



Weekly Report to the Minister of Transport

For the week ending 12 January 2024

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1 ACTIONS FROM TRANSPORT OFFICIAL'S MEETING**1 Actions from transport official's meeting**

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry)	Due date
None this week – next officials meeting 15 January 2024.	

Officials Meeting date	Action	Due date	Progress update
8 December 2023	Potholes and the impacts of regulation Officials to provide a briefing on the impact of regulations on the efficiency of potholes being filled.	Week commencing 29 January 2023	Project scope and approach now established by NZTA and work underway.

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2 Updates on 100-Day Plan

100 Day Plan updates

Confirming investment priorities for GPS24

We have provided a draft GPS for consideration over the Christmas break and feedback in the new year. We will be able to discuss any next steps following the GPS meetings with the Minister of Finance and transport officials at our regular meeting at 9am on Monday 15 January.

Responsibility: Paul O'Connell, DCE, Sector Strategy

Cancel Auckland Light Rail

On Monday 18 December 2023, Cabinet met to confirm your proposed approach to cancelling the project [CAB-23-MIN-0496 refers], and an announcement is expected in the coming days.

Over January 2024, Auckland Light Rail (ALR) Ltd.'s wind-up process will begin. In January, the new, smaller Board will meet to formally start the wind-up process.

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Withdraw from Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM)

On Friday 22 December 2023 you wrote to the Councils and the acting Chair of NZTA to recap the key areas of agreement and ask for an outline of next steps involved in implementing the programme's disestablishment, following the agreement you have reached with Councils. Responses have not been received yet.

Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group

Removing the Auckland Regional Fuel Tax

We have issued drafting instructions to Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO) and expect a Bill to be ready for introduction in February 2024. We understand that you will be discussing Cabinet's decision and next steps with Mayor Brown.

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Resetting approach to speed limits

We are progressing work on a new Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits. We will incorporate your feedback on the draft terms of reference.

Alongside the development of the new rule, we are progressing a briefing on road safety objectives which is currently planned to be with you in the week ending 2 February 2024.

Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group

3 Upcoming briefings

Briefings to Minister Brown – Other Priorities	Due date
<p>Proactive Release of Speed Briefings</p> <p>You and the Ministry have received a number of requests for information under the OIA following the amendments to the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits Rule last year. This briefing seeks your agreement to proactively release the Cabinet paper and briefings that the OIAs are seeking.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 19 January 2024.</p>
<p>Time of use charging and tolling policy</p> <p>This briefing will provide advice on time of use road charging and tolling.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 19 January 2024.</p>
Briefings to Minister Brown – Routine Matters	Due date
<p>Notice of Intention to Declare a Major Maritime Event – SailGP</p> <p>This briefing will provide advice on the application from Environment Canterbury for you to declare the SailGP Race in Lyttleton Harbour, between 18 – 24 March 2024, a Major Maritime Event under section 200A of the Maritime Transport Act 1994. This would enable enforcement officers to control and manage the event by maintaining public order within the designated area. The briefing will attach a Notice of Intention to Declare a Major Maritime Event for your consideration.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 26 January 2024.</p>
<p>Proceeding to consultation on Civil Aviation Assorted Issues Rule Amendments</p> <p>The Assorted Issues Rule package contains a number of proposed minor amendments to the Civil Aviation Rules, in order to support a safe and effective aviation system and align the rules with international standards and best practice. The Ministry and Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) have completed the policy work on the package, and the CAA has drafted a notice of proposed rulemaking. This briefings will seek your authorisation to proceed with rule consultation.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 26 January 2024.</p>

Briefings to Minister Brown – Routine Matters	Due date
Emergency Ocean Response Capabilities s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending 12 January 2024.
<i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i>	

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4 Key updates

Minister Brown	
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>In June 2023, the Regulations Review Committee presented its second interim report to the House on the Complaint about the E-Scooters (Declaration not to be motor vehicles) Notice 2018. The report included a recommendation that the Government progress changes to section 168A of the Land Transport Act 1998 (the Act) to improve the regulation of e-scooters.</p> <p>In line with Standing Orders, a response to this Report was due by 1 September 2023, but was not considered by Cabinet before the House rose at the end of the last Parliament. The Clerk of the Regulations Review Committee has asked, via the Cabinet Office, for an update on when they can expect the Government's response to be presented by.</p> <p>We have previously prepared a draft Cabinet paper and Government response ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)} [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] This would need to be updated in line with your expectations and consulted with NZTA.</p> <p>We will provide you an updated Cabinet paper by the end of January 2024. This could be progressed through Cabinet in February 2024 and presented back to the House.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Next steps:</p> <p>The Ministry will provide a draft Cabinet paper for your consideration by the end of January 2024.</p>

5 Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet	
30 January 2024 (TBC)	None this week.
Executive Council	
30 January 2024 (TBC)	None this week
100-Day Committee	
(Date TBC)	None this week.
Cabinet Business Committee (CBC)	
February 2024 (TBC)	<p>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> <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.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>
(Date TBC)	<p>Approval of Proposed Increases to the Maritime and Oil Pollution Levies</p> <p>This paper seeks approval to changes to the Maritime and Oil Pollution Levies from 1 July 2024.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>
(Date TBC)	<p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>

6 Cabinet papers led by other agencies

Title	Lead agency	Minister and Committee	Estimated timing to Cabinet Committee
CAB-379 – A permanent fast-track Consenting Regime for regional and national projects of significance	Ministry for the Environment	Cabinet	23 January 2024
Comment			
<p>This Cabinet paper seeks to establish standalone legislation for a one-stop fast-track consenting and approvals process. It also seeks Cabinet approval for Parliamentary Counsel Office to commence drafting the legislation immediately.</p> <p>This paper follows the direction set out in the Coalition Agreements, the 100-Day Plan, and the minute from Minister Bishop, in his capacity as Minister of RM Reform, dated 21 December 2023.</p> <p>The criteria to access the fast-track process, along with decision making criteria in the event of decline of an application, are still being worked through and are to be confirmed via a Ministerial delegated decisions process.</p> <p>Ministry of Transport officials are working closely with Ministry for the Environment officials to ensure that the transport sector has access to the fast-track process, and the process provides greater certainty and shorter timeframes for approvals for regionally or nationally significant transport projects. We are also working closely with NZTA and KiwiRail as expected key users of the fast-track process.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i></p>			<p>Next steps:</p> <p>Ministerial engagement on the draft Cabinet Paper is expected in week commencing 15 January 2024.</p>

7 Updates from transport Crown entities and SOEs



100 Day action plan progress

TITLE	UPDATE
Withdrawing from Let's Get Wellington Moving	<p>Following your formal direction to withdraw from the Let's Get Wellington Moving Programme (LGWM), we have submitted a paper to the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) Board confirming withdrawal and requesting delegation of authority for Brett Gliddon (Group General Manager – Transport Services) to progress NZTA's withdrawal from the Relationship Funding Agreement (RFA).</p> <p>Letters have also been sent to the other LGWM partners (Wellington City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council) confirming the decision to terminate the RFA and seeking their formal acceptance. A Partnership Board meeting to agree the steps required to end the RFA and Programme is scheduled for Wednesday 31 January 2024.</p> <p>We continue with transition planning, with the intention that the partnership can be fully disestablished by 31 March 2024.</p>
Meet with councils and communities to establish regional requirements for recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle and other recent major flooding events	<p>Announcements relating to the closure dates of State Highway 1 Brynderwyn Hills and the reopening of State Highway 25A were made prior to Christmas and have received largely positive or neutral coverage over the Christmas and New Year period. There have been no further meetings over this time due to the holiday period.</p> <p>Following your other regional visits, ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}</p>
Repeal the Clean Car Discount Scheme by 31 December 2023	<p>The Clean Car Discount (CCD) Scheme (the Scheme) legislation was repealed on Thursday 14 December 2023 under urgency.</p> <p>System changes were successfully implemented on Monday 1 January 2024, removing CCD fees at registration and the ability to apply for a CCD rebate. Industry and public facing websites have been updated. With rebate applications closed, the final number of applications left to process was 10,022. Cabinet has determined that the Agency must complete processing of these applications by 31 January 2024.</p> <p><i>(Continued next page)</i></p>

7 UPDATES FROM TRANSPORT CROWN ENTITIES AND SOES

TITLE	UPDATE
	<p>As at Tuesday 9 January 2024, there are 8,222 pending rebates and we are on track to have these completed by 31 January 2024. Final figures for the Scheme, rebates processed, and fees collected will be available after 31 January 2024. We have provided a provisional estimate of the final Scheme balance to the Ministry of Transport.</p> <p>We have an updated Funding Deed that makes provisions for the winding down of the Scheme in the current financial year. Implementation is scheduled to commence in February 2024 once the application deadline has been achieved.</p>

