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Listed below are the most commonly used grounds from the OIA.

Section	Description of ground
6(a)	as release would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New
0(4)	Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government
6(b)	as release would be likely to prejudice the entrusting of information to the
0(5)	Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by
	(i) the Government of any other country or any agency of such a
	Government; or
	(ii) any international organisation
6(c)	prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation,
0(0)	and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial
9(2)(a)	to protect the privacy of natural persons
9(2)(a) 9(2)(b)(ii)	to protect the privacy of natural persons to protect information where the making available of the information would be
9(2)(0)(11)	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
9(Z)(ba)(i)	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
9(Z)(ba)(ii)	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
9(2)(f)(ii)	to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect
3(2)(1)(11)	collective and individual ministerial responsibility
9(2)(f)(iv)	to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect
3(2)(1)(14)	the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
9(2)(g)(i)	to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank
3(2)(9)(1)	expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or
	members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service
	agency or organisation in the course of their duty
9(2)(h)	to maintain legal professional privilege
9(2)(i)	to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or
(2)(1)	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
(2/0)	organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or
	disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)



Weekly Report to the Minister of Fransport

For the week ending 2 February 2024

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1 Actions from transport officials meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) – Wednesday 31 January 2024	Due date
Clean Car Standard s 9(2)(f)(iv)	16 February 2024.
Officials to provide detailed advice on the wind-up costs	Completed
Budget s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Completed.

Officials Meeting date	Action	Due date	Progress update
15 January 2024	Revenue System Officials to develop advice and work programme for \$9(2)(f)(iv)	Initial report back expected in 3 months.	We met with you to discuss the work programme and plan to provide you with a Cabinet paper within 3 months.

2 Updates on 100-Day Plan

100 Day Plan updates

Confirming investment priorities for GPS24

A revised draft GPS 2024, incorporating your feedback, and a draft Cabinet paper have been provided for your review.

Subject to approval from your office on Friday 2 February 2024, we will commence departmental consultation.

Responsibility: Paul O'Connell, DCE, Sector Strategy

Cancel Auckland Light Rail

We provided a budget for the wind down and a plan for providing a historic breakdown of expenditure on the project on Friday 2 February 2024.

We are preparing briefings on delegating decisions on the wind-up process and on the proactive release of the briefings associated with the decision and have begun conversations with the company about the transfer of its intellectual property.

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Removing the Auckland Regional Fuel Tax

Consultation on the Land Transport Management (Repeal of Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill (the Bill) has been undertaken over the last week, with any changes to be incorporated prior to the Cabinet paper being lodged on Thursday 8 February 2024. The Bill is on track to be ready for introduction in February 2024. We will provide information to your Office regarding a December 2023 revenue and expenditure update when we receive it from Auckland Transport – noting this has been delayed.

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Resetting approach to speed limits

Following your feedback, we have been working with the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) on a revised approach and time frame for the new speed rule. To ensure the timeframe that we provide is achievable we need another week to work through a few key matters with NZTA. As such, we will provide further advice to you in the week ending Friday 9 February 2024.

Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group

3 Upcoming briefings

Briefings to Minister Brown – Other Priorities	Due date
Proactive release of briefings on the cancellation of the Auckland Light Rail project	Week ending 9 February 2024.
Comment on due date change:	/
Briefing delayed by a week to focus on other priorities associated with the cancellation of the project.	OR'
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
Delegating decision making authority on ALR to officials	Week ending
Comment on due date change:	9 February 2024.
Briefing delayed by a week to focus on other priorities associated with the cancellation of the project.	~
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
Weather related rail funding previously appropriated	Week ending
Comment on due date change:	9 February 2024.
Briefing delayed by a week as we await further information from KiwiRail.	
Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group	
Fleetwide transition to road user charges (RUC)	Week ending
This briefing will provide options on avenues to commit to a fleetwide transition to RUC.	9 February 2024.
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending
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Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group	

Briefings to Minister Brown – Other Priorities	Due date
Proposed proactive release of RUC Information for EVs	Week ending
This briefing proposes the proactive release of the Cabinet paper and associated minutes on the Ministry of Transport website. In response to multiple OIA requests, we also seek your approval to release additional documents, including the briefing you received.	9 February 2024.
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
2024 Legislation Programme: process for submitting bids	Week ending
Cabinet Office circular (CO[23]13) sets out the requirements for Bills to be awarded places on the 2024 Legislation Programme. Ministers and agencies are asked to consider legislative priorities for the full term of Parliament, from 2024 to 2026.	9 February 2024.
We will provide you with draft bids on Thursday 8 February 2024, seek your feedback by Tuesday 13 February 2024, and provide you with final bids by Thursday 15 February 2024. You will need to lodge the bids with Cabinet Office by 12:00pm Monday 19 February 2024.	~
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Budget 2024	Week ending
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	9 February 2024.
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Road Policing Investment Programme 2024-27	Week ending
This briefing will provide a breakdown of the 2024–27 road policing investment programme, associated targets and the funding required to deliver on your road policing objectives.	9 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
EV charging infrastructure	Week ending
This briefing will provide advice on the status quo with respect to EV charging infrastructure and initial advice with respect to the Government's commitment to deliver 10,000 public EV chargers by 2030. The advice will support your upcoming roundtable with stakeholders (date TBC).	16 February 2024 (or earlier if required).
Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group	

Briefings to Minister Brown – Other Priorities	Due date
Road User Charges Amendment Bill	Week ending
We expect to provide you a draft Bill, and a draft Cabinet paper for the Cabinet Legislation Committee seeking approval for introduction and for Ministerial consultation.	16 February 2024.
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
s 9(2)(b)(ii)	Week ending
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Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	24
Road safety	Week ending
This briefing will provide initial advice on the development of a new Road Safety Objectives and Actions document to replace the current Road Safety Strategy for your consideration and direction.	16 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Draft letters of expectations	Week ending
The Ministry will provide you with draft letters of expectations for each of the transport Crown entities for which you are responsible (New Zealand Transport Agency, Civil Aviation Authority and City Rail Link).	16 February 2024.
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending
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Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending
	1 March 2024.
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	

Briefings to Minister Brown – Routine Matters	Due date
Civil Aviation Authority Board Appointments	Week ending
Comment on due date change:	9 February 2024.
Pending your decision on next steps.	
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
Meeting with Port CEOs group on 14 February 2024	Week ending
This briefing will provide you with key context and potential talking points for your upcoming meeting with the Port CEOs group.	9 February 2024:
Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group	151
Meeting with Freightways on 9 February 2024	Week ending
This briefing will provide you with key context and potential talking points for your upcoming meeting with Mark Troughear, CEO of Freightways.	9 February 2024.
Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group	
Civil Aviation Authority Funding ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}	Week ending
THELMINS	9 February 2024.
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
Nelson Airport Limited: Kiwi Shareholder	Week ending
This briefing will recommend that you be assigned the Kiwi Shareholder for Nelson Airport Limited.	9 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Meeting with NZ Airports Association	Week ending
This briefing will provide you with background information and potential talking points for your upcoming meeting with Matt Clarke (Chair) and Billie Moore (CEO) of the NZ Airports Association.	9 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Aviation Security overview	Week ending
This briefing will provide an overview of key issues relating to aviation security and seek your direction on next steps for these matters.	16 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	

Briefings to Minister Brown – Routine Matters	Due date
Meeting with StraitNZ on 15 February 2024	Week ending
This briefing will provide you with key context and potential talking points for your upcoming meeting with Shane McMahon, CEO, and Nicki Crauford, Chair and Director of StraitNZ.	16 February 2024.
Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group	
Official Information Act Request from or the most recent advice that mentions climate change and carbon emissions	Week ending 9 February 2024.
Responsibility: Carmen Mak, Acting DCE, Corporate Services	, 72,
Official Information Act Request from 9(2)(a) on Briefings for the Incoming Minister and advice from the Climate Change Commission	Week ending 9 February 2024.
Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group	
Official Information Act Request from \$\frac{s 9(2)(a)}{Car Discount Repeal} on the Clean	Week ending 9 February 2024.
Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group	3 Tebruary 2024.
Official Information Act request from for a list of information sent to the Minister of Transport in December 2023, and a Cabinet paper on ending the Clean Car Discount Scheme	Week ending 9 February 2024.
Responsibility: Carmen Mak, Acting DCE, Corporate Services Group	
Official Information Act Request from on the state of road safety in New Zealand Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	Week ending 9 February 2024.
Official Information Act request from \$9(2)(a) on speed limit changes Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	Week ending 9 February 2024.
Official Information Act Request from \$9(2)(a) on speed limit changes Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	Week ending 9 February 2024.
Official Information Act Request from \$\frac{s \ 9(2)(a)}{related briefing} for speed Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	Week ending 9 February 2024.

Briefings to Minister Brown – Routine Matters	Due date
Official Information Act Request from \$\frac{s \ 9(2)(a)}{c}\$ for speed limit reduction briefing Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	Week ending 9 February 2024.
Official Information Act Request from \$\frac{s 9(2)(a)}{s}\$ for Setting of Speed Limits document Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	Week ending 9 February 2024
Official Information Act request from \$9(2)(a) for a list of documents sent to the Minister of Transport between 16 December 2023 and 25 January 2024. Responsibility: Carmen Mak, Acting DCE, Corporate Services Group	Week ending 16 February 2024.
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4 Key updates

Minister Brown

Clean Car Standard's 2025-2027 CO2 target review

We have emailed the Imported Motor Vehicle Association (VIA), Motor Trade Association (MTA) and Motor Industry Association (MIA) seeking their feedback on whether the proposed timeline for the review will ensure that the vehicle industry has good visibility and lead-in time to inform its decisions. We will inform you of that feedback once it is received.

We have had discussions with Australian officials from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts. They advised that:

- in March 2024 the Department will be publicly consulting on the Australian Government's options for annual CO2 targets, and
- the intention is that legislation be passed this year to enable the Australian equivalent of the Clean Car Standard to be in effect from 2025.

Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group

Next steps:

Once you have confirmed the scope of the review, we will engage with the vehicle industry for their views on the best approach for the review and how they would like to be involved.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Privacy Breach

On Thursday 24 January 2024, a Ministry employee inadvertently sent a draft briefing to the wrong recipient. The briefing was in confidence and contained some personal information about an individual. The Ministry employee immediately discovered the error and requested that the recipient destroy their copy and not circulate the report further. I am satisfied that the mistaken recipient has deleted the email and has not circulated the report further. The Ministry has taken the following steps:

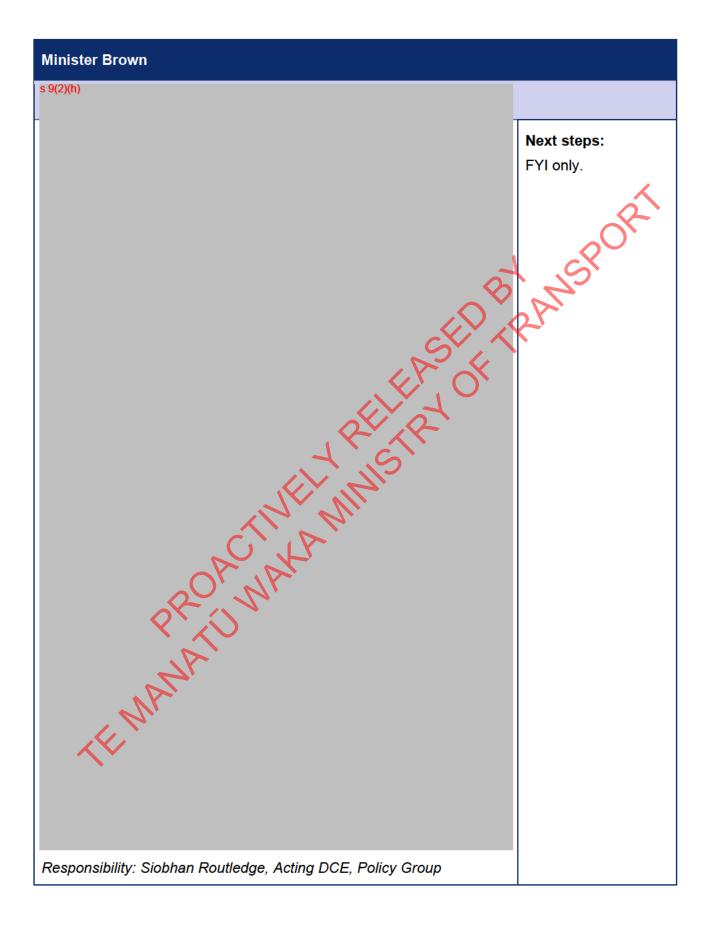
- An assessment under the Privacy Act 2020.
- Informed the individual concerned. The individual concerned replied, requested the specific information and to whom it was disclosed. We sent the individual concerned their personal information and two factual paragraphs for context.
- Advised the individual concerned of the person who received the information (after getting their consent).
- The individual concerned replied indicating they agreed with our assessment.

Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group

Next steps:

FYI only.

4 KEY UPDATES



Minister Brown

City Rail Link update

This item provides an update on the City Rail Link (CRL). We intend to provide you with monthly updates on the project through the Weekly Report as the project progresses through to practical completion. We would welcome any feedback on the usefulness of these updates.

Monthly progress report

City Rail Link Ltd (CRLL) have reported that the overall P50 budget for the project remains at \$5.493b, and the target Practical Completion date remains as 1 August 2025. \$9(2)(g)(i)

At this stage,

there is no indication that the overall project budget is at risk but progress in the next six months will be critical.

Targeted Hardship Fund (THF)

Sponsors representatives and CRLL are forming a working group to plan the wind down of the THF now that business disruptions caused by CRL major works are reducing. Officials note that the end of major street works does not necessarily mean that foot traffic in affected areas will immediately return to pre-CRL project levels and many businesses may not understand that CRL does not open for the public at practical completion. § 9(2)(g)(i)

The working group will develop a communications plan for affected businesses and stakeholders along with a payment programme for the wind down of the THF. The working group will also investigate other small business support programmes that are available for businesses that may require ongoing support as well as activities and promotions that can help encourage people back into these areas.

Upcoming decisions

s 9(2)(b)(ii)

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Next steps:

FYI only.

Minister Brown

Update from Secretary General of the IMO regarding shipping in the Red Sea

The Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) recently circulated an update to Member States covering the situation in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden up until Thursday 25 January 2024. The key highlights include:

- shipping activity in the Gulf of Aden and transits through the Suez Canal have reduced significantly. This is particularly apparent for container vessels which have declined the most (compared to tankers, bulk, and car carriers),
- that there have been fewer incidents so far in January 2024
 (6) than there were in December 2023 (16).
- almost all incidents involved the use of "uncrewed aerial devices" (UAVs and/or missiles). Three involved a boarding or attempted boarding,
- no deaths or serious injuries have been reported as a result of the attacks, but 25 crew members were taken hostage in the first incident, and
- the Secretary General planned to meet with representatives of the states involved in Operation Prosperity Guardian on Friday 2 February 2024. Cabinet agreed to deploy six New Zealand Defence Force personnel in assistance.

Data provided from the IMO shows some vessel types are seeing a slight uptick in transits through the Suez Canal as of late January 2024. Compared to early/mid December 2023, current transits of the Canal are down around 50 60 percent overall both north and southbound.

Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group

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Next steps:

We will continue to update you via the Weekly Report as new information becomes available.

Minister Brown

NZ Airports seeking review of Commerce Commission's input methodologies decision

On Thursday 1 February 2024, the NZ Airports Association lodged a notice of appeal with the High Court for a merits review of the Commerce Commission's recent Input Methodologies (IM) decisions.

Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch Airports are also seeking a merits review.

Input methodologies are the regulatory rules for electricity lines, gas pipelines and certain airport services. Input methodologies underpin the light-handed information disclosure regime that apply to airports and guide the way airports set airport charges.

The basis for appeal is the Commerce Commission's decision to introduce additional filters to exclude some airports from the comparator set used to calculate asset beta (market risk) and hence allowable profit. Airports consider that there is little basis in theory or prior practice for these 'additional filters' and that it creates uncertainty for regulated entities over time.

Separately, as requested following your meeting with Greg Foran, we have provided you additional information about the pros and cons of a negotiate/arbitrate regime for airports or a Commerce Commission market study (OC240064 refers).

The Minister of Commerce is responsible for the airport information disclosure regime. While you do not have any formal levers and the input methodologies matter is before the Courts, you may wish to discuss airport economic regulation further with Minister Bayley. He is due to meet with Greg Foran on Friday 9 February 2024 and it is likely airport regulation would be discussed.

Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group

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Next steps:

Discuss with Minister for Commerce as required.

4 KEY UPDATES

Minister Brown

Ohakea Airbase Availability as an emergency alternative port

Ohakea airbase is used by many international flights to Auckland as an emergency alternative port. Airplanes are required to be able to make an emergency landing at an alternative port if needed. When Ohakea is not available as an emergency alternative, airplanes need to use another alternative port, generally Christchurch airport. Using Christchurch requires planes to carry more fuel, which affects aircraft weight, and therefore passenger and freight capacity.

There have been longstanding issues with the availability of fire-fighting crews at Ohakea airbase, which has limited its availability for use as an alternative port. Airlines have been working with the NZDF to support an increase in fire-fighting capacity, and arrangements are underway to put more capacity in place. Earlier this week, Ohakea issued a notice which downgraded its capacity to be used as an emergency alternative, as a result of several staff being unavailable at short notice. This affected several airlines, including Emirates, who escalated this with the NZDF.

The Ministry and MFAT have raised concerns with the NZDF about the notice and ongoing capacity constraints. NZDF have responded promptly to restore firefighting capacity at Ohakea and the notice has been lifted. They have committed to addressing the issue and are prioritising the work to increase the availability of firefighting staff.

Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group

Next steps:

FYI only.

5 Cabinet papers

Committees		
None this week.		
None this week.		
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GPS2024 – approval of funding and release of the GPS 2024 public consultation draft This paper will seek in-principle approval for GRS 2024 funding and approval to release the draft GPS 2024 for public consultation. Responsibility: Paul O'Connell, DCE, Sector Strategy		
Report back on disestablishment of Auckland Light Rail Ltd This paper will respond to an invitation from Cabinet to report back on progress on disestablishing Auckland Light Rail Ltd, including the future of its land holding and disposition of its other assets and the settlement of obligations and liabilities. Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group		
nmittee (CBC)		
Report back on the fleet-wide transition to road user charges This paper will advise on options to progress the fleet-wide transition to road user charges, as sought by Cabinet as part of the decisions to apply road user charges to electric vehicles (CAB-23-MIN-0494). Following our meeting with you on the revenue system, the paper will also include a progress update on the wider revenue system work programme. Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group		
Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG)		
Approval to introduce: Land Transport Management (Repeal of Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill This paper will seek approval to introduce primary legislation to repeal the regional fuel tax legislation. This timeframe is required to meet the Government's commitment to introduce the legislation within the first 100 days. Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group		

5 CABINET PAPERS

Committees	
29 February 2024	Government response to the Report of the Petition Committee on making mobility parking enforceable on all public use property
	This paper will seek approval to submit the Government response to Parliament on the Petition Committee's recommendations related to a petition on 'making mobility parking enforceable on all public-use property and increase fines'.
	Parliamentary rules require the Minister to present the government response to Parliament no later than Wednesday 15 March 2024.
	Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group
February 2024 (TBC)	Government Response to the Report of the Regulations Review Committee on the Complaints About the E-Scooters (Declaration Not to Be Motor Vehicles) Notice 2018
	This paper seeks agreement to a proposed Government Response to the Report of the Regulations Review Committee on the Complaints About the E-Scooters (Declaration Not to Be Motor Vehicles) Notice 2018. Subject to your expectations, the response accepts in principle the Committee's recommendation to improve the regulation of escooters.
	Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group
7 March 2024	Approval to introduce: Road User Charges Amendment Bill
	This paper will seek approval to introduce primary legislation that will bring electric vehicles into the road user charges system. We are working with NZTA and Parliamentary Counsel Office on the drafting of the Bill and will provide you the draft Bill and Cabinet paper in early February 2024.
2	Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group
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Cabinet papers led by other agencies 6

This section includes Cabinet papers relevant to your transport portfolio and is not an exhaustive list of all Cabinet papers we are consulted on.

No Cabinet papers led by other agencies this week.

