (max 800 characters)</p>	<p>The description must succinctly outline in plain language what is being purchased and delivered by the initiative, and whether the initiative is for expanding or initiating a service. For example, "This initiative provides funding for 5 policy and delivery FTEs to develop and run a \$50m fund aimed at building Māori and iwi capacity and capability in the community housing sector."</p> <p>Funding is being requested in five areas by four NGOs (AREC, Coastguard, Land Search and Rescue and SLSNZ) to enable them to respond effectively and safely (including meeting legislative requirements) during severe weather events and other emergency events.</p> <p>Effective and safe responses require the responders to be ready i.e., appropriately trained with the appropriate equipment, including PPE, for the presenting operating environment. This includes the ability for responders to operate independently for at least 48 hours.</p> <p>Effective emergency responses also require a high level of planning so that seamless cooperation among multiple organisations occurs during events, and when underpinned by mutual respect and goodwill better outcomes are achieved, including lives saved.</p> <p>The funding will support the organisations readiness to respond to future emergency events and recover from the damage incurred during 2023 events so robust and effective delivery can be maintained.</p> <p>Funding is sought in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • training (including development, delivery, and assurance) for such events e.g., flood water search and rescue. • PPE (organisation and environment specific) for volunteers delivering the work. PPE includes personal flotation devices (PFDs), dry suits/waders, helmets, gloves, masks, throw bags and multi-tools). • regionally based equipment caches that can be swiftly deployed during emergencies. The make up of caches will be organisationally focused but will include equipment (e.g. deployable resilient communications equipment, camping supplies, small generators, and IRBs with engines and trailers), some generic PPE, and supplies (food, water, and sanitisers). • management and leadership to provide the coordination required for organisational readiness and sector engagement required for robust readiness (i.e., FTEs). • reinstating b^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)} (partial and complete replacements) and structures (e.g., an observation tower) for Coastguard^(iv) and SLSNZ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)} <p>Funding Profile by Area of Expenditure</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Area of Expenditure</th> <th>2024/25</th> <th>2025/26</th> <th>2026/27</th> <th>2027/28</th> <th>Outyears</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>\$m</td> <td>\$m</td> <td>\$m</td> <td>\$m</td> <td>\$m</td> <td>\$m</td> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Funding Profile by Organisation</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Funding by Organisation</th> <th>2024/25</th> <th>2025/26</th> <th>2026/27</th> <th>2027/28</th> <th>Outyears</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>\$m</td> <td>\$m</td> <td>\$m</td> <td>\$m</td> <td>\$m</td> <td>\$m</td> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Area of Expenditure	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	Outyears	TOTAL		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}							Funding by Organisation	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	Outyears	TOTAL		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}						
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<p>Counter-factual question</p>	<p>Explain the implications if funding is deferred or not approved. If there are options (e.g., choosing to reduce either output or quality of an existing service if funding is not approved), detail these here. Explain how the department would address the pressure or problem if the funding is not approved.</p> <p>The status-quo would remain if funding was not approved or deferred i.e., personnel responding to severe weather events/emergency incidents without the appropriate training and PPE or environmental knowledge, putting themselves and others at risk with organisations failing to meet HS&W legislative obligations would continue.</p>																																										

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Severe weather events are increasing in frequency and severity. All potential responders need to be in a state of readiness to provide services and in this case, specialised search and rescue services that have proved to be critical in achieving positive outcomes in recent emergency responses.

Without funding the following will not be in place for future events:

- well-prepared and competent volunteers able to operate in challenging environments, ultimately enhancing their safety and effectiveness
- safety standards and expectations for equipment, reducing risks and enhancing the capability of teams responding to severe weather emergencies.
- collaboration with multiple stakeholders including other NGOs, and local-government and government entities to foster a coordinated and efficient response to emergencies
- allocation of resources based on a comprehensive understanding of the risks and requirements associated with severe weather events leading to shorter response times and ensuring cost-effectiveness and efficient resource utilisation
- considered and well communicated operational procedures for addressing the critical issues of severe weather and emergency responses
- a structured and accountable solution that can measurably enhance the effectiveness and resilience of search and rescue operations

Organisations could:

- generate additional income through lottery and gambling trusts applications and/or charitable donations and fundraising. These highly contestable funding sources are currently very tight (more so than in 2020), and unpredictably volatile with variable levels of success. Additionally, several of the expenditure items identified will not meet the criteria for consideration by funding trusts.
- reprioritise current funding away from key unit support funding lines. Reprioritisation options are limited as funding for these organisations is often 'tagged' and can not be used for a purpose other than for what it was granted. Funding currently received for core organisational functions is insufficient; reprioritisation from these areas would likely impact the medium to long-term viability of the organisation.
- extend asset life outside normal expectations, increasing the risk of failure during service delivery and negative outcomes.

