

Reference: 20220363

26 October 2022



Dear 

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) requests, received on 18 August 2022. You requested the following:

1. *all internal correspondence on the subject of costs and/ or budgets for New Zealand Upgrade Programme Projects from over the course of the last three to four months,*
2. *all briefings, draft and final reports and memos on the subject of costs and/ or budgets for New Zealand Upgrade Programme Projects from over the course of the last nine months,*
3. *all internal correspondence on the subject of costs and/ or budgets in relation to the Mt Messenger Project from over the course of the last three to four months,*
4. *all briefings, draft and final reports and memos on the subject of costs and/ or budgets in relation to the Mt Messenger Bypass Project from over the course of the last nine months,*
5. *all internal correspondence on the subject of costs and/ or budgets in relation to the O Mahurangi – Penlink Project from over the course of the last three to four months,*
6. *all briefings, draft and final reports and memos on the subject of costs and/ or budgets in relation to the O Mahurangi – Penlink Project from over the course of the last nine months,*
7. *all internal correspondence on the subject of costs and/ or budgets in relation to the Otaki to north of Levin Project from over the course of the last three to four months,*
8. *all briefings, draft and final reports and memos on the subject of costs and/ or budgets in relation to the Otaki to north of Levin Project from over the course of the last nine months,*
9. *all internal correspondence on the subject of costs and/ or budgets in relation to the Mill Road Project from over the course of the last three to four months, and*
10. *all briefings, draft and final reports and memos on the subject of costs and/ or budgets in relation to the Mill Road Project from over the course of the last nine months.*

On 29 August 2022, Treasury officials advised you that your 10 requests would be combined into a single request due to the similarity in nature and the proximity of when your requests were made.

On 27 September 2022, the request was extended by 20 working days to allow for consultation.

Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1.	27 April 2022	Aide Memoire T2022/907: Opening address at Te Waihanga's Looking Ahead 2022 Symposium	Release in part
2.	6 May 2022	Aide Memoire T2022/1048: Regional Roadshow briefing: Wellington	Release in part
3.	19 May 2022	Aide Memoire T2022/1049: Regional Roadshow briefing: Otago	Release in part
4.	14 July 2022	Aide Memoire T2022/1578: Regional Roadshow briefing: Northland/Whangārei	Release in part

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above. Some information has been redacted because it is not covered by the scope of your request. This is because the documents include matters outside your specific request.

Information being withheld

There are additional documents covered by your request that I have decided to withhold in full under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials, and
- section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Taylor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Taylor
Manager, National Infrastructure Unit