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7 Associate Minister of Transport

Upcoming briefings

Briefings to Minister Doocey – Other Priorities	Due date to Minister's Office
Draft letters of expectations	Week ending
The Ministry will provide the Associate Minister with draft letters of expectations for each of the transport Crown entities that fall within his delegated authority (Maritime New Zealand and Transport Accident Investigation Commission).	16 February 2024.
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	2P'
Maritime Rule Amendments (International Omnibus)	February TBC.
This briefing will seek approval on a proposal for consultation on several amendments to maritime rules.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Review of maritime legislation	February TBC.
The Ministry and Maritime NZ have started scoping a review of primary maritime legislation to ensure it is able to respond to new technologies.	
This briefing will recommend the Associate Minister take a paper to Cabinet seeking a mandate for the review in consultation with you.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	

Briefings to Minister Doocey – Routine Matters	Due date to Minister's Office
Air New Zealand and Singapore Airlines Alliance Reauthorisation –	Week ending
final advice	9 February 2024.
This briefing will provide our final recommendation and a report containing our full analysis regarding the authorisation of the Air New Zealand and Singapore Airlines Strategic Alliance Agreement.	
The current authorisation expires on 28 March 2024. The airlines have asked for a decision well in advance of this date, as the decision influences business planning.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	

Briefings to Minister Doocey – Routine Matters	Due date to Minister's Office
Background to Air Services Agreements	Week ending
This briefing will provide a background on air services agreements, including their role in supporting tourism. It will set out future work items to progress, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Air Services Agreement and Protocol, which requires a Cabinet report back.	16 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	SO _X
Amendment to the New Zealand – India Air Services Agreement	Week ending
This briefing will recommend that, in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Associate Minister agrees to amend the Air Services Agreement. Negotiations with India have been completed.	23 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
New Zealand – Solomon Island Air Services Agreement	Week ending
This briefing will recommend that, in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Associate Minister agrees to the new Air Services Agreement. Negotiations with Solomon Islands have been completed.	23 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Review of landing charges at Milford Sound/Piopiotahi Aerodrome: proposal to consult	Week ending 23 February 2024.
This briefing will seek approval to consult on proposals to increase landing charges at Milford Aerodrome.	25 i coldary 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Release of the Road to Zero Annual Monitoring Report 2022	Week ending
The Road to Zero Annual Monitoring Report 2022 was finalised in September 2023. The release of this was delayed in the lead up to the election. This report provides detail on progress made in 2022 towards implementing interventions that reduce death and serious injury across New Zealand, including infrastructure and enforcement.	23 February 2024.
The Ministry will provide a proactive release briefing to seek the Associate Minister's agreement for this to be released on our website.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	

Briefings to Minister Doocey – Routine Matters	Due date to Minister's Office
Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia Airlines Code Share Agreement Authorisation	TBC – April or May 2024.
Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia have lodged an application seeking authorisation to give effect to a Codeshare Agreement. The approach for briefing the Associate Minister is to be confirmed. We typically provide initial advice before providing a final recommendation and analysis on whether to authorise the agreement.	R
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Update on the Milford Opportunities Project – overview and next steps	твс.
This briefing will provide an update and overview of the Milford Opportunities Project from a transport perspective.	24
Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group	
New Zealand's Search and Rescue System	TBC.
This briefing will provide background information on New Zealand's Search and Rescue (SAR) system, funding arrangements, key issues and trends facing the SAR sector, and the Associate Minister's responsibilities for SAR.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Introduction to Crown Entity Monitoring	Only if required.
This briefing will provide background information on the Associate Minister's responsibilities in relation to Crown Entity Monitoring.	
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
Introductory meetings with Crown entity Chairs and Chief Executives	Only if required.
This briefing will help support the Associate Minister in any meetings he has with Crown entity Chairs and Chief Executives.	
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	

Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet	
5 February 2024	None this week.
Cabinet Economic Po	licy Committee (ECO)
28 February TBC	Approval of proposed increases to the Maritime and Oil Pollution Levies This paper seeks approval for changes to the Maritime and Oil Pollution
	Levies from 1 July 2024. Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group
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8 Updates from transport Crown entities and SOEs



100 Day action plan progress

TITLE	UPDATE
Withdrawing from Let's Get Wellington Moving	NZTA is working with Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) partners to finalise the formal agreement ahead of the LGWM Partnership Board meeting in early February 2024. Councils have been informed that we are developing a draft disestablishment plan, which will be considered at the LGWM Partnership Board meeting. s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Meet with councils and	State Highway 1 Brynderwyn Hills
communities to establish	Good progress is being made with our partners and the
regional requirements for recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle and other recent major flooding events	community on the planning required to close this section of state highway on Monday 26 February 2024, with a planned reopening 13 May 2024 subject to no significant weather events. During the State Highway 1 closure period, we will be reopening for 6 days from the 28 March 2024 to 2 April 2024.
MANA	NZTA continues to finalise the design for construction and complete the methodology for the significant amount of work required. Our focus this week has been on resources (people, plant, materials) to ensure our 24/7 onsite operation during the closure runs efficiently and effectively.
	Preparation of the three alternate routes is progressing well with most of the work complete. Signage, road markings and wayfinding will be completed over the coming weeks.
	We continue to work with our council partners to develop the detour campaign promoting the scenic and alternative routes and to support the development of a tourism campaign letting people know that Northland is 'open for business'.

TITLE	UPDATE
	Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC)
	TREC continues to meet with council officers (general managers and relevant team members) and iwi regarding business cases. Upcoming meetings include a workshop with Ngāti Porou and Gisborne District Council partners regarding various sites on State Highway 35, and two workshops with iwi and council partners in Napier regarding the State Highway 2 Devil's Elbow and State Highway 2/State Highway 5 Eskdale large project business cases.
	Community engagement drop-in sessions relating to the business cases are being planned for late February and early March 2024.
	TREC Liaison Groups are being established, a requirement under the Orders in Council (QIC) passed by the previous Government in October 2023. These will help inform design, management and monitoring of all construction works for the TREC programme for consents progressed under the OIC. Initial meetings are scheduled for early March 2024.
Repeal the Clean Car Discount scheme by 31 December 2023	As required by Wednesday 31 January 2024, all Clean Car Discount (CCD) rebate applications have completed processing stages, with the final few rebate payments progressing through the financial system. We estimate the final scheme position to be within the range of \$50 million to \$60 million unutilised.
PROP.	We have consistently applied strong quality assurance and compliance standard controls throughout the application process. 1,961 applications were referred for compliance investigation, resulting in 145 being declined (a value of \$227,000). One area of predicted concern was demonstration vehicle registration by dealers. We proactively raised this with the Motor Industry Association and Vehicle Industry Association to reiterate rules and expectations. Many demonstration vehicle applications were received (932) and these were all investigated for compliance before a decision was made to pay or decline the application. 98 demonstration vehicle applications were rejected (a value of \$158,000).
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Key updates

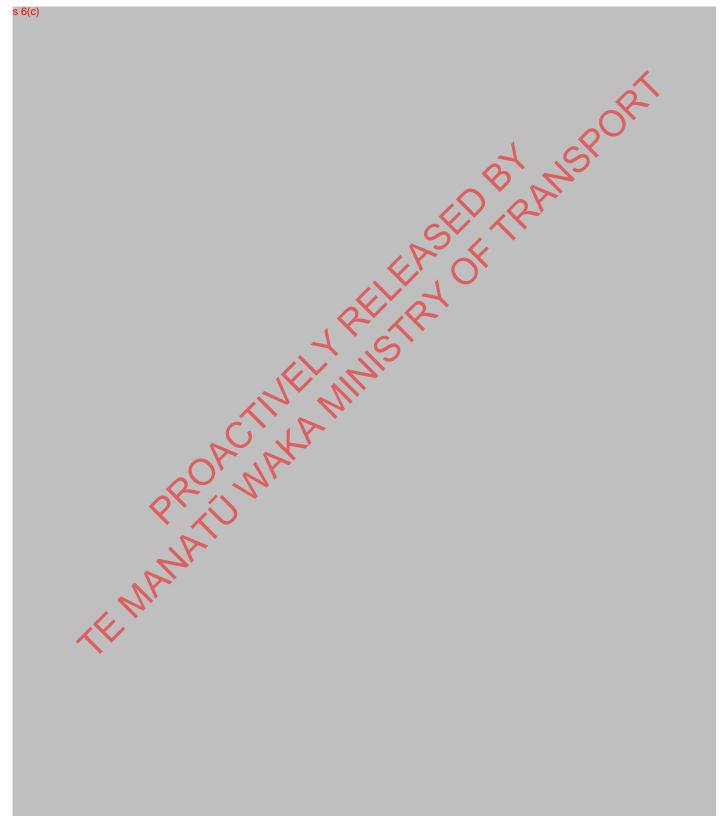
TITLE	UPDATE
SmartTrip variable road pricing – NZTA submission on the Tauranga City Council draft 2024-2034 Long Term Plan	On 15 December 2023, we informed you that NZTA submitted on the Tauranga City Council draft 2024 Long Term Plan on the topic of SmartTrip - a variable road pricing charge to reduce congestion and fund transport improvements. Our submission provided support in general to explore road pricing (we did not endorse the specific "SmartTrip" pricing concept) and an invitation to the Council to work with NZTA, the Ministry of Transport, Auckland Council and Auckland Transport collaboratively to consider a nationally consistent approach to investigating and implementing variable pricing.
	Our objective in making a submission is to support the city and sub-region to keep exploring the roles economic tools can play to maximise the value of transport networks and services and to mitigate whole-of-life costs, complementing the Ministry of Transport's role in leading development of road pricing policy and enabling legislation.
	We will be speaking to our submission briefly at the Tauranga City Council's Long Term Plan hearing on Monday 12 February 2023. The hearings will be open to the public (media), and the topic of SmartTrip will likely have comparatively high public interest. We have provided the Ministry of Transport with our speaking notes, and we have generic road pricing key messages in case we need to make any reactive media comment. These are both available on request.
State Highway 25 recovery	The recovery programme for State Highway 25 in Coromandel will ramp up next month. From mid-February 2024 our teams will be working at six locations on State Highway 25 and from mid-March 2024 we expect teams to be working at 10–12 locations on State Highways 2 and 25. Information about these works will be widely communicated to road users.
TE MANA!	While State Highway 25A was closed, we prioritised and carefully managed recovery works across the wider highway network to minimise further disruption to peoples' journeys around the peninsula. We also paused all but essential activity from mid-December 2023 until after Waitangi Day, so Coromandel communities and visitors could have a break from recovery works, and this was well received by the community. The region is benefiting from these works as a result of the engagement of local suppliers where possible.
	The remaining sites need to be repaired as quickly as possible to ensure the resilience of Coromandel's roading network. We recognise the disruption this will cause and will continue to monitor impacts so we can achieve the right balance of speed of delivery against disruption to road users.

TITLE	UPDATE		
Update on social media response to the announcement of RUC for EV owners	The below statistics come from our social media monitoring platform. Our electric vehicle (EV) road user charges (RUC) post has not been promoted over the past week. Since the Facebook post on Tuesday 16 January 2024, we've:		
	 reached 909,800 people (19,850 last week) 		
	had 3,022 shares (four last week)		
	received 18,970 comments (470 last week)		
	 had 28,300 reactions (1,040 last week). Most have been positive (13,900 likes and 1,500 loves), with relatively few angry reactions (292). The large number of laughs (11,800) reflects general anti- EV/'fairness' sentiment. 		
	Engagement on the Facebook post has now tapered off following the two weeks of sustained interest from the public. We expect to see a similarly high level of interest as we publish new reminders and updates about RUC in the coming weeks.		
	There have been only a handful of new comments on our owned Facebook post in the past week. There's been no change to sentiment results shared last week - sentiment across the 2,500 comments on our owned post remains largely the same as last week, neutral up nine percent, positive up two percent and negative down 11 percent.		
	Most of the comments on our post were people tagging friends or family, and general uncategorised discussion between people. Of the other comments, the main themes were:		
OP	support for adding RUC to EVs and plug-in hybrids or praise for the announcement (12 per cent)		
PKO	the state of the roads such as 'fix the roads' (four percent)		
NA.	 complaints about plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) being double-taxed (two percent) 		
MA	 suggestions that cyclists should be registered / pay RUC (two percent) 		
TE MANATO	general negative comments about the RUC system (one percent)		
	 discussion of systems for evading RUC such as turning off the odometer (one percent). 		
	Questions have been about how:		
	non-plug-in hybrids are affected		
	odometer readings will be taken		
	heavy vehicles will be charged		

Media updates

TITLE	UPDATE
State Highway 1 Brynderwyns closure	A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 5 February 2024 to share the confirmed detour routes during the closure of State Highway 1 Brynderwyn Hills. This will include a 20-minute scenic detour for light vehicles and approximately one hour via State Highways 12 and 14 for heavy vehicles and High Productivity Motor Vehicles (HPMVs).
State Highway 3 safety improvements, Whanganui to Bulls	A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 5 February 2024 to provide information on work getting underway in early March 2024 to install six kilometres of flexible median barrier on State Highway 3 between Whanganui and Bulls.
Connecting Tairāwhiti roadworks	A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 5 February 2024 to update work underway as part of the Connecting Tairāwhiti programme of capital projects across the northern Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti regions to improve the safety and resilience of State Highways 2 and 35.
Coromandel state highway repairs	A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 5 February 2024 advising that work is ramping up to complete repairs across Coromandel's state highway network, which was extensively damaged by last summer's extreme weather events. While the slip which closed State Highway 25A was the most significant, there were another 50 major slip sites and damage caused by surface flooding at multiple locations.
State Highway 27 roadworks	A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 5 February 2024 advising that work will begin on State Highway 27 Pitt Street in Waharoa (near Matamata) on Monday 19 February 2024. The work will be quite disruptive, with some night works and a residential road being completely closed for the length of the works and another being completely closed for a large part of the works.
Rotorua Eastern Corridor Stage Two	A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 5 February 2024 updating progress on the Rotorua Eastern Corridor Stage Two project (phase 1) and advising that work on the final section is underway. The project addresses safety and connectivity while accommodating for future growth.







Maritime in the media

After the Fiordland Navigator grounded on Wednesday 24 January 2024, Maritime NZ prepared a media statement outlining our initial response and ongoing investigation efforts. The statement was provided to the mainstream media outlets that requested it.

Anticipating an increase in New Zealanders enjoying watercraft activities on Waitangi Day and the weekend prior, Maritime NZ is proactively promoting recreational craft safety. We have pitched a story to Newshub to emphasise safe practices during the holiday period. We anticipate this will be filmed on Thursday 1 February 2024. A media release will also be issued.

Following a comprehensive media response about potential accidental activations in a popular personal locator beacon variety, we received a follow up request from a RNZ reporter. RNZ requested clarification including the number of beacons in circulation, the cause of false activations and how we work with providers. We are working on this response with subject matter experts from the Rescue Coordination Centre NZ.

On Monday 29 January 2024, a light helicopter (Robinson R-22) crashed on Mt Hyde, north-west of Arrowtown. The two people on-board were un-injured and were airlifted off the mountain. We provided a statement to multiple media outlets. CAA is now looking into the incident.





Key updates

AvSec queues – two events to report this week

As previously advised, to ensure minimal risk of long queues at screening points over the Christmas and New Year period, the Aviation Security Service redeployed staff from training reduced the amount of annual leave taken, employed casual staff, and recalled staff or overtime. We indicated in our last report that we would be transitioning to 'normal operations' over the coming weeks and months. This involves casual staff being let go and permanent staff taking leave and resuming recurrency training requirements. We anticipate that this transition may result in queues forming at some peak times, although we will work within the available resourcing to minimise this to the extent practicable.

In the context of the above, there are two events that occurred over the last week that we need to advise you of:

- 1. Queenstown Airport had an additional flight added unexpectedly to the schedule which meant the capacity of the system was exceeded. The airport's hourly agreed capacity is 540 passengers through screening lanes. The additional, unexpected flight resulted in 680 passengers presenting in a 15-minute period, well outside the physical capacity of the screening points at Queenstown. The situation was outside the control of agencies and was related to airline/airport adjusting flight schedules to meet demand. Discussions are underway to minimise the risk of a reoccurrence.
- 2. Auckland International Airport had a long queue in the middle of the day on Wednesday 31 January 2024. This is a known peak period where AvSec was already operating at peak capacity (that is, all lanes were open and fully staffed). The situation was exacerbated by US flights where passengers report early and have no cabin baggage limits, meaning there is physically more divestment and screening to be done compared to other flights.

As part of our ongoing drive to minimise queues (and enable efficient facilitation at screening points), AvSec staff have been engaging with individual airports on options to both meet increased demand through flight increases and having the capacity to deal with unexpected developments (e.g., short-notice additional flights). Solutions include more space being made available to install additional equipment which will increase capacity - e.g. Auckland international Airport has proposed additional space for a 7th and 8th international lane. It is important to note that this would require additional staff and additional equipment.

LiDAR queue measurement pilot

The Authority has collaborated with Wellington Airport to pilot the use of LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) remote sensing technology to monitor and measure queue performance at the south-west pier domestic aviation security checkpoint. The technology is non-intrusive and anonymous, providing both real-time and historical views of wait times in different parts of the security checkpoint.

This pilot has demonstrated the ability to accurately measure wait times at different parts of an aviation security checkpoint in a highly scalable manner. It provides insights into where efforts and/or resources should be targeted to optimise the operation of a checkpoint, enhancing both security outcomes and passenger facilitation. Greater insights into the expected wait time can be used to better manage passenger expectations and experience.

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The Authority is currently exploring options to implement queue measurement technology across the wider network of aviation security checkpoints.



complaints about Aviation Security – further updates

The Weekly Report for the week ending 15 January 2023 included an update with regards to \$9(2) 9(2)(a) and his position on AvSec's approach to pat-downs. As advised, in addition to extensively investigating s 9(2)(a) complaints between 2018 and 2021, more recently the Authority has met with \$9(2)(a) to engage on screening processes. While these conversations have been constructive and open, \$9(2)(a) has continued to iterate his view that an independent review is required.

That same week the New Zealand Herald released an article on the matter based on an OIA request (the Authority did not know if or when the article would be published). The article did not name ^{s 9(2)(a)}

On Tuesday 30 January 2023, 924 provided the Authority with a letter reiterating his concerns and desire for an independent review. Copies of this letter went to the New Zealand Herald and the Ministry of Transport It is possible that your Office may receive media enquiries as a result. We would suggest that any enquiries are directed to the Authority or the Ministry in the first instance, and we are happy to engage with your Office further on this.

Media coverage of a complaint about screening at Auckland International earlier in January

The Authority was contacted by a journalist regarding a complaint from a woman with Type 1 diabetes about her experience at the Auckland international screening point, which she had written about in a Pacebook group for Type 1 diabetics in New Zealand. The journalist has since engaged with the woman directly and has encouraged her to submit a complaint to us directly to enable us to investigate the situation fully, which was received on Wednesday 31 January 2024.

We are in the process of investigating the complaint and will take appropriate action to address any issues identified.

We have also recently been approached by Diabetes NZ to produce educational resources for people with different or specific needs when being screened, and which can be used to support training processes for our people. This engagement is ongoing.

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The journalist is proceeding with a story addressing the individual's concerns, for which our Group Operations Manager Karen Urwin has been interviewed. That story is anticipated to be published soon, but timing is not clear.

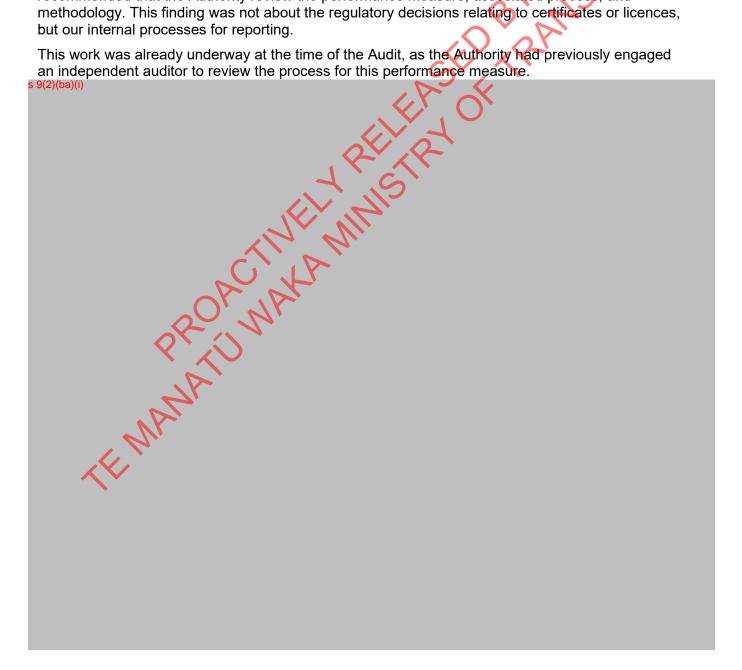
Letter to the Minister from the Office of the Auditor-General

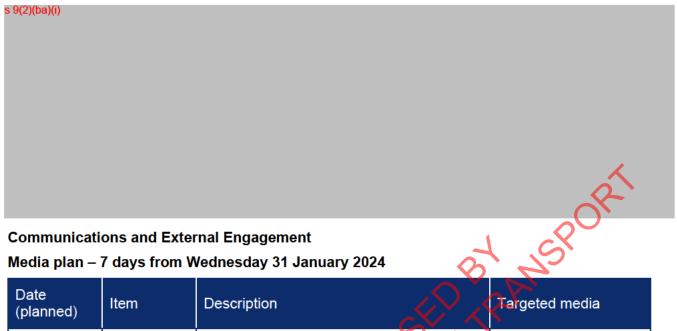
You will soon receive a letter from the Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) informing you of the results of the Civil Aviation Authority audit for the year ended 30 June 2023.

OAG has issued an unmodified audit opinion on the Authority's financial statements, and a qualified opinion in relation to one of the Authority's performance measures: "All certificates of licenses that we issue (for personnel, organisations, aircraft, and service providers) meet our quality and timeliness standards."

Auditors considered that this performance measure could not be sufficiently supported and recommended that the Authority review the performance measure, associated process, and methodology. This finding was not about the regulatory decisions relating to certificates or licences. but our internal processes for reporting.

This work was already underway at the time of the Audit, as the Authority had previously engaged an independent auditor to review the process for this performance measure.