Given the tightness of funding sources and that the funding received is generally 'tagged' for a specific purpose alongside the fact that the organisational income is thinly spread across all lines of expenditure, there is no ability to at all to reprioritise expenditure without impacting frontline safety services delivered.

In short, the organisations do not have the capacity to cover the funding being requested if it was not received nor are they able to effectively reprioritise or obtain funding from alternate sources meaning the only real option available is to reduce the levels of service provided i.e., not respond to severe weather events.

Priority area	New Spending initiative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF) initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this a cross-Vote initiative?	No <i>If yes, indicate which other Votes are affected.</i>			

Section 1B: Summary of funding profile

Operating funding sought through Budget 2024 (\$m)										
2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29 & outyears*	Total					
[●]19,205	2,656	2,386	2,359	2,383	28,989					
*Extend the profile above to a "steady state" if funding into outyears is irregular. Delete "& outyears" for time-limited funding.										
Capital funding sought through Budget 2024 (\$m)										
24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33	33/34*	Total
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*Extend the profile above if funding is needed beyond 2033/34.										

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Organisation Funding Profile by Area of Expenditure

	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	Outyears	TOTAL
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m

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From: Jess Edlin
Sent: Tuesday, 19 March 2024 3:56 pm
To: Abby McRoberts - parliament; Helen FionaWhite
Cc: Tim Herbert; Jenny Smith; David Wood
Subject: Draft letter for Minister Brown to send to Minister Willis (re Budget 2024)
Attachments: DRAFT letter - Hon Simeon Brown to Hon Nicola Willis (Budget 2024).docx

Hi Abby,

Thanks for your very clear commissioning!

Please see attached a draft letter for the Minister's consideration. If you have a chance to read it before you put it in his overnight bag, please do let me know if you think I need to make any further amendments 😊

Many thanks,

Jess Edlin

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Subject: RE: Options to utilise residual reprioritisation funding

Hi Jess,

Thanks for the call just before! We have discussed with the Minister and he has agreed for the \$23.142 million to be allocated to the 'Severe Weather Response, Resilience and Recovery' initiative. The preference is to place this funding in tagged contingency, to be released after the Inquiry has been completed.

I have also confirmed the Minister is comfortable for the Technical Package (including the above new initiative) to be submitted to Treasury (see attached cover note signed).

This morning I sent through the Budget 2024 letter received from MoF yesterday. Can Investment please draft a response to this letter by **COP today** (so the Minister can review and sign tonight) that includes the following:

- Acknowledge the letter matches his understanding of the bilat discussion
- [s 9\(2\)\(f\)\(iv\)](#)
- Note the plan to use the \$23 million for Severe Weather Response, Resilience and Recovery and that a Technical initiative will be submitted for this.

Let me know if that deadline won't be feasible and we can discuss.

Kind regards,
Abby



Abby McRoberts

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Subject: Options to utilise residual reprioritisation funding

Kia ora Abby and Helen,

Please see attached my note on options to utilise the \$23.142 million of reprioritisation funding available! I've talked Tim through the options but apologies if this is not full fleshed out due to timing. As you mentioned on the call, any decision the Minister selects will likely require a response letter to be provided to the Minister of Finance confirming his intent to utilise underspends for a new purpose. The only option that wouldn't require this is the NIWE one (because it only offsets something the Minister of Finance has indicated she is happy to support).

Kind regards,

Jess Edlin

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Hon Simeon Brown

MP for Pakuranga

Minister for Energy
Minister of Local Government
Minister of Transport

Minister for Auckland
Deputy Leader of the House



19 March 2024

Hon Nicola Willis
Minister of Finance
Parliament Buildings

Dear Nicola

Thank you for your letter on 12 March 2024 confirming what was discussed and agreed at our bilateral meeting, and inviting the submission of two late Budget initiatives:

- Out of Scope
- s 9(2)(f)(iv)

As requested, these two initiatives have now been submitted into CFISnet.

Confirmation of other matters discussed

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s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Please let me know if you disagree with the above summation of our discussion.

