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9(2)(b)(ii)	to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information
9(2)(ba)(i)	to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public
9(2)(ba)(ii)	to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest
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9(2)(i)	to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities
9(2)(j)	to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

Transport Portfolio Weekly Report

As at Wednesday 4 September 2024

Recipient

HON SIMEON BROWN
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Copy the report to Hon Matthew Doocey as
Associate Minister of Transport

Minister's comments:

Officials' agenda



Agenda - Minister Brown officials' meeting

Day Date	Monday 9 September		
Time	1pm -1.45pm		
Venue	EW5.1 Parliament		
Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) attendees			
Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive			
Brent Johnston, Chief of Staff			
Paul O'Connell, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy			
David Wood, Deputy Chief Executive, Investment and Monitoring			
Bev Driscoll, Manager, Rail			For item 1.2
Jacob McElwee, Principal Adviser, Rail			For item 1.2
Zayaan Ansari, Adviser, Rail			For item 1.2
Jo Heard, Manager, Safety			For item 1.3
Jo Gould, Principal Adviser, Safety			For item 1.3
Jess Maynard, Senior Adviser, Safety			For item 1.3
Matthew Green, Chief Legal Advisor and Manager, Procurement			For item 1.3
Siobhan Routledge, Director, Aviation			For item 1.4
Tom Forster, Manager, Aviation			For item 1.4
Part 1	Ministry of Transport only	Lead	Paper reference
1.0	Weekly Report	Audrey Sonerson	At 4 September 2024
1.1	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	David Wood	Verbal update

1.2	Rail <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Metropolitan Rail Operating Model Review – Preliminary Advice	David Wood	OC240642
1.3	Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OFT Bill	Paul O'Connell	Verbal update
1.4	Aviation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IAC and the NAPS	Siobhan Routledge	OC240720

Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) Monday 2 September	Due date
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete
Budget 2025 Officials to provide initial advice on scope and approach for Budget 2025.	Friday 6 September 2024
Advanced aviation Officials to update Cabinet paper in advance of lodgement.	Complete
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
Decisions	Confirmed / Denied
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Confirmed
Updates on the Government Quarterly Plan	Approved
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Provide Briefing

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
Officials meeting date	Action	Due date
12 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
19 August 2024	Civil Aviation Implementation Officials to consult on three options for cost recovery and amount to be recovered.	Draft Cabinet paper provided for your feedback on Thursday 29 August 2024
19 August 2024	RUC admin fee Officials to provide draft letter to NZTA Board.	Complete
19 August 2024	Speed Rule Officials to provide advice on implementation timeframes.	Complete
26 August 2024	Vehicle Safety Officials to discuss approach to sector engagement with the Office.	We will confirm approach following your direction on timelines.

1 Ministerial priorities

Safety

Project: Speed limits

We have provided you with an updated draft Cabinet paper, Summary of Submissions and Regulatory Impact Assessment.

Ministerial and departmental consultation commenced on Wednesday 4 September 2024.

Process	Dates
Ministerial and departmental consultation	Underway 4 – 10 September 2024
Cabinet paper lodged	Thursday 12 September 2024
Cabinet paper speaking points and draft press release to Minister	Friday 13 September 2024
Draft Rule to your Office for consideration	Friday 13 September 2024
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	Wednesday 18 September 2024
Cabinet confirmation of ECO decisions	Monday 23 September 2024
Final Rule to Minister for signing	After Cabinet, on Monday 23 September 2024
New Rule in force	Late October 2024 (28 days after notification in the NZ Gazette)

Project: Oral fluid testing regime

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Road safety objectives

We are awaiting your feedback on the draft Road Safety Objectives document before commencing departmental and Ministerial consultation. Once we receive your feedback, we will work with your Office on the timelines for progressing to Cabinet.

Cabinet paper: Releasing the final Road Safety Objectives document

This paper seeks agreement to publish the final New Zealand Road Safety Objectives document.

Departmental and Ministerial consultation: TBC

Final papers to your Office: TBC

To lodge: TBC

To Committee: TBC

To Cabinet: TBC

Project: Rule change to extend the time for converting overseas licences

You have requested a Rule change to extend the time for converting overseas licences from 12 to 18 months (OC240762 of 17 July 2024 refers).

On Monday 2 September 2024, Cabinet agreed to extend the timeline for converting overseas driver licenses. Cabinet also agreed to expand the rule change to allow full driver licence holders from Croatia an exemption from completing driver’s licence tests when they convert their licences.

We expect the rule change to come into effect on 1 November 2024 when the required Order in Council is gazetted. PCO drafting instructions have been issued and a drafter has been allocated.

We have provided your Office with a draft press release announcing your decision to extend the conversion time along with draft Q&As. We will work with MFAT on next steps regarding the Croatia Driver License arrangement.

Cabinet paper: Rule Change to Extend the Time for Converting Overseas Licences: Approval of Order in Council

This paper seeks Cabinet’s agreement to the Order in Council necessary to implement the rule change.

LEG papers to your Office: Wednesday 2 October 2024

LEG meeting: Thursday 24 October 2024

Cabinet meeting: Tuesday 29 October 2024

Rule change effective: 1 November 2024

Project: Digital driver licences

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Rail

Project: KiwiRail – Rail freight Network

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Date: Monday 23 September 2024

Investment

Project: Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024

Road Efficiency Group (REG)

Ministry officials are working with NZTA officials to confirm the scope, role and functions of the REG by the end of September 2024 (in line with your letter to the NZTA Board Chair on Tuesday 13 August 2024).

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Review of NZTA Short-term Borrowing Facility (the Review)

Treasury will provide a briefing on options to restructure/smooth NZTA's existing debt facilities by Friday 6 September 2024.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Budget 2025

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



Revenue

Project: Fleetwide transition to the Road User Charges system

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We have provided material on the RUC transition to support your discussion at the Infrastructure and Investment Ministers meeting on Tuesday 17 September 2024.

Project: Time of use charging

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Tolling reform

We have provided advice regarding tolling reform policy decisions and are due to use those decisions to prepare a draft Cabinet paper due with your Office by Wednesday 18 September 2024.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Increasing motor vehicle registration (MVR) annual licence fees

Departmental consultation on the draft Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024, and accompanying draft Cabinet Legislation Committee paper, has closed. No substantive feedback was received. Ministerial consultation has begun, and minor edits to the Regulations and Cabinet paper will be made once this feedback has been received.

<p>Cabinet paper: Approval for Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024</p> <p>This LEG paper will seek authorisation to submit regulations to the Executive Council.</p>	<p>Departmental consultation: 20 - 30 August 2024</p> <p>Ministerial consultation: 3 - 17 September 2024</p> <p>To lodge: Thursday 19 September 2024</p> <p>To Committee: Thursday 26 September 2024</p> <p>To Cabinet: Monday 30 September 2024</p> <p>Publication & Gazetting: 3 October 2024</p>
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Aviation

Project: Consultations with the aviation sector

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Briefing: Civil Aviation Act implementation – workstream detail

This briefing provides you with additional detail you requested on some workstreams being delivered as part of the Civil Aviation Act Implementation programme.

Date: Week ending 20 September 2024

Project: Consultations with the aviation sector

Cabinet paper: New Zealand Air Services Agreement and Protocol (Associate Minister)

To lodge: Thursday 19 September 2024

To Committee: Thursday 26 September 2024

To Cabinet: Monday 30 September 2024

Emissions

Project: Clean Car Importer Standard	
Review of the Clean Car Importer Standard (the Standard) The regulations setting new targets for 2025–2029 and exempting disability vehicles from the Standard were made by the Executive Council on Monday 2 September 2024.	
Clean Car Standard Fees s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
On Wednesday 18 September 2024 we will send you a draft response to the Regulations Review Committee regarding its letter concerning the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations.	
Response letter to the Regulations Review Committee This letter will respond to the views of the Regulations Review Committee.	Date: Wednesday 18 September 2024
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
Project: EV Charging Infrastructure	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
In parallel, the Taskforce will continue to progress work programme actions, such as establishing an industry reference group.	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	

Project: Second Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP2)

Consultation on the ERP2 closed on Sunday 25 August 2024. 1,824 submissions were received including around 65 substantive transport submissions.

Officials are analysing submissions and will provide you with a briefing on the results of the consultation by Monday 23 September 2024.

Officials would like to explore with you some possible new content for the final ERP2 transport chapter. Drawing on themes raised during the public consultation period, officials have identified some options that are consistent with current Government policy. Further options may also be identified through submissions analysis.

The date of the next Climate Priorities Ministerial Group (CPMG) meeting has changed from Monday 16 September to 7:30pm Monday 23 September 2024. We will provide you with a briefing by Wednesday 18 September 2024.

Process	Dates
Briefing in support of CPMG meeting	Wednesday 18 September 2024
Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting	Monday 23 September 2024
Briefing on the results of the ERP2 consultation	Monday 23 September 2024
Briefing on final content of the transport chapter for ERP2	Monday 28 October 2024

Auckland

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



Project: Waitematā Harbour Connections

We are preparing a letter for the chair of the NZTA Board outlining your expectations for the next phase of work based on minutes from the Infrastructure and Investment Ministers Group (IIMG) meeting on 20 August 2024. s 9(2)(f)(iv)



Letter to the chair of the NZTA Board

Date: Thursday 12 September 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



Board Appointments

Civil Aviation Authority

Induction planning for new members is underway.

Maritime New Zealand

The call for nominations for Maritime New Zealand closes on Friday 5 September 2024. Following the closure, the Ministry will work through the candidates and provide a recommended longlist for interview to yourself and Minister Doocey, in consultation with the Chair.

Auckland Light Rail Limited

Your Office received a briefing seeking your decision on the changing the company name and reappointing the directors of Auckland Light Rail Limited (OC2401018 refers). The advice noted that the paperwork previously provided for reappointing both directors can be easily updated to progress these reappointments at the next available APH meeting.

Ministerial consultation is still to take place on these reappointments.

New Zealand Transport Agency

Induction planning for new members is underway.

Independent Review Function – Civil Aviation Act

This is now publicly listed at: <https://www.boardappointments.co.nz/Vacancies>. Nomination letters for sending to New Zealand First, the Act Party and your caucus colleagues were provided to your Office on Thursday 4 September 2024.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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2 Updates on other matters

Vehicle system reform: timelines

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

s 9(2)(h)

3 Transport stakeholder updates

Stakeholder	Update
National Public Transport Workforce Steering Group	<p>NZTA has reinstated the National Public Transport Workforce Steering Group, which was established to help foster a growing and sustainable public transport workforce in New Zealand. Membership includes NZTA, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Education, the Bus and Coach Association, and representatives from Public Transport Authorities and the unions.</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

4 Upcoming Minister of Transport meetings

Meeting Date	Meeting	Details
Tuesday 10 September 2024 7.45pm – 8.30pm	Meeting with Fast-track Ministers	Briefing Due: Friday 6 September 2024 Officials Attending: TBC
Thursday 12 September 2024 5.30pm – 6.00pm	Meeting with David Boyce, Chief Executive, NZ Trucking Association	Briefing Due: Tuesday 10 September 2024 Officials Attending: N/A
Tuesday 24 September and Friday 27 September 2024 7.15am – 8.30am	Meetings with the Hugo Group in Auckland and Wellington	Briefing Due: Friday 13 September 2024 Officials Attending: N/A

5 Other upcoming Ministry of Transport Cabinet papers

There are no other upcoming Ministry of Transport Cabinet papers this week.

6 Other briefings and aide memoires to Minister of Transport

Note: Papers we propose to be included in your weekend bag will be submitted by close of business Wednesday in the week they are submitted.

Due to Office	Title
Thursday 5 September 2024	Ministry of Transport Draft Annual Report 2023/24 This briefing will provide you with a copy of the Ministry's draft Annual Report 2023/24 and seek your agreement to an Addendum to the Report (as required under the Public Finance Act) for certain non-departmental appropriations.
Week ending 13 September 2024	Draft Strategic Intentions 2024 - 2028 This briefing will seek your agreement to the Ministry's new Strategic Intentions 2024-2028, including your Ministerial foreword. The timing for this briefing has been delayed by one week as it has taken longer to finalise the Strategic Intentions than expected.
Week ending 13 September 2024	City Rail Link Sponsors Options for the Maungawhau and Karanga-a-Hape development precinct This is a joint briefing with Treasury, which seeks your approval to progress with some options regarding the development sites in the Maungawhau and Karanga-a-Hape precinct.
Week ending 13 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 20 September 2024	Letter of Comfort to the Civil Aviation Authority This briefing seeks your approval for a Letter of Comfort to the Civil Aviation Authority s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 20 September 2024	Public Transport Bus Decarbonisation Fund This briefing is being jointly prepared with EECA and will seek your agreement to the funding criteria for the roll out of the public transport bus decarbonisation funding in Budget 24.

Due to Office	Title
Week ending 27 September 2024	Total Mobility Scheme Review: Overview of Policy Direction <small>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</small>
Week ending 4 October 2024	Emergency Weather - Authorisation to release tagged contingency This briefing seeks authorisation to draw down the Budget 2024 tagged contingency of \$23.142 million for Severe Weather Response Readiness, Resilience, and Recovery, which will enable four non-government organisations to repair/rebuild damaged facilities and improve future emergency response preparedness.
On hold pending further direction from CCIEB	Aligning the first Emissions Reduction Plan with the government's Climate Strategy This briefing is on hold while we await further directions from the Climate Change Interdepartmental Executive Board.

6.1 Proactive Releases

Due to Office	Title	Date planned for release
Wednesday 11 September 2024	Proactive release of Cabinet papers on Civil Aviation Authority funding sustainability and alternative delivery arrangements for the Aviation Security Service This proactive release briefing will seek your approval to release the Cabinet paper that approved the release of the CAA funding review public consultation document and the discussion document on investigating alternative delivery arrangements for aviation security services.	Monday 23 September 2024
Wednesday 11 September 2024	Proactive Release of August 2024 Briefing Titles This proactive release briefing (OC240940 refers) will seek your approval for all transport agencies to release their August 2024 list of briefing titles provided to yourself and Minister Doocey.	Monday 30 September 2024
Wednesday 11 September 2024	Proactive Release of July 2024 Weekly Reports This proactive release briefing (OC241013 refers) will seek your approval to release all Weekly Reports for July 2024 provided to yourself and Minister Doocey.	Monday 30 September 2024
Wednesday 18 September 2024	Proactive release of Request to Use a Section of State Highway One for Film Production This proactive release briefing (OC241026 refers) will seek your approval to publish Cabinet material related to the Cabinet Paper: <i>Request to Use a Section of State Highway One For Film Production</i> .	Monday 14 October 2024
Wednesday 18 September 2024	Proactive release of the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations 2024 This proactive release briefing (OC241035 refers) will seek your approval to publish Cabinet material related to the Cabinet Paper: <i>Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations 2024</i> .	Monday 14 October 2024
Wednesday 18 September 2024	Proactive release of Extending the Time for Overseas Driver Licence Conversions This proactive release briefing (OC241039 refers) will seek your approval to publish Cabinet material related to the Cabinet Paper: <i>Extending the Time for Overseas Driver Licence Conversions</i> .	Monday 14 October 2024
Wednesday 18 September 2024	Proactive release of advice on parking, towage, and storage fees review This briefing will seek your approval to release the policy papers, final Cabinet materials, and the targeted consultation document for the above review.	By Thursday 3 October 2024

Due to Office	Title	Date planned for release
TBC	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	TBC
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6.2 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees	
Cabinet	
Deferred – date to be confirmed	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	
5 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Date TBC	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Date TBC

Strengthening national and regional emergency management to improve New Zealand’s disaster resilience

DPMC will consult on the draft Cabinet advice with agencies and Ministers from Thursday 29 August – Thursday 12 September.

This paper seeks agreement to release the proposed Government response to the report of the Government Inquiry into the Response to the North Island Severe Weather Events.

s 9(2)(g)(i)

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) is currently the recognised steward of the emergency management system, responsible for providing strategic leadership for risk reduction, readiness, response, and recovery activities. The Ministry considers that there must be an agency with responsibility for the strategic leadership of risk reduction and recovery, however, the Ministry does not have a preference for the responsible agency.

s 9(2)(g)(i)

7 Ministerial correspondence and OIAs

Ministerial correspondence

# of Ministerials	Topic	Key themes
8	Petrol Tax and Road User Charges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests to continue charging the petrol tax at the pump • Complaints against paying tax on petrol cars • Request to increase RUC on trucks • Highlighting potential issues with people altering odometers

Ministerial Official Information Act Requests

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
28/08/2024	4/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Information about the appointment of medical conveners
28/08/2024	4/09/2024		Information on transport expert advisory group
15/08/2024 Extended 29/08/2024	22/08/2024 Extended 5/09/2024		Any correspondence received or sent by the Office regarding the Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility Programme (LNIRIM)
29/08/2024	5/09/2024		Any safety analysis undertaken relating to the proposed Speed rule, such as modelling of the expected change in deaths and serious injuries (DSI), or analysis of historical DSI data
30/08/2024	6/09/2024		Regarding the use of Te Reo Māori in the public service
30/08/2024	6/09/2024		All communication regarding the increase of parking fines
30/08/2024	4/09/2024		All communication between the Minister's Office and departments he is responsible for, about new spending or baseline savings in Budget 2024

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
2/09/2024	9/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	All advice prepared by central government agencies for the Minister or his Office on time of use charging, including substantial email correspondence between officials and the Office
3/09/2024	10/09/2024		All advice to the Minister about Auckland Transport
5/09/2024	12/09/2024		Advice on projected road toll if the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 is adopted from NZTA and the Ministry
6/09/2024	13/09/2024		Correspondence between the Ministers Office and Greater Wellington councillors on the Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility Programme
11/09/2024	18/09/2024		CAA workplace culture
16/09/2024	23/09/2024		Uptake of electric vehicles
16/09/2024	23/09/2024		All advice relating to the closure of ARL
23/09/2024	30/09/2024		Advice on cycleway spending

Written Parliamentary Questions

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
30/08/2024	54305 (2024)	What are the terms of reference for the review of parking fees, including the review of mobility parking fines?	9/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
30/08/2024	54306 (2024)	Is the Minister committed to continuing the review of the Total Mobility scheme that was started in July 2023?	9/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
30/08/2024	54307 (2024)	Further to the Minister's response to WPQ 6852. What work, if any, has the Minister undertaken on the Total Mobility scheme since the release of Budget 2024 in May?	9/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
30/08/2024	54308 (2024)	When will the review of parking fees, including the review of mobility parking fines conclude?	9/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
30/08/2024	54309 (2024)	When will the review of parking fees, including the review of mobility parking fines commence?	9/09/2024 12:00:00 AM

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
30/08/2024	54152 (2024)	What changes to levy rates, if any, have been made in the Minister's department, if any, since November 2023?	5/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
2/09/2024	54599 (2024)	What Cabinet papers, if any, has the Minister taken to Cabinet Committees during the week beginning 26 August 2024, by Cabinet Committee, title and date?	10/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
2/09/2024	54603 (2024)	What papers, if any, did the Minister take to Cabinet during the week beginning 26 August 2024, by title and date?	10/09/2024 12:00:00 AM

7.1 Departmental Official Information Act requests

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
28/08/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Information on Sustainable Aviation Aotearoa
4/09/2024		Information surrounding the requester's medical convener tribunal hearing
6/09/2024		Any correspondence that relates to the Ministry's involvement in advice on visa fee increases this year
6/09/2024		Information held on weather modification
10/09/2024		A copy of Road to Zero progress reports to the Ministerial Oversight Group since March 2023
13/09/2024		Regarding the 2024 Change process
16/09/2024		Any summary reports on feedback received on GPS 2024
16/09/2024		All Ministry documents held in relation to the original drafting of Part 93 in relation to Wn airport.
17/09/2024		Information on the Community Roadwatch programme
17/09/2024		Specific correspondence in full relating to the Public Service Commission initiated Performance Improvement Review Programme assessment
18/09/2024		A detailed breakdown of all credit card expenses incurred by the Ministry since January 2024
18/09/2024		Crash data filtered by young people at fault for the previous 30 years

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
19/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Analysis conducted by the Ministry on the previous change in drivers licensing age requirements
26/09/2024		All Draft Cabinet papers relating to ALRL
1/10/2024		Any decision-making papers or correspondence related to the Virgin Australia-Air New Zealand code share agreement.

Transport Portfolio Agency Reports



Aviation Security Service
Kaiwhakamaru Rererangi





Updates

Buller District Council funding

NZTA has paused all funding to Buller District Council while it reviews and gains assurance that issues identified in KPMG report have been rectified satisfactorily.

An audit team is scheduled to visit Buller District Council in the week of Monday 16 September 2024. This will be followed up by an Investment Assurance (Technical) audit in the week Wednesday 25 September 2024.

NZTA is working as quickly as possible to establish the extend of exposure by NZTA funding claimed between 2021-2023, secure assurance on capability and processes going forward, implement additional process controls and checks and re-establish funding under the National Land Transport Programme. NZTA expects to be in a position to make a decision about future funding by the end of September 2024.

NZTA is working with the Department of Internal Affairs, National Emergency Management Agency and other agencies impacted to align with an all of government approach.

Driver Licensing wait times

Summary for week ending Friday 30 August 2024

Wait times for practical testing (restricted and full testing) have increased compared to last week:

- full tests up by 3 days (52 days)
- restricted tests up by 2 days (62 days)

At an individual site level, 26% of full test sites and 11% of restricted test sites met the “30 days or less” target last week.

The backlog of tests remains at 72,500 (+/- 500).

Recruitment:

Testing productivity (number of tests completed) will increase through September as our trainee cohorts begin graduating. Of our current cohorts:

- 20 trainees have successfully passed their certifications and are able to progress to driver testing.
- 22 trainees are undergoing their certifications this week and pass rates will be confirmed next week.

The next round of recruitment has started, aiming for up to 30 recruits to start training on Monday 30 September 2024, graduating out to testing in early November 2024.

Driver Licensing wait times

Update on interventions:

Preparation is underway for the Monday 9 September 2024 announcement about the increase in time period that drivers can use an overseas licence before requiring a licence conversion. This is focused on supporting messaging and expected questions about what it means for people prior to the November 2024 legislation change.

NZTA's next social media campaign has been developed and is under review. The launch of this is planned to coincide with the end of the fee change transition period (7 October 2024). A trial of stand-by slots at the Vehicle Testing New Zealand (VTNZ) Porirua site is underway and will be used to inform any decision to scale this intervention.

Wait times, staffing and productivity for week Monday 26 August – Sunday 1 September 2024

Region	Wait times ⁴				Staffing	Productivity
	Full	Change (last week)	Restricted	Change (last week)	VTNZ DTO Headcount	Tests Completed
Northland	50	-3	63	+1	6	356
Auckland North-West	91	+2	104	+5	27	1,759
Auckland Central South	81	+11	85	+9	41	1,102
Waikato	31	-7	48	-3	23	667
Bay of Plenty	49	+6	58	-3	17	587
Central	44	+7	51	+5	18	620
Wellington	17	-12	36	-5	21	1,163
Canterbury	72	+9	82	+3	27	1,025
Otago Southland	52	+10	61	+10	14	677
National Average	52	+3	62	+2	-	
Total:					194	7,956

Further graphs relating to wait times, as well as the interventions plan update can be found in Appendix one.

Upcoming Ministerial Items

Upcoming Briefings to Minister of Transport

Due to Office	Title
Wednesday 11 September 2024	BRI-3133 - Transport Signage (Proactive) Proactive advice on transport signage.
Wednesday 11 September 2024	BRI-3085 - Transport Legislative Reform - Tolling Infrastructure Provide advice on potential legislative changes that would drive down costs and enable efficiencies for Tolling infrastructure.
Wednesday 11 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Wednesday 11 September 2024	BRI-3150 - NZTA procurement for speed signs (Proactive) Advice on the possible role of NZTA regarding centralised procurement for speed signs on behalf of other road controlling authorities.

Upcoming OIA requests for potential consultation

Reference and Requester	Request	Due date to the Office
OIA-16292 s 9(2)(a)	Information regarding hiring and staffing changes in your department since November 2023.	Thursday 19 September 2024
OIA-16305 s 9(2)(a)	Request for all correspondence relating to proactively releasing advice provided to Ministers.	Friday 20 September 2024
OIA-16306 s 9(2)(a)	Request for advice/directive regarding walking and cycling option for Waitemata Harbour Connections project.	Friday 20 September 2024
OIA-16320 s 9(2)(a) (Media)	Request for Crash data for Hamilton intersections.	Monday 23 September 2024
OIA-16330 s 9(2)(a)	All documents, advice and analysis of the proposed National Land Transport Programmes and its impact on emissions.	Tuesday 24 September 2024
OIA-16333 s 9(2)(a) (Media)	Correspondence between the NZTA Board and the Minister of Transport (and others) regarding the Pages Road Bridge.	Tuesday 24 September 2024
OIA-16338 s 9(2)(a)	Copy of geotech site investigation works for Cambridge to Piarere Expressway.	Wednesday 25 September 2024

Potential future Transport events

Event Date	Event detail	Minister's interest
<p>Late September 2024</p>	<p>Consistent Condition Data Collection (CCDC) survey vehicle opportunity</p> <p>CCDC survey vehicles will be operating in Auckland in the second half of September 2024, presenting an opportunity for the Minister to go for a short drive with the operator to see how data is collected.</p> <p>The Road Efficiency Group (REG) CCDC project, in conjunction with the sector, will improve both local road asset management planning and decision making by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing national data standards, specifications and methodologies to ensure consistent condition data collection, accuracy, processing and management. • Establishing a national approach to data management and quality assurance to ensure consistency. • Undertaking condition data collection of some assets on behalf of RCAs to meet new requirements using modern international technologies. <p>The CCDC survey vehicles will support the project by carrying out automated single-pass pavement condition inspections for all local authority sealed roads.</p>	<p>Yes / No / Maybe</p>

Upcoming Media items

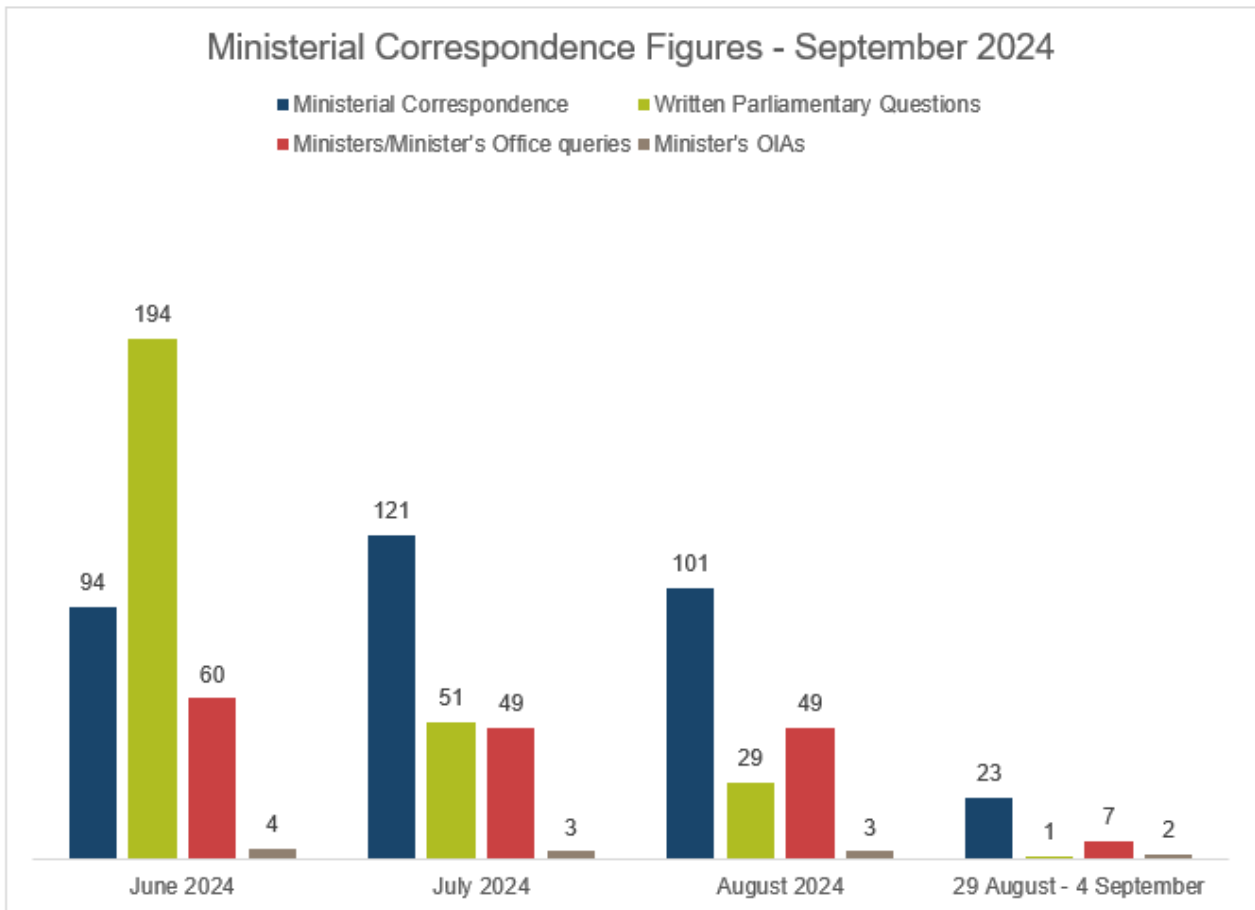
Date of release	Subject
<p>Week commencing Monday 9 September 2024</p>	<p>Tolling consultation - North Island highways: Separate media statements are planned for release on Monday 9 September 2024 announcing the opening of public consultation on proposed tolling schemes for the Takitimu North Link, Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway, and Ōtaki to north of Levin (Ō2NL).</p> <p>The consultation process will run through to Monday 7 October 2024. Consultation material will include details on the potential toll rates for light and heavy vehicles for each of the new roads as well as expected travel time savings for drivers and freight vehicles.</p>
<p>Week commencing Monday 9 September 2024</p>	<p>SH1 closures, Ātiamuri to Wairakei: A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 9 September 2024 to advise of daytime closures from Monday 16 September 2024 until Friday 4 October 2024. It will be open at nights 6pm - 8am and on Sundays.</p> <p>This is part of the SH1 Tirau to Waiouru accelerated maintenance project.</p>
<p>Week commencing Monday 16 September 2024</p>	<p>Night closures, SH29 Piarere to SH1 North Tirau: A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 16 September 2024 to advise of night closures from Sunday 29 September 2024 until Friday 11 October 2024. SH1 will be closed during nights. During this time all traffic will be detoured from SH1 via SH29/SH27.</p> <p>This is also part of the SH1 Tirau to Waiouru accelerated maintenance project.</p>
<p>Week commencing Monday 9 September 2024</p>	<p>Waikato Expressway, Ngāruawāhia section: A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 9 September 2024, advising that we are aiming to return traffic to all four lanes on the Ngāruawāhia section of the Waikato Expressway by the end of 2024 and that remedial work and safety improvements are on track for completion by mid-December 2024.</p> <p>The installation of new lighting in early 2025 will then allow traffic to travel at the same 110km/h speed limit as neighbouring sections.</p>
<p>Week commencing Monday 9 September 2024</p>	<p>Northland - Summer maintenance programme: A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 9 September 2024 to signal an early start to the roading renewal program for 2024-25, commencing in September 2024 in the Far North. This accelerated timeline will enable the delivery of nearly 26km of renewal work from Cape Reinga to Awanui, taking advantage of higher daytime and low overnight temperatures, which are favourable for quality delivery.</p>
<p>TBC</p>	<p>Waikato and BoP - Summer maintenance programme: Two separate media statements are planned for release (timing TBC) previewing road maintenance work planned for the state highway network in Waikato and BoP during the upcoming summer roadwork season.</p>

Date of release	Subject
Week commencing Monday 9 September 2024	Central North Island - Summer maintenance work preview, Taranaki: A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 9 September previewing road maintenance work planned for the state highway network in Taranaki during the upcoming summer roadwork season.
Week commencing Monday 9 September 2024	Central North Island - Mt Messenger progress: A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 9 September 2024 to mark the coming start of the third season of construction on Te Ara o Te Ata – Mt Messenger Bypass, including the start of construction of the project's 235-metre tunnel.
Week commencing Monday 9 September 2024	Central North Island - Mangahauini Gorge works: A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 9 September 2024 to outline work underway State Highway 35 (SH35) at Mangahauini Gorge - stabilising the hillside and protecting the road from the energy of the Mangahauini River.
Week commencing Monday 9 September 2024	Lower North Island - Te Ara Tupua N2P update: A project newsletter will be shared with reporters about this Wellington shared path/resilience project.
Week commencing Monday 9 September 2024	Top of the South - Summer maintenance programme: A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 9 September 2024 previewing road maintenance work planned for the state highway network in Marlborough during the upcoming summer roadwork season.
Week commencing Monday 9 September 2024	South Island – Southland, Central Otago, Queenstown Lakes Districts summer maintenance programmes: A media statement is planned for release on Tuesday 10 September 2024 previewing road maintenance work planned for the state highway network in Southland, Central Otago and Queenstown Lakes Districts during the upcoming summer roadwork season.