Key updates

TITLE	UPDATE
Communications about the introduction of RUC for EVs to begin next week	<p>NZTA will start communicating the introduction of RUC for light electric vehicles (EVs) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) during the week beginning Monday 15 January 2024. This will include sending letters and emails to light EV and PHEV owners to give them a 'heads up' about the change and let them know that more details on what they need to do will be provided in early March 2024. The letter/email will explain what RUC is and why light EV and PHEV owners need to start paying it (i.e., everyone who uses our roads needs to pay their fair share for their upkeep). It will also tell them what the rate will be – \$76 per 1000km for light EVs and \$53 per 1000km for PHEVs (subject to legislative change) and refer them to existing information about RUC on the NZTA website. NZTA will also publish a webpage about the introduction of RUC for EVs and will engage with key industry stakeholders (including the Motor Industry Association and Imported Motor Vehicle Industry Association) to ensure they have the information they need to make their customers aware.</p> <p>In February to March 2024, we will expand on our communications. In addition to sending a second letter/email to light EV and PHEV owners with instructions on how to buy their RUC licence, we will use targeted advertising (digital and print), social media and media statements to promote awareness of the change. We will continue to work with the vehicle industry to ensure they have the information they need, as well as equipping NZTA agents with collateral and information for customers.</p> <p>We will continue to keep you updated as communications are rolled out.</p>
Impact of fee changes on the driver licensing system	<p>As previously advised in the Weekly Report for the week ending 8 December 2023, driver licence fees changed on 1 October 2023 to an all-in-one fee for each stage of a driver licence, and fees to re-sit a driver test, or to cancel or reschedule a test, were removed.</p>

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	<p><i>(Continued)</i></p> <p>These changes were implemented to encourage people to engage or re-engage with the driver licensing system and reduce the number of New Zealanders driving without an appropriate licence. In December 2023, there were over 140,000 people on their learner licence for more than two years, and over 160,000 people on their restricted licence for more than two years.</p> <p>Data from the past three months shows the policy appears to be meeting its intent by encouraging more people to engage with the system. However, demand has exceeded capacity in the system for restricted and full licence testing, driven by more resits than expected, and exacerbated by no-shows for tests. As a result, restricted and full test applicants are waiting longer to sit their tests and finding it more difficult to book a testing slot at present.</p> <p>An increase in test re-sits also increases financial pressure on the system, by increasing non-recoverable payments from NZTA to licensing agents (Vehicle Testing NZ (VTNZ) and the Automobile Association (AA)).</p> <p>Operational responses are already underway, including increased capacity, increased communication to applicants, awareness campaigns, and ongoing monitoring. A 10-day stand down was implemented for theory testing on Monday 8 January 2024, and we are exploring a similar approach for practical testing. A detailed briefing will be provided before the end of January 2024 to provide further analysis, proposed responses, and the potential impact of each. We are also meeting with you, VTNZ and AA on Monday 15 January 2024 to discuss these matters and will provide a short briefing to support this.</p>

Media updates

TITLE	UPDATE
State Highway 5 Napier-Taupō safety improvement works	A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 15 January 2024 ahead of a planned start later this month to safety improvement work on State Highway 5 Napier-Taupō. The work will be done in stages and includes safety improvements such as roadside safety barriers, wide centre lines, new road signs and marking.
Connecting Tairāwhiti works	A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 15 January 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.



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Achilles Bulker update

The bulk carrier *Achilles Bulker* safely departed the Port of Tauranga on Thursday 4 January 2024 under tow by the offshore tug *Vallianz Prestige*. This follows an incident on 24 July 2023 where the *Achilles Bulker*'s rudder detached from the vessel whilst outbound from Tauranga carrying a cargo of logs destined for China.

Since that incident the ship has been detained by Maritime NZ while the ship and cargo owners have worked through the process of removing all cargo from the ship and prepared the vessel to be towed to a repair yard in China.

The tug *Vallianz Prestige* travelled from Singapore to New Zealand in order to carry out this towing operation which is expected to take at least 45 days. The tug is usually based in the Asia-Pacific region.



It has taken more than five months for the owners to coordinate transfer of the vessel's log cargo to other available ships, and for the *Achilles Bulker* to meet strict Maritime NZ safety conditions for the tow to China.

Throughout this process Maritime NZ has worked closely with the Port of Tauranga and the Bay of Plenty Harbour Master to ensure the safety of the vessel and the protection of the local marine environment whilst also limiting the impact on other port operations.

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Busy start for search and rescue in 2024

Our Rescue Coordination Centre NZ (RCCNZ) had its busiest year ever in 2023 overseeing 1372 rescues, over 100 more than 2022. This figure excludes the 242 aviation missions RCCNZ coordinated during the Cyclone Gabrielle response in February 2023.

2024 has followed the same trend, with over 45 rescues in the first 10 days of January, potentially making it RCCNZ's busiest month ever.

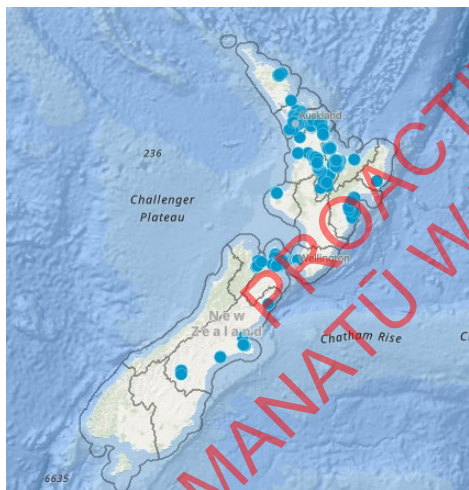
The surge has been partly driven by tourists enjoying warm weather for water activities, leading to more on-water/near-water rescues during the holidays.

Land rescues are also up, with more Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) activated by trampers. Similar to past years, Nelson, Canterbury, and Central Otago have seen an increase in rescues due to their popularity with holidaymakers.

To handle the extra demand, RCCNZ has increased on duty staffing levels during the summer period.

Recreational boating safety efforts continue throughout summer

Maritime NZ's recreational craft harm prevention work with members of the Safer Boating Forum and regional council harbourmasters continued over the summer holiday period. This has included the ongoing delivery of our community grant programme, which supports a total of 21 projects. Specific projects include, Coastguard's Old4New lifejacket upgrade scheme, Kayak Safe and SUP Safe Courses. We have also supported the delivery of various regional council safety programs around the country.



Delivery of the national compliance campaign “No Excuses” has also continued over the holiday period. This campaign involves 14 regional councils from around the country, and so far, 1500 interactions with boaties have been recorded. Those interactions show that 90% of vessels had enough life jackets on board, 77% of boaties were wearing life jackets, and there were 440 instances of non-compliance identified with 101 infringement referrals and 63 infringements issued on the spot.

During the holiday period we were advised of approximately 20 incidents involving recreational craft. The worst was a fatality that occurred in the Marlborough Sounds on Saturday 23 December 2023; there were also several serious collisions in other parts of the country, and some involved the reporting of unsafe behaviour.

Our national behaviour change campaign, Kia Mataara, has been running throughout the holiday period. Its focus is on three key safety messages: checking the marine forecast, carrying two forms of waterproof communication, and wearing a lifejacket. We are primarily targeting an audience of men aged 45+ with a boating and sailing interest, and a secondary audience of all people aged 18-24 with water sports interest. The next phase of the campaign will commence in January 2024, which involves Radio Hauraki. This campaign is run alongside our partnership with ACC where a series of safer boating videos have been released on social media.

Maritime in the media

Media attention this week has focussed primarily on two events: the rescue of a kayaker that was coordinated by RCCNZ, and the missing boat of rescued fisherman Will Fransen.

Maritime NZ worked with the Police's media team and Life Flight's Westpac Rescue Helicopter crew to produce a media release and social media posts about the rescue of a male kayaker off Palliser Bay on Tuesday 9 January 2024. Several journalists contacted Maritime NZ directly about the rescue and details were provided and published in stories in *The Post*, *Stuff*, *Waikato Times*, *Wairapa Times-Age*, *RNZ*, *Newshub* and other publications.

The Waikato Times, *TVNZ1* and *Stuff* contacted Maritime NZ asking about what actions are being taken, and by who, in relation to the missing fishing boat *Betty Gee*. The 12m boat went missing when rescued fisherman Will Fransen fell overboard last week. Maritime NZ responded to a range of questions, noting in all responses that when the *Betty Gee* was first reported missing at sea, the Rescue Coordination Centre NZ issued a coastal navigation alert to warn other vessels in the area. Further, if the location of the vessel is subsequently identified and reported, RCCNZ may update that navigation warning. The owner remains responsible for the vessel.

We have also published a media release that highlights some of the unsafe practices witnessed in incidents on the water this summer. The release outlines what good practice looks like according to the Boating Safety Code – five rules to help boaties stay safe.

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Aviation Security Service
Kaiwhakamaru Rererangi

Key Updates

Boeing 737-9s and the impact on New Zealand operations

You may have seen media coverage regarding Alaska Air Flight 1282. During the flight, the aircraft — a Boeing 737-9 — lost its emergency door 'plug' in flight, causing rapid depressurization of the cabin, and resulting in an emergency landing.

No New Zealand airlines operate the model of Boeing 737-9 involved in the Alaska Air incident, nor are foreign airlines that fly to New Zealand operating that model of Boeing 737.

The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is keeping us closely informed of its findings as the various investigations into the cause of the incident progress.

If the FAA or the National Transport Safety Board's (NTSB) investigations find issues that may impact on Boeing aircraft operations in New Zealand, we will take the action necessary and we will advise your office accordingly.

Authority Screening Data Update

There were no unacceptable aviation security screening queues reported over the Christmas and New Year holiday period. Over the 3 weeks from 18 December 2023 to 7 January 2024, passenger volumes were 5.7% up on the 3 weeks prior, and 16.6% up on the same period in 2022.

The Authority worked with stakeholders to carefully plan for the holiday period. This included increasing resourcing by about 10 percent more than we would have otherwise rostered using a mix of staff working increased hours and over 150 additional seasonal load assistants.

