

# The Treasury

## Budget 2015 Information Release

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## Minute of Decision

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### 2015 Budget Package: Vote Transport

On 20 April 2015, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2015 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and detailed in the attached initiative documents;

#### Summary of initiatives included in the attached initiative documents:

##### Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
8466	SuperGold Card - Public Transport Concessions for Cardholders	-	10.224	-	-	-
8683	Transport Accident and Investigation Commission - Investigation and Reporting	-	1.368	1.774	1.665	1.655
8694	Meteorological Service of New Zealand - Weather Forecasting	-	2.638	3.343	4.679	5.191
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	<b>14.230</b>	<b>5.117</b>	<b>6.344</b>	<b>6.846</b>

##### Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
8790	KiwiRail	-	209.800	-	-	-
8851	Wellington Metro Rail Upgrade	-	3.675	2.575	0.250	-
<b>Total Capital</b>		-	<b>213.475</b>	<b>2.575</b>	<b>0.250</b>	-

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;

- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Responsible Minister to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2014/15 Supplementary Estimates, the 2015/16 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 5 **authorised** the chief executives of departments that monitor Crown entities directly affected by decisions in this minute to inform the chair and/or chief executive of a Crown entity, on a budget-in-confidence-until-budget-day basis, of decisions that directly affect that Crown entity for the purpose of planning and preparation of their Statement of Intent;
- 6 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2015 Budget are co-ordinated by a Budget communications committee, and that any requests for early announcement will need to have both the written approval of the Minister of Finance and sign-off from the Prime Minister's office;

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (15) 173

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## Initiative No: 8466

**Vote:** Transport

**Title:** SuperGold Card - Public Transport Concessions for Cardholders

**Description:** Increase to support this scheme which provides free off peak travel for cardholders.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	10.224	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>10.224</b>	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expense:</b>					
SuperGold Card - public transport concessions for cardholders	-	10.224	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>10.224</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

### Additional Recommendation

7 **noted** that the Minister and Associate Minister of Transport are expected to report to Cabinet in May 2015 on the review of the SuperGold Card scheme;

## Initiative No: 8683

**Vote:** Transport

**Title:** Transport Accident Investigation Commission - Investigation and Reporting

**Description:** To enable the Transport Accident Investigation Commission to be more effective in delivering accident investigations.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.368	1.774	1.665	1.655
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1.368</b>	<b>1.774</b>	<b>1.665</b>	<b>1.655</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Accident or Incident Investigation and Reporting	-	1.368	1.774	1.665	1.655
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>1.368</b>	<b>1.774</b>	<b>1.665</b>	<b>1.655</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

## Initiative No: 8694

**Vote:** Transport

**Title:** Meteorological Service of New Zealand - Weather Forecasting

**Description:** Increase for the provision of weather forecasting services following a review of price and services.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	2.638	3.343	4.679	5.191
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>2.638</b>	<b>3.343</b>	<b>4.679</b>	<b>5.191</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expense:</b>					
Weather Forecasts and Warnings	-	2.638	3.343	4.679	5.191
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>2.638</b>	<b>3.343</b>	<b>4.679</b>	<b>5.191</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**Vote:** Transport

**Title:** KiwiRail - Ongoing Investment

**Description:** To support approved capital expenditure by KiwiRail Holdings Limited for the New Zealand rail system.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	209.800	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>209.800</b>	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Rail – KiwiRail Holdings Limited	-	209.800	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	<b>209.800</b>	-	-	-

### Additional Recommendations

- 8 **agreed** that the 2015/16 impact of this initiative be charged against the Budget 2015 Future Investment Fund allocation;
- 9 **agreed** to change the name of the Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure appropriation “Rail – KiwiRail Turnaround Plan Funding” to “Rail – KiwiRail Holdings Limited” with effect from 1 July 2015;
- 10 **agreed** to change the scope of the Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure appropriation in paragraph 9, above, from “This appropriation is limited to approved capital expenditure that contributes to the KiwiRail Turnaround Plan outcomes” to “This appropriation is limited to a capital injection to KiwiRail Holdings Limited to finance approved capital expenditure on the New Zealand rail system” with effect from 1 July 2015;
- 11 **noted** that the drawdown of these funds will be subject to the approval of Shareholding Ministers.

## Initiative No: 8851

**Vote:** Transport

**Title:** Wellington Metro Rail Upgrade

**Description:** Continuing the upgrade of signals on the Wellington metro rail network.

### Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	3.675	2.575	0.250	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>3.675</b>	<b>2.575</b>	<b>0.250</b>	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Rail - Wellington Metro Rail Network Upgrade	-	3.675	2.575	0.250	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	<b>3.675</b>	<b>2.575</b>	<b>0.250</b>	-