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Sent: Tuesday, 15 March 2022 7:50 AM
To: Out of Scope @nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Actions from today's meeting on FED/ RUC reduction
Importance: High

Hi [Out of Scope]
 My thinking.....

I will work with* [Out of Scope] (someone from P&P that is), [Out of Scope] today to draft up a paper that:

- Will lay out the process of how we could manage the task of delivering the Governments intent to reduce the cost of Road User Charges for a 3 month period,
- Is set out in a format similar to the CAB Paper provided yesterday
- Identify any legislative concerns and other possible roadblocks
- Identifies possible resources required (most like people from other teams)
- A planned go-live date

* We will also include someone from [Out of Scope] team (Finance) and [Out of Scope] team (Debt Management) to ensure all issues are being addressed.

You will need the draft paper for consideration by tomorrow morning at the latest to make any changes/considerations etc for delivery by **midday Thursday, 17 March 2022 (refer below)**

Are you happy with this?

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Kia ora [Out of Scope]

Thank you again for attending the meeting today after the approval of Taking Actions on fuel prices cab paper, the Office really appreciates your attendance in such short notice 😊

As discussed in the meeting, the Minister's Office has sought further advice from Waka Kotahi:

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2. Road User Charges – Out of Scope

- how the system can provide refunds
- how to monitor that the RUC purchased under the discount should be used within the allowed timeframe (refer to para 49 in the attached paper)
- due: midday Thursday, 17 March 2022

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Thanks so much again everyone and if you would like to discuss or seek any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me 😊

Ngā mihi

Section 9(2)(a)



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Subject: FW: Next steps for PT/RUC reductions - clarifying tasks and roles

Kia ora Koutou

Out of Scope just a slight change to your email, Out of Scope is probably the lead on this with my and Out of Scope support. Out of Scope and my respective SME's have meet this morning and we will re-group with then later today.

- Best ways to implement what Ministers have announced (Out of Scope, with support as needed from Out of Scope)

Cheers, Out of Scope

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Kia ora Section 9(2)(a)

Out of Scope and myself would be available at 3.30pm today if that suits.

Out of Scope is unavailable to the end of the day, however Out of Scope are leading from the Regulatory Group.

Let me know if this time suits and I will send out an invite.

Ngā mihi, Out of Scope

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Hello **Out of Scope**

Really keen to meet today to discuss the next steps today on RUC rate reduction. Potential items for discussion:

- RUC rate reduction methodology
- prepurchase RUC – the surrender process
- hoarding RUC
- notice period
- anything to do with FED?

Any other items? Are you available to discuss this today?

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Hi Out of Scope

My thoughts on Section 9(2)(a) feedback

Section 9(2)(g)(i). So, unless the Minister has a strong preference, we will revise our recommendation on the admin fee." I agree that the admin fee should remain

"Regarding section 89, I think our legal services team believe it can be enforced by section 9, but it would be good to discuss later. We thought about extending section 89 to light vehicles but thought it would cause the agency more of a headache. If your team has any additional ideas that can be readily implemented to prevent abuse/fraud, more than willing to hear - all ears." Agree with Out of Scope suggestion for Section 9(2)(h)

Out of Scope. We need to put more thought to this as there is no easy solution.

Regarding the cap, is it possible for the computer to say you can buy X amount at the reduced rate, and if you want to buy more than X, it's at the full rate. From what I understood, the computer system couldn't handle that, but it would be good to confirm there's no work around. System is unable to handle two different rates for the same time period

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Hi All,

Some initial comments back from Section 9(2)(a) below.

Out of Scope if you are available would be good to have you in on any conversations regarding s86 & s9.

Cheers

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Hi there

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Hi

Further to the below and following lengthy discussions about this and other matters:

- The Minister has asked some questions about \$ vs. % for reducing rates, especially considering the differences for lights and heavies.
- Waka Kotahi have no real preference for *how* the rate changes are calculated.
- However the modelling and calculations are done, we ultimately need a new dollar value.
- This is because we have to change the source tables in the Register, and this requires a dollar amount.
- Therefore what we will require from the Ministry is a full and complete weights and rates table, and we have no preference as to *how* those are arrived at.