Capacity will be carefully wound back over the next few weeks in-line with reducing demand. The load assistants' contracts are coming to an end, and the Authority is managing leave for permanent staff that worked through the holiday period. This will not prevent us from providing for known peak periods as effectively as possible. We expect that the busiest days coming up will be between 12 – 29 January 2024, with potentially over 51,000 passengers departing each day on peak days.

The Authority Hosts an ICAO Working Group on Aviation Security Training

From 8–11 January 2024, the Authority hosted an International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) working group on Aviation Security Training.

The group brings together subject matter experts in aviation security training from across the globe to work together to establish best training practices, policies, and guidelines. The working group reports to the ICAO Aviation Security Panel.

The working group had delegates from Brazil, Dubai (UAE), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, New Zealand, Qatar, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, the International Federation Airline Pilots Association (IFALPA) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

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Communications and External Engagement**Media plan – 7 days from Wednesday 10 January 2024**

Nil

Media mentions – from Saturday 23 December 2023 to Tuesday 9 January 2024

Date	Activity	Channel
26 December 2023	Paragliding pair rescued after Xmas Day crash A commercial pilot and passenger of a paraglider in Queenstown encountered difficulties which caused them to land in a tree. The passenger was airlifted to Lakes District Hospital and the pilot was uninjured. The company notified CAA.	NZ Herald
27 December 2023	Talkback radio regarding drone regulations Segment opens with “The Civil Aviation Authority warns anyone who takes down a drone flying over their property that they’re breaking the law. You cannot shoot down a drone. It is against the law. But is there fear, given that it’s breaking the law as well? Has it happened to you?” This topic crops up in media semi-regularly.	Newstalk ZB
6 January 2024	Maggie Barry claims ‘misunderstanding’ after police called on board flight Maggie Barry is at the centre of an incident on 5 January. CAA was first made aware through journalist enquiries and issued the following statement. We were not aware of the identity of the passenger involved until the story was published. A Civil Aviation Authority spokesperson confirmed that a formal incident report had not yet been received by the airline, though this would be expected within the coming days. Under Civil Aviation Rule Part 12, incidents of this nature are required to be reported within 14 days. Once a report has been received the CAA will work with the airline to understand what happened and whether any follow up action needs to be taken from a safety perspective.	The Post, TVNZ
9 January 2024	Barry’s fracas claims disputed Follow up story regarding the passenger incident on 5 January. It notes that under the Civil Aviation Act 1990 anyone using ‘threatening, offensive, or insulting words towards a crew member’ can be fined up to \$5000.	The Post

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Upcoming communications and engagement

Planned release/publish	What	Type	Why
December 2023	Vector Summer Issue	Aviation industry magazine	A way of getting relevant safety information to industry in an easy-to-read format
February 2024	Secure Your Aircraft	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
March 2024	Vector Autumn Issue	Aviation industry magazine	A way of getting relevant safety information to industry in an easy-to-read format
March 2024	In, Out and Around Queenstown	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
TBC	In, Out and Around Manawatu	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



No update this week.

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1 Actions from transport official's meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) – 15 January 2024	Due date
Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback provided to the Ministry on the draft GPS. Additional information on details underpinning activity classes (with an initial focus on operational activity classes) provided on Friday 19 January 2024. 	Completed.
Revenue System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials to develop advice and a supporting work programme 	Initial report back expected in 3 months.
Auckland Light Rail (ALR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials will provide a timeframe to compile detailed historic expenditure on the project over the last 6 years across NZTA, Ministry, company, set-up company, and consultants. Officials are working with ALR Ltd to confirm a budget for the disestablishment of the company to allow the Ministry to monitor wind down costs. 	Due January 2024.
Speed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback provided on briefing and TOR. Officials to consider options to accelerate proposed timeframe. 	Completed.
Emergency ocean response	Completed.
E scooter regulatory review complaint <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials to provide Cabinet paper and proposed response. Officials to provide brief summary of history of e-scooter regime. 	Due Wednesday 31 January 2024.

1 ACTIONS FROM TRANSPORT OFFICIAL'S MEETING

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2 Updates on 100-Day Plan

100 Day Plan updates

Confirming investment priorities for GPS24

We are working to incorporate your feedback, and the results from your discussion with the Minister of Finance, into a new draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) 2024. We plan to provide a revised draft GPS 2024 on Wednesday 24 January 2024, and a draft Cabinet paper on Friday 26 January 2024, for your review.

We will also provide a briefing, on Tuesday 30 January 2024, seeking your approval to proceed with Departmental and Ministerial consultation.

Responsibility: Paul O'Connell, DCE, Sector Strategy

Cancel Auckland Light Rail

Following your announcement on Sunday 14 January 2024, we have implemented the various shareholder actions agreed by you and the Ministers of Finance and Housing as part of our briefing of Monday 18 December 2023 [OC231014 refers]. This has involved formally sending the shareholder resolutions to Auckland Light Rail Ltd (ALRL) and registering the changes to the Board and the Company's new constitution with the Companies Office.

We met with ALRL on Friday 19 January 2024 to discuss the wind-up process, including your requirement for regular financial reporting. That meeting allowed us to finalise our wind-up project plan started before your announcement, and we will update you on its main elements as soon as possible.

We are also developing a plan for meeting your request for an expenditure breakdown of the Auckland Light Rail Project since 2017.

We are also preparing briefings on delegating decisions on the wind-up process and on the proactive release of the briefings associated with the decision.

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Removing the Auckland Regional Fuel Tax

We have received the first draft of the Land Transport Management (Repeal of Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill from Parliamentary Counsel Office. It 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.

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Resetting approach to speed limits

We are continuing to progress work on the new rule. To accelerate the delivery of this work as per your feedback last week, we are keen to meet to confirm your preferences on key policy matters. This is critical to enabling the project to progress at pace.

We are currently preparing information on key policy choices and trade-offs to support a discussion with you before the end of January 2024.

Subject to receiving your direction on key policy matters, we will revise the timeline for completing the Rule change.

Responsibility: Natasha Rave, Acting DCE, Regulatory Group

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3 Upcoming briefings

Briefings to Minister Brown – Other Priorities	Due date
<p>Project IREX Next Steps</p> <p>Next week, you will receive two briefings associated with next steps on Project IREX. The first will be a joint briefing from us and the Treasury directed to you, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of State-Owned Enterprises (joint Ministers). This briefing will set out the role of the Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG), its Terms of Reference, and potential membership, to oversee KiwiRail's wind down of IREX, and KiwiRail's work to ensure safe and reliable ferry services in the immediate term. The second briefing will be prepared by us with input from Treasury, regarding the long-term Cook Strait Resilience work. This briefing will include a project scope, timeline, and request for you to advise whether you want this project to be governed by joint Ministers.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 26 January 2024.</p>
<p>Working arrangements between the Transport and Space portfolios for emerging aviation technologies</p> <p>This briefing will provide advice on what working arrangements between the Transport and Space portfolios will be required to give effect to the progression of emerging aviation technologies within the Space portfolio. The briefing recommends meeting with the Minister for Space to discuss the working arrangements.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Natasha Rave, Acting DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 26 January 2024.</p>
<p>Delegation decisions on winding up Auckland Light Rail (ALR)</p> <p>Shareholding Ministers agreed that decisions on the treatment of assets, intellectual property, and contracts below \$1 million plus GST can be delegated to the Minister of Transport, with power to subdelegate those decisions to the Chief Executive of the Ministry of Transport. This delegation excludes decisions on ALR Ltd's land holding [OC231014 refers]. This briefing seeks to formalise the decision to subdelegate decisions of value less than \$1 million to the Secretary for Transport.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 26 January 2024.</p>
<p>Draft Cabinet paper — Approval to Introduce: Land Transport Management (Repeal of Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill</p> <p>This paper will provide you with a draft Cabinet paper for the Cabinet Legislation Committee.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 26 January 2024.</p>

Briefings to Minister Brown – Other Priorities	Due date
<p>Draft GPS 2024 and Cabinet paper</p> <p>This briefing will provide you with a revised draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) 2024 and a draft Cabinet paper and seek your approval to proceed with Departmental consultation on these.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Paul O'Connell, DCE, Sector Strategy</i></p>	<p>Week ending 2 February 2024.</p>
<p>Proactive Release of Briefings on the Cancellation of the Auckland Light Rail Project</p> <p>There have been requests for information under the OIA about the Government's decision to cancel the Auckland Light Rail Project. We recently provided you a briefing to support the Cabinet paper's proactive release. This subsequent briefing will seek your agreement to proactively release the associated briefings.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 2 February 2024.</p>
<p>2024 Legislation Programme: Process for Submitting Bids</p> <p>Cabinet Office circular (CO[23]13) was issued on Friday 22 December 2023 and sets out the requirements for bids 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.</p> <p>We will provide you with draft bids on Thursday 8 February 2024, seeking 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.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 9 February 2024.</p>
<p>Road Safety</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 9 February 2024.</p>
<p>EV charging infrastructure</p> <p>This briefing provides 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.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 16 February 2024.</p>

