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Hey Hamish,

Any update on this? MOT is proceeding on the assumption it'll need to submit the new initiatives this week but would be good to know if MOF has a different view to the matters outlined in the letter

Cheers

Mark

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Thanks Mark – I'll put this to MoF.

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Subject: Transport Bilateral - Follow Up

Kia ora Hamish, Daniel, and Elinor,

As discussed at the Vote Transport Bilateral on Monday 11 March 2024, we have prepared the attached letter confirming the discussion and key next steps. The key matters are summarised below (with more detail in the letter) and we are keen to confirm with you that these match MOFs expectations/you are comfortable with the proposed approach to each item:

1. Minister of Finance inviting two new initiatives for consideration in Budget 2024, with submissions due 12pm Friday 15 March 2024
 - a. one for Tug Boats for Cook Strait (Emergency Ocean Response Capabilities (EORC)) – [33], options should still be considered (*this differs a bit from the conversation, but I think prudent from a vfm perspective, may want to specifically ensure MOF is okay with this*);
 - b. one for [33] so subject to submitting the business case to Treasury to support assessment;
2. Minister of Finance deferring decisions on [33] as Business Case is not ready;
3. Ministry of Transport to provide Treasury with updated phasing for 6.5% departmental savings (compared to the current 5%);
4. Confirming cost pressures are expected to be managed within reprioritisation package for Surf Life Saving and Ground Based Navigation Aids.

Cheers

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