

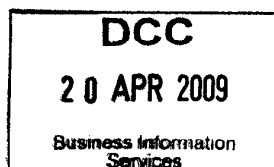


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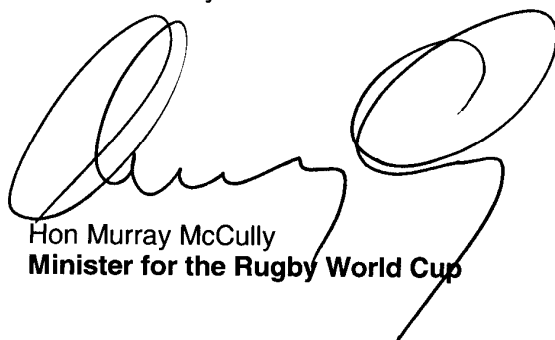
Your Worship

Further to our discussion on Wednesday 15 April, I am pleased to confirm that the Crown will provide a grant of \$15 million dollars (net) towards the construction of the Awatea Street Stadium, with an expectation that the stadium will be completed and available for the Rugby World Cup 2011.

I understand the Dunedin City Council is making a final decision on the development of the new stadium at your meeting on Monday 20 April, and I am happy for councillors to be advised of the Government grant at that meeting. Once you have informed me of the formal decision of the Council, I will ask officials from the Ministry of Economic Development to work with you on arrangements for the grant to be paid and for a funding agreement to document our condition that the new stadium be available to host Rugby World Cup 2011 games. I envisage that some regular reporting on the progress of the stadium development would be appropriate, perhaps quarterly.

I look forward to the outcome of your Council meeting on Monday, and commend you and the Carisbrook Stadium Trust team on the effort and commitment you have put in to creating a long-lasting legacy for the city of Dunedin.

Yours sincerely



Hon Murray McCully
Minister for the Rugby World Cup