We discussed a few other matters which will be pertinent to the Minister's decisions and his discussions at Cabinet tomorrow. I will cover these in my comments on the talking points, **but as a heads-up:**

- **Go-live on 21 April** is very, very tight. **Section 9(2)(g)(i)**. This is mainly because *if* admin fees are scrapped (see below), we are going to need further investigation with our agents to see if this is feasible for them, in the time frame. Setting aside those concerns for the moment, we need to be really clear that in order to meet 21 April we'll need:
 - o Certainty on the rates; and
 - o Certainty on refund and admin fee provisions; noting that
 - o Any changes that are made after we have confirmed the business requirements with Unisys **will** impact delivery and therefore go-live.
- **Scrapping the admin fee** is a concern for us, so we will be highlighting:
 - o There will have to be provision made for Waka Kotahi to be reimbursed – the admin fee is there to cover expenses and we cannot accept such a significant hole in our revenue; and
 - o There is an implementation risk for this one (for a 21 April go-live) – not only for Waka Kotahi, but also for our agents. We need to investigate that.

More to come later today, once I have padded out comments on the talking points.

Thanks

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Hi **Section 9(2)(a)**,

Thanks for sending through.

Re: implementation date – it'll be tight, but we will push for 21 April. I know the Minister wants something earlier, but that is extremely unlikely.

Re: questions on \$ vs. % reduction – these seem to be MoT questions, so will you/the team be taking the lead here? I'm not sure what we can add here other than implementation advice, but we'll need to know the options being considered.

I'm about to get online and discuss other matters already on the table (i.e. back-end issues, and the draft talking points you sent around yesterday).

Cheers

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Hi Section 9(2)(a)

Please see attached a signed copy of this briefing.

In terms of implementation timeframes you'll see the Minister has agreed to 21 April – 21 July, but is keen for an earlier date to be pushed for if possible.

You'll see the Minister has also asked three questions at the top of page 4. for MoT/Waka Kotahi to answer. In terms of his third question, the Minister is essentially asking for a third option for an in-between model that provides a benefit to heavy vehicles that is greater than Option 1, but lesser than Option 2. In his view, he would have thought in general the nature of commercial operations is that there is likely to be very little difference in travel behaviour effect between the options. If this option something you considered?

The Office has asked for answers on this by tomorrow morning before Cabinet. Please let me know if this isn't realistic or achievable. If it is achievable, are you able to include incorporate responses to these into the talking points?

Thanks, Out of Scope

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Good spot. Attached is the updated briefing.

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A quick para graph for Out of Scope and Out of Scope

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Hi Out of Scope

Quick update:

- MoT shared an early draft of a briefing paper, re: the implementation of temporary RUC rate reduction. In our comments, we have (amongst other things) highlighted the risk and administrative burden. Comments have been worked on jointly with CL&R and Finance (with Out of Scope dipping in on some matters also). We've bounced this back to MoT and I have re-emphasised concerns about administration & risk.

Quick question: do we know how over this Out of Scope is? Should I quickly touch base with Out of Scope to brief him?

I think if we are going to push back on this (e.g. push for an alternative solution... tackle it at the pump), I'm likely to need some support/input from you or Out of Scope at some point.

Cheers

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Have put in comments where I think we need to respond.

How best do we want to do this?

Thanks,

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Hi there

Here is the revised paper.

Hoping to provide the final paper across this afternoon. Let me know if anything is factually incorrect or you wish to emphasise further.

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The other option is a total cap for the amount you can buy (even more administratively burden – to allow exceptions for vehicles which use significant travel). Not preferred.

- What is the level of system change required to set the admin fee for the issue of a new licence to zero?
Investigating now – probably doable – not something we necessarily agree with.
- Does the minimum refund threshold apply (20 dollars) when licences are surrendered?
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Thanks for getting back to me.

Section 9(2)(f)(iv)

We are keen to recommend to Ministers instead of a 36 percent reduction across the board (which could be huge for the heavies) a flat \$27 reduction applies for all vehicle types. This would hopefully limit some of the demand and revenue risks from the heavies. The way we understand the predominant policy intent is to support households rather than provide a subsidy to industry. A 36 percent reduction would likely mean for the heavies that they aren't even paying their pavement wear costs.

I'm probably unlikely to be able to incorporate all the comments prior to the meeting and send out a revised version pre-meeting, but happy to discuss. **Section 9(2)(a)**

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Hi Out of Scope

Given that the transport industry **Section 9(2)(f)(iv)**, they may actually support the \$27 per 1000km idea (however this is very surprising to me). As if this was to apply they would only effectively be getting an approx. 6 percent discount where petrol powered and light RUC would be getting 36 percent. This difference varies depending on the normal RUC rate paid.

If this was to go ahead I would of thought that a change to the regulations to decrease every distance rate by \$27 would be reasonable and the core tables would be amended in LANDATA and therefore we would then only have to worry about the refunds and gaming as discussed over the last couple of days.