3 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

Briefings to Minister Brown – Other Priorities	Due date
<p>Draft letters of expectations</p> <p>The Ministry will provide you with draft letters of expectations for each of the transport Crown entities for which you are responsible.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 16 February 2024.</p>
Briefings to Minister Brown – Routine Matters	Due date
<p>Official Information Act Request from s 9(2)(a) on Advice Relating to the Clean Car Discount</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 26 January 2024.</p>
<p>Briefing for meeting with Roger Gray, CEO Port of Auckland, on 26 January 2024</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 26 January 2024.</p>
<p>Approach to Upcoming International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Negotiations</p> <p>This briefing provides an overview of New Zealand's approach to upcoming IMO GHG negotiations in March 2024 and seeks your agreement to engage under the existing Cabinet negotiating mandate.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE Policy Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 26 January 2024.</p>
<p>Notice of Intention to Declare a Major Maritime Event – SailGP</p> <p>This briefing will provide advice on the application from Environment Canterbury for you to declare the SailGP Race in Lyttleton Harbour, between 18 – 24 March 2024, a Major Maritime Event under section 200A of the Maritime Transport Act 1994. This would enable enforcement officers to control and manage the event by maintaining public order within the designated area. The briefing will attach a Notice of Intention to declare a Major Maritime Event for your consideration.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Natasha Rave, Acting DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 26 January 2024.</p>

Briefings to Minister Brown – Routine Matters	Due date
<p>Release of the Road to Zero Annual Monitoring Report 2022</p> <p>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 and provides important data on road safety across this period. This report provides detail on progress made in 2022 towards implementing interventions that reduce deaths and serious injuries across New Zealand including infrastructure and enforcement.</p> <p>This will be released on the Ministry of Transport website.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Natasha Rave, Acting DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 26 January 2024.</p>
<p>Road Safety Partnership Programme</p> <p>This briefing will provide you with background information on the Road Safety Partnership Programme. ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Natasha Rave, Acting DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 26 January 2024.</p>
<p>Official Information Act request from ^{s 9(2)(a)} for all advice the Minister received related to the speed limit changes.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Natasha Rave, Acting DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 26 January 2024.</p>
<p>Meeting with Air New Zealand</p> <p>This briefing will provide you with key updates and potential talking points for your upcoming meeting with Greg Foran, Air New Zealand Chief Executive, and Sam Barry, Government Affairs Manager.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Natasha Rave, Acting DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 26 January 2024.</p>
<p>Renewal of the New Zealand – Mexico Air Transport Agreement</p> <p>This briefing will recommend that, in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, you agree to renew the Air Transport Agreement, which will otherwise expire on 2 March 2024.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Natasha Rave, Acting DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 26 January 2024.</p>
<p>Vincent Aviation Limited – Revocation of Licence</p> <p>This briefing requests that you revoke the licence as requested by the licence holder.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Natasha Rave, Acting DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 26 January 2024.</p>

3 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

Briefings to Minister Brown – Routine Matters	Due date
NZTA Board appointments This briefing seeks your direction on the reappointment or replacement of NZTA board members. <i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i>	Week ending 26 January 2024.
s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED] <i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i>	Week ending 26 January 2024.
Official Information Act Request from s 9(2)(a) on Advice Relating to the Clean Car Discount <i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i>	Week ending 2 February 2024.
Official Information Act Request from s 9(2)(a) on Communication on the Repeal of the Clean Car Discount <i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i>	Week ending 2 February 2024.
Maritime NZ Board Appointments This briefing seeks your initial direction on the reappointment or replacement of the Maritime NZ Chair and board members. <i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i>	Week ending 2 February 2024.
Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) Board Appointments This briefing seeks your initial direction on the reappointment or replacement of the TAIC board members. <i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i>	Week ending 2 February 2024.
Civil Aviation Authority Board Appointments This briefing seeks your decision on appointing a board member to fill a vacancy for the Civil Aviation Authority. <i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i>	Week ending 2 February 2024.
Official Information Act Request from s 9(2)(a) on the Clean Car Discount Repeal <i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i>	Week ending 9 February 2024.
Briefing for meeting with Port CEOs group on 14 February 2024 <i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i>	Week ending 9 February 2024.

Briefings to Minister Brown – Routine Matters	Due date
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 9 February 2024</p>
<p>Air New Zealand and Singapore Airlines alliance reauthorisation – final advice</p> <p>This briefing will provide you with our final recommendation and a report containing our full analysis regarding the authorisation of the Air New Zealand and Singapore Airlines Strategic Alliance Agreement.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 9 February 2024.</p>

4 KEY UPDATES

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Minister Brown	
Supply chain issues stemming from disruptions in the Red Sea	
<p>The Ministry is working with MFAT to better understand likely implications for New Zealand. MFAT prepared a short aide memoire to support a discussion at the Cabinet Business Committee meeting on Tuesday 16 January 2024. We understand this paper has been forwarded to your office for your information.</p> <p>The paper gives a good snapshot of the issue and which import and export goods may be affected. For example, the peak export season for pipfruit begins in early February 2024, with kiwifruit and other horticulture goods beginning in March/April 2024. With likely delays to global shipping patterns, it is possible that exporters' access to their usual shipping options could be limited. Common import goods from Europe such as vaccines, retail medicines, and agricultural machinery may also be affected by delays.</p> <p>Officials have contacted some shipping lines and the NZ Council of Cargo Owners to gather information based on what they are seeing already and offer support where we can.</p> <p>The Ministry has also received requests from government agencies seeking more information to better understand possible impacts on various commodities (e.g. building materials, fuel). We will continue work with MFAT and other agencies as the situation develops.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i></p>	<p>Next steps:</p> <p>We will keep you informed of any updates through the Weekly Report</p>

5 Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet	
(Date TBC)	None this week.
Executive Council	
(Date TBC)	None this week.
100-Day Committee	
21 February 2024 (subject to confirmation of Committee sitting days)	GPS2024 – 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. <i>Responsibility: Paul O'Connell, DCE, Sector Strategy</i>
31 March 2024 (or to relevant policy committee once established)	Report back on Disestablishment of Auckland Light Rail Ltd This paper will respond to an invitation from Cabinet to report back to Cabinet 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. <i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i>
Cabinet Business Committee (CBC)	
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, ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)} <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i>
(Date TBC)	Approval of Proposed Increases to the Maritime and Oil Pollution Levies This paper seeks approval to changes to the Maritime and Oil Pollution Levies from 1 July 2024. <i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i>

5 CABINET PAPERS

Committees	
(Date TBC)	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>
Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG)	
15 February 2024	<p>Approval to Introduce: Land Transport Management (Repeal of Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill</p> <p>This paper seeks approval to introduce primary legislation to repeal the regional fuel tax legislation. We may not receive a final draft of the Bill from PCO until early February 2024. We will aim to facilitate a fast turnaround on the draft Cabinet paper to ensure we can meet the Government's commitment to introduce the legislation within the first 100 days.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>
28 February 2024	<p>Government Response to the Report of the Petition Committee on making mobility parking enforceable on all public-use property and increasing fines</p> <p>Approval is sought to submit the Government response to Parliament on the Petition Committee's recommendations. Under parliamentary rules a response must be tabled in Parliament by 15 March 2024.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>
7 March 2024	<p>Approval to Introduce: Road User Charges Amendment Bill</p> <p>This paper seeks approval to introduce primary legislation that will bring electric vehicles into the road user charges system. We are working with NZTA and PCO on the drafting of the Bill and will seek to provide you the draft Bill and Cabinet paper in early February 2024.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>

6 Cabinet papers led by other agencies

No Cabinet papers led by other agencies this week.

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7 Updates from transport Crown entities and SOEs



100 Day action plan progress

TITLE	UPDATE
Withdrawing from Let's Get Wellington Moving	<p>Decommissioning of the public-facing Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) brand is well progressed. Public access to LGWM social media channels has ended, and LGWM branding has been removed from ongoing construction-related printed material. LGWM staff made changes on 10 January 2024 and are now working from @nzta.govt.nz email addresses, with NZTA email signatures.</p> <p>The LGWM programme will continue to incur programme office and governance costs until the partnership is formally dissolved and we are working to an end of March 2024 close-out date. Costs have been minimised and are below budgeted levels. No new procurement is being commissioned for any projects that are not continuing and staff costs are reducing due to resignations. Consultant and contractor contracts are being concluded for work that will not continue. The next weekly update should include expenditure details for the month of December 2023. We can continue providing details monthly until the LGWM partnership has been formally concluded.</p> <p>The LGWM Programme Board will meet in early February 2024 to agree a plan for winding down the programme.</p> <p>Further advice on cost, with a high-level breakdown, can be provided after the Board has confirmed the plan, which contains detail of the wind-down process and timing.</p>
Meet with councils and communities to establish regional requirements for recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle and other recent major flooding events	<p>No meetings have been held with councils or communities this week. NZTA notes that the Northland community and business leadership group provided valuable insight and recommendations resulting in the optimal timing for the State Highway 1 Brynderwyn Hills closure to undertake required work.</p> <p>A media query this week provided information on the staff working on the closure with 120 people working around the clock in two shifts, seven days a week, at up to ten sites. This will enable us to complete the work as quickly and as safely as possible.</p> <p><i>(Continued next page)</i></p>