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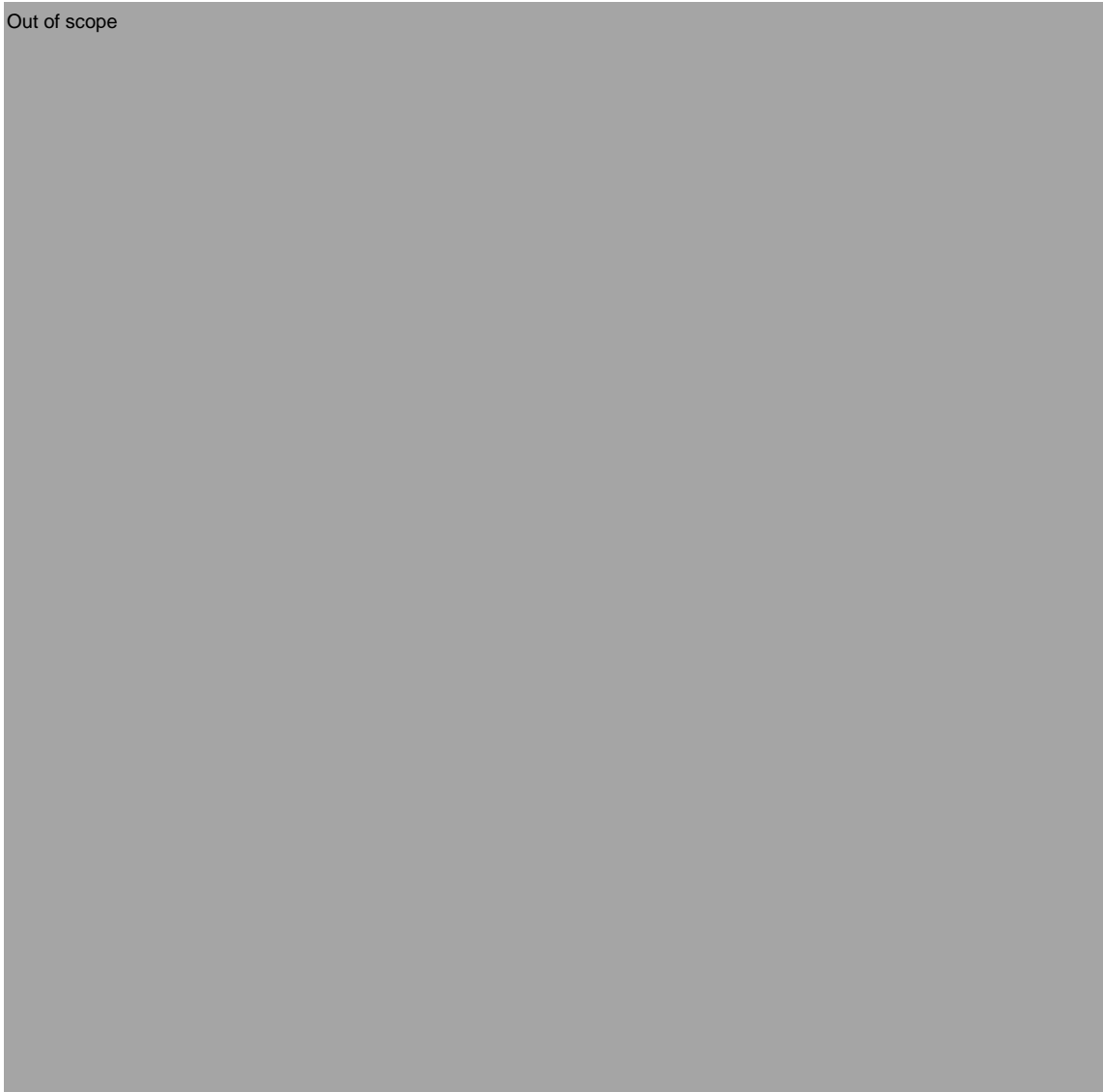
Date: 27 April 2022

To: Minister of Finance and for Infrastructure
(Hon Grant Robertson)

Deadline: None

Opening address at Te Waihanga's Looking Ahead 2022 Symposium

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NZ Upgrade Programme

- June 2021 - the Government increased its investment in NZUP roading projects from \$6.8 billion to \$8.7 billion following substantive increases in the costs of a number of the projects
- Decisions were also taken to rescope and package up a number of projects, including, the Mill Road corridor and South Auckland/Drury to target emissions as well as housing outcomes and better manage costs.
- Business cases are being prepared for Ministerial agreement on larger and more complex projects, including Otaki to North of Levin, which will help ensure that the Crown investment delivers value for money. Decisions will likely be sought this year.
- Ministers continue to meet with officials on a regular basis on updates to the projects, in particular, to get an understanding of the emerging cost pressures that are being exhibited across infrastructure projects
- Recent milestones include:
 - Consent granted for Drury Central and Paerata Stations in early February, and
 - Penlink Implementation Business Case significantly advanced.
- Officials from Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail regular engage with the Ministry of Transport and the Treasury through the development of business cases for larger projects, with big decisions on the South Auckland package, Northland package, and Otaki to North Levin expected between mid-2022 and the end of the year.

