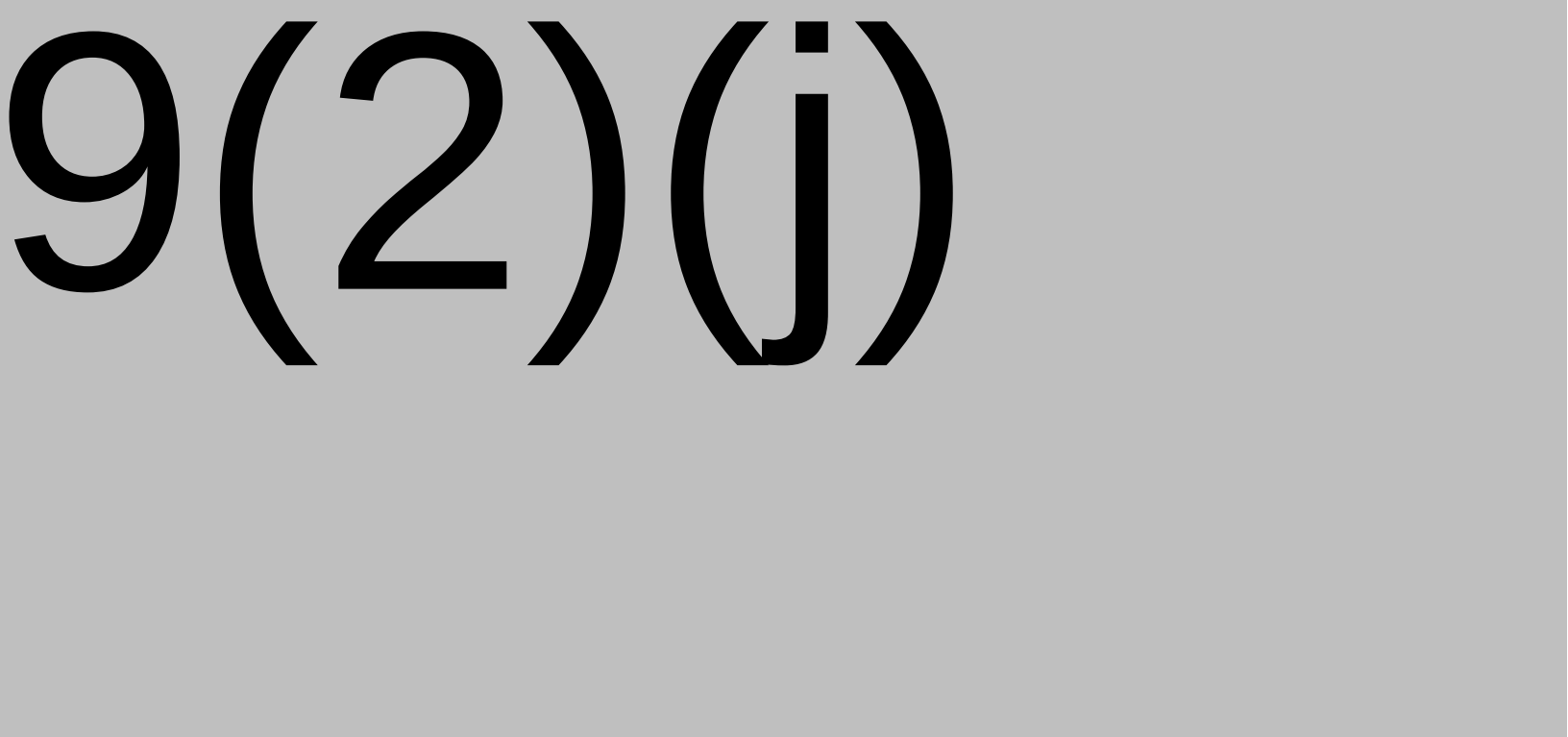


**From:** David Mead  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 April 2026 9:53 am  
**To:** Emily Young [EXTERNAL] (PARLIAMENT)  
**Cc:** Becky Prebble; Jane White; Kirsty Flannagan; Phillip Mellor; Steve Mason [EXTERNAL] (Parliament)  
**Subject:** RE: Classification RE: MCC to MOF re budget initiative invitation

Kia ora Emily,

Understand you are seeking to get material over to MoF office earlier than we expected. Please see below some further info on scaling options. 9(2)(j)

These options are scaled by narrowing the range of available options for government support to the company, and therefore negotiating space available to reach an agreement with the company that would meet their and Cabinet’s potential objectives.



All options are likely to have fiscal implications beyond the Budget forecast period, which would be assessed and outlined in a Cabinet Paper seeking agreement to a deal.

Pending the Minister’s/office direction, we propose to include all of these options in the Budget bid. Treasury have confirmed this bid has been invited with a specific request for scaled options.