Statistics page

Ministerial correspondence figures from 28 August 2024 to 4 September 2024

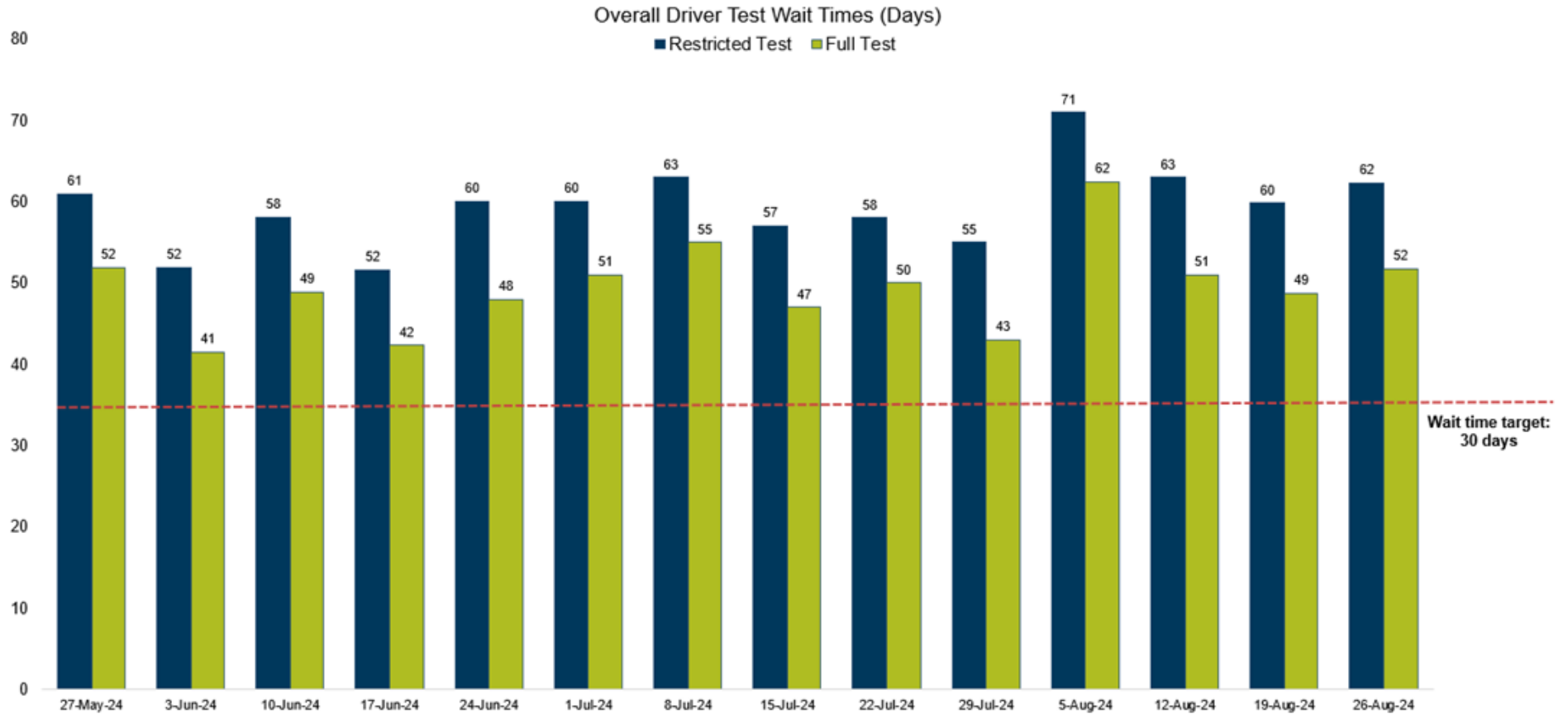
Item:	Number
Ministerial Correspondence	23
Written Parliamentary Questions	1
Minister/Minister Office queries	7
Ministerial OIA requests	2
Themes	Tolling, speed limits, road maintenance, local road funding



Appendix One:

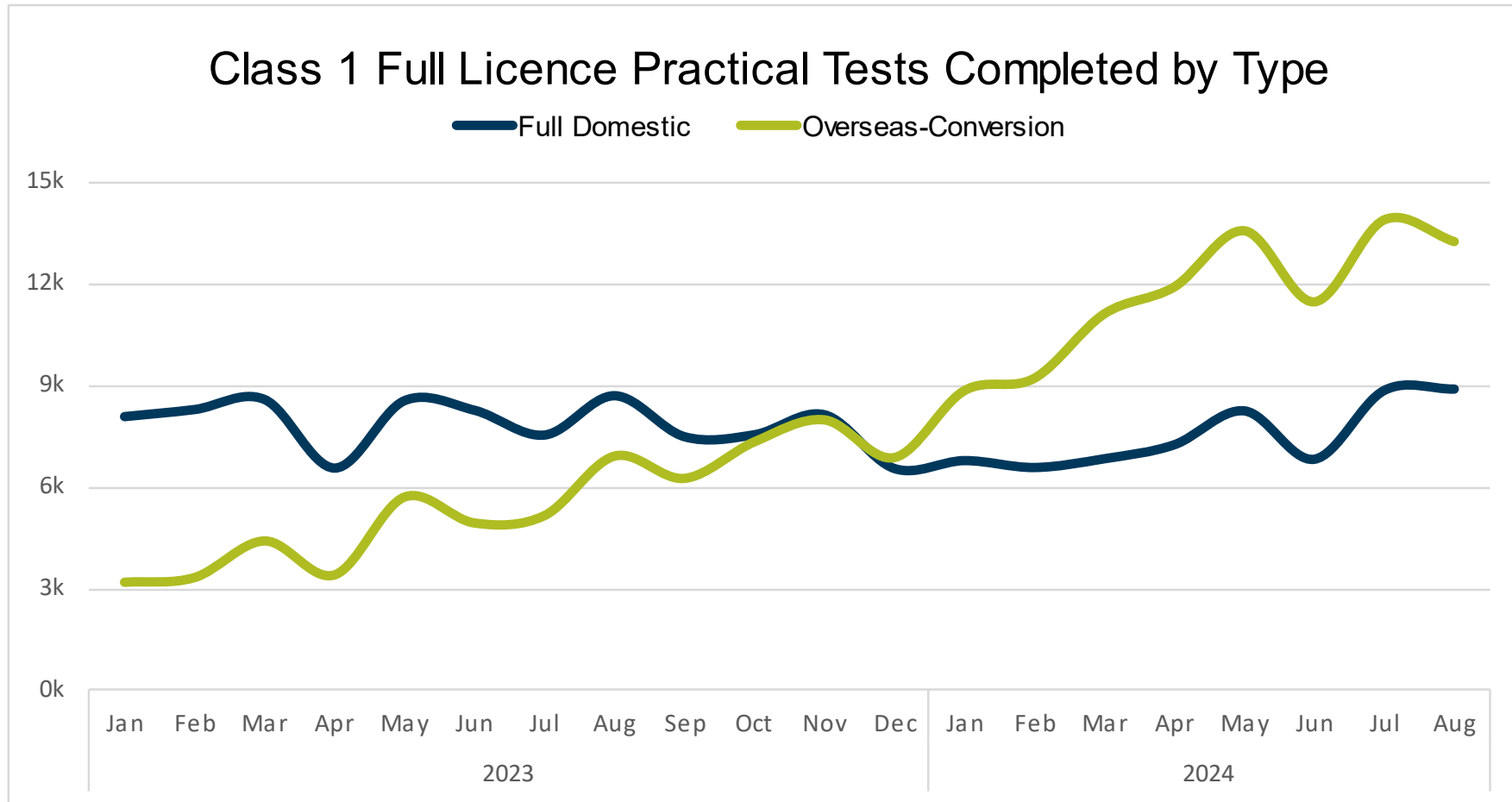
Driver Licensing wait times status:

Overall wait times compared to the 30-day target:



Full licence test volumes – overseas conversions vs. domestic tests [updated monthly]:

Overseas conversions currently represent 62.7% of overall full test volume.



Interventions plan update: priority actions to reduce wait times:

s 9(2)(g)(i)



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Key Updates

AirNZ Wellington Airport incident

On Sunday 1 September during final approach into Wellington, the flight crew of AirNZ flight NZ5366 received a Master Warning - Engine Oil Low pressure No1 engine. At approximately 100-200 feet the crew received a Master Warning - Engine Fire No1. The crew continued the approach and landed. The Engine Fire warning remained after the crew had used the two fire extinguishing bottles to put out the fire, so they elected to evacuate the aircraft onto the runway.

Airport emergency services arrived very quickly at the aircraft and confirmed the fire had been extinguished. Although very dramatic in appearance the risk to the aircraft and persons onboard was minimal and the AirNZ flight crew are well trained to handle such situations.

The Transport Accident Investigation Commission has opened an enquiry into the occurrence with the CAA monitoring the AirNZ investigation and receiving updates as that investigation progresses.

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Certification monthly update

The update below shows the average working days taken to complete (and the 12-month trend) the following applications as of 5 August 2024:

- Applications for amendment to existing certificates
- Applications for new certificates
- The renewal of existing certificates.

The data is provided on a monthly basis and all data is a rolling 12-month data set.

Please note that Part 109 (Regulated Air Cargo Agent) and Part 139 (Aerodrome Certification, Operation and Use) have not been included as the data is not yet available.

	Amendment			Quantity Issued	Issue			Quantity Issued	Renewal		
	Quantity Issued	Avg. Working Days to Issue	12 Month Trend		Quantity Issued	Avg. Working Days to Issue	12 Month Trend		Quantity Issued	Avg. Working Days to Issue	12 Month Trend
Part 102 Unmanned Aircraft Operator Certificate	60	95 ↗	17	66	380 ↘	-57	17	82 ↗	1		
Part 103 Microlight Aircraft Certification	30	31 ↗	13	18	39 ↘	-35	0	0	N/A		
Part 115 Adventure Aviation Certification	24	55 ↗	27	0	0	N/A	7	69 ↗	6		
Part 119 Air Operator Certificate Application	273	94 ↗	39	4	189 ↘	-28	18	102 ↗	17		
Part 129 Foreign Air Operator Certificate Application	17	45 ↗	14	5	169 ↗	16	4	48 ↗	1		
Part 137 Agricultural Aircraft Operator Certificate	46	79 ↗	32	0	0	N/A	16	71 ↗	5		
Part 141 Training Organisation Certificate Application	44	119 ↗	86	1	480	N/A	8	77 ↗	7		
Part 145 Maintenance Org Application	56	96 ↗	29	4	200	N/A	6	81 ↗	16		
Part 146 Aircraft Design Organisation Certificate	4	85 ↘	-19	0	0	N/A	2	119 ↗	78		
Part 147 Maintenance Training Organisation Certificate	7	58 ↗	1	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A		
Part 148 Aircraft Manufacturing Org Cert Application	14	80 ↗	30	0	0	N/A	1	111 ↗	43		
Part 149 Aviation Recreation Org Certificate Application	8	344 ↗	289	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A		

Security screening weekly update

The following instances of longer screening queues were recorded this week:

Date	Time	Location	Passengers affected	Queue time (mins)	Cause	Mitigation
24/08/24	10:00	Wellington Southern Domestic	100	14	Unexpected presentation due to large numbers of business travellers accessing lounge	Meal breaks were moved, and other duties deferred to keep an additional lane open. Trainees were redeployed to assist with queue management

Queues for the Wellington Southern Domestic screening point – which are constantly monitored using LiDAR technology – showed:

Week	26/8-1/9
Passengers processed in less than 5 minutes	87.2%
Passengers processed in less than 10 minutes	96.6%

There are no major events scheduled that are expected to impact queues this coming week.

Please see the Appendix at the end of this report for data on where queues are predicted during the coming week.

Ministerial briefings received by the Minister's Office

NB: This covers the period Wednesday 28 August – Tuesday 3 September 2024

Date	Title
Nil	Nil

Communications and External Engagement

Media plan / anticipated media

NB: This covers the 7 days from Monday 9 September 2024

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Media mentions

NB: This covers the 7 days to Tuesday 3 September 2024

Date	Activity	Channel
Tuesday 27 August 2024	CAA and AvSec are both mentioned in coverage about a potential monthly on-time performance system for airlines, and options to introduce public reporting on airfares.	Stuff, Newstalk, ZB
Wednesday 28 August 2024	Paralegic former helicopter pilot wins award for invention Coverage of the Director's Commendation award, presented at AIANZ annual conference. Recipient was Brad MacLachlan, the safety manager for a helicopter operator in the South Island.	Otago Daily Times
Wednesday 28 August 2024	Warning of mass airport security layoffs if funding not hashed out AvSec is mentioned in coverage of the Ministry of Transport's consultation about aviation security service models.	Newsroom
Friday 30 August 2024	Rod Vaughan on life after TV and his 2018 plane crash Rod Vaughan tells his story about his 2018 plane crash in Waihi	NZ Herald
Sunday 1 August and Monday 2 August	Crews respond to airplane engine fire at wellington airport Emergency services responded to an engine fire on an Air NZ flight on Sunday. It landed at Wellington Airport, all 40 passengers were safely evacuated. TAIC has since announced an investigation.	RNZ, NZ Herald, 1News, Stuff, RadioNZ

Date	Activity	Channel
Monday 2 August	<p>Discussing the Pricing Review and agricultural aviation industry</p> <p>Bruce Peterson, Chair of the NZAAA speaks on RNZ, expressing the view levies and fees are becoming disproportional in how they're spread across the industry, particularly for the agricultural sector.</p> <p>"It's a tax on a tax and we're not getting anything for it. And so an example could be before these increases, uh, effectively applying line could be paying up to \$60 an hour added onto the hourly rate required. Um, because of this levy, it's based on tonnes versus a helicopter on spraying that might only pay \$4.50 an hour. And then you add the 47% on top of that. And it's just outrageous. So we're pretty upset about that."</p> <p>He suggests a fuel levy as a fairer approach.</p>	RNZ

Upcoming education publications and products

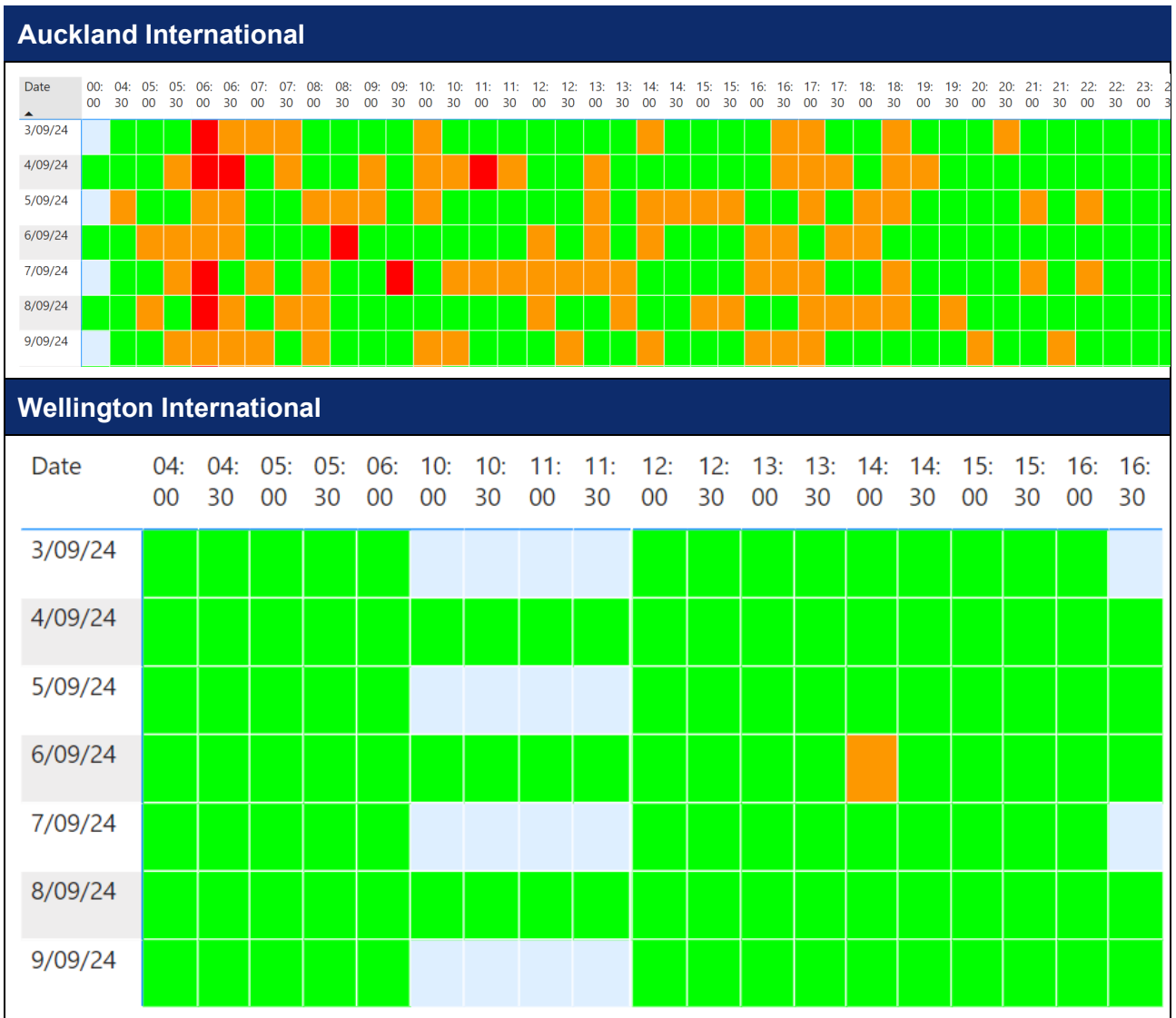
Planned release/publish	What	Type	Why
July-September 2024	Occurrence Investigation Workshop	Face-to-face event	To provide training for operators about investigating occurrences, to comply with requirements under CAR Part 12
September 2024	<i>Vector</i> magazine (Spring issue)	Aviation safety education magazine	To educate the aviation community on various aviation safety topics
September 2024	In, out, and around Queenstown	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
September 2024	How to be an aerodrome manager	GAP booklet (new)	As part of the WTSA campaign, new guidance material for aerodrome managers is being produced, in the GAP booklet format
September 2024	Drone safety brochure	Safety education product	BAU revision
September/October 2024	Plane talking	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
September/October 2024	Helicopter performance	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision

Planned release/publish	What	Type	Why
TBC	Night VFR	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
TBC	In, out, and around Milford	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
TBC	Survival	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision

Appendix – Predicted queues during the coming week

During the coming week, queues are predicted at the existing known busy periods (indicated below), using the following colour code:

- Light blue: No passenger volume forecast
- Green: Passenger volume forecast to be less than 80% of available capacity
- Orange: Passenger volume forecast to be between 80% and 90% of available capacity
- Red: Passenger volume forecast to exceed 90% of available capacity



Christchurch International																								
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3/09/24	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Red	Red	Green	Orange	Green	Green
4/09/24	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Green	Green	Orange	Green	Red	Green	Orange	Green	Green
5/09/24	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Orange	Green	Red	Red	Green	Orange	Green	Green
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Christchurch Domestic

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Queenstown Domestic

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1 Portfolio work programme update

Project: Critical Changes to Maritime Legislation	
Maritime NZ and Ministry of Transport officials are finalising joint advice for you on options for legislative changes.	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
Briefing: Options for Maritime legislation For discussion, this joint Ministry/MNZ briefing will set out options for advancing critical changes to maritime legislation.	Date: Week ending Friday 6 September 2024
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Date: Week ending Friday 6 September 2024
Project: RMS Niagara	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
Briefing: RMS Niagara Update This briefing to both you and Minister Doocoy will update you about the wreck of the <i>Royal Mail Ship Niagara</i> .	Date: Week ending Friday 13 September 2024

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Project: Maritime Workforce

NZ Shipping Federation, Marine Transport Association and Confederation of Commercial Fishermen have submitted a joint proposal to Minister Simmonds on the future of maritime training in New Zealand, in response to the consultation on the reform of vocational education that was launched on Thursday 1 August 2024. This proposal has been copied to you as well as Ministers Doocey and Jones.

Project: Maritime Rules Reform

Consultation continues on the first package of Design, Construction and Equipment rules changes, and will run to 18 October 2024. Stakeholder workshops were held on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 August 2024. Feedback at these sessions was valuable and discussion was positive and constructive; with a significant focus on the on the impacts for the inshore fishing fleet.

Consultation on the International Omnibus package of rules changes finished in the week ending Friday 6 September 2024.

Briefing: Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels

This briefing will seek Minister Doocey's agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels. These changes are sought by the sector and reduce costs and complexity.

Date: Week ending Friday 27 September 2024

Briefing: International Omnibus: Results of Consultation and Final Decisions

This briefing will seek Minister Doocey's agreement to changes in rules following consultation on the International Omnibus package.

Date: Week ending Friday 1 November 2024

2 Upcoming briefings to Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 13 September	RMS Niagara Update This briefing to both you and Minister Doocey will update you about the wreck of the <i>Royal Mail Ship Niagara</i> , including the potential risks of an oil spill, recent work and engagement undertaken by Maritime NZ.

3 Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 6 September 2024	Options for Maritime legislation This joint Ministry/MNZ briefing will set out options for advancing critical changes to Maritime legislation.
Friday 6 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Friday 27 September 2024	Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels This briefing will seek your agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels.
Friday 1 November 2024	International Omnibus: Results of Consultation and Final Decisions This briefing will seek your agreement to rule changes following consultation on the International Omnibus package.

4 Key updates

Maritime NZ Board Stakeholder day in Auckland

The Maritime NZ Board (the Board), and Executive Leadership team (ELT) stakeholder engagement day was held in Auckland on Monday 26 August 2024. This initiative is part of the Board's regular engagement programme, which includes meeting with stakeholders three times a year in conjunction with the Board's routine business meetings. Engagement included a breakfast session with senior leaders from the maritime community discussing *The future of maritime activity in New Zealand and our collective responsibilities in ensuring a safe, secure, clean, and sustainable maritime sector*; a meeting with the Port of Auckland to discuss their strategy and their plans, and a visit to the Auckland Marine Rescue Centre (AMRC), with briefings from Coastguard NZ, Surf Lifesaving NZ and three recreational craft community grant recipients about their work. We have received extremely positive feedback from stakeholders about the value of these cross sector discussions.

Southern Tiare Detention

On Wednesday 28 August 2024, during a Port State Control (PSC) Inspection in Timaru, Maritime NZ detained the vessel *Southern Tiare*. The inspection identified concerns with environmental protection, safety equipment, watch keeping, machinery, general maintenance and failure to effectively implement the Safety Management System. The vessel was released from detention on Sunday 1 September 2024, however, one deficiency concerning watch keeping arrangements remains outstanding and is required to be addressed to the satisfaction of the Flag State (Cook Islands) and Maritime NZ before the vessel can depart. Maritime NZ are currently waiting on information from the vessel's management regarding this unresolved deficiency.

The *Southern Tiare* is operated by Chatham Islands Shipping Ltd, serving as a vital transport link between the Chatham Islands and New Zealand. The detention and eventual departure delay may disrupt the import and export of goods including fuel and livestock.

Manahau update

Tugs commissioned by the operator, Westland Mineral Sands, for the salvage operation, *MMA Vision* and smaller *Kurutai*, are now in Westport and the operator and crews are preparing for a salvage attempt over the next few days, as conditions permit. The operator's plan is for the *Manahau* to be towed to Nelson Port for repairs.

Maritime NZ is actively engaging with the operator to encourage them to update the public about salvage plans and to understand crew welfare needs. We will continue to engage with stakeholders to support the operation.

Maritime NZ's team on the ground in Westport include investigators, public information management, legal and a National On Scene Commander, supported by a Maritime NZ response team in Wellington.

Once the *Manahau* is in a safe port, we will move quickly from a response role to a regulatory role.

We continue to publish regular media updates about the *Manahau* as interest in the barge continues to be high, particularly from West Coast media outlets.

5 Upcoming briefings copied to Associate Minister of Transport

Nil this week.

6 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review	
Tuesday 17 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

6.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees	
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)	
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Associate Minister of Transport Weekly Report week commencing 2 September 2024

Agenda



Agenda – Associate Minister Doocey officials' meeting

Day Date	Tuesday 10 September
Time	11:30am – 12pm
Venue	Parliament – EW4.1R

Ministry of Transport attendees			
Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive			
Ruth Fairhall, Deputy Chief Executive Policy			
Part 1	Ministry of Transport	Lead	Paper reference
1.0	Key items to note <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions from the Weekly Report Upcoming milestones / announcements / events / advice 	Audrey Sonerson	Weekly Report as at 4 September 2024

Part 2: Maritime NZ attendees			
Kirstie Hewlett, Chief Executive			
Peter Brunt, Deputy Chief Executive, Regulatory Frameworks			
Part 2	Maritime NZ	Lead	Paper reference
2.0	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Kirstie Hewlett	To be sent 6 Sept 2024
2.1	Manahau Response	Kirstie Hewlett	Verbal update

1 Portfolio work programme update

Milford Opportunities

Project: Milford Aerodrome Financial Sustainability

No update. The new charges for aerodrome users do not come into effect until 1 April 2025.

Project: Masterplan Business Case

No update.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Date: Thursday 12 September 2024

Weather Forecasting

Project: System Review

No update.

Project: Contract Expiry

No update.

Project: Rain Radar Upgrades

No update.

Recreational Safety and SAR

Project: Next Steps Following Recreational Safety and Search and Rescue Review

No update.

Project: Fuel Excise SAR Funding

The Ministry provided advice to the Minister of Transport on Friday 23 August 2024 outlining the parameters and timeline for the triennial review of Section 9(1) SAR funding and seeking approval to initiate the review. We are awaiting approval from the Minister of Transport to share the advice with your Office.

Aviation Tourism

Project: Air Services Agreement (ASAS)	
You have received a Cabinet Paper and National Interest Analysis for the Air Services Agreement with ASEAN.	
Cabinet paper: New Zealand – ASEAN Air Services Agreement and Protocol This paper is currently undergoing Ministerial consultation.	To Committee: Wednesday 25 September 2024 (Economic Policy Committee) To Cabinet: Monday 30 September 2024
Project: Codeshare/Alliance Authorisations	
We have started work on the Air New Zealand/Cathay Pacific Alliance reauthorisation application. We will provide you with an update in September.	
Briefing: Air Services Agreement with Hungary This briefing seeks your agreement, in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, to sign the ASA with Hungary.	Date: Friday 20 September 2024
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Chatham Islands

Project: Work Towards a Ship Solution
No update.

2 Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 6 September 2024	<p>Options for Maritime Legislation</p> <p>The Ministry and Maritime NZ have started scoping a review of primary maritime legislation to ensure it is fit for purpose given technological changes and long-standing gaps in the regulatory framework.</p> <p>This briefing sets out options for advancing critical changes to maritime legislation, for discussion with you. The title and description of this deliverable have been amended to align with the portfolio work programme update.</p>
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Friday 13 September 2024	<p>Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) Monitoring Plan</p> <p>This briefing seeks your approval for a draft monitoring plan for TAIC.</p>
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Friday 20 September 2024	<p>TAIC Six Monthly Report for 1 January to 30 June 2024</p> <p>This briefing will provide you with advice about TAIC's half-year report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2024.</p>

3 Key updates

Maritime New Zealand Authority Appointments

The call for nominations for Maritime New Zealand closes on Thursday 5 September 2024. Following the closure, the Ministry will work through the candidates and provide a recommended longlist for interview, in consultation with the Chair.

Civil Aviation Authority funding review – Release of documents for public consultation

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) funding review consultation commenced on Tuesday 27 August 2024 and will end on 8 October 2024.

Follow up from your recent meeting with the MetService CEO and Board Chair

Following your recent quarterly meeting with the MetService CEO and Board Chair you asked for the following advice:

How you can support the MetService through the implementation of the Hau Nuku review

The Hau Nuku review is being led by MBIE and Treasury with Ministers Paul Goldsmith and Judith Collins as decision making Ministers. As per your delegation, you hold the contract between the Minister of Transport and the MetService. Your interests in the Hau Nuku review will be in ensuring the MetService continues to deliver the weather forecasting services in scope of this contract. You can influence decisions about the MetService and NIWA through conversations with your colleagues, especially with Ministers Goldsmith and Collins. We recommend that you focus these discussions with your colleagues on matters that impact on the MetService's ability to deliver its contracted services.

Performance reporting provided by the MetService

As per the contract, the service provider (the MetService) must report to the Minister on performance of the Operational Services each quarter by email to the Ministry. The current process is that the Ministry, on your behalf, receives and summarises the quarterly report then provides it to you in a Weekly Report entry. The indicators that must be included in the MetService's quarterly report are listed below (Schedule 4 of the contract refers):

- a) The timeliness of the issue of routinely issued weather forecasts
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- d) The availability of key elements of the observing network
- e) Participation of MetService personnel at World Metrological Organisation (WMO) meetings.

4 Upcoming briefings copied to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 6 September 2024	<p>Vote Transport: Certification of Unappropriated Expenditure for 2023/24</p> <p>This briefing seeks the Minister of Transport's certification of the Vote Transport unappropriated expenditure for the 2023/24 financial year.</p> <p>The unappropriated expenditure includes one breach of the non-departmental appropriation - Supporting a Chatham Islands Replacement Ship.</p>

5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	
Wednesday 25 September 2024	New Zealand Air Services Agreement and Protocol This paper seeks approval for New Zealand to sign and ratify the <i>Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand</i> and the associated <i>Protocol 1 to the Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand on Third, Fourth and Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights between Parties</i> .
Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee	
Tuesday 22 October 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

5.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

There are no other upcoming portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications.



1 Portfolio work programme update

Maritime NZ

Project: Critical Changes to Maritime Legislation	
Maritime NZ and Ministry of Transport officials are finalising joint advice for you on options for legislative changes. <small>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</small>	
Briefing: Options for Maritime legislation For discussion, this joint Ministry/MNZ briefing will set out options for advancing critical changes to maritime legislation. <small>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</small>	Date: Week ending Friday 6 September 2024
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Project: Maritime Workforce

NZ Shipping Federation, Marine Transport Association and Confederation of Commercial Fishermen have submitted a joint proposal to Minister Simmonds on the future of maritime training in New Zealand, in response to the consultation on the reform of vocational education that was launched on Thursday 1 August 2024. This proposal has been copied to you as well as Ministers Brown and Jones.

Project: RMS Niagara

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Briefing: RMS Niagara Update

This briefing to both you and Minister Brown will update you about the wreck of the *Royal Mail Ship Niagara*.

Date: Week ending Friday 13 September 2024**Project: Maritime Rules Reform**

Consultation continues on the first package of Design, Construction and Equipment rules changes, and will run to 18 October 2024. Stakeholder workshops were held on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 August 2024. Feedback at these sessions was valuable and discussion was positive and constructive; with a significant focus on the on the impacts for the inshore fishing fleet.

Consultation on the International Omnibus package of rules changes finished this week.

Briefing: Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels

This briefing will seek your agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels. These changes are sought by the sector and reduce costs and complexity.

Date: Week ending Friday 27 September 2024**Briefing: International Omnibus: Results of Consultation and Final Decisions**

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3 Key updates

Maritime NZ Board Stakeholder day in Auckland

The Maritime NZ Board (the Board), and Executive Leadership team (ELT) stakeholder engagement day was held in Auckland on Monday 26 August 2024. This initiative is part of the Board's regular engagement programme, which includes meeting with stakeholders three times a year in conjunction with the Board's routine business meetings. Engagement included a breakfast session with senior leaders from the maritime community discussing *The future of maritime activity in New Zealand and our collective responsibilities in ensuring a safe, secure, clean, and sustainable maritime sector*, a meeting with the Port of Auckland to discuss their strategy and their plans, and a visit to the Auckland Marine Rescue Centre (AMRC), with briefings from Coastguard NZ, Surf Lifesaving NZ and three recreational craft community grant recipients about their work. We have received extremely positive feedback from stakeholders about the value of these cross sector discussions.

Southern Tiare Detention

On Wednesday 28 August 2024, during a Port State Control (PSC) Inspection in Timaru, Maritime NZ detained the vessel *Southern Tiare*. The inspection identified concerns with environmental protection, safety equipment, watch keeping, machinery, general maintenance and failure to effectively implement the Safety Management System. The vessel was released from detention on Sunday 1 September 2024, however, one deficiency concerning watch keeping arrangements remains outstanding and is required to be addressed to the satisfaction of the Flag State (Cook Islands) and Maritime NZ before the vessel can depart. Maritime NZ are currently waiting on information from the vessel's management regarding this unresolved deficiency.

The *Southern Tiare* is operated by Chatham Islands Shipping Ltd, serving as a vital transport link between the Chatham Islands and New Zealand. The detention and eventual departure delay may disrupt the import and export of goods including fuel and livestock.

Manahau Update

Tugs commissioned by the operator, Westland Mineral Sands, for the salvage operation, *MMA Vision* and smaller *Kurutai*, are now in Westport and the operator and crews are preparing for a salvage attempt over the next few days, as conditions permit. The operator's plan is for the *Manahau* to be towed to Nelson Port for repairs.

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Maritime NZ's team on the ground in Westport include investigators, public information management, legal and a National On Scene Commander, supported by a Maritime NZ response team in Wellington.

