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Kia ora team!

Yesterday the Minister of Transport requested that we provide options to utilise \$23.142m of residual underspends (i.e. the underspends left over after we have accounted for the cost of the three initiatives we intend to fund through reprioritisation – surf life saving/coastguard pressures, GBNAs, and tug boats). He chose to put forward a fourth reprioritisation initiative which is funding for severe weather response, resilience and recovery. You can find more information about this in the Technical Budget briefing we sent you last week, but it's essentially funding to:

- repair / replace assets for Surf Life Saving, Coastguard, NZ Land Search and Rescue, and Amateur Radio Emergency Communications that were damaged in the North Island Weather Events. Given the coastal location of many of these buildings, they either can only afford insurance to cover partial repair / replacement of assets or can't secure insurance at all.
- Targeted training, PPE, and regional equipment caches to improve their ability to respond to future severe weather events.

We have included this initiative in our Technical Budget submission in CFISnet, but given the interrelationship with the Government Inquiry into the Response to the North Island Weather Events, we are suggesting that this funding be held in tagged contingency subject to Cabinet's decisions on the Inquiry. We would super appreciate your help in confirming whether there are any Budget bids from DIA that relate to the Inquiry so we can ensure that we aren't seeking funding for something that may already be captured elsewhere.

Please see attached the letter that our Minister has sent to MoF in response to your Budget bilateral letter, which confirms our intent to put this new initiative into the Technical Budget process.

Kind regards,

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Subject: Budget 24 letter sent to MoF's Office

Morning Jess,

This email is to confirm that I have sent the attached letter to MoF's Office this morning (we made some edits at our end after discussing with the Minister).

Can you please give the Vote Team a heads up that this has been sent? Thanks very much.

Cheers,
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