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In response to the suggestion below "**Section 9(2)(h)**"

We would need to look at this suggestion with a level of caution, this would have extreme and significant impact to the financial management of funds, systems, processes and cost of change.

All of the RUC rates are driven from core tables within the register and **integrated** to, individual Agents point of sale systems, that flow through to automated pay overs of the revenue. This would be introducing a non-integrated activity, that would have complex issues and significant back office administration, as well as Agent changes to their point of sale systems. (Cost and time impacts) Although, the suggestion mitigates leg change it has wide and far reaching complications for WK and the Agents.

Here is a list of impact areas (but not an exhaustive list):

Agent front end changes - point of sale systems

CDI changes

GST implications

Payover from Agents

Transact on line transaction development

Direct connect

CCFAX

ESP Agents

The preference would still be the option of reduction at the pump, or if it has to be enabled via the RUC regime it needs to be changed through the core rates tables.

I would suggest that this is not a feasible option and should not be promoted to MoT in the RUC Changes briefing.

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Thanks for getting back to me.

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We are keen to recommend to Ministers instead of a 36 percent reduction across the board (which could be huge for the heavies) a flat \$27 reduction applies for all vehicle types. This would hopefully limit some of the demand and revenue risks from the heavies. The way we understand the predominant policy intent is to support households rather than provide a subsidy to industry. A 36 percent reduction would likely mean for the heavies that they aren't even paying their pavement wear costs.

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Hi there everyone,

Thanks for the meeting yesterday.

Here is the draft briefing for your input. Please ignore all the track changes. It has been written at speed. And is still underway. I want to land 'the guts' of the briefing before the close of play due to the Minister's meeting tonight.. I thought it would be helpful to have it ready for officials to test with the Minister if he wants to get into the weeds tonight.

But keen for your input – particularly about implementation issues. Regarding legislation, we are looking at a bill in the house (passed under urgency) in the last week of March. We are getting the sense there is pressure to move fast on this – the public keeps asking what's happening with RUC. Keen to discuss a coming into force date (be ready-ish for implementation).

Please let us know if any additional issues, complexities, or proposed solutions have come to light. Here to help! Feel free to make further track changes or provide your comments on the briefing or in an email. Could comments be provided this afternoon, so can incorp prior to the Minister's meeting – and will circulate where the paper is at prior to tonight's meeting.

Cheers, **Section 9(2)(a)**

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Correct. We were looking at mitigations for on the way back up – i.e. should we invalidate a huge number of large licences people buy while its cheap

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Let me clarify, you can't expire a RUC licence under this provision for a rate decrease.

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FYI Out of Scope – talked with Out of Scope yesterday about extending section 86 to lights temporarily – this would also require a change to section 9 below.

Section 9(2)(g)(i) – less a whole lot of calculations.

Might need some time today with Out of Scope on what our mitigation looks like at the back end if this goes ahead.

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Hi Out of Scope – I believe we would need to change 86 and section 9 below.

It is hard to see how someone who has paid a lot of RUC -> is not covered by 4A(c)

9 RUC vehicle must have distance licence

(1)

A person must not operate a RUC vehicle on a road unless a distance licence has been issued for the vehicle.

(2)

The distance licence must specify—

(a)

the minimum and maximum distances covered by the licence; and

(b)

the number or any other distinguishing mark shown on the registration plates of the RUC vehicle; and

(c)

the serial number (if any) of the distance recorder fitted to the RUC vehicle; and

(d)

the RUC vehicle type of the RUC vehicle; and

(e)

any other information that is required to be specified on the licence by regulations made under [section 89](#).

(3)

However, subsection (1) does not apply if there is evidence that the RUC vehicle is registered under an appropriate alternative payment scheme.

(4)

A person commits an offence if the person, without reasonable excuse,—

(a)

operates a RUC vehicle on a road where the vehicle does not have—

(i)

a distance licence that complies with subsection (2); or

(ii)

evidence of registration under an appropriate alternative payment scheme; or

(b)

operates a heavy RUC vehicle where the distance licence issued for the vehicle has expired in accordance with this Act.

(4A)

For the purposes of subsection (4), a person has a reasonable excuse if—

(a)

a RUC licence is displayed or carried on the RUC vehicle concerned; and

(b)

the RUC licence is not the correct licence for the vehicle's RUC vehicle type and RUC weight; but

(c)

having regard to the RUC licence displayed or carried, sufficient payment has been made to cover the RUC charges that applied to the vehicle at the time of the offence.