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We continue to publish regular media updates about the *Manahau* as interest in the barge continues to be high, particularly from West Coast media outlets.

4 Upcoming briefings copied to Associate Minister of Transport

Nil this week.

5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review	
Tuesday 17 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Transport Portfolio Weekly Report

As at Wednesday 11 September 2024

Recipient

HON SIMEON BROWN
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Copy the report to Hon Matthew Doocey as
Associate Minister of Transport

Minister's comments:

Officials' agenda



Agenda - Minister Brown officials' meeting

Day Date	Monday 16 September 2024		
Time	2:30pm – 3:15pm		
Venue	Parliament EW5.1		
Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) attendees			
Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive			
Brent Johnston, Chief of Staff			
David Wood, Deputy Chief Executive, Investment & Monitoring			
Paul O'Connell, Deputy Chief Executive, Sector Strategy			
Ruth Fairhall, Deputy Chief Executive, Policy			
Tessa Ayson, Acting Manager, Regulatory Reform			
Jacob Ennis, Principal Adviser, Regulatory Reform			
Erin Wynne, Manager, ERP 2 Development			
Danny Eyre, Principal Adviser, ERP 2 Development			
Siobhan Routledge, Director, Aviation			
Marian Willberg, Manager, Maritime and Freight			
Callum Gill, Senior Adviser, Maritime and Freight			
Part 1	Ministry of Transport only	Lead	Paper reference
1.0	CE Only time	Audrey Sonerson	Verbal
1.1	Weekly Report	Audrey Sonerson	As at 11 September 2024
1.2	Safety s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Paul O'Connell	OC240865

1.3	Update On-Time-Performance reporting	Siobhan Routledge	Email provided to Office
1.4	Emissions Reduction Plan 2 Transport Chapter- options for additional content.	Ruth Fairhall	OC241076
1.5	Coastal Shipping Resilience Fund	Ruth Fairhall	OC240829

Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) Monday 9 September 2024	Due date
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete
<p>Metropolitan Rail Operating Model Review</p> <p>Officials to consider approach to review s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>Officials to provide advice s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>Office to confirm approach to share briefing with key stakeholders.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>7 October. It will be delivered concurrently with the next set of MROM Review advice</p> <p>Complete</p>
<p>Oral Fluid Testing</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	
<p>Aviation</p> <p>Officials to send through dates for next meeting of the Interim Aviation Council.</p>	Complete
<p>Rail Regulatory</p> <p>Officials to provide advice on options to:</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	By Wednesday 25 September 2024
<p>Public Transport</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	9 October 2024 Wednesday 25 September 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Decisions	Confirmed / Denied
N/A	

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
Officials meeting date	Action	Due date
12 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
26 August 2024	Vehicle Safety Officials to discuss approach to sector engagement with the Office.	We will confirm approach following your direction on timelines
2 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
2 September 2024	Budget 2025 Officials to provide initial advice on scope and approach for Budget 2025.	Complete

1. Ministerial priorities

Safety

Project: Speed limits

Ministerial and departmental consultation on the Cabinet paper ended on 10 September 2024. We incorporated feedback and the Cabinet paper is lodged for consideration at Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee on Tuesday 17 September 2024.

We have provided you with an updated draft Rule for your consideration.

Process	Dates
Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee	Tuesday 17 September 2024
Cabinet confirmation of ECO decisions	Monday 23 September 2024
Final Rule to Minister for signing	After Cabinet, on Monday 23 September 2024
New Rule in force	Late October 2024 (28 days after notification in the NZ Gazette)

Project: Oral fluid testing regime

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Road safety objectives

We have responded to your feedback on the draft Road Safety Objectives document. We understand departmental and Ministerial consultation will commence imminently.

Cabinet paper: Releasing the final Road Safety Objectives document

This paper seeks agreement to publish the final New Zealand Road Safety Objectives document.

Final papers to your Office: Wednesday 18 September 2024

To lodge: Thursday 19 September 2024

To Committee: Wednesday 25 September 2024

To Cabinet: Monday 30 September 2024

Project: Rule change to extend the time for converting overseas licences

On Monday 2 September 2024, Cabinet agreed to extend the timeline for converting overseas driver licenses. Cabinet also agreed to give full driver licence holders from Croatia an exemption from completing driver's licence tests when they convert their licences, subject to the mutual driver licence recognition arrangement being finalised.

We expect the rule change to come into effect on 1 November 2024 when the required Order in Council is gazetted. Drafting instructions have been issued and PCO is drafting the Order in Council.

We are continuing to work with MFAT on finalising the Croatia driver license arrangement.

Cabinet paper: Rule Change to Extend the Time for Converting Overseas Licences: Approval of Order in Council

This paper seeks Cabinet's agreement to the Order in Council necessary to implement the rule change.

LEG papers to your Office: 2 October 2024

LEG meeting: 24 October 2024

Cabinet meeting: 29 October 2024

Rule change effective: 1 November 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Rail

Project: KiwiRail – Rail freight Network

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Date: Monday 23 September 2024

Project: Budget 24 Metro Renewals

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Investment

Project: Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024

Road Efficiency Group (REG)

Ministry officials are working with NZTA officials to confirm the scope, role and functions of the REG by the end of September 2024 (in line with your letter to the NZTA Board Chair on Friday 13 August 2024). NZTA officials have drafted a briefing for you in response to your letter which is currently with the REG Chair for his review. We expect this briefing to come to you soon.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

NZTA Debt

Treasury provided a briefing on options to restructure/smooth NZTA's existing debt facilities on Thursday 5 September 2024 (T2024/2222 refers).

s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(b)(ii)

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Budget 2025

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Triennial review of Section 9(1) Search and Rescue (SAR) funding

Officials provided advice to your Office on 23 August 2024 seeking approval to initiate the triennial review of Search and Rescue funding and parallel review of Section 9 funding (OC240931 refers).

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

To ensure key milestones can be met for the triennial review, we will condense the timeframe for funding applicants to draft and submit funding applications – from the originally planned 10-weeks – ensuring these are submitted to the Ministry for assessment by late October 2024.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Northern Corridor

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Revenue

Project: Fleetwide transition to the Road User Charges system

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

You are taking an item to Infrastructure and Investment Ministers Group on 17 September 2024 covering the next steps for the transition. This will provide an opportunity for early discussion with Ministers on the proposed Cabinet paper content at a high level. Slides have been provided to your Office and we will provide talking points for the discussion early next week.

Project: Time of use charging

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Tolling reform

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Increasing motor vehicle registration (MVR) annual licence fees

Ministerial consultation on the draft Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024, and accompanying draft Cabinet Legislation Committee paper, is underway. Once feedback has been received, final edits will be made to the Regulations and Cabinet paper, prior to lodgement on Thursday 19 September 2024.

Cabinet paper: Approval for Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024

This LEG paper will seek authorisation to submit regulations to the Executive Council.

Ministerial consultation: 3 – 17 September 2024

To lodge: Thursday 19 September 2024

To Committee: Thursday 26 September 2024

To Cabinet: Monday 30 September 2024

Publication & Gazetting: 3 October 2024

Aviation

Project: Consultations with the aviation sector

We met with BARNZ, Airports NZ, and Air NZ to share the draft on-time performance report and invite comments. Key feedback covered:

1. **The scope of the report:** which airlines and airports to include, and in particular whether to include regional airports and carriers (ie airlines other than Air NZ and Jetstar).

The data source that we use: we had planned to contract a commercial provider (Cirium) to provide monthly OTP data. We need to investigate the Cirium data source further to confirm whether or not it is the best provider.

2. **The process for finalising the report each month:** whether airlines should have a chance to review the report before publication, to check the numbers and provide context such as details about causation.

We will provide your office with a short outline of some options for the scope of reporting for discussion with officials on Monday 16 September 2024.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Airports (Cost Recovery for Processing of International Passengers) Act 2014

Officials have now concluded the analysis of submissions from the consultation on the establishment of cost recovery regulations under the Airports (Cost Recovery for Processing of International Travellers Act) 2014. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), in consultation with the Ministry of Transport, New Zealand Customs Service (Customs) and the Civil Aviation Authority, are now finalising advice to the Minister for Biosecurity, which will include a summary of the submissions received. This advice is expected to be sent to the Minister for Biosecurity on Tuesday 17 September 2024 and will be forwarded to the Ministers of Transport and Customs.

Almost all submitters opposed the development of cost recovery regulations, preferring the establishment and ongoing costs for new and restarting airports be funded from MPI and Customs respective Border Processing Levies. However, some submitters indicated that if cost recovery regulations were to be developed, their preference is for these to recover establishment costs only (Option 3B of the consultation). Option 3B is the preferred option for officials.

Project: Consultations with the aviation sector

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Briefing: Civil Aviation Act implementation – workstream detail

This briefing provides you with additional detail you requested on some workstreams being delivered as part of the Civil Aviation Act Implementation programme.

Date: Week ending 20 September 2024

Cabinet paper: New Zealand Air Services Agreement and Protocol (Associate Minister)

To lodge: Thursday 19 September 2024

To Committee: Wednesday 25 September 2024

To Cabinet: Monday 30 September 2024

Emissions

Project: Clean Car Importer Standard Cost Recovery

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

On Wednesday 18 September 2024 we will send you a draft response to the Regulations Review Committee regarding its letter concerning the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations.

Response letter to the Regulations Review Committee

This letter will respond to the views of the Regulations Review Committee.

Date: Wednesday 18 September 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: EV Charging Infrastructure

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

In parallel, the Taskforce is continuing to progress work programme actions, such as establishing an industry reference group and preparing the Request for Information to launch following Cabinet decisions.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Second Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP2)

Officials are analysing submissions from ERP2 consultation and will provide you with a briefing on the results of the consultation before 23 September 2024.

Officials have developed additional proposals to discuss with you following our initial analysis of the transport submissions on the transport chapter in the ERP2 discussion document. These are set out in the A3 sent to your office on Friday 13 September (OC 241076 refers), and will be discussed with you on Monday 16 September.

The next Climate Priorities Ministerial Group (CPMG) meeting is set for 7:30pm Monday 23 September 2024. We will provide you with a briefing by Wednesday 18 September 2024.

Process	Dates
Briefing in support of CPMG meeting	Wednesday 18 September 2024
Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting	Monday 23 September 2024
Briefing on the results of the ERP2 consultation	By Monday 23 September 2024
Briefing on final content of the transport chapter for ERP2	By Monday 28 October 2024

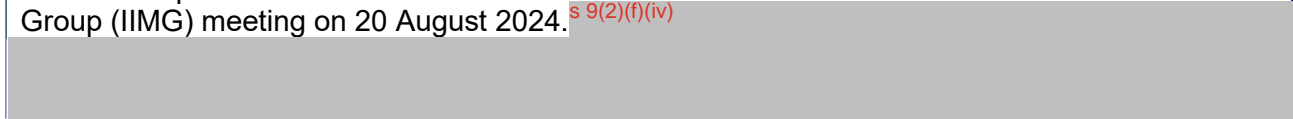
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Project: Waitematā Harbour Connections

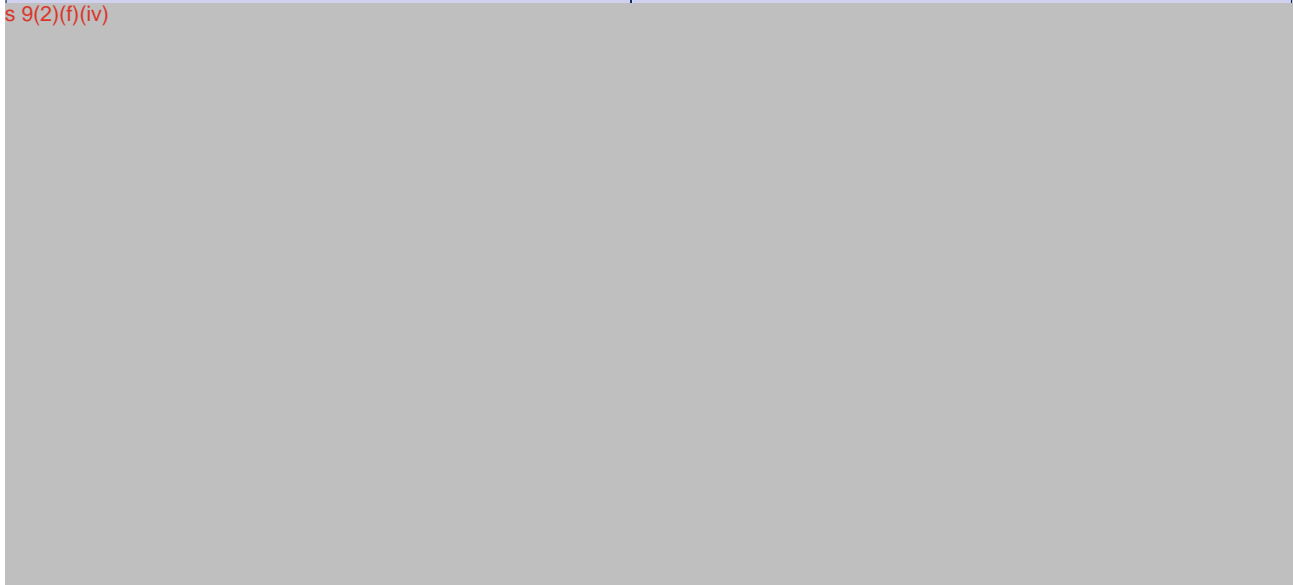
We have provided you with a letter for the chair of the NZTA Board outlining your expectations for the next phase of work based on minutes from the Infrastructure and Investment Ministers Group (IIMG) meeting on 20 August 2024. s 9(2)(f)(iv)



Letter to the chair of the NZTA Board


Date: Thursday 12 September 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



City Rail Link project update [Commercially Sensitive]

s 9(2)(b)(ii)



Board Appointments

Civil Aviation Authority

Induction planning for new members is underway.

Maritime New Zealand

The call for nominations for Maritime New Zealand closed on Thursday 5 September 2024, with over 60 nominations received. The Ministry has since met with the Chair to work through a recommended longlist and intends to brief Minister Doocey on our recommendations next week.

Auckland Light Rail Limited

Letters giving effect to the decision you made regarding the reappointment of Auckland Light Rail Limited directors (OC241018 refers) will be provided to your Office for signing by Friday 13 September 2024.

New Zealand Transport Agency

Induction planning for new members is underway.

Independent Review Function – Civil Aviation Act

This is now publicly listed at: <https://www.boardappointments.co.nz/Vacancies>. Nomination letters were sent to New Zealand First, the Act Party and your caucus colleagues on Friday 6 September 2024. The deadline for nominations closing is Monday 30 September 2024.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Transport Accident Investigation Commission: Chief Commissioner *[Appointments in Confidence]*

On Tuesday 10 September 2024, Ministers confirmed their agreement to progress David Clarke to the Chief Commissioner role. Following this decision, Minister Doocey's Office will receive the draft Cabinet paperwork so that the appointment can be finalised before Ms Meares retirement takes effect on Monday 30 September 2024 (OC241065 refers).

s 9(2)(f)(iv)








Updates on the Government Quarterly Plan for Approval

Update Required				
Action #	Delivery Update	Delivery Status		
	<i>Please provide your progress update for this action</i>			
3	<i>A Cabinet paper on the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 was submitted to ECO for consideration on 18 September 2024. The Cabinet paper provides an update on the consultation outcomes and seeks policy agreement to minor changes to the final Rule. Subject to Cabinet approval, the Minister of Transport is due to sign the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 by the end of September.</i>	Probable		
Upcoming papers Please list any Cabinet Paper due for consideration in the next month.				
Paper name	Action #	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Committee Date
Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 – post consultation report back	3	Transport	ECO	18 September 2024

Key

The delivery status outlines how action items are progressing:

	Completed	the action has been completed within the quarter.
	Probable	the action is on track to be completed within the quarter.
	Feasible	completion of the action is feasible within the quarter but there are some issues/risks that require attention and resolution by action owners.
	In Doubt	action is off track for completion within the quarter with significant risks/issues that require urgent attention and resolution by action owners.
	Unachievable	action will not be completed within the quarter - there are major issues that do not appear to be manageable or resolvable.

Approved / Not Approved

2. Updates on other matters

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Second Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation

The second International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation is in India between 11-13 September. The first conference was held in China in 2018, however due to the Covid-19 pandemic this will be the first since then.

39 ICAO Member States are in the Asia-Pacific region and expected to participate. New Zealand will be represented by the High Commissioner to India, Mr Patrick Rata. We understand Ministers (or Associate Ministers) from Singapore, Japan, Republic of Korea, Solomon Islands, Micronesia, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and PNG will be attending.

The Conference will discuss issues on regional collaboration, safety and security initiatives, sustainability in the aviation industry, and aviation connectivity.

India has emerged as one of the fastest growing aviation markets globally and Indian PM Modi will deliver a keynote address to the conference, signalling that India has elevated this conference in importance.

Officials will report back on any significant outcomes from the meeting.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Update on monthly GPS implementation reporting and quarterly reporting on the SOI/SPE/PEP measures

The second monthly GPS implementation report is due to your Office on Wednesday 2 October. In our advice on the previous report (OC241001 refers) we noted that NZTA were unable to provide financial reporting on GPS activity class expenditure in the July report and that this information would be available in the August report. NZTA have since informed us that this data will be provided as part of its quarterly reporting due to your Office in November.

Furthermore, NZTA are planning to produce a single consolidated quarterly report which will contain SOI, SPE, PEP, and GPS implementation measures. This report is due to be considered by the NZTA board on 15 November 2024 and is due to your Office on 21 November 2024. We will produce secondary advice on this report which we will deliver to your Office during the week commencing 25 November 2024.

Northland Road of National Significance

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

3. Transport stakeholder updates

Stakeholder	Update
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	

4. Upcoming Minister of Transport meetings

Meeting Date	Meeting	Details
Tuesday 17 September 2024 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Infrastructure and Investment Ministers Group	Talking points due: Monday 16 September 2024 Officials Attending: TBC – up to four from MoT and NZTA
Tuesday 24 September and Friday 27 September 2024 7.15am – 8.30am	Meetings with the Hugo Group in Auckland and Wellington	Briefing Due: Friday 13 September 2024 Officials Attending: N/A

5. Other upcoming Ministry of Transport Cabinet papers

There are no other upcoming Ministry of Transport Cabinet papers.

6. Other briefings and aide memoires to Minister of Transport

Note: Papers we propose to be included in your weekend bag will be submitted by close of business Wednesday in the week they are submitted.

Due to Office	Title
<p>Monday 16 September 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(h)</p>
<p>Tuesday 17 September 2024</p>	<p>Briefing for Civil Aviation Authority Officials Meeting with the Minister This briefing will support your discussion with Civil Aviation Authority Officials on Wednesday 18 September.</p>
<p>Week ending 20 September 2024</p>	<p>Draft Strategic Intentions 2024 – 2028 This briefing will seek your agreement to the Ministry’s new Strategic Intentions 2024-2028, including your Ministerial foreword. The timing for this briefing has been delayed by one week as it has taken longer to finalise the Strategic Intentions than expected.</p>
<p>Week ending 20 September 2024</p>	<p>Letter of Comfort to the Civil Aviation Authority This briefing seeks your approval for a Letter of Comfort to the Civil Aviation Authority s 9(2)(f)(iv) This briefing has been delayed by one week as agreed by your Office.</p>
<p>Week ending 20 September 2024</p>	<p>Public Transport Bus Decarbonisation Fund This briefing is being jointly prepared with EECA and will seek your agreement to the funding criteria for the roll out of the public transport bus decarbonisation funding in Budget 24. s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Week ending 20 September 2024</p>	<p>Civil Aviation Authority Quarter Four Performance Report This briefing will provide you with a summary of the Civil Aviation Authority’s performance over Quarter Four 1 April – 30 June 2024.</p>
<p>Week ending 27 September 2024</p>	<p>Total Mobility Scheme Review: Overview of Policy Direction s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

Due to Office	Title
Week ending 27 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 4 October 2024	Emergency Weather - Authorisation to release tagged contingency – Resilience and Security This briefing seeks authorisation to draw down the Budget 2024 tagged contingency of \$23.142 million for Severe Weather Response Readiness, Resilience, and Recovery, which will enable four non-government organisations to repair/rebuild damaged facilities and improve future emergency response preparedness.
Week ending 4 October 2024	Vote Transport: 2024 October Baseline Update This briefing seeks your approval of changes to Vote Transport in the 2024 October Baseline Update (OBU) and agreement to submit these changes to the Minister of Finance. OBU includes confirming in-principle expense transfers and other changes joint Ministers are able to approve under CO (18) 2, as well as an opportunity to update the Treasury with any Cabinet or joint Ministers decisions taken since Budget 2024.

6.1 Proactive Releases

Due to Office	Title	Date planned for release
Thursday 12 September 2024	Proactive release of the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations 2024 This proactive release briefing (OC241035 refers) will seek your approval to publish Cabinet material related to the Cabinet Paper: <i>Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations 2024</i> .	Monday 14 October 2024
Wednesday 18 September 2024	Proactive release of Extending the Time for Overseas Driver Licence Conversions – Safety This proactive release briefing (OC241039 refers) will seek your approval to publish Cabinet material related to the Cabinet Paper: <i>Extending the Time for Overseas Driver Licence Conversions</i> .	Monday 14 October 2024
Wednesday 18 September 2024	Proactive release of advice on parking, towage, and storage fees review This briefing will seek your approval to release the policy papers, final Cabinet materials, and the targeted consultation document for the above review.	By Thursday 3 October 2024
Wednesday 25 September 2024	Proactive release of Request to Use a Section of State Highway One for Film Production This proactive release briefing (OC241026 refers) will seek your approval to publish Cabinet material related to the Cabinet Paper: <i>Request to Use a Section of State Highway One For Film Production</i> .	Monday 14 October 2024
TBC	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	TBC
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6.2 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees	
Cabinet Business Committee	
30 September 2024	<p>Response to the Climate Change Commission’s Emissions Monitoring Report</p> <p>The Minister of Climate Change will undertake ministerial consultation from 16 to 20 September on a draft Cabinet paper setting out a draft response to the Climate Change Commission’s first Emissions Monitoring Report. The paper is expected to be lodged on 26 September 2024.</p> <p>This paper will propose how the Government should respond to the Climate Change Commission’s first Emissions Monitoring Report. The Government is required to respond by 16 October 2024.</p> <p>The Ministry has contributed to the draft Cabinet paper. It suggests a high-level approach to this response, which acknowledges the Commission’s report, provides an overarching strategic narrative on the Government’s climate change priorities, and responds to the key findings. The draft public-facing response will be attached to the paper.</p> <p>The paper and proposed response reference the transport findings at a high level and note how these findings relate to the Government’s approach to climate change as set out in the Climate Change Strategy.</p>
Cabinet	
Deferred – date TBC	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	
<p>Date TBC</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Date TBC</p>	<p>Strengthening national and regional emergency management to improve New Zealand's disaster resilience DPMC will consult on the draft Cabinet advice with agencies and Ministers from Thursday 29 August – Thursday 12 September. This paper seeks agreement to release the proposed Government response to the report of the Government Inquiry into the Response to the North Island Severe Weather Events.</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) is currently the recognised steward of the emergency management system, responsible for providing strategic leadership for risk reduction, readiness, response, and recovery activities. The Ministry considers that there must be an agency with responsibility for the strategic leadership of risk reduction and recovery, however, the Ministry does not have a preference for the responsible agency.</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p>

7. Ministerial correspondence and OIAs

Ministerial correspondence

# of Ministerials	Topic	Key themes
5	Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues with Auckland Transport and Council
8	Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions around drug driving legislation Concerns around Council speed limit changes Miscellaneous requests and concerns
8	Road User Charges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns regarding all road users moving to RUC Advice on tolling and pricing options Miscellaneous questions, ideas, and complaints

Ministerial Official Information Act Requests

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
5/09/2024	12/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Advice on projected road toll if the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 is adopted from NZTA and the Ministry
6/09/2024	13/09/2024		Correspondence between the Ministers Office and Greater Wellington councillors on the Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility Programme
11/09/2024	18/09/2024		CAA workplace culture
16/09/2024	23/09/2024		Uptake of electric vehicles
16/09/2024 Extended 30/09/2024	23/09/2024 Extended 14/10/2024		All advice relating to the closure of ALRL
23/09/2024	30/09/2024		Advice on cycleway spending

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
25/09/2024	2/10/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Advice on whether the government has explored the loss of road tax through Odometer operation.
30/09/2024	7/10/2024		Advice received on the efficiency of Road freight

Written Parliamentary Questions

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
5/09/2024	56241 (2024)	Did the Minister's department, if any, have a chief science advisor as of 1 July 2023?	13/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
5/09/2024	56246 (2024)	Did the Minister's department, if any, have a chief science advisor as of 1 July 2024; and if not, are there any plans for future hire of a chief science advisor?	13/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
10/09/2024	56687 (2024)	What Cabinet papers, if any, has the Minister taken to Cabinet Committees during the week beginning 2 September 2024, by Cabinet Committee, title and date?	18/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
10/09/2024	56691 (2024)	What papers, if any, did the Minister take to Cabinet during the week beginning 2 September 2024, by title and date?	18/09/2024 12:00:00 AM

7.1 Departmental Official Information Act requests

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
28/08/2024 Extended 11/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Information on Sustainable Aviation Aotearoa
6/09/2024 Extended 27/09/2024		Information held on weather modification
10/09/2024		A copy of Road to Zero progress reports to the Ministerial Oversight Group since March 2023
13/09/2024		Regarding the 2024 Change process

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
16/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Any summary reports on feedback received on GPS 2024
16/09/2024		All Ministry documents held in relation to the original drafting of Part 93 in relation to Wn airport.
17/09/2024		Information on the Community Roadwatch programme
17/09/2024		Specific correspondence in full relating to the Public Service Commission initiated Performance Improvement Review Programme assessment
18/09/2024		A detailed breakdown of all credit card expenses incurred by the Ministry since January 2024
18/09/2024		Crash data filtered by young people at fault for the previous 30 years
19/09/2024		Analysis conducted by the Ministry on the previous change in drivers licensing age requirements
26/09/2024		All Draft Cabinet papers relating to ALRL
1/10/2024		Any decision-making papers or correspondence related to the Virgin Australia-Air New Zealand code share agreement.
2/10/2024		In relation to the Civil Aviation Act 2023 Independent Review Function Public consultation, how many submissions has the Ministry received, and how many are medical convener related?
3/10/2024		Advice on the assessment of long-term requirements for a Resilient Cook Strait Connection
7/10/2024		July Briefings
7/10/2024		July Briefings
7/10/2024		Advice provided on the review of the Total Mobility Scheme

Transport Portfolio Agency Reports



Aviation Security Service
Kaiwbakamaru Rererangi



Agenda – Minister Brown officials’ meeting with NZTA

Day Date	Monday 16 September 2024		
Time	3.15pm – 4.00pm		
Venue	Parliament – EW5.1		
NZ Transport Agency attendees			
Leisa Coley, Acting Chief of Staff			
Brett Gliddon, Group General Manager, Transport Services			
Richard Forgan, Group General Manager, System Leadership			
Vanessa Browne, National Manager Programme and Standards (1.1)			
Andrew Clark, National Manager Maintenance & Operations (1.1)			
David Shepherd, National Manager Multimodal Integration (1.2)			
Talia Cohen Wolf, Manager, Public Transport (1.2)			
Apologies			
Nicole Rosie, Chief Executive			
Richard May, Chief of Staff			
Sara Lindsay, Group General Manager, Commercial & Corporate			
		Lead	Paper reference
1.1	Maintenance and Temporary traffic management	Vanessa Browne and Andrew Clark	MIN-4641
1.2	Public Transport	Talia Cohen Wolf	MIN-4574
1.3	NZTA Policy discussion	Richard Forgan	BRI-3085
1.4	Waikare Gorge	Brett Gliddon	

Updates

Southern Corridor Public Private Partnership

On Monday 9 September 2024, NZTA officials attended a meeting organised by s 9(2)(a) to discuss a potential public private partnership for the Drury area. It was attended by several developers and a number of senior central and local government agency officials.

Mill Road and SH1 Drury to Bombay were mentioned as examples of projects that the private sector would like brought forward.

NZTA staff will attend the next workshop, hosted by Kiwi Property, to develop a priority order for infrastructure and financing options for the next five years.

Update on Safety Cameras

The overall transfer schedule is on track.

Transfer of the first Police camera located at Candia Road, Henderson, Auckland has been completed and the camera is now enforcing. Reminder notices have started to be sent to those that have received an infringement but have not paid within 28 days. The next step if the infringement is not paid after the reminder is sent is to transfer the outstanding notice to Ministry of Justice for further action.

Driver Licensing wait times

Summary for week ending Sunday 8 September 2024

Wait times for practical testing (restricted and full testing) have decreased compared to last week.

- full tests down by 3 days (49 days)
- restricted tests down by 4 days (58 days).

At an individual site level, 26% of full test sites and 12% of restricted test sites met the “30 days or less” target last week.

Backlog of tests remains at 72,000 (+/- 500).

Recruitment and training

22 new Driver Testing Officers (DTO) have been added to the DTO workforce this week as recruits who have passed certifications are now active in the testing schedule. The new DTOs have been distributed across all regions, except for Wellington as this region is the best performing region.

Another 14 trainees have passed their certifications and will be added to the testing schedules within the next week.

There are five trainees who must re-sit their certifications this week to progress as DTOs.

The next round of recruitment is underway; aiming for up to 30 recruits to start training on Monday 30 September 2024 and graduating out to testing in early November 2024.

Driver Licensing wait times

Update on interventions of note:

Following completion of the recent surge DTO training, internal NZTA staff who were supporting the training have been redeployed to progress the review of the Driver Testing Officer Manual (DTOM) and Driver Testing Officer Certification process. The review is focused on assessing the DTOM and the certification process for potential effectiveness and efficiency gains that would support managing the wait time challenges. We are working closely with Vehicle Testing New Zealand (VTNZ) on this. They have provided several initial suggested changes, two of which have already been implemented.

We are updating plans for implementing the extension to the time period for conversion of overseas licences, following the change in announcement date (from Monday 9 September to late October 2024). We have withheld any communications on the matter and will be liaising with your office in the coming weeks to manage briefing the Automobile Association and VTNZ appropriately in preparation for these changes.

This week the NZTA contact centre begins an outbound call campaign to speak with individuals who have repeatedly failed to attend their booked practical test time. We'll be working with these customers to ensure they attend future bookings and therefore reduce the number of tests that aren't utilised due to 'no-shows'. Insights from these customers on why they're not attending will also be considered to inform further potential changes to our processes and approaches.

Wait times, staffing and productivity for week Monday 2 – Sunday 8 September 2024

Region	Wait times				Staffing	Productivity
	Full	Change (last week)	Restricted	Change (last week)	VTNZ DTO Headcount	Tests Completed
Northland	49	-1	58	-5	9	386
Auckland North-West	80	+7	89	+6	28	962
Auckland Central South	81	0	84	-1	45	1,870
Waikato	36	+5	47	-1	25	848
Bay of Plenty	29	-20	42	-16	19	645
Central	42	-2	50	-1	20	770
Wellington	18	+1	31	-5	21	1,090
Canterbury	69	-3	77	-5	34	953
Otago Southland	48	-4	58	-3	15	723
National Average	49	-3	58	-4	-	-
					216	8,247

**note: a correction for wait times in Auckland North West for last week's report. Correct wait times last week were full tests at 73 days and restricted tests at 83 days.*

Further graphs relating to wait times, as well as the interventions plan update can be found in Appendix one.

