

MIN-3895 - Response to Kieran McAnulty: Letter to Energy Minister Hon Dr Megan Woods MP and Transport Minister Hon Michael Wood MP

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Kieran McAnulty, MP for Wairarapa has written to Hon Dr Megan Woods and Hon Michael Wood on behalf of his constituent who operates a lawn mowing business. The constituent advises that he has not been able to take full advantage of the fuel excise duty (FED) reduction as his two local petrol stations did not drop their petrol prices until the weekend following the 15 March 2022 reduction.

Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment are leading the response on behalf of Hon Dr Megan Woods, with input from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency regarding the FED refund process.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency response:

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has advised me that refunds for fuel excise duty (FED) are issued in accordance with clause 6 of the Land Transport Management (Apportionment and Refund of Excise Duty and Excise-Equivalent Duty) Regulations 2004 which have been amended to take into consideration the temporary reduction in FED. Purchases of fuel prior to the temporary rate reduction on 15 March 2022 are refunded at the higher rate of 76 cents per litre (GST exclusive), while purchases after this date are refunded at 51 cents per litre (GST exclusive). While it is regrettable that your constituent has not been able to take immediate advantage of the temporary reduction, Waka Kotahi is only able to issue refunds at the legislated amount.

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