Communications and External Engagement

Media plan - 7 days from Wednesday 31 January 2024

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
Wednesday 31 January 2024	Anticipated media article	Media interest in a person with diabetes who had a negative experience at security screening, in relation to their medical devices.	RNZ
Friday 9 February 2024	General release	Work Together, Stay Apart safety campaign Statement of Commitment launch	All main NZ publications & aviation specialist media

Media mentions - 7 days to Tuesday 30 January 2024

Date	Activity	Channel
Saturday 27 January 2024	"It's changed me" Rachel Jordan opens up about life after chopper crash A story about wedding photographer Rachel Jordan's recovery journey following the helicopter crash at Terrace Downs in 2021. The CAA investigation is ongoing.	Northern Advocate / NZ Herald
Monday 29 January 2024	Editorial: Airline safety videos - no room for life-saving message to get lost in the scenery A story about Qantas' new in-flight safety video. Questions are raised about the balance between making safety videos engaging and entertaining, while making the safety messages clear.	NZ Herald
Monday 29 January 2024	The Panel – in-flight safety videos Deputy Chief Executive Aviation Safety David Harrison is featured on RNZ's The Panel, discussing in-flight safety videos and the balance between entertainment and safety messaging.	RNZ

Upcoming communications and engagement

Planned release/publish	What	Туре	Why
February 2024	Secure Your Aircraft	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
February/ March 2024	How to be a pilot	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
February/ March 2024	Wake turbulence	GAP booklet (update)	Revision to align with AIPNZ changes from Thursday 22 February 2024
March 2024	Vector Autumn Issue	Aviation industry magazine	A way of getting relevant safety information to industry in an easy-to-read format
May 2024	In, Out and Around Queenstown	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
Throughout 2024	Occurrence Investigation Workshop	Face-to-face event	To provide training for operators about investigating occurrences, to comply with requirements under CAR Part 12
June 2024	Vector Winter Issue	Aviation industry magazine	A way of getting relevant safety information to industry in an easy-to-read format
ТВС	In, Out and Around Manawatu	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
ТВС	Weight and balance	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update



New inquiries / International Assistance

A new marine inquiry MO-2024-201 opened by the Commission on 25 January 2024)

Maritime New Zealand notified the Commission at 9:30pm on Wednesday 24 January 2024 of an accident involving the New Zealand-registered scenic cruise vessel M.V Fiordland Navigator at about 6:15pm on Wednesday 24 January 2024 near Doubtful Sound

The circumstances reported to date are that the vessel ran aground hear Crooked Arm in Doubtful Sound. Following this, the vessel refloated with the tide and returned to its berth at Deep Cove; however, it sustained a breach in its hull and has been taking on water. At the time of the accident there were 57 passengers and 10 crew onboard. All passengers were safely evacuated, and no injuries have been reported.

The Commissioner has opened an inquiry under section 13(1)b of the Transport Accident Investigation Commission Act and appointed **Rob Thompson** and **Tim Burfoot** to conduct the initial site investigation.

Media heads up PROPN RIGHT

Nil



No update this week.

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Weekly Report to the Minister of Story
Transport

For the week ending 9 February 2024

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1 Transport officials meeting agenda





Agenda - Minister Brown officials' meeting

Day Date	Monday 12 February 2024	(D, QP)
Time	1.00pm – 1.45pm	5
Venue	Parliament – EW5.1R	KY OX

Ministry of Transport (MoT) attendees

Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive

Brent Johnston, Chief of Staff

David Wood, Deputy Chief Executive, Investment and Monitoring

Paul O'Connell, Deputy Chief Executive, Sector Strategy

Tim Herbert, Manager, Investment

Jess Edlin, Principal Advisor

New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) attendees

Nicole Rosie, Chief Executive

Part 1	Ministry of Transport	Lead	Paper reference
1.1	Weekly Report	Audrey Sonerson	
1.2	GPS	Paul O'Connell	
1.3	Budget 2024 ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}	David Wood	OC240075
Part 2	New Zealand Transport Agency	Lead	Paper reference
2.1	Weekly Report	Nicole Rosie	

2 Actions from transport officials meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) – Monday 5 February 2024	Due date
Auckland Light Rail (ALR)	Ongoing.
Officials to provide weekly updates of expected wind- down costs of ALR.	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Completed
Officials to provide advice on options to address vehicle owners modifying PHEV vehicles to remove charging plugs.	The Ministry has provided you with a draft Bill that includes the definition for PHEVs. The cover briefing explains the options NZTA is considering to manage the operational matters regarding the modification of PHEVs.
Officials to provide a full briefing on the findings of the recent ICAO audit and actions taken by CAA.	Friday 16 February 2024.

2 ACTIONS FROM TRANSPORT OFFICIALS MEETING

Officials Meeting date	Action	Due date	Progress update
15 January 2024	Revenue System Officials to develop advice and work programme \$9(2)(f)(iv)	Initial report back expected in 3 months.	We have provided you a briefing with options for committing to a fleet-wide transition to road user charges and reporting back to Cabinet on the revenue system.
31 January 2024	Clean Car Standard s 9(2)(f)(iv)	9 February 2024.	Actioned through Budget 24 Vote Transport briefing.
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3 Updates on 100-Day Plan

100 Day Plan updates

Confirming investment priorities for GPS24

A revised draft GPS 2024, incorporating your feedback, and a draft Cabinet paper have been provided for your review.

Following approval from your Office, we have commenced departmental consultation on the draft GPS (strategic direction only, not funding package) and are expecting to receive departmental feedback by midday on Monday 12 February 2024.

We will provide a final draft of the GPS and Cabinet paper following ministerial engagement. Exact timeframes for lodging with Cabinet office will be confirmed on receipt of this feedback.

We will provide an outline of our proposed consultation plan on Thursday 15 February 2024.

Responsibility: Paul O'Connell, DCE, Sector Strategy Group

Cancel Auckland Light Rail

We provided a budget for the wind down on Friday 2 February 2024, and will be providing weekly updates from the company on that budget until 31 March 2024.

This week we also provided the proactive release of the briefings associated with the decision.

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Removing the Auckland Regional Fuel Tax

The Land Transport Management (Repeal of Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill (the Bill) is scheduled to be lodged for consideration at the Cabinet Legislation Committee on Thursday 15 February 2024. The Bill is on track to be ready for introduction in February 2024.

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Resetting approach to speed limits

We met with you on Thursday 25 January 2024 to discuss key issues for inclusion in a new Land Transport Speed Rule. We have now provided your Office with a briefing to confirm the key policy changes and a revised timeline for the development of the new Rule.

Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group

4 Upcoming briefings

Briefings to Minister Brown – Other Priorities	Due date
Submission to Minister of Finance: Budget 2024, including \$ 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending
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s 9(2)(f)(iv)	2
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	Ο,
EV charging infrastructure	Week ending
This briefing will provide advice on the status quo with respect to EV charging infrastructure and initial advice with respect to the Government's commitment to deliver 10,000 public EV chargers by 2030. The advice will support your upcoming roundtable with stakeholders (date TBC).	16 Pebruary 2024.
Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group	
Letter from Heart of the City requesting changes to the City Rail Link Targeted Hardship Fund	Week ending 16 February 2024.
This briefing will provide you with advice regarding the City Rail Link (CRL) Targeted Hardship Fund following the letter from Heart of the City requesting changes to how the fund is administered.	,
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
North Shore Aero Club - Background	Week ending
This briefing will provide background to North Shore Aero Club's application for airport authority status under the Airport Authority Act 1966.	16 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
s 9(2)(ba)(i)	Week ending
	16 February 2024.
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
2022 ICAO Security Audit	Week ending
This is a joint briefing from the Ministry and the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) that will provide you with information on the 2022 ICAO security audit of New Zealand, recommendations and next steps.	16 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, Acting DCE, Regulatory Group	

4 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

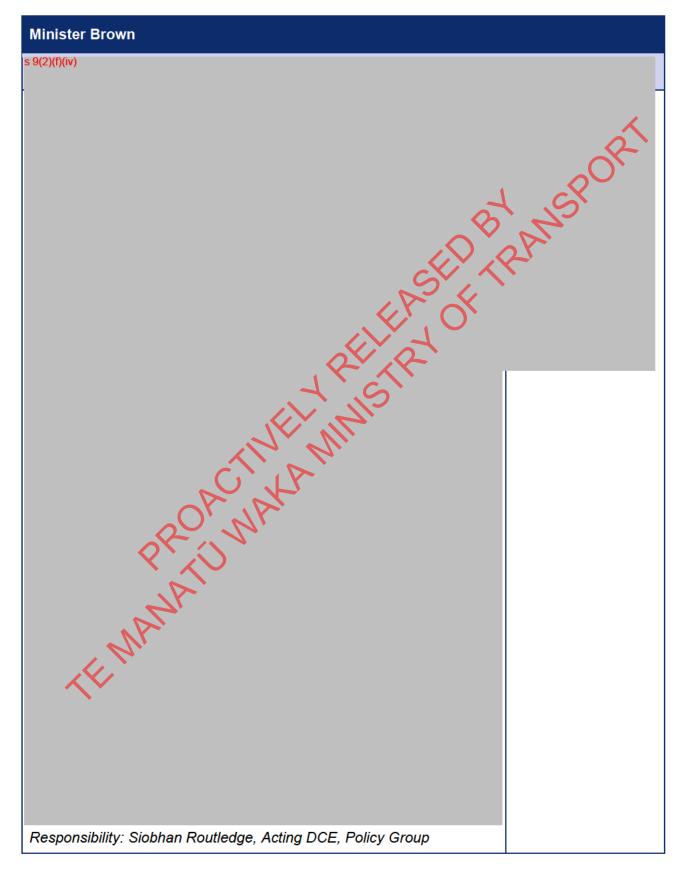
Briefings to Minister Brown – Other Priorities	Due date
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending 16 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Draft letters of expectations for Crown entities The Ministry will provide you with draft letters of expectations for each of the transport Crown entities for which you are responsible (NZTA, CAA and CRL). Note: The draft letter of expectation for CAA may be delayed to the week ending 23 February 2024 to allow coordination with broader	Week ending 16 February 2024.
advice on aviation matters. Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
Civil Aviation Authority Funding S 9(2)(f)(iv) Responsibility: David Wood, DCE Investment & Monitoring Group	Week ending 23 February 2024.
Road safety This briefing will provide initial advice on the development of a new Road Safety Objectives and Actions document to replace the current Road Safety Strategy for your consideration and direction. Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	Week ending 23 February 2024.
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	Week ending 1 March 2024.

Briefings to Minister Brown – Routine Matters	Due date
Meeting with StraitNZ on 15 February 2024	Week ending
This briefing will provide you with key context and potential talking points for your upcoming meeting with Shane McMahon, CEO, and Nicki Crauford, Chair and Director of StraitNZ.	16 February 2024.
Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group	_
Aviation Security overview	Week ending
This briefing will provide an overview of key issues relating to aviation security and seek your direction on next steps for these matters.	23 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	12
Meeting with TR Group on 23 February 2024	Week ending
This briefing will provide you with key context and potential talking points for your upcoming meeting with TR Group, focused on decarbonising heavy transport.	23 February 2024.
Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group	
Aviation New Zealand parliamentary function	Week ending
This briefing will provide you with background information to support a speech you are giving at the Aviation New Zealand parliamentary function.	23 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Release of the Road to Zero Annual Monitoring Report 2022	Week ending
The Road to Zero Annual Monitoring Report 2022 was finalised in September 2023. The release of this was delayed in the lead up to the election. This report provides detail on progress made in 2022 towards implementing interventions that reduce death and serious injury across New Zealand, including infrastructure and enforcement.	23 February 2024.
The Ministry will provide a proactive release briefing to seek the Associate Minister's agreement for this to be released on our website.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	

4 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

Briefings to Minister Brown – OIA Briefings	Due date
Official Information Act request from \$\frac{s 9(2)(a)}{\text{documents sent to the Minister of Transport between 16 December 2023 and 25 January 2024.}} for a list of	Week ending 16 February 2024.
Responsibility: Carmen Mak, Acting DCE, Corporate Services Group	
Official Information Act Request from ^{s 9(2)(a)} for the most recent advice that mentions climate change and carbon emissions	Week ending 23 February 2024
Due date has been extended.	~O'
Responsibility: Carmen Mak, Acting DCE, Corporate Services	C C
Official Information Act request from \$9(2)(a) for a list of information sent to the Minister of Transport in December 2023 and a Cabinet paper on ending the Clean Car Discount Scheme	Week ending 23 February 2024.
Due date has been extended.	
Responsibility: Carmen Mak, Acting DCE, Corporate Services Group	
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5 Key updates



Minister Brown

Roundtable for Transport Chief Executives on Second Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP 2)

The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) is leading early engagement with a range of stakeholders across various sectors on the development of ERP 2. A transport chief executives roundtable, hosted by Audrey Sonerson and James Palmer (Secretary for the Environment) is being planned for March 2024. We can provide a list of invitees to your Office in case there are other stakeholders you would like invited.

Chief executives will be invited from representative organisations and individual companies including exporters, ports, and vehicle importers and manufacturers.

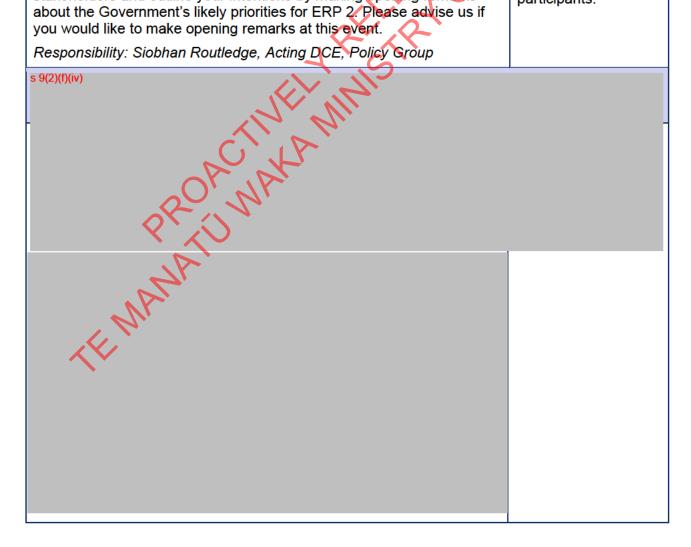
The focus of the roundtable will be to obtain insight from these business leaders' experiences with the first Emissions Reduction Plan, to signal the Government's plans for ERP 2, and to provide a forum for business to contribute their ideas.

This roundtable could be an opportunity for you to both engage with stakeholders and outline your intentions by making opening remarks about the Government's likely priorities for ERP 2. Please advise us if you would like to make opening remarks at this event.

Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group

Next steps:

If you would like to attend this event, we will work with your Office to arrange your participation. We would also provide you with a meeting briefing and talking points before the roundtable. We would also work with your Office as to whether you would like to invite any additional participants.



Minister Brown

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9(2)(f)(iv)

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Disestablishment of Auckland Light Rail Ltd. - Delegations

Auckland Light Rail (ALR) Ltd.'s Shareholding Ministers previously agreed (OC231014 refers) to delegate to you decision-making functions and powers under the Project Planning and Funding Agreement (PPFA) on the treatment of assets, intellectual property, and contracts (in each case, up to \$1 million plus GST), with power for you to sub-delegate those functions and powers to the Ministry's Chief Executive. The delegation excludes decisions in relation to ALR Ltd.'s land holding, which still needs to be considered by all Shareholding Ministers.

Decisions that may arise under your delegation relate to the treatment of assets, intellectual property, and contracts on behalf of the Shareholding Ministers as part of the wind up of ALR Ltd. For example, it could include making decisions about whether assets or intellectual property are disposed of or transferred, and if the latter, which entity they are to be transferred to. At the time that the wind-up was initiated, we advised you that there would be a potentially large number of small assets that would need to be dealt with and that we intended to seek a sub-delegation to support timely decision-making.

Based on ALR Ltd.'s most recent financial forecast (OC240081 refers) and subsequent discussions with the company, it now appears unlikely that a sub-delegation will be needed. The Ministry understands nearly all the decisions which relate to the wind-up of ALR Ltd. are within the scope of the Board's decision-making remit under the PPFA, and that where direction from the Crown is needed a sub-delegation is unlikely to expedite matters.

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Next steps:

No further action is required unless you would like to subdelegate financial decision making to the Secretary of Transport.

6 Cabinet papers

Committees		
None this week.		
None this week.		
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GPS2024 – approval of funding and release of the GPS 2024 public consultation draft This paper will seek in-principle approval for GRS 2024 funding and approval to release the draft GPS 2024 for public consultation. Responsibility: Paul O'Connell, DCE, Sector Strategy		
Report back on disestablishment of Auckland Light Rail Ltd This paper will respond to an invitation from Cabinet to report back on progress on disestablishing Auckland Light Rail Ltd, including the future of its land holding and disposition of its other assets and the settlement of obligations and liabilities. Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group		
nmittee (CBC)		
(Date TBC) Report back on the fleet-wide transition to road user charges This paper will advise on options to progress the fleet-wide transition to road user charges, as sought by Cabinet as part of the decisions to apply road user charges to electric vehicles (CAB-23-MIN-0494). Following our meeting with you on the revenue system, the paper will also include a progress update on the wider revenue system work programme. Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group		
Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG)		
Approval to introduce: Land Transport Management (Repeal of Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill This paper will seek approval to introduce primary legislation to repeal the regional fuel tax legislation. This timeframe is required to meet the Government's commitment to introduce the legislation within the first 100 days. Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group		

Committees	
22 February 2024	Approval to introduce: Road User Charges Amendment Bill
	This paper will seek approval to introduce primary legislation that will bring electric vehicles into the road user charges system. We have provided you with a draft Cabinet paper for the Cabinet Legislation committee seeking authorisation to introduce the Bill to the House. The timeframes will be very tight if we are to include two weeks for Select Committee consultation.
	Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group
29 February 2024	Government response to the Report of the Petition Committee on making mobility parking enforceable on all public use property
	This paper will seek approval to submit the Government response to Parliament on the Petition Committee's recommendations related to a petition on 'making mobility parking enforceable on all public-use property and increase fines'.
	Parliamentary rules require the Minister to present the government response to Parliament no later than Wednesday 15 March 2024.
	Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group
February 2024 (TBC)	Government Response to the Report of the Regulations Review Committee on the Complaints About the E-Scooters (Declaration Not to Be Motor Vehicles) Notice 2018
	This paper seeks agreement to a proposed Government Response to the Report of the Regulations Review Committee on the Complaints About the E-Scooters (Declaration Not to Be Motor Vehicles) Notice 2018. Subject to your expectations, the response accepts in principle the Committee's recommendation to improve the regulation of e-scooters.
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Cabinet papers led by other agencies

This section includes Cabinet papers relevant to your transport portfolio and is not an exhaustive list of all Cabinet papers we are consulted on.

No Cabinet papers led by other agencies this week.

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Upcoming briefings

Briefings to Minister Doocey – Other Priorities	Due date to Minister's Office
Draft letters of expectations for Crown entities The Ministry will provide the Associate Minister with draft letters of expectations for each of the transport Crown entities that fall within his delegated authority (Maritime New Zealand and Transport Accident Investigation Commission), and background information on the Associate Minister's responsibilities in relation to Crown Entity Monitoring. Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	Week ending 16 February 2024.
Maritime Rule Amendments (International Omnibus) This briefing will seek approval on a proposal for consultation on several amendments to maritime rules. Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	March TBC.
Review of maritime legislation The Ministry and Maritime NZ have started scoping a review of primary maritime legislation to ensure it is fit for purpose given technology and geopolitical shifts, and that it enables effective and efficient regulatory decision making and action. This briefing will provide background information on the issues with the current legislation and options around scope and timing of a review. Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	February TBC.
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0 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

Briefings to Minister Doocey – Routine Matters	Due date to Minister's Office
Air New Zealand and Singapore Airlines Alliance Reauthorisation – final advice	Week ending 16 February 2024.
This briefing will provide our final recommendation and a report containing our full analysis regarding the authorisation of the Air New Zealand and Singapore Airlines Strategic Alliance Agreement.	~
The current authorisation expires on 28 March 2024. The airlines have asked for a decision well in advance of this date, as the decision influences business planning.	OR'
Comment on due date change:	(5)
Briefing delayed by a week due to other priorities impacting finalisation of analysis.	2AT
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Background to Air Services Agreements	Week ending
This briefing will provide a background on air services agreements, including their role in supporting tourism. It will set out future work items to progress, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Air Services Agreement and Protocol, which require a Cabinet report back.	16 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Amendment to the New Zealand - India Air Services Agreement	Week ending
This briefing will recommend that, in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Associate Minister agrees to amend the Air Services Agreement. Negotiations with India have been completed. Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	23 February 2024.
New Zealand – Solomon Island Air Services Agreement	Week ending
This briefing will recommend that, in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Associate Minister agrees to the new Air Services Agreement. Negotiations with Solomon Islands have been completed.	23 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Review of landing charges at Milford Sound/Piopiotahi Aerodrome: proposal to consult	Week ending 23 February 2024.
This briefing will seek approval to consult on proposals to increase landing charges at Milford Aerodrome.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	

Briefings to Minister Doocey – Routine Matters	Due date to Minister's Office
Meeting with the Maritime NZ Chair – 28 February 2024 Minister Doocey is meeting with the Maritime NZ Chair Dame Jo Brosnahan on Wednesday 28 February 2024. This briefing provides background information and talking points in support of that meeting. Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	Week ending 23 February 2024.
Declaration of a Major Maritime Event – Sail GP This briefing provides details of submissions received in response to your Notice to Declare a Major Maritime Event regarding SailGP recently published in the New Zealand Gazette and any suggested changes to the Declaration as a result. This briefing will also provide a Declaration of a Major Maritime Event for your consideration. Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	Week ending 23 February 2024
Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia Airlines Code Share Agreement Authorisation Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia have lodged an application seeking authorisation to give effect to a Codeshare Agreement. The approach for briefing the Associate Minister is to be confirmed. We typically provide initial advice before providing a final recommendation and analysis on whether to authorise the agreement. Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	TBC – April or May 2024.
Update on the Milford Opportunities Project – overview and next steps This briefing will provide an update and overview of the Milford Opportunities Project from a transport perspective. Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group	TBC.
New Zealand's Search and Rescue System This briefing will provide background information on New Zealand's Search and Rescue (SAR) system, funding arrangements, key issues and trends facing the SAR sector, and the Associate Minister's responsibilities for SAR. Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	TBC.

Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet	
12 February 2024	None this week.
Cabinet Economic Po	licy Committee (ECO)
28 February TBC	Approval of proposed increases to the Maritime and Oil Pollution Levies
	This paper seeks approval for changes to the Maritime and Oil Pollution Levies from 1 July 2024.
	Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group
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100 Day action plan progress

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Meet with councils and	State Highway 1 Brynderwyn Hills
communities to establish regional requirements for recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle and other recent major flooding events	We are making good progress on the necessary planning to close this section of State Highway 1 on 26 February 2024. The road will reopen for six days over the Easter period and the closure works will be completed by 13 May 2024.
major nooding events	Mobilisation of equipment to site has commenced and procurement of material on site continues.
	Work to ensure the three alternate routes are efficient and effective continues to progress. We have notified high productivity motor vehicle (HPMV) permit holders of their detour route during the closure and finalised a bylaw to restrict truck-and-trailer units on the east scenic route. This bylaw is required to prevent large trucks accessing this route owing to high risk of their getting stuck on sharp corners and subsequent route blockage.
PROP	We continue to work with our Northland partners in developing the detour campaign promoting the scenic and alternative routes, and a tourism campaign focussed Northland being 'open for business'. Confirmed detour route details were released the week ending 9 February 2024 and are available on the project webpage and NZTA communication channels. Weekly enewsletters started the week ending 9 February 2024 and will run through until the end of the closure (13 May 2024).
	Gisborne
LE MAKATO	A workshop was held with Gisborne District Council to resolve outstanding issues with their emergency works funding applications (for response activities). Discussion has helped to support their next response and recovery funding application, and to provide guidance on their strategic approach to long-term rebuild. A follow up workshop is scheduled for late February 2024.
	Transport Rebuild East Coast
	Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) is planning a series of drop-in engagement sessions with communities in Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti, which will take place over coming months.
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	These sessions will allow communities to share their thoughts on the ongoing recovery work and the potential rebuild work. The rebuild work will be focused around the seven business case projects that have been identified as part of a national prioritisation process across the areas affected by the North Island Weather Events.
	TREC has met with the recently appointed Director of Community Lifelines at Gisborne District Council. The meeting covered key big picture topics, includer broader outcomes and programming. TREC will continue to build on this initial conversation moving forwards.
	NZTA has entered an agreement with the trustees of Te Kurī a Tuatai marae in Awapuni, Gisborne to deliver accommodation for around 50 TREC workers. Pending Māori Land Court approval, resource consents and an archaeology survey, the partnership intends to build a village consisting of 17 3-room units with shared kitchen, dining, and recreation rooms. This will provide housing and a community hub for TREC team members coming into the region to support the local workforce. TREC will work with local suppliers to undertake the construction and supply of the village buildings. The buildings will be constructed offsite and then moved into place at the marae.
Repeal the Clean Car Discount (CCD) scheme by 31 December 2023	We previously advised that after Wednesday 31 January 2024, NZTA has no authority under the revised Ministerial Direction and Funding Deed to take any further enforcement action under the CCD scheme. We would like to amend this statement to clarify that although NZTA is unable to process applications after 31 January 2024, NZTA will continue to administer the scheme through to 30 June 2024.
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Key updates

TITLE	UPDATE
Implementation of speed limit changes in north Auckland and Northland	Following approval from the Director of Land Transport, NZTA will publish the approved speed limit changes for Northland and north Auckland on Tuesday 20 February 2024, and notify partners, stakeholders and communities of the outcome. Speed limits on sections of the following state highways will be changing:
	State Highway 1 Pukenui to Kaitaia
	State Highway 15 from State Highway 1 (north of Kaikohe) to Otaika
	State Highway 14 Dargaville to Whangārei
	State Highway 1 Kawakawa to Whangarei
	State Highway 11 Kawakawa to Paihia
	State Highway 1 Whangārei to Te Hana
	State Highway 12 Omāpere to Kaikohe
	State Highway 12 Brynderwyn to Ōmāpere
	State Highway 16 Wellsford to Waimauku
	State Highway 1 Te Hana to Warkworth
	State Highway 10 Pakaraka to Taipa
20A	Speed limit changes will target short sections; through townships and close to schools and marae, and do not affect the entire stretch of state highway. In total, the approved changes include 54 new permanent speed limit changes and new electronic variable speed limit) signs across 34 schools.
TE MANATO	Implementation will start with select locations on State Highway 1 Pukenui to Kaitaia in Northland, effective from 4 March 2024 with the remaining state highways rolled out gradually over the course of the year.
I MA	These state highways were selected as priority sections for consideration following strong support and genuine safety concerns from the community and local stakeholders.
	Communications will begin to be rolled out from Tuesday 20 February 2024 and include notification letters to partners, stakeholders and schools, website updates, media release and e-newsletter updates to subscribers and submitters. Closer to the 4 March 2024 'go-live' date, the local community in Northland will be notified of the enforceable speed limit changes via targeted print, radio and digital advertising, and social media updates.
	This suite of communications collateral is available to send to the Minister's Office upon request.

TITLE	UPDATE
Summer Maintenance Report update	An update on our summer maintenance activity is provided in the appendix.
Coastal Shipping Activity Class – MOVe Logistics breach of contract and repayment request	MOVe Logistics (MOVe) are one of four successful suppliers engaged under the coastal shipping activity class. NZTA has invested a total of \$30 million in coastal shipping in the 2021-24 National Land Transport Programme.
	MOVe has notified NZTA that it is no longer able to deliver its proposal as agreed under our coastal shipping co-investment funding agreement. Our funding agreement with MOVe totalled \$10 million, of which we have made two milestone payments totalling \$3.75 million.
PROP	NZTA has issued two letters to MOVe. One letter gave written notice of termination for material breach, and the second requested evidence of the allocation and use of funding under the Agreement. MOVe responded stating that they dispute the material breach but agreed to terminate the funding agreement. MOVe also confirmed they are pursuing repayment of funds which had been passed to their supplier (Southern Oceans) and that any monies recovered would be passed back to NZTA.
Safe Vehicles campaign	On Sunday 18 February 2024, a new road safety campaign will go live across a range of media channels aimed at getting more people into safer vehicles, as modelling shows this will achieve some of the biggest reductions in deaths and serious injuries on our roads.
	The key objectives of the campaign are to raise awareness of safety ratings and get vehicle owners to visit our Rightcar website to check their vehicle's safety rating, as this provides the best indication of the level of protection people have in a crash. This is the focus because our research has found only around 15 percent of New Zealanders who own a 1 or 2-star vehicle know its safety rating, however when made aware of their rating, 95 percent said they would purchase a safer vehicle next time. (Continued next page)

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	The advertising campaign features 'cardboard' vehicles (see examples below) to help raise awareness of our vulnerability in low safety rated vehicles which are over-represented in death and serious injury statistics. The advertising includes a call-to-action to visit the Rightcar website. The website is being updated prior to the campaign launch with supporting information about basic safety checks, safe driving and other actions people can take to stay safe on the roads (regardless of the safety rating of their vehicle and their ability to buy a higher-rated car).	
How well can your car protect you?	How well can your car protect you?	How well can your toon's
Check rightcar govt.nz	Chack right cax govi.nz	How well can your teen's car protect them?

Media updates

TITLE	UPDATE
State Highway 10 Kaeo Bridge upgrade	A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing 12 February 2024 to advise motorists that two-way traffic on the new bridge has been brought forward to 24 February 2024 in preparation for the closure of State Highway 1 Brynderwyn Hills on 26 February 2024.
State Highway 1B Telephone Road	A media statement was issued on Thursday 8 February 2024 reporting on the results of a community survey on the closure of State Highway 1B Telephone Road in the Waikato, and the appetite for the longer term option of realigning Telephone Road so that it connects directly onto Marshmeadow Road.
Connecting Tairāwhiti works	A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing 12 February 2024 to remind people of the work going on as part of the Connecting Tairāwhiti programme, with work getting underway again this month. The programme of capital projects across the northern Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti regions will make State Highways 2 and 35 more resilient and safer for drivers.

TITLE	UPDATE
	(Continued) We will also take the opportunity to update people on the progress of building a retaining wall at Devil's Elbow on State Highway 2.
Ōtaki to Ohau flexible median barrier	A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing 12 February 2024 to combine progress on these safety improvements and safety messages around the flexible median barrier on this stretch of road. The release will note that the barrier has been struck several times since it was installed, with each barrier strike representing the prevention of a potentially serious crash.
State Highway 51 Napier roundabout construction	A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing 12 February 2024 as a progress update on the roundabout at the intersection of State Highway 51 and Awatoto Road, in Napier. The release will highlight what is next in the construction process, including upcoming traffic management when the existing road is realigned to 'tie-in' with the roundabout, and the switch for traffic from late February 2024 which will allow for the next stage (for example the garden, landscaping, and shared path).
One year on from Cyclone Gabrielle	An op-ed column will be provided to local media outlets for publication on Wednesday 14 February 2024, to coincide with the one-year anniversary of the arrival of Cyclone Gabrielle.

Appendix

Summer Maintenance Report

As at 31 December 2023, 981 lane kilometres of renewals had been delivered, out of a revised programme of 2,336 lane kilometres. This equates to 42 percent of the total programme completed and is a similar position to the 2022/23 delivery as at the end of December 2022 (prior to the North Island weather events), and better than the two years prior.

The 2023/24 summer maintenance programme represents the most significant programme undertaken to date and equates to approximately 9.5 percent of the state highway network receiving renewal.

Due to good weather to date, the programme is progressing on target. A higher percentage of delivery occurs earlier in the season for the South Island due to climate conditions (road temperatures with acceptable construction parameters are experienced from late-September to early/mid-March), compared to the North Island which has an extended construction season through to April due to warmer weather.

The tables below provide a breakdown of delivery and costs.

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Please note:

- Delivery data is received on the 20th of the following month (i.e., delivery data for January 2024 will be received by NZTA on 20 February 2024).
- There is a discrepancy between work completed and budget spent, as milestone payments are made to contractors once the investigation and design phases are complete and before physical work takes place.
- The Sideway-force Coefficient Routine Investigation Machine (SCRIM) programme determines skid resistance and forms the safety elements of the summer maintenance programme. A freely rotating test wheel is applied to the road surface under a known load. A controlled flow of water wets the road surface immediately in front of the wheel, so that when the vehicle moves forward, the test wheel slides in a forward direction on a wet road surface. The force generated by the resistance to sliding indicates the wet skid resistance of the road surface. The results of this testing are averaged to determine the skid resistance of continuous 10-metre sections of the road.

December year-to-date percentage comparison to the last three years:

Year	Delivery as at 31 December
2020/21	641.41 lane km out of 1816 (35%)
2021/22	670.88 lane km out of 2185 (30%)
2022/23	866.81 lane km out of 2051 (42%)
2023/24	981 lane km out of 2336 (42%)

Delivery split by treatment type including audio-tactile profiled road markings (ATP) and drainage:

20P-11	2023/24 Dec Baseline (SPE)	YTD Programme Achieved	23/24% SPE delivered
Pavement resurfacing (lane km)	2117	918	43%
Pavement rehab (lane km)	144	52	36%
SCRIM (lane km)	75.6	11.3	15%
Total	2336.6	981.3	42%
ATP rumble strips (lane km)	681	151	22%
Drainage - culverts (m)	2312	373	16%
Drainage - channels/drains (m)	23238	4846	21%

Current spend by type as at 31 December 2023:

Туре	Actual	Actual vs Allocation %
Pavement resurfacing - chipseal	\$33,014,021	54%
Pavement resurfacing – thin asphaltic concrete	\$32,267,078	60%
Pavement rehabilitation	\$39,565,517	43%
SCRIM	\$854,609	11%

Delivery breakdown by region as at 31 December 2023:

	Chips Resu	seal rfacing	Aspl Cond	Thin Skid Resistanc e (SCRIM)		Pavement Rehab		TOTAL		
Regions / Networks	ln.k m	% of Prog.	ln.k m	% of Prog.	ln k m	% of Prog.	ln.km	% of Prog.	ln.km	% of Prog.
Auckland + Northland	33.4	25%	38. 6	37%	0.0	0%	0.4	5%	72	28%
Auckland	5.5	35%	36. 7	37%	1,0	33%	0.0	0%	42	36%
Northland	27.9	23%	1.9	36%	0.0	0%	0.4	6%	30	22%
Waikato + BoP	202. 0	34%	10. 6	31%	4.9	16%	10.1	21%	228	32%
Central North Island	103 9	36%	1.7	21%	4.9	25%	17.2	65%	128	37%
Wellington	26.8	65%	26. 3	62%	1.5	34%	2.6	32%	57	60%
NORTH ISLAND TOTAL	3 66. 1	34%	77. 2	42%	11. 3	18%	30.2	34%	485	35%
Upper South Island	81.3	69%	5.1	73%	0.0	0%	2.1	85%	89	68%
Canterbury West Coast	184. 8	58%	4.2	41%	0.0	0%	6.5	46%	196	57%
Otago + Southland	190. 0	59%	9.2	65%	0.0	0%	13.3	50%	212	58%
SOUTH ISLAND TOTAL	456. 1	60%	18. 5	59%	0.0	0%	22.0	52%	497	59%
Grand Total	822. 2	45%	95. 7	44%	11. 3	15%	52.2	40%	981	43%

Commentary

The season is not symmetrical (i.e. the Christmas/New Year holiday period is not the mid-point of our renewal season), hence 42 percent overall is the average position across the network. Reporting is only captured in the Road Assessment and Maintenance Management (RAMM) database when the work is 100 percent complete, so we typically underreport our progress.

The South Island has approximately 37 percent of the national renewal programme, and renewal volumes are relatively steady year on year. This is due to the underlying ground conditions and lower traffic volumes. With two contractors (Fulton Hogan and Downer) undertaking the vast majority of the sealing programme this allows these contractors to resource appropriately for their networks, with confidence that volumes will remain consistent.

With a period of seven weeks between Waitangi Day and the Easter Holiday weekend, a significant volume of the annual summer road renewals programme will be completed during this time. With maintenance crews looking to maximise productivity during a period where we expect consistently hot and dry weather, there will be a high volume of worksites around the network. To cater for this, we will be communicating at site specific, corridor and network levels to ensure road users and key stakeholders (e.g. freight operators) are aware of all worksites and associated requirements (e.g. detours or additional travel time). Network teams are liaising across regions to minimise the overall impact of these works.



Key highlights

Safer Boating Forum Leadership Group strategy meeting



The Safer Boating Forum Leadership Group met on Thursday 1 February 2024 as part of its responsibility for providing strategic direction to the Safer Boating Forum. The Forum is a formal network representing a cross-section of national and regional government agencies, boating organisations and the marine industry, involved in promoting recreational boating safety in New Zealand. The Leadership Group is comprised of representatives from across the Forum, including Coastguard NZ, Yachting NZ, NZSUP Safety, and regional harbourmasters. Maritime NZ leads the

Forum and Leadership Group and works with Forum members to coordinate safe boating activities.

Discussion at this meeting focused on reviewing progress toward delivering the recently released Recreational Craft Strategy 2023-2025. This included confirming that the highest priority was to work toward the regulation and promotion of the use and wearing of lifejackets, including the need for consistency of approach in national regulation and local bylaws. You can expect that members of the Forum will wish to engage with you on these issues over the coming months.



The Recreational Craft Strategy 2023-2025 can be found on the Maritime NZ website at

https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/media/tric0gv1/recreationalcraft-strategy-2023-2025.pdf

Upcoming meetings and engagements

Date	Description	Purpose/Key issues to be covered
Monday 19 February 2024	Fortnightly meeting with Maritime NZ officials	We would like to discuss vessel safety around the coast of New Zealand and the work on emergency offshore response capability.

Operational updates

Nil this week.

Maritime in the media

Maritime NZ issued a press release on Friday 2 February 2024 looking back on summer recreational craft activities and looking ahead to Waitangi Day. *TV3 Newshub* (alongside the Wellington Harbourmaster), *RadioNZ* and *NZME* radio picked up this opportunity. There was good coverage to remind recreational craft users about the risks on the water during a high-risk long weekend.

Maritime NZ was asked by the *Grey Star* about a rescue coordinated by the Rescue Coordination Centre NZ in the Grey Valley on 2 February. We provided a statement confirming a mountain biker was airlifted to Christchurch after sustaining a serious leg injury.

Newsroom published an article off the back of the release of the Maritime NZ Brief to Incoming Minister, entitled "Maritime NZ's mayday call to Govt". We were not contacted by the journalist about the article but were given a heads up on its release from the NZ Shipping Federation who were contacted for comment.





Key Updates

Security screening queues update

During the past week queues at all NZ airports were managed effectively within acceptable facilitation standards.

Certification pathway for Dawn Aerospace's high-altitude vehicle

The Authority has been working with Dawn Aerospace on the certification pathway for its Aurora Mk II vehicle, a recoverable platform designed to launch payloads into low-earth orbit in a manner similar to conventional aircraft. The Authority's Aircraft Certification and Part 102 teams have been liaising with the Space Agency (MBIE) regarding the High-Altitude Vehicle licence Dawn Aerospace needs for its Aurora aircraft now that it is capable of exceeding 60,000 ft. The Aurora's design is unique, complex, and presents significant certification challenges for this first of type aircraft. As part of MBIE's consideration of the High-Altitude Licence application, Authority personnel have provided MBIE staff with an overview and understanding of the aircraft certification process.

Communications and External Engagement

Media plan – 7 days from Wednesday 8 February 2024

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
9-February- 24	General release	Work Together, Stay Apart safety campaign Statement of Commitment launch	All main NZ publications & aviation specialist media

Media mentions -7 days to Tuesday 7 February 2024

Date	Activity	Channel
30 January 2024	Extensive damage' after Robinson chopper crashes near Arrowtown Coverage across multiple media outlets of a Robinson R22 helicopter which crashed at Mt Hyde on Monday 29 January 2024. The following statement was provided: The Civil Aviation Authority can confirm that a R22 helicopter crashed on landing in Otago on 29 January. There were two occupants on board who were not injured but the helicopter suffered extensive damage. The pilot in command has submitted a full report to CAA with substantial information to support our evaluation of the accident. The helicopter will be removed from the site today.	NZ Herald, Crux media, Wanaka App

Date	Activity	Channel
2 February 2024	Diabetic woman appalled by security officer's dismissive attitude at Auckland Airport	RNZ, Stuff, NZ Herald
	One woman has engaged with media about her experience with Aviation Security Service screening in December 2023. The article details her complaint and includes comments from Diabetes NZ and AvSec Group Operations Manager Karen Urwin.	
7 February 2024	Why does passenger screening differ from airport to airport? An article about why passenger screening differs from airport to airport which mentions the Computed Tomography Scanners (CT) and how screening requirements are based on risk and set by the national regulator, in line with ICAO standards.	Stuff

Upcoming communications and engagement

Planned release/publis h	What	Туре	Why
February 2024	Secure Your Aircraft	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
February/Marc h 2024	How to be a pilot	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
February/Marc h 2024	Wake turbulence	GAP booklet (update)	Revision to align with AIPNZ changes from 22 February 2024
March 2024	Vector Autumn Issue	Aviation industry magazine	A way of getting relevant safety information to industry in an easy-to-read format
May 2024	in, Out and Around Queenstown	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
June 2024	Vector Winter Issue	Aviation industry magazine	A way of getting relevant safety information to industry in an easy-to-read format
From July throughout 2024	Occurrence Investigation Workshop	Face-to-face event	To provide training for operators about investigating occurrences, to comply with requirements under CAR Part 12

Planned release/publis h	What	Туре	Why
ТВС	In, Out and Around Manawatu	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
ТВС	Weight and balance	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
ТВС	VFR MET	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
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New inquiries / International Assistance

A new aviation inquiry AO-2024-001 opened by the Commission on 7 February 2024.

The Civil Aviation Authority notified the Commission on Wednesday 7 February 2024 of a rejected take-off that occurred at Timaru Aerodrome at about 0650 the same day, involving a Q300 passenger aircraft, registration ZK-NEF.

The circumstances reported to date are that the Q300 aircraft aborted an attempted take-off at speed and stopped at the end of the runway. There were no injuries and no damage to the plane.

The Commissioner has opened an inquiry under section 13(1) of the TAIC Act 1990 and appointed Hamish Johnstone as investigator in charge. They will be supported by Ian McClelland and Jeffrey Shearer.

BUDGET SENSITIVE



No update this week.

