

**2003 – 2004 Highway Maintenance Contracts  
Frequently Asked Questions**

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**Service Area 01 - South Island**

- Q1. Maintenance Specification 1-160 *Highway Shoulder Maintenance*: with regard to Section 3.2.1 Performance Time Frames, the Specification states that they are not applicable to this Maintenance Specification, and then in 3.2.1 a) a matrix of performance response times for various deficiencies is provided. Is the initial statement of 3.2.1 there in error, or should the matrix be removed?
- A. **Yes, the initial statement is an error and the specification will be amended accordingly. The matrix 3.2.1 a) and the statement in 3.2.1 b) are correct.**
- Q2. Contractor Assessment Program Manual, Section I.A.1. discusses the issuance of Major Non-Conformance Reports during the Monitoring process by Ministry staff. Given that there are response times associated with most of the items defined as deficiencies and given as examples, how can a major NCR be issued without first determining the Contractor's response-time performance?
- A. **An NCR would be issued only after determining that the response time had been exceeded.**
- Q3. Do the unit prices for Quantified Maintenance Services when extended by the annual target levels have to add up to the Provinces' estimated value of \$4,295,493 net of any allowances for provisional sums?
- A. **No it is not necessary that these amounts are the same.**
- Q4. According to Maintenance Specification Chapter 1-140 Dust Control and Base Stabilization, Section 3, 3.2 the contractor must prepare the Highway section for Stabilization by Re-shaping in compliance with the Maintenance Specification for Gravel Surface Grading and Re-shaping with no credit for re-shaping.
- Will Gravel Surface Grading and Re-shaping credits apply if the Maintenance Specification for Gravel Surface Grading and Re-shaping is performed separately from the Maintenance Specification for Dust Control and Stabilization even though it was performed just prior to the Dust Control and Stabilization Activities?
- A. **No, there will be no additional credits. The cost for dust control and base stabilization should include the cost of preparing the highway therefore the contractor only gets credit once for doing so.**