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In preparing this Information Release, the Treasury has considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

Hon Gerry Brownlee
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Dear Gerry

Thank you for your submission of Budget initiatives in Votes Canterbury Earthquake Recovery and Transport for consideration by Budget Ministers.

Budget initiatives

Budget Ministers have considered the following Budget initiatives and have reached the following decisions:

Vote Canterbury Earthquake Recovery

The following initiatives are supported in full:

\$millions		Operating				
ID	Initiative Name	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17
7547	Management of the Central City Development Unit [Arts and Entertainment Precinct and Stadium funding]	-	3.000	-	-	-
7548	Management of Recovery Programmes	-	12.283	11.382	8.962	-
7596	Development of Christchurch Avon River Precinct	-	44.940	25.695	8.565	-
7660	Development of the Accessible City Chapter of the CCRP	-	12.000	-	-	-
7786	Land Zoning Port Hills	84.038	-	-	-	-

The following initiatives are supported in the form of contingency funding, and should be submitted to Cabinet for consideration at a later date:

[6]

Vote Transport

The following initiatives are supported in full:

- Replacement ground station for Search and Rescue satellite system (7673)
- New Zealand Railways Corporation Loans (7670)
- [9],[10]

The following initiatives are supported, but at lower levels of funding:

ID	Initiative Name	\$millions									
		Operating					Capital				
		12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17
7666	SuperGold Card – public transport concessions for cardholders	-	6.000	8.000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7671	Meteorological Service of New Zealand - weather forecasting costs	-	1.443	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7669	KiwiRail Turnaround Plan	-	-	-	-	-	-	93.849	-	-	-

Budget Ministers have also agreed to place the following conditions around the funding of certain initiatives agreed above:

- [9],[10]
- Meteorological Service of New Zealand - weather forecasting costs (7671) – the Ministry of Transport will undertake a price and services review of this contract to determine an appropriate level of price and service for 2014/15 and out years.
- KiwiRail Turnaround Plan – the drawdown of this funding by KiwiRail in 2013/14 is subject to approval by the shareholding Ministers.
- SuperGold Card – public transport concessions for cardholders (7666) – the Ministry of Transport will review the operating mechanisms of the SuperGold Card public transport concession scheme in 2013/14. Budget Ministers invite you to report back to Cabinet in 2014 on options for cost efficient sustainable funding and long-term operation of the SuperGold Card public transport concession scheme.

Please note that final decisions on all Budget initiatives will be made by Cabinet on 15 April 2013.

Yours sincerely

Hon Bill English
Minister of Finance