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- [37] 9(2)(i) - to enable the Crown to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage or prejudice
- [38] 9(2)(j) - to enable the Crown to negotiate without disadvantage or prejudice
- [39] 9(2)(k) - to prevent the disclosure of official information for improper gain or improper advantage
- [40] not in scope
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Treasury Report: Lodging of CRRF Round Two Cabinet Paper and Approval of Two Multi-category Appropriations

Date:	3 July 2020	Report No:	T2020/2240
		File Number:	BM-2-4-2020-14

Action sought

	Action sought	Deadline
Minister of Finance (Hon Grant Robertson)	<p>Agree to lodge the Cabinet paper “COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF) July Package” for the Cabinet meeting of 6 July 2020</p> <p>Approve the establishment of two new multi-category appropriations as described in the recommended actions</p> <p>Agree that the categories of these multi-category appropriations should be defined as described in the recommended actions</p>	Prior to Cabinet meeting of Monday 6 July 2020

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

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Minister's Office actions (if required)

Return the signed report to Treasury.

Note any feedback on the quality of the report

Enclosure: COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF) July Package (attached)

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Purpose of Report

1. This report notes the submission of the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF) Round Two Cabinet paper and seeks the Minister of Finance's approval to create two new multi-category appropriations (MCAs) for initiatives proposed in that paper.

Lodging of CRRF Round Two Cabinet Paper

2. Please find attached the Cabinet paper "COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF) July Package".
3. This Cabinet paper recommends allocating \$3.2 billion from the CRRF to a number of initiatives from the CRRF, including 2024/25 outyear funding implications of \$50.095 million operating and \$0.900 million capital. The specific recommendations have been developed to present your proposed package.
4. Please note that, in this Cabinet paper, recommendations are expressed from financial year 2019/20 through to 2023/24, even though the Cabinet paper was completed in July 2020. This presentation is because the financial recommendations were generated during the 2019/20 financial year. It also ensures consistency with the forecast period that will be covered in the fiscal forecasts prepared by the Treasury for the PREFU.
5. On Tuesday 30 June 2020, you discussed the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) initiative and directed Treasury to present financial recommendations totalling \$600 million. Treasury have worked with the New Zealand Transport Authority and the financial recommendations in this paper propose a division of \$500 million in operating and \$100 million in capital.
6. Treasury recommends that you lodge this Cabinet paper for the CAB meeting of Monday 6 July 2020.

Approval of Two Multi-category Appropriations

7. Two of the initiatives proposed in the Cabinet paper require the creation of multi-category appropriations (MCAs). These are:
 - Supporting the NLTF revenue shortfall and meeting COVID costs; and
 - Resource Recovery Infrastructure.
8. Under section 7B of the Public Finance Act 1989, the creation of MCAs requires the Minister of Finance's approval.

9. We recommend that you approve the establishment of the following two new annual MCAs:

Vote	Appropriation Minister	Administering department	Title of MCA	Single overarching purpose of MCA
Transport	Minister of Transport	Ministry of Transport	COVID-19 – NLTF Funding for Cost Pressures and Revenue Shocks	The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to manage cost pressures and revenue shocks due to the impact of COVID-19 on the National Land Transport Programme.
Environment	Minister for the Environment	Ministry for the Environment	Waste and Resource Recovery	The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to build a resilient system for reducing, recycling and managing New Zealand's waste responsibly.

10. We recommend that you agree that the categories of the “COVID-19 – NLTF Funding for Cost Pressures and Revenue Shocks” MCA be as follows:

Title	Type	Scope
COVID-19 – NLTF Operating Cost Pressure and Revenue Shortfall Funding	Non-Departmental Output Expenses	This category is limited to providing operating funding to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to meet additional public transport costs, cost of settling claims, and revenue shocks relating to the National Land Transport Programme due to the impacts of COVID-19.
COVID-19 – NLTF Capital Cost Pressure Funding	Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure	This category is limited to providing capital funding to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to meet increased capital costs of settling claims relating to the National Land Transport Programme due to the impacts of COVID-19.
Equity Injection to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency	Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure	This category is limited to providing an equity injection to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to reimburse it for the cost of settling claims in 2019/20 relating to the National Land Transport Programme due to the impacts of COVID-19.

11. We recommend that you agree that the categories of the “Waste and Resource Recovery” MCA be as follows:

Title	Type	Scope
Waste Minimisation and Resource Recovery Initiatives	Non-Departmental Output Expenses	This category is limited to supporting research and development, innovation and commercialisation opportunities, information and education, regulatory activities (including compliance, monitoring and enforcement), data, evidence and evaluation and resource recovery infrastructure to improve New Zealand’s capacity to recycle and recover materials.
Fair value write-down of loans	Non-Departmental Other Expenses	This category is limited to the fair value write-down of loans to local authorities and others to develop the infrastructure needed to improve New Zealand’s capacity to recycle and recover materials.
Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure	Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure	This category is limited to loans to local authorities and others to develop the infrastructure needed to improve New Zealand’s capacity to recycle and recover materials.

Recommended Action

We recommend that you:

- a **agree** to lodge the Cabinet paper “COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF) July Package” for the Cabinet meeting of 6 July 2020;

Agree/disagree

- b **approve** the establishment of the following new multi-category appropriations:

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Transport	Minister of Transport	Ministry of Transport	COVID-19 – NLTF Funding for Cost Pressures and Revenue Shocks	The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to support Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to manage cost pressures and revenue shocks due to the impact of COVID-19 on the National Land Transport Programme.
Environment	Minister for the Environment	Ministry for the Environment	Waste and Resource Recovery	The single overarching purpose of this appropriation is to build a resilient system for reducing, recycling and managing New Zealand's waste responsibly.

Approve/not approve

- c **agree** that the categories of the “COVID-19 – NLTF Funding for Cost Pressures and Revenue Shocks” MCA be as follows:

Title	Type	Scope
COVID-19 – NLTF Operating Cost Pressure and Revenue Shortfall Funding	Non-Departmental Output Expenses	This category is limited to providing operating funding to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to meet additional public transport costs, cost of settling claims, and revenue shocks relating to the National Land Transport Programme due to the impacts of COVID-19.
COVID-19 – NLTF Capital Cost Pressure Funding	Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure	This category is limited to providing capital funding to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to meet increased capital costs of settling claims relating to the National Land Transport Programme due to the impacts of COVID-19.
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Agree/disagree

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