

Treasury Report: National Rail – Power to Act

Date:	11 December 2002	Treasury Priority:	High
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Action Sought

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Minister of Finance	Decide whether to raise a “power to act” as an oral item at Cabinet on Monday 16 December 2002.	Prior to Cabinet, 16 December 2002

Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)

Name	Position	Telephone	1st Contact

Enclosure: Yes

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You may wish Cabinet to agree that you and a small group of Ministers be provided with power to act on national rail issues over the Christmas period. A draft recommended delegation is attached for tabling at Cabinet on Monday 16 December 2002, should you agree.

We understand you intend to hold a meeting of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Group on Rail Policy later on in the week beginning 16 December 2002. The power to act may be useful over the period until Cabinet re-sits on 21 January 2003.

Recommended Action

It is recommended that you:

- a **note** the contents of this report; and
- b **decide** whether you wish to recommend at Cabinet on Monday 16 December delegating power to act to a small group of Ministers.

for Secretary to the Treasury

Hon Dr Michael Cullen
Minister of Finance

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Additional Item National Rail Issues - Power to Act

- 1 noted the oral briefing from the Minister of Finance on progress being made on the National Rail issues;
- 2 noted that it might be necessary for further decisions relating to the achievement of the Government's national rail policy objectives to be taken over the Christmas period and outside of the Cabinet meeting timeframe.
- 3 agreed that the Power to Act to take such decisions be given to the Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of Economic Development, and Minister of Transport, who will take decisions in consultation with the Ad-hoc Ministerial Committee on Rail Policy.
- 4 note that advisers from the Offices of the Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of Transport and Treasury officials, will support this group.
- 5 invited the Minister of Finance to report to Cabinet on any decisions taken under Power to Act.

Secretary