Update on reprioritisation sought through the Technical Budget process

As outlined in your letter, I will be using the Technical Budget process to seek reprioritisation of Vote Transport baseline funding to address the following cost pressures:

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MP for Pakuranga

Minister for Energy

Minister of Local Government

Minister of Transport

Minister for Auckland

Deputy Leader of the House



- Surf Life Saving New Zealand and Coastguard New Zealand pressures (\$63.644 million OPEX), and
- completion of the minimum operating network for Ground Based Navigation Aids (\$10.000 million CAPEX).

The Ministry of Transport has advised me that even if the above two initiatives are funded through reprioritisation, there will still be \$23.124 million of residual underspends in 2023/24 available for reprioritisation. As such, I intend to include in my Technical Budget package the option to fund a further initiative: Severe Weather Response, Resilience and Recovery.

Funding for this initiative would enable four non-government organisations (Surf Life Saving New Zealand, Coastguard New Zealand, New Zealand Land Search and Rescue, and Amateur Radio Emergency Communications) to replace assets that were destroyed or damaged in the North Island Weather Events, and provide targeted training and personal protective equipment (PPE) to these NGOs to improve their ability to respond to future severe weather events.

My intention is that this funding would be held in tagged contingency, subject to Cabinet's consideration of the Government Inquiry into the Response to the North Island Weather Events. Ultimately, you will determine whether this is an initiative that you consider should be funded through Budget 2024.

Updated submissions

I will submit the above initiatives to CFISnet by 1pm 20 March 2024, as part of the Technical Budget process.

Thank you for your consideration of my Vote Transport Budget priorities. I look forward to our Cabinet meeting on 29 April 2024 to confirm our Government's first Budget package.

Yours sincerely

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Transport

From: Duncan Ferner
Sent: Thursday, 30 May 2024 12:57 pm
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Subject: RE: B24 letter requested - Severe weather resilience - by 1:15pm now please
Attachments: Severe Weather Response Readiness Resilience and Recovery - JE comments and DRF.docx

Kia ora Abby,

Here you go. Three of us had a hand in its preparation.

Ngā mihi

Duncan

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Subject: RE: B24 letter requested - Severe weather resilience - by 1:15pm now please
Importance: High

Kia ora koutou,

I need to bring the deadline for this letter forward to **1:15pm** please.

This is so the Minister can take a copy to the House with him and sign there.

Thank you!
Abby

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Subject: B24 letter requested - Severe weather resilience - by 2pm please

[BUDGET-SENSITIVE]

Kia ora koutou,

I have been asked to commission a short letter for the Minister to send Coastguard, Surf Life Saving, Land SAR and AREC informing them of the Budget 24 funding for Severe Weather Resilience.

It would be helpful for the letter to mention if the organisations can expect officials to ask for more information to help draw down the tagged contingency.

Can we please have a letter drafted by **2pm today**. Let me know if that will be difficult!

Very happy to discuss,
Abby



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30 May 2024

NZ Land Search and Rescue
Coastguard NZ
Amateur Radio Emergency Communications
Surf Life Saving NZ

Dear Carl, Callum, Don and Steve

Severe Weather Response, Readiness, Resilience and Recovery

The Government values the critical search and rescue services that your organisations provide and is pleased to advise that funding of \$23.142 million over four years is being provided for the *Severe Weather Response, Readiness, Resilience and Recovery* initiative.

This substantial increase should make a significant difference to Amateur Radio Emergency Communications, NZ Land Search and Rescue, and Surf Life Saving NZ's ability to be ready for severe weather events in the future. Funding will also support Coastguard NZ and Surf Life Saving NZ to continue with the process of rebuilding assets destroyed during last year's flooding events.

The allocated funding is currently held in tagged contingency which means that further work by officials and your agencies will be required. This work will determine how much each agency will receive and the conditions required to access funding.

Officials will work with each of you to determine the prioritisation of the elements within your request, so the available funding is effectively utilised. ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}

The Government is pleased to be able to both support your recovery from the events of 2023 and prepare your organisations to support communities across New Zealand for future severe weather responses.

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Transport

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Subject: RE: Budget press releases and Q&As commissioning
Attachments: Budget PR Surf Life Saving May 2024.docx; Budget 2024 - PR - Search and Rescue - May 24.docx; s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Hi Abby,

Please see attached the three draft PRs s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Cheers,
Matt

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Subject: RE: Budget press releases and Q&As commissioning

[BUDGET-SENSITIVE]

Kia ora koutou,

Apologies in advance because I know you will be close to finalising the remaining draft press releases!