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Weekly Report to the Minister of Transport

For the week ending 16 February 2024

For the week ending 16 February 2024

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1 Transport officials meeting agenda





Agenda - Minister Brown officials' meeting

Day Date	Monday 19 February 2024	8 43
Time	1.00pm – 1.45pm	60, 2K
Venue	Parliament – EW5.1R	SLA

Ministry of Transport (MoT) attendees

Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive

Brent Johnston, Chief of Staff

David Wood, Deputy Chief Executive, Investment and Monitoring

Paul O'Connell, Deputy Chief Executive, Sector Strategy

Karen Lyons, Director, Auckland

Tim Herbert, Manager, Investment

New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) attendees

Nicole Rosie, Chief Executive

Chris Bunny, Group General Manager, System Leadership & Acting Chief of Staff

Part 1	Ministry of Transport	Lead	Paper reference
1.1	Weekly Report	Audrey Sonerson	
1.2	GPS Progress update	Paul O'Connell	
1.3	Budget 2024	David Wood	
1.4	Auckland Transport Work Programme	David Wood	Slide Deck
Part 2	New Zealand Transport Agency	Lead	Paper reference
2.1	Weekly Report	Nicole Rosie	

2 Actions from transport officials meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transpor February 2024	(the Ministry) – Monday 12 Due date
Speed Officials to provide draft Cab February 2024.	net paper on Thursday 15
Metropolitan Rail Operating Model (M Officials to provide draft pres	

Officials Meeting date	Action	Due date	Progress update
15 January 2024	Revenue System Officials to develop advice and work programme	Initial report back expected in 3 months.	We have provided you a briefing with options for committing to a fleet-wide transition to road user charges and reporting back to Cabinet on the revenue system.
5 February 2024	Auckland Light Rail (ALR) Officials to provide weekly updates of expected wind-down costs of ALR	Ongoing.	
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3 Updates on 100-Day Plan

100 Day Plan updates

Confirming investment priorities for GPS 2024

Departmental consultation on the draft GPS 2024 closed on Thursday 15 February 2024. Officials will provide you with an updated GPS 2024 and a summary of departmental feedback received on Tuesday 20 February 2024 (OC240127 refers).

We are currently targeting the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO) on Wednesday 28 February 2024, with public consultation to begin following Cabinet approval on Monday 4 March 2024. Officials will provide you with an updated public consultation plan on Thursday 22 February 2024.

Responsibility: Paul O'Connell, DCE, Sector Strategy Group

Cancel Auckland Light Rail

We are engaging with your Office regarding the timing and scope of a proactive release of the business case documents associated with the project. These documents are the subject of numerous requests under the OIA.

s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(i)

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Removing the Auckland Regional Fuel Tax

The Land Transport Management (Repeal of Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill (the Bill) was considered by the Cabinet Legislation Committee on Thursday 15 February 2024, and will go to Cabinet on Monday 19 February 2024. The Bill is on track to be ready for introduction in the first 100 days.

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Resetting approach to speed limits

We have prepared a draft Cabinet paper on the policy direction of the new Rule, based on our previous briefing and meeting with you. Once considered by Cabinet, we understand you intend to announce the policy direction at the Automobile Association conference in early March 2024 and write to Road Controlling Authorities and Regional Transport Committees informing them of the changes you intend to make. We will support you to do this.

Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group

4 Upcoming briefings

Briefings to Minister Brown – Other Priorities	Due date
North Shore Aero Club – background	Week ending
This briefing will provide background to North Shore Aero Club's application for airport authority status under the Airport Authority Act 1966.	23 February 2024.
Comment on due date change:	
Date extended by one week as advised by your Office.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	, 151
s 9(2)(ba)(i)	Week ending 23 February 2024.
Comment on due date change:	
Date extended by one week as advised by your Office.	
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
Draft letters of expectations for Crown entities	Week ending
The Ministry will provide you with draft letters of expectations for each of the transport Crown entities for which you are responsible (NZTA, CAA and CRL).	23 February 2024.
Comment on due date change:	
Date extended by one week as advised by your Office.	
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
Civil Aviation Authority Funding s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending
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Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	

4 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

Briefings to Minister Brown – Other Priorities	Due date
Road safety	Week ending
This briefing will provide initial advice on the development of a new Road Safety Objectives and Actions document to replace the current Road Safety Strategy for your consideration and direction.	23 February 2024.
Comment on due date change:	
This briefing is delayed by one week to allow consultation with NZTA.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	OX
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending
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Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
Air Navigation System Review	Week ending
This briefing responds to your request (following your meeting with New Zealand Airports) for background on the Air Navigation System Review and the Interim Aviation Council.	1 March 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	

Meeting with Linda Meade about city and regional deals, and time of use charging This joint briefing with Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) will provide you with key context and potential talking points for your upcoming meeting with Linda Meade, focused on city and regional deals and time of use charging.	Week ending 23 February 2024
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
This briefing will provide you with key context and potential talking points for your upcoming meeting with TR Group, focused on decarbonising heavy transport.	Week ending 23 February 2024.
Meeting with General Motors This briefing will provide an overview of General Motors, who wish to discuss potential changes to the Clean Car Standard with you. Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group	Week ending 23 February 2024.

Briefings to Minister Brown – Routine Matters	Due date
Aviation Security overview	Week ending
This briefing will provide an overview of key issues relating to aviation security and seek your direction on next steps for these matters.	23 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Aviation New Zealand parliamentary function	Week ending
This briefing will provide you with background information to support a speech you are giving at the Aviation New Zealand parliamentary function.	23 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	172
Reappointment of the Deputy Medical Convener	Week ending
This briefing will provide you with the paperwork to finalise the reappointment of the Deputy Medical Convener.	23 February 2024.
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment and Monitoring	
Establishing a Transport Revenue Expert Advisory Group	Week ending
This briefing will advise you on the establishment of a group of independent experts to support the development of advice and policy on transport revenue, including the transition of all vehicles to road user charges. § 9(2)(f)(iv)	1 March 2024.
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
Release of the Road to Zero Annual Monitoring Report 2022	Week ending
The Road to Zero Annual Monitoring Report 2022 was finalised in September 2023. The release of this was delayed in the lead up to the election. This report provides detail on progress made in 2022 towards implementing interventions that reduce death and serious injury across New Zealand, including infrastructure and enforcement.	1 March 2024.
The Ministry will provide a proactive release briefing to seek the Associate Minister's agreement for this to be released on our website.	
Comment on due date change:	
Delayed by two weeks due to other work programme priorities in the team.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	

5 Key updates

Minister Brown

Productivity Commission Report on improving economic resilience

The Productivity Commission (the Commission) is set to release its report on improving the resilience of the New Zealand economy to supply chain disruptions (the Report) on Tuesday 20 February 2024. The Ministry has reviewed the draft Report.

The Report does not focus on transport issues due to the 'medium term' scope of the report, and to avoid overlap with or duplication of the Freight and Supply Chain Strategy. The Report notes that shipping and transport infrastructure bottlenecks were identified by 72.9% of submitters as among their top 5 supply chain concerns (with geopolitical events causing loss of market access the next most-identified concern for 47.5% of submitters). Concerns about shipping and transport infrastructure are consistent with issues raised by the freight sector during development of the Freight and Supply Chain Strategy.

The Report includes a study that models the effect of representative supply chain shocks on economic outcomes, including an oil shock, a large technological change (such as a rapid uptake of synthetic milk production), and a broad geopolitical disruption. The oil shock has the largest impact on GDP and consumer welfare, while the technology shock affects the most jobs.

One key finding is that government has designed and is implementing a wide range of strategies and initiatives with objectives that overlap with economic resilience, relating to a range of matters including transport and infrastructure. The Report finds that resources distributed across many strategies and initiatives are often insufficient to achieve their stated policy objectives, and that from an economic resilience perspective, these strategies and initiatives have lacked coherence, prioritisation, and a focus on results.

The Commission's recommendations include:

- that Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) should analyse and publish trade data to identify concentrated import and exports and should encourage industry to refine this analysis. The Ministry is engaging with MBIE and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) on work related to critical supply chains,
- that the Commerce Commission should extend its draft guidelines on collaboration and sustainability to anticipate and build resilience to slow-moving disruptions (such as climate change and geopolitical tensions). The Ministry will consider how this recommendation relates to our work on freight and supply chains (e.g. on data sharing in the freight sector to improve productivity and resilience), and

Next steps:

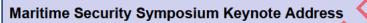
We will keep you updated if any action is required for a government response to the Report.

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using an economic resilience lens to review criteria for industry-focussed innovation funds, establishing a Longterm Advisory Group on Economic Resilience and Innovation to oversee implementation of a National Resilience and Innovation Strategy, and establishing an Interdepartmental Executive Board (IEB) to support effective public-sector engagement with a national resilience and innovation strategy.

Previous Commission reports have involved a government response to the Commission's recommendations. The approach to a response may be different for this Report, given the Government's intention to disestablish the Commission. The Ministry will work with Treasury, MBIE and other agencies as necessary on any response, if required

Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting Deputy Chief Executive. Policy Group



The 2024 Maritime Security Symposium is a triennial collaborative effort between the Centre for Strategic Studies and the Maritime Security Oversight Committee. It is scheduled for 13 June 2024 at the Rydges hotel in Wellington. You have been invited to deliver a short keynote address as Lead Minister Maritime Security.

The day-long symposium supports maritime security sector engagement with domestic and overseas security partners and civil society groupings. Through a mix of presentations and workshops, the day will cover maritime security challenges and opportunities, the Blue Economy, and emerging technology. Attendees include maritime security practitioners from both the public and private sectors. academics, and legal professionals. The event also provides an occasion to launch the refreshed Maritime Security Strategy (on which we will brief you separately).

Officials will prepare the text of your address, should you wish to deliver the keynote.

Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group

EV Charging deep dive

Material to support an EV charging deep dive on Friday 23 February 2024 will be provided to your Office on Wednesday 21 February 2024.

Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group

Next steps:

Should you wish to deliver the keynote address, officials will work with your Office to prepare the text of your address.

Next steps:

Officials will meet with you for an EV charging deep dive on 23 February 2024.

5 KEY UPDATES

Minister Brown

Meeting with Smart Start Interlocks New Zealand

Officials met with the General Manager of Smart Start Interlocks New Zealand, Brad Boakes, on 14 February following his request to meet with you. He outlined several concerns with the current alcohol interlock programme and presented potential solutions, including in relation to eligibility to enter the programme, the exit criteria, and the subsidy available.

Next steps:

Officials will provide advice on progressing a review into the alcohol interlock programme and seek your views on its priority as part of the road safety objectives briefing due with you next week.

Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group

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6 Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet	
	Approval to introduce: Land Transport Management (Repeal of Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill
19 February 2024	This paper has been to the Cabinet Legislation Committee to seek approval to introduce primary legislation that repeals the regional fuel tax legislation. It will go to Cabinet as part of the committee report.
	Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group
Executive Council	\$ 27.
19 February 2024	None this week.
100-Day Committee	12 4 T
28 February 2024	GPS 2024 – approval of funding and release of the GPS 2024 public consultation draft
	This paper will seek in principle approval for GPS 2024 funding and approval to release the draft GPS 2024 for public consultation.
	Responsibility: Paul O'Connell, DCE, Sector Strategy
26 March 2024	Report back on disestablishment of Auckland Light Rail Ltd
(or to relevant policy committee once established)	This paper will respond to an invitation from Cabinet to report back on progress on disestablishing Auckland Light Rail Ltd, including the future of its land holding and disposition of its other assets and the settlement of obligations and liabilities.
	Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group
Cabinet Economic P	olicy Committee (ECO)
28 February 2024	Update on the 100-day commitment to stop blanket speed limit reductions and replace the Rule
	This paper provides an update to Cabinet on your broad policy direction for the new Rule, based on the points outlined in our previous briefing to you (OC240067 refers).
	Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group
April 2024 (TBC)	Report back on the fleet-wide transition to road user charges
	This paper will advise on options to progress the fleet-wide transition to road user charges, as sought by Cabinet as part of the decisions to apply road user charges to electric vehicles (CAB-23-MIN-0494). Further information is included in OC240093.
	Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

6 CABINET PAPERS

Committees	
Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG)	
22 February 2024	Approval to introduce: Road User Charges Amendment Bill
	This paper will seek approval to introduce primary legislation that will bring electric vehicles into the road user charges system. We have provided you with a draft Cabinet paper for the Cabinet Legislation committee seeking authorisation to introduce the Bill to the House. The timeframes will be very tight if we are to include two weeks for Select Committee consultation.
	Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group
29 February 2024	Government response to the Report of the Petition Committee on making mobility parking enforceable on all public use property
	This paper will seek approval to submit the Government response to Parliament on the Petition Committee's recommendations related to a petition on 'making mobility parking enforceable on all public-use property and increase fines'. The proposed response generally agrees with the Committee's recommendations for improving mobility parking and suggests further work on these issues when resource is available.
	Parliamentary rules require the Minister to present the government response to Parliament no later than Wednesday 15 March 2024.
	Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group
February 2024 (TBC)	Government Response to the Report of the Regulations Review Committee on the Complaints About the E-Scooters (Declaration Not to Be Motor Vehicles) Notice 2018
P	This paper seeks agreement to a proposed Government Response to the Report of the Regulations Review Committee on the Complaints About the E-Scooters (Declaration Not to Be Motor Vehicles) Notice 2018. Subject to your expectations, the response accepts in principle the Committee's recommendation to improve the regulation of e-scooters.
7	Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group

7 CABINET PAPERS LED BY OTHER AGENCIES

Cabinet papers led by other agencies

This section includes Cabinet papers relevant to your transport portfolio and is not an exhaustive list of all Cabinet papers we are consulted on.

No Cabinet papers led by other agencies this week.

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8 Associate Minister of Transport

Upcoming briefings

Briefings to Minister Doocey – Other Priorities	Due date to Minister's Office
Review of maritime legislation	February TBC
The Ministry and Maritime NZ have started scoping a review of primary maritime legislation to ensure it is fit for purpose given technology and geopolitical shifts, and that it enables effective and efficient regulatory decision making and action.	, 72560,
This briefing will provide background information on the issues with the current legislation and options around scope and timing of a review.	2P'
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	*
Maritime Rule Amendments (International Omnibus)	March TBC.
This briefing will seek approval on a proposal for consultation on several amendments to maritime rules.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	

Briefings to Minister Doocey - Routine Matters	Due date to Minister's Office
Amendment to the New Zealand - India Air Services Agreement	Week ending
This briefing will recommend that, in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Associate Minister agrees to amend the Air Services Agreement. Negotiations with India have been completed.	23 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
New Zealand – Solomon Islands Air Services Agreement	Week ending
This briefing will recommend that, in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Associate Minister agrees to the new Air Services Agreement Negotiations with Solomon Islands have been completed.	23 February 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Review of landing charges at Milford Sound/Piopiotahi Aerodrome:	Week ending
proposal to consult	23 February 2024.
This briefing will seek approval to consult on proposals to increase landing charges at Milford Aerodrome.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	

0 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

Briefings to Minister Doocey – Routine Matters	Due date to Minister's Office
Meeting with the Maritime NZ Chair – 28 February 2024	Week ending
Minister Doocey is meeting with the Maritime NZ Chair Dame Jo Brosnahan on Wednesday 28 February 2024. This briefing provides background information and talking points in support of that meeting. Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	23 February 2024.
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Declaration of a Major Maritime Event – Sail GP This briefing provides details of submissions received in response to your Notice to Declare a Major Maritime Event regarding SailGP recently published in the New Zealand Gazette and any suggested changes to the Declaration as a result. This briefing will also provide a Declaration of a Major Maritime Event for your consideration. Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	Week ending 23 February 2024.
Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia Airlines Code Share Agreement Authorisation	TBC – April or May 2024.
Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia have lodged an application seeking authorisation to give effect to a Codeshare Agreement. The approach for briefing the Associate Minister is to be confirmed. We typically provide initial advice before providing a final recommendation and analysis on whether to authorise the agreement. Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	April of May 2024.
Milford Opportunities Project-meeting with Board Chair and decisions on work programme This Cross-Agency briefing (authored by MBIE, DoC, and MoT) will provide an update on the Milford Opportunities Project (MOP) and seek your agreement that the MOP Board undertake targeted public consultation to help them deliver the business case by June 2024. The briefing will also support you, Minister Doocey and Minster Pōtaka for your Thursday 22 February 2024 meeting with Ms Jenn Bestwick, Chair of the Milford Opportunities Project. Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group	Week ending 23 February 2024.
New Zealand's Search and Rescue System	TBC.
This briefing will provide background information on New Zealand's Search and Rescue (SAR) system, funding arrangements, key issues and trends facing the SAR sector, and the Associate Minister's responsibilities for SAR.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	

Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet	
19 February 2024	None this week.
Cabinet Economic Pol	licy Committee (ECO)
28 February TBC	Approval of proposed increases to the Maritime and Oil Pollution Levies
	This paper seeks approval for changes to the Maritime and Oil Pollution Levies from 1 July 2024.
	Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group
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Actions from officials meeting

ACTIONS	UPDATE
Complete template for Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) wind up cost and include in Weekly Report	Completed. Please see Appendix 1 below.
Provide comms material as indicated in the Weekly Report item "Implementation of speed limit changes in north Auckland and Northland".	Completed, Material emailed to the Office on Tuesday 13 February 2024.
Provide advice on whether road users can use SH1B Telephone Road.	To be discussed at officials meeting on Monday 26 February 2024.
Provide a monthly update on summer maintenance as part of the Weekly Report. For the upcoming Weekly Report, include an explanation on why Northland is behind.	Regular monthly reports will be provided in the Weekly Report, and an update on Northland is provided with this week's report.
Provide an update in the Weekly Report regarding the driver licensing wait times issue, including an option of implementing nominal fees for rebooking practical tests.	Update provided in this week's report.
Provide update on the location of point to point cameras that are already being built, soon to be tested and operational by July 2024. Include locations for the 12 cameras noted in BRI-2926, we have noted there are 12 cameras in Auckland region.	Location advice provided as Appendix 2 below, and ongoing updates will be provided in future Weekly Reports.

100 Day action plan progress

TITLE	UPDATE
Withdrawing from LGWM RRANA RRANA	The LGWM Programme closure on Sunday 31 March 2024 has now been formalised by an exchange of letters between the NZTA Board, Mayor Whanau and Greater Wellington Chair Ponter. The LGWM Partnership Board met on Thursday 8 February 2024 and confirmed detailed arrangements for the programme's close out, including: • transfer of responsibility for ongoing projects to Wellington City Council (WCC) – the Golden Mile, Thorndon Quay and Hutt Road (TQHR) Central City Walking Improvements and Targeted Improvement projects) and NZTA (Basin Reserve Upgrade and Mount Victoria Tunnel) on Monday 11 March 2024 with two weeks for final questions and advice to LGWM Partners on what is transferred, and • confirmation that there will be no re-litigation of funding due to the early termination of the Relationship and Funding Agreement, and that a final wrap-up of programme finances will be provided to partners in April 2024 S 9(2)(g)(i) WCC Councillors met to decide their long-term plan for consultation on Thursday 15 February 2024 and their preferences (i.e. delaying or ceasing work) for the Golden Mile and TQHR projects.

TITLE	UPDATE
Meet with councils and	State Highway 1 Brynderwyn Hills
communities to establish regional requirements for recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle and other	Good progress is being made with our partners and the community on the planning required to close this section of state highway on Monday 26 February 2024. Physical works on site have begun, with mobilisation of the primary earth moving equipment.
recent major flooding events	Work continues on the three alternate routes to ensure they are efficient and effective. A media release was published on Thursday 8 February 2024 confirming the three alternative scenic routes and the closure dates and times.
	Weekly e-newsletters started the week commencing 12 February 2024 and will run through until the end of the closure. The information detour campaign starts the week commencing 19 February 2024, advising of dates, timings, and routes. Radio, newspaper, digital and social media adverts in both Northland and Auckland are scheduled. We continue to work with our Northland partners to develop the detour campaign promoting the scenic alternative routes and to support the development of a tourism campaign notifying people that Northland is 'open for business'.
	Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC)
	Invitations for the two TREC Liaison Groups (TLGs) were recently sent out to representatives from councils, Heritage New Zealand, the Department of Conservation, and iwi organisations with initial hui planned for March 2024.
	The TLGs are required to be established under the Orders in Council (OiC) passed by the Government in October 2023. They will help inform design, management and monitoring of all construction works for the TREC programme. These liaison groups are one of many TREC engagement channels.
PRO	During the week commencing 5 February 2024, TREC held workshops with iwi and council representatives from across Hawke's Bay on two large business case projects – Devil's Elbow and State Highway 2/5 Eskdale. These workshops focused on options analysis to move to a potential shortlist for each project. Short lists will be discussed via community engagement sessions in March 2024.
LE MARY	TREC attended the Gisborne Regional Transport Committee on Wednesday 14 February 2024 to provide a recovery and rebuild update to committee members and understand how we can work together to deliver for communities.
Repeal the Clean Car Discount scheme by 31 December 2023	All fee collection and rebate payments under the Clean Car Discount Scheme have now ceased and the scheme is closed to the public.
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TITLE	UPDATE
	Work remaining includes the windup of the scheme, notably the employment process for staff impacted by the scheme's disestablishment. The timeframe for this work is governed by HR legal requirements and will be completed by June 2024.
	Compliance monitoring of dealer rebates will continue until the 90-day resale requirement lapses.
	No further changes are expected to the current status until the scheme is wound up in June 2024.
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TITLE	UPDATE
LGWM Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) & State Highway Improvements (SHI) Indicative Business Case (IBC)	NZTA will be publishing the LGWM MRT and SHI IBC, along with its appendices, in the week commencing 19 February 2024. The IBC was completed in October 2022 and approved by LGWM partners in late 2022. The MRT and SHI IBC documents the case for investment in mass rapid transit, improvements at the Basin Reserve, and extra Mt Victoria Tunnel and enhanced bus priority to the eastern suburbs and details the assessment process. It also outlines the next steps to be completed through the Detailed Business Case phase. Selected information is withheld in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982. Examples of withheld information include: personal information that breaches individuals' privacy, commercially sensitive information such as project cost estimates, breakdown of allowances,
PRO	 construction assumptions and methodologies, commentary made during analysis of options that are still under active consideration, and property impacts information that will prejudice future commercial negotiations A copy of the IBC and the appendices (which are more than 3,000 pages combined) have been provided to your Office ahead of publication. The IBC will be published at https://lgwm.nz/all-projects/mass-rapid-transit/related-documents/ with a supporting easy-to-read Executive Summary and high-level FAQs.