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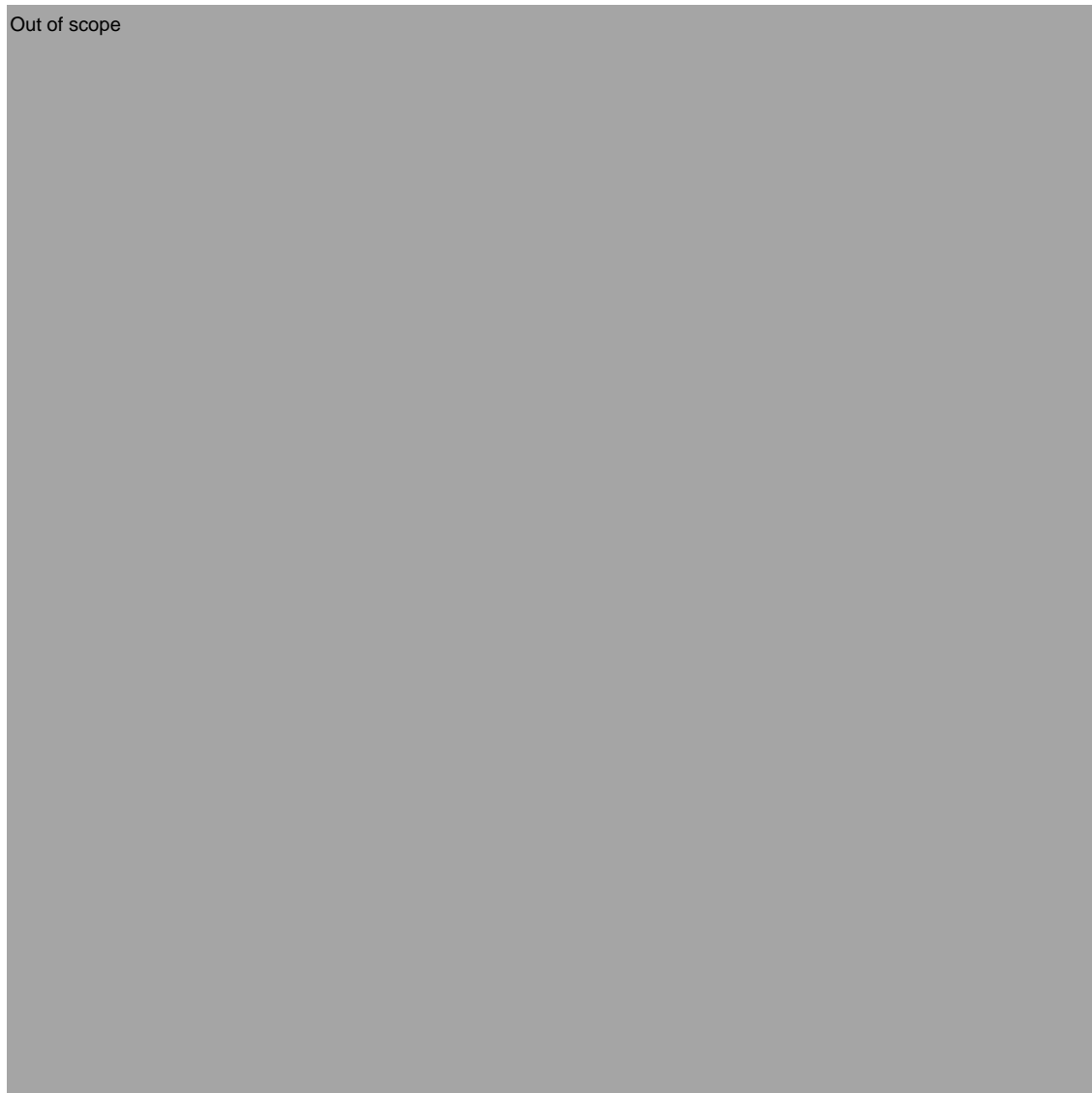
Reference: T2022/1048 SH-11-1-2-3

Date: 6 May 2022

To: Minister of Finance (Hon Grant Robertson)

Regional Roadshow briefing: Wellington

Out of scope



Infrastructure and regional development spending

	Number of projects	Government contribution
New Zealand Upgrade Programme	6	\$1.87 billion

Out of scope



Notable **New Zealand Upgrade Programme** projects include:

- Ōtaki to north of Levin four-lane expressway (\$1.5bn)
- Safety improvements to SH58 between Porirua and Hutt Valley (\$59m)
- Melling Interchange (\$420m), including grade-separated interchange with new train station.
- Rail: Wellington Metro Upgrade and Wairarapa Line Upgrade.