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TITLE	UPDATE
	Detour routes for State Highway 1 are being finalised and will be communicated next month once confirmed. A public information campaign will advise of any legal restrictions on particular routes.
Repeal the Clean Car Discount scheme by 31 December 2023	<p>As a result of the Clean Car Discount (CCD) scheme's repeal, the CCD was successfully closed to the public from 1 January 2024. As expected, there was a concurrent spike on 1 January 2024 in replacement car label generation (labels updated to exclude CCD details), with a steady volume produced since. Overall, the transition has gone smoothly with no issues to report.</p> <p>Over 10,000 rebate applications required processing in January 2024. The NZTA operations team are well on track to achieve this. Straightforward applications have been cleared, and this month's additional rebate work will focus on clearing the more complex outstanding applications.</p> <p>At the end of December 2023, the CCD scheme balance was \$86.8m. There are approximately \$30.6m in rebates that could be paid out in January 2024. Noting there could be a small number of operational adjustments, the final balance is estimated to be approximately \$56m. Please see appendix 1 for further details.</p> <p>Following operational processing completion in January 2024, all remaining CCD administration elements will be wound down, including a formal HR change process for impacted staff.</p>

Key updates

TITLE	UPDATE
Transport and Infrastructure Select Committee Annual Review Hearing	<p>NZTA will be attending the Transport and Infrastructure Select Committee Annual Review Hearing at 9am on 22 February 2024.</p> <p>In August 2023, the House debated and unanimously adopted changes to Parliament's Standing Orders. Of relevance are changes to select committee functions to improve scrutiny of the executive, the Budget and performance of Government departments. As part of this, NZTA has been designated as an agency that is subject to an in-depth review. The Annual Hearing is likely to take between three to four hours and will draw on a wider range of sources than just the previous year's annual report</p>

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Media updates

TITLE	UPDATE
State Highway 1/29 roundabout, Piarere	A media statement is planned for release on Thursday 25 January 2024 to mark your visit to the site of the new roundabout at the intersection of State Highways 1 and 29 in Piarere. Construction is now underway on the project which, once completed, will greatly improve safety and wait times for people travelling through Waikato. State Highways 1 and 29 are strategically important to the upper North Island and this T-intersection has long been a pinch point in the network.
State Highway 1 Weld Pass	A follow-up media statement is planned for release on Thursday 25 January 2024, reminding motorists of planned upcoming maintenance work and night closures on State Highway 1 Weld Pass in Marlborough.
Connecting Tairāwhiti works	A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 22 January 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 Highway 2 and State Highway 35 more resilient and safer for drivers.
Bridge overloading messaging for Hawke's Bay/East Coast	A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 22 January 2024 as a reminder to road users not to overload bridges around Hawke's Bay and East Coast, including Hikuwai Bridge and Fernhill Bridge. There is evidence showing heavy/overweight vehicles above the recommended limits are using the bridges.

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Appendix 1

December 2023 Clean Car Discount Results

Rebate Applications – December 2023

- 17,306 rebate applications were received in December 2023, up 140% versus the July 2023 – November 2023 average of 7,198.
- This was the most rebate applications received in a month, exceeding the 16,479 rebate applications received in June 2023.
- Rebate applications have a tentative value of \$56.6m pending review, up 152% versus the July 2023 – November 2023 average of \$22.4m.

Rebate Payments – December 2023

- 10,926 rebate payments were made in December 2023, up 21% versus the July 2023 – November 2023 average of 9,010.
- Rebate payments had a value of \$38.6m, up 39% versus the July 2023 – November 2023 average of \$27.8m,

Fees - December 2023

- 3,657 fee payments were made in December 2023, down 47% versus the July 2023 – November 2023 average of 6,935.
- Fee payments had a value of \$7.3m, down 62% versus the July 2023 – November 2023 average of \$19.2m.

Projected January 2024 Results

- As of the 15 January 2024, it was estimated a total of 9,976 rebates will be paid in January 2024, worth a total value of \$30.6m.
- There have been 61 fee payments in 2024 for vehicles registered in 2023, worth \$10,600.

Supporting Tables

Clean Car Discount - Volumes	Dec-23	Jul-23 - Nov-23 average	Change	% Change
Rebate Applications	17,306	7,198	10,108	140%
Rebate Payments	10,926	9,010	1,916	21%
Fee Charges	3,657	6,935	3,278	-47%

Clean Car Discount - Financial Results	Dec-23	Jul-23 - Nov-23 Average	Change	% Change
Rebate Applications	\$56.6m	\$22.4m	\$34.2m	152%
Rebate Payments	\$38.6m	\$27.8m	\$10.9m	39%
Fee Charges	\$7.3m	\$19.2m	-\$12.0m	-62%



s 6(c)

Maritime NZ monitoring *Kaiarahi* incidents

Maritime NZ is aware that the *Kaiarahi* Interislander ferry experienced a fault on two occasions recently that resulted in an automated shutdown to one of its two propeller shafts. In both instances, it was quickly established that a false alarm shut the propeller down and full power was restored. At no point did this ship lose the ability to manoeuvre in either scenario.

Maritime NZ is aware that KiwiRail has plans to upgrade its automated alarm system to remedy this issue and we are monitoring the situation closely. s 6(c)

continue to closely monitor this issue and any other maintenance-related items, as well as continue to inspect the *Kaiarahi* and other ferries as necessary as part of our usual programme of work.

Media summary

On Wednesday 10 January 2024, we distributed a safer boating press release, looking back on the holiday period. It was picked up by *NewstalkZB* and recreational craft spokesperson Matt Wood was interviewed for news bulletins. We received a request from the Otago Daily Times about a rescue, which we passed on to police as the lead agency. *RadioNZ* approached us on Monday 15 January 2024 about potential issues with a specific model of beacon. Maritime NZ's Rescue Coordination Centre NZ is working to collate the data and we are aiming to get the response back to the reporter in the week commencing Tuesday 23 January 2024.



Aviation Security Service
Kaiwhakamaru Rererangi

Key updates

Working with the Foo Fighters

The Authority is working with the promoters of a tour of the Foo Fighters Band to enable the band to fly within New Zealand using a private charter jet. The promoter appears to have contacted multiple agencies and individuals with respect to the band's plans and discussed various options, including the use of an Australian-based charter jet service.

The Authority has been advised that the band will travel within NZ using a NZ based charter service — requiring no specific regulatory approvals from the Authority or any other government agency.

If the promoter had chosen to use an Australian-based charter jet service, the operator of the charter jet would need to some regulatory approvals from the Director. These approvals relate to international and domestic law that aims to prevent cabotage within NZ's domestic aviation system, as well as providing assurance about the safety of the charter operation.

The Authority understands a company called s 9(2)(b)(ii) would have been the preferred Australian operator. In this case, the approvals required would likely have been an exemption to specific Civil Aviation Rules. Similar exemptions have been granted in the (recent) past.

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Whakaari/White Island

The Authority is working with GNS Science in relation to the potential risks to aviation posed by any future eruptions from Whakaari/White Island. In summary, monitoring equipment was damaged in the December 2019 eruption. This equipment enabled warnings to be issued to aviation relating to potential volcanic activity. Volcanic ash in the atmosphere can cause aircraft engines to shut down.

Currently, warnings are issued based on satellite imagery, which becomes problematic if there is cloud cover, and is not as immediate as on-island monitoring equipment. Consequently, aviation operators in the area are less able to plan effectively flights with up-to-date knowledge of the volcanoes' activity status or ash emissions.

The owners of Whakaari/White Island have refused permission for people to land on the Island to replace the monitoring equipment. The Authority understands the issue has come to the attention of the media and that TV One is interviewing GNS Science and MetService about the issue, the risks, and the impacts on aviation.

We will keep you informed on the matter.

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WAKA MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT**Unruly Passenger**

Recently, there has been media coverage of alleged unruly behaviour on an Air NZ flight departing Queenstown by former Cabinet Minister, Maggie Barry. Such incidents are not automatically notified to the Authority at the time they occur, with participants (such as Air NZ) required to report them within 90 days, depending on their significance according to relevant definitions in the Civil Aviation Act and Rule Part that requires that reporting.

The Authority is working with Air NZ to determine whether the alleged behaviour took place, and if so, whether it was sufficiently serious to warrant specific action (e.g., an issuing an infringement notice).

Given the media interest in the matter to date, we will keep you informed of any specific actions (or not) the Director determines to take once investigations have been completed and the facts ascertained.

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If your Office receives any specific questions on the matter, we suggest these are directed to the Authority for response, noting the independence of the Director's operational decision-making role.

Queenstown airline pilot security incident and NZALPA

Late last year there was a security incident at Queenstown involving an airline pilot removing his shirt. This was reported in the media at the time. We have recently received a follow up inquiry from a reporter about this matter, and notification from the New Zealand Airline Pilots Association (NZALPA) that it has been speaking to a reporter about it. While preparing a response for the reporter, which was due to be provided on Thursday 18 January 2024, the reporter's article about the incident was published in the *Post* on the morning of Thursday the 18th. We will engage further with the reporter to determine whether he is seeking further information.

NZALPA potential proceedings in the Human Rights Review Tribunal

NZALPA has also notified the CAA that it is about to lodge a Human Rights Review Tribunal proceeding in relation to a privacy matter originating from an airport security screening event. We understand this relates to concern that CAA has provided information about security incidents involving Pilots, to their airline employers. ALPA has previously raised this with the Privacy Commissioner who has ruled in favour of CAA. The Human Rights Review Tribunal is the appeal authority for decisions by the Privacy Commissioner.

As set out in the NZALPA Briefing to the Minister of Transport, NZALPA does not agree with the requirement that Pilots in New Zealand are subject to the same screening requirements as passengers. This was reflected in the article relating to the Queenstown incident referred to above.