TITLE	UPDATE
Te Huia two-year service review	Te Huia was launched in April 2021, providing commuter train services between Hamilton and Auckland.
	The NZTA Board required Waikato Regional Council (WRC) to undergo a review, providing an interim assessment of the performance and progress of Te Huia.
	A draft of the two-year review has been provided to NZTA for review. We will be providing feedback to WRC and will advise you of the outcome and present our perspective of the review to the NZTA Board in April 2024.
	We will work with WRC on the publication of the report. We will liaise with your Office to coordinate any public communications.
	For clarity, the review is not a 'funding review', although a funding decision is also required in June 2024 to allocate remaining funding for the trial period (July 2024 to April 2026).
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TITLE	UPDATE	
Addressing the wait times challenges in the driver licence testing system	As previously advised in ministerial briefing note BRI-2936, wait times within the Driver Licensing testing space have been impacted by:	
	 increased test resit numbers, and 	
	increased overseas licence conversions	
	Demand for learner licence theory tests remains consistent and pass rates have increased following the implementation of a 10-working day stand-down period. Current wait times for a restricted licence test is at 48.6 days and at 42.5 days for a full driver licence test (against a key performance indicator target of 30 days).	
	NZTA (working closely with the Ministry of Transport) is scoping a review of the regulation that sets driver licence fees, with a focus on the all-in-one fee structure for each stage of a driver licence. The first deliverable will be a briefing to seek your agreement on a preferred policy option (should you decide to progress a legislative option in addition to the operational interventions outlined above), as well as advise the likely timeframes for progressing any change.	
	Our initial view is that a full policy process would be required for a change to the fees, including public consultation; however, our briefing will set out some ways in which the process could be sped up should wait time issues persist. We anticipate being able to provide this briefing by the end of March 2024.	
Progress on safety cameras	In mid-2023, eight new NZTA safety cameras were installed in Auckland on the NZ Police network and are proving effective in reducing speeds at these locations. Prior to operation of the cameras, around one in five vehicles would be considered to be speeding at their location. This has dropped to around one in 200 vehicles.	
TE MANATO	NZTA has a spot speed camera in test mode on State Highway 1 near Kawakawa and an average speed corridor (two camera sites) in early test mode on Matakana Road. On-site testing ensures that a camera functions as required, images are of the right standard so we can certify them in a court if required, and it verifies connectivity to the back office. Off-site testing ensures that the data integrates seamlessly into the image verification and the offence processing systems. A further 13 safety camera sites are either constructed or in progress but not yet in test mode.	
	Construction will start shortly on the State Highway 2 Pōkeno to Mangatāwhiri average speed corridor, which is the first on a state highway and outside of the Auckland region.	
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TITLE	UPDATE	
	NZTA is preparing to engage with key regional stakeholders on 27 potential safety camera sites that are funded via the 2021-2024 National Land Transport Programme.	
	It is anticipated NZTA will start enforcement activities on spot speed cameras by mid-2024 and in the second half of 2024 for average speed cameras.	
	NZTA will take over the leases of all Police cameras on 1 July 2024, and the process of transferring safety cameras onto NZTA's network will also start in July 2024.	
	NZTA will soon issue a Registration of Interest to procure services to operate mobile safety cameras. By mid-2025, NTZA will commence mobile safety camera operations and NZ Police will cease mobile operations.	
	An update on milestones for each of the proposed average speed camera sites is being prepared, to be submitted to your Office next week.	
Road User Charges (RUC) on EVs	NZTA is on track to administer RUC for electric vehicle (EV) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) owners from 1 April 2024 in accordance with the Road User Charges Amendment Bill. Technical delivery is on schedule for mid-March 2024 release into the RUC production systems and includes the updates being applied via the Road User Charges Amendment Bill.	
	Communications about the introduction for RUC on EVs is continuing to progress well. A second letter to EV owners will be sent mid-March 2024 with information on what they need to do from 1 April 2024. We will also continue with social media communications and run an online awareness campaign.	
PRO	Calls to our contact centre have been low in number. During January 2024, we received a total of 178 calls regarding the introduction of RUC for electric vehicles, representing 3.8 percent of total calls about RUC (4,610 calls). Of these calls, many were about the perceived unfairness of PHEVs having to pay RUC (51 calls).	
LE MANATO	We also received three calls from customers asking if it was possible to convert their plug-in hybrid vehicle to a non-plug-in vehicle, in order to avoid paying RUC. We are informing customers that they need to check with their vehicle manufacturer or representative directly, and that any modifications need to be certified from a safety perspective.	
Mt Messenger	On Wednesday 14 February 2024, NZTA filed an affidavit in support of the Crown's opposition to recent applications made by the Pascoe's. This aims to explain the impact to NZTA of past and any further delays in having the Public Works Act (PWA) objection matters heard and determined, and seeking that these applications be declined.	

TITLE	UPDATE			
	(Continued)			
	It also serves to summarise all the unsuccessful litigation brought on by the Pascoe's through the Resource Management Act and the two and a half years it has taken to get from PWA objection lodgement to the hearing.			
	The affidavit included cost-related impacts which we have not released publicly to date:			
	 an approximate \$37m increase to the project's cost due to delay in acquisition date from September 2023 to September 2024 (already incurred), and 			
	s 9(2)(g)(i)			
	These figures have originated from the extensive scenario forecast cost and programme reviews we have been undertaking with the Alliance over the last year (the full build-ups of which have been reviewed by independents). They are approximate numbers as the net commercial position will only be determined following resolution of the Variation for the respective delay event and the net impact of escalation will only be felt in the quarter after the work has been undertaken.			
Northland maintenance programme update	The Northland programme started in October 2023 but due to seasonal weather the pre-Christmas work focussed on completing all pre-seal repairs before the full renewals programme could start post-Christmas.			
"ALA"	Full work commenced Monday 8 January 2024, however, the team had a number of operational issues (including plant breakdowns and staff shortages) putting the delivery behind programme. These have since been resolved.			
FEMANATO	As of Tuesday 13 February 2024, Northland is at 42% delivery and additional resources are coming to Northland from Waikato in March 2024. Together with investment by our contractor into another Northland team, we will see an increase in productivity.			
	With an extended season to April 2024, and improved delivery with additional resources, we are confident we will be able to deliver the full Northland programme.			

TITLE	UPDATE
State Highway 29A Tauranga	On Friday 9 February 2024, a section of State Highway 29A between Barkes Corner and the Oropi Road Roundabout was closed for emergency repair work, following the discovery of a four metre deep and four metre wide tomo/cavity under the road. The tomo was caused by the failure of a Tauranga City Council stormwater drain. Council and NZTA contractors worked collaboratively around the clock to replace 38 metres of stormwater pipe and reinstate the highway. The road re-opened the morning of Tuesday 13 February 2024 under temporary traffic management. Further night works took place on the nights of Thursday 15 and Friday 16 February 2024. The road will return to standard operating speed (100km/h) on the morning of Saturday 17 February 2024.
Speed review decision - Northland-north Auckland Speed Reviews	The Northland-north Auckland speed review approvals will be published by the Director of Land Transport on Tuesday 20 February 2024, supported by an inform-level communications campaign to start on the same day. This campaign will include a media release and stakeholder notifications. The approved speed limit changes target short sections of state highways through townships, and close to schools and marae, selected as priority sections following strong public support. Implementation of the first new speed limits will go live on Monday 4 March 2024 on short sections of State Highway 1 Pukenui to Kaitaia, supported by local advertising and notification.
State Highway 10 Kāeo bridge opening	The official opening of the new Kāeo bridge will take place on Saturday 24 February 2024. Following this event, the bridge will be open to two-way traffic. Completion of the remaining works, including the adjacent road, roundabout and demolition of the old.



Media updates

TITLE	UPDATE	
Auckland and Northland speed reviews	A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing 19 February 2024 to advise that following consultation with communities on setting safe and appropriate speed limits, NZTA will be changing speed limits on short sections of the state highway network across Northland and north Auckland	
State Highway 1 Papakura to Drury off-ramp closure	A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing 19 February 2024 to remind motorists of a planned four-week closure of the State Highway 1 Papakura northbound off-ramp from Monday 19 February 2024.	
State Highway 1 resurfacing work, Rangiriri	A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing 19 February 2024 advising that the final surfacing work at Rangiriri State Highway 1 is being brought forward and will be completed by Easter 2024.	
State Highway 29 night closures, Kaimai Range	A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing 19 February 2024 advising that the first of a series of night closures over the Kaimai Range is coming up. The closures of State Highway 29 Kaimai Range over coming months will ensure essential maintenance can be done in a safe and efficient manner.	

TITLE	UPDATE	
Devil's Elbow State Highway 2 progress	A media statement is likely to be released during the week commencing 19 February 2024 to highlight the work continuing by TREC contractors on the State Highway 2 network, specifically the progress of the retaining wall construction to restore full access to Devil's Elbow.	
Te Ore Ore culvert work	A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing 19 February 2024 to alert road users to a week of upcoming road closures in late March 2024 in order to repair and replace culverts at the Te Ore Ore repair site on State Highway 4 between Raetihi and Whanganui.	

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APPENDIX 2

Current average speed safety camera locations and corridors proposed to be installed by 30 June 2024

There are currently 12 average speed safety camera sites being installed across 6 locations (corridors). These cameras are in locations where speed limits have been lowered since May 2022 to reduce DSIs. The addition of speed cameras enables the use of deterrence and enforcement to cost-effectively improve road safety for these high-risk locations. Each location is shown in the map in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Average speed safety camera sites by location (as at 18 January 2024)

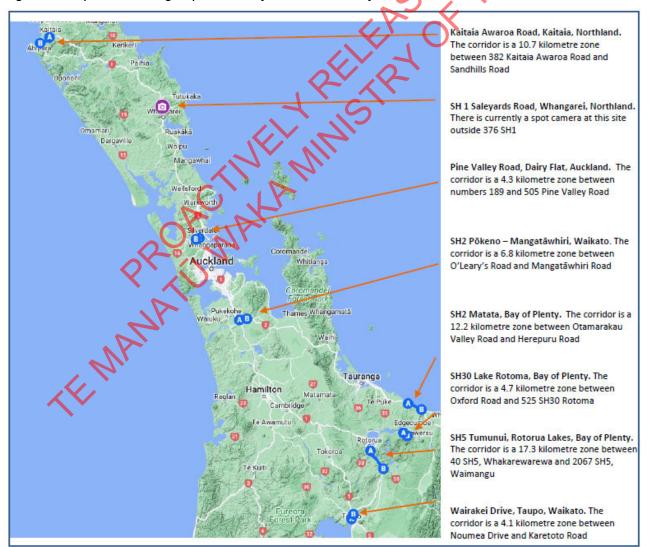


There are a further 8 average speed safety camera corridors proposed for installation by 30 June 2024. These locations are subject to validation through physical site assessment, baseline speed surveys and engagement with local stakeholders and include:

- Wairakei Drive (Taupo), Waikato
- Kaitaia Awaroa Road, Northland
- SH30 Lake Rotoma, Waikato
- SH2 Matata, Bay of Plenty
- Pine Valley Road, Auckland
- SH5 Tumunui, Bay of Plenty
- SH2 Pokeno/Mangatawhiri, Waikato
- SH1 Salesyards Road, Northland.

These locations are shown in the maps in Figure 2.

Figure 2 Proposed average speed safety camera sites by location





Key priorities and highlights

Sector engagements

The bi-monthly meeting of the Maritime Industry Forum was held on Thursday 8 February 2024. The Forum, chaired by Maritime NZ, is comprised of representatives from across the commercial sector and associated bodies, including Port Company Chief Executives, shipping agents, Marine Transport Association, Federation of Commercial Fishermen, Cruise NZ, Seafarer Welfare Board, and the NZ Shipping Federation. Te Whatu Ora and Customs NZ also attend. There was good attendance and interaction from across the wider sector. Maritime NZ provided updates on the workforce cross-cutting programme, and the 40-series review. Feedback during and after the meeting highlighted that sector organisations are now using the Forum as a way to draw connections and understanding across the maritime domain. Increasingly we are seeing those organisations identify and act on areas where they can collaborate and partner between themselves and use the meetings as a way to test support for their own priorities (such as Shipping NZ (the association for Shipping Agents) requesting support for extending the 28-day immigration rule for seafarers to be 35 days).

Maritime NZ senior staff subsequently met with representatives of the fishing industry in Nelson on Friday 9 February 2024. We have briefed the Associate Minister of Transport in more detail on this. The fishing industry is generally supportive of the work and direction of Maritime NZ, particularly in improving health and safety outcomes, and in reducing the time it takes to process licensing applications. They are supportive of the Maritime NZ funding review, noting that the impact on individual fishers is minimal, but have voiced concern about compliance-related interactions and enforcement. We are continuing to engage with the sector around these concerns, with a meeting being held with the Fishing Health and Safety Forum on Friday 16 February 2024 to understand more about the concerns (given our data does not show increases in compliance and enforcement) and to talk through the detail of our approaches.

The Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive Regulatory Operations spent some of last week visiting with stakeholders in Tauranga (the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Harbourmaster, ISO and C3 (stevedoring companies), the Port of Tauranga, and the Chair of the Port Industry Association. A broad range of issues were canvassed around maritime inspections, the extension of the health and safety designation (which all parties support), the year ahead for the Port Health and Safety leadership group, port security, incident response, and issues around supply chains.

Upcoming meetings and engagements Date	Description	Purpose/Key issues to be covered
Monday 19 February 2024	Fortnightly meeting with Maritime NZ officials	We would like to discuss vessel safety around the coast of New Zealand.
Thursday 22 February 2024	Briefing on Funding Review	Maritime NZ and Ministry of Transport staff will brief the Associate Minister of Transport on the Maritime NZ Funding Review prior to Cabinet discussions.

Operational updates Rangitata update



In November of last year, Maritime NZ issued a detention notice for Rangitata due to engine issues. s 9(2)(ba)(ii)

s 9(2)(g)(i)

- *A ship classification society is a non-government organisation that establishes and maintains technical standards for the construction and operation of ships and offshore structures.
- ** The flag state is the country where an international ship is registered, while the port state is the country a ship is visiting. In this case, they are both New Zealand. Flag state control is used by maritime authorities to regulate that country's ships. Maritime NZ applies New Zealand legislation and international maritime conventions, carries out inspections, takes action against unsafe ships, etc. Port state control is used to regulate foreign ships. It gives Maritime NZ authority to inspect foreign ships in New Zealand waters and take action against them if they are unsafe.

Maritime in the media

On Thursday 8 February 2024, The Post requested information about the advice Maritime NZ provided to Minister Brown on Emergency Ocean Response Capability. We informed the reporter that the advice is under active consideration. The reporter then requested this briefing under the OIA. This follows a similar request from a TVNZ reporter.



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On Friday 9 February 2024, a 12-metre fishing vessel, FV Result, grounded at Castlepoint, which led to media interest over the following days. Maritime NZ coordinated the search and rescue response and confirmed the two crew were not injured. Maritime NZ also worked with the Greater Wellington Regional Harbourmaster, and the vessel's owner and insurers, who have confirmed there has been no fuel pollution and the wreck has been broken up and removed from the beach. Maritime NZ is now investigating the cause of the incident. After carrying out interviews, examining the scene, reviewing documents and gathering other evidence as required, Maritime NZ will decide what, if any, further action to take under the Health and Safety at Work Act and the Maritime Transport Act.





Key updates

Security screening queues update

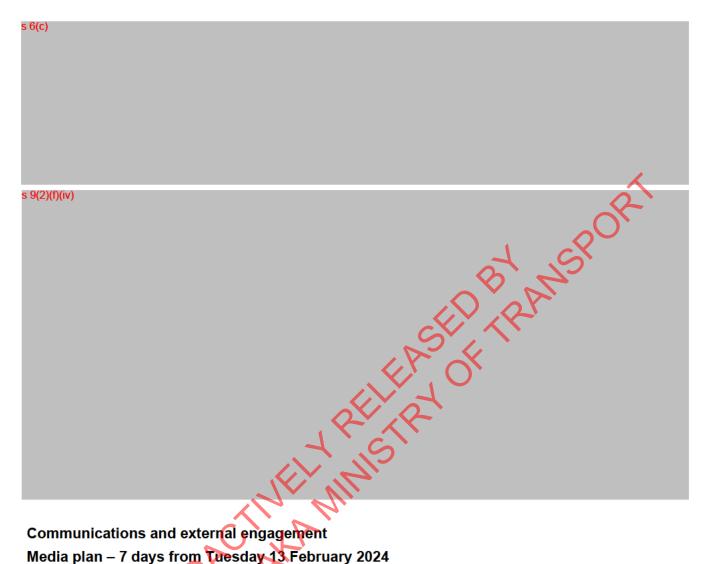
Our response to your request on Monday 12 February for an explanation on queues in Auckland that morning explained how longer than normal queues occur when concentrations of scheduled passenger departures exceed capacity of screening infrastructure.

Regular times where scheduled flights exceed infrastructure capacity that may result in longer queues are:

Airport	Screening Point	Time	Reason
Auckland	International	06:00 – 08:00 daily Middle of day	4 departures between 09:40 & 10:15 US departures mid afternoon
	Domestic	06:00 – 06:30 daily 15:00 – 15:30 daily	5 departures between 06:45 & 07:00 4 departures between 16:00 & 16:10
Christchurch	Domestic	Variable	Building work underway
Queenstown	International	12:00 – 13:30 daily	3 departures in 15 minutes, mid- afternoon
	Domestic	9:30 – 10:30 daily	3 departures in 20 minutes, mid- morning

As part of your requested weekly updates on queues, we will continue to advise you of known busy periods where longer queues are expected.





Communications and external engagement

Media plan - 7 days from Tuesday 13 February 2024

Nil.

Media mentions -7 days to Tuesday 13 February 2024

Date	Activity	Channel
Thursday 8 February 2024	Bird incidents at Timaru airport Wide media coverage of flight cancellations caused by birds on the runway at Timaru Airport. It has been reported that Air New Zealand are seeking assurance from the airport owner, Timaru District Council, about wildlife management.	Stuff (syndicated), Otago Daily Times, RNZ
Thursday 8 February 2024	Drones impeding firefighting efforts across the country Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) grounded seven helicopters during fire-fighting efforts in Lee Valley, Nelson, after a drone was spotted in the area. CAA provided the following statement: (Continued next page)	1 News

Date	Activity	Channel
	Civil Aviation Rule Part 101 requires drone operators to take all practical steps to minimise hazards to people, property, and other aircraft (Civil Aviation Rule 101.13 – Hazard and risk minimisation). Drone operators must also give way to and remain well clear of all manned aircraft (CAR 101.213 – Right of way), and they are required to have consent from the property owner or occupier before flying over any property (CAR 101.207).	
	Unauthorised flying of drones at fire scenes creates a danger to any aircraft deployed in support of the firefighting efforts and can result in those aircraft being grounded. The CAA asks drone operators to act responsibly and put the safety of the firefighters, and the pilots of those aircraft carrying our firefighting activities first by not flying their drones during these sorts of emergencies.	SPOR
	We are in ongoing discussions with relevant organisations regarding the drone incident disrupting emergency services. A statement will be released once we have a clear understanding of the issue.	
Friday 9 February 2024	Budget airline Finnair starts to weigh passengers before boarding flights	Newshub
	Article about Finnair weighing passengers for passenger weight data, which mentions Air New Zealand's similar practice from last year and refers to CAA rule requirements.	

Upcoming communications and engagement

Planned release/publish	What	Туре	Why
February 2024	Secure Your Aircraft	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
February/March 2024	How to be a pilot	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
February/March 2024	Wake turbulence	GAP booklet (update)	Revision to align with AIPNZ changes from 22 February 2024
March 2024	Vector Autumn Issue	Aviation industry magazine	A way of getting relevant safety information to industry in an easy-to-read format
May 2024	In, Out and Around Queenstown	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update

Planned release/publish	What	Туре	Why
June 2024	Vector Winter Issue	Aviation industry magazine	A way of getting relevant safety information to industry in an easy-to-read format
From July throughout 2024	Occurrence Investigation Workshop	Face-to-face event	To provide training for operators about investigating occurrences, to comply with requirements under CAR Part 12
TBC	In, Out and Around Manawatu	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
ТВС	Weight and balance	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
ТВС	VFR MET	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
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No update from TAIC this week.

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FREIGHT

Smithfield shifts meat volume back to rail

KiwiRail's commercial team has been working closely with the Alliance Group to migrate meat volumes from the Smithfield processing plant in Timaru from road back to rail.



Alliance are one of the world's largest processors of sheep meat. Approximately 6 million lambs, 1 million sheep, 200,000 cattle and 115,000 deer are processed annually.

The Smithfield plant in Timaru processes lamb, sheep and deer meat. The group's seven other processing plants are strategically located throughout the South Island and lower North Island.

KiwiRail provides rail transport for Alliance's export containers from rail sidings and container terminals to the ports daily.



RAIL NETWORK

Managing disruptions caused by high temperatures

The Auckland metropolitan network has experienced disruptions following consecutive days of hot weather. This attracted media attention, and KiwiRail's Chief Executive will be meeting with Mayor Brown alongside the heads of Auckland One Rail and Auckland Transport to discuss the situation.

KiwiRail is working to address the network in the 4.4-kilometre section affected by the speed restrictions (approximately 2 percent of the network), and will report back to the Mayor and Minister next week on progress. KiwiRail will also work with Auckland Transport and their operator, Auckland One Rail, on wider response planning to manage disruption to minimise impact on the customer.

The recent work through the Rail Network Rebuild has shown the network is less prone to heat restrictions. This programme is designed to lift the quality of the network before the City Rail Link is completed, by addressing aged assets and supporting higher reliability. Ahead of City Rail Link, completing the Rail Network Rebuild, Rail Network Growth Impact Management, and addressing the backlog of 'catch up' renewals in Auckland is key to providing more reliable public transport.