(4B)

Subsection (4A) does not limit what constitutes a reasonable excuse for the purposes of subsection (4).

(5)

A person who commits an offence against subsection (4) is liable on conviction,—

(a)

in the case of an individual, to a fine not exceeding \$3,000;

(b)

in the case of a body corporate, to a fine not exceeding \$15,000.

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Thanks for the update

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Hi all,

Many thanks for your time at short notice. Out of Scope and Out of Scope FYI.

Rate changes:

Typically these are done by MoT (Except special rates). We think all rates should change with the possible exception of special rates but this needs to be raised with MoT.

Action: Out of Scope to work with MoT on rate changes, work out a timeline for when the rates will be completed and whether special rates should change.

Typically it takes us around 4 days to change the rates -> Out of Scope to work through this.

All going well we should be ready to go around 1st of April? -> would need to provide advice on the change in legislation needed + change in the regulations for the rate changes.

Risks:

1. Large number of refunds at the time of

Although the paper says the intent is not for back-facing refunds – the discussion is that this is needed for fairness. We will have a large number of refunds.

Our analysts will work out definitive numbers on RUC vehicles & average time of RUC paid.

Online / Calls? (do I have this right – do you need to call?)

Out of Scope can you confirm time taken to do a ruc refund & re purchase at both ends. Our team will do a scenario analysis on how many we can expect.

Out of Scope we will stand up a team of RUC specialists asap to take these on – we will also focus our training efforts on this area in anticipation of increased demand. Do you give the go ahead for us to contact managers.

Out of Scope what resources do finance need

We need to check the bank account fields to see if there's anything we can do to ensure we get these (and/or comms) – this is the part that slows us down the most.

Credit in session for agents. These work as crediting the remaining part of the license towards a longer licence at an agent.

We will need to prepare some comms for agents about what is upcoming and what they can expect.

2. LRIT (our system for invoicing following WOF/CoF) will charge invoices at the current (lower) rate

This needs to be noted that people may be non-compliant at the time of higher rates & accept an invoice at a time of lower rates. Our manual assessments will need to factor these in for 3 months.

Action – feedback to MoT potential risk for NLTF (minor in nature most likely – we will monitor)

We also believe there is a risk for customers on direct connect (only 2% of RUC licences are purchased this way) that they may purchase a long RUC licence and then dishonour – making this a debt to the crown. At this stage we are advising we will monitor this for now.

3. Heavy system use near the end of the 3 months

There is concern on the performance of the system if a large number of RUC users are using the system -> will pick this up with **Out of Scope** & Digital tomorrow.

4. Purchase of large distance licence at the back-end

There is a couple of options for dealing with the purchasing of large distance licence @ at the back end.

- a) Amend section 86

Section 86 invalidates RUC licenses after 1 month following a rate increase and makes the user buy at the higher rate. We could consider a change to this Act for LDVs.

The issue could be one of enforcement - this would require significant help from NZ Police.

- b) System change to block licences over a certain distance (e.g. 5000km)

This would cost significant \$, **Out of Scope** will cost this up with Unisys – but we need to do some thinking on risks of this.

We are now catching up on FED.

Thanks,

Out of Scope

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Here's where we had got to. Should I tidy this up with our preferred option administratively and then say even with the preferred option we have issues with equity, fraud etc.

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Out of Scope [redacted] as discussed. Still fleshing out some of the system required changes if we wanted no refunds for example or a date limit on the refunds with Out of Scope [redacted].

Out of Scope [redacted] FYI – Out of Scope [redacted] are chatting to the minister tonight – be good to grab you if you get a few minutes this morning.

Thanks,

Out of Scope

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Sweet

Who is leading at MoT?

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Hey Out of Scope

Lots of discussion occurring – will tee up a call shortly.

Thanks,

Out of Scope

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H [redacted] and [redacted]

Just wanting to check in to see what the plan is for amending the RUC Act to bring the decreased RUC rates in faster (to get around section 85(3), which says that any regulations to change RUC rates – whether to increase or decrease – take 42 days to come into effect).

There is also an issue of light vehicle owners stockpiling RUC at the lower rate, before the rate increase again in 3 months time (assuming that is what happens). Cheaper RUC for heavy vehicles expires 1 month after the RUC rates increase (see section 86), but there appears to be nothing to stop the stockpiling of cheaper RUC by light vehicle owners.

There would be an equity issue as petrol vehicle owners generally can't stockpile fuel ahead of FED increasing again, but light diesel vehicle owners could stockpile cheaper RUC.

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Legal team standing by to assist as needed.