Upcoming Ministerial Items

Upcoming Briefings to Minister of Transport

Due to Office	Title
Monday 16 September 2024	BRI-3156 Update on Northland recovery works costs
Thursday 19 September 2024	BRI-3155 Provide updated advice on Dairy Flat and Westgate projects
Thursday 19 September 2024	BRI-3161 Advice on KiwiRail's progression of new metro rail activities proposed to be funded by the Public Transport activity class

Upcoming OIA requests for potential consultation

Reference and Requester	Request	Due date to the Office
OIA-16380 s 9(2)(a)	Copy of tolling assessment for Te Ahu a Turanga.	Tuesday 24 September 2024
OIA-16351 s 9(2)(a)	Cost analysis and business cases for proposed 110km/h speed limit increases.	Thursday 26 September 2024
OIA-16354 s 9(2)(a)	Information relating to the public consultation on implementing 110km/h speed limits in Kāpiti and Wellington.	Friday 27 September 2024
OIA-16400 s 9(2)(a)	Information relating to implementing 110km/h speed limits in Kāpiti and Wellington.	Monday 30 September 2024
OIA-16385 s 9(2)(a) (Tax Payers Union)	Information relating to NZTA staff attending Wall Walks courses.	1 October 2024
OIA-16392 s 9(2)(a)	Costings for Road of National Significance.	1 October 2024
OIA-16393 s 9(2)(a) (Media)	Request for privacy Impact Assessment regarding automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras on Transmission Gully.	1 October 2024
OIA-16405 s 9(2)(a) (Media)	Briefings regarding proposals to toll Te Ahu a Turanga and Ōtaki to north of Levin.	2 October 2024

Reference and Requester	Request	Due date to the Office
OIA-16395 s 9(2)(a)	Request for nation-wide survey completed on raising speed limits.	2 October 2024

Upcoming Media items

Date of release	Subject
Week commencing Monday 16 September 2024	State highway summer maintenance: Several region- specific media statements are planned for release over the next two weeks to provide road users with details of the upcoming state highway summer maintenance programme. The regionally-focussed statements will follow a high-level national statement from yourself on Friday 13 September 2024.
Week commencing Monday 16 September 2024	Auckland/Northland - SH22 Paerātā Roundabout, Pukekohe: A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 16 September 2024 to announce that the tender has been awarded for the SH22 Paerātā roundabout and that construction will commence in the 4-6 weeks following. Construction will mostly be offline and is scheduled to take 12-15 months, opening before KiwiRail completes construction of the Paerātā train station.
Week commencing Monday 16 September 2024	Waikato/Bay of Plenty - Tirau to Waiouru SH1 Accelerated Maintenance programme: A media release will be issued marking progress on the Tirau to Waiouru SH1 Accelerated Maintenance programme. It will update work on the Tirau to Putāruru and Ātiamuri to Wairakei sections, and look forward to the next section, which starts late September on SH29 Piarere to North Tirau.
Week commencing Monday 16 September 2024	Waikato/Bay of Plenty – Takitimu North Link: A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 16 September 2024 to announce completion of the new local road layout between Bethlehem and Tauriko for the Takitimu North Link project.
Week commencing Monday 16 September 2024	Central North Island - Mangahauini Gorge works: A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 16 September 2024 to outline the work underway focussing State Highway 35 at Mangahauini Gorge and stabilising the hillside and protecting the road from the energy of the Mangahauini River. The Transport Rebuild East Coast team, who will deliver the work alongside local contractors, are currently in the initial design stage for these additional recovery works. The crews will start with ground investigations at locations through the gorge to inform the design.
Week commencing Monday 16 September 2024	Central North Island - Hikuwai Bridge project advances with local cutting-edge surveying methods: A media statement is planned for release to Gisborne media during the week beginning 16 September 2024 detailing pre-construction surveying work starting at Hikuwai River, north of Tolaga Bay, ahead of construction of the new Hikuwai No. 1 bridge.

Date of release	Subject
Week commencing Monday 16 September 2024	Lower North Island - SH2 Hutt Valley resurfacing: An updated traffic bulletin will be sent to Wellington media during the week beginning 16 September 2024 previewing week four of this project, which sees resurfacing work on sections of SH2 through the Hutt Valley ongoing into September 2024.
Week commencing Monday 16 September 2024	Top of the South - SH6 Richmond resurfacing: A reminder traffic bulletin will be sent to top of the south media during the week beginning 16 September 2024 about these night works and road closures (commencing Sunday 22 September 2024) which will be occurring south of Nelson.

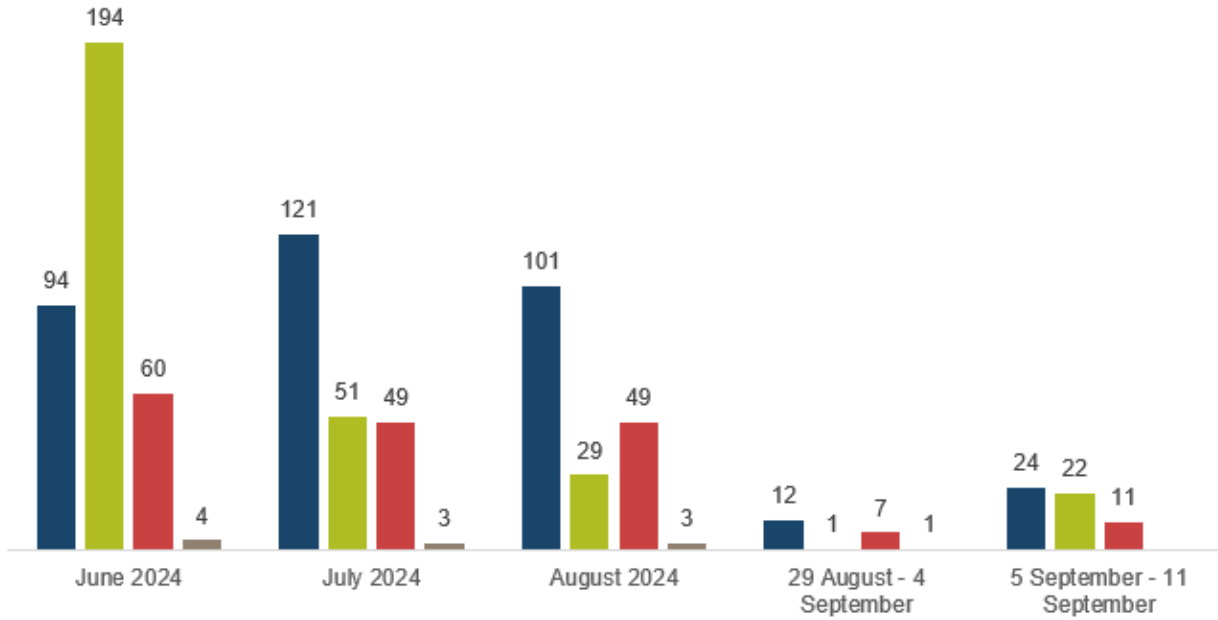
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Ministerial correspondence figures from Thursday 5 September 2024 to Wednesday 11 September 2024

Item:	Number
Ministerial Correspondence	24
Written Parliamentary Questions	22
Minister/Minister Office queries	11
Ministerial OIA requests	0
Themes	Road safety, speed limits, driver licence testing, tolling, Wellington Long Tunnel, bridge replacements.

Ministerial Correspondence Figures - September 2024

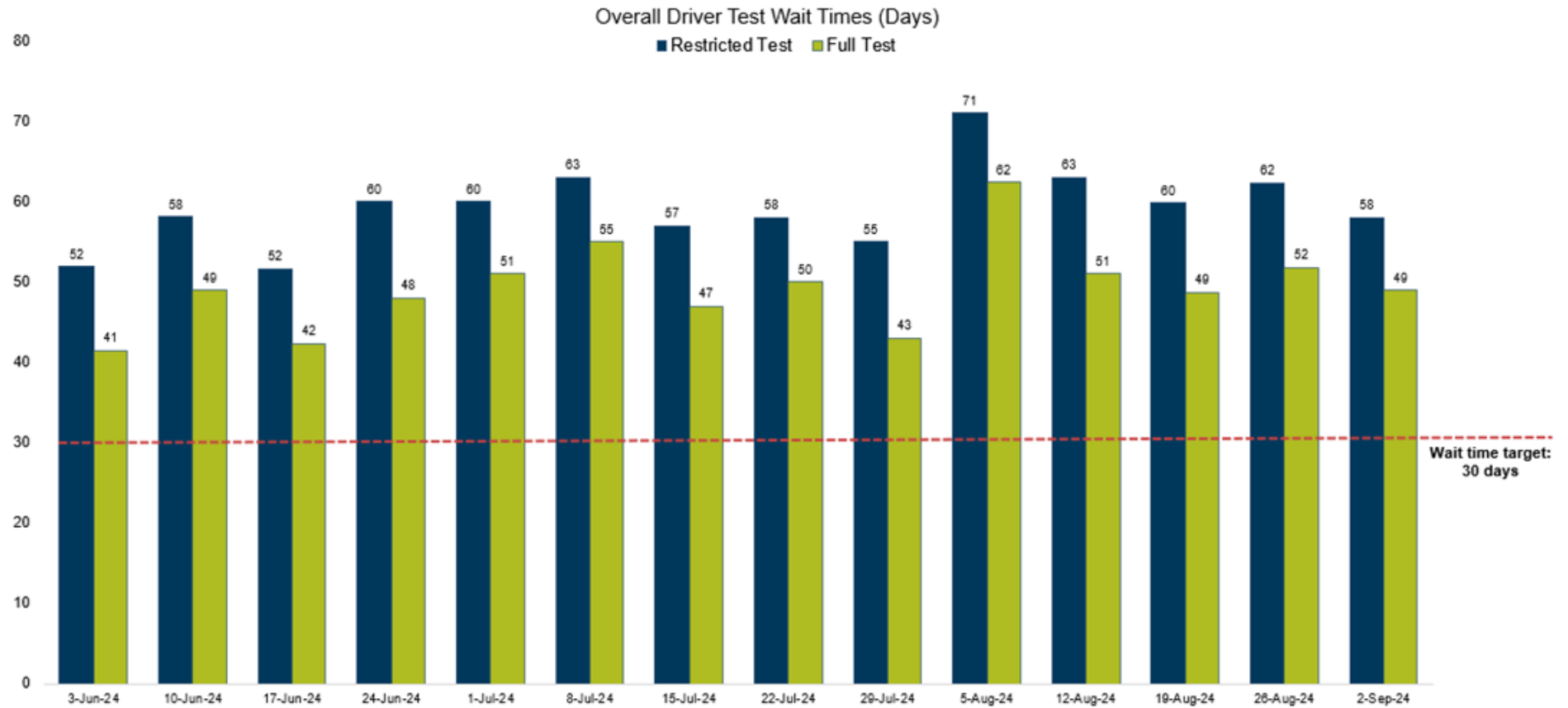
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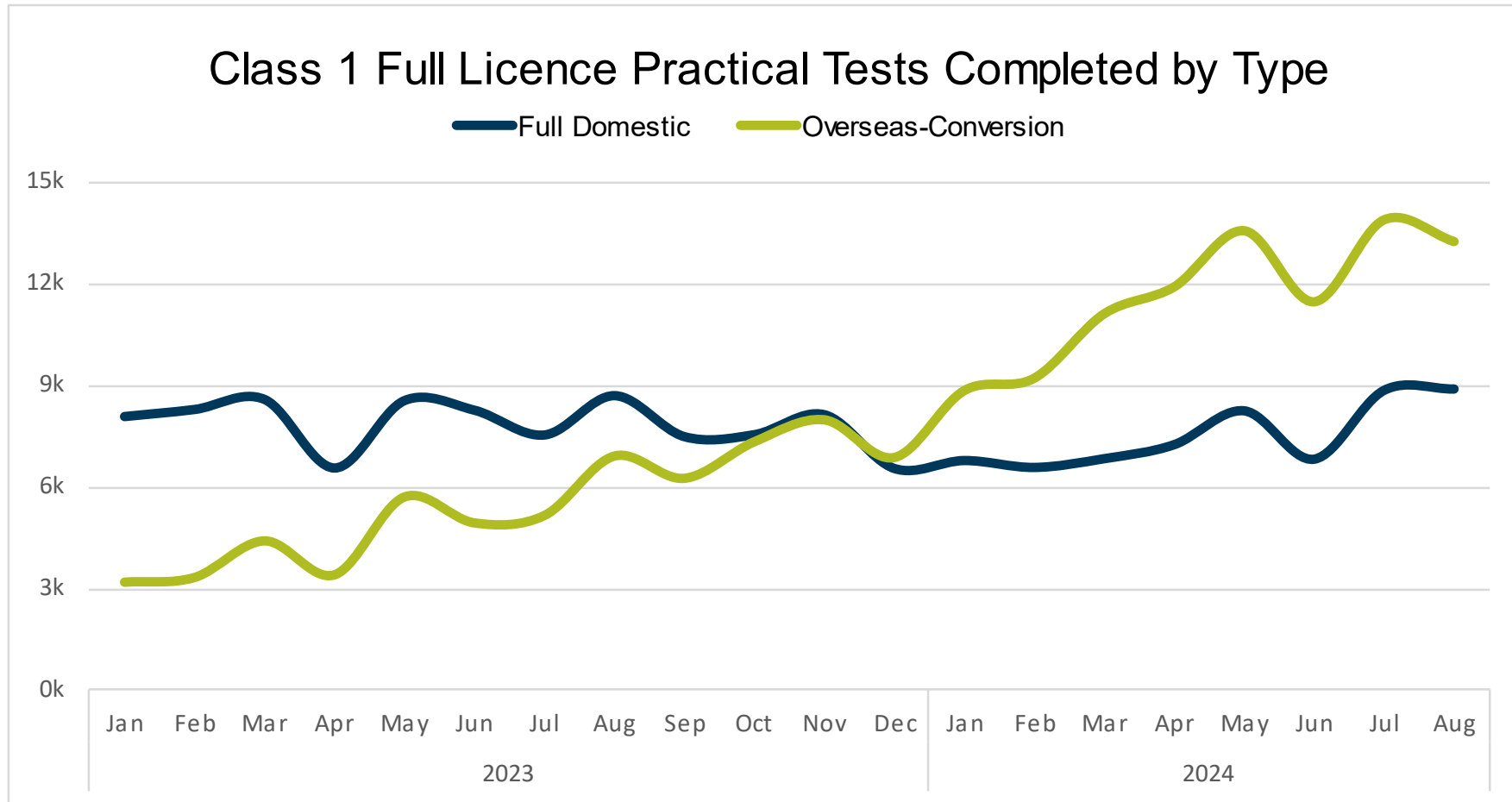
Driver Licensing wait times status

Overall wait times compared to the 30-day target:



Full licence test volumes – overseas conversions vs. domestic tests [updated monthly]:

Overseas conversions currently represent 62.7% of overall full test volume.



Interventions plan update: priority actions to reduce wait times:


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Appendix Two

Officials' Meeting Forward Looking Agenda

Date	Item for discussion	Lead
September		
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October		
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November		
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December

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Key Updates

Kapua Medical now live

The next phase of the Kapua (EMPIC) project went live on Monday 9 September with medical certificate information now being available in Kapua. Kapua is our specialist aviation regulatory software replacing ASMS. We provided you a full briefing on our transition from ASMS to Kapua in March 2024 [refer EMPIC Project Ministerial Briefing].

Following on from medical, we are working towards moving our next group of regulatory processes onto Kapua before the end of this year.

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Security screening weekly update

There were no queue observations last week.

Queues for the Wellington Southern Domestic screening point – which are constantly monitored using LiDAR technology – showed:

Week	2/9-8/9
Passengers processed in less than 5 minutes	88.8%
Passengers processed in less than 10 minutes	96.2%

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Installation of equipment at Auckland Domestic was expected to be completed by 12 September but is now expected to be completed by 19 September due to additional work being required on the infrastructure supporting the new equipment. This is not expected to cause any delays or impact queueing times.

There are no major events scheduled that are expected to impact queues this coming week.

Please see the Appendix at the end of this report for data on where queues are predicted during the coming week.

Ministerial briefings received by the Minister's Office

NB: This covers the period Wednesday 4 September – Tuesday 10 September 2024

Date	Title
Nil	Nil

Communications and External Engagement

Media plan / anticipated media

NB: This covers the 7 days from Monday 16 September 2024

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
Monday 16 September 2024	Comment or statement	Reactive messaging prepared in relation to pending announcement from Waikato Regional Airport Ltd., regarding international flights.	N/A

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Media mentions

NB: This covers the 7 days to Tuesday 10 September 2024

Date	Activity	Channel
Tuesday 3 September 2024	Agriculture industry hits out at proposed 'tax on a tax' / Agricultural aviators hit out at proposed increase of industry levy. Further coverage of CAA pricing review consultation, in relation to agricultural operators.	NZ Herald
Wednesday 4 September 2024	Whistleblower allegations: Civil Aviation Authority orders independent review into workplace culture. Article reports on CAA appointment of Tracey Taylor for independent culture review. Article includes comment from AIANZ CEO Simon Wallace and NZ ALPA president Andrew McKeen; both indicate support of the review. Comment from the Director of a private aviation company, Hugh Jones of Core Aviation, is also included, expressing concerns about CAA performance and leadership, and questioning whether a survey of industry was necessary to identify areas for improvement.	NZ Herald
Thursday 5 September 2024	'Cavalier' pilot convicted over illegal operation of helicopter. Brendan Thow sentenced to 325 hours of community service and court costs, for flying a helicopter without an appropriate licence or medical approval, operating without an Air Operator Certificate (AOC), and attempting to operate without an AOC. Additionally, the individual had failed to provide information and obstructed the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) during its investigation, for which he was convicted and discharged.	RNZ, The Press, Newstalk ZB, Otago Daily Times

Thursday 5 September 2024	<p>Microlight plane crashes in Northland paddock, pilot injured.</p> <p>CAA statement provided relating to an incident near Kaikohe airfield involving a glider that was forced to land outside the airfield. It was reported that the sole occupant was not injured and there was no damage to the aircraft. In the coming days, the pilot will provide more information to allow CAA to understand more about what occurred.</p>	1 News, Otago Daily Times
Saturday 7 September 2024	<p>Government's visitor levy raises concerns for New Zealand's tourism recovery.</p> <p>CAA is mentioned in an opinion piece by Steven Joyce about the increase of international tourism levies. "So travel visa costs have gone up, regional airport charges are going up, the CAA and aviation security are lining up to put their charges up as well. The cumulative cross-government effect is significant. And some in local government still want bed taxes."</p>	NZ Herald
Monday 9 September 2024	<p>Laser strike Otago rescue chopper.</p> <p>CAA mentioned in coverage of laser strikes in Otago. Otago Helicopters chief executive Graeme Gale reports laser strikes up to twice per week, usually while helicopters are on rescue flights. Information taken from CAA website about risk of laser strikes and potential fines.</p>	1 News

Upcoming education publications and products

Planned release/publish	What	Type	Why
July-September 2024	Occurrence Investigation Workshop	Face-to-face event	To provide training for operators about investigating occurrences, to comply with requirements under CAR Part 12
September 2024	<i>Vector</i> magazine (Spring issue)	Aviation safety education magazine	To educate the aviation community on various aviation safety topics
September 2024	In, out, and around Queenstown	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
September-October 2024	How to be an aerodrome manager	GAP booklet (new)	As part of the WTSA campaign, new guidance material for aerodrome managers is being produced, in the GAP booklet format
September 2024	Drone safety brochure	Safety education product	BAU revision

September-October 2024	Plane talking	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
September-October 2024	Helicopter performance	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
TBC	Night VFR	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
TBC	In, out, and around Milford	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
TBC	Survival	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision

Appendix – Predicted queues during the coming week

During the coming week, queues are predicted at the existing known busy periods (indicated below), using the following colour code:

- Light blue: No passenger volume forecast
- Green: Passenger volume forecast to be less than 80% of available capacity
- Orange: Passenger volume forecast to be between 80% and 90% of available capacity
- Red: Passenger volume forecast to exceed 90% of available capacity

Auckland International																									
Due to maintenance changes in the operational parameters, including flight loading and passenger presentations, the Auckland International graph is unavailable. It will be updated once the process is complete.																									
Wellington International																									
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Queenstown International

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Wellington Northern Domestic

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Portfolio work programme update

Maritime NZ

Project: Critical Changes to Maritime Legislation

Maritime NZ and Ministry of Transport officials have provided Minister Doocey with joint advice on the proposed scope for legislative changes.

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Project: Maritime Workforce

The Port Industry Association has submitted a response to the consultation on the reform of vocational education that was launched on Thursday 1 August 2024. This follows the joint proposal for maritime training that was submitted by NZ Shipping Federation, Marine Transport Association and the Federation of Commercial Fishermen.

Education officials have encouraged regulators with links to the vocational education sector to submit. Maritime NZ has therefore also provided its own short submission (outlining our role and supporting submissions made by the maritime and ports sectors). A copy will be provided to Minister Doocey's Office. The consultation closes on Thursday 12 September 2024.

Project: RMS Niagara

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Briefing: RMS Niagara Update

This briefing to both you and Minister Doocey will update you about the wreck of the *Royal Mail Ship Niagara*.

Date: Week ending Friday 13 September 2024

Project: Maritime Rules Reform

Consultation continues on the first package of Design, Construction and Equipment rules changes, and will run to 18 October 2024.

Consultation on the International Omnibus package of rules changes has completed and a summary of the consultation next steps is set out under 'Key updates' below.

Briefing: Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels

This briefing will seek Minister Doocey's agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels. These changes are sought by the sector and reduce costs and complexity.

Date: Week ending Friday 27 September 2024

Briefing: International Omnibus: Results of Consultation and Final Decisions

This briefing will seek Minister Doocey's agreement to changes in rules following consultation on the International Omnibus package.

Date: Week ending Friday 1 November 2024

Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 13 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Friday 13 September 2024	RMS Niagara Update This briefing to both you and Minister Doocey will update you about the wreck of the <i>Royal Mail Ship Niagara</i> , including the potential risks of an oil spill, recent work and engagement undertaken by Maritime NZ.
Friday 27 September 2024	Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels This briefing will seek Minister Doocey’s agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels.
Friday 1 November 2024	International Omnibus: Results of Consultation and Final Decisions This briefing will seek Minister Doocey’s agreement to rule changes following consultation on the International Omnibus package.

Key updates

International Omnibus Project 2024: completion of consultation

In April 2024, we informed Minister Doocey of work on proposed amendments to the Maritime and Marine Protection Rules (the International Omnibus Project). New Zealand, as a signatory to international maritime conventions, must update its rules when these conventions are amended. Countries are understood to have agreed to proposed amendments unless they have expressly objected.

The International Omnibus Project aims to update the rules to reflect changes to international maritime conventions and correct rule drafting errors.

Subsequently in May 2024, Minister Doocey agreed to release an Invitation to Comment (ITC) document and approve a list of stakeholders to consult with [3/5/2024 / OC240484 refers]. The consultation list covered a range of maritime stakeholders including operators, industry groups, iwi, surveyors, government agencies, and NGOs. Maritime NZ provided a copy of the ITC and the draft rules to its stakeholder list and publicised the consultation through key maritime sector publications and on social media channels.

Consultation closed on Monday 2 September 2024. No submissions were received. This result is not concerning and is similar to previous International Omnibuses given the highly specialised subject matter and low impact of the proposals. We do not believe that we have missed any significant stakeholders or concerns.

Officials will now prepare a briefing and finalise the rules for Minister Doocey's signature. We aim to provide him with this package by 28 October 2024.

KiwiRail prosecution – *Kaitaki*, \$432,500 fine and costs

On 28 January 2023 the Interislander ferry *Kaitaki* was enroute from Picton to Wellington when it had a sudden loss of power while off Sinclair Head. The ship drifted in high winds and large waves towards the rocky shore, which required the dropping of both anchors in order to stop it from running aground with almost 900 people on board.

What followed was a comprehensive investigation and some in-depth regulatory work including a specific audit to delve into KiwiRail's safety system.

In respect of the investigation, Maritime NZ laid a charge and KiwiRail subsequently pleaded guilty to it. On Monday 9 September 2024 KiwiRail made a public apology in court for its failings.

KiwiRail was fined \$412,500 and ordered to pay costs of \$20,000. It is important that as a regulator we hold people to account where appropriate and shine a light on critical safety issues – this case delivered both of these outcomes. Alongside our audits and inspections of KiwiRail, it has clearly set out our expectations for operators to implement and manage a robust maintenance system to keep people and the environment safe.

***Manahau* response**

After being refloated on Friday 6 September 2024, the *Manahau* was towed from Westport to Port Nelson on Sunday 8 September 2024.

The barge was towed into Tasman Bay by the offshore vessel *MMA Vision* with the tug *Kurutai* in support. The *Kurutai* and Port Nelson harbour tugs then towed the barge into port.

Maritime NZ placed the vessel under detention for safety reasons.

Maritime NZ was the lead Government agency for the response. Our role included engaging with the vessel owner and operator, the salvage team, councils and Nelson Harbourmaster to provide expertise and support, and monitor plans for safety and compliance. We were also responsible for implementing the restricted public access areas.

Our involvement was misreported in media on several occasions and we wrote to editors to have the record corrected.

The cause of the grounding has yet to be identified and Maritime NZ and TAIC are each running separate investigations. The operator has also hired an independent investigator. The *Manahau's* repairs will need to be certified by its Classification Society and Flag State (Niue) before it can be released from detention. Maritime NZ will also inspect the vessel and require that any deficiencies found have been repaired satisfactorily before it is released.

Maritime NZ maintained reduced restricted access areas around the site where the *Manahau* grounded for public safety, while the area was remediated. We will formally lift the restrictions once we are advised it is safe to do so.

Chatham Islands: supply vessel and Harbourmaster's Direction

An outstanding deficiency on the vessel *Southern Tiare* (non-compliance with revised watch keeping requirements), caused the operator, Chatham Islands Shipping Ltd, to raise concerns about the impact of this on vessel operations and the movement of livestock from the Islands. As the *Southern Tiare* is a foreign flagged vessel Maritime NZ has no jurisdiction in this case and these questions can only be addressed by the Flag State, the Cook Islands. It is the responsibility of the ship owner and operator to ensure that ship, crew, and equipment on board meet the flag state and international requirements that all shipping companies must adhere to.

Maritime NZ met with a representative of the Cook Islands to discuss the possibility of a limited transition period to allow the vessel to operate whilst providing the operator time to find the additional crew required. Maritime NZ is now awaiting confirmation from the ship that they are able to meet the flag state's requirements.

Maritime NZ is also seeking a meeting with the Chatham Islands Harbourmaster about a Harbourmasters Direction he has issued that places restrictions on vessels of more than 70 metres length seeking to dock at the main wharf. We are seeking to understand the underpinning risk assessment behind the direction and whether a national control, like a pilotage area, might be more appropriate. We note that, as it stands, the Direction could make it difficult for vessels currently planning to transport livestock from the Islands to do so.

Engagement with the Fishing Health & Safety Forum

On Thursday 5 September 2024, Maritime NZ met with the New Zealand Fishing Health and Safety Forum, with which we have a long-standing collaborative relationship. The Forum brings together commercial fishing operators and representative organisations to discuss health and safety issues and collaboration opportunities. The Forum also provides Maritime NZ with feedback around the operational impacts of policy and regulatory changes being considered. We had a constructive session with Forum attendees. Two particular topics discussed were how we might further support the sector to provide feedback to us on regulatory proposals, and some new potential collaboration opportunities to address risk. The industry, for example, is concerned about recreational vessels on the West Coast reportedly chasing Bluefin Tuna attracted by large Hoki trawlers. The potential risks with this behaviour is that recreational craft may voyage beyond their limits or capabilities and may get too close to the commercial vessel – creating risks to themselves, their craft (and the commercial crew and vessel as well in some instances). We are meeting again with members of the Forum to discuss how we might raise awareness of the risks in this area.

Maritime NZ media escalation process

Maritime NZ maintains a 24/7 duty team, which includes a duty media officer. The duty team is in frequent contact with the Rescue Coordination Centre NZ (RCCNZ), which is staffed 24/7, and has established ways of contacting harbourmasters, councils and emergency services as required.

The duty media officer will provide a heads up to your or Minister Doocey's Press Secretary or Private Secretary when we are responding to a significant event. This will include information about the event, response, media queries we have received and our approved replies.

Examples of when we would do this include major search and rescue incidents coordinated by RCCNZ, high profile recreational craft events, commercial shipping incidents and major pollution spills. We note that you retain delegation for Cook Strait ferry issues.

Your Office can ask Maritime NZ to assist with reactive media lines for queries you might receive. In many cases the work of Maritime NZ is operational in nature and responding to maritime incidents is business as usual for the agency. Your team's media role would likely be to acknowledge victims and public concerns, confirm they are being kept informed, provide assurance to the public, state the Government's established position if there is one, and refer operational questions to Maritime NZ.

Engagement with Bay of Plenty regional Council

Senior Maritime NZ staff attended the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Monitoring and Operations Committee meeting on Wednesday 3 September 2024, to outline progress made in national and local maritime incident preparedness since the *MV Rena* grounding and oil spill in 2011. Deputy Chief Executive for Response, Security and Safety Systems, Graham MacLean, presented councillors with an update on key focus areas that Maritime NZ has worked on to enhance its capabilities for managing complex incidents, particularly in the Bay of Plenty. These included:

- updated readiness and response strategies and plans
- capability development, including targeted training development and implementation ensuring fit-for-purpose appropriately maintained equipment
- Iwi and community and volunteer partnerships
- establishment of enhanced specialist support arrangements with both New Zealand and international parties

The Council expressed assurance that Maritime NZ has implemented the recommendations of the Simon Murdoch report (2013) and that New Zealand was in a much better position to manage maritime incidents, large and small, into the future.

Upcoming briefings copied to Associate Minister of Transport

Nil this week.

Upcoming Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	
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Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees	
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)	
<p>Wednesday 11 September 2024</p>	<p>Recovering the cost of border processing services for travellers</p> <p>The Ministers of Customs and Biosecurity are proposing to present a Cabinet Paper and Cost Recovery Impact Statement (CRIS) on amendments to the Customs and Excise (Border Processing Levy) for consideration at ECO on Wednesday 11 September 2024 and Cabinet on Monday 16 September 2024. The paper contains proposals for amendments to levy rates for recovering the costs of processing international travellers. The proposals include a substantial increase in the levy on arriving cruise ship passengers to recover Customs' costs incurred in their processing.</p> <p>We have provided comment to Customs that the paper and CRIS would benefit from more evidence on the harms or risks associated with arriving cruise ship passengers, and the effectiveness of the Customs' interventions to address those harms or risks, to make a stronger case for the increase in the levy.</p> <p>The Cabinet Paper and CRIS note that the cruise industry is opposed to the increase and has expressed concerns regarding the cumulative impact of recent increases in Government fees and levies on their businesses. We can confirm that this was a strong theme at the recent New Zealand Cruise Association Conference held on 15 August 2024.</p> <p>Since the initial consultation, Customs have written to submitters on the levy proposals, indicating that because of lowered projections of cruise visits, levies on arriving cruise ship passengers will need to rise further than what was initially proposed in the consultation process. This is likely to increase cruise sector frustration markedly, as the sector is already on record as saying that the lower cruise visit activity is a direct result of high costs.</p>

Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)	
<p>Wednesday 11 September 2024</p>	<p>Biosecurity System Strategy</p> <p>Minister Hoggard has begun Ministerial consultation on the Biosecurity System Strategy package. Consultation will run until 30 August 2024, before proposed ECO lodgement on Thursday 5 September 2024, for consideration on Wednesday 11 September 2024. The strategy aims to address the policy, operational, and participatory challenges in the functioning of the biosecurity system, and is connected to the Biosecurity Act Amendment Bill proposals.</p> <p>While the proposal does not contain any obvious concerns for the maritime transport system, Maritime NZ has asked the Ministry for Primary Industries to involve us in any future work that touches on our functions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • our current approach to Ballast Water Management • the role of Regional Councils/Harbourmasters; and • vessels and those on-board (particularly with regard to safety).
<p>Thursday 19 September 2024</p>	<p>Live Animal Exports Review</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 100px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <p>This initiative relates to the Government’s coalition agreement to “reverse the recent ban on live animal exports while ensuring the highest standards of animal welfare”.</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 100px;"></div>



New inquiries / International assistance

Notice of a new rail inquiry RO-2024-105 opened by the Commission

The New Zealand Transport Agency notified the Commission on Wednesday 4 September 2024 of an overhead line electrification traction incident at Parnell, Auckland involving two on-track workers that occurred at about 0130.

The circumstances reported to date are that two workers were in the boom basket of an elevated work platform on the down main of the Newmarket branch line (near Parnell station) when both workers received an electric shock.

The Commissioner has opened an inquiry under Section 13(1) of the Transport Accident Investigation C Act 1990 and appointed Louise Cook as investigator in charge. They will be supported by Hans Boon and Barry Stephenson.

Media heads up / General comments

Nil.

MO-2024-204 Aratere, grounding, near Picton, 21 June 2024 - Investigation update

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Associate Minister of Transport Weekly Report week commencing 9 September 2024

1 Portfolio work programme update

Milford Opportunities

Project: Milford Aerodrome Financial Sustainability

No update. The new charges for aerodrome users do not come into effect until 1 April 2025.

Project: Masterplan Business Case

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Date: Thursday 19 September 2024

Weather Forecasting

Project: System Review

No update.

Project: Contract Expiry

No update.

Project: Rain Radar Upgrades

No update.

Recreational Safety and SAR

Project: Next Steps Following Recreational Safety and Search and Rescue Review

No update.

Project: Fuel Excise SAR Funding

The Ministry provided advice to the Minister of Transport on Friday 23 August 2024 outlining the parameters and timeline for the triennial review of Section 9(1) SAR funding and seeking approval to initiate the review. We are awaiting approval from the Minister of Transport to share the advice with your Office.

Aviation Tourism

Project: Air Services Agreement (ASAS)

You have received a Cabinet Paper and National Interest Analysis for the Air Services Agreement with ASEAN.

Cabinet paper: New Zealand – ASEAN Air Services Agreement and Protocol

This paper is currently undergoing Ministerial consultation.

To Committee: Wednesday 25 September 2024 (Economic Policy Committee)

To Cabinet: Monday 30 September 2024

Project: Codeshare/Alliance Authorisations

Briefing: Air Services Agreement with Hungary

Officials have negotiated an air services agreement (ASA) with Hungary. Cabinet has delegated to the Ministers of Transport and Foreign Affairs the authority to approve the outcome of air services negotiations. This briefing seeks your agreement, in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, to sign the ASA with Hungary.

Date: Week ending Friday 20 September 2024

Briefing: Air New Zealand / Cathay Pacific Alliance Reauthorisation

This briefing will provide the Ministry's preliminary view on the application from Air New Zealand and Cathay Pacific for a reauthorisation of their alliance agreement.

