



IMPROVING PERFORMANCE AT THE NEXUS OF THE COMMERCIAL AND SOCIAL SECTORS

ABSTRACT

RATIONALE FOR PUBLIC SECTOR PROGRAM MAINTENANCE (OCTOBER 2015)

There is growing evidence that the backlogs of maintenance, renewal and replacement of aging infrastructure is causing financial stress and jeopardizing the sustainability and affordability of public services. In the developing world, 45 million cubic meters of water are lost daily because of leakage in water supply networks, enough to provide for the needs of 200 million people. Increased asset utilization through optimized maintenance planning and improved demand-management measures, can generate savings of up to US\$400 billion a year. Singapore launched a ‘Public Service for the 21st Century’ movement to encourage public officials to embrace innovative workstyle and organizational change. New Zealand created its National Infrastructure Unit in 2009- the entity responsible for more effective expenditure of public money.