Heat delays, and Temporary Speed Restrictions (TSRs) are reasonably common during the summer months. All rail networks have some form of restrictions in extreme heat, as typically the rail gets 20 degrees warmer than the actual air temperature, so when air temperature exceeds 30 degrees the rail may be above 50 degrees in certain places.

As the track heats up, it becomes more prone to misaligning. Overhead wires can also be affected by heat and sag in places. KiwiRail has heat sensors located across New Zealand's rail network on areas of known buckle risk where heat restrictions are put in place.

When the track temperature exceeds 40 degrees, a 40km/h speed restriction is imposed on trains to prevent the affected section of track from warping.

Once temperature drops below the 40-degree threshold, the restriction is lifted. This is a common occurrence over summer and restrictions can reach late into the evening during the hotter, midsummer days. Heat related TSRs can cause delays, but these delays are rarely significant. However, we understand they are still an inconvenience for passengers. During this most recent period, services affected by heat restrictions were experiencing on average delays between 5 and 20 minutes.

Internationally it is common practice for tracks to be under heat restrictions, for example Melbourne Metropolitan network has a blanket restriction at a rail temp of 42 degrees, Perth's network starts at 37 degrees and Sydney Metro is also similar. The United Kingdom's rail services must slow the network down when rail temps exceed 36 degrees.

KiwiRail's tracks are designed to operate between -6 and +60 degrees; at the outer extremes speed restrictions are inevitable. The overhead lines also have similar operating limitations.

As steel tracks heat up, they begin to expand, and the rails become longer and start pushing against the pieces of track next to them. This expansion can potentially damage rail-side equipment such as sensors and in rare cases, cause the track to misalign. When a track misaligns, a small bend is formed in the tracks to accommodate for the expansion; usually, as the temperature decreases, the track will realign.

When a misalignment occurs, it is inspected before any trains pass over it. Depending on the inspection, trains will either be able to pass over the misalignment at a normal or reduced speed. In rare cases trains will not be allowed to pass over a section of misaligned track.

When rail temperature exceeds 40 degrees, we start to apply speed restrictions on bespoke areas of known risk; these can be for many reasons such as when sites are under repair or awaiting maintenance. When rail temperature exceeds 50 degrees, we apply blanket speed restrictions. As noted above, this is comparable to other international railways.

INTERISLANDER

Fleet Maintenace

DNV (Det Norske Veritas) are in New Zealand as part of its full review of all Interislander's asset management practices ensuring we are running the Interislander to world's best practice standards. DNV is currently doing its initial audit of *Aratere*. Audits have already been done of *Kaiarahi* and *Kaitaki* and those recommendations are being implemented. A second piece of work looking at the longer-term requirements regarding fleet operations is also underway now the new ferries contract will be terminated.

Kaiarahi has a scheduled wet dock in May. Kaitaki will go into dry dock in Singapore in Q1 of the 2024/5 financial year.

Interisland and the iReX construction teams are working closely to ensure a smooth close off of early works and to ensure that the terminals are left safe, secure and without impact on ongoing operations. This is part of the wind down.

Safety

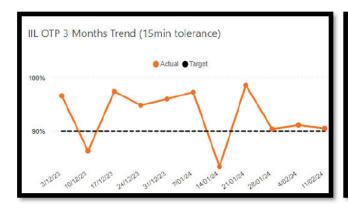
Interislander, as for all KiwiRail, has an active focus on safety and injury prevention. The rolling 3-month average total recordable injury frequency rate (TRIFR) now sits at 17.6 per cent, a significant drop compared to the last 3 months and the 12-month average.

Safe On-Time Performance and Reliability

Customers care about Interislander on-time performance (OTP) and reliability.

We measure OTP based on a "safe on time customer journey" against the scheduled sailing timetable, and reliability based on sailings occurring as scheduled. In instances where we are using the Northern Entrance to the Sounds due to rough weather and safety concerns instead of the usual route through the Southern Entrance, it is a given that our expected sailing times are extended. In essence we are measuring our performance from a customer journey perspective and ensuring we are meeting their expectations.

The below shows the trend data for OTP and reliability:





- As noted above, reliability has been on target with few disruptions. However, this weekend saw weather related disruptions, causing the cancellation of Kaitaki's one return trip due to higher swell/significant wave heights above her threshold. This was due to a cold & strong southerly wind system in the Cook Strait which was then pushed off by high pressure later in the evening.
- OTP has been good over the summer period, however, the weather disruptions, stuck and delayed passenger vehicles, and some minor technical difficulties have seen a recent decrease in OTP.

RECENT AND UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

Thursday 15 February 2024 – KiwiRail Annual Review hearing before the Transport and Infrastructure Select Committee

A three-hour session with KiwiRail's Chair and Chief Executive and other relevant senior managers attending. Responses to Select Committee written questions were due on Friday 9 February 2024.

Late Feb – early March 2024 – small event to mark the completion of the Plimmerton Station upgrades (Wellington)

The project involves changes to track configuration and accessways around the station and building a third platform and main line. This will support express commuter services for that part of Wellington by enabling services to turn back at Plimmerton without affecting the operation of through services. It's supporting increased capacity on Wellington's metro network.

Around mid-March 2024 – Auckland Train Control Centre opening event

This centre is important for Auckland commuter rail, particularly once the City Rail Link begins operating, and there will be more frequent commuter services in Auckland.

It will see the relevant KiwiRail, Auckland Transport and Auckland One Rail teams working in the same premises for the first time – which will support more efficient operations/disruption management.

We can hold an opening event which Ministers could speak at, followed by a tour of the centre (it has a large control room). Media would be invited.

Mid – late March 2024 – Hillside workshops (Dunedin) first wagon assembled

Event to mark completion of the first production wagon.

Speeches followed by a tour of the facility, where there will be a series of wagons in different stages of assembly and meet staff. Media will be invited.

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Weekly Report to the Minister of Transport

For the week ending 23 February 2024

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1 Transport officials meeting agenda





Agenda - Minister Brown officials' meeting

Day Date	Monday 26 February 2024	(D, Q)
Time	1.00pm – 1.45pm	SVA
Venue	Parliament – EW5.1R	KY O'

Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) attendees

Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive

Brent Johnston, Chief of Staff

David Wood, Deputy Chief Executive, Investment & Monitoring Group

Richard Cross, Director, Investment & Monitoring Group

Matthew Skinner, Manager, Revenue

New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) attendees

Chris Bunny, Group General Manager, Systems Leadership

Brett Gliddon, Group General Manager, Transport Services

Brent Alderton, Group General Manager, Regulatory & Director of Land Transport

Part 1	Ministry of Transport	Lead	Paper reference
1.1	Weekly Report	Audrey Sonerson	
1.2	Budget 2024	David Wood	
1.3	Civil Aviation Authority Advice	David Wood	OC240143
1.4	Time and Use Charging	David Wood	
Part 2	New Zealand Transport Agency	Lead	Paper reference
2.1	Weekly Report	Chris Bunny	

2 Actions from transport officials meeting

Meeting with the Ministry – Monday 19 February 2024	Due date
Officials to update Cabinet paper to signal broader revenue system review work programme ^s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Completed.
Auckland Light Rail • \$9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending 1 March 2024.
Oral Fluid Testing - Legislative change Officials to provide initial advice to confirm current policy direction.	Week ending 8 March 2024.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Wednesday 27 March 2024.

Officials Meeting date	Action	Due date	Progress update
15 January 2024	Revenue System Officials to develop advice and work programme 9(2)(f)(iv)	Initial report back expected in 3 months.	We have provided you a briefing with options for committing to a fleet-wide transition to road user charges and reporting back to Cabinet on the revenue system.
5 February 2024	Auckland Light Rail (ALR) Officials to provide weekly updates of expected wind-down costs of ALR	Ongoing.	

3 Updates on 100-Day Plan

100 Day Plan updates

Confirming investment priorities for GPS 2024

The draft GPS and Cabinet paper have now been provided to you and have been lodged for the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO) on Wednesday 28 February 2024, with public consultation to begin following Cabinet approval on Monday 4 March 2024. Officials will provide you with an updated public consultation plan on Friday 23 February 2024.

Responsibility: Dan Jenkins, Acting DCE, Sector Strategy Group

Cancel Auckland Light Rail

We are continuing to engage with your Office regarding the timing and scope of a proactive release of the business case documents associated with the project.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We also continue to work closely with the Company on its wind-up.

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Removing the Auckland Regional Fuel Tax

The Land Transport Management (Repeal of Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill (the Bill) was approved for introduction by Cabinet on Monday 19 February 2024. The Bill is on track to be introduced in the first 100 days.

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Resetting approach to speed limits

Ministerial consultation has been completed for the draft Cabinet paper on the policy direction of the new Rule. The Cabinet paper has been lodged for ECO on Wednesday 28 February 2024. Once considered by Cabinet, we understand you intend to announce the policy direction at the Automobile Association conference in early March 2024 and write to Road Controlling Authorities and Regional Transport Committees informing them of the changes you intend to make. We will support you to do this.

Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group

4 Upcoming briefings

Briefings to Minister Brown – Other Priorities	Due date
Road safety	Week ending
This briefing will provide initial advice on the development of a new Road Safety Objectives document to replace the current Road Safety Strategy for your consideration and direction.	1 March 2024.
Comment on due date change:	OK.
This briefing is delayed to allow consultation with NZTA.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	15,
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending 1 March 2024.
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
Air Navigation System Review	Week ending
This briefing responds to your request (following your meeting with New Zealand Airports) for background on the Air Navigation System Review and the Interim Aviation Council.	1 March 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending
RORURLA	1 March 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Budget 2024: Technical Budget initiatives	Week ending
This briefing will provide you with options to make technical adjustments to appropriations, \$9(2)(f)(iv)	8 March 2024.
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	

Briefings to Minister Brown – Routine Matters	Due date
Aviation New Zealand parliamentary function	Week ending
This briefing will provide you with background information to support a speech you are giving at the Aviation New Zealand parliamentary function.	1 March 2024.
Comment on due date change:	
Delayed by one week due to consultation with your Office.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Establishing a Transport Revenue Expert Advisory Group	Week ending
This briefing will advise you on the establishment of a group of independent experts to support the development of advice and policy on transport revenue, including the transition of all vehicles to road user charges. § 9(2)(f)(iv)	1 March 2024.
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
Meeting with the New Zealand Initiative on 29 February 2024	Week ending
This briefing will provide you with information and talking points for your meeting on road user charging and localism/decentralisation with the New Zealand Initiative.	1 March 2024.
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
Aviation Security overview	Week ending
This briefing will provide an overview of key issues relating to aviation security and seek your direction on next steps for these matters.	8 March 2024.
Comment on due date change:	
Delayed by two weeks for prioritisation discussion to take place.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
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4 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

Briefings to Minister Brown – Routine Matters	Due date
Release of the Road to Zero Annual Monitoring Report 2022	Week ending
The Road to Zero Annual Monitoring Report 2022 was finalised in September 2023. The release of this was delayed in the lead up to the election. This report provides detail on progress made in 2022 towards implementing interventions that reduce death and serious injury across New Zealand, including infrastructure and enforcement.	8 March 2024.
The Ministry will provide a proactive release briefing to seek the Associate Minister's agreement for this to be released on the Ministry's website.	por!
Comment on due date change:	(5)
Delayed by two weeks due to other work programme priorities in the team.	287
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	

Briefings to Minister Brown – OIA Briefings	Due date
Official Information Act request from \$9(2)(a) for two briefings from December 2023	Week ending 8 March 2024.
Responsibility: Carmen Mak, Acting DCE, Corporate Services Group	
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5 Key updates

Minister Brown

Review of transport and urban development modelling capability

As part of its obligations under the Emissions Reduction Plan, the Ministry has completed an internal review of tools that could enhance the integration of transport planning and urban development in New Zealand.

The review includes an inventory of both operational and indevelopment tools, assessing their scope, scale and various capabilities. Its recommendations include enhancing the consistency of existing data and models, strengthening behavioural modelling, utilising agent-based microsimulation models such as Monty and exploring the feasibility of a national Land Use—Transport Interaction model.

Responsibility: Dan Jenkins, Acting DCE, Sector Strategy Group

Next steps:

The internal report will be shared with contributors and key stakeholders from transport agencies.

Minister Brown

Industry body presenting preliminary finding from MoT research on heavy vehicles

Dom Kalasih, Interim Chief Executive at Ia Ara Actearoa Transporting New Zealand Inc. is presenting at the EROAD's Fleet Day on Thursday 29 February 2024 in Christchurch and will be showing a slide on one preliminary finding from the Heavy Road Vehicle Operator Decisions research.

The slide will present a high level finding that shows that 96% of heavy vehicle operators surveyed said they were at least somewhat satisfied with their current fuel efficiency. The research aims to unpick heavy road vehicle operator decision making about purchasing and operating needs.

Responsibility: Dan Jenkins, Acting DCE, Sector Strategy Group

Next steps:

We will update you on the findings of this report once it is final.

6 Cabinet papers

Committees		
Cabinet	Cabinet	
26 February 2024	Approval to introduce: Road User Charges Amendment Bill	
	This paper will seek approval to introduce primary legislation that will bring electric vehicles into the road user charges system. The timeframes will be very tight if we are to include two weeks for Select Committee consultation. Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
Executive Council	\$ 7	
26 February 2024	None this week.	
100-Day Committee		
26 March 2024	Report back on disestablishment of Auckland Light Rail Ltd	
(or to relevant policy committee once established)	This paper will respond to an invitation from Cabinet to report back on progress on disestablishing Auckland Light Rail Ltd, s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
	Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
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	olicy Committee (ECO)	
28 February 2024	GPS 2024 – approval of funding and release of the GPS 2024 public consultation draft	
	This paper will seek in-principle approval for GPS 2024 funding and approval to release the draft GPS 2024 for public consultation.	
×	Responsibility: Dan Jenkins, Acting DCE, Sector Strategy Group	
28 February 2024	Update on the 100-day commitment to stop blanket speed limit reductions and replace the Rule	
EMK	This paper will provide an update to Cabinet on your policy direction for the new Rule, ahead of further public announcements and communication to RCAs.	
	Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
April 2024 (TBC)	Report back on the fleet-wide transition to road user charges	
	This paper will advise on options to progress the fleet-wide transition to road user charges, as sought by Cabinet as part of the decisions to apply road user charges to electric vehicles (CAB-23-MIN-0494). Further information is included in OC240093.	
	Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	

Committees			
Cabinet Legislation	Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG)		
29 February 2024	Government response to the Report of the Petition Committee on making mobility parking enforceable on all public use property		
	This paper will seek approval to submit the Government response to Parliament on the Petition Committee's recommendations related to a petition on 'making mobility parking enforceable on all public-use property and increase fines'. The proposed response generally agrees with the Committee's recommendations for improving mobility parking and suggests further work on these issues when resource is available.		
	Parliamentary rules require the Minister to present the government response to Parliament no later than Wednesday 15 March 2024.		
	Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group		
29 February 2024	Government response to the Report of the Regulations Review Committee on the Complaints About the E-Scooters (Declaration Not to Be Motor Vehicles) Notice 2018		
	This paper will seek agreement to a proposed Government Response to the Report of the Regulations Review Committee on the Complaints About the E-Scooters (Declaration Not to Be Motor Vehicles) Notice 2018. Subject to your expectations, the response accepts in principle the Committee's recommendation to improve the regulation of e-scooters.		
	Responsibility, Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group		
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Cabinet papers led by other agencies

This section includes Cabinet papers relevant to your transport portfolio and is not an exhaustive list of all Cabinet papers we are consulted on.

No Cabinet papers led by other agencies this week.

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Actions from transport officials' meeting

Meeting with the Ministry – Monday 19 February 2024		Due date
Overview •	of the role of Associate Minister of Transport Officials to provide a general briefing on the role and responsibilities as Associate Minister.	Wednesday 28 February 2024.

Upcoming briefings

Briefings to Minister Doocey – Other Priorities	Due date to Minister's Office
Review of maritime legislation	Week ending
The Ministry and Maritime NZ have started scoping a review of primary maritime legislation to ensure it is fit for purpose given technology and geopolitical shifts, and that it enables effective and efficient regulatory decision making and action. This briefing will provide background information on the issues with the current legislation and options around scope and timing of a review. Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	22 March 2024.
Maritime Rule Amendments (International Omnibus)	TBC
This briefing will seek approval on a proposal for consultation on several amendments to maritime rules.	March 2024.
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	

Briefings to Minister Doocey – Routine Matters	Due date to Minister's Office
Overview of the role of Associate Minister of Transport	Wednesday
This briefing will provide a guide to the roles and responsibilities delegated to the Associate Minister of Transport. This will cover:	28 February 2024.
 the scope of the role and responsibilities, and 	
a summary of work currently underway and key upcoming decisions.	
Responsibility: Dan Jenkins, Acting DCE, Sector Strategy Group	

0 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

Briefings to Minister Doocey – Routine Matters	Due date to Minister's Office
Meeting with Chair of Maritime NZ Board	Week ending
This briefing will provide background and supporting information for the Associate Minister's meeting with the Maritime NZ Board Chair, Dame Jo Brosnahan, on Wednesday 28 February 2024.	1 March 2024.
Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group	
Weather Forecasting System Review Update	Week ending
The Associate Minister will be receiving a joint briefing from MBIE and Treasury asking for progress to be noted on the Weather Forecasting System Review and proposed next steps.	1 March 2024.
This briefing follows the receipt of the mid-point Interim Report, which has been reviewed by the Ministry, MBIE, and Treasury officials. The s 9(2)(f)(iv)	2Al
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	
Event briefing to Open the NZ Trucking Association TMS Conference	Week ending 8 March 2024.
The Associate Minister has agreed to give a speech to open the NZ Trucking Association TMS Conference on Wednesday 13 March 2024. This briefing will include background on the group, a speech, and other key information on matters that may be raised with the Associate Minister at the event.	o March 2024.
Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia Airlines Code Share	TBC
Agreement Authorisation Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia have lodged an application seeking authorisation to give effect to a Codeshare Agreement. The approach for briefing the Associate Minister is to be confirmed. We typically provide initial advice before providing a final recommendation and analysis on whether to authorise the agreement. Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	April or May 2024.
New Zealand's Search and Rescue System	TBC.
This briefing will provide background information on New Zealand's Search and Rescue (SAR) system, funding arrangements, key issues and trends facing the SAR sector, and the Associate Minister's responsibilities for SAR.	
Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group	

Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet	
26 February 2024	None this week.
Cabinet Economic Po	licy Committee (ECO)
28 February 2024	Approval of proposed increases to the Maritime and Oil Pollution Levies
	This paper seeks approval for changes to the Maritime and Oil Pollution Levies from 1 July 2024.
	Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group
Levies from 1 July 2024.	

9 Updates from transport Crown entities and SOEs



100 Day action plan progress

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TITLE	UPDATE
Withdrawing from Let's Get Wellington Moving	Councillors at Wellington City Council (WCC) have been briefed by WCC this week on the current status and future options for the Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) projects which will become WCC's responsibility on Monday 11 March 2024 (Golden Mile Revitalisation, Thorndon Quay/Hutt Road, Central City Walking Improvements and Targeted Improvements). Following LGWM Partnership Board agreement of the importance of mana whenua relationships, a meeting was held with Te Piringa at which it was agreed how the relationships would be re-allocated, who would do what and how we would all continue to work together. Practices around the use of programme information were also discussed. s 9(2)(f)(v)
Meet with councils and communities to establish regional requirements for	State Highway 1 Brynderwyn Hills We are on track to close this section of state highway on Monday
recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle and other recent	26 February 2024. Enabling works on site has begun, with large earth moving equipment arriving daily.
major flooding events	The work on the three alternate routes is nearing completion, ensuring they are efficient and effective for the increase in travel demand. Our focus in the past week has been on wayfinding to ensure people can easily find where they need to go when travelling.
	The information detour campaign has commenced through radio, newspaper, digital and social media both in Northland and Auckland. In addition, the Northland tourism campaign has commenced, notifying people that Northland is 'open for business'. We continue to meet with senior leaders in Northland to update them on progress and address concerns as we head towards the closure.
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TITLE	UPDATE
	Gisborne District Council
	We held our second workshop with the Gisborne District Council. The purpose of this workshop was to resolve outstanding funding claims for response and recovery work, and it was positive and productive. Council roading contractors will now be able to increase activities across prioritised local road faults. In addition, we will be confirming short term support for Gisborne District Council process improvement and capability in this area. An approach to long term rebuild and resilience planning for local roads has also been agreed to.
	Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC)
	Ngati Porou and TREC held a hui on Friday 16 February 2024 to discuss the rebuild work on Hikuwai Bridges No.1 and No.2. Ngati Porou representatives were happy for work at Hikuwai to proceed. Ngati Porou representatives will be engaged throughout the project.
	TREC attended the Wednesday 14 February 2024 Gisborne Regional Transport Committee to provide a recovery update and understand how they can work together to deliver for communities. Questions were raised about the need for work on State Highway 35, which is not one of the initial priority programmes of work seeking rebuild funding.
Repeal the Clean Car Discount scheme by 31 December 2023	Compliance monitoring and HR consultation processes for impacted staff continues. Nothing further to report this week.