Cheers,

[redacted]

Out of Scope [redacted]

Principal Counsel, Regulatory

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I work Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning and Thursday morning.

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Subject: FW: briefing to Minister, next steps, etc.

We will particularly want a heads up on the admin fee – Out of Scope [redacted] thinks it will be complicated for a few places.

Out of Scope [redacted]

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Thanks for all of the collaborative efforts over the last few days – it's been really appreciated at our end.

Two quick requests from me:

- Can we please have a copy of the briefing to the Minister, once finalised etc.? Assume that will probably need to travel through the formal channels, which is all good – but we'd definitely like to see it if we can; and
- If anything comes through to the Ministry over the weekend, signalling likely decisions on Monday, could someone please ping me a message? Appreciate also that we might not hear anything until Monday, but if there is anything in advance it would be good to be in the loop.

Thanks

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Hi everyone

Please find attached FED/RUC paper for tonight's meeting ☺

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Subject: RE: CCS & RUC Impact

If we had more time on the lite option, would that help?

As of now we've committed to "late April" (without having discussed specifics of what we will/won't, can/can't do)... is the message that we should not offer anything earlier at this stage?

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Subject: RE: CCS & RUC Impact

Thanks **Out of Scope**,

I think the only point to note on the light option for RUC is that the technical resources at Unisys are the same resources for CCD and CCS so if this is to be done for 1 April, CCD could be at risk (apologies, not sure of the timeline). I don't think our vendor is able to flex up with other resources either, you would have no choice but to prioritise one over the other.

Out of Scope feel free to correct me if I am wrong, it's still a direct impact but just shorter.

Ngā mihi,

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Hi both,

Thanks for this.

Just been in a meeting to discuss options with **Out of Scope** and settle on our approach for later today. I mentioned the concerns around our LEV resources (internally as well as externally).

In short:

- We do not want to pull resources away from other projects and are not supportive of making RUC system changes beyond the absolutely necessary (i.e. rate changes); and therefore

- What we are hoping for is the 'lite' version – i.e. RUC rates will change, and that's it. **Section 9(2)(g)(i)** **[redacted]**, but we're intending to push back on that. Otherwise, current controls and mitigation (to the extent that we have them) will stay unchanged.

Considerations here are not just that system changes are needed. We're also looking at how some of these ideas would even float with the public, and the significant impost on them if we start bringing in some temporary changes & limitations.

Hope that makes sense.

Thanks again

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Subject: Eligibility for refunds

Hi [redacted]

Just to let you know the potential size of this – [redacted] has done some awesome quick maths.

There were 920,000 unique LDVs purchase RUC licenses in 2021.

We estimate 60% of these (over 500,000) would be eligible + 160,000 heavy vehicles at the \$20 mark. LDVs in particular on average purchase RUC twice per year (that is -> most buy 5,000 to 10,000 Kms).

It would be useful to catch up at some point today. To combat this: I believe we need to either or a mixture of:

- 1) Train CSRs how to do the current steps + work on a webform that would automatically create a heat ticket. (Label risk would remain) – using temp resource to backfill CSRs easier tasks.
- 2) Allow only online method or at an agent, using an “overlap” method - > i.e. your 10,000km you bought has now got you 15,000. (Risk this disadvantages people with older cars – however they likely wouldn’t of bought big licenses)
- 3) Consider changing the \$20 rule up. (i.e. you can get a refund if its over \$100 or something more substantial - > otherwise we will just extend your kms).

Thanks,

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Based on our conversation just now and the following high level requirements:

- 1) Prevent purchase of an over-lapping licences
- 2) Limit on the number of units that could be purchased in one session per vehicle

Effort : 3 weeks duration (1 week development, 2 weeks test/implementation)

Ballpark: Section 9(2)(b)(ii)

Impact: development of CCS MVR Integration, Vin Direct – and Data Centre migration is 9th April (release and test)

Assumes: Landata changes only – no code changes to Transact or CDI.

If we commence on 21st March with firm requirements – for delivery on 16th April (based on 3 weeks duration)

Regards

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Ata marie Section 9(2)(a)

I have been asked to obtain options to remove the possibility of over-lapping licences from the 1st of April. The potential rate reduction would leave around 700,000 RUC licence holders eligible for a refund of some description.

At this stage I believe the following systems would need to have significant changes.

Transact
ERUC providers?
NZ Post CDI
Agents over the counter (comms presumably only)

Can you provide a cost estimate to remove the ability to overlap and a time estimate of the work needed to complete this – plus a list of work that would need to stop if this was to go ahead.