Date: Week ending Friday 20 September 2024

Chatham Islands

Project: Work Towards a Ship Solution

The Ministry is expecting to release the RFI for a replacement shipping service to the sector this week. We will provide your Office a copy of the RFI document, as well as some Q&As for any potential media interest, 24 hours before the RFI goes live.

Maritime Security

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2 Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due	Title
Thursday 19 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Wednesday 11 September 2024	Proactive Release of August 2024 Briefing Titles This proactive release briefing (OC240940 refers) will seek your approval for all transport agencies to release their August 2024 list of briefing titles provided to yourself and Minister Brown.
Wednesday 11 September 2024	Proactive Release of July 2024 Weekly Reports This proactive release briefing (OC241013 refers) will seek your approval to release all Weekly Reports for July 2024 provided to yourself and Minister Brown.
Monday 16 September 2024	Meeting with TAIC Officials and TAIC Six Monthly Report for 1 January to 30 June 2024 This briefing will provide you with advice for your meeting with the Chief Commissioner and Chief Executive of TAIC on Thursday 19 September 2024, and about TAIC's half-year report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2024, to inform your meeting.
Wednesday 18 September 2024	Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) Monitoring Plan This briefing seeks your approval of a draft monitoring plan for TAIC.
Wednesday 18 September 2024	Maritime NZ Monitoring Plan This briefing (OC241046) seeks your approval of a draft monitoring plan for Maritime NZ.
Week ending Friday 20 September 2024	Air New Zealand /Cathay Pacific Alliance Reauthorisation This briefing will provide the Ministry's preliminary view on the application from Air New Zealand and Cathay Pacific for a reauthorisation of their alliance agreement.
Week ending Friday 20 September 2024	Maritime New Zealand: Longlist following advertisement This briefing will provide you with a recommended longlist of candidates following the closure of the advertisement period.
Week ending Friday 20 September 2024	Air Services Agreement with Hungary This briefing seeks your agreement, in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, to sign the ASA with Hungary.

Due	Title
Wednesday 13 November 2024	Maritime Security Tools Investment This briefing will update you on the Maritime Security Strategy's surveillance and response tools investment and seek your direction on next steps.

3 Key updates

Maritime New Zealand Authority Appointments

The call for nominations for Maritime New Zealand closed on Thursday 5 September 2024, with over 60 nominations received. The Ministry has since met with the Chair to work through a recommended longlist and intends to brief you on our recommendations next week.

Transport Accident Investigation Commission: Chief Commissioner

[Appointments in Confidence]

On Tuesday 10 September 2024, Ministers confirmed their agreement to progress David Clarke to the Chief Commissioner role. Following this decision, your Office will receive the draft Cabinet paperwork so that the appointment can be finalised before Ms Meares' retirement takes effect on Monday 30 September 2024.

The below timeline outlines the remaining steps as discussed with your Office:

Timeframe	Action
9 – 13 September 2024	Ministry to submit draft Cabinet paperwork for approval.
16 – 18 September 2024	Ministerial consultation.
Thursday 19 September 2024	Cabinet paperwork to be lodged before 10am Thursday 19 September 2024.
Tuesday 24 September 2024	Cabinet's Appointments and Honours Committee to consider appointments. Ministry to provide appointment letter and gazette notice to Minister Brown's Office, so that the appointment can be finalised while you are overseas.
Monday 30 September 2024	Cabinet to confirm appointment. Minister Brown to send appointment letter and return the signed gazette notice to the Ministry.
Tuesday 1 October 2024	Appointment commences.

Follow up from your recent meeting with the MetService CEO and Board Chair

Following your recent quarterly meeting with the MetService CEO and Board Chair you asked for the following advice:

How you can support the MetService through the implementation of the Hau Nuku review

The Hau Nuku review is being led by MBIE and Treasury with Ministers Paul Goldsmith and Judith Collins as decision making Ministers. As per your delegation, you hold the contract between the Minister of Transport and the MetService. Your interests in the Hau Nuku review will be in ensuring the MetService continues to deliver the weather forecasting services in scope of this contract. You can influence decisions about the MetService and NIWA through conversations with your colleagues, especially with Ministers Goldsmith and Collins. We recommend that you focus these discussions with your colleagues on matters that impact on the MetService's ability to deliver its contracted services.

Performance reporting provided by the MetService

As per the contract, the service provider (the MetService) must report to the Minister on performance of the Operational Services each quarter by email to the Ministry. The current process is that the Ministry, on your behalf, receives and summarises the quarterly report then provides it to you in a Weekly Report entry. The indicators that must be included in the MetService's quarterly report are listed below (Schedule 4 of the contract refers):

- a) The timeliness of the issue of routinely issued weather forecasts
- b) Accuracy measures, expressed as Probability of Detection (POD) and False Alarm Ratio (FAR) of routinely issued marine wind warnings for coastal areas and advice of broad-scale severe weather
- c) The number of forecasts, watches, and warnings issued for severe weather events
- d) The availability of key elements of the observing network
- e) Participation of MetService personnel at World Metrological Organisation (WMO) meetings.

4 Upcoming briefings copied to Associate Minister of Transport

There are no upcoming briefings copied to the Associate Minister of Transport.

5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	
Wednesday 25 September 2024	<p>New Zealand Air Services Agreement and Protocol</p> <p>This paper seeks approval for New Zealand to sign and ratify the <i>Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand</i> and the associated <i>Protocol 1 to the Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand on Third, Fourth and Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights between Parties</i>.</p>
Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee	
Tuesday 22 October 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Tuesday 24 September 2024	<p>Transport Accident Investigation Commission: Chief Commissioner Appointment</p> <p>This paper informs Cabinet of your intent to appoint a new Chief Commissioner to the Transport Accident Investigation Commission.</p>

5.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

There are no other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications this week.



1 Portfolio work programme update

Maritime NZ

Project: Critical Changes to Maritime Legislation

Maritime NZ and Ministry of Transport officials have provided you with joint advice on the proposed scope for legislative changes.

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Project: Maritime Workforce

The Port Industry Association has submitted a response to the consultation on the reform of vocational education that was launched on 1 August 2024. This follows the joint proposal for maritime training that was submitted by NZ Shipping Federation, Marine Transport Association and the Federation of Commercial Fishermen.

Education officials have encouraged regulators with links to the vocational education sector to submit. Maritime NZ has therefore also provided its own short submission (outlining our role and supporting submissions made by the maritime and ports sectors). A copy will be provided to your Office. The consultation closes on Thursday 12 September 2024.

<p>Project: RMS Niagara</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	
<p>Briefing: RMS Niagara Update</p> <p>This briefing to both you and Minister Brown will update you about the wreck of the <i>Royal Mail Ship Niagara</i>.</p>	<p>Date: Week ending Friday 13 September 2024</p>
<p>Project: Maritime Rules Reform</p> <p>Consultation continues on the first package of Design, Construction and Equipment rules changes, and will run to 18 October 2024.</p> <p>Consultation on the International Omnibus package of rules changes has completed and a summary of the consultation next steps is set out under 'Key updates' below.</p>	
<p>Briefing: Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels</p> <p>This briefing will seek your agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels. These changes are sought by the sector and reduce costs and complexity.</p>	<p>Date: Week ending Friday 27 September 2024</p>
<p>Briefing: International Omnibus: Results of Consultation and Final Decisions</p> <p>This briefing will seek your agreement to changes in rules following consultation on the International Omnibus package.</p>	<p>Date: Week ending Friday 1 November 2024</p>

2 Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due	Title
Week ending Friday 13 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending Friday 13 September 2024	<p>RMS Niagara Update</p> <p>This briefing to both you and Minister Brown will update you about the wreck of the <i>Royal Mail Ship Niagara</i>, including the potential risks of an oil spill, recent work and engagement undertaken by Maritime NZ.</p>
Week ending Friday 27 September 2024	<p>Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels</p> <p>This briefing will seek your agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels.</p>
Week ending Friday 1 November 2024	<p>International Omnibus: Results of Consultation and Final Decisions</p> <p>This briefing will seek your agreement to rule changes following consultation on the International Omnibus package.</p>

3 Key updates

International Omnibus Project 2024: completion of consultation

In April 2024, we informed you of work on proposed amendments to the Maritime and Marine Protection Rules (the International Omnibus Project). New Zealand, as a signatory to international maritime conventions, must update its rules when these conventions are amended. Countries are understood to have agreed to proposed amendments unless they have expressly objected.

The International Omnibus Project aims to update the rules to reflect changes to international maritime conventions and correct rule drafting errors.

Subsequently in May 2024, you agreed to release an Invitation to Comment (ITC) document and approve a list of stakeholders to consult with [3/5/2024 / OC240484 refers]. The consultation list covered a range of maritime stakeholders including operators, industry groups, iwi, surveyors, government agencies, and NGOs. Maritime NZ provided a copy of the ITC and the draft rules to its stakeholder list and publicised the consultation through key maritime sector publications and on social media channels.

Consultation closed on Monday 2 September 2024. No submissions were received. This result is not concerning and is similar to previous International Omnibuses given the highly specialised subject matter and low impact of the proposals. We do not believe that we have missed any significant stakeholders or concerns.

Officials will now prepare a briefing and finalise the rules for your signature. We aim to provide you this package by 28 October 2024.

KiwiRail prosecution – *Kaitaki*, \$432,500 fine and costs

On 28 January 2023 the Interislander ferry *Kaitaki* was enroute from Picton to Wellington when it had a sudden loss of power while off Sinclair Head. The ship drifted in high winds and large waves towards the rocky shore, which required the dropping of both anchors in order to stop it from running aground with almost 900 people on board.

What followed was a comprehensive investigation and some in-depth regulatory work including a specific audit to delve into KiwiRail's safety system.

In respect of the investigation, Maritime NZ laid a charge and KiwiRail subsequently pleaded guilty to it. On Monday 9 September 2024 KiwiRail made a public apology in court for its failings.

KiwiRail was fined \$412,500 and ordered to pay costs of \$20,000. It is important that as a regulator we hold people to account where appropriate and shine a light on critical safety issues – this case delivered both of these outcomes. Alongside our audits and inspections of KiwiRail, it has clearly set out our expectations for operators to implement and manage a robust maintenance system to keep people and the environment safe.

Manahau response

After being refloated on Friday 6 September 2024, the *Manahau* was towed from Westport to Port Nelson on Sunday 8 September 2024.

The barge was towed into Tasman Bay by the offshore vessel *MMA Vision* with the tug *Kurutai* in support. The *Kurutai* and Port Nelson harbour tugs then towed the barge into port.

Maritime NZ placed the vessel under detention for safety reasons.

Maritime NZ was the lead Government agency for the response. Our role included engaging with the vessel owner and operator, the salvage team, councils and Nelson Harbourmaster to provide expertise and support, and monitor plans for safety and compliance. We were also responsible for implementing the restricted public access areas.

Our involvement was misreported in media on several occasions and we wrote to editors to have the record corrected.

The cause of the grounding has yet to be identified and Maritime NZ and TAIC are each running separate investigations. The operator has also hired an independent investigator. The *Manahau's* repairs will need to be certified by its Classification Society and Flag State (Niue) before it can be released from detention. Maritime NZ will also inspect the vessel and require that any deficiencies found have been repaired satisfactorily before it is released.

Maritime NZ maintained reduced restricted access areas around the site where the *Manahau* grounded for public safety, while the area was remediated. We will formally lift the restrictions once we are advised it is safe to do so.

Chatham Islands: supply vessel and Harbourmaster's Direction

An outstanding deficiency on the vessel *Southern Tiare* (non-compliance with revised watch keeping requirements), caused the operator, Chatham Islands Shipping Ltd, to raise concerns about the impact of this on vessel operations and the movement of livestock from the Islands. As the *Southern Tiare* is a foreign flagged vessel Maritime NZ has no jurisdiction in this case and these questions can only be addressed by the Flag State, the Cook Islands. It is the responsibility of the ship owner and operator to ensure that ship, crew, and equipment on board meet the flag state and international requirements that all shipping companies must adhere to.

Maritime NZ met with a representative of the Cook Islands to discuss the possibility of a limited transition period to allow the vessel to operate whilst providing the operator time to find the additional crew required. Maritime NZ is now awaiting confirmation from the ship that they are able to meet the flag state's requirements.

Maritime NZ is also seeking a meeting with the Chatham Islands Harbourmaster about a Harbourmasters Direction he has issued that places restrictions on vessels of more than 70 metres length seeking to dock at the main wharf. We are seeking to understand the underpinning risk assessment behind the direction and whether a national control, like a pilotage area, might be more appropriate. We note that, as it stands, the Direction could make it difficult for vessels currently planning to transport livestock from the Islands to do so.

Maritime NZ media escalation process

Maritime NZ maintains a 24/7 duty team, which includes a duty media officer. The duty team is in frequent contact with the Rescue Coordination Centre NZ (RCCNZ), which is staffed 24/7, and has established ways of contacting harbourmasters, councils and emergency services as required.

The duty media officer will provide a heads up to your or Minister Brown's Press Secretary or Private Secretary when we are responding to a significant event. This will include information about the event, response, media queries we have received and our approved replies.

Examples of when we would do this include major search and rescue incidents coordinated by RCCNZ, high profile recreational craft events, commercial shipping incidents and major pollution spills. We note that Minister Brown retains delegation for Cook Strait ferry issues.

Your Office can ask Maritime NZ to assist with reactive media lines for queries the Minister might receive. In many cases the work of Maritime NZ is operational in nature and responding to maritime incidents is business as usual for the agency. The Minister's media role would likely be to acknowledge victims and public concerns, confirm they are being kept informed, provide assurance to the public, state the Government's established position if there is one, and refer operational questions to Maritime NZ.

3.1 Sector Engagement

Engagement with the Fishing Health & Safety Forum

On Thursday 5 September 2024, Maritime NZ met with the New Zealand Fishing Health and Safety Forum, with which we have a long-standing collaborative relationship. The Forum brings together commercial fishing operators and representative organisations to discuss health and safety issues and collaboration opportunities. The Forum also provides Maritime NZ with feedback around the operational impacts of policy and regulatory changes being considered. We had a constructive session with Forum attendees. Two particular topics discussed were how we might further support the sector to provide feedback to us on regulatory proposals, and some new potential collaboration opportunities to address risk. The industry, for example, is concerned about recreational vessels on the West Coast reportedly chasing Bluefin Tuna attracted by large Hoki trawlers. The potential risks with this behaviour is that recreational craft may voyage beyond their limits or capabilities and may get too close to the commercial vessel – creating risks to themselves, their craft (and the commercial crew and vessel as well in some instances). We are meeting again with members of the Forum to discuss how we might raise awareness of the risks in this area.

Engagement with Bay of Plenty regional Council

Senior Maritime NZ staff attended the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Monitoring and Operations Committee meeting on Wednesday 3 September 2024, to outline progress made in national and local maritime incident preparedness since the *MV Rena* grounding and oil spill in 2011. Deputy Chief Executive for Response, Security and Safety Systems, Graham MacLean, presented councillors with an update on key focus areas that Maritime NZ has worked on to enhance its capabilities for managing complex incidents, particularly in the Bay of Plenty. These included:

- updated readiness and response strategies and plans
- capability development, including targeted training development and implementation ensuring fit-for-purpose appropriately maintained equipment
- Iwi and community and volunteer partnerships
- establishment of enhanced specialist support arrangements with both New Zealand and international parties

The Council expressed assurance that Maritime NZ has implemented the recommendations of the Simon Murdoch report (2013) and that New Zealand was in a much better position to manage maritime incidents, large and small, into the future.

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Nil this week.

5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	
Wednesday 18 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

5.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees	
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)	
<p>Wednesday 11 September 2024</p>	<p>Recovering the cost of border processing services for travellers</p> <p>The Ministers of Customs and Biosecurity are proposing to present a Cabinet Paper and Cost Recovery Impact Statement (CRIS) on amendments to the Customs and Excise (Border Processing Levy) for consideration at ECO on Wednesday 11 September 2024 and Cabinet on Monday 16 September 2024. The paper contains proposals for amendments to levy rates for recovering the costs of processing international travellers. The proposals include a substantial increase in the levy on arriving cruise ship passengers to recover Customs' costs incurred in their processing.</p> <p>We have provided comment to Customs that the paper and CRIS would benefit from more evidence on the harms or risks associated with arriving cruise ship passengers, and the effectiveness of the Customs' interventions to address those harms or risks, to make a stronger case for the increase in the levy.</p> <p>The Cabinet Paper and CRIS note that the cruise industry is opposed to the increase and has expressed concerns regarding the cumulative impact of recent increases in Government fees and levies on their businesses. We can confirm that this was a strong theme at the recent New Zealand Cruise Association Conference held on 15 August 2024.</p> <p>Since the initial consultation, Customs have written to submitters on the levy proposals, indicating that because of lowered projections of cruise visits, levies on arriving cruise ship passengers will need to rise further than what was initially proposed in the consultation process. This is likely to increase cruise sector frustration markedly, as the sector is already on record as saying that the lower cruise visit activity is a direct result of high costs.</p>

Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)	
<p>Wednesday 11 September 2024</p>	<p>Biosecurity System Strategy</p> <p>Minister Hoggard has begun Ministerial consultation on the Biosecurity System Strategy package. Consultation will run until 30 August 2024, before proposed ECO lodgement on Thursday 5 September 2024, for consideration on Wednesday 11 September 2024. The strategy aims to address the policy, operational, and participatory challenges in the functioning of the biosecurity system, and is connected to the Biosecurity Act Amendment Bill proposals.</p> <p>While the proposal does not contain any obvious concerns for the maritime transport system, Maritime NZ has asked the Ministry for Primary Industries to involve us in any future work that touches on our functions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • our current approach to Ballast Water Management • the role of Regional Councils/Harbourmasters; and • vessels and those on-board (particularly with regard to safety).
<p>Thursday 19 September 2024</p>	<p>Live Animal Exports Review</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>This initiative relates to the Government’s coalition agreement to “reverse the recent ban on live animal exports while ensuring the highest standards of animal welfare”.</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>



New inquiries / International assistance

Notice of a new rail inquiry RO-2024-105 opened by the Commission

The New Zealand Transport Agency notified the Commission on Wednesday 4 September 2024 of an overhead line electrification traction incident at Parnell, Auckland involving two on-track workers that occurred at about 0130.

The circumstances reported to date are that two workers were in the boom basket of an elevated work platform on the down main of the Newmarket branch line (near Parnell station) when both workers received an electric shock.

The Commissioner has opened an inquiry under Section 13(1) of the Transport Accident Investigation C Act 1990 and appointed Louise Cook as investigator in charge. They will be supported by Hans Boon and Barry Stephenson.

Media heads up / General comments

Nil.

MO-2024-204 Aratere, grounding, near Picton, 21 June 2024 - Investigation update

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Transport Portfolio Weekly Report

As at Wednesday 18 September 2024

Recipient

HON SIMEON BROWN
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Copy the report to Hon Matthew Doocey as
Associate Minister of Transport

Minister's comments:

Officials' agenda



Agenda - Minister Brown officials' meeting

Day Date	Monday 23 September 2024		
Time	8.30am – 9.15am		
Venue	EW5.1 Parliament		
Attendees			
Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive			
Brent Johnston, Chief of Staff			
Paul O'Connell, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy			
Ruth Fairhall, Deputy Chief Executive, Policy			
Joanna Heard, Manager, Safety			
Erin Wynne, Manager, ERP 2 Development			
Natasha Rave, Manager, Resilience & Security			
Danny Eyre, Principal Advisor, Maritime & Freight			
Part 1			
1.0	CE Only Time • Revenue update	Audrey Sonerson	Verbal
1.1	Weekly Report	Audrey Sonerson	As at 18 Sept
1.2	Safety • Oral Fluid Testing	Paul O'Connell	Email
1.3	ERP 2 • CPMG Meeting Agenda	Ruth Fairhall	OC241087
1.4	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Ruth Fairhall	Verbal

Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) Monday 16 September 2024	Due date
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete
Investment Officials to provide email on scope of work underway with NZTA on the Road Efficiency Group.	Complete
Update on-time performance reporting Officials to publish on-time performance report for Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Queenstown and Dunedin.	September 2024
Emissions Reduction Plan 2 – Transport Chapter Officials to engage with industry on heavy vehicle transition. Officials to model impact of the RUC transition on hybrid and EV uptake. Officials to provide advice on the ZEHV EV RUC exemption and additional options to include in ERP2.	Complete Mid-October Mid-October
Coastal Shipping Resilience Fund Office to share briefing with Minister of Finance and Minister of Regional Development.	Complete
Decisions	Confirmed / Denied
Agree to extend the deadline for submissions on Aviation Security Services consultation by two weeks to 5:00pm Tuesday 22 October 2024.	Confirmed
Government Quarterly Plan – Approved.	Confirmed
Officials to provide further advice to inform consideration of the Regional Aviation Ministers' Meeting in February 2025.	Confirmed

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
Officials meeting date	Action	Due date
12 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
26 August 2024	Vehicle Safety Officials to discuss approach to sector engagement with the Office.	Complete
2 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete
9 September 2024	Metropolitan Rail Operating Model Review Officials to provide advice s 9(2)(f)(iv)	7 October 2024. This will be delivered concurrently with the next set of MROM Review advice
9 September 2024	Oral Fluid Testing s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete Complete
9 September 2024	Rail Regulatory Officials to provide advice on options to: s 9(2)(f)(iv)	By Wednesday 16 October 2024

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
9September 2024	Public Transport	
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1. Ministerial priorities

Safety

Project: Speed limits

The Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee (EXP) considered the Cabinet paper on Tuesday 17 September 2024. The Cabinet paper will be considered by Cabinet on Monday 23 September 2024.

We have provided responses to your Office to questions on the updated draft Rule. We will provide the final Rule to you after Cabinet on Monday 23 September 2024.

We are preparing a short paper for you to take to the Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) to seek approval to regulations to amend the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 and the Land Transport (Register of Land Transport Records – Speed Limits) Regulations 2022. The proposed amendments to these two pieces of legislation will update the references to the speed Rule in this legislation from 2022 to 2024. The Land Transport Management (Regional Transport Committees) Regulations 2022 will also be revoked.

Process	Dates
Cabinet confirmation of EXP decisions	Monday 23 September 2024
Final Rule to Minister for signing	After Cabinet, on Monday 23 September 2024
Cabinet Legislation Committee for consequential amendments	17 October 2024
Cabinet for consequential amendments	21 October 2024
Executive Counsel for consequential amendments	21 October 2024
New Rule in force	30 October 2024

Project: Oral fluid testing regime

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Project: Road safety objectives

Departmental and Ministerial consultation on the draft Road Safety Objectives document is complete. We have provided you with final papers.

Cabinet paper: Releasing the final Road Safety Objectives document

This paper seeks agreement to publish the final New Zealand Road Safety Objectives document.

ECO: Tuesday 24 September 2024

Cabinet: Monday 30 September 2024

Project: Driver licensing

Extending conversion period for overseas licences and Croatia exemption

On Monday 2 September 2024, Cabinet agreed to extend the timeline for converting overseas driver licenses. Cabinet also agreed to give full driver licence holders from Croatia an exemption from completing driver's licence tests when they convert their licences, subject to the mutual driver licence recognition arrangement being finalised.

We expect the Rule change to come into effect on 1 November 2024 when the required Order in Council is gazetted. We have received initial drafts of the Order in Council from PCO.

We are continuing to work with MFAT on finalising the Croatia driver license arrangement.

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Cabinet paper: Rule Change to Extend the Time for Converting Overseas Licences: Approval of Order in Council

This paper seeks Cabinet's agreement to the Order in Council necessary to implement the Rule change.

LEG papers to your Office: 2 October 2024

LEG meeting: 24 October 2024

Cabinet meeting: 29 October 2024

Rule change effective: 1 November 2024

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Rail

Project: KiwiRail – Rail freight network	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Date: Monday 23 September 2024

Investment

Project: Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024

Road Efficiency Group (REG)

Ministry officials have provided your Office with an update on the work underway with the NZTA on the Road Efficiency Group (REG) as requested on Monday 16 September 2024.

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NZTA Debt

Treasury provided a briefing on options to restructure/smooth NZTA's existing debt facilities on Thursday 5 September 2024 (T2024/2222 refers).

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s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Budget 2025

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Project: Triennial review of Section 9(1) Search and Rescue (SAR) funding

Officials provided advice to your Office on 23 August 2024 seeking approval to initiate the triennial review of Search and Rescue funding and parallel review of Section 9 funding (OC240931 refers).

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To ensure key milestones can be met for the triennial review, we will condense the timeframe for funding applicants to draft and submit funding applications – from the originally planned 10-weeks – ensuring these are submitted to the Ministry for assessment by late October 2024.

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Project: Northern Corridor

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Revenue

Project: Fleetwide transition to the Road User Charges system

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Project: Time of use charging

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Tolling reform

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Project: Increasing motor vehicle registration (MVR) annual licence fees

The final draft of the Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024, and accompanying draft Cabinet Legislation Committee paper, has been provided to your Office for lodgement on Thursday 19 September 2024. No feedback was received through Ministerial consultation.

Cabinet paper: Approval for Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024

This LEG paper will seek authorisation to submit regulations to the Executive Council.

Ministerial consultation: Complete

Lodged: Thursday 19 September 2024

To Committee: Thursday 26 September 2024

To Cabinet: Monday 30 September 2024

Publication & Gazetting: 3 October 2024

Aviation

Project: Consultations with the aviation sector

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Cabinet paper: New Zealand Air Services Agreement and Protocol (Associate Minister)

To lodge: Thursday 19 September 2024

To Committee: Wednesday 25 September 2024

To Cabinet: Monday 30 September 2024

On Time Performance (OTP)

We met with Air New Zealand, Qantas, Jetstar and BARNZ to discuss our approach to OTP following our discussion at the officials' meeting on Monday 16 September. The airlines noted that they already publish their OTPs on their websites and were curious about the purpose of the Ministry's reporting. The meeting provided an opportunity to work through the revised scope of the initial reporting, and to discuss what data is required. We have asked the airlines to supply the data directly, as this should be the most accurate source (and is consistent with Australian practice to source the data direct). However, we are continuing to explore sourcing data from Airport Coordination Limited (ACL), the company responsible for airport slot co-ordination. We informed the airlines that if we are unable to source data from either the airlines or ACL, we will use the Cirium data (which they are opposed to, because of concerns about its accuracy) to meet our September timeframe.


We also discussed the intention to build out the reporting to cover regional and international OTP.

We expect to provide you with the revised draft report next week so that it can be published in September.

Emissions

Project: Clean Car Importer Standard Cost Recovery

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Project: Clean Car Importer Standard Cost Recovery

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Project: EV Charging Infrastructure

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Project: Second Emissions Reduction Plan

Officials are analysing submissions from ERP2 consultation and will provide you with a briefing on the results of the consultation on Wednesday 25 September 2024.

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Following your recent quarterly meeting with road transport sector stakeholders, we met the group on Tuesday 17 September 2024 to discuss ERP2 development and to test their support for including a general statement of direction about the heavy vehicle transition. The group supported including a general statement. Other points raised by the stakeholders who attended the meeting will be set out in the Wednesday 25 September briefing to you on the results of the ERP2 public consultation process.

Process	Dates
Briefing in support of CPMG meeting	Friday 20 September 2024
Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting	Monday 23 September 2024
Briefing on the results of the ERP2 consultation	Wednesday 25 September 2024
Advice through the Weekly Report on extending the: ZEHV RUC exemption and modelling the impact of the RUC transition on hybrid and EV uptake	Wednesday 16 October 2024
Briefing on final content of the transport chapter for ERP2	By Wednesday 30 October 2024

The Minister of Climate Change has instructed his officials to bring the dates forward for the completion of ERP2 so that it can be confirmed by Cabinet on 11 November 2024. We will discuss with you the timeframe for the completion of the ERP2 transport chapter at the officials meeting on Monday 23 September 2024.

Auckland

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Project: Waitematā Harbour Connections

We have provided you with a letter for the chair of the NZTA Board outlining your expectations for the next phase of work based on minutes from the Infrastructure and Investment Ministers Group (IIMG) meeting on 20 August 2024. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Board Appointments

Civil Aviation Authority

Induction planning for new members is underway.

Maritime New Zealand

The shortlisting briefing was provided to Minister Doocey's Office this week.

Auckland Light Rail Limited

Letters giving effect to the decision you made regarding the reappointment of Auckland Light Rail Limited directors (OC241018 refers) were be provided to your Office for signing on Monday 16 September 2024.

New Zealand Transport Agency

Induction planning for new members is underway.

Independent Review Function – Civil Aviation Act

This is now publicly listed at: <https://www.boardappointments.co.nz/Vacancies>. Nomination letters were sent to New Zealand First, the Act Party and your caucus colleagues on Friday 6 September 2024. The deadline for nominations closing is Monday 30 September 2024.

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2. Updates on other matters

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3. Transport stakeholder updates

Stakeholder	Update
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	

4. Upcoming Minister of Transport meetings

Meeting Date	Meeting	Details
Friday 27 September 2024 11.00am - 11.15am	Meeting with Turners Automotive Group	Briefing Due: Wednesday 25 September 2024 Officials Attending: N/A

5. Other upcoming Ministry of Transport Cabinet papers

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



6. Other briefings and aide memoires to Minister of Transport

Note: Papers we propose to be included in your weekend bag will be submitted by close of business Wednesday in the week they are submitted.