Can I please make the following edits to the Budget PR commission:

- **Split the Search and Rescue investment PR into two PRs.** The Office would like the two SAR related initiatives to be progressed as two separate announcements (one PR for the 'Maintaining Critical Frontline Water Safety Services' initiative and one for the 'Severe weather response readiness, resilience and recovery'). Can we please have these draft PRs by **10am Friday** (we will put these in the weekend bag for the Minister).

• s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Very happy to discuss!

Abby



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Cc: Helen FionaWhite <Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Budget press releases and Q&As commissioning

[BUDGET-SENSITIVE]

Kia ora koutou,

Thanks for your time yesterday afternoon to discuss all things Budget announcements and Q&As! Our discussion set me up well for the meeting I had this morning with our Press Sec.

I've agreed the following deliverables and timeframes within the Office. The press release one is earlier than I assumed yesterday. This is so the Minister can consider the drafts and provide specific feedback with enough time before Budget Day to make edits.

Very happy to discuss any of this or if you want to test draft material with me.

Item	Request	Timing
Press releases	Can we please have press releases prepared for the following initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)} [Redacted] • [Redacted] • Search and rescue investment (keen to mention the funding to do post-NIWE repairs) Out of Scope [Redacted]	Drafts provided to the Office by COP Wednesday 8 May . These will go in the Minister's 10 May weekend bag. I note it may be difficult to get necessary information from agencies before then. I am happy to place that caveat on the drafts provided if necessary (e.g. more information on X will be slotted in the week after)

Back pocket Q&As	<p>Please proceed with the 'one-pager' approach for each initiative with Q&As included.</p> <p>Out of Scope</p>	<p>Material provided to the Office by COP Wednesday 15 May.</p> <p>This material will go in the Minister's 17 May weekend bag.</p> <p>I am happy to review an initial cut of questions / help brainstorm additional ones.</p>
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Ngā mihi,
Abby



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**Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Transport**



[Date]

Rescue services get funding boost in Budget 2024

The Government has approved a package of more than \$23 million over four years to support critical frontline rescue services to respond to severe weather events and emergencies, improving safety and resilience of communities across the country.

“Land Search and Rescue New Zealand, Coastguard New Zealand, Surf Life Saving New Zealand and Amateur Radio Emergency Communication receive a funding boost in Budget 2024 to ensure they continue their critical work saving lives, communities and livelihoods in emergency situations,” says Minister of Transport Simeon Brown.

“The Government has set aside a tagged contingency of more than \$23 million to repair and replace buildings, assets and equipment damaged during the 2023 North Island weather events.

“Many search and rescue volunteers were first responders during the North Island weather events and they did an incredible job. But they had to work in risky situations, like contaminated floodwaters and silt, without the right gear, training and resources.

“This funding will also be used to better equip and prepare these organisations to respond to future events as climate change will unfortunately result in more frequent and severe events. Funding is going towards training, personal protective equipment, and regional storage facilities so we are better equipped, prepared and ready to respond at short notice,” says Mr Brown.

“This urgently needed investment will lead to quicker, more coordinated responses and ensure that hard-working volunteers have what they need to protect themselves and others.”

The Government recently released the Report of the Government Inquiry into the response to the North Island Severe Weather Events, which showed our emergency management system is not fit-for-purpose.

“This funding will help ensure that these not-for-profits, a critical part of this system, are equipped, prepared and ready to support New Zealanders in need of help during severe storms and other emergencies.

“The Government is committed to strengthening the emergency management system to ensure that we’re ready for and can respond to future emergency events.”

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Cc: Jenny Smith
Subject: RE: Draft Budget PR - Transport_24 May_v2 (AM comments)(002)
Attachments: Draft Budget PR - Transport_24 May_v2 (AM comments)(002) JE coments.docx

Hi Abby, please see attached my comments. People are very focused on the severe weather \$\$ and are incorrectly stating that this is just about building repairs. The building repairs only relate to SLSNZ and Coastguard, not AREC and land SAR. The training and PPE component of the investment relates to AREC, land SAR, and SLSNZ (but not coastguard). So if we're going to mention all four NGOs, we need to mention that the funding does building / asset repairs AND training and PPE etc.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Cheers,