Sorry for the short notice Section 9 but if I could have a high level response ASAP that would be fantastic.

Ngā mihi

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Hi [Out of Scope] can't log on until 430 ish but the concern me and [Out of Scope] found is that this is a moot point if enough ruc is purchased as per 94 a c. I.e. if the amount that they had paid would be enough at the higher rates then they have a reasonable excuse.

How do we feel calling up people who have paid too much ruc? Not sure how [Out of Scope] thinks that audit would work.

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Hi team – looking for a bit of help on the below, please (see attached). I've tried to summarise this as best I can and have had a crack at starting to formulate a response back. There are a few things highlighted that I really need a bit of advice on. I can then tidy this up for a return back to the office. We can do that on Monday a.m. if needed, but I'd really like to go into Sunday evening knowing that this is 90% there... if we can.

The problem: how do we prevent RUC licence holders from make large purchases of RUC towards the end of the discounted period, thereby allowing them to enjoy the benefits of relief for potentially many months more than was intended?

The Minister has so far indicated a preference for:

1. Changes to s86 to include LDVs;
2. A 'good faith' declaration for RUC purchases; and
3. Waka Kotahi audits of any unusual (large) purchases that we are able to detect.

In some advice provided to the Minister's office late Friday 18th March, we noted that a change to s86 for LDVs would be "... limited by clauses in section 9 making any enforcement likely to be ineffective."

The Minister has asked for additional guidance on this matter.

First, here is the position as we see it for HMs:

- s86 of the RUC Act allows us to invalidate the licences for HMs, 1 month after rates are increased.
- This assumes rates are increased under s85(1), which contains the clause related to the 42-day gazetting period (so if this requirement is going to stay for rate increases, we will need to ensure this happens in plenty of time).
- s9(4)(b) establishes an offence if the HMV licence has expired (e.g. under s86)
- Enforcement of this will rely on two things:

- Monitoring by CVST (ensuring that the team knows to focus on RUC licences); and
- Waka Kotahi looking for any unusual purchasing behaviour and then following up if necessary (noting that this will take Revenue Compliance staff away from any other activities which are underway or part of their current/future work program).
- The provision already exists and there are no legislation or system changes needed with respect to HMVs (**is this right?**).
- The primary concern for Waka Kotahi will be the additional work to follow-up on this after the rate increases again.

The problem we have is how to do this for LDVs as well.

- We could amend s86 so that it includes LDVs, but;
- s9(4A)(c) would provide 'reasonable excuse' on the grounds that the RUC purchase was correct for the vehicle at the time (**is the way I have described it here correct? Minister's office is looking to understand our concerns here**). So even if we were able to detect the "offence", the licence holder would use the 'reasonable excuse' provision in
- One idea would be to also amend s9(4)(b) to include LDVs (**would this work? Or do we still get tripped up by the 'reasonable excuse' provision?**).
- Enforcement would still be challenging (and would require assistance from Police), but it would at least establish the offence provision (**what more – if anything – could we reasonable to for enforcement of this with LDVs?**).

The Minister's office has also asked "whether any of the above is not possible sooner rather than later". My take is that this is largely reliant (for LDVs) on legislative changes. I think this is happening for the 42-day gazetting period anyway (for the rates decrease), so assume we would need to add changes to s9 and s86 as suggested above.

Question from me: is there a system-trigger for the s86 invalidation of HMV licences? If so, I assume we would need to add an extension of this to LDVs to the work we will already need Unisys to do.

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First Part looks good

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Importance: High

Hi both,

Can I leave this with you please?

Also FYI - Out of Scope [redacted] is working on some Call Centre comms, will come by us before going to them.

Cheers

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Subject: FW: MINO-0338 FW: Info required asap please - Tuesday morning 10am - Road user charges - per litre

Hi [Out of Scope]
f

The RUC rates will need to be reduced, but not at 25%. They will need to be recalculated based on the various RUC rates per RUC vehicle type and combinations. This is yet to be determined but the aim is for a reduction to an equal amount FED reductions.

Regards

[Out of Scope]
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Ngā mihi

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Kia ora Out of Scope

f

This has gone to Out of Scope and Out of Scope.

Ngā mihi

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Can you please let me know who in your team you've passed this on to?

Ngā mihi

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Thanks all – I am in an all day meeting but will do my best to respond to these as they come through.

For this one, I will forward on to my team for confirmation.

