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Funding for the SuperGold card Travel Concessions is for one year, [6]

Budget Ministers agreed to place the following conditions around the funding in certain initiatives agreed to above:

- [6]

Decisions on the remaining Budget initiatives in Vote Transport will be made at the Budget Ministers meeting on 28 March. I will inform you of the decisions reached for this Vote after this meeting.

Decisions on the budget initiatives for the Canterbury Earthquake Authority will be taken following presentation of a final Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority Four Year Budget Plan.

Final Budget decisions

Final decisions on Budget initiatives, as well as possible expenditure savings, will be made by Cabinet on 23 April 2012. Please note also that acceptance of all Four-year Budget Plans is subject to the Government making satisfactory progress towards its priority of returning to surplus by 2014/15. If economic circumstances put the surplus target at risk, Cabinet may need to reconsider its fiscal track and some or all Budget Plans.

March Baseline Update

I have examined your submission and approve your updated baselines for Votes Transport and Canterbury Earthquake Recovery.

I also note that you have proposed two technical changes for Vote Transport to be progressed through the Budget:

- I agree to include the proposal to bring forward funding for the Wellington Metro Rail Network Upgrade in the Budget Cabinet paper.
- I also agree to the transfer of the Crash Analysis System from the Ministry of Transport to the New Zealand Transport Agency, but with changes to the proposed scope statement, as detailed in appendix 1 below.

All other aspects of your baseline update are agreed.

Yours sincerely



Hon Bill English
Minister of Finance

Appendix One: VOTE TRANSPORT

Crash Analysis System

The baseline update seeks permission to transfer the Ministry of Transport's Crash Analysis System, with operating and capital funding, to the NZ Transport Agency, and to progress the appropriation impacts through the Budget update.

The decisions below confirm that the transfer takes place through the Budget update, with a changed scope statement from that proposed in the original Vote Transport March Baseline Update submission. Joint Ministers have:

- 1 agreed to establish a new Non-Departmental Output Expense titled "Crash Analysis" in Vote Transport;
- 2 agreed that the scope of this appropriation be "This appropriation is limited to operating the Crash Analysis System and performing associated crash analysis and research activities";
- 3 approved the following fiscally neutral adjustments to provide for the costs of the Crash Analysis System, with no impact on the operating balance or debt:

Vote Name Minister of Transport	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense: Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.775)	(0.775)	(0.775)	(0.775)
Non-departmental Output Expense: Crash Analysis System	-	0.775	0.775	0.775	0.775

- 4 approved the following changes to net assets of the Ministry of Transport to provide for the transfer of the Crash Analysis System to the New Zealand Transport Agency:

Vote Name Minister of Transport	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 & Outyears
Net Asset Schedule of the Ministry of Transport : Capital withdrawal	-	(0.408)	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	0.408	-	-	-

- 5 noted that as a result, the projected net asset position of the Ministry of Transport will decrease by the amount of the capital withdrawal, the net assets of the New Zealand Transport Agency will increase by a matching amount, and that no capital funding will be returned to the Crown.