Communications and External Engagement 16 January 2024

Media plan – 7 days from Wednesday 17 January 2024

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
No date	Anticipated media article	AvSec Queues, due to release of information under the OIA.	Stuff

Media mentions – 7 days to Tuesday 16 January 2024

Date	Activity	Channel
Monday 15 January 2024	That tape on the wing of your plane is not what you think CAA provided comment for this article about speed tape, quoted as follows: Civil Aviation Authority deputy chief executive aviation safety David Harrison said the tape looks like, but is a completely different product to, the duct tape you buy in your local hardware store. "Aircraft manufacturers authorise the use of speed tape for temporary, minor repairs of aircraft panels.	Stuff

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Date	Activity	Channel
	<i>(Continued)</i> It is safe to use this material for certain repairs and the aircraft can continue to operate as normal,” Harrison said	
Tuesday 16 January 2024	Alleged groping in airport security pat-down sparks complaints to public service boss, Transport Minister An article relating to the complainant and meeting on Thursday 11 January 2024, referred to earlier in this report. The quoted comments in the article from Group Operations Manager Karen Urwin were provided on 21 November 2023. No further request for comment was received prior to the article being published.	NZ Herald

Upcoming communications and engagement

Planned release/publish	What	Type	Why
February 2024	Secure Your Aircraft	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update
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
TBC	In, Out and Around Manawatu	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update



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Weekly Report to the Minister of Transport

For the week ending 26 January 2024

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1 ACTIONS FROM TRANSPORT OFFICIAL'S MEETING

1 Actions from transport official's meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) – Tuesday 23 January 2024	Due date
Clean Car Standard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials to engage with NZ transport stakeholder representatives throughout the project with initial engagement this week on project timeframes. As project progresses, officials to engage with Australian counterparts and consider alignment with Australia if appropriate. In future advice, officials to advise whether parameters need to be set in primary ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)} [REDACTED] <p>Under the Land Transport Act, the targets for 2028 onwards are set by regulation. It is only the targets for 2025-2027 that require a change to the Act.</p>	<p>Engagement on proposed timeline initiated.</p> <p>Engagement initiated with the Australian Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts.</p> <p>30 May 2024.</p>
Budget ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)} [REDACTED]	Completed.

Officials Meeting date	Action	Due date	Progress update
15 January 2024	Revenue System Officials to develop advice and work programme ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)} [REDACTED]	Initial report back expected in 3 months.	
15 January 2024	Speed Feedback provided on briefing and terms of reference. ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)} [REDACTED]		<p>A meeting was held on Thursday 25 January 2024.</p> <p>Advice will be provided in the week ending 2 February 2024 ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)} [REDACTED]</p>

1 ACTIONS FROM TRANSPORT OFFICIAL'S MEETING

Officials Meeting date	Action	Due date	Progress update
15 January 2024	E scooter regulatory review complaint Officials to provide Cabinet paper and proposed response. Officials to provide brief summary of history of e-scooter regime.	Wednesday 31 January 2024.	On track.
8 December 2023	Potholes and the impacts of regulation Officials to provide a briefing on the impact of regulations on the efficiency of potholes being filled.	Week commencing 29 January 2024.	Draft report from NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) received by the Ministry on Thursday 25 January 2024.

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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 to your Office for review.

Subject to your feedback, on Tuesday 30 January 2024, we will provide a briefing seeking your approval to proceed with departmental and Ministerial consultation on the GPS and Cabinet paper.

Responsibility: Paul O'Connell, DCE, Sector Strategy

Cancel Auckland Light Rail

We met with ALRL on Friday 19 January 2024 to discuss the wind-up process, including your requirement for regular financial reporting and the process for transferring the company's records and intellectual property to the Ministry. We are working with ALRL to provide a budget for the wind down, and a plan for providing a historic breakdown of expenditure on the project, by Wednesday 31 January 2024 as agreed with your Office. ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}

We are preparing briefings on delegating decisions on the wind-up process and on the proactive release of the briefings associated with the decision.

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Removing the Auckland Regional Fuel Tax

A draft Cabinet paper for the Cabinet Legislation Committee and a copy of the draft Land Transport Management (Repeal of Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill is now available for your review. Departmental consultation and Ministerial consultation will happen in parallel over the next week, 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

We are continuing to progress work on the new Rule. Following our meeting with you on Thursday 25 January 2024 to discuss your objectives for the new Rule, we are working on an updated timeline.

Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group

3 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

3 Upcoming briefings

Briefings to Minister Brown – Other Priorities	Due date
<p>Draft GPS 2024 and Cabinet paper</p> <p>This briefing will provide you with a revised draft GPS 2024 and a draft Cabinet paper and seek your approval to proceed with departmental and Ministerial consultation.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Paul O'Connell, DCE, Sector Strategy</i></p>	<p>Week ending 2 February 2024.</p>
<p>Proactive Release of Briefings on the Cancellation of the Auckland Light Rail Project</p> <p>There have been requests for information under the OIA about the Government's decision to cancel the Auckland Light Rail Project. We recently provided you a briefing to support the Cabinet paper's proactive release. This subsequent briefing will seek your agreement to proactively release the associated briefings.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 2 February 2024.</p>
<p>Road User Charges Amendment Bill: Defining very light electric vehicles</p> <p>When Cabinet approved shifting electric vehicles onto road user charges, you were delegated authority to make certain decisions as required as the Bill is drafted. We will provide you advice next week on the definition for very light vehicles and other technical matters.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 2 February 2024.</p>
<p>Weather related rail funding previously appropriated</p> <p>This briefing will seek your agreement to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> approve the portion of funding previously appropriated to "make safe" the rail network affected by 2023 weather events, and <p><small>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</small></p> <p><i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 2 February 2024.</p>

Briefings to Minister Brown – Other Priorities	Due date
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 2 February 2024.</p>
<p>2024 Legislation Programme: Process for Submitting Bids</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We will provide you with draft bids on Thursday 8 February 2024, seeking 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.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 9 February 2024.</p>
<p>Budget 2024</p> <p>This briefing will provide you with detailed information on your Budget 2024 package, including the Initial Baseline Exercise proposal to meet the savings target, s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 9 February 2024.</p>
<p>Road Safety</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 16 February 2024.</p>

3 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

Briefings to Minister Brown – Other Priorities	Due date
<p>EV charging infrastructure</p> <p>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).</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 16 February 2024 (or earlier if required).</p>
<p>Draft letters of expectations</p> <p>The Ministry will provide you with draft letters of expectations for each of the transport Crown entities for which you are responsible (Waka Kotahi, Civil Aviation Authority and City Rail Link).</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 16 February 2024.</p>
<p>s 9(2)(b)(ii)</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 1 March 2024.</p>
Briefings to Minister Brown – Routine Matters	Due date
<p>Road Safety Partnership Programme</p> <p>This briefing will provide you with background information and advice on the Road Safety Partnership Programme.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 2 February 2024.</p>
<p>Meeting with Mayor Brown on transport in Auckland</p> <p>This meeting is on Friday 2 February 2024 and is to discuss a range of transport matters for Auckland. A briefing will be provided with background and some suggested responses to matters the Mayor has raised.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 2 February 2024</p>

Briefings to Minister Brown – Routine Matters	Due date
Official Information Act Request from s 9(2)(a) on Communication on the Repeal of the Clean Car Discount <i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i>	Week ending 2 February 2024.
Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Board Appointments This briefing seeks your decision on appointing a board member to fill a vacancy for the CAA. <i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i>	Week ending 2 February 2024.
Maritime NZ Board Appointments This briefing will seek initial direction on the reappointment or replacement of the Maritime NZ Chair and board members. <i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i>	Week ending 2 February 2024.
Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) Board Appointments This briefing will seek direction on the reappointment or replacement of the TAIC board members. <i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i>	Week ending 2 February 2024.
Official Information Act Request from s 9(2)(a) for the most recent advice that mentions climate change and carbon emissions <i>Responsibility: Carmen Mak, Acting DCE, Corporate Services</i>	Week ending 9 February 2024.
Official Information Act Request from s 9(2)(a) on the Clean Car Discount Repeal <i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i>	Week ending 9 February 2024.
Meeting with Port CEOs group on 14 February 2024 This briefing will provide you with key context and potential talking points for your upcoming meeting with the Port CEOs group. <i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i>	Week ending 9 February 2024.
Meeting with Freightways on 9 February 2024 This briefing will provide you with key context and potential talking points for your upcoming meeting with Mark Troughear, CEO of Freightways. <i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i>	Week ending 9 February 2024.