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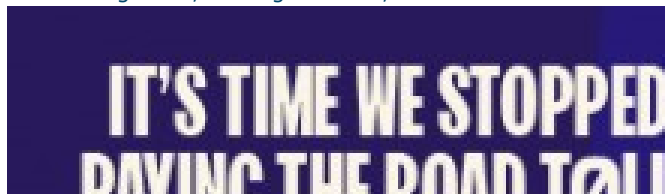
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Cc: Out of Scope @nzta.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: MINO-0339 RESPONSE FW: Actions from today's meeting on FED/ RUC reduction

Thanks all. I will send this over to Section 9(2)(a) now.

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Subject: RE: MINO-0339 RESPONSE FW: Actions from today's meeting on FED/ RUC reduction

Kia ora koutou,

@Official Correspondence – slightly amended wording below (thanks to Out of Scope for kicking this off)

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Hi [redacted]

Do we need to be clear that the rate reduction and system development need to be aligned.

Thanks, [redacted]

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Hi there,

Out of Scope [redacted]

"We have no preference for whether a decision is made today or on Monday – but note that any mitigation measures (which require system development), are not yet underway.

Our strong recommendation is that we align rate changes with our system changes for risk mitigation. Following further investigation, our preferred go-live date would therefore be 25th April for our vendors to be able to complete this work.

Secondly; we have further investigated potential mitigations of ensuring the RUC purchased is used within a short time period. Our preferred option of amending section 86 to include Light Diesel Vehicles is limited by clauses in section 9 making any enforcement likely to be ineffective. This would leave Waka Kotahi and NZ Police unable to mitigate this risk significantly. This leaves significant RUC likely being purchased for future periods, and the cost of the refunds increasing."

Out of Scope [redacted] – any objections.

Thank you,

Out of Scope [redacted]

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Subject: FW: MINO-0339 RESPONSE FW: Actions from today's meeting on FED/ RUC reduction

Kia ora koutou,

Please see below from the Minister's office.

They have asked about whether receiving a decision today (rather than Monday) makes a difference.

Could I ask for a bit of assistance in pulling together a short response, please? Out of Scope we may want to loop in Out of Scope on this from a debt perspective.

Part of me thinks "not much difference" – our key delay will be in the system changes and I doubt that alerting Unisys to this now would make a lot of difference (but others will have a better feel for that).

We've not been given a time-frame, but let's assume **ASAP**.

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Hi

Can you please take a look at Section 9(2)(a) below email and let me know if you can help with a response?

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Hello, thanks again for this advice, the office is very pleased with how things are shaping up.

They wanted to check in on timeframes for decision and understand the impact on Waka Kotahi in terms of implementing it, i.e. would it make a difference if a decision is received after Cabinet on Monday, or would it be preferable today?

If you could let me know I will feed back.

Ngā mihi

Section 9(2)(a)

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Thanks for this, [Out of Scope](mailto:OutofScope@nzta.govt.nz)

Ngā mihi

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Subject: MINO-0339 RESPONSE FW: Actions from today's meeting on FED/ RUC reduction
Importance: High

Hi Section 9(2)(a)

Apologies for the delay on this one. Please find attached our response to one of the meeting actions below (highlighted in yellow).

Ngā mihi

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Subject: Actions from today's meeting on FED/ RUC reduction

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Kia ora Out of Scope

Thank you again for attending the meeting today after the approval of Taking Actions on fuel prices cab paper, the Office really appreciates your attendance in such short notice 😊

As discussed in the meeting, the Minister's Office has sought further advice from Waka Kotahi:

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2. Road User Charges – Out of Scope

- how the system can provide refunds
- how to monitor that the RUC purchased under the discount should be used within the allowed timeframe (refer to para 49 in the attached paper)
- due: midday Thursday, 17 March 2022

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Thanks so much again everyone and if you would like to discuss or seek any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me ☺

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Subject: RE: RUC and PT - update following Cabinet

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Hi team

Please see the below summary of what Cabinet agreed to yesterday.

RUC

- Option 2 (a 36 percent reduction across all rates) was agreed
 - Commencing this from 21 April 2022 to allow Waka Kotahi time to make necessary system changes (although the Minister is still keen to push for an earlier date if possible).
1. Administration fee payable on the issue of a new RUC licence - suspend or not suspend while the reduction is in place? **Yes, suspend the admin fee.**
 2. The current ability to use s31 of the RUC Act to buy an "overlapping" RUC licence that includes distance already purchased when the second licence is at the reduced rate. **Yes this ability should be retained.**
 3. Prevention of the purchase of excessive amounts of RUC at the reduced rate – either by
 - a. the RUC collect being able to set caps and assess at the "normal rate" where there has been an excessive purchase at the "reduced rate".
 - b. Applying s86 RUC Act – Heavy RUC licence expires 1 month after regulation change to the resumption to "normal rates" under the Bill and / or putting a time limit on the duration of light vehicle RUC licences at the "reduced rate"

The Minister said both (a) and (b) were agreed.

