

**MIN 2647 – Minister Twyford's Office**

*Transmission Gully tolling (BRI-1247)*

**Comment from the MO:**

*The Minister has read and signed this briefing; he has two follow up questions, which are below. If you can answer these through a Min-Query, I will put the information to the Minister in his weekend bag.*

s 9(2)(g)(i)

■ ***Has tolling always been publicly acknowledged as an option?***

*Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.*

*I'd appreciate a response to the above by 10.00am Friday 9 March 2018.*

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**Response:**

1. s 9(2)(g)(i)

The Transmission Gully tolling revenue projections were calculated during the early stages of the project and were indicative. The NZTA would like to undertake the investigations as proposed in the briefing, to test the willingness to pay and the implications for revenue projections.

Some of the assumptions that will be part of that work include the reasons people chose a toll route (amenity, convenience and safety) over the free route, and the level of service on the free route.

**2. Has tolling always been publicly acknowledged as an option?**

Yes, the potential for tolling the Transmission Gully motorway to offset some of the cost of the project has previously been signalled (for example, in a media release on 21 November 2012

<http://www.nzta.govt.nz/media-releases/nzta-welcomes-public-private-partnership-decision-for-transmission-gully/>). As per the NZTA's communications strategy, key stakeholders (and especially Mayors and CE's) will be informed ahead of going out to the public by way of survey or procurement of tolling services. Tolling is however being treated as separate to the Public Private Partnership project and the NZTA has to date made it clear that no decision has yet been made regarding tolling of Transmission Gully.