Due to Office	Title
<p>Week ending 27 September 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Week ending 4 October 2024</p>	<p>Total Mobility Scheme Review: Overview of Policy Direction s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Week ending 4 October 2024</p>	<p>Emergency Weather - Authorisation to release tagged contingency This briefing seeks authorisation to draw down the Budget 2024 tagged contingency of \$23.142 million for Severe Weather Response Readiness, Resilience, and Recovery, which will enable four non-government organisations to repair/rebuild damaged facilities and improve future emergency response preparedness.</p>
<p>Week ending 4 October 2024</p>	<p>Vote Transport: 2024 October Baseline Update This briefing seeks your approval of changes to Vote Transport in the 2024 October Baseline Update (OBU) and agreement to submit these changes to the Minister of Finance. OBU includes confirming in-principle expense transfers and other changes joint Ministers are able to approve under CO (18) 2, as well as an opportunity to update the Treasury with any Cabinet or joint Ministers decisions taken since Budget 2024.</p>
<p>Week ending 4 October 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Week ending 18 October 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

6.1 Proactive Releases

Due to Office	Title	Date planned for release
Friday 20 September 2024	Proactive release of Vote Transport Baseline Savings documents This briefing will seek your approval to release two documents provided during the Budget 2024 baseline savings exercise.	TBC
Wednesday 23 October 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Monday 4 November 2024
TBC	Proactive release of Extending the Time for Overseas Driver Licence Conversions This proactive release briefing (OC241039 refers) will seek your approval to publish Cabinet material related to the Cabinet Paper: <i>Extending the Time for Overseas Driver Licence Conversions</i> .	Monday 14 October 2024

6.2 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Cabinet	
Deferred – date TBC	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

7. Ministerial correspondence and OIAs

Ministerial Correspondence

# of Ministerials	Topic	Key themes
5	Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests to make seatbelts on school buses mandatory • Concerns around speed limit increases • Further questions on drug driving legislation • Request to reinstate third party insurance

Ministerial Official Information Act Requests

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
11/09/2024	18/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	CAA workplace culture
16/09/2024	23/09/2024		Uptake of electric vehicles
16/09/2024 Extended 30/09/2024	23/09/2024 Extended 14/10/2024		All advice relating to the closure of ALRL
23/09/2024	30/09/2024		Advice on cycleway spending
25/09/2024	2/10/2024		Advice on whether the government has explored the loss of road tax through Odometer operation.
30/09/2024	7/10/2024		Advice received on the efficiency of Road freight
19/09/2024	25/09/2024		All communication between the Minister of transport and Mayor of Auckland
26/09/2024	3/10/2024		Advice on cycleway spending
10/10/2024	3/10/2024		Speed limit increase advice on time saved and economic results

Written Parliamentary Questions

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
16/09/2024	58011 (2024)	What modelling, if any, have officials undertaken on the impact of the changes to the Clean Car Standard targets on the number of zero emission and plug-in hybrid vehicles that are forecast to be registered in New Zealand for each year to 2035?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/09/2024	58013 (2024)	What official advice (excluding advice sourced from the Motor Industry Association), if any, has the Minister received on the number and proportion of light vehicles that are forecast in 2027 to comply with or have emissions lower than the targets under the Clean Car Standard?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/09/2024	58014 (2024)	What official advice (excluding advice sourced from the Motor Industry Association), if any, has the Minister received on the number and proportion of light vehicles that are forecast in 2026 to comply with or have emissions lower than the targets under the Clean Car Standard?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/09/2024	58017 (2024)	What official advice (excluding advice sourced from the Motor Industry Association), if any, has the Minister received on the number and proportion of light vehicles that are forecast in 2025 to comply with or have emissions lower than the targets under the Clean Car Standard?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/09/2024	58018 (2024)	Has the Government accounted for any reduction in revenue from charges under the Clean Car Standard as a result of the changes to the targets?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/09/2024	58019 (2024)	What official advice (excluding advice sourced from the Motor Industry Association), if any, did the Minister receive on the fiscal impact of changing the Clean Car Standard targets and, if so, what was that advice?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/09/2024	58020 (2024)	How are Clean Car Standard charges accounted for in the Government fiscal accounts?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
16/09/2024	58151 (2024)	What official advice (excluding advice sourced from the Motor Industry Association), if any, has the Minister received on the number and proportion of light vehicles that were forecast in 2026 to comply with or have emissions lower than the previous targets under the Clean Car Standard, which were repealed under the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Act 2024?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/09/2024	58152 (2024)	What official advice (excluding advice sourced from the Motor Industry Association), if any, has the Minister received on the number and proportion of light vehicles that were forecast in 2027 to comply with or have emissions lower than the previous targets under the Clean Car Standard, which were repealed under the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Act 2024?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/09/2024	58153 (2024)	How much, if anything, did the Government expect to charge vehicle importers in total for exceeding the Clean Car Standard in 2027 under the previous targets, which were repealed under the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Act 2024?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/09/2024	58154 (2024)	What official advice (excluding advice sourced from the Motor Industry Association), if any, has the Minister received on the number and proportion of light vehicles that were forecast in 2025 to comply with or have emissions lower than the previous targets under the Clean Car Standard, which were repealed under the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Act 2024?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/09/2024	58155 (2024)	How much, if anything, does the Government expect to charge vehicle importers in total for exceeding the Clean Car Standard targets in 2027?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/09/2024	58156 (2024)	How much, if anything, did the Government expect to charge vehicle importers in total for exceeding the Clean Car Standard in 2026 under the previous targets, which were repealed under the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Act 2024?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
16/09/2024	58157 (2024)	How much, if anything, did the Government expect to charge vehicle importers in total for exceeding the Clean Car Standard in 2025 under the previous targets, which were repealed under the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Act 2024?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/09/2024	58158 (2024)	How much, if anything, does the Government expect to charge vehicle importers in total for exceeding the Clean Car Standard targets in 2025?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/09/2024	58159 (2024)	How much, if anything, does the Government expect to charge vehicle importers in total for exceeding the Clean Car Standard targets in 2024?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/09/2024	58160 (2024)	Is his statement "Advice provided to me by the Ministry of Transport found that under current targets set by the former Government, Clean Car Standard penalties are forecast to amount to approximately \$800.6 million of cost to consumers purchasing a new car in 2027" reflected in any official Government fiscal accounts; if not, why not?	23/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
17/09/2024	59891 (2024)	What is the total sum, if any, of projected future spend on redundancy payments to staff at ministries, departments and agencies, if any, for which the Minister is responsible as at 17 September 2024, by month and agency?	25/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
17/09/2024	59892 (2024)	What is the total sum, if any, of redundancy payments made to staff at ministries, departments and agencies, if any, for which the Minister is responsible during the period 27 November 2023 - 17 September 2024, by month and agency?	25/09/2024 12:00:00 AM

7.1 Departmental Official Information Act requests

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
18/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Crash data filtered by young people at fault for the previous 30 years
19/09/2024		Analysis conducted by the Ministry on the previous change in drivers licensing age requirements
26/09/2024		All Draft Cabinet papers relating to ALRL
6/09/2024 Extended 27/09/2024		Information held on weather modification
1/10/2024		Any decision-making papers or correspondence related to the Virgin Australia-Air New Zealand code share agreement.
2/10/2024		In relation to the Civil Aviation Act 2023 Independent Review Function Public consultation, how many submissions has the Ministry received, and how many are medical convener related?
3/10/2024		Advice on the assessment of long-term requirements for a Resilient Cook Strait Connection
7/10/2024		July Briefings
7/10/2024		July Briefings
7/10/2024		Advice provided on the review of the Total Mobility Scheme
7/10/2024		Directives or instructions given by Minister's to departments since December 2023
16/09/2024 Extended 14/10/2024		Any summary reports on feedback received on GPS 2024

Transport Portfolio Agency Reports



Aviation Security Service
Kaiwhakamaru Rererangi





Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA)	Due date
NZTA to provide advice around options considered for the Waitematā Harbour Connections project.	25 September 2024
NZTA to provide an update on the roll out of speed camera signage.	25 September 2024
Provide further advice around the work NZTA is doing with the NZ Events Association around developing guidance for local road closures for community events.	2 October 2024
NZTA to provide further advice on Improved Cost Recovery, one of the options outlined in BRI-3085.	2 October 2024
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	25 October 2024
Provide advice on disparity in the number of licence tests per driver testing officer (DTO) being completed in each region.	Included below
NZTA to find an opportunity for you to fix a pothole using one of the prefabricated mats.	TBD

Updates

NZTA App update

An update to the NZTA App was released on Thursday 12 September 2024 (version 1.1.0). The update provides improved functionality, with users now able to apply for a Certificate of Particulars (currently only available through the contact centre), update/retain vehicle information when logging in and out, and to copy and paste driver licence numbers. The team are working on in-App notifications for licensing (Rego), road user charges (RUC) and warrant of fitness (WoF) reminders, as well as in-App RUC payments.

There is an ongoing programme of regular updates (much like with other Apps). NZTA continues to incorporate user feedback into future improvements. Major changes and updates will be communicated in advance and promoted on NZTA channels.

As of Tuesday 17 September 2024, there are 36,900 registered users. NZTA is promoting the App across NZTA channels. NZTA is also planning work with partner organisations (such as the Automobile Association (AA) and Vehicle Testing New Zealand (VTNZ)) to drive awareness and downloads through their channels.

Northland Corridor

NZTA is continuing to move at pace to progress the Northland Corridor and will hold a technical workshop with Northland leaders in October 2024. The workshop will provide an update on the Te Hana to Port Marsden Highway (Brynderwyn Hills alternative) section.

The invite will be sent to the Northland Mayors, Chief Executives, Regional Transport Committee and Northland MPs and will be attended by the NZTA Director of Regional Relationships and other members of the NZTA project team. The purpose of the meeting is to recap the three broad corridors that have been identified, give the group the opportunity to share their views and answer their questions.

NZTA plans to make a decision by s 9(2)(g)(i) on an emerging preferred corridor for this section, which will be communicated to stakeholders at that time.

RUC invoicing using weigh-in-motion scales

From Monday 30 September 2024, NZTA will start using the data collected from weigh-in-motion scales at our commercial vehicle safety centres to assess heavy vehicles for RUC non-compliance.

From these assessments, NZTA will start invoicing non-compliant operators for unpaid RUC from November 2024. This includes weight non-compliance, and incorrect RUC type. NZTA is meeting with industry bodies, and large transport operators in the coming week to inform them of this change.

Currently, the approach to screening heavy vehicles for RUC non-compliance does not allow NZTA to find or target operators who are overloaded. This has a significant impact on road damage, maintenance, and unrecovered RUC. The change in approach allows for more targeted education and enforcement. Targeted screening and invoicing of heavy vehicles will ensure everyone is paying their fair share of road maintenance costs, and level the playing field for the heavy vehicle industry.

Previously there has been some perception from industry that weigh-in-motion invoicing is a type of fine. NZTA wants to emphasise that this is recovering unpaid RUC to ensure that everyone on our roads is paying for road maintenance and preventing road damage due to overloading.

Driver Licensing wait times

Summary for week ending Friday 13 September 2024

Wait times for practical testing (restricted and full testing) have decreased again compared to last week.

- full tests down by 8 days (41 days)
- restricted tests down by 6 days (52 days)

At an individual site level, 40% of full test sites and 16% of restricted test sites met the “30 days or less” target last week.

Backlog of tests has reduced by 1,500, down to 70,500.

NZTA is seeing the positive impact of increased numbers of driver testing officers DTOs, last week having the highest number of tests completed since the wait times intervention work began. The majority of test volume increases are in Auckland (+320), Canterbury (+140) and Bay of Plenty (+129).

The 19 “surge” DTOs have graduated and start testing this week therefore we anticipate higher testing numbers again next week.

Driver Licensing wait times

Update on interventions of note:

There are no significant milestones this week, however work is progressing on other interventions including:

- The updated immigration pack information has been finalised and is now with Immigration NZ for inclusion. NZTA will notify you when they have confirmed this has started to be rolled out to new arrivals.
- Uptake of the VTNZ wrap-around support trial for migrants has been slow to date. VTNZ expect this to resolve by the end of September. NZTA has increased reporting requirements with VTNZ to more closely monitor this and will work with VTNZ to bolster efforts if engagement remains lower than expected.
- The first proactive outbound call campaign for people not showing up for multiple booked tests without cancelling (non-appearances) will be finished this week. Insights from these customers on why they're not attending will be collated and shared next week.

Wait times, staffing and productivity for week 9 – 15 September 2024

At the Monday 16 September 2024 Officials' meeting you asked NZTA to provide advice on why there is such a significant disparity in the number of licence tests per DTO being completed in each region – for example, Wellington completed 1,090 tests with 21 DTO between 2-8 September 2024, but only 770 were completed in Central with 20 DTO over the same period.

There are two key reasons for the discrepancy:

1. The weekly wait times reporting table below has presented DTO 'headcount' as opposed to DTO 'full time equivalents' (FTE). Headcount includes part time and casual DTOs employed by VTNZ and therefore productivity rates cannot be calculated using these numbers. To mitigate confusion going forward NZTA has added an additional column presenting DTO FTE. Please see below table for this inclusion and NZTA welcomes your feedback.
2. The week in question was the first week that the new permanent VTNZ DTOs were added to the testing schedule around the country. However, not all regions received newly trained DTOs. In their first week a new DTO has very low productivity and this increases over time as they become more confident and efficient, and they are assigned more testing slots in the booking schedule.

A new DTO is counted as 1 FTE (or their individual contracted FTE amount) and added to the total FTE for that region in the reporting, but they do not test at the same rate as an experienced DTO. Therefore, last week Wellington received zero new DTOs and their productivity rate represented experienced DTOs only. Other regions, such as Central and Canterbury, received new DTOs and therefore higher numbers of staff were reported but it didn't necessarily translate to higher testing productivity given those new DTOs.

NZTA is committed to monitoring VTNZ DTO productivity directly. We have worked with VTNZ to develop its operational reporting to ensure productivity is being proactively managed by VTNZ leadership. We will continue to iterate this reporting.

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Driver Licensing wait times

Region	Wait times				Staffing	Staffing	Productivity
	Full	Change (last week)	Restricted	Change (last week)	DTO Headcount	DTO FTE	Tests Completed
Northland	38	-10	51	-7	9	8.4	439
Auckland North-West	64	-16	80	-9	28	26.6	1,163
Auckland Central South	68	-14	77	-8	45	36.8	1,989
Waikato	22	-14	35	-12	25	22.6	916
Bay of Plenty	34	+5	42	0	19	15.7	774
Central	39	-3	49	-1	20	15.6	711
Wellington	24	+6	34	+3	21	18.6	1,004
Canterbury	41	-28	55	-21	34	28.7	1,093
Otago Southland	42	-6	51	-8	15	13.2	748
National Average	41	-8	52	-6	-	-	
					216	186.2	8,837

Further graphs relating to wait times, as well as the interventions plan update can be found in Appendix one.

Upcoming Ministerial Items

Upcoming Briefings to Minister of Transport

Due to Office	Title
Wednesday 25 September 2024	BRI-3148 - Level crossings - Priority ranking of sites and funding options Provide data, modelling, and understand the potential ranking of priority level crossing sites.
Wednesday 25 September 2024	BRI-3168 - Waitematā Harbour Connections Next Steps Provide advice on the next steps/stage of work for the Waitematā Harbour Connections project.

Upcoming OIA requests for potential consultation

Reference and Requester	Request	Due date to the Office
OIA-16424 Greater Auckland	Request for East West Link Cost Estimate.	30 September 2024
OIA-16420 s 9(2)(a) obo Tangi Utikere MP	Request for tolling assessments for Te Ahu a Turanga and Ōtaki to North of Levin.	4 October 2024
OIA-16422 s 9(2)(a) (Media)	Request for information in relation to Hope Bypass, SH6 between Nelson and Blenheim and Rocks Road.	4 October 2024
OIA-16459 s 9(2)(a) (Media)	Request for information regarding Information regarding the Manahau.	4 October 2024
OIA-16428 s 9(2)(a) (Media)	Request for advice and correspondence regarding the introduction of tolls on Te Ahu a Turanga.	4 October 2024
OIA-16438 s 9(2)(a)	Request for information regarding Peka Peka to Ōtaki traffic signal installation.	7 October 2024
OIA-16435 s 9(2)(a) (Media)	Request for all information/correspondence regarding NZTA top enterprise risks from Q3 2023-2024 report.	7 October 2024
OIA-16448 s 9(2)(a)	Request regarding Iwi members employed on the Te Ahu a Turanga project.	8 October 2024

Reference and Requester	Request	Due date to the Office
OIA-16451 s 9(2)(a) (Media)	Request for tolling assessments for Te Ahu a Turanga and Ōtaki to North of Levin	8 October 2024
OIA-16454 s 9(2)(a)	Request for information regarding proposed tolling of Takitimu North Link.	9 October 2024

Potential future Transport events

Event Date	Event detail	Minister's interest
As soon as possible	<p>Crown Resilience Programme announcement</p> <p>Opportunity to announce the recently approved programme.</p> <p>This announcement needs to be made as soon as possible so that NZTA can inform road controlling authorities of decisions and then they can plan accordingly for the summer construction season s 9(2)(g)(i)</p>	Yes / No / Maybe
After 17 October 2024	<p>Eastern Busway site visit</p> <p>Opportunity to see how work is progressing on this Auckland Transport project.</p>	Yes / No / Maybe
s 9(2)(g)(i)	<p>Te Ara o Te Ata Mt Messenger</p> <p>Tunnelling is due to commence at Mt Messenger toward s 9(2)(g)(i) and will be marked by a dawn blessing led by NZTA's iwi partner.</p> <p>This will take place onsite, near the south tunnel entrance where a 120-tonne road header machine will begin the excavations.</p>	Yes / No / Maybe
Early November 2024	<p>Hawke's Bay Expressway enabling works</p> <p>Enabling works are scheduled to start in November, involving the clearing of land (already designated), and compacting.</p> <p>These works starting are subject to funding being approved.</p>	Yes / No / Maybe

Event Date	Event detail	Minister's interest
s 9(2)(g)(i)	<p>SH1 Mangamuka Gorge event</p> <p>Event to mark the (near) completion of works on SH1 Mangamuka Gorge.</p> <p>Iwi, council and other stakeholder would be invited to celebrate the milestone.</p> <p>NZTA recommends s 9(2)(g)(i) as this is close to the expected opening date but would also allow the road to open ahead of schedule if works continue to progress well.</p>	<p>Yes / No / Maybe</p>

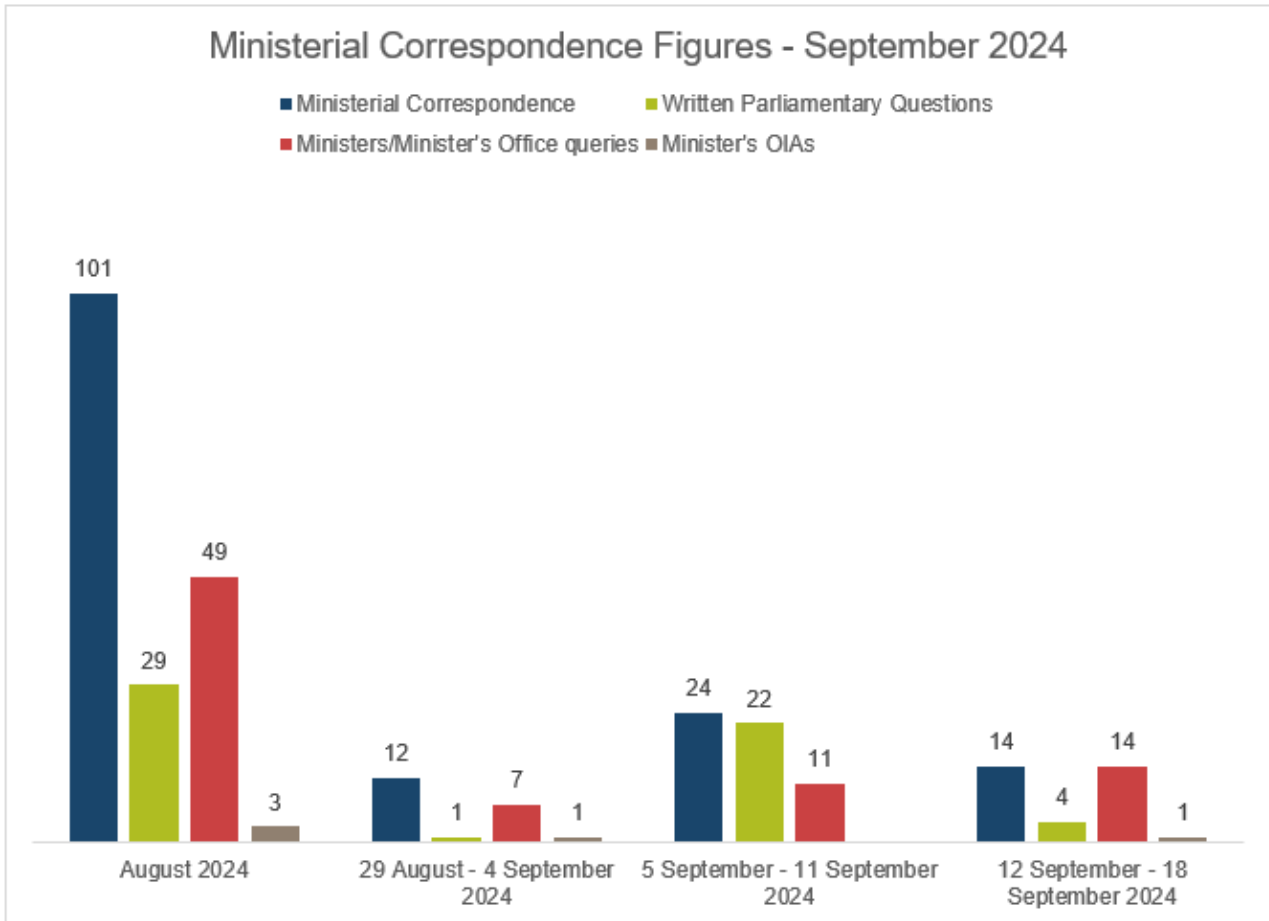
Upcoming Media items

Date of release	Subject
<p>Monday 23 September 2024</p>	<p>Regional summer maintenance programme: Several separate releases are planned for the week beginning 23 September 2024, summarising planned regional roadworks activity across the state highway network this summer. Timing of the releases is dependent on the timing of a high-level Ministerial summer maintenance media statement.</p>
<p>Week beginning 23 September 2024</p>	<p>Lower North Island - Otaki River Bridge shared path/Peka Peka to Ōtaki (PP2Ō) revocation: The latest project newsletter will be shared with select Kāpiti media providing an update on both the shared path project and also upcoming PP2Ō revocation works.</p>
<p>Monday 23 September 2024</p>	<p>Top of the South - SH60 Mariri causeway resurfacing: A media release will be sent to Top of the South media on Monday 23 September 2024 regarding a weekend closure and local road detour required for highway resurfacing planned for 19 October 2024 – reminder comms will be sent in October 2024.</p>
<p>Week beginning 23 September or 30 September 2024</p>	<p>Top of the South - SH63 resilience work, The Wash: A media release will be sent to Top of the South media about resilience works that will see the road level raised at this location in the Wairau valley to mitigate against flooding. The project is funded from the Crown Resilience Programme. Work begins 7 October 2024.</p>
<p>Monday 30 September 2024</p>	<p>Waikato/Bay of Plenty – SH1B Telephone Road: A media statement is planned for release on Monday 30 September 2024 advising that NZTA is working with KiwiRail towards a solution that may see the level crossing reopened at SH1B Telephone Road.</p>

Statistics page

Ministerial correspondence figures from 12 September 2024 to 18 September 2024

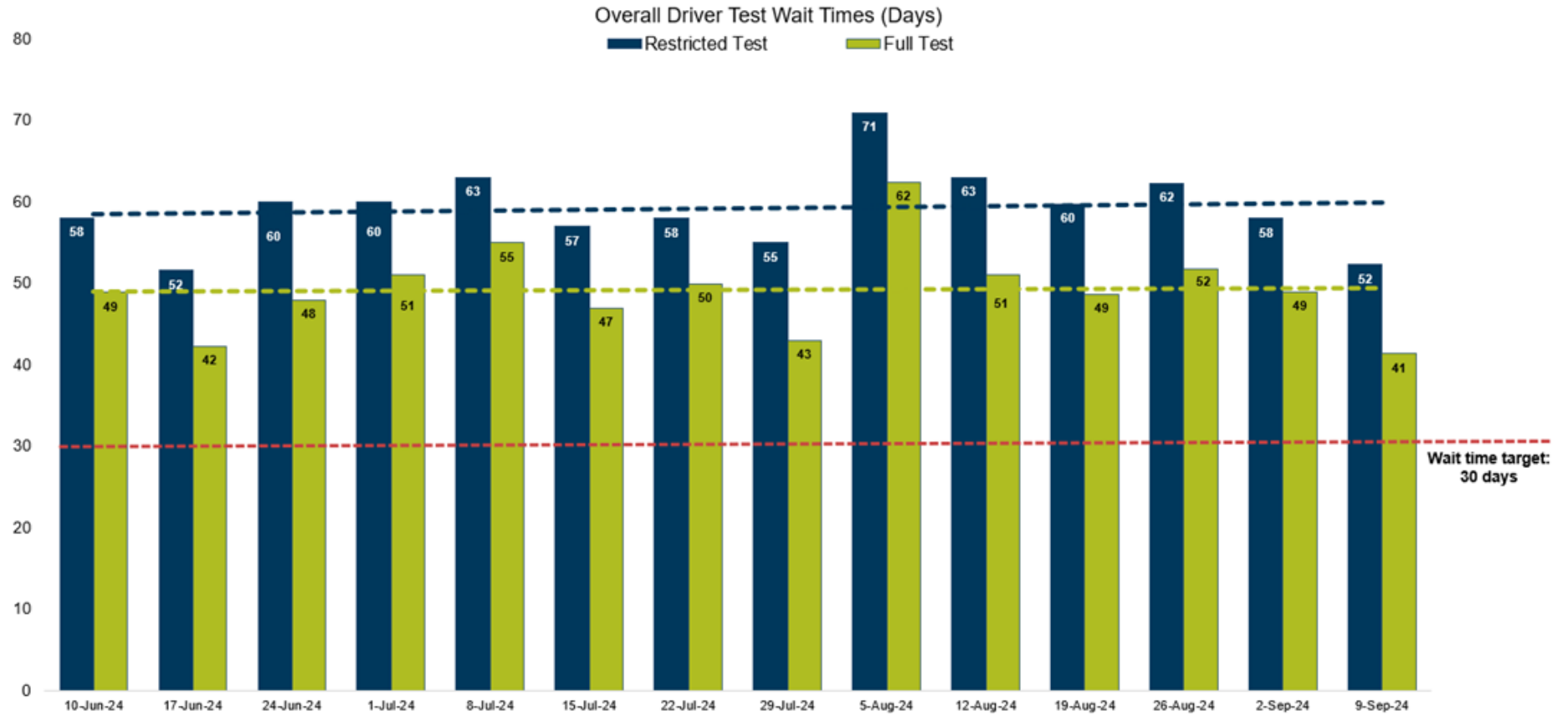
Item:	Number
Ministerial Correspondence	14
Written Parliamentary Questions	4
Minister/Minister Office queries	14
Ministerial OIA requests	1
Themes	Public Transport, Waitematā Harbour Connections, North Island Weather Event Local Road Recovery Funding, Safety Cameras, Tolling



Appendix One

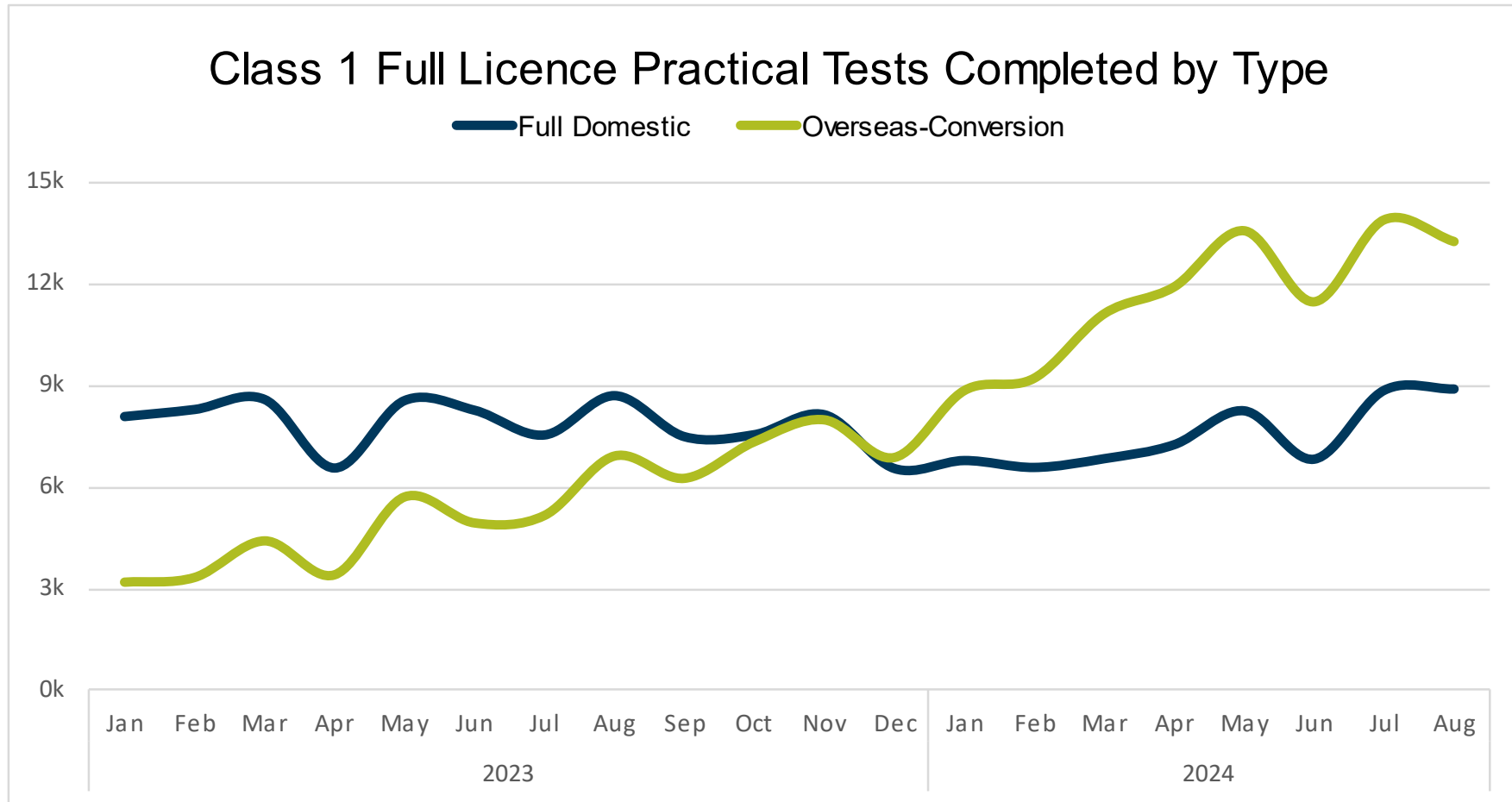
Driver Licensing wait times status

Overall wait times compared to the 30-day target:



Full licence test volumes – overseas conversions vs. domestic tests [updated monthly]:

Overseas conversions currently represent 62.7% of overall full test volume.



Interventions plan update: priority actions to reduce wait times:

s 9(2)(g)(i)



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Appendix Two

Officials' Meeting Forward Looking Agenda

Date	Item for discussion	Lead
September		
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
October		
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
November		
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
December		
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		



Key Updates

Western Springs College incident

On Monday 16 September, Police requested assistance from AvSec's Explosive Detector Dog Unit (EDDU) in response to a bomb scare at Western Springs College in Auckland. The incident received media coverage, although Avsec's attendance was not mentioned. Where operational commitments allow this, EDDU regularly assists Police in this capacity in which advanced EDDU handlers are deployed alongside Police Specialist Search teams. An EDDU handler attended to assist Police to quickly search the school, with no explosive devices being found.

s 6(c), s 9(2)(ba)(i)

Security screening weekly update

There were no queue observations last week.

Queues for the Wellington Southern Domestic screening point – which are constantly monitored using LiDAR technology – showed:

Week	9/9-15/9
Passengers processed in less than 5 minutes	90.2%
Passengers processed in less than 10 minutes	98.7%

Installation of equipment at Auckland Domestic was expected to be completed by Thursday 12 September but is now expected to be completed by Thursday 19 September due to additional work being required on the infrastructure supporting the new equipment. This is not expected to cause any delays or impact queueing times.

There are no major events scheduled that are expected to impact queues this coming week.

Please see the Appendix at the end of this report for data on where queues are predicted during the coming week.

Ministerial briefings received by the Minister's Office

NB: This covers the period Wednesday 18 September – Tuesday 24 September 2024

Date	Title
Nil	Nil

Communications and External Engagement

Media plan / anticipated media

NB: This covers the 7 days from Monday 23 September 2024

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Media mentions

NB: This covers the 7 days to Tuesday 17 September 2024

Date	Activity	Channel
Thursday 12 September 2024	<p>Attempts to dazzle Kapiti Coast Aero Club pilots</p> <p>CAA is mentioned in an article about someone allegedly using a mirror to distract pilots flying over Te Horo. CAA provided comment as follows:</p> <p>The Civil Aviation Authority can confirm that this matter has been brought to our attention, and that we have been in touch with Police. We will assist with any enquiries as needed. Reflecting sunlight at an aircraft could be a serious threat to aviation safety, by impacting a pilot's vision which could disorientate or affect their ability to fly the aircraft safely.</p>	The Post
Saturday 14 September 2024	<p>Coroner releases finding into 2018 tandem skydiving death of US tourist Tyler Nii who plunged into Queenstown lake</p> <p>CAA mentioned in an article on a fatal 2018 tandem skydiving accident in Queenstown. The coroner has now released the report with further details of the fatality.</p>	Newstalk ZB
Tuesday 17 September 2024	<p>Frustration at pilots in Kapiti</p> <p>A letter to the editor in response to article about mirrors being used to dazzle pilots. The author writes: "Attempts to "dazzle" Kāpiti Coast pilots show the level of frustration residents in Te Horo are experiencing at the hands of local pilots..."</p> <p>"The CAA is right to be concerned about the threat to aviation safety from reflected sunlight, but it must also take into account the health and wellbeing of the community."</p>	The Post
Tuesday 17 September 2024	<p>Light aircraft accident in Tauranga</p> <p>Accident on 16 September with two people onboard. CAA provided the following statement:</p>	Bay of Plenty Times

	<p>The Civil Aviation Authority has been notified of the accident. In the coming days we'll make enquiries to understand what has happened and why, and to determine if any further CAA action is required.</p>	
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Upcoming education publications and products

Planned release/publish	What	Type	Why
July-September 2024	Occurrence Investigation Workshop	Face-to-face event	To provide training for operators about investigating occurrences, to comply with requirements under CAR Part 12
September 2024	<i>Vector</i> magazine (Spring issue)	Aviation safety education magazine	To educate the aviation community on various aviation safety topics
September 2024	In, out, and around Queenstown	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
September-October 2024	How to be an aerodrome manager	GAP booklet (new)	As part of the WTSA campaign, new guidance material for aerodrome managers is being produced, in the GAP booklet format
September 2024	Drone safety brochure	Safety education product	BAU revision
September-October 2024	Plane talking	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
September-October 2024	Helicopter performance	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
TBC	Night VFR	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
TBC	In, out, and around Milford	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
TBC	Survival	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision

Christchurch Domestic

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Portfolio work programme update

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Upcoming Cabinet papers

Committees	
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Wednesday 18 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

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New inquiries / International assistance

Nil

Media heads up / General comments

Nil

MO-2024-204 Aratere, grounding, near Picton, 21 June 2024 - Investigation update

s 9(2)(g)(i)

Associate Minister of Transport Weekly Report week commencing 16 September 2024

1 Portfolio work programme update

Milford Opportunities

Project: Milford Aerodrome Financial Sustainability

No update. The new charges for aerodrome users do not come into effect until 1 April 2025.

Project: Masterplan Business Case

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Date: Thursday 19 September 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Weather Forecasting

Project: System Review

No update.

Project: Contract Expiry

No update.

Project: Rain Radar Upgrades

No update.

Recreational Safety and SAR

Project: Next Steps Following Recreational Safety and Search and Rescue Review

For the Minister's awareness, Sport NZ has sought feedback from the Ministry and Maritime NZ on their draft briefing for Minister Bishop (Minister for Sport and Recreation), which provides an overview of the agency and Ministerial responsibilities in relation to Water Safety NZ (WSNZ). The briefing updates Minister Bishop on the recent Ministry of Transport decision not to progress with the key system strategy and governance recommendations from the New Zealand Recreational Safety & Search and Rescue Review. These recommendations would have included the establishment of a System Steward at the Ministry. It was intended at the time of the review that Sport NZ's responsibilities in relation to WSNZ, a membership-based NGO that has a focus on safety in and around the water, would transfer to the System Steward.