4. Bill timing – still working towards Monday

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Subject: RE: RUC and PT - update following Cabinet

Can confirm that Cabinet agreed to option 2 on RUC, as below.

- **a percentage option (option 2):** a 36 percent reduction across all rates. This option would mean that heavy vehicles receive significant reductions (for example, the licence cost for a very large truck (RUC type 308) would reduce from \$431 to \$276, per 1,000 km. We estimate the cost of this option is around \$170m for three months, depending on uptake.

[redacted] the MoT Private Secretary is confirming whether the points below were agreed to, will let you know ASAP when that confirmation is received.

1. Administration fee payable on the issue of a new RUC licence – suspend or not suspend while the reduction is in place?
2. The current ability to use s31 of the RUC Act to buy an “overlapping” RUC licence that includes distance already purchased when the second licence is at the reduced rate.
3. Prevention of the purchase of excessive amounts of RUC at the reduced rate – either by:
 - a. the RUC collected being able to set caps and assess at the “normal rate” where there has been an excessive purchase at the “reduced rate”.
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Subject: RE: RUC and PT - update following Cabinet

Hi Everyone,

Is there some additional detail which can be provided on the below update?

E.g. when we say "RUC... went through... without any concerns" – can we see the specifics of what went through?

We need that as soon as possible, please.

Thanks

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Subject: RE: RUC and PT - update following Cabinet

Thanks **Section 9(2)(a)** @Official Correspondence please commission the RUC information to **Out of Scope** and his team. I will forward the PT to **Out of Scope**.

Thanks

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Hi team

A heads up that the RUC and PT work all went through Cabinet today without any concerns – a big thank you to everyone who has helped with that, especially over the weekend.

The next steps, particularly in relation to RUC, are thinking about how quickly this can put into operation and how the changes will be communicated to the public and to the sector. Can Waka Kotahi please provide an update on current thinking about how this might work by midday Friday 25 March?

Out of Scope

Also FYI – a meeting with officials to check in on both PT and RUC has been set up for tomorrow Tuesday 21 March at 3.30pm. I'll send through the invite now, the same people as last Wednesday will be needed.

Ngā mihi

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Subject: Update on RUC issues

Kia ora [redacted],

I wanted to provide a summary on the work/thinking done to date to develop an implementation plan for the announcements which came out on Monday, regarding reductions in Fuel Excise Duty (FED) and Road User Charges (RUC). There has been a lot of work done across Waka Kotahi since Monday, and we are linking in with our colleagues at MoT.

The focus of this update is on RUC, as it is the far more complex of the two systems.

Our challenge is: using the RUC regime, how can we provide an equivalent pricing relief exactly for a 3 month period? Put another way: how can we limit benefits so that they only commence at the start of a 3 month period, and finish at the end? (Given that RUC is a pre-pay system, based on distance travelled). The short answer is: we can stand something up **Section 9(2)(g)(i)** and it comes with risks. As we see it, those key risks are:

1. **Equity:** this is likely to play out differently for commercial users versus private, and there are various reasons for this. This also plays out with RUC versus FED, where RUC is likely to obtain the benefit of a rates change over a longer period than 3 months. The pre-pay nature of the system makes this is very difficult to avoid.
2. **Fraud/gaming:** we are concerned about fraud opportunities if we are required to pay our refunds or credits on pre-paid RUC *at the start* of the 3 month window. At the other end, there are gaming opportunities where RUC licence holders could "bulk buy" licences to carry the benefits forward over a much longer time period. **Section 9(2)(g)(i)**
3. **Complexity and the resulting admin burden:** **Section 9(2)(g)(i)** [redacted] result in a significant administrative burden. It is hard to see how we could do this without getting additional staff, but we would still end up pulling existing team members with the right knowledge away from their current work. This will be costly in resources, **Section 9(2)(g)(i)**

Industry have clearly signalled their concerns with the complexity and the admin burden, both to the Regulator and to the RUC licence holders.

There is more detail in each of the above, but I think those 3 key headings summarise it neatly.

We have raised our concerns via feedback to a draft briefing paper, and I will be on a call with the Minister and other officials at 7:30pm tonight. I am happy to forward this directly to [Out of Scope] at the CE's office, but also thought you might want to filter it through yourself.

Ngā mihi

[Out of Scope]

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