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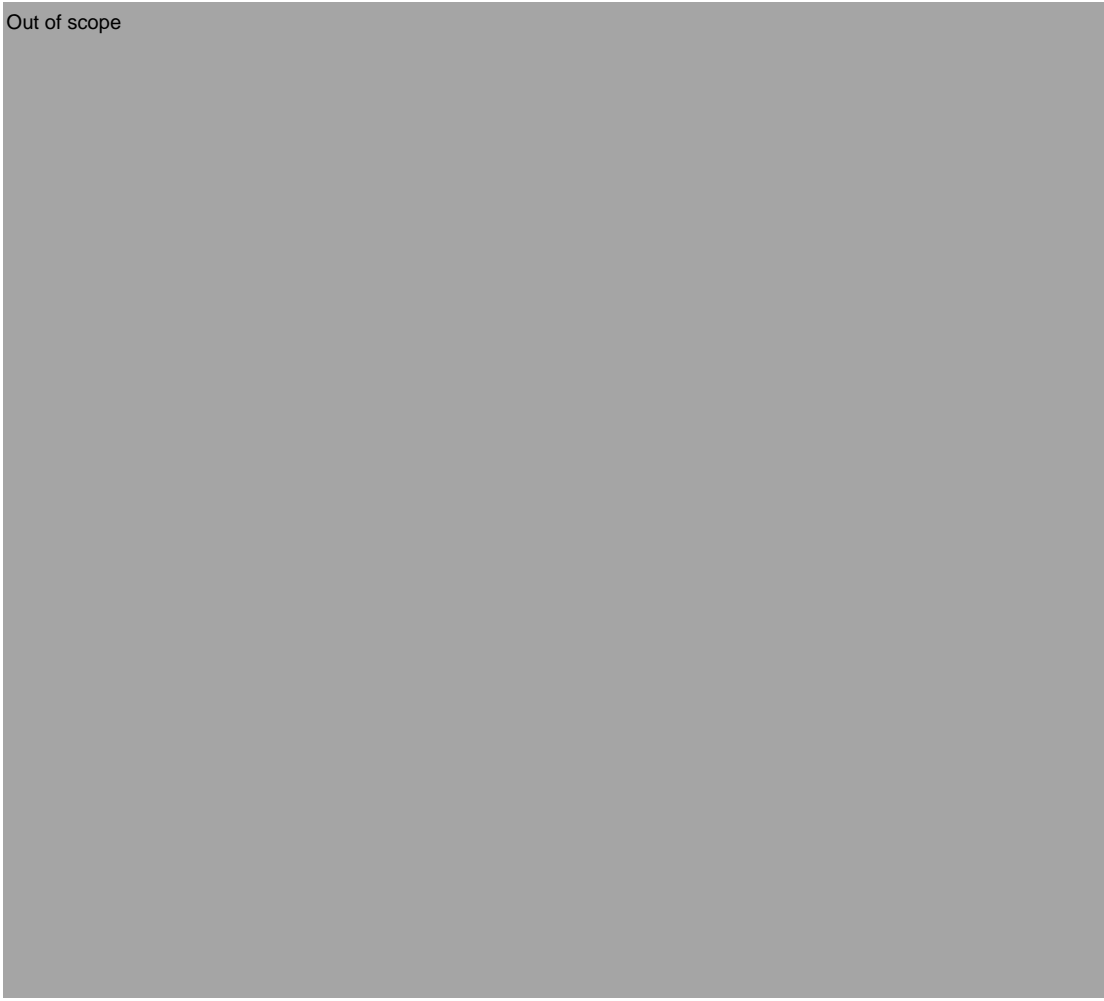
Reference: T2022/1049 SH-11-1-2-3

Date: 19 May 2022

To: Minister of Finance (Hon Grant Robertson)

Regional Roadshow briefing: Otago

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Infrastructure and regional development spending

	Number of projects	Government contribution
New Zealand Upgrade Programme	9	\$125 million
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Notable **New Zealand Upgrade Programme** projects include:

- a roundabout at the intersection of SH6 and SH8B in Cromwell
- bus priority measures and safety improvements on SH6 & SH6A
- a new roundabout at Howards Drive
- improvements to the Frankton bus hub



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Reference: T2022/1578 SH-11-1-2-3

Date: 14 July 2022

To: Minister of Finance (Hon Grant Robertson)

Regional Roadshow briefing: Northland / Whangārei

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Infrastructure and regional development spending

	Number of projects	Government contribution
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New Zealand Upgrade Programme	-	\$700.0 million commitment

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