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Cr Daran Ponter and Cr Ros Connelly
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Dear Daran and Ros,

Thank you for your letter of 8 April 2026 about pressures in the Wellington public transport system.

I am concerned about the impact current diesel prices are having across the economy, but especially in public transport. I note my meeting on this matter with Samantha Gain and Nigel Corry from Greater Wellington Regional Council, among other public transport authority representatives, on 23 March 2026.

At this point, the Government has not ruled any actions in or out in terms of providing financial support to maintain public transport services. We continue to take advice and reassess advice received as the situation evolves. I encourage you to continue your efforts to optimise your network and engage with officials in the first instance where you are facing cost pressures that cannot be mitigated.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CB'.

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister of Transport