3 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

Briefings to Minister Brown – Routine Matters	Due date
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 9 February 2024.</p>
<p>Official Information Act request from s 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.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Carmen Mak, Acting DCE, Corporate Services Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 9 February 2024.</p>
<p>Nelson Airport Limited: Kiwi Shareholder</p> <p>This briefing will recommend that you be assigned the Kiwi Shareholder for Nelson Airport Limited.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 9 February 2024.</p>
<p>Aviation Security Overview</p> <p>This briefing will provide an overview of key issues relating to aviation security and seeks your direction on next steps for these matters.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 16 February 2024.</p>

4 Key updates

Minister Brown	
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 6(c)</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	
	<p>Next steps:</p> <p>For your information only.</p>

Minister Brown	
Auckland Light Rail OIA requests	
<p>As part of the wind up of ALR Ltd, there have been a number of OIA requests which request a broad range of documents associated with the project. We are in discussion with ALR Ltd about who is best placed to respond to these OIA requests.</p> <p>We are considering doing a proactive release of the business case and will consult with the Office at a later stage regarding the timing and scope of this release.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE Investment and Monitoring</i></p>	<p>Next steps:</p> <p>We will continue to work with ALR Ltd on the release of any information and will keep your Office informed.</p>

4 KEY UPDATES

Minister Brown	
Mobility parking enforceable on all public-use property and increasing fines	
<p>Approval is sought to submit the Government response to Parliament on the Petition Committee's recommendations. Under parliamentary rules a response must be tabled in Parliament by 15 March 2024.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Next steps:</p> <p>Provide approval for Ministerial consultation on the Legislative Cabinet Committee paper</p>

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5 Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet	
(Date TBC)	None this week.
Executive Council	
(Date TBC)	None this week.
100-Day Committee	
21 February 2024 (subject to confirmation of Committee sitting days)	GPS2024 – 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. <i>Responsibility: Paul O'Connell, DCE, Sector Strategy</i>
27 March 2024 (or to relevant policy committee once established)	Report back on Disestablishment of Auckland Light Rail Ltd This paper will respond to an invitation from Cabinet to report back to Cabinet 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. <i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i>
Cabinet Business Committee (CBC)	
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. ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)} <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i>
(Date TBC)	^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)} <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> <i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i>

Committees	
Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG)	
15 February 2024	<p>Approval to Introduce: Land Transport Management (Repeal of Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill</p> <p>This paper seeks 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.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>
7 March 2024	<p>Approval to Introduce: Road User Charges Amendment Bill</p> <p>This paper seeks 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 seek to provide you the draft Bill and Cabinet paper in early February 2024.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>

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6 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.

Title	Lead agency	Minister and Committee	Estimated timing to Cabinet Committee
Government Response to the Report of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee Inquiry into illegal, unregulated, and unreported fishing	Ministry for Primary Industries	Shane Jones Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee	29 February 2024
Comment			
<p>The Ministry of Transport was consulted on this Cabinet paper and all the changes we requested have been included. The Ministry supports this Cabinet paper.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>			<p>Next steps:</p> <p>The Ministry of Transport will continue to support MPI's work on this Cabinet paper, including through to the report's presentation to the House in early March 2024.</p>

7 Associate Minister of Transport

Upcoming briefings

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

Briefings to Minister Doocey – Routine Matters	Due date to Minister's Office
<p>Air New Zealand and Singapore Airlines alliance reauthorisation – final advice</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 9 February 2024.</p>

Briefings to Minister Doocey – Routine Matters	Due date to Minister's Office
<p>Background to Air Services Agreements</p> <p>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 ASEAN ASA and Protocol, which requires a Cabinet report back.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 16 February 2024</p>
<p>Renewal of the New Zealand – India Air Transport Agreement</p> <p>This briefing will recommend that, in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Associate Minister agrees to renew the Air Transport Agreement. Negotiations with India have been completed.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 23 February 2024</p>
<p>Renewal of the New Zealand – Solomon Island Air Transport Agreement</p> <p>This briefing will recommend that, in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Associate Minister agrees to renew the Air Transport Agreement. Negotiations with the Solomon Islands have been completed.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 23 February 2024</p>
<p>Review of Landing Charges at Milford Sound/Piopiotahi Aerodrome: Proposal to Consult</p> <p>This briefing will seek approval to consult on proposals to increase landing charges at Milford Aerodrome.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 23 February 2024.</p>
<p>Release of the Road to Zero Annual Monitoring Report 2022</p> <p>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 deaths and serious injuries across New Zealand including infrastructure and enforcement.</p> <p>The Ministry will provide a proactive release briefing to seek your agreement for this to be released on our website.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	<p>Week ending 23 February 2024.</p>

UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

Briefings to Minister Doocey – Routine Matters	Due date to Minister's Office
<p>Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia Airlines code share agreement authorisation</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	TBC – April or May 2024.
<p>Update of the Milford Opportunities Project – Overview and Next Steps</p> <p>This briefing will provide an update and overview of the Milford Opportunities Project (MOP) from a transport perspective.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Siobhan Routledge, Acting DCE, Policy Group</i></p>	TBC.
<p>New Zealand's Search and Rescue System</p> <p>This briefing will provide background information on NZ's Search and Rescue (SAR) system, funding arrangements, key issues and trends facing the SAR sector, and the Associate Minister's responsibilities for SAR.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bronwyn Turley, DCE, Regulatory Group</i></p>	TBC.
<p>Introduction to Crown Entity Monitoring</p> <p>This briefing will provide background information on the Associate Minister's responsibilities in relation to Crown Entity Monitoring.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>	Only if required.
<p>Introductory meetings with Crown Entity Chairs and Chief Executives</p> <p>This briefing will help support the Associate Minister in any meetings he has with Crown Entity Chairs and Chief Executives.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>	Only if required.

Note: The briefing 'Update on the Milford Opportunities Project - Overview and Next Steps' was cancelled and never went to the Minister.

Key updates

Minister Doocey

MetService Quarterly Report October – December 2023

The Associate Minister's delegation includes responsibility for the provision of weather forecasting services, which is currently provided under a funding agreement by MetService. The Ministry of Transport administers the MetService funding agreement on the Associate Minister's behalf. We have received MetServices' quarterly report for the period October to December 2023 and have provided key highlights below.

Warning performance was generally very good across the 16 severe weather events recorded this quarter with MetService achieving its KPIs

Heavy Rain	Jan – Dec 2023	Target
Probability of Detection (ratio of correctly forecast events to observed events)	92.4%	> 90 %
False Alarm Ratio (ratio of forecast events that did not occur to the number of events forecast)	11.4%	< 15 %

In October 2023, MetService welcomed five experienced meteorologists from South Africa and the United Kingdom following an international recruitment drive.

In mid-October 2023, MetService and NIWA collaborated to issue the 2023-24 Tropical Cyclone Season Outlook. The switch to El Niño conditions across the Pacific is likely to be a key player in driving the formation of tropical systems, with an elevated risk forecast for the Pacific region about and east of the International Date Line.

A major milestone in the automation programme at Paraparaumu was reached in mid-December 2023 with two fully automated test flights being undertaken as part of the commissioning process of the new 'Autosonde system'. The Autosonde system automates the previously manual process of preparing and launching weather balloons and will significantly reduce risks associated with the hydrogen gas used to fill the balloons. It will also reduce the costs of day-to-day operations.

Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group

Next steps:

For your information only.

0 CABINET PAPERS

Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet	
(Date TBC)	None this week.
Cabinet Business Committee (CBC)	
(Date TBC)	<p>Approval of Proposed Increases to the Maritime and Oil Pollution Levies</p> <p>This paper seeks approval to changes to the Maritime and Oil Pollution Levies from 1 July 2024.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: David Wood, DCE, Investment & Monitoring Group</i></p>

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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	<p>Responses have been received from Regional Council Chair Daran Ponter and the Wellington City Council Chief Executive on proposed additions to the agreement to work to mutually terminate the Relationship Funding Agreement. 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.</p> <p>There are no further updates to staffing impacts and other winddown costs from last week's update. Full details on staffing impacts and other costs will be known once the LGWM disestablishment plan is formally agreed in early February 2024.</p>
Meet with councils and communities to establish regional requirements for recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle and other recent major flooding events	<p>No meetings have been held with councils or communities for the week ending Friday 26 January 2024.</p> <p>The schedule remains on track for the State Highway 1 Brynderwyn Hills closure on Monday 26 February 2024 to undertake required work. The significant work required to get the three detour routes ready is nearing completion. The communication campaign informing the public about the closure and that Northland is "open for business" is being finalised.</p> <p>Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) is meeting with council officers (general managers and relevant team members) as required, including about the development of the Strategic Response Plans. and, more recently, ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)} [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] With our support, TREC has proactively engaged with mayors and chief executives throughout this work, as well as with Matariki (Hawke's Bay Regional Governance Group), Trust Tairāwhiti, and the Hawke's Bay Economic Development Agency.</p>

8 UPDATES FROM TRANSPORT CROWN ENTITIES AND SOES

Title	Update
Repeal the Clean Car Discount scheme by 31 December 2023	<p>All Clean Car Discount (CCD) applications have now been assessed. The team have processed a record number of applications.</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>The HR process for impacted staff will officially commence with mandatory consultation in February 2024 and conclude in the April/May 2024 period.</p>

Key updates

Title	Update
Speed limit changes	<p>On Friday 19 January 2024, the Director of Land Transport approved a number of speed limit changes for newly completed/nearing completion sections of the State Highway network. These changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the introduction of an 80km/h speed limit on State Highway 25A on the Coromandel Peninsula (down from the current 100km/h speed limit; speed limit change applies across 27.8km); the introduction of 80km/h speed limits at new interchanges and ramps at State Highway, 1 Constellation Drive, Auckland to align with the existing State Highway network (speed limit change applies across 1.6km); an 80 km/h speed limit on the Old State Highway 1, from Poplar Avenue to Raumati Road, at the southern end of Paraparaumu, Kapiti (speed limit change applies across 0.4km); and <p>(Continued next page)</p>