Actions from officials meeting

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No actions required this week.	
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Key updates

TITLE	UPDATE
Exhaust Emissions Rule Amendment	While working on operationalising the December 2023 amendment to the 2007 Exhaust Emission Rule (Rule 33001/2007) a change in the drafting of the Rule has been discovered which was not expected or previously consulted on.
	From 30 April 2024, the Rule now requires vehicles that have been inspected at the border to be entered into service to the NZ Fleet within four months of that border inspection date, otherwise they will need to meet the higher standards that come into force. An example would be vehicles that were imported in 2022 will now need to meet the new standards from 30 April 2024 if they have not been entered into service to the NZ fleet before this date.
	The impact is still being assessed by NZTA and includes discussions with the Ministry around this new requirement. It has been agreed that this is not the intent of the clause and instead, it was to prevent stockpiling of vehicles overseas. However, it now has impacted vehicles that are currently on the shores in NZ that, for example, may need work completed before they are able to be entered into service.
	NZTA estimates that roughly 15,000 vehicles could be affected. Precise numbers are difficult to quantify and have been estimated using border inspection records. More accurate information is not recorded until vehicles are presented for entry certification.
OP OP	NZTA has been in communication with industry and stakeholders and will provide updates once a solution has been established. This is a priority for NZTA, and we are intending on implementing a solution before the change comes into effect on 30 April 2024 to avoid an impact to those vehicles currently in NZ.
MANATO	Further updates along with a solution once it has been established will be provided. Please be aware that you may receive queries around this, specifically from the used vehicle import industry. NZTA will provide communication material to your Office.
110 km/h speed reviews	We are reviewing some sections on the State Highway Network for possible 110 km/h speed limits.
	In the corridor north of Wellington, State Highway 1 Peka Peka to Ōtaki, State Highway 1 Mackays to Peka Peka and State Highway 1 Transmission Gully are built to high safety and operational standards.
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TITLE	UPDATE
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Northland maintenance programme update	With good weather and continued delivery effort, Northland is now at 45% programme delivery as of Friday 16 February 2024. Additional resources are coming to Northland from Waikato in March 2024 to further support productivity. With an extended season to April 2024, and improved delivery with additional resources, we remain confident we will be able to deliver the full Northland programme.
Airport to Botany Rapid Transit – next steps for designation	Following receipt of Auckland Council's recommendation from their independent hearings panel received in December 2023, NZTA and Auckland Transport have confirmed the designations with Auckland Council for the long-term project that will deliver a fast, frequent, high-capacity public transport route between Auckland Airport, Manukau and Botany. The project is part of the Southwest Gateway programme.
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TITLE	UPDATE
	Auckland Council will inform submitters and other interested parties of the appeals process should they disagree with our decision. Submitters will have 15 working days to lodge an appeal once notified by Auckland Council. Te Tupu Ngātahi Supporting Growth Alliance will also inform local elected members and other stakeholders. Depending on the number of appeals, we anticipate the designation to be finalised by the end of 2024.
State Highway 1 Papakura north-bound off-ramp closure	The postponed closure planned for the State Highway 1 northbound off-ramp at Papakura has been rescheduled to commence on the evening of Wednesday 28 February 2024 for a four-week period, with works completed prior to Easter. The postponement was to allow additional time to work through and manage the likely impacts on the local street network which have now been resolved.
State Highway 1 Whirokino project works	As part of closing out the State Highway 1 Manawatū River Bridge and Whirokino Trestle Replacements project south of Foxton (opened to traffic in early 2020), NZTA's contractor, Brian Perry Civil (along with Higgins Contractors), is required to carry out remedial works due to quality issues, at no cost to NZTA. The remedial works comprise replacement of approximately 2,400m2 (around 150 tonnes) of asphalt on the bridge decks that failed to meet the contract specifications. More specifically, the contractor is required to mill off the existing asphalt surface in the affected areas (around 30mm in depth) and replace with a compliant asphalt mix to the same depth. While the asphalt was compliant when it left the production plant, final quality can only be assessed following compaction once in place. This involves coring the asphalt and sending the samples to an independent laboratory to test for appropriate density. In this case, the asphalt failed to achieve the specified density, ultimately affecting the durability by up to 50 percent. We explored a number of remedial options with the contractor such as increased product warranties, but unfortunately in this case, removal was the only viable solution. The works are due to start Monday 26 February 2024 and are expected to be completed by Friday 1 March 2024 (weather permitting), with the hours of work between 7:00am and 5:00pm. Due to the restricted width of the two bridges and the need to work around the wire rope barrier, the works will involve restricting traffic flow to the northbound direction only with a detour of approximately 15km for southbound traffic.
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TITLE	UPDATE	
	Consideration was given to stop/go traffic management, but this was considered too disruptive to traffic flow due to the length of the closure. The proposed traffic management allows the works to be completed in the shortest timeframe and provides more certainty about travel times (albeit longer for southbound traffic).	
	This traffic management is commonly used at this location for maintenance activities such as barrier repairs and is well understood by road users. Use of the detour route has been approved by Horowhenua District Council. Communications and engagement have taken place, including direct engagement with key stakeholders, such as heavy haulage operators, letter drops to directly impacted properties and the use of roadside mobile electronic message boards to inform road users of the upcoming works.	
State Highway 16 Cleasby Hill Lookout works	The North Auckland recovery project (Dome Valley and State Highway 16) involves repairing significantly damaged areas between Warkworth and Wellsford and along State Highway 16 to keep the North Auckland lifelines open. Construction began in August 2023 and work has already been completed on multiple damaged sites, including critical repairs to keep State Highway 1 Dome Valley open. The full package of works is expected to be completed in late 2024	
PROP	Two of the remaining slip sites are on State Highway 16 near Cleasby Hill Lookout (see map below). The work to repair this section of the road involves the construction of a retaining wall to repair the under slip on the northbound lane and a road realignment including change to the existing road levels on the southbound lane. Significant earthworks and pavement construction are required, which can only be completed during the drier summer months. If the work is not completed before winter, the site will remain at risk of further erosion of the slips, which would require an extended closure of the northbound lane until the work can be completed next summer.	
LE MANATO	SH16 Cleasby Hill lookout works From Monday 11 March to Friday 7 June 2024 Key Single lane closure (a combination of stop-go) and traffic light coordis will be utilized) Location of slips area close to the road	

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	To complete the works, a 24/7 single lane closure is required for a 200m-300m section. This will be managed with a combination of stop-go and traffic light controls in place. The 24/7 single lane closure will be in place from 11 March 2024 until 7 June 2024. Modelling shows that the delay to journey times for road users will be less than 5 minutes.
	Given that this area of the road needs emergency work on both sides of the road and the corridor is very narrow, a 24/7 single lane closure is the only way a safe working width can be maintained to protect drivers, logging trucks and construction crews that will be in the road corridor. The 24/7 single lane closure is required as the closed lane road surface will not be able to be driven on while the works are in progress. Crews will be working a combination of day and night shifts to complete the works as efficiently as possible
	Over Easter weekend (12:00pm Thursday 28 March 2024 to 11:59pm Monday 1 April 2024), the road is planned to be open to two lanes of traffic to minimise disruption as much as possible.
	State Highway 16 is a low-volume, rural state highway that has become considerably quieter since the State Highway 1 Puhoi to Warkworth motorway opened. State Highway 16 is an alternative route to State Highway 1 through Dome Valley. The majority of northbound traffic takes State Highway 1 through the Dome Valley (13,400 average daily traffic), compared to State Highway 16 (1,500 average daily traffic).
PROA	We will notify emergency services and freight groups, including the New Zealand Heavy Haulage Association (NZHHA). Emergency services will be accommodated at all times. Early engagement with project neighbours has been ongoing since November 2023. There was a letter drop scheduled for the wider community on Friday 23 February 2024. Variable message boards will be in place two weeks in advance of the works to inform road users. Discussions we have had with affected landowners and the local community indicate support for the work as they understand that the highway is at risk of a prolonged closure if we do not initiate these measures now. A traffic bulletin will go out in the coming days.

Media updates

TITLE	UPDATE	
State Highway 3 roadworks, Te Kuiti	A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 26 February 2024 advising drivers on State Highway 3 to expect delays as work gets underway on building a retaining wall and culvert on a stretch of highway between Te Kuiti and the State Highway 3 and 4 junctions.	
State Highway 2 roadworks, Tauranga	A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 26 February 2024 advising of upcoming night works or State Highway 2 Takitimu Drive. Works to rebuild a section of the state highway will start on Sunday 17 March 2024 and run for eight nights (weather depending).	
Hikuwai Bridges	A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 26 February 2024 outlining Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) Alliance progress towards delivering the new permanent solution for the Hikuwai no.1 and 2 bridges and the expected timeframe for delivery.	
Te Ore Ore culvert work	A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 26 February 2024 to alert road users of upcoming road closures in late March 2024 in order to repair and replace culverts at the Te Ore Ore repair site on State Highway 4 between Raetihi and Whanganui.	
Mt Messenger court decision	A media release is planned to coincide with the expected announcement during the week beginning 26 February 2024 of the Environment Court ruling into Mt Messenger land acquisition.	
Remutaka Hill night closures and safety improvements	The Post and the Wairarapa Times Age will be attending a limited media event on Monday 26 February 2024 to be briefed about safety improvements planned on the route (e.g. motorcycle under barriers) during two weeks of planned night closures in March 2024. We will also use the event as an opportunity to highlight how the night closures are more efficient and less disruptive to traffic than the old method (up until 2019) which saw approximately 300 daytime stop/go roadworks on the route annually.	
Te Ara Tupua clubs room opening	A statement will be sent to Nicholas Boyack at <i>The Post</i> on Monday 26 February 2024 to mark the weekend opening of the club/sports facilities for this project. Nicholas has followed the project closely but is unable to attend the opening event.	
Marlborough Grape Harvest safety warnings	Communications will be sent to Top of the South media and stakeholders during the week beginning 26 February 2024 about the impact of the grape harvest on Marlborough highways. Road users need to be aware of agricultural vehicles and heavy trucks moving between vineyards and to take extra care in the region.	

TITLE	UPDATE	
State Highway 1 turnaround bay, Cambridge	A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 26 February 2024 advising drivers that construction of a new turnaround bay will be getting underway on State Highway 1 in early March 2024, near Hickey Road, as part of the Cambridge to Piarere safety improvements.	

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Key priorities and highlights

Port industry experts meet in Wellington to review and finalise ACOP submissions

Maritime NZ met with port industry experts on Tuesday 13 February 2024 to help review and finalise content for the Approved Code of Practice for Loading and Discharging of Cargo on Ports and on Ships (ACOP). The ACOP is a national code of practice for stevedoring in New Zealand. Maritime NZ received 34 submissions from industry to the draft ACOP through the consultation held late last year. Some submissions were group submissions.

This workshop with industry experts representing port companies, stevedoring firms, and unions helped to clarify the consultation feedback where necessary. The session further reflected the codesign and collaborative approach Maritime NZ has taken with industry to develop the ACOP from the beginning.

Next, Maritime NZ will provide the Port Health and Safety Leadership Group with an update on the draft ACOP consultation and the outcomes from this industry workshop. A final draft ACOP will be prepared for the Associate Minister of Transport to approve in early April 2024, in consultation with the Minister of Workplace Relations and Safety.

Lookout and watchkeeping

Lookout and watchkeeping have been one of our key areas of focus in the commercial sector. Failure to keep a proper lookout or watch has been a major cause of maritime incidents, in particular collisions. It has been a particular focus of work with the fishing sector, where historical practices or light crewing often mean that smaller operators can face incentives not to make allowance for someone to keep a lookout. The health and safety risks that arise from practice in this area has been one of the factors that the Ministry for Primary Industries cite for not posting fisheries observers on vessels.

Given this, in 2023 we published guidance for fishing operators and crew on watch-keeping, as part of an ongoing engagement approach. Since publication of this guidance, we've had ongoing discussions with the sector about one specific aspect: the need for a continuous lookout at anchor. International and domestic law is not clear on the question of whether this is required. Smaller operators particularly struggle to meet requirements to post a lookout throughout the night, whilst also ensuring crew are not fatigued. However, there have been historical examples of incidents causing significant harm occurring whilst crew sleep at anchor.

We have considered the most effective way to address harm in this area: looking at the risks, how we're managing those risks, and international approaches. As a result, we have clarified our interpretation of the rules – that a continuous lookout is not required whilst at anchor (although an appropriate watch suitable for the conditions will still be needed). We have developed a position statement on this and communicated it at a high level to the fishing sector at the end of last year. This was well received by the sector, particularly as it demonstrated the fact we had listened to their concerns and attempted to address them while still delivering safety outcomes. Revised guidance on this will be prepared over the next few weeks.

Disestablishment of Te Pükenga – implications for maritime training

The Government's 100-day plan includes beginning work to disestablish Te Pūkenga, the national tertiary education provider formed from the amalgamation of a number of polytechnics and other vocational education providers. § 9(2)(f)(iv)

Te Pūkenga currently incorporates New Zealand's main maritime schools which were previously embedded in a number of regional polytechnics. These schools are critical to ensuring the long-REFRANSP term supply of competent people in the maritime sector; training new entrants and ensuring that they meet core competency requirements. \$9(2)(g)(i) s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Operational updates

RCCNZ's ongoing preparedness work with the cruise ship industry through a busy cruising season

The 2024 summer cruise ship season concluding in April has set new records in terms of ship visits. The record-breaking numbers, and a recent incident of an emergency beacon initiating onboard the Carnival Splendour, has underscored the importance of preparedness and ongoing industry engagement. In response, Maritime New Zealand's Rescue Coordination Centre (RCCNZ) has been working on ensuring cruise ship incident readiness in line with our Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) responsibilities

We have placed significant emphasis on improving communication protocols with cruise ships. We requested the Search and Rescue (SAR) plans for all 55 ships visiting New Zealand this season to ensure clarity in emergency response procedures and communication between cruise operators and RCCNZ.



Communication exercises were also conducted with a group of 14 cruise ships this season to improve industry familiarity with search and rescue systems and processes. RCCNZ staff also took an opportunity to visit the Viking Orion (pictured, left) and meet with the vessel's bridge team to familiarise themselves with vessel emergency procedures in person.

This work has helped to identify and address critical issues within cruise ship operators' SAR plans. We are also incorporating the lessons learned from this process into our regular engagement work.

These efforts will help the cruise ship industry be better prepared in an emergency which in turn will benefit response effectiveness for RCCs worldwide.

Maritime in the media

On Tuesday 5 March 2024, the Lyttelton Port Company will be sentenced in the Christchurch District Court over a fatal incident that happened on Anzac Day in 2022 where stevedore Don Grant was crushed by coal while directing it into the hold of a vessel. The port is being sentenced after pleading guilty to one charge under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 in December 2023. As per our standard procedure, we are currently drafting a press release summarising the prosecution, proceedings, and saying where improvements can, and are, being made within the PCBU and the wider sector. We will be distributing the press release once the sentencing is completed.

We continue to pursue opportunities to promote recreational craft safety messages as people carry on enjoying summer on their recreational craft around New Zealand. We are looking into a recent incident in Wellington Harbour where an inflatable got caught in a current in the harbour. Those in the inflatable didn't understand the conditions out at sea or have two ways to call for help, and had to be towed back to shore by another water user. This is a good example to highlight our recreational craft safety messages.





Key updates

Current Approach to Bulk Goods Screening at Auckland Airport

The Domestic Terminal Building at Auckland Airport has no dedicated bulk goods screening facility due to space restrictions. Space will not be available until the re-development of the airport is complete in 2028/29.

As a result, bulk goods currently must be processed for security screening through a passenger screening point. the Authority plans for this each day, to reduce the impact on passenger lanes as much as practicable.

On Monday 19 February 2024, significant queues formed at the passenger screening point. Four lanes had been allocated for passenger screening, with the fifth prepared for bulk screening. The fifth lane was reserved for bulk goods screening for 25 minutes and was actively used for this purpose for 7 minutes before being re-opened for passenger screening.

The current agreement between Auckland airport and the concessioners is that bulk goods screening must occur before 06:00. The Authority has been working to finish the screening earlier by rostering an Aviation Security Officer to complete the activity by 05:30. This activity incurs an additional cost for staffing.

Cost recovery for bulk goods screening is built into the passenger levy and is not recovered separately from airports.

MoU between CAA and European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)

The Director of Civil Aviation, Keith Manch, and the Acting Executive Director of the EASA, Luc Tytgat, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate closer cooperation between the CAA and EASA. The MoU was signed on 19 February at the Changi Aviation Summit in Singapore and provides a high-level framework for the exchange of technical knowledge and safety information, and for the establishment of future technical arrangements. These activities have the potential to enable greater efficiencies, both internally within the CAA and for sector participants.

A small delegation from EASA is also currently in New Zealand to carry out audit activities on a number of New Zealand organisations that hold EASA approvals. While here, they will meet with CAA staff to discuss opportunities for future cooperation on audit and safety monitoring activities, as provided for by the MoU.

Update on Authority staff exposure to unknown fumes

This follows our correspondence to you on Thursday 15 February 2024, where we reported that 16 Aviation Security Officers had fallen ill that day, requiring various levels of medical care after working at the Bulk Duty Free Screening (BDF) point at Auckland Airport (AIAL).

AIAL has offered its occupational specialist assistance to assess all staff impacted, free of charge. The Authority is facilitating this option for staff.

Until the cause of the issue is known, and there is confirmation it is safe for staff to work at the BDF screening point, bulk duty screening has been moved to one of the international screening lanes. This is causing an expected flow-on pressure for passenger screening gueues.

The Authority is working closely with both AIAL and specialists to monitor air quality and check systems to determine the cause of the smells/fumes, and to then assess whether these are harmful to health. Early testing results suggest that the fumes could be aviation fuel, but they have been detected at very low levels of 6 parts per billion.

WorkSafe NZ has been notified. Each PCBU involved will undertake their initial investigations, coordinate all findings, and agree on corrective actions.

The Authority will continue to work closely with affected parties, including the relevant unions. This will be particularly important if tests confirm that fumes may be present as an odour but with no associated health risk. The BDF lane is located away from the passenger screening point, and this does not prevent a risk to passengers.

Security Screening Queues Update

Passenger screening queues increased significantly over the last week, largely due to events such the Taylor Swift concerts in Australia. Multiple flights in quick succession were at or over 90% flight passenger capacity, resulting in longer than normal queues.

The below table highlights the average processing time for the past 14 days at Wellington Southern Domestic screening point which uses LiDar technology to monitor the time it takes to be processed through the screening point.

Week	5 – 11 Feb 2024	12 – 18 Feb 2024
Passengers processed in less than 5 minutes	92.9%	85.9%
Passengers processed in less than 10 minutes	97.1%	93.5%

Flight disruption was experienced nationwide on Monday 19 February 2024, which resulted in unexpected changes in passenger presentation, and occurrence of longer gueues caused by factors beyond the Authority's control or ability to predict. As an example, in Dunedin, queue wait time averaged 19 minutes 30 seconds between the hours of 14:00 – 16:30 due to:

- №Z660 departed at 15:32 instead of scheduled time of 15:00 (delay due to network issues, not security)
- NZ686 departed at 15:30 instead of scheduled time of 06:25 (mechanical issues from early in the morning)
- JQ284 departed at 16:30 instead of scheduled time of 16:00 (delay due to network issues, not security)

561 passengers passed through the security screening point in that $2\frac{1}{2}$ hour period, compared to the 400 scheduled.

During the coming week, no exceptionally long queues are currently predicted, apart from those at existing known busy periods where capacity of screening infrastructure is regularly exceeded for short periods of time.

Communications and External Engagement

Media plan – 7 days from Wednesday 21 February 2024

Nil

Media mentions - 7 days to Tuesday 20 February 2024

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Date	Activity	Channel
Sunday 18 February 2024	Port Hills fire and drone incidents Further coverage of drones being flown nearby the Port Hills-in Canterbury which is impeding fire-fighting efforts.	NZ Herald, Newstalk ZB, 1 News
Sunday 18 February 2024	Glider accident in Nelson Lakes - pilot killed Multiple reports of a glider accident. The following statements have been provided to media: The Civil Aviation Authority can confirm that a glider crashed at Lake Station airstrip, Nelson Lakes, on 18 February 2024 and that the sole occupant didn't survive. Our investigators are attending the scene, and the Transport Accident Investigation Commission has been notified in accordance with normal procedures. To ensure the integrity of the investigation, we're not able to share further details at this time. We extend our sincere condolences to the family of the victim. Civil Aviation Authority investigators will likely be onsite for a couple of days, with a focus on securing evidence and interviewing witnesses so that we can understand exactly what happened and why. It's too early to comment on what may have caused the accident. If anyone has any video footage or information that might help our investigation please contact our investigations team on investigations@caa.govt.nz . We'd like to remind the public in the area and users of the airfield that the airfield is currently closed for use and the site is protected under the Civil Aviation Act.	Stuff, RNZ
Sunday 18 February 2024	"How Aviation Security screens information it doesn't want made public" Opinion piece relating to an OIA request that is in progress. Details were reported by email on 19 February 2024.	The Post (Stuff syndicated)

Upcoming communications and engagement

Planned release/publish	What	Туре	Why
February 2024	Secure Your Aircraft	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
February/March 2024	How to be a pilot	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
February/March 2024	Wake turbulence	GAP booklet (update)	Revision to align with AIPNZ changes from 22 February 2024
March 2024	Vector Autumn Issue	Aviation industry magazine	A way of getting relevant safety information to industry in an easy-to-read format
May 2024	In, Out and Around Queenstown	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
June 2024	Vector Winter Issue	Aviation industry magazine	A way of getting relevant safety information to industry in an easy-to-read format
From July throughout 2024	Occurrence Investigation Workshop	Face-to-face event	To provide training for operators about investigating occurrences, to comply with requirements under CAR Part 12
ТВС	in, Out and Around Manawatu	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
твс	Weight and balance	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
TBC	VFR MET	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update



No update this week.

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