Jess Edlin

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Thanks Tim I'm looking at numbers now and will add to your comments. Abby, the spreadsheet is 100% spot on 😊 all numbers align with Sol and you've excluded the correct initiatives from your calculation. Nice work

Jess Edlin

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Jess/ abby – have made some suggested tweaks round readability, have tried to keep it light, but if someone could double check and numbers as well. Sorry to interrupt a Saturday morning

Cheers

Tim



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Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Transport

30 May 2024

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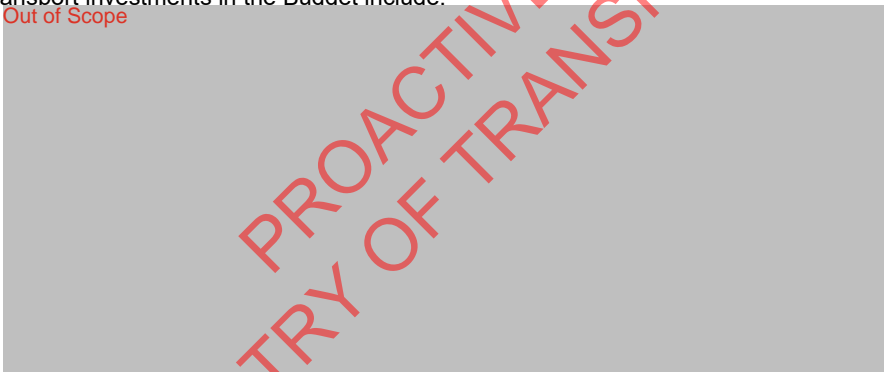
Funding boost for transport

Budget 2024 invests s 9(2)(g)(i) in roads, rail, and public transport to unlock economic growth and enable Kiwis and freight to get to where they want to go quickly and safely, Transport Minister Simeon Brown says.

“Our road and rail networks are the arteries that connect businesses, families and communities,” Mr Brown says. “Investing in them is critical to generating the growth needed to fund the health, education and other frontline services, New Zealanders depend upon.”

Transport investments in the Budget include:

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- \$23,142 million to support critical frontline rescue services to respond to severe weather events and emergencies by repairing and replacing buildings, equipment and other assets damaged by the severe North Island weather events, and funding training and personal protective equipment

Out of Scope



s 9(2)(g)(i)

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Mr Brown says frontline rescues services save lives on a daily basis which is why the Government is ~~helping to~~ providing funding for Surf Life Saving New Zealand, Coastguard New Zealand, New Zealand Land Search and Rescue, and Amateur Radio Emergency Communications to ~~-rebuild services, assets damaged by the~~ severe weather events, and deliver training and personal protective equipment to ~~prepare for future events.~~

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“Our Government is investing in the transport infrastructure and frontline services that New Zealanders need. The transport initiatives will provide New Zealanders with a better and safer transport network that will unlock economic growth and opportunity.”

Media contact: Ben Craven – s 9(2)(a)

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Commented [OF14R13]: Four agencies total for this initiative (confirming this is different to the \$63.644 million already announced for SLSNZ and Coastguard) - have added the four names.

Commented [JE15R13]: Please note that the funding for repairing buildings / assets only applies to SLS and Coastguard, not AREC and NZLSAR. And the training and PPE funding only applies to SLS, AREC and NZLSAR, not Coastguard

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Commented [BC16]: Coastguard and Surf Lifesaving Clubs - please check

Commented [OF17R16]: Answered above

Out of Scope

From: Richard Manning
Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2024 4:27 pm
To: Helen FionaWhite; Abby McRoberts - parliament; Tim Herbert; Jess Edlin
Subject: RE: Request for one pager on s9 by 3:30pm please
Attachments: Budget versus Section 9 funding.docx

Richard

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Subject: RE: Request for one pager on s9 by 3:30pm please

We might just need to take what we can in 5 minutes. I understand we need printed off before 430 for Ministers

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Richard

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Subject: RE: Request for one pager on s9 by 3:30pm please

Hi team,

Understand you are working hard to get this finalised. I am being chased for it now, could you please give me an ETA?

Cheers,
Abby

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Subject: Request for one pager on s9 by 3:30pm please

[BUDGET-SENSITIVE]

Hi team,

Tim and Jess you'll know that at the Budget bilateral meeting just before, the potential use of section 9 to fund the Severe Weather Resilience initiative was discussed (rather than funding from the operating allowance). Ministers needed some more information on the section 9 option before confirming their decision.

