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Kia ora Jemma

This option was considered by Waka Kotahi and Te Manatū Waka officials last week. We had an idea (effectively what has been asked by the Minister), that we could decouple the refund rate from the actual excise rate charged at the pump.

I understand that Te Manatū Waka have already provided more detailed feedback on this to PMO last week, so will not repeat this, except to emphasize that after careful legal consideration we concluded that the Land Transport Management Act 2003 would need to be amended to support such an approach (this was supported by both Waka Kotahi and Te Manatū Waka). As it stands, our position is that any application for a refund would need to be split into whatever number of periods are decided upon, with the rate of refund for each period to match the rate of FED+GST for that period.

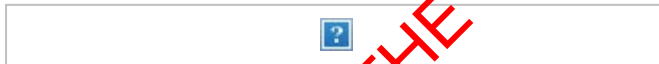
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Hi Howard and Sam

Cabinet will consider the FED/RUC/PT paper this afternoon.

At the weekly officials' meeting just now, the Minister asked about the issue of off-road refunds and whether a solution to the complexity of doing them in 5 cent increments over a 5 week period could be to issue a refund at a mid-point/average over this time period.

Could you please confirm whether this would be doable, in time for the Cabinet discussion this afternoon.

I'll need a note back by 12pm please (an email is fine if easiest). Happy to discuss anything.

Ngā mihi

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