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Weekly Report to the Minister of
Transport

For the week ending 22 September 2023

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1 **Actions from transport officials' meeting**

Meeting with Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi)	Due date
None this week.	

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2 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

2 Upcoming briefings

Briefings to Minister Parker	Due date
Proactive Release - Regulations Implementing Changes to Land Transport Regulatory Fees and Charges - Cabinet and Associated Papers <i>Responsibility: Brendan Booth, Chief Legal Adviser and Manager, Procurement</i>	Week ending 29 September 2023.
Letters to Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail Board Chairs on funding decisions for cyclone recovery <i>Responsibility: Nick Paterson, Manager, Cyclone Recovery</i>	Week ending 29 September 2023.
s 9(2)(f)(iv) <i>Responsibility: Richard Cross, Acting Manager, Programme Assurance and Commercial</i>	Week ending 29 September 2023.
Draft Government Policy Statement 2024 Summary of Feedback from Consultation <i>Responsibility: Tim Herbert, Manager, Investment</i>	Week ending 29 September 2023.
New Zealand – Solomon Islands: Outcome of Air Services Negotiations <i>Responsibility: Tom Forster, Manager, Economic Regulation</i>	TBC December 2023.

Briefings to Minister O'Connor	Due date
Appointment of Delivery Agency and next steps for the Chatham Islands Vessel Replacement project <i>Responsibility: Richard Cross, Acting Manager, Programme Assurance and Commercial</i>	Week ending 29 September 2023.
Proactive Release of information relating to the Maritime Transport (Infringement Fees for Offences - Otago Navigation Safety Bylaw 2020) Regulations 2023 <i>Responsibility: Brendan Booth, Chief Legal Advisor and Manager, Procurement</i>	Week ending 29 September 2023
Proactive Release of information relating to the Land Transport (Road Safety) Amendment Bill 2023 <i>Responsibility: Megan Moffet, Manager, Regulatory Policy</i>	Week ending 6 October 2023

Note: the briefing 'Appointment of Delivery Agency and next steps for the Chatham Islands Vessel Replacement project' is on hold and has not been sent to the Minister.

3 Key priorities

Ministers Parker and O'Connor	
[RESTRICTED] Planned disruptive protest activity	
<p>The Officials Committee for Domestic and External Security Coordination (ODESC) System, in support of the Police as the Lead Agency, has been activated in response to planned protest activity at Parliament between 26-28 September 2023. The Ministry attended a Watch Group meeting on 20 September 2023 to consider the implications of planned protest activity.</p> <p>The Ministry convened a Transport Response Team (TRT) meeting to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • update agencies on known or likely protest activities • review agencies readiness and information requirements • confirm lines of communication between TRT agencies • establish two-way intelligence sharing between Police and the TRT <p>TRT readiness activity is broader than the planned protest activity at Parliament. We have also taken into consideration further disruptions to the transport network by the Groundswell convoy (travelling from Invercargill to Auckland 22 September – 1 October 2023) and the concurrent ongoing protest activity by the Restore Passenger Rail group.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Natasha Rave, Manager, Resilience and Security</i></p>	<p>Next steps:</p> <p>We will keep you updated should any protest activity impact transport networks or operations.</p>

3 KEY PRIORITIES

Ministers Parker and O'Connor

Cyclone Recovery

Policy function (excluding legislation) and Investment function

This week Cabinet approved \$385 million in funding for local road recovery, additional Bailey bridges, make safe works on the Wairoa to Napier rail line and minor resilience work on the rail lines that are being reinstated after the severe weather events. This funding was approved through decisions on Phase 2 of the National Resilience Plan.

Legislation function

We are working to finalise the Cabinet papers proposing to enact the Orders in Council (OiCs) (for Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail works), for lodgement on 28 September 2023 for Cabinet consideration on 2 October 2023.

Next steps:

Following Cabinet decisions on Phase 2 of the National Resilience Plan, we will next week provide you with letters for the Boards of both Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail about the funding decisions.

We will lodge the LEG papers on 28 September 2023 for the two OiCs for Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail works, as per the Tranche 6 timeframes.