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Title	Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a 50 km/h speed limit on the Old State Highway 1, from Raumati Road to Ihakara Street, approaching the Paraparaumu central business district (speed limit change applies across 2.0km). <p>These Old State Highway 1 speed limits are currently in place under temporary traffic management - the approval will enable them to be made permanent.</p> <p>Under Clause 2.6 of the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 the Director must approve such proposals if satisfied 'good reason' exists for the speed limits to be set prior to a Speed Management Plan being published. In this case, the Director considered that the 'good reason' test was met given the discrete nature of the proposals and the safety benefits from the proposed changes.</p>
Upcoming release of the results from the annual stakeholder and Māori partnerships surveys	<p>Each year NZTA undertakes annual stakeholder and Māori partnerships surveys. The surveys are undertaken independently by Kantar Public (stakeholder survey) and Maarama Consulting (Māori partnerships survey). Partners and stakeholders, including local government, are invited to participate in the stakeholder survey. The Māori partnerships survey is undertaken with Iwi.</p> <p>The measures are reported on in our Statement of Performance Expectations (SPE).</p> <p>NZTA will release its 2023 results in the coming weeks. The release will consist of making the reports available on the NZTA website, a short piece in the regular update that the directors of regional relationships provide to councils, and communication of the results of the Māori partnerships survey to Iwi via the regional leads Māori.</p> <p>Stakeholder survey</p> <p>Overall partner and stakeholder satisfaction with NZTA was in line with recent years at 53 percent. This is slightly below the SPE (54 percent) and the 2022 high of 56 percent. The 2023 response rate was comparatively low at 16 percent, resulting in a larger margin of error of +/-8.6 percent. Partners and stakeholders continue to believe that NZTA staff are knowledgeable, professional and show an interest in the work of others and are now more likely to describe NZTA as collaborative, customer focused, inclusive, relevant and outward facing compared to 2019. Stakeholder feedback also indicated that NZTA could better prioritise the needs of partner and stakeholder organisations in our work and improve internal systems and processes.</p> <p><i>(Continued next page)</i></p>

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	<p>Māori partnerships survey</p> <p>Overall, Māori generally feel NZTA and their relationships are moving in a positive direction. The average performance score of key strategic relationships drivers of Māori partnerships (SPE measure) was 49 percent, meeting the requirement for an increase over the 2022 result of 45 percent (the difference was not significant). 64 percent of Māori hold positive perceptions of NZTA in general (no significant change from 2022), with 57 percent seeing NZTA as moving in a positive direction as an organisation (8 percent said NZTA is moving in a negative direction). 71 percent reported that their relationships with NZTA have improved over time and 60 percent were feeling optimistic about the future of their relationship with NZTA. The latter two measures were slightly down on 2022 results.</p>
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<p>State Highway 1 Brynderwyn Hills – upcoming road closure</p>	<p>Work is continuing in preparation for the upcoming nine-week closure of State Highway 1 through the Brynderwyn Hills north of Auckland. This includes enabling works, procurement of materials, and design work, which are all on track. Works on the local road detour routes are almost complete, with the Northern transportation alliance continuing to monitor these routes for any additional works that may be required prior to the closure commencing Monday 26 February 2024.</p> <p>Communication will ramp up from February 2024 onwards, with weekly newsletters to stakeholders, regular information to media and ongoing liaison with key stakeholders. The Steering Group set up in conjunction with the Northland Councils has been kept up to date and remains supportive of the closure.</p>

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Speed review announcement - State Highway 25A	<p>The State Highway 25A (Kōpū to Hikuai) 80km/h speed limit has been approved. Due to the upcoming short working weeks the public announcement date will be Monday 12 February 2024 and the implementation date Monday 19 February 2024.</p>
State Highway 10 Kāeo Bridge upgrade	<p>On Friday 2 February 2024, the new bridge will partially open to north and southbound traffic operating on a one-way system, ahead of Waitangi weekend. This will allow the team to start the next phase of the project, which is the Whangaroa Road tie ins and decommissioning of the old bridge. Traffic management will remain in place throughout the area until the project is fully complete. Planning is underway for an official opening ceremony when the bridge fully opens to traffic in the second quarter of 2024.</p> 
Update on communications about the 1 April 2024 introduction of road user charges (RUC) on EVs	<p>Following the Minister's Tuesday 16 January 2024 announcement about the introduction of RUC for EVs, NZTA has issued a media release, social media post, website banner and information, and about 80,000 emails or physical letters to EV owners. An email was sent to owners who had provided an email address and a letter where no email address had been provided. The emails and letters covered all owners, except the small number for whom details were not available at the time because of the recency of their purchase. After the letters had been posted, it was identified that due to human error in migrating the data for the physical letter template, letters were addressed to each owner's second and family names, not first and family names. There have been no media queries about the letters to date. Two people contacted NZTA directly via social media to advise of the error with the names and there have been 11 calls to the contact centre.</p> <p><i>(Continued next page)</i></p>

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	<p>NZTA has put new processes in place to mitigate against the chance of this happening again. NZTA held a lessons learnt meeting on Friday 26 January 2024 and will look into further process amendments.</p> <p>An update on the social media response to RUC on EVs is being provided separately.</p> <p>The media release can be found at: https://www.nzta.govt.nz/media-releases/electric-vehicles-subject-to-ruc-from-1-april-2024/</p> <p>A copy of the NZTA Facebook post is provided below:</p> <div data-bbox="542 741 1428 1276"> </div> <div data-bbox="638 1288 1324 1960"> </div>

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Media updates

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Maintenance work, State Highway 2 South Auckland	A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 29 January 2024 to remind people of upcoming maintenance on State Highway 2 between Rimu Road and Irish Road from Sunday 11 February to Monday 11 March 2024.
Safety Improvements, State Highway 1 Northland	A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 29 January 2024 following the installation of 1km of flexible median barrier between the Port Marsden Highway (State Highway 15) roundabout and Sandford Road and a wider centreline and flexible safety posts from Sandford Road to Lagoon Bridge. Southern safety improvements (25km stretch of State Highway 1 in Northland, from the south side of the Brynderwyn Hills to Wellsford) is also complete and the team is moving into final design for the rest of the project.
State Highway 51 roundabout construction	A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 29 January 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, including the garden landscaping and shared path. This will coincide with a site visit for local journalists from Hawke's Bay App and Hawke's Bay Today.
Saddle Road maintenance closures	A media statement is planned for release on Monday 29 January 2024 to highlight upcoming daytime closures on Saddle Road for essential maintenance, including road repairs, drainage improvements and asphalt resurfacing. The closures will begin on Monday 12 February 2024 and the work is expected to be completed by Friday 23 February 2024.
Pukenui Road roundabout progress	A media statement may be released during the week beginning Monday 29 January 2024 to chart the progress of the Pukenui Road roundabout on State Highway 1 near Ohakea, and the upcoming work to 'tie in' the existing road to the new roundabout.
State Highway 29 Kaimai Range closures	A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 29 January 2024 advising road users that there will be regular closures of State Highway 29 Kaimai Range over coming months. The closures are needed to ensure essential maintenance can be undertaken in a safe and efficient manner.

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Boating safety partnership with Radio Hauraki



Radio Hauraki 'The Big Show' hosts preparing social media video for the Kia Mataara safer boating campaign

As part of Maritime NZ's Kia Mataara safer boating campaign, we are teaming up with Radio Hauraki to use an entertaining radio "adventure" aimed at reducing harm and promoting responsible behaviour on the water. Radio Hauraki has a fun, authentic style and strong connection to Kia Mataara's core audience, men aged 40+.

The partnership officially started on Monday 22 January 2024. It promises a month of engaging radio during Radio Hauraki's 'The Big Show', from 4-7pm weekdays, and social media content, followed by an on-air boat trip in the fourth week. This collaboration aligns with our 'Come Home Safe' initiative, enabling the DJs to integrate our three key safety messages: always wear a life jacket, carry two waterproof communication devices, and check the marine weather forecast.

The Big Show radio hosts will each "adopt" a recreational craft for the duration of the campaign and talk about safety on board, in addition to the overarching safety messages.

This collaboration also provides an excellent opportunity to involve Safer Boating Forum partners, leveraging their expertise, supplying appropriate equipment, and featuring in the final activation video they are encouraged to share. Together, this allows us to amplify the reach and impact of our campaign across the recreational craft community.

Maritime NZ in the media

On Friday 19 January 2024, with several weather watches and warnings for the West Coast of the South Island and parts of the North Island, Maritime NZ issued a media release advising recreational craft users to only go out if it is safe, if they understand the conditions, have the correct safety equipment, and have a suitable vessel for the waters they are traversing. It was picked up by some mainstream media outlets and our Harm Prevention Lead, Recreational Craft was interviewed by Mediaworks radio for its bulletins.

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Aviation Security Service
Kaiwhakamaru Rererangi

Key updates

Queenstown airline pilot security incident – further information provided at Minister's request

Statement of facts and current situation:

On 18 November 2023, the pilot in question activated the walk-through metal detector and entered the Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT) without incident. The avatar of the AIT scan displayed two activations (on the chest and shoulder area), requiring a pat-down to be cleared before the pilot could continue into the sterile area. He refused the pat-down, stating that he would take off whatever was required (including clothing) if he had to be screened again. He was advised he was not able to proceed any further because minimum screening requirements had not been met.

The pilot left the screening point, before returning shortly after, and disrobed down to his trousers. On this occasion he was denied entry into the screening point and was subsequently spoken to by a police officer. The pilot then returned to the screening point for a third time. On this occasion he was engaged in a lengthy discussion with the police officer located at the screening point but made no attempt to enter the screening point. The pilot travelled later in the day as a passenger without incident.