To support this, can we please have a one/two-pager that covers:

- What s9 is and the s9(1) funding mechanism
- Whether it is possible for Ministers to fund the Severe Weather Resilience initiative under the s9(1) subsections and what the mechanism would be if they want to do this (my thinking is wait until the findings of the review and then approve depending on the findings?)
- Pros and cons of using the s9 option vs Crown operating funding (this can be high level)
- Any other points you think would be relevant (e.g. may want to comment on the cumulative impact of s9 decisions on the NLTF)

Our Minister will consider this and I will also send up a copy up to MoF's Office.

Can we please receive this **no later than 4pm today**. Apologies that timeframe is so short, please feel free to keep this as a summary and focus your attention on the first two bullet points if necessary.

Please feel free to call to discuss, I'm in meetings from 3:00-4:30pm but can see emails during that time if you need.

Cheers,
Abby



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Budget 2024 funding vs. Section 9 funding

Budget 2024 initiative: Severe weather / emergency response readiness, resilience, and recovery

You have sought advice on the advantages and disadvantages of funding this initiative through Section 9 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (the Act). Please note that total funding sought for this initiative was \$26.606 million operating over four years; however, given the Budget guidance specified that initiatives that were not invited into the Budget process could only be funded through reprioritisation of baseline funding, it was included in the Vote Transport Budget package at a scaled amount of \$23.142 million to align with the residual underspends in our Vote.

This initiative seeks funding to provide non-government organisations (Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (AREC), Coastguard New Zealand (Coastguard), New Zealand Land Search and Rescue (Land Search and Rescue), and Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ)) with funding to:

- Repair and / or rebuild assets for Coastguard and SLSNZ (e.g., observation towers) that were damaged during the 2023 North Island Weather Events (NIWE). Please note many of these assets are coastal in nature and are either uninsurable or underinsured due to the financial burden of seeking insurance for coastal buildings.
- provide training for future severe weather events e.g. floodwater search and rescue
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for volunteers delivering the work
- regionally based equipment catches, which can be swiftly deployed during emergencies
- management and leadership support.

Section 9 of the Act

Section 9 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (LTMA) provides the Crown with the authority to incur certain land transport expenses, capital expenditure and utilise land transport revenue to fund certain activities (subject to the approval of both the Minister's of Finance and Transport).

Subsections within section 9 of the Act relevant to this initiative include:

- Section 9(1)(a) – search and rescue activities, whether in relation to pleasure craft or otherwise.

These organisations currently receive funding for search and rescue activities through a mix of Crown funding, section 9(1)(a) funding, donations, grants and lottery funding.

Advantages and disadvantages of Crown vs. Section 9 funding

Crown funding

The Government Inquiry into the Response to the North Island Severe Weather Events (the Inquiry) is expected to be made public on 23 April 2024. Funding this initiative through Budget 2024 as a tagged contingency (to the value of \$23.142 million) would ensure that the Government has an immediate response to the Inquiry. Funding could also be announced on Budget Day, providing an opportunity for Minister's to indicate their support for the sector before the Inquiry report back, so that these organisations are able to better prepare themselves for future severe weather events.

s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(g)(i)

Section 9 funding

Section 9 is a funding source for these organisations, reflecting Fuel Excise Duty (FED) paid by boat-owners and other recreational maritime and aviation users. Unlike the Crown Budget process, funding requests are considered on a triennial cycle basis (approximately 70-80 funding requests are expected to be received in any given funding round). Given the timing of this request, it would need to

be considered outside this triennial cycle, which would delay the funding available to address the asset and preparedness challenges for these NGOs.

While funds appropriated under Section 9 are fiscally neutral to the Crown, this will reduce the level of funding available to the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF), to deliver the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP), and the transport investment priorities set by the Government through the Government Policy Statement on land transport (e.g. the new Roads of National Significance programme).

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

s 9(2)(g)(i)

Table 1: Funding approved under Section 9

Appropriation	\$m appropriated			
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Search and Rescue and Recreational Boating Safety Activities	29.443	30.346	18.652	18.653
Maritime New Zealand Capital Expenditure	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105
Search and Rescue Activity Coordination	5.026	4.046	3.580	3.580
NZTA Regulatory Functions	31.35	34.87	34.87	11.67
Road User Charges Investigation and Enforcement	7.595	3.779	3.779	3.779
Road User Charges Refunds	3.010	3.012	3.012	3.012
Transport - Policy advice, ministerial servicing, governance and other functions Component: Fuel Excise Duty Refund Administration	3.867	3.788	3.788	3.788
Policy advice, ministerial servicing, governance and other functions	4.045	3.295	3.295	3.295
Total	84.441	83.241	71.081	47.882

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Attachments: Factsheet - Budget 2024 - Transport Initiatives - Final for office.docx

Hi Abby

Please find attached the reformatted and updated fact sheet as per the below request.