Responsibility: Nick Paterson, Manager, Cyclone Recovery

Minister Parker

Draft Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS) 2024 summary of feedback from consultation

Consultation on the draft GPS 2024 closed on 15 September 2023. In total, we received 350 submissions. In terms of a high-level overview:

Email submissions: 79 submissions

Online survey submissions: 271 submissions

There was particular engagement from 164 people requesting the inclusion of horses and bridleways in GPS 2024, who we have recorded separately in the table below.

Next steps:

We will provide you a briefing with further details on the feedback in late September 2023.

Numbers submissions and stances	Survey respondents (except for equestrian community)	Members of the equestrian community	Total all survey submissions
Agree or strongly agree with the strategic priorities and direction	61	3	64
Disagree or strongly disagree with the strategic priorities and direction	25	146	171
Agree or strongly agree with the funding increases	53	113	166
Disagree or strongly disagree with the funding increases	21	19	40
Responses total	107	164	271

Some key themes arising from all feedback:

- General interest and approval in the funding increases but concern about the longer-term sustainability of the funding
- Mentions of specific projects or regional context and wishing additional projects included in the Systematic Investment Plan.
- Interest in emissions reduction (including Public Transport, Vehicle Kilometres Travelled plans)
- Interest in roads and maintenance (e.g., resilience)

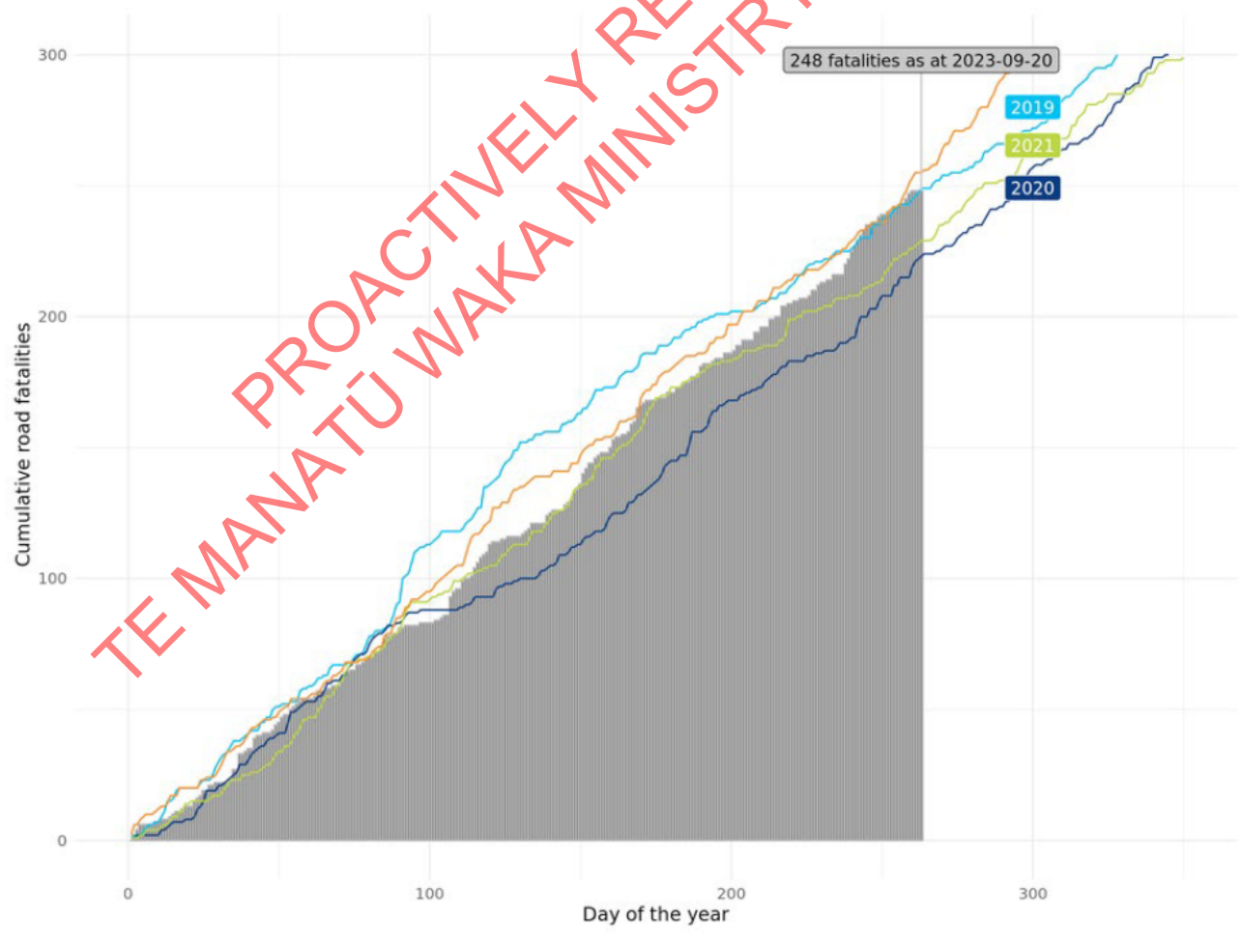
Responsibility: Tim Herbert, Manager, Investment