Ngā mihi,

David

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**From:** David Mead <David.Mead@mfe.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 April 2026 7:33 am  
**To:** Emily Young [EXTERNAL] (PARLIAMENT) <Emily.Young@parliament.govt.nz>; Jane White <Jane.White@mfe.govt.nz>; Kirsty Flannagan <Kirsty.Flannagan@climateieb.govt.nz>; Phillip Mellor <Phillip.Mellor@mfe.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** Steve Mason [EXTERNAL] (Parliament) <steve.mason@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: Classification RE: MCC to MOF re budget initiative invitation

Kia ora Emily,

Thank you - we will send over a note with some scaling options for the budget bid by close tomorrow, for the office and minister to consider.

Nga mihi,

David

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**From:** Emily Young <Emily.Young@parliament.govt.nz>  
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**Cc:** Steve Mason [EXTERNAL] (Parliament) <steve.mason@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Classification RE: MCC to MOF re budget initiative invitation

Hi All,

We have just heard back from the Minister of Finance’s Office, and she has agreed to issue a late invite into the Budget 2026 process for this initiative.

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Could you please pull together some further information relating to scaling options? Happy to take your advice on a reasonable turnaround time, but I’m thinking by 10am Friday this week would be good?

Feel free to give me a call.

Thanks  
Emily

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**From:** Emily Young  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 March 2026 10:26 am  
**To:** Jane White <[jane.white@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:jane.white@mfe.govt.nz)>; Kirsty Flannagan <[kirsty.flannagan@climateieb.govt.nz](mailto:kirsty.flannagan@climateieb.govt.nz)>; David Mead <[david.mead@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:david.mead@mfe.govt.nz)>; Phillip Mellor <[phillip.mellor@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:phillip.mellor@mfe.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Steve Mason <[Steve.Mason@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Steve.Mason@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** FW: MCC to MOF re budget initiative invitation

Hi all,

As per the below, confirming that the Office is comfortable with Officials re-engaging negotiations with Golden Bay Cement, and that the letter from MCC to MoF is currently with MCC for approval.

Thanks  
Emily

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**From:** Jack Boltar <[Jack.Boltar@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Jack.Boltar@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 March 2026 10:19 am  
**To:** Emily Young <[Emily.Young@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Emily.Young@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Matt Stone <[Matt.Stone@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Matt.Stone@parliament.govt.nz)>; Liam McNamara <[Liam.McNamara@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Liam.McNamara@parliament.govt.nz)>; Steve Mason <[Steve.Mason@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Steve.Mason@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: MCC to MOF re budget initiative invitation

This letter is with the Minister for approval. Please re-engage with GBC

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**From:** Emily Young <[Emily.Young@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Emily.Young@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 March 2026 10:16 AM  
**To:** Jack Boltar <[Jack.Boltar@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Jack.Boltar@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Matt Stone <[Matt.Stone@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Matt.Stone@parliament.govt.nz)>; Liam McNamara <[Liam.McNamara@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Liam.McNamara@parliament.govt.nz)>; Steve Mason <[Steve.Mason@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Steve.Mason@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** MCC to MOF re budget initiative invitation

Hi Jack,

As discussed, could you please send the attached letter to the Minister to review and sign digitally so that we can send it to the Minister of Finance’s Office today.

Note: we are aware that budget bid applications close today, so I will engage with Hugo in MoFs Office to understand the process for late bids and a potential workaround.

Could you please confirm in writing that you are happy for MfE to re-engage negotiations with Golden Bay Cement?

Thanks a lot  
Emily

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**From:** Steve Mason <[Steve.Mason@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Steve.Mason@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 March 2026 2:10 pm  
**To:** Jack Boltar <[Jack.Boltar@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Jack.Boltar@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Matt Stone <[Matt.Stone@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Matt.Stone@parliament.govt.nz)>; Emily Young <[Emily.Young@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Emily.Young@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: **Classification** MCC to MOF re budget initiative invitation  
**Importance:** High

Hi Jack,

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I’ve attached updated the letter, with this new figure and an extra sentence re: impacts beyond the forecast period.

Ngā mihi,  
Steve



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**Subject:** Classification MCC to MOF re budget initiative invitation

FYI – here is the draft letter to MoF on GBC. Any comments/amendments let me know and I can get those actioned.

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Ngā mihi,  
Steve



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Hi Steve and Emily,

Here is a revised letter for MOF. I have updated it to reflect that we will likely have non-obligatory discussions with GB first before going to Cabinet.

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Thanks very much  
  
Jane

**Jane White** she/her  
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*Note I don't work on Tuesdays. For anything urgent please contact [David.Mead@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:David.Mead@mfe.govt.nz).*