The Ministry and Maritime NZ had met with Sport NZ and provided joint feedback on an earlier draft of the briefing. Our key feedback was that it is important that the briefing is clear that the issue at hand is responsibility for water safety in and around water, and that there are already clear roles and responsibilities for the search and rescue system (led by the NZSAR Council) and recreational boating safety (led by Maritime NZ). We had also noted that the recommendation to set up a System Steward was made within the context of the review and as part of a set of system strategy and system leadership recommendations (e.g. setting up of a Ministerial Advisory Group). This set of recommendations are not being progressed. Setting up a System Steward (even as a scaled down version) to resolve the issue of a lack of clarity around government responsibilities for water safety does not therefore make sense.

We are comfortable that Sport NZ has reflected our feedback in the current draft briefing. The briefing notes that the decision not to progress the Review recommendations means that in practice Minister Bishop is likely to remain as the default Minister for water safety issues (other than those relating to recreational boating which are the responsibility of the Associate Minister of Transport). In practice, these issues do not arise often and could be managed through close liaison between the relevant communications teams and Ministers' Offices.

Project: Fuel Excise SAR Funding

The Ministry provided advice to the Minister of Transport on 23 August 2024 outlining the parameters and timeline for the triennial review of Section 9(1) SAR funding and seeking approval to initiate the review. We are awaiting approval from the Minister of Transport to share the advice with your Office.

Following a meeting with the Maritime New Zealand (Maritime NZ) Chief Executive on Monday 2 September 2024, the Minister of Transport has also sought advice from officials on considering Maritime NZ's funding requests outside of the planned triennial review. We are drafting advice for the Minister of Transport on the implications of this, and will seek his approval to share this with your Office.

Aviation Tourism

Project: Air Services Agreement (ASAS)	
You have received a Cabinet Paper and National Interest Analysis for the Air Services Agreement with ASEAN.	
Cabinet paper: New Zealand – ASEAN Air Services Agreement and Protocol This paper is currently undergoing Ministerial consultation.	To Committee: Wednesday 25 September 2024 (Economic Policy Committee) To Cabinet: Monday 30 September 2024
Project: Codeshare/Alliance Authorisations	
Briefing: Air New Zealand / Cathay Pacific Alliance Reauthorisation This briefing will provide the Ministry's preliminary view on the application from Air New Zealand and Cathay Pacific for a reauthorisation of their alliance agreement.	Date: Week ending Friday 20 September 2024

Chatham Islands

Project: Work Towards a Ship Solution
The RFI towards a new shipping solution was released on Thursday 12 September 2024 and is expected to run for six weeks. The Ministry will brief you on the results of the RFI process in November 2024.

Maritime Security

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



Project: Maritime Security Strategy Tools investment	
Briefing: Maritime Security Tools Investment This briefing will update you on the Maritime Security Strategy's surveillance and response tools investment, provide you with a draft Cabinet paper, and seek your direction on next steps.	Date: Wednesday 20 November 2024

2 Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due	Title
Wednesday 18 September 2024	Monitoring Plans for the Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) and Maritime NZ (MNZ) This briefing (OC241046) seeks your approval of the draft monitoring plans for TAIC and MNZ.
Thursday 19 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending Friday 20 September 2024	Air New Zealand /Cathay Pacific Alliance Reauthorisation This briefing will provide the Ministry's preliminary view on the application from Air New Zealand and Cathay Pacific for a reauthorisation of their alliance agreement.
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3 Key updates

Maritime New Zealand Authority Appointments

The briefing with the long list of candidates was provided to you and Minister Brown for consideration this week.

International Maritime Organization - Reducing Greenhouse Gass Emissions from International Shipping

Member states of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) will be meeting between Monday 23 September and Friday 4 October to negotiate the design of measures to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in international shipping and meet the agreed targets in the IMO's 2023 Strategy to reduce GHG emissions in shipping. The New Zealand delegation in attendance may seek decisions from Ministers with the Power to Act.

If decisions are sought from Ministers with Power to Act, a briefing will be provided at the end of the week of Monday 23 September, or the beginning of the week of Monday 30 September (with the timing dependent on how the discussions progress). We expect the turnaround time for decisions will be very tight, in order to provide directions to the delegation in time (we would most likely need a unanimous decision from Ministers within 1 or 2 working days).

4 Upcoming briefings copied to Associate Minister of Transport

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5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	
Wednesday 25 September 2024	<p>New Zealand Air Services Agreement and Protocol</p> <p>This paper seeks approval for New Zealand to sign and ratify the <i>Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand</i> and the associated <i>Protocol 1 to the Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand on Third, Fourth and Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights between Parties</i>.</p>
Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee	
Tuesday 24 September 2024	<p>Transport Accident Investigation Commission: Chief Commissioner Appointment</p> <p>This paper informs Cabinet of your intent to appoint a new Chief Commissioner to the Transport Accident Investigation Commission.</p>
Tuesday 12 November 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Cabinet Foreign Policy and National Security Committee	
Tuesday 17 December 2024	<p>Maritime Security Tools Investment</p> <p>This paper seeks direction on next steps for the Maritime Security Strategy Tools investment.</p>

5.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

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2 Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

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The vessel will remain alongside until it's deemed safe to resume operations.

In this instance, due to the location of the *Connemara*, towage vessels out of Wellington were able to assist and bring the vessel back to port. ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}

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Transport Portfolio Weekly Report

As at Wednesday 25 September 2024

Recipient

HON SIMEON BROWN
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Copy the report to Hon Matthew Doocey as
Associate Minister of Transport

Minister's comments:

Officials' agenda



Agenda - Minister Brown officials' meeting

Day Date	Monday 30 September 2024		
Time	4pm – 4.45pm		
Venue	EW5.1 Parliament		
Attendees			
Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive			
Brent Johnston, Chief of Staff			
David Wood, Deputy Chief Executive, Investment & Monitoring			
Ruth Fairhall, Deputy Chief Executive, Policy			
Paul O'Connell, Deputy Chief Executive, Sector Strategy			
Nick Paterson, Manager, Environment			
Jess Ranger, Manager Urban Development & Public Transport			
Nick Potter, Principal Adviser, Urban Development & Public Transport			
Part 1	Ministry of Transport	Lead	Paper reference
1.1	CE Only Time	Audrey Sonerson	Verbal
1.2	Northern Corridor Legislation & Business Case	David Wood	Verbal update
1.3	Weekly Report	Audrey Sonerson	As at 25 Sept 2024
1.4	Clean Car Standard	Ruth Fairhall	Weekly Report
1.5	Public Transport Letter of Expectations	Ruth Fairhall	OC241050
Part 2			
2.1	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Paul O'Connell, MOJ and Police officials	N/A

Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) Monday 23 September 2024	Due date
<p>Weekly Report</p> <p>Driver Licensing - Officials to engage with NZTA to confirm timing of overseas license conversion information being included in the Immigration information pack.</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>
<p>Oral Fluid Testing</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	<p>Friday 4 October 2024</p>
<p>Decisions</p>	<p>Confirmed / Denied</p>
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	<p>Confirmed</p>

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
Officials meeting date	Action	Due date
12 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
9 September 2024	Metropolitan Rail Operating Model Review Officials to provide advice s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Monday 7 October 2024. This will be delivered concurrently with the next set of MROM Review advice
9 September 2024	Rail Regulatory Officials to provide advice on options to: s 9(2)(f)(iv)	By Wednesday 16 October 2024
9 September 2024	Public Transport s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete
16 September 2024	Update on-time performance reporting Officials to publish on-time performance report for Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Queenstown and Dunedin.	September 2024
16 September 2024	Emissions Reduction Plan 2 – Transport Chapter Officials to model impact of the RUC transition on hybrid and EV uptake. Officials to provide advice on the ZEHV EV RUC exemption and additional options to include in ERP2.	Mid-October Mid-October

1. Ministerial priorities

Safety

Project: Speed limits

The Cabinet paper was considered by Cabinet on Monday 23 September 2024.

We are preparing a short paper for you to take to the Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) to seek approval to regulations to amend the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 and the Land Transport (Register of Land Transport Records – Speed Limits) Regulations 2022. The proposed amendments to these two pieces of legislation will update the references to the speed Rule in this legislation from 2022 to 2024. The Land Transport Management (Regional Transport Committees) Regulations 2022 will also be revoked.

Process	Dates
Final Rule to Minister for signing	Complete
Cabinet Legislation Committee for consequential amendments	Thursday 17 October 2024
Cabinet for consequential amendments	Monday 21 October 2024
Executive Counsel for consequential amendments	Monday 21 October 2024
New Rule in force	Wednesday 30 October 2024

Project: Oral fluid testing regime

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Project: Road safety objectives

On Tuesday 24 September 2024, the Road Safety Objectives document was considered at ECO. It will be considered by Cabinet on Monday 30 September 2024. We are finalising the formatting of the document ahead of a confirmed announcement date.

Cabinet paper: Releasing the final Road Safety Objectives document

This paper seeks agreement to publish the final New Zealand Road Safety Objectives document.

Cabinet: Monday 30 September 2024

Project: Driver licensing

Extending conversion period for overseas licences and Croatia exemption

On Monday 2 September 2024, Cabinet agreed to extend the timeline for converting overseas driver licenses. Cabinet also agreed to give full driver licence holders from Croatia an exemption from completing driver's licence tests when they convert their licences, subject to the mutual driver licence recognition arrangement being finalised.

We expect the Rule change to come into effect on 1 November 2024 when the required Order in Council is gazetted. We have shared drafts of the Order in Council with NZTA and are on track for LEG on Thursday 24 October 2024.

We are continuing to work with MFAT, who need to finalise the driver licence arrangement with Croatia. We have advised MFAT that it needs to be signed before LEG.

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Cabinet paper: Rule Change to Extend the Time for Converting Overseas Licences: Approval of Order in Council

This paper seeks Cabinet's agreement to the Order in Council necessary to implement the Rule change.

LEG papers to your Office: Wednesday 2 October 2024

LEG meeting: Thursday 24 October 2024

Cabinet meeting: Tuesday 29 October 2024

Rule change effective: 1 November 2024

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Rail

Project: Metropolitan Rail Operating Model settings review	
<p>Briefing: Metropolitan Rail Operating Model (MROM) – Further Policy Advice</p> <p>This briefing will provide further advice on roles and responsibilities and the funding model for metro rail. It follows our preliminary advice to you on the MROM review (OC240642 refers), and your feedback on that advice.</p>	<p>Date: Monday 7 October 2024</p>
Project: Wellington Substations Upgrade Programme	
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<p>Date: Friday 18 October 2024</p>	

Miscellaneous: Below rail funding

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Date: TBC - reliant on the Treasury

Investment

Project: Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024

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NZTA Debt

The Ministry has previously provided advice on increasing the NZTA Seasonal and Shock Facility (OC240772 refers). Treasury has subsequently provided a supporting briefing on restructuring/smoothing the NZTA's debt facilities (T2024/2222 refers).

The Office is to advise officials if any additional information is required to support the Minister's decision.

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Project: Budget 2025

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Project: Triennial review of Section 9(1) Search and Rescue (SAR) funding

Officials await direction from you on including or excluding Maritime New Zealand's two Section 9(1) SAR funding requests from the triennial review (OC241067 refers). To ensure key milestones can be met for the triennial review, we will condense the timeframe for funding applications to be drafted and submitted to the Ministry.

Project: Northern Corridor

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Revenue

Project: Fleetwide transition to the Road User Charges system

At our first meeting with the Stakeholder Reference Group on Monday 23 September 2024, we talked the group through the long-term objectives and key policy considerations, ^{s 9(2)(ba)(i)}

We will ensure that views represented by the group are included as part of our upcoming advice, where these options will be outlined more fully.

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Project: Time of use charging

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Project: Tolling reform

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Project: Increasing motor vehicle registration (MVR) annual licence fees

The Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024 were considered by the Cabinet Legislation Committee and are due to be approved by Cabinet on Monday 30 September 2024. Once the regulations are gazetted, NZTA will update its systems ahead of sending out advance notices in mid-October to key customers (e.g. owners of large vehicle fleets) advising them of the 2025 fees.

Cabinet paper: Approval for Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024

Lodged: Complete
To Committee: Complete
To Cabinet: Monday 30 September 2024
Publication & Gazetting: Thursday 3 October 2024

Aviation

Project: Consultations with the aviation sector

Consultation on the scope of the **Independent Review Function** closed on Tuesday 24 September 2024. 13 submissions were received – nine from organisations and four from individuals. An initial scan of the submissions indicates general support for the function and useful suggestions for how it can operate effectively. The Ministry will be undertaking a detailed assessment of the feedback over the coming weeks.

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Emissions

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Project: EV Charging Infrastructure

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The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) is preparing to launch the Request for Information to seek feedback from the market on the co-investment approach. EECA is working with your Office to prepare communications material to support the launch.

Decision sought: Agree for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority to launch the Request for Information in the second half of the week commencing Monday 30 September 2024.

Yes / No

Project: Second Emissions Reduction Plan

Officials provided you with a briefing on Wednesday 25 September 2024 setting out the results from the ERP2 consultation and a revised transport chapter for the final ERP2 including high level content on the additional complementary policies discussed with you on Monday 16 September 2024. Subject to any comments, we will provide the final draft chapter to the Ministry for the Environment.

Process	Dates
Briefing on the results of the ERP2 consultation and revised draft ERP2 transport chapter	Wednesday 25 September 2024
Final draft ERP2 transport chapter sent to the Minister of Climate Change by MfE	Friday 4 October 2024
Advice through the Weekly Report on extending the: ZEHV RUC exemption and modelling the impact of the RUC transition on hybrid and EV uptake	Wednesday 16 October 2024

Auckland

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Project: Waitematā Harbour Connections

We have provided you with a letter for the chair of the NZTA Board outlining your expectations for the next phase of work based on draft minutes from the Infrastructure and Investment Ministers Group (IIMG) meeting on 20 August 2024. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Board Appointments

Civil Aviation Authority

An induction for new Board members has been set for Friday 11 October 2024. Internal planning for this is underway.

Maritime New Zealand

The shortlisting briefing was submitted on Thursday 19 September 2024. We await feedback.

Auckland Light Rail Limited

Letters giving effect to the decision you made regarding the reappointment of Auckland Light Rail Limited directors (OC241018 refers) were provided to your Office on Monday 16 September 2024.

New Zealand Transport Agency

Induction planning for new members is underway.

Independent Review Function – Civil Aviation Act

The independent reviewer vacancies are publicly listed at: <https://www.boardappointments.co.nz/Vacancies>. Nomination letters were sent to New Zealand First, the Act Party and your caucus colleagues on Friday 6 September 2024. The deadline for nominations closing is Monday 30 September 2024.

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2. Updates on other matters

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3. Transport stakeholder updates

Stakeholder	Update
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4. Upcoming Minister of Transport meetings

Meeting Date	Meeting	Details
Tuesday 1 October 2024 1.00pm - 1.20pm	Meeting with Cath O'Brien of BARNZ	Briefing Due: Monday 30 September 2024 Officials Attending Siobhan Routledge
Tuesday 1 October 2024 1.30pm – 2.00pm	Meeting with Billie Moore of NZ Airports	Briefing Due: Monday 30 September 2024 Officials Attending Siobhan Routledge
Tuesday 1 October 2024 2.30pm - 3.00pm	Meeting with ASP Ships and the New Zealand Shipping Federation	Briefing Due: Monday 30 September 2024 Officials Attending: None
Thursday 3 October 2024 8:30am – 9:00am	Bus and Coach Association (BCA) Keynote Speech	Briefing Due: Friday 20 September 2024 Officials Attending: None

5. Other upcoming Ministry of Transport Cabinet papers

There are no other upcoming Ministry of Transport Cabinet papers.

6. Other briefings and aide memoires to Minister of Transport

Note: Papers we propose to be included in your weekend bag will be submitted by close of business Wednesday in the week they are submitted.

Due to Office	Title
<p>Week ending 4 October 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Week ending 4 October 2024</p>	<p>Emergency Weather - Authorisation to release tagged contingency This briefing seeks authorisation to draw down the Budget 2024 tagged contingency of \$23.142 million for Severe Weather Response Readiness, Resilience, and Recovery, which will enable four non-government organisations to repair/rebuild damaged facilities and improve future emergency response preparedness.</p>
<p>Week ending 4 October 2024</p>	<p>Vote Transport: 2024 October Baseline Update This briefing seeks your approval of changes to Vote Transport in the 2024 October Baseline Update (OBU) and agreement to submit these changes to the Minister of Finance. OBU includes confirming in-principle expense transfers and other changes joint Ministers are able to approve under CO (18) 2, as well as an opportunity to update the Treasury with any Cabinet or joint Ministers decisions taken since Budget 2024.</p>
<p>Week ending 4 October 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Week ending 11 October 2024</p>	<p>Total Mobility Scheme Review: Overview of Policy Direction s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Week ending 18 October 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

6.1 Proactive Releases

Due to Office	Title	Date planned for release
Wednesday 9 October 2024	Proactive Release of August 2024 Weekly Reports This proactive release briefing (OC241132 refers) will seek your approval to release all Weekly Reports for August 2024 provided to yourself and Minister Doocoy	1 November 2024
Wednesday 23 October 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	4 November 2024

6.2 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees	
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	
Wednesday 16 October 2024	Updating Energy Safety Standards Citations in Regulations The Ministry has been consulted on this Cabinet paper as it will progress a commitment under the <i>Supercharging EV Infrastructure</i> work programme to update the AS/NZS 3000 Wiring Rules (these set out the requirements for the design, construction and verification for electrical installations). We support the policy direction and have no comments on the content of the paper.

7. Ministerial correspondence and OIAs

Ministerial Correspondence

# of Ministerials	Topic	Key themes
8	Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns around speed limit increases Support for speed limit increases Thoughts around specific speed limits Request to speed up speed limit increases

Ministerial Official Information Act Requests

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
11/09/2024	18/09/2024 Extended by Office 09/10/2024	s 9(2)(a)	CAA workplace culture
19/09/2024	25/09/2024		Communication between the Minister of Transport and Mayor of Auckland
23/09/2024	30/09/2024		Advice on cycleway spending
25/09/2024	2/10/2024		Advice on whether the government has explored the loss of road tax through odometer operation.
26/09/2024	3/10/2024		Advice on cycleway spending
30/09/2024	7/10/2024		Advice received on the efficiency of road freight
16/09/2024 Extended 30/09/2024	23/09/2024 Extended 14/10/2024		Advice relating to the closure of ALRL
8/10/2024	15/10/2024		The Clean Vehicle Standard paper taken to Cabinet Committee and 1 paper withheld under active consideration. WPQ 54599 (2024) relates
8/10/2024	15/10/2024		All correspondence regarding international travel opportunities for you as Minister

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
9/10/2024	16/10/2024	s 9(2)(a)	The letter of comfort sent to the chair of the NZTA board on 17 June
10/10/2024	3/10/2024		Speed limit increase advice on time saved and economic results

Written Parliamentary Questions

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
23/09/2024	60079 (2024)	In light of the recent announcement that SeaLink ferry workers will be engaging in strike action from 24 September to 1 October due to pay disparities between SeaLink workers and those employed by Auckland Transport ferry providers, what steps, if any, is the Minister taking to address the concerns of these workers regarding wage parity?	30/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	60114 (2024)	What aides-mémoire, briefings, memos, notes, reports, or any other advice, if any, has the Minister or their Office received regarding Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2024, by date and title?	30/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	60134 (2024)	What funding models is the government considering for a new Waitematā Harbour crossing, and how might this impact other transport projects in Auckland and across New Zealand?	30/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	60136 (2024)	What studies, if any, have been conducted, or are currently being conducted, on the potential economic and social impacts of different Waitematā Harbour crossing options on surrounding communities, by date and title?	30/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	60137 (2024)	What, if any, public transport improvements in Auckland are planned to coincide with the introduction of time-of-use charging to ensure viable alternatives for commuters?	30/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	60140 (2024)	What plans, if any, are being considered for the revenue generated from time-of-use charging in Auckland?	30/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	60141 (2024)	What advice, if any, has the Minister received on the economic impact of congestion and the projected economic benefits of implementing time-of-use charging in Auckland?	30/09/2024 12:00:00 AM

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
23/09/2024	60143 (2024)	What advice, if any, has the Minister received regarding other congestion management strategies besides time-of-use charging for Auckland, by date and title?	30/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	60144 (2024)	What, if any, congestion reduction targets have been set for the time-of-use charging scheme, and how will its effectiveness be measured?	30/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	60145 (2024)	What is the timeline for drafting and introducing the necessary legislation for time-of-use charging?	30/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	60146 (2024)	What steps, if any, are being taken to ensure comprehensive consultation with Auckland local boards, mana whenua, and other stakeholders during the development of time-of-use charging in the city?	30/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	60147 (2024)	What, if any, economic impact assessments on time-of-use charging, particularly focusing on Auckland have been undertaken, by date and title?	30/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	60148 (2024)	How will the government ensure that Auckland's public transport system is adequately prepared before implementing time-of-use charging?	30/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	60155 (2024)	How does the Government plan to decide between a cordon-based system and a corridor-based system for time of use charging in Auckland and what factors will be considered in this decision?	30/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	60156 (2024)	What advice, if any, has the Minister received regarding for a mid-2026 implementation of time-of-use charging in Auckland, and what specific milestones need to be met to achieve this timeline, by date and title?	30/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	60185 (2024)	What is/are the title(s) of any briefing(s), email(s), report(s), or other advice, if any, he has received that support the claim that the proposed Setting of Speed Limits Rule (2024) "aligns with those of other high-income countries that have the lowest rates of road deaths—including Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Japan, Denmark, and the United Kingdom, where these six countries all have default speed limits of 50 kilometres per hour or more on urban roads, with exceptions for lower speeds."?	1/10/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	61499 (2024)	What update, if any, can the Minister provide on the preferred system approach for congestion charging in Auckland?	1/10/2024 12:00:00 AM

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
23/09/2024	61510 (2024)	How much, if anything, does the Government expect to charge vehicle importers in total for exceeding the Clean Car Standard targets in 2026?	1/10/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	60408 (2024)	What Cabinet papers, if any, has the Minister taken to Cabinet Committees during the week beginning 16 September 2024, by Cabinet Committee, title and date?	1/10/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/09/2024	60412 (2024)	What papers, if any, did the Minister take to Cabinet during the week beginning 16 September 2024, by title and date?	1/10/2024 12:00:00 AM
24/09/2024	61808 (2024)	How many employees are in the Minister's departments, if any?	2/10/2024 12:00:00 AM
24/09/2024	61809 (2024)	Prior to 16 September, what work, if any, has the Minister's departments, if any, done to scope or evaluate work from home policies?	2/10/2024 12:00:00 AM
24/09/2024	61814 (2024)	What current policies, if any, does the Minister's department, if any, have on working from home or flexible working arrangements?	2/10/2024 12:00:00 AM
24/09/2024	62033 (2024)	How many square meters of office space, if any, does the Minister's department currently possess in the Wellington City Council area, if any?	2/10/2024 12:00:00 AM
24/09/2024	62034 (2024)	How many square meters of office space, if any, does the Minister's department currently possess, if any?	2/10/2024 12:00:00 AM
25/09/2024	62113 (2024)	Has the Minister read and seriously considered the Open Letter from the Global Road Safety Partnership Re: Draft Speed Rule and Its Impact on Road Safety?	3/10/2024 12:00:00 AM
25/09/2024	62262 (2024)	What, if anything, is proposed to be the default for two-lane undivided rural highways in New Zealand under the proposed Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024?	3/10/2024 12:00:00 AM
25/09/2024	62313 (2024)	How many restructures, change processes or proposals, or any other sort of organisational process which led to reshuffling responsibilities or laying off employees has the Minister's department's had, if any, since 27 November 2023?	3/10/2024 12:00:00 AM

7.1 Departmental Official Information Act requests

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
26/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	All draft Cabinet papers relating to ALRL
6/09/2024 Extended 27/09/2024		Information held on weather modification
1/10/2024		Decision-making papers or correspondence related to the Virgin Australia-Air New Zealand code share agreement.
2/10/2024		In relation to the Civil Aviation Act 2023 Independent Review Function Public consultation, how many submissions has the Ministry received, and how many are medical convener related?
3/10/2024		Advice on the assessment of long-term requirements for a Resilient Cook Strait Connection
7/10/2024		July Briefings
7/10/2024		July Briefings
7/10/2024		Advice provided on the review of the Total Mobility Scheme
7/10/2024		Directives or instructions given by Ministers to departments since December 2023
16/09/2024 Extended 14/10/2024		Any summary reports on feedback received on GPS 2024
18/10/2024		In relation to the Ministry's PSC review: Requesting the full email chain between Martin Kessick and Audrey Sonerson and 10 emails previously withheld.
22/10/2024		Agency's information sharing with Meta, Facebook and other platforms
22/10/2024		Information of the development to EV chargers
22/10/2024		The Ministry's cost allocation model spreadsheet for calculating road user charges.

Transport Portfolio Agency Reports



Aviation Security Service
Kaiwhakamaru Rererangi



Agenda – Minister Brown officials’ meeting with NZTA

Day Date	Monday 30 September 2024		
Time	2.45pm -3.30pm		
Venue	Parliament – EW5.1		
NZ Transport Agency attendees			
Nicole Rosie, Chief Executive			
Richard May, Chief of Staff			
Brent Alderton, Group General Manager Regulatory & Director of Land Transport			
Sarina Pratley, Chief Customer & Services Officer			
Caz Jackson, Group General Manager People & Safety			
Robyn Elston, National Manager System Design (Acting Group General Manager Transport Services)			
Apologies			
Brett Gliddon, Group General Manager - Transport Services			
		Lead	Paper reference
1.1	Regulatory update	Brent Alderton and Sarina Pratley	BRI-3173
1.2	People and Capability update	Caz Jackson	

Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA)	Due date
NZTA to carry out an analysis of driver testing officer (DTO) productivity over the last 10 weeks to determine if there is a longer-term trend of productivity issues. NZTA to also advise how many of the new driver testing officers (DTOs) are located Christchurch.	Provided below
NZTA to provide a copy of planned media release for SH1B Telephone Road and an update on the proposed solution.	Provided below
NZTA to provide advice on the number of Raised Safety Platforms/Speed Bumps (or similar) on local roads that won't be funded during the 2024-27 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) period.	Complete
NZTA to provide an update on the summer maintenance programme for 2024-2025.	Complete

Updates

SH16 Weekend Closure

Your Office was advised earlier in the week that Auckland Transport (AT) plans to close SH16 Main Road between Station Road and Tapu Road. AT is applying a new, faster method to complete the work over one weekend and minimise disruption to the community (previously a 5-day closure was proposed but cancelled).

The road closure will now take place between 7pm on Friday 27 September and 5am on Monday 30 September 2024. If there is bad weather, the closure will take place the following weekend instead (Friday 4 October to Monday 7 October 2024).

More renewal work will take place at night on SH16 between Trigg Road and Tapu Road from Monday 30 September to Friday 4 October 2024. During this time, the highway will be partially open with a stop-go in place.

The work being undertaken by AT is in close proximity of NZTA's SH16 Safety Improvements project. There is the potential that some motorists will believe the closure is part of the NZTA led project.

State Highway 1B Telephone Road Media Release

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Better Together initiative

'*Better Together*' is an initiative to build effective coordination and collaboration between local councils, NZTA and NZ Police to make our roads safer through education, advertising and enforcement.

NZTA is running this initiative for the third time in collaboration with NZ Police and local councils across four NZ Police districts; Bay of Plenty, Wellington, Canterbury and Southern. The focus is to address drink driving with a coordinated approach to communications, public information and education throughout the month of October 2024, followed by increased enforcement in November 2024. The initiative has indicative positive results with deaths and serious injuries figures combined in the three '*Better Together*' districts in June 2024 being the lowest in a number of years, and a drop when compared to June 2023. If you are interested in attending one of the Police Operations, NZTA will work with NZ Police to accommodate a visit.

The NZTA '*Would you rather*' anti-drink driving public information campaign will also run nationally, with targeted advertising in the participating NZ Police and council regions throughout October 2024 and November 2024. To increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the campaign, councils have been provided with messages and resources to promote the messaging through their owned channels such as websites, communications channels, newsletters and social media.

Summer public information and communications

NZTA is currently planning its public information and communications activity throughout the traditionally busy summer period (November-February).

There are two priority focus areas for this activity, reinforcing core road safety behaviours in support of police enforcement (restraints, impairment, distraction, speed), and raising awareness around roadworks and road worker safety throughout the maintenance season.

This year NZTA will approach the summer activity by focusing on positive local stories and demonstrating we are improving the state highway network for New Zealanders. NZTA will make the activity locally relevant, showing actual works in the regions representing real people working on the roads.

Road safety public information and education campaign activity will see existing NZTA campaigns running at specific times throughout the period, such as anti-drink driving and speed messaging running in the lead up to Christmas and the holiday period. The campaigns will run on channels including TV, digital display, billboards, radio, and social media.

Hawke's Bay Engagement on North Island Weather Events (NIWE)

On Friday 20 September 2024, NZTA met with Mayors and Chief Executives of the Hawke's Bay region as well as the Hawke's Bay Regional Recovery Agency (HBRRA). The meeting was constructive, and NZTA was able to clarify the process the councils needed to follow regarding their recovery funding applications and their request for a bespoke Funding Assistance Rate (FAR).

On Wednesday 25 September 2024, NZTA met with HBRRA to confirm the clear direction that councils, as road controlling authorities and approved organisations, are to deal directly with NZTA, and should not work through the HBRRA going forward regarding their recovery funding applications.

In the meantime, NZTA is working to expedite the release of funding and bespoke FAR, as well as assessing how to support an increasing programme of work on local roads.

Update on safety cameras

NZTA continues to transfer cameras from NZ Police according to plan and has started issuing reminder notices for unpaid infringements.

Roadside testing of the first average speed/point-to-point (P2P) corridor at Matakana Road (an AT local road) is on track to commence in early October 2024. Testing will provide confidence to both NZTA and the public that the cameras are accurate and can operate in a range of conditions prior to starting enforcement.

Between now and late December 2024, cameras will also be installed on the first state highway corridor on SH2 Pōkeno to Mangatāwhiri, and further AT corridors on Whitford Road, Kahikatea Flat Road and Glenbrook Road (East). Also in October 2024, physical site assessments and automated number plate speed surveys will commence on three potential P2P corridors in Waikato and Bay of Plenty: SH2 Matatā, SH30 Lake Rotoma, SH5 Tūmunui.

NZTA will continue to provide updates in the Weekly Report before any community engagement or roadside activity occurs.

Driver Licensing wait times

Summary for week ending Friday 20 September 2024

Wait times for practical testing (restricted and full testing) have marginally increased compared to last week:

- full tests up by 1 day (42 days)
- restricted tests up by 1 day (53 days)

At an individual site level, 43 percent of full test sites and 14 percent of restricted test sites met the “30 days or less” target last week.

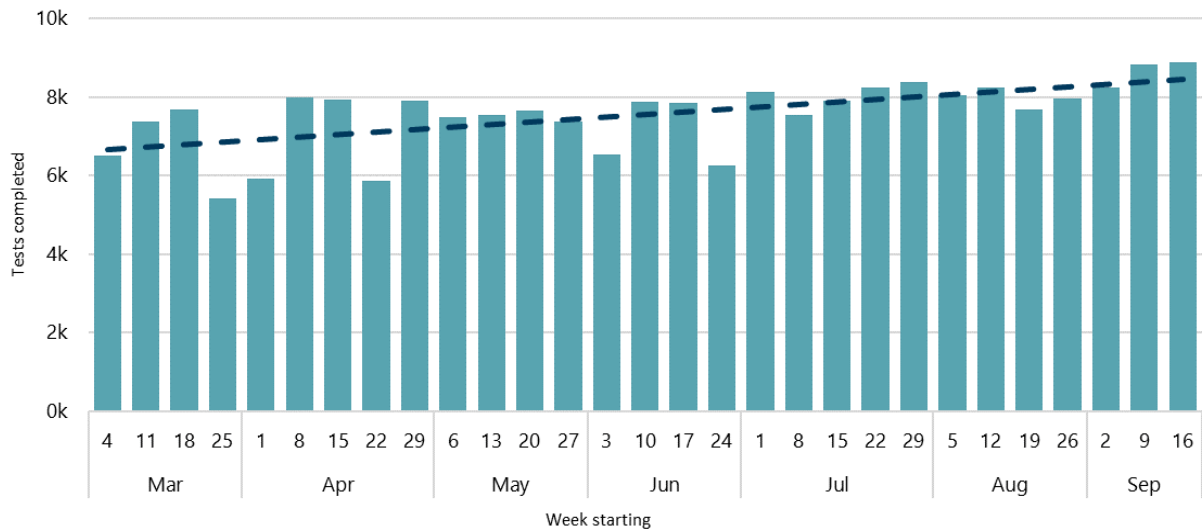
The backlog of tests has remained at 70,500.

Despite wait times marginally increasing, total tests completed continue to increase. Vehicle Testing New Zealand (VTNZ) have forecast a continued increase in test completion into October 2024 as the newly graduated driver testing officers (DTOs) build competency and can take on a full schedule of tests.

The below chart shows tests completed each week. VTNZ is delivering approximately 2500 more tests per week than this time last year. This chart will be included ongoing in the main Driver Licensing wait times reporting in the appendices.