3 KEY PRIORITIES

Year to date road fatalities

As at 20 Sep 2023 provisional road fatalities are **248** for the year, this is 7 fewer fatalities than the same date in 2022. A year-to-date comparison is shown in the table below:

crash month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	32	21	18	29	22
Feb	26	32	28	25	33
Mar	33	31	34	31	27
Apr	45	9	25	37	32
May	29	23	31	27	27
Jun	27	29	37	32	31
Jul	14	32	16	25	25
Aug	24	23	20	27	35
Sep	17	23	19	22	17
Total	247	223	228	255	248



Year to date road fatalities

The chart below provides a comparison of fatalities by mode and region for the last five years. The map show fatalities for 2023 by mode and location, highlighting fatalities from the last seven days with larger circles.



Responsibility: Dan Jenkins, Manager, Analytics and Modelling

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3 KEY PRIORITIES

Clean car and electric vehicle registrations

Summary of registrations by CCD Band for week ending 17 September, 2023

Total registrations

total registrations this week	delta prev week	last full month (Aug)	delta prev month	year to date	delta prev year to date
4503	757	19,914	6,087	196,001	-18,719

This week's registrations by emissions band and vehicle type

CCD.band	Heavy	Light	Motorcycle	Total	delta_prev_wk	Weekly trends this year	
						Low	High
Zero (0g/km)	2	482	14	498	170	78	1317
Very low (1-49g/km)	0	114	0	114	36	7	607
Low (50-99g/km)	0	944	0	944	71	187	1758
Moderate (100-149g/km)	0	1185	0	1185	254	284	4210
High (150-199g/km)	0	683	0	683	123	204	6903
Very high (200-249g/km)	0	367	0	367	40	78	7220
Extremely high (over 250g/km)	0	240	0	240	-26	49	3637
Unknown	211	15	246	472	89	107	933

This week's registrations for ZERO EMISSION BAND (0g/km) battery electric vehicles

Vehicle type	New	Used	Total	delta_prev_wk	Weekly trends this year	
					Low	High
Car	370	106	476	168	19	1195
Bus	0	0	0	0	1	20
Van	6	0	6	0	1	36
Truck	2	0	2	2	1	3
Motorcycle	14	0	14	0	1	46
Other	0	0	0	0	1	36

EV (Battery electric) LIGHT vehicle Fleet (inc. motorcycles/ATV etc.)

CCD.band	Vehicle_gp	Fleet size 2018	long-term trend	Fleet size today	% of total fleet
Zero (0g/km)	Car	3869		59471	1.294
Zero (0g/km)	Motorcycle	336		2761	0.060
Zero (0g/km)	Other	16		178	0.004
Zero (0g/km)	Van	653		1555	0.034

EV (Battery electric) HEAVY vehicle Fleet

CCD.band	Vehicle_gp	Fleet size 2018	long-term trend	Fleet size today	% of total fleet
Zero (0g/km)	Bus	11		329	0
Zero (0g/km)	Other	2		50	0
Zero (0g/km)	Truck	11		144	0