Thanks.

Peta

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[BUDGET-SENSITIVE]

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you for creating the Budget PR and fact sheets at lightning speed earlier this week.

For your reference, attached is the current draft version of the Budget PR that has been circulated to MoF's Office.

We have been asked to reformat the initiative fact sheet to include only the initiatives mentioned in the current draft PR and match the formatting used in the final Coastguard and SLSNZ fact sheet (attached). The initiatives are:

- Out of Scope [Redacted]
- s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]
- Out of Scope [Redacted]
- s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]
- Out of Scope [Redacted]
- s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]
- Out of Scope [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- Severe weather readiness – page 41-42
- Out of Scope [Redacted]

Can you please send through a reformatted fact sheet that includes the initiatives listed above **by 3pm today**.

Happy to discuss if there are any questions!

Abby



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Severe Weather Response Readiness, Resilience and Recovery (Tagged Contingency)

This initiative provides funding for four non-government organisations (Surf Life Saving New Zealand, Coastguard New Zealand, New Zealand Land Search and Rescue, and Amateur Radio Emergency Communications) to replace assets that were destroyed or damaged in the North Island Weather Events. It also provides targeted training, personal protective equipment, and regional equipment caches for these organisations to improve the response to future severe weather or emergency events. Funding has been provided through reprioritisation within Vote Transport.

Vote (\$m)	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	Operating Total	Capital Total
Tagged Contingency	-	18.031	1.834	1.648	1.629	23.142	-

How many buildings might be rebuilt / repaired with this funding?

This funding will contribute to the replacement of three buildings and repairs or erosion protection at another three bases.

Repairing these buildings is important for the Government given the critical safety services that these organisations provide to New Zealand. Coastguard New Zealand and Surf Life Saving New Zealand will have the discretion to spend the money where they feel it is most appropriate.

Why should the Crown pay for damaged buildings to be replaced / fixed? Didn't they have insurance?

Both Coastguard New Zealand and Surf Life Saving New Zealand have insurance but as coastal land classifications change, premiums are increasing and insurance cover is eroding and becoming less affordable with replacement value now difficult to obtain. When total-write offs occur an uninsured portion often results.

Some of the funding is sought for assets that have collapsed due to coastal erosion and inundation and insurance support is unavailable. Erosion has also meant some assets have to be relocated, resulting in additional costs.

What kind of training and PPE will these NGOs receive to improve their responses in future weather / emergency events?

Well-prepared and competent volunteers require training to operate in challenging environments such as floods and swift water. These skills are additional to the core functions of these organisations and in the most recent events services were provided



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without the appropriate capability (i.e. personnel with specialist training and the appropriate equipment).

The PPE required by the volunteers is specific to each organisation and the environment being operated in but will include personal flotation devices, dry suits/waders, helmets, gloves, masks, throw bags and multi-tools.

How does this funding address issues / recommendations outlined in the Government Inquiry into the Response to the North Island Severe Weather Events?

The Government Inquiry has recommended that strategic investment into readiness activities should be prioritised to help build local resilience, and to reduce the scale and cost of the emergency response.

This funding provides ongoing funding for Amateur Radio Emergency Communications, New Zealand Land Search and Rescue, and Surf Life Saving New Zealand to invest in training and equipment so they can safely and more effectively contribute to response efforts during emergencies including severe weather events.

It will support the allocation of resources based on a comprehensive understanding of the risks and requirements associated with severe weather events leading to shorter response times and ensuring cost-effective and efficient resource utilisation.

What conditions need to be met in order to draw down the tagged contingency?

The Ministry of Transport must provide advice to the Minister of Transport and Minister of Finance, following the Government Inquiry into the Response to the North Island Severe Weather Events, on how funding will be apportioned between the four Non-Governmental Organisations (Surf Life Saving New Zealand, Coastguard New Zealand, New Zealand Land Search and Rescue, and Amateur Radio Emergency Communications) to address facility repairs / rebuild and improve future emergency response preparedness.