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Tests completed have steadily increased over the past 6 months



Productivity review

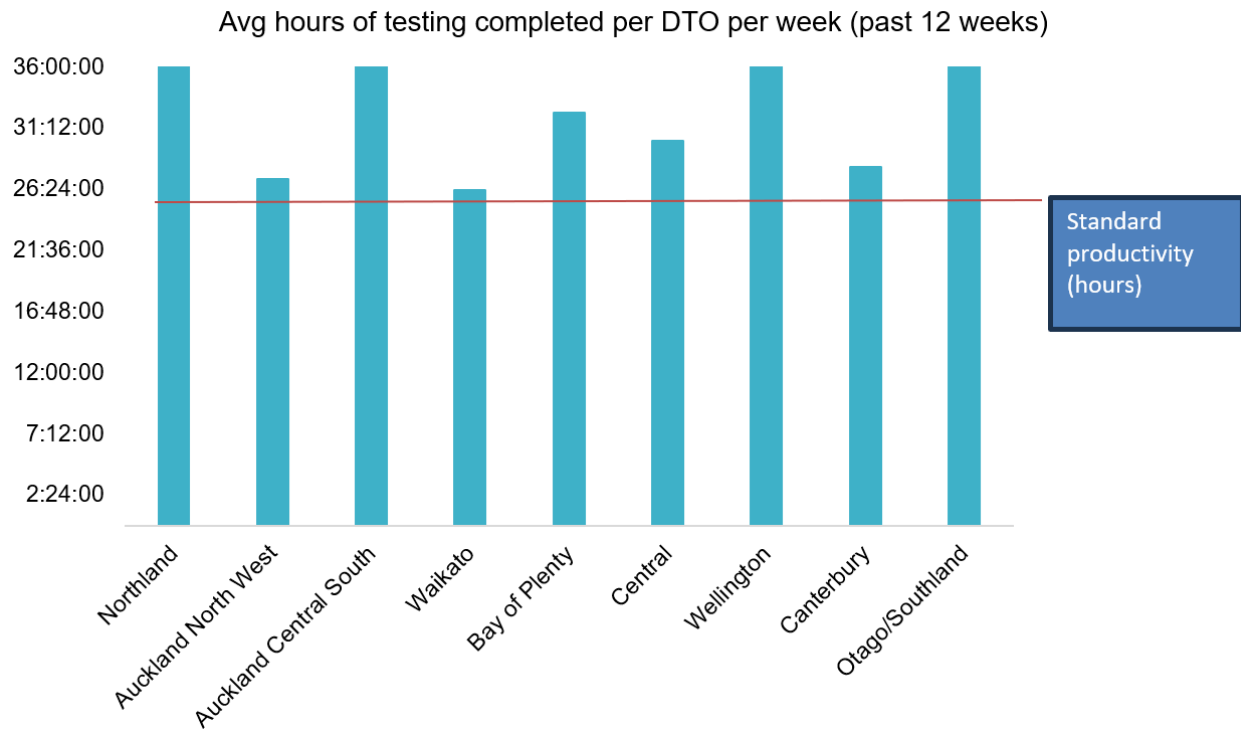
There have been six new DTOs placed across Christchurch sites this year. The breakdown by site and recruitment round is:

Site	February recruitment round	May recruitment round	August recruitment round
VTNZ Northwood	1		1
VTNZ Jipcho Road		1	
VTNZ Lichfield Street			1
VTNZ Rangiora*		1	1
Total	1	2	3

**Rangiora included as a Christchurch site due to proximity to the city and subsequent anticipated overflow to this site.*

Insights from this analysis are included below. NZTA can confirm that it does not anticipate a longer-term trend of productivity issues based on our analysis to date. NZTA is continuing to work closely with VTNZ to refine productivity reporting and analysis and will update you promptly if productivity becomes a notable concern.

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Insights

All regions are within the standard variance of hours completed (25 hours per DTO per week, or higher). NZTA is continuing discussions with VTNZ on levers to increase DTO output (e.g., reduction in operational shrinkage [the time when DTOs are not actively testing]), increased overtime, and further expanded hours of operation.

Wellington and Auckland Central South are currently the most productive regions. Key drivers for this are:

- Wellington produces the most overtime hours in the country.
- Auckland Central South has the highest demand for 30-minute full licence overseas conversions; the public are more likely to be able to find an available 30-minute slot for these tests compared to other regions that have a higher demand for the one hour-long restricted tests.

Productivity review approach and caveats

- NZTA's approach to reviewing productivity is being refined and enhanced. The current approach to review productivity involves converting the number of tests completed into total hours of tests completed (we do this because the number of tests completed isn't a highly accurate measure of productivity, due to the difference in time it takes to deliver a restricted vs. full licence test; this conversion equalises productivity where the proportion of full test may be higher than restricted tests). NZTA then averages the number of hours worked across the DTO Full Time Equivalents (FTE) to produce a baseline "per FTE" number of working hours. Average hours per DTO per week only represents a simplified indication of productivity.
- The analysis of FTE per location is based on where each DTO is contractually based, however DTOs do travel between sites. This is not accounted for here.

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- The total standard hours for one FTE are 35 hours (this is a standard 40-hour working week minus breaks).
 - Over 35 hours per DTO FTE indicates overtime or longer operational hours have been used.
 - Under 35 hours per DTO FTE indicates operational shrinkage (the time when DTOs are not actively testing). This can be caused for example by DTOs taking holiday or sick leave, DTO training time, or travel time to complete tests outside of a DTO's home site.
- NZTA uses a standard rate for anticipated operational productivity shrinkage of 30 percent. This results in a standard productive range of 25 or higher hours of tests completed per DTO per week.

Update on interventions of note

There are no significant milestones this week, but work is progressing on other interventions including:

- The updated immigration pack information has been finalised and is now with Immigration NZ for inclusion. NZTA will notify you when Immigration NZ has confirmed the information has started to be rolled out to new arrivals.
- Uptake of the VTNZ wrap-around support trial for migrants has been slow to date. VTNZ expect this to resolve by the end of September 2024. NZTA has increased reporting requirements with VTNZ to more closely monitor this and will work with VTNZ to bolster efforts if engagement remains lower than expected.
- The first proactive outbound call campaign for people not showing up for multiple booked tests without cancelling (non-appearances) will be completed this week. Insights from these customers on why they're not attending will be collated and shared next week.

Wait times, staffing and productivity for week Monday 16 – Sunday 22 September 2024

Region	Wait times				Staffing	Staffing	Productivity
	Full	Change (last week)	Restricted	Change (last week)	DTO Headcount	DTO FTE	Tests Completed
Northland	43	+5	55	+4	9	8.4	411
Auckland North-West	68	+4	80	0	28	26.6	1,112
Auckland Central South	70	+2	82	+5	45	36.8	2,077
Waikato	29	+7	44	+9	25	22.6	968
Bay of Plenty	29	-5	41	-1	19	15.7	815
Central	36	-4	46	-3	20	15.6	735
Wellington	17	-6	31	-3	21	18.6	967
Canterbury	48	+7	58	+3	34	28.7	1,102
Otago Southland	40	-2	49	-2	15	13.2	691
National Average	42	+1	53	+1	-	-	8,878
					216	186.2	

Further graphs relating to wait times, as well as the interventions plan update can be found in the appendices.

Upcoming Ministerial Items

Upcoming Briefings to Minister of Transport

Due to Office	Title
Monday 30 September 2024	BRI-3030 - National Ticketing Solution Financial and Programme Update Update on the National Ticketing Solution's (NTS) current financial status and the overall progress of the work programme as it moves towards the late-2024 go-live date
Monday 30 September 2024	BRI-3114 - National Land Transport Fund Expenditure Overview of any National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) expenditure that does not align with the direction and expectations set out in the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) 2024
Tuesday 1 October 2024	BRI-3147 - Multi lane free flow tolling solution procurement outcomes (Proactive) Advice on the updated costs for Tolling Roadside Technology identified from the Request for Proposal (RFP)
Wednesday 2 October 2024	BRI-3158 - Taranaki-King Country Electorate Visit Advice to support your visit to Taranaki with Barbara Kuriger MP, on 4 October 2024
Wednesday 2 October 2024	BRI-31810 - NIWE Recovery Update Update on the NIWE Recovery ahead of the first monthly NIWE report
Friday 4 October 2024	BRI-3157 - Gisborne Visit Advice to support your visit to Gisborne on 10 October 2024

Upcoming OIA requests for potential consultation

Reference and Requester	Request	Due date to the Office
OIA-16470 s 9(2)(a)	All correspondence with Minister of Transport regarding Te Ahu a Turanga	Thursday 10 October 2024
OIA-16464 s 9(2)(a)	Bilingual sign consultation and costs	Thursday 10 October 2024
OIA-16477 s 9(2)(a) (Media)	Advice provided to the Minister on speed	Thursday 10 October 2024
OIA-16485 s 9(2)(a) (Media)	Information relating to advertising through social media including costs	Friday 11 October 2024
OIA-16486 s 9(2)(a)	Request for traffic counts and costs for the Saddle Road, Pahiatua Track and Ballance Valley Road.	Friday 11 October 2024
OIA-16517 s 9(2)(a)	Te Ahu a Turanga assessments and information	Friday 11 October 2024
OIA-16509 s 9(2)(a)	Copies of tolling assessment for Ō2NL, Te Ahu a Turanga and Takitimu North Link	Monday 14 October 2024
OIA-16521 s 9(2)(a) (Media)	Information relating to forensic audit of Buller District Council	Tuesday 15 October 2024
OIA-16522 s 9(2)(a) (Media)	Alleged fraudulent use of fuel tax by NZTA	Tuesday 15 October 2024
OIA-16526 s 9(2)(a)	Request for information on the number of employed staff and pay	Tuesday 15 October 2024
OIA-16528 s 9(2)(a) (Media)	Request for advice provided to the other agencies on the safety and economic implications of high speed limits, since the change of government.	Wednesday 16 October 2024
OIA-16527 s 9(2)(a)	Request for copies of papers/advice provided to the Minister during July 2024	Wednesday 16 October 2024
OIA-16531 s 9(2)(a)	Request for correspondence with the Ministry of Transport on the proposed Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024	Wednesday 16 October 2024

Potential future Transport events

Event Date	Event detail	Minister's interest
Tuesday 8 October 2024 10.30pm	<p>Maintenance site visit – SH20 Auckland</p> <p>Opportunity to visit an Auckland maintenance work site. Paving work is scheduled for the 8th, with the road being closed from 10pm and the new pavement being laid from 12am.</p> <p>This work will be weather dependent.</p>	Yes / No / Maybe

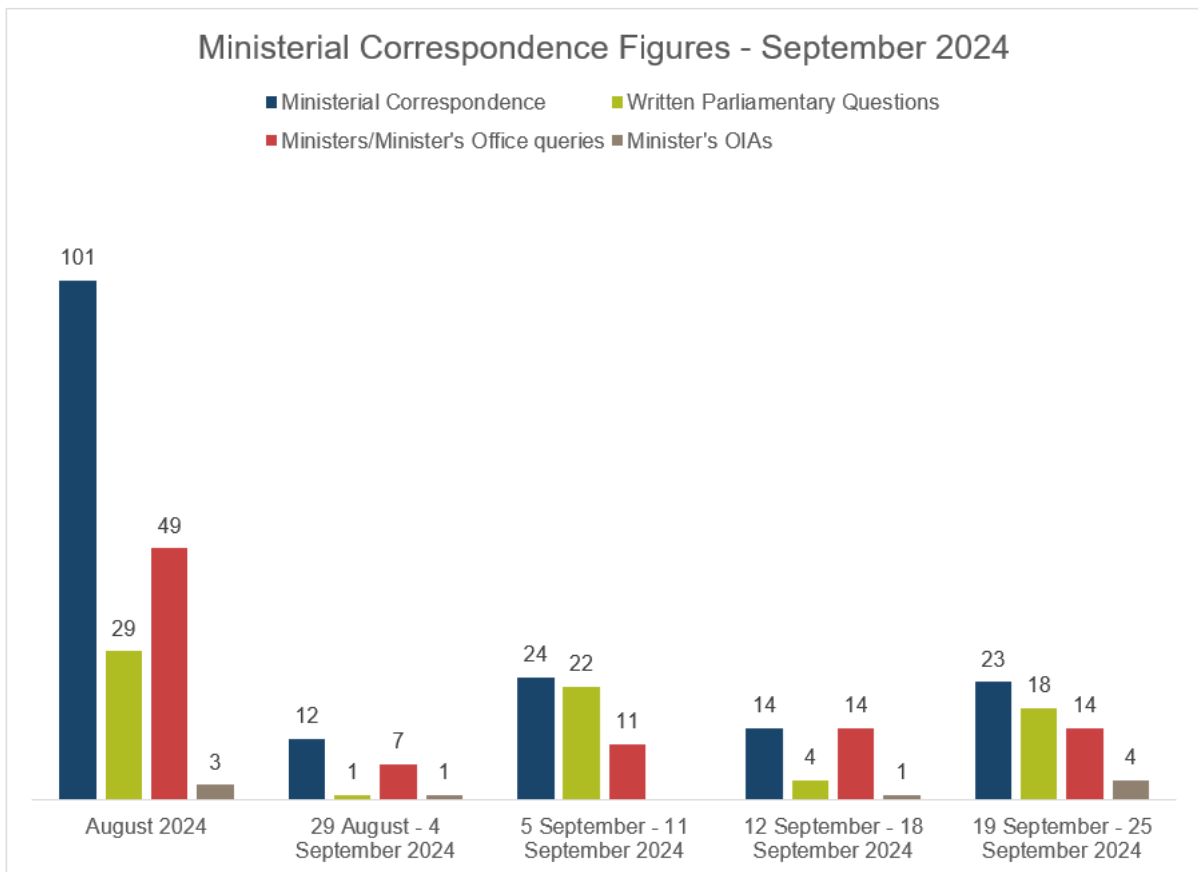
Upcoming Media items

Date of release	Subject
Week beginning Monday 30 September 2024	Waikato/Bay of Plenty – SH2 road rehabilitation: A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 30 September 2024 advising of road rehabilitation work on Athenree Gorge, SH2. Stop/go traffic management will be in place for two to three weeks.
Week beginning Monday 30 September 2024	Central North Island - work progress at White Pine Bush (SH2): A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 30 September 2024 to mark the completion of a project at White Pine Bush on SH2, which saw a retaining wall built, and the restoration of two lanes following cyclone damage.
Week beginning Monday 30 September 2024	Top of the South - SH1 Weld Pass night closures: A media statement will be sent to regional media about planned maintenance and night closures planned for 20 October - 23 October 2024. The road will be closed between 8pm and 6am with midnight openings to let queued traffic through. No appropriate local road detours are available and those that are in situ cannot be used by heavy vehicles.
Week beginning Monday 7 October 2024	Top of the South - SH6 Tunnickliffe Bridge closures: A media statement is planned for release to preview six weeks of night closures planned from late October/early November 2024 for road rebuild at SH6 Tunnickliffe Bridge, Motupiko, Tasman.
Week beginning Monday 7 October 2024	Top of the South - SH6 road rebuild, Canvastown: A media statement is planned for release to preview three weeks of stop/go traffic management planned to allow road rebuild works on SH6 Canvastown - scheduled for October/November 2024.
Tuesday 15 October 2024	Central North Island - Devil's Elbow media site visit: A media site visit is planned for 15 October 2024 to Devil's Elbow on SH2 to highlight the progress on work in the area.
TBC	Lower North Island - SH2 Remutaka Hill emergency works: A media release is planned to preview emergency works planned for SH2 Remutaka Hill to repair an underslip and overslip on the Featherston side of the hill. This work will require Sunday-Thursday night closures over the next two months starting 7 October 2024.

Statistics page

Ministerial correspondence figures from Thursday 19 September 2024 to Wednesday 25 September 2024

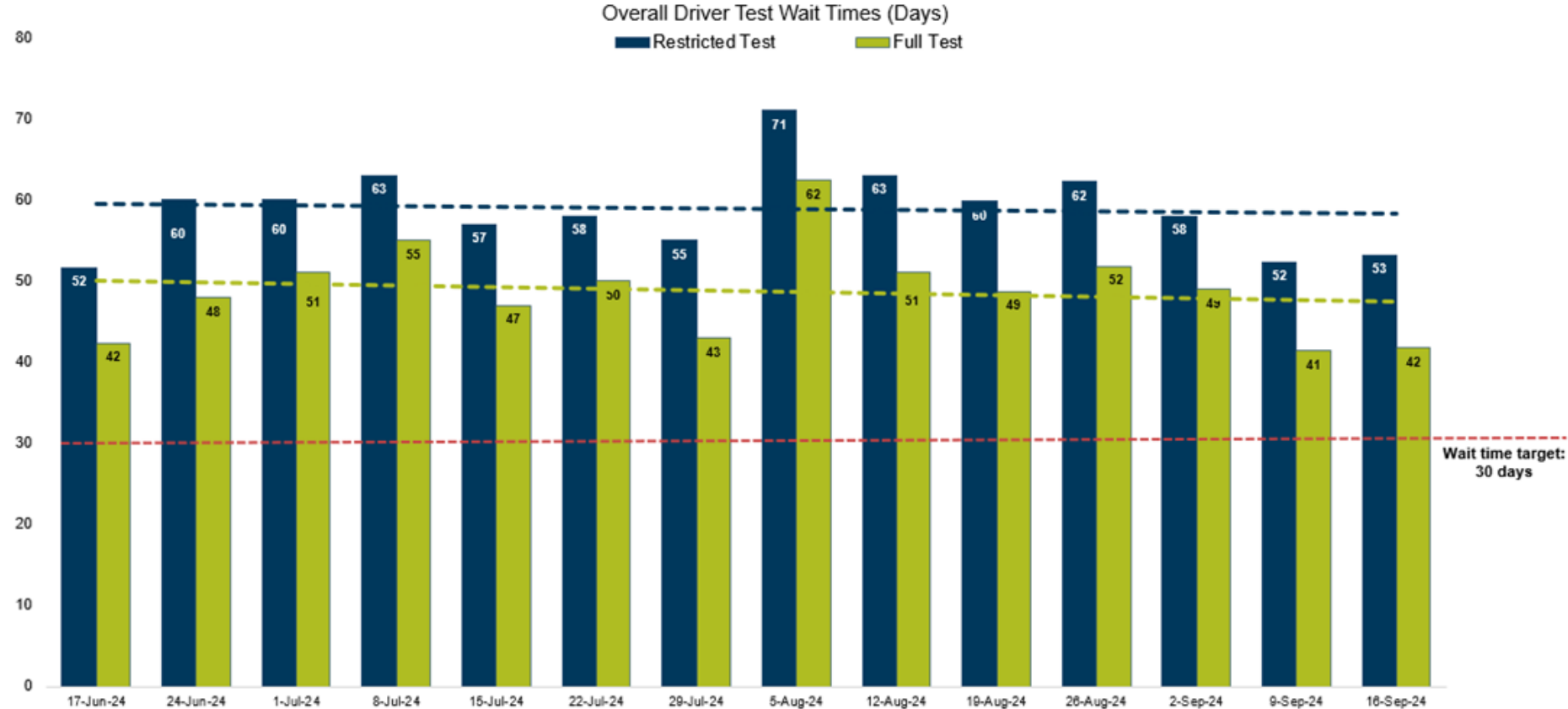
Item:	Number
Ministerial Correspondence	28
Written Parliamentary Questions	18
Minister/Minister Office queries	14
Ministerial OIA requests	4
Themes	Tolling, Speed limits, Speed bumps, Wellington Long Tunnel, Buller District Council forensic audit, North Island Weather Event (NIWE) recovery



Appendix One

Driver Licensing wait times status

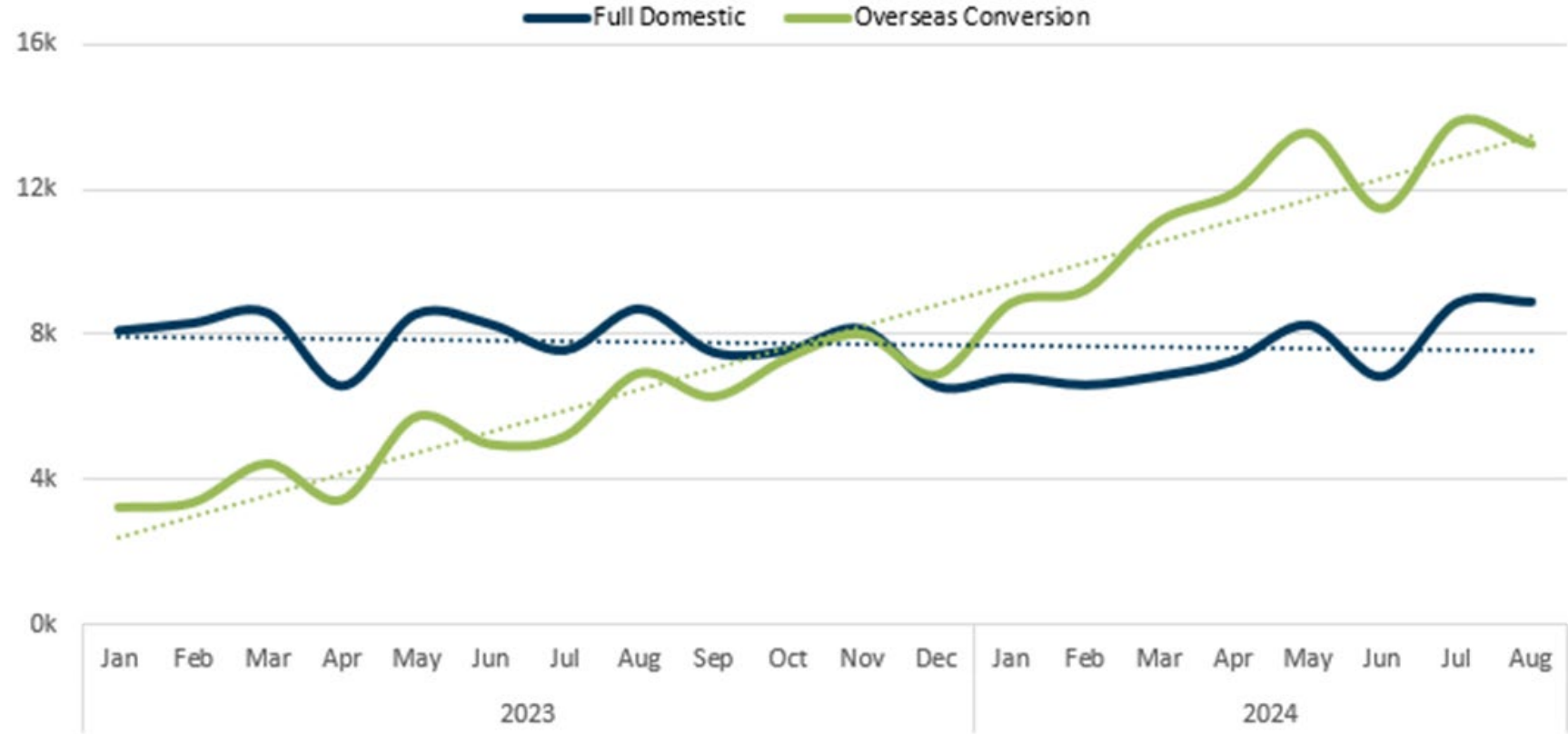
Overall wait times compared to the 30-day target:



Full licence test volumes – overseas conversions vs. domestic tests [updated monthly]:

Overseas conversions currently represent 59.9% of overall full test volume.

Class 1 Full Licence Practical Tests Completed by Type



Interventions plan update: priority actions to reduce wait times:

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Appendix Two

Officials' Meeting Forward Looking Agenda

Date	Item for discussion	Lead
October		
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November		
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December		
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Date	Item for discussion	Lead
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Key Updates

Emerging Technologies Unit conducts survey with industry

This week the Authority has been in attendance at the Aerospace Summit in Christchurch, where representatives from the Emerging Technologies Unit (ETU) have participated in panel discussions. We have also convened the Emerging Aviation Technologies Forum at the Air Force Museum on the side of the Aerospace Summit, hosting local industry forum members and with participation by Canadian, Australian and Singaporean aviation regulators.

Recently, the Authority conducted a survey with innovators and operators to understand how effective the ETU has been at connecting with and supporting industry. The survey results indicated that the establishment of the ETU has resulted in improved communication between the Authority and innovators. Respondents also provided a range of feedback to continue to improve the ETU.

We have attached a summary of the survey results for you in Appendix 2 and have also provided this summary to the Office of the Minister for Space.

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Security screening weekly update

The following instances of longer screening queues were recorded this week:

Date	Time	Location	Passengers affected	Queue time (mins)	Cause	Mitigation
20/09/24	06:00	Auckland Domestic	300	11	Equipment failure on one lane reducing capacity	Additional queue combing service provided

Queues for the Wellington Southern Domestic screening point – which are constantly monitored using LiDAR technology – showed:

Week	16/9-22/9
Passengers processed in less than 5 minutes	91.3%
Passengers processed in less than 10 minutes	97.6%

There are no major events scheduled that are expected to impact queues this coming week.

Please see the Appendix at the end of this report for data on where queues are predicted during the coming week.

Ministerial briefings received by the Minister's Office

NB: This covers the period Wednesday 18 September – Tuesday 24 September 2024

Date	Title
Nil	Nil

Communications and External Engagement

Media plan / anticipated media

NB: This covers the 7 days from Monday 23 September 2024

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Media mentions

NB: This covers the 7 days to Tuesday 24 September 2024

Date	Activity	Channel
Thursday 19 September 2024	Death of skydiving tourist will not result in coronial inquiry A coroner will not open a formal inquiry into the death of a Californian tourist in a skydiving accident near Queenstown over six years ago. The Civil Aviation Authority did not find any breaches of health and safety or aviation rules, but it made recommendations that included updating water hazard procedures for skydiving operators.	Otago Daily Times, Southland Times
Wednesday 18 September 2024	Commerce Commission to file charges against Jetstar alleging it misled customers Articles refer to Civil Aviation Act which states that airlines have a responsibility to reimburse customers for loss caused by cancellations or delays on New Zealand domestic flights that are within the airline's control.	Stuff, Newstalk ZB, Interest.co.nz

Upcoming education publications and products

Planned release/publish	What	Type	Why
Sep-Oct 24	Drone safety brochure	Safety education product	BAU revision
Oct 24	In, out, and around Queenstown	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
Oct 24	How to be an aerodrome manager	GAP booklet (new)	As part of the WTSA campaign, new guidance material for aerodrome managers is being produced, in the GAP booklet format.

Oct-Nov 24	Plane talking	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
Oct-Nov 24	Helicopter performance	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
Oct-Nov 24	Night VFR	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
Oct-Nov 24	Survival	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
TBC	In, out, and around Milford	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
Dec-24	Vector magazine (Summer issue)	Aviation safety education magazine	To educate the aviation community on various aviation safety topics.

Appendix 2– Summary of Emerging Technology Unit survey results

CAA EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES UNIT EFFECTIVENESS SURVEY - RESULTS

Introduction

1. The CAA's Emerging Technologies Unit (ETU) has been operating for just over one year and its prime purpose is to help operators meet aviation system entry requirements, by providing an enabling gateway process. To ensure that we are meeting our purpose and continue to do so, we have conducted a survey to understand how effective we have been and to get insights on how we can improve. This memo provides an overview of the findings.
2. The survey consisted of questions that combined numerical assessments and open text qualitative assessment. Over the preceding 15 months since standing up the unit, the ETU has worked with 43 organisations in the emerging technologies 'space'. These have ranged from traditional organisations such as Air New Zealand, to new entrants such as Dawn Aerospace, through to start-ups working on novel technologies such as Aquila. The ETU provided extensive Project Advisor support to 12 of these organisations and this was the group that was surveyed.

Survey Purpose, Design and Response Rate

3. Nine responses were received (a 75 % response rate).
4. The survey was designed to first establish whether the respondent's expectations of the gateway process were aligned with the objectives of the Emerging Technologies Programme. This was conducted to ensure that all respondents had started from the same premise. Once this was established, the survey focused on assessing perceived benefits and on gaining insights.

Highlights

5. The highlights of the survey were:
 - The majority of respondents considered that they had gained improved communication with CAA from assignment of a Project Advisor.
 - The majority of respondents considered that a Project Advisor improved engagement with the CAA.
 - The majority of respondents assessed that a Project Advisor added value to their engagement with the CAA.

Key Insights

6. Key insights from separate contributors were:

- The progress we have made would be almost impossible without our Project Advisor. This is a huge acceleration for enabling emerging technologies to progress in New Zealand and is a major factor in our continued operations in the country.
- The ETU project advisor construct has been an excellent development that has improved communication with the CAA significantly, particularly in the novel areas.
- Although the communication with ETU was hugely beneficial, assignment of a Project Advisor was not communicated clear, hence it is hard to evaluate this practice.
- My initial Part102 engagement was frustrating. The ETU addressed this and was able to provide answers to enable my team to make necessary decisions. In particular before our 102 Application came up for review.
- Communication improved with the addition of the project advisor. We were able to discuss and anticipate regulatory/compliance issues that were outside the scope of an immediate Part 102 amendment application in progress. I think this helped make the immediate application more efficient for the CAA.
- It would be great to have better transparency on the range of challenges the ETU is working through amongst all emerging technology innovators and how the CAA prioritizes effort spent on each. Right now, there are a number of issues that could use further ETU support but it's hard to know if we are overindexing or under-indexing on engagement.

Feedback

7. The survey asked for 'feedback for the ETU' and ended with a further invitation to provide 'any feedback' the respondents could provide. The feedback was universally helpful, and a number praised the efforts of individual team members.

Feedback included:

...please improve (and communicate with industry) the link between the great ETU team and the rule making function. Industry needs to see tangible process in rule making based on the work we're doing with the ETU. The ETU could provide greater transparency on the issues it is addressing.

CAA NZ to bring together the various sector participants in a workshop to debate, inform and develop pathways for the sector.

Conclusion

8. The survey returns were constructive and provided helpful insights. The ETU has identified several themes, including better engagement, potential workshops and transparency of process. These will benefit from further analysis and engagement with innovators/operators. Action has already been taken to initiate this process.

Portfolio work programme update

Maritime NZ

Project: Critical Changes to Maritime Legislation	
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Nil this week.

Upcoming Cabinet papers

Nil this week

Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees	
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)	
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Media heads up / General comments

Nil

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Associate Minister of Transport Weekly Report week commencing 23 September 2024

1 Portfolio work programme update

Milford Opportunities

Project: Milford Aerodrome Financial Sustainability

No update. The new charges for aerodrome users do not come into effect until 1 April 2025.

Project: Masterplan Business Case

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Weather Forecasting

Project: System Review

No update.

Project: Contract Expiry

No update.

Project: Rain Radar Upgrades

No update.

Recreational Safety and SAR

Project: Next Steps Following Recreational Safety and Search and Rescue Review	
No update.	
Project: Fuel Excise SAR Funding	
<p>The Ministry provided advice to the Minister of Transport on 23 August 2024 outlining the parameters and timeline for the triennial review of Section 9(1) SAR funding and seeking approval to initiate the review. We are awaiting approval from the Minister of Transport to share the advice with your Office.</p> <p>Following a meeting with the Maritime New Zealand (Maritime NZ) Chief Executive on Monday 2 September 2024, the Minister of Transport has also sought advice from officials on considering Maritime NZ's funding requests outside of the planned triennial review. We are drafting advice for the Minister of Transport on the implications of this and will seek his approval to share this with your Office.</p>	

Aviation Tourism

Project: Air Services Agreement (ASAS)	
No update.	
Project: Codeshare/Alliance Authorisations	
No update.	

Chatham Islands

Project: Work Towards a Ship Solution	
No update.	

Maritime Security

Project: Maritime Security Strategy Tools investment	
No update.	
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<p>Briefing: Maritime Security Tools Investment</p> <p>This briefing will update you on the Maritime Security Strategy's surveillance and response tools investment, provide you with a draft Cabinet paper, and seek your direction on next steps.</p>	<p>Date: Wednesday 20 November 2024</p>

2 Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due	Title
Wednesday 2 October 2024	<p>Monitoring Plans for the Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) and Maritime NZ (MNZ)</p> <p>This briefing (OC241046) seeks your approval of the draft monitoring plans for TAIC and MNZ.</p> <p>The Ministry has needed additional information to develop the monitoring plans, which has delayed their finalisation.</p>
Week ending 18 October 2024	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
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3 Key updates

Maritime New Zealand Authority Appointments

The briefing with the long list of candidates was provided to you and Minister Brown for consideration on 19 September 2024. We await your feedback.

4 Upcoming briefings copied to Associate Minister of Transport

None this week.

5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

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Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee	
Tuesday 12 November 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Cabinet Foreign Policy and National Security Committee	
Tuesday 17 December 2024	<p>Maritime Security Tools Investment</p> <p>This paper seeks direction on next steps for the Maritime Security Strategy Tools investment.</p>
Cabinet	
Monday 30 September 2024	<p>Transport Accident Investigation Commission: Chief Commissioner Appointment</p> <p>This paper informs Cabinet of your intent to appoint a new Chief Commissioner to the Transport Accident Investigation Commission.</p>

5.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

None this week.



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