Graphical summary of registrations

Summary of all registrations since January 2022

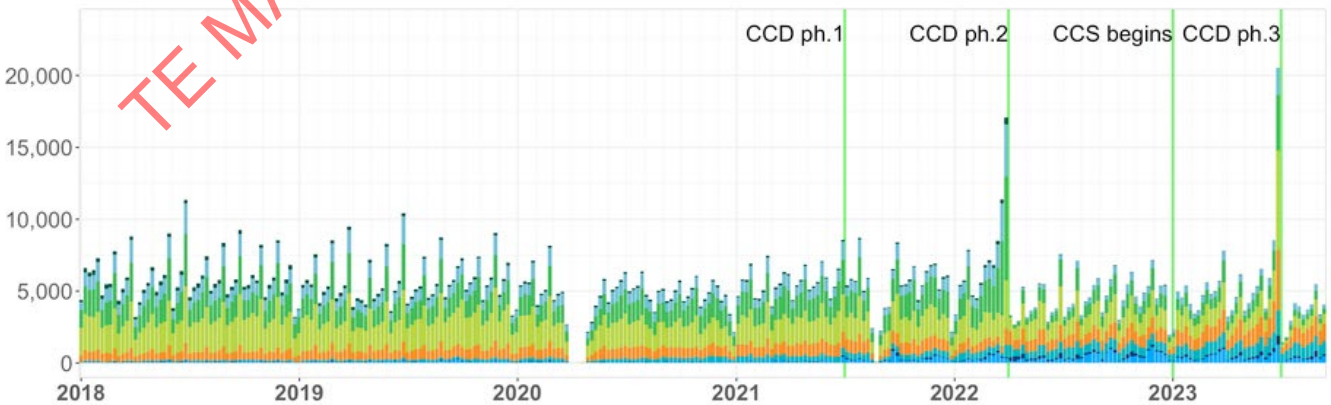


Summary of all registrations by propulsion type since January 2022



Weekly registrations of light motor vehicles

- Zero (0g/km)
- Very low (1-49g/km)
- Low (50-99g/km)
- Moderate (100-149g/km)
- High (150-199g/km)
- Very high (200-249g/km)
- Extremely high (over 250g/km)
- Unknown



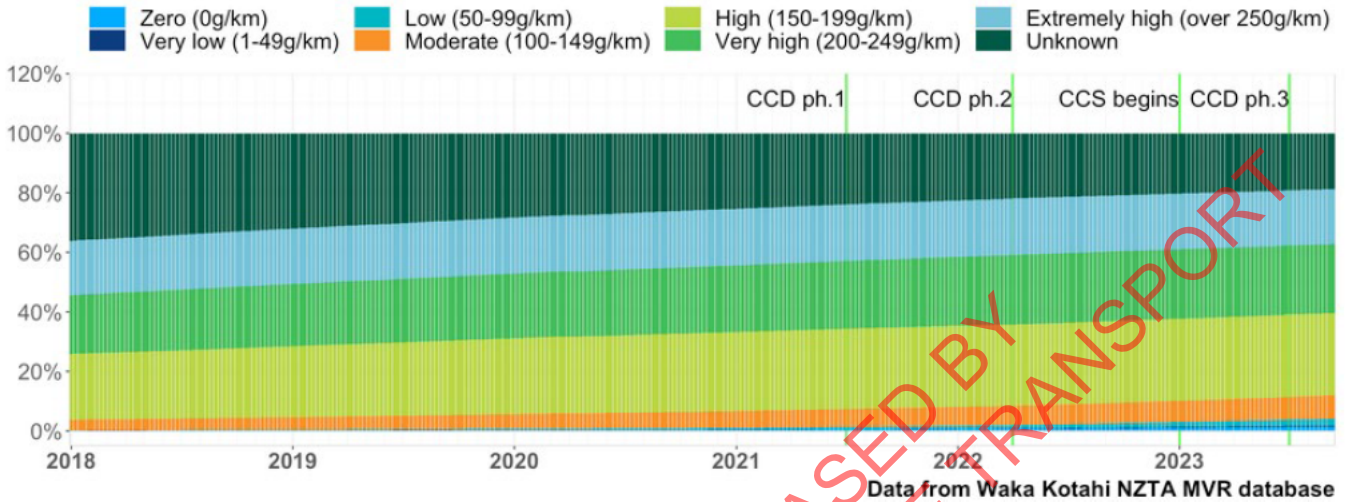
Data from Waka Kotahi NZTA MVR database

3 KEY PRIORITIES

Clean car and electric vehicle registrations

Light motor vehicle fleet

As a proportion of all light motor vehicles



More detail of the weekly registrations and fleet size can be found at the link below:

<https://www.transport.govt.nz/statistics-and-insights/fleet-statistics/weekly-electric-vehicle-report/>

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4 Cabinet papers

Minister Parker		
Paper	Committee	Status
<p>Outcome of the consultation on moving to the Euro 6/VI vehicle noxious emissions standards</p> <p>This paper proposes to amend the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Exhaust Emissions 2007 following public consultation on a draft Rule. It also seeks Cabinet agreement to the amendment Rule being finalised and published in the New Zealand Gazette prior to the 2023 General Election.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Nick Paterson, Acting Manager, Environment and Emissions Policy Design</i></p>	<p>Cabinet.</p> <p>2 October 2023.</p>	<p>The finalised Cabinet paper is being held by your Office for lodging for consideration by Cabinet on 2 October 2023.</p>
<p>Orders in Council for Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail works</p> <p>The two papers seek agreement to submit the respective OiCs to the Executive Council for approval. The timeline for this paper is consistent with the timeline for Tranche 6 OiCs.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Carmen Mak, Director, System and Regulatory Design</i></p>	<p>Cabinet.</p> <p>2 October 2023.</p>	<p>We intend to lodge the Cabinet papers on 28 September 2023, for consideration by Cabinet on 2 October 2023.</p>

Minister O'Connor		
None this week.		

5 CABINET PAPERS LED BY OTHER AGENCIES

5 Cabinet papers led by other agencies

None this week.

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6 Transport Crown entity and state-owned entity (SOE) updates



Safety Issues with Vessels

As previously advised, on 28 August 2023 the Vanuatu-flagged cargo ship **Atlas Wind** was detained due to a large number of deficiencies. Maritime NZ worked closely with the ship's classification society, flag state authority, owners and agents to ensure the required rectifications were being made.

On 14 September 2023, after being informed that the ship had rectified the deficiencies to the satisfaction of its classification society, we resumed our previously suspended port state control inspection. The inspection confirmed the deficiencies were adequately addressed and no new detainable deficiencies were identified. The vessel has subsequently been released from detention.

We are aware that the **Atlas Wind** regularly returns to New Zealand ports, and we will continue to monitor its ongoing compliance.

On 19 September 2023 Maritime NZ was informed by **Achilles Bulker's** owner that the towing arrangements proposed to return the ship to China were not sufficient. Additional equipment required for the tow is likely to arrive in NZ towards the end of September, at the earliest.

As previously advised, the ocean going tug **Vallianz Prestige** arrived in New Zealand last week and a notice of direction was issued by the Ministry for Primary Industries in relation to bio-fouling non-compliance. The tug is undergoing hull cleaning as required by the notice. The tug's arrival in to the Port of Tauranga was scheduled for the afternoon of 20 September 2023. Maritime NZ intend to do a port state control inspection on the tug when it arrives in port. The owner of **Achilles Bulker** will provide Maritime NZ with an update as soon as they have a more definitive timeline around when the ship will depart. This has been challenging for the Port of Tauranga as the ship has been taken up one of its berths for a period of weeks.

Engagement with port industry

We continue to progress work on port safety with the Port Health and Safety Leadership Group Safety, with positive feedback from all parts of the industry that they support and encourage the tripartite approach being taken to involve employers, unions (and workers outside unions) and government agencies. Currently work and engagement underway includes the following.

ACOP

Targeted consultation on an 'Approved Code of Practice for Loading and Discharging of Cargo on Ports and on Ships' (ACOP) which aims to encourage consistent safety standards on Ports has started. This has been designed in a tripartite way with initial workshops with unions/workers and operators and is a key priority for the leadership group. As well as being canvassed for submissions, industry parties are invited to take part in webinars for discussion, to provide additional ideas and ask questions. The webinars start next week.

6 TRANSPORT CROWN ENTITY AND STATE-OWNED ENTITY (SOE) UPDATES*Fatigue risk management*

The Fatigue Working Group is making strong progress in implementing the good practice guidelines for 'Building a Fatigue Risk Management System' (FRMS) across the port industry. The aim, well on the way to being achieved, is that by the end of this month all companies on ports will have started developing their FRMS. The resources, training and workshops to date have mainly been for managers and unions. A webinar with the port and stevedore CEs is scheduled for the week ending 29 September 2023, and this will be followed by a webinar for boards and executive leadership team members.

