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Dear Ian

**Funding of Trolley Buses**

Thank you for your letter of 13 April 2005. Some of the points you raised are covered in our formal notification of the Board's resolution which I have attached for your information.

It would appear we may have a different understanding on the process for allocating the Crown appropriation (C funding) for the Wellington region. This is something that should be clarified by discussion between our respective Chief Executives and the Ministry

The Board certainly had in mind that if the region strongly opposed the use of C funding for this purpose then it was possible the refurbishment contract would not proceed. I can confirm that the Board would not approve funding out of the National pool because of the concerns outlined in the attached letter. It is not a national priority. The Board spent a considerable amount of time on the issue, and I am disappointed at the negative response to the outcome.

My main concern is that this issue not undermine the great progress that has recently been made in the working relationship between our two organisations

Yours sincerely

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