Worker survey

Port and stevedoring companies and the Rail and Maritime Transport Union have agreed to new and additional questions for the AskYourTeam worker survey being repeated this year. They developed the new questions at a co-design workshop on September 13 2023 in Auckland. The workshop was run by AskYourTeam and Maritime NZ on behalf of the Port Health and Safety Leadership Group. By repeating and refining the survey we build national information and companies build their own information, starting to show what is working well, what can be improved and what happens when we make changes.

Designation

The Prime Minister has signed the legislative instrument that extends Maritime NZ's Health and Safety at Work Act (HSWA) designation to the port gates. Over the next three months Maritime NZ is planning to visit each of the 13 ports within the scope of the changes. These port visits will enable the team to build a comprehensive profile of the port operations covered by the designation extension including the buildings, installations and structures that are adjacent to the port and used in connection with the port's operation. These visits will also provide Maritime NZ with an opportunity to speak with port stakeholders in person. Maritime NZ will be contacting each port CE over the coming weeks to confirm availability.

Seafarer welfare service delivery model

Last month Maritime NZ sought stakeholder feedback on a future service delivery model focused on how best to allocate any available funding to support the delivery of welfare services to international seafarers whilst in New Zealand ports. These services are required in order to meet New Zealand's obligations under the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC). Our request for feedback was to identify the most appropriate and sustainable service delivery model and was carried out in parallel with our public consultation on Maritime and Oil Pollution Levies – last briefed to you on 14 August 2023. In response we received feedback from 60 of the 74 stakeholders identified.

The feedback showed significant support for the option of introducing a grant model, with support able to be provided to meet the needs of individual ports. This model enables tighter control over accountability and oversight of the delivery at a local level and is consistent with the direction on delivery provided by the MLC and associated guidance material. Next week we will be holding a workshop to go through our decision, and the transition towards a grants model, with these stakeholders – made up mostly of deliverers of welfare services, national faith-based organisations and worker representation.

Until there is certainty about the level of funding that government wishes to commit to these services, Maritime NZ will not move to fully implement the grants model. We intend to trial the approach through until June 2024 in one port, to ensure that when full implementation is possible, this is able to occur smoothly and without disruption to existing services.

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Many of these service providers have a long history of delivering seafarer welfare services. We have additionally noted concern that under the current arrangements the national body delivering welfare services does not fulfil the requirement of the Maritime Labour Convention to review the adequacy of welfare facilities and coordinate and assist with those providing welfare facilities. As a consequence, we intend to convene a New Zealand Seafarer Welfare Council, with Maritime NZ as the Chair, to ensure that New Zealand meets the requirements of the Maritime Labour Convention.

Marine navigation initiatives led by Maritime New Zealand at international forums

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) had tasked New Zealand to lead an audit of currently available sources of information about volcanic activity and other hazards. The aviation sector has a mature and regulated volcanic hazard information system. While the marine sector has similar for tsunami events, the sources of information and potential impacts from volcanic activity has been less clear.

The report has identified sources of available information, articulated potential hazards that volcanic activity could pose to the safety of marine navigation and provided standardised messaging to better inform seafarers during volcanic events.

Maritime NZ and MetService, as members of the respective IHO/WMO committees, led the work of this team, which consisted of members from the United Kingdom, United States, Mauritius, Australia, Chile and Argentina.

Maritime NZ, as the coordinator for one of the world's largest navigational warning areas NAVAREA XIV, leads many aspects of the IHO safety of marine navigation work, significantly contributing to New Zealand's obligations under the SOLAS Convention. We are responsible for coordinating and issuing marine navigational warnings to the fifty million square kilometer area of the South-West Pacific covered by NAVAREA XIV, as well as providing advice, guidance and training to the nine Pacific Island national coordinators within this area.

Maritime New Zealand also reported on other areas in which we provide leadership. These included:

- refining navigational warnings about rocket launches and other space activity
- reducing the risks of human error, and potential costs to coastal states, resulting from the approval of multiple satellite service providers for meteorological, navigational and search and rescue information.
- in Fiji, Maritime NZ, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji training 20 students from 11 Pacific Island countries in the provision of marine navigational warnings.

Maritime in the media

On 19 September 2023, Maritime NZ received several media requests after a search and rescue helicopter en-route to support two trampers made a heavy landing and suffered significant damage. We confirmed the details of the incident. Police and the helicopter company, SARSL, provided media updates. CAA has been made aware of the incident. There is likely to be ongoing media interest.

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Aviation Security Service
Kaiwhakamaru Rererangi

Key Updates

Authority presented at the Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders conference

The Authority made a presentation to over 200 people from across the freight forwarding industry at the annual Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders (CBAFF) conference, held in Wellington on 13 – 15 September 2023. Many CBAFF members are certificated by the Authority as Regulated Air Cargo Agents (RACA), with responsibility for implementation of critical security controls which safeguard civil aviation.

The presentation focused on the relevance of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to New Zealand's civil aviation security environment, and the importance of controls that secure the supply chain in accordance with international standards. In addition, the presentation focused on changes and enhancements following the 2022 ICAO Security Audit of New Zealand (see supplementary Briefing to the Incoming Minister – Key Issues for the Civil Aviation Authority, dated 3 August 2023). The Authority received input from the industry regarding continuous improvement initiatives that could have a positive impact on the performance of the aviation system.

The Authority's presence was well received and favourably commented upon by the conference participants. We will continue to engage with CBAFF and the industry as we address the remaining ICAO findings.

First meeting of the new Aviation Security Stewardship Group (SSG)

The Director of Civil Aviation has convened a group including the Ministry of Transport, representatives of Airports, Airlines and Freight Forwarders to support the stewardship of the aviation security system. The Group will be co-chaired by the Director and an industry representative (yet to be identified by industry).

The functions of the SSG include, but are not limited to:

- Identify and discuss regulatory and non-regulatory matters relevant to:
 - The development and maintenance of an effective aviation security culture
 - The operational delivery of aviation security standards set out in ICAO conventions, the Civil Aviation Act, regulations and rules
 - Efficient passenger and cargo facilitation
- Work together, advising and supporting each other to take actions to collectively improve the aviation security system in accordance with each parties' area of expertise, responsibility, accountability, and statutory roles and independence.

The development of this Group responds to growing system level engagements relating to aviation security which is related to and additional to system level activity through, for example, the Border Executive Board. This group addresses aviation security at the border (passenger outbound and transit, and cargo - as well as in respect to domestic travel). It also responds to the recent Authority Queues Taskforce which highlighted the opportunity to create a more cohesive system approach.

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Communications and External Engagement

Media plan – Week ending 29 September 2023

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
Week ending 29 September 2023	Statement	The report of the independent review into the Authority's investigation function will be published on our website along with a corresponding statement. Industry and media engagement is anticipated.	n/a

Media mentions – Week ending 22 September 2023

Date	Activity	Channel
13 September 2023	<p><i>More than 20,000 official information requests so far this year, with Oranga Tamariki responding the slowest</i></p> <p>CAA is mentioned in an article about OIA response times across government agencies – it's noted that we've received more than 100 requests between January and June and have responded to 100% within legislated timeframes.</p>	RNZ
13 September 2023	<p><i>Innovation Takes Flight with Wisk's Autonomous Urban Aircrafts</i></p> <p>CAA is mentioned in a podcast interview with Catherine McGowan of Wisk, discussing the future of aviation technology in New Zealand.</p>	NZ Tech Podcast
14 September 2023	<p><i>Fatal accident report ZK-MGB August 2022</i></p> <p>Widespread coverage following our media release, with focus on the circumstances of the accident and safety recommendations.</p>	RNZ, 1 News, NZ Herald, Stuff
18 September 2023	<p><i>Locals to rescue as chopper tips / Civil Aviation Authority launches investigation into helicopter crash in Far North</i></p> <p>A helicopter crashed shortly after take-off on 17 September 2023. No one was injured. We were approached for comment. Full statement:</p> <p>The Civil Aviation Authority has been notified of an accident in Whangaroa today, 17 September 2023, in which a helicopter rolled onto its side during take-off. There were two people on board, one person has been taken to hospital. Police are in attendance.</p>	NZ Herald / RNZ

6 TRANSPORT CROWN ENTITY AND STATE-OWNED ENTITY (SOE) UPDATES

Date	Activity	Channel
	<p>(Continued)</p> <p>The Transport Accident Investigation Authority will be notified as per usual procedure. In the coming days our investigators will work to understand what happened and why it happened. It is too early to comment on whether any further action will be taken.</p>	
19 September 2023	<p><i>Helicopter accident investigation after 'hard landing' in snowy Fiordland</i></p> <p>Statement provided regarding the accident on 11 September 2023:</p> <p>The Civil Aviation Authority received a report on 12 September 2023 that on 11 September 2023 a helicopter made what was described as “a hard landing” in Fiordland, which resulted in damage to the helicopter skids. There were five passengers on board; no one was injured.</p> <p>In the days since, more information has come to light and the accident is the subject of a comprehensive investigation.</p> <p>Our investigators are currently working to gather full details from the operator and witness statements. The purpose of this process is to determine exactly what happened and why. It is too early to comment on whether any further action will be taken as the investigation progresses.</p> <p>To ensure the integrity of the investigation, no further information will be provided at this time.</p> <p>The Transport Accident Investigation Commission has been notified but has not decided to open an inquiry.</p>	Stuff
19 September 2023	<p><i>Westpac Rescue helicopter crash on Mt Pirongia</i></p> <p>Widespread coverage about an accident on the evening of 19 September 2023 which occurred during a rescue mission. No one was injured. At the time of writing, we are awaiting decision from TAIC about whether an enquiry will be opened, after which next steps will be determined. Statement to media as follows:</p> <p>The Civil Aviation Authority can confirm that a helicopter has crashed near Pirongia in the Waikato this evening, 19 September 2023. There were no injuries and the occupants on board are safe. We have worked with NZ Police to ensure the helicopter is secure overnight.</p>	Newshub, Stuff, RNZ, 1 News, NZ Herald, Three

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Date	Activity	Channel
	(Continued) We are in contact with the operator and the accident has been reported to the Transport Accident Investigation Commission. Tomorrow our investigators will continue working with Police and the operator to gather information about exactly what happened and why.	

Upcoming communications and engagement

Planned release/publish	What	Type	Why
From mid-September 2023	All stories from Vector Spring issue	Vector Online article(s)	Ongoing education by putting some Vector articles online for anyone to access
July-September 2023 (multiple dates)	Airworthiness and maintenance	Face-to-face event	Education for owners and operators to increase their understanding of the requirements for maintaining their aircraft
September-November 2023 (multiple dates)	Plane Talking	Face-to-face event	This series of seminars, as part of the Work Together, Stay Apart campaign, serves the aerodrome communities and will be held in aero clubs and flying schools throughout New Zealand. There are 21 dates in total.
September 2023	Plane Talking	GAP video	To educate the aerodrome community about standard radio calls. This video is the first educational product to be released as part of the Work Together, Stay Apart campaign.
July-December 2023 (multiple dates)	Dangerous Goods (DG)	Face-to-face event	To provide training and qualification for the carriage of DG.
October 2023	Weight and balance	GAP booklet (update)	Business As Usual (BAU) version update.
October 2023	Vector special issue: accidents that have common causes	Aviation Industry magazine	To highlight the most common causes of fatal accidents that safety investigators go to.

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TBC	In, Out and Around Queenstown	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update.
TBC	In, Out and Around Christchurch	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update.
TBC	In, Out and Around Manawatu	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update.

**New inquiries / International Assistance****A0-2023-010 opened by the Commission on 20 September 2023**

The Civil Aviation Authority notified the Commission on 19 September 2023 of an accident that occurred at about 17:15, the same day, involving a BK-117 helicopter while operating near Mt Pirongia. The circumstances reported to date are that the BK-117 helicopter, registered ZK-HHJ was conducting a search and rescue operation when it collided with terrain. The BK-117 helicopter crew were rescued from the accident site by another helicopter.

The Commissioner has opened an inquiry under Section 13(1) of the TAIC Act and appointed Jeffrey Shearer as Lead Investigator. Jeffrey will be supported by Hamish Johnstone, and Ian McClelland. They will commence the scene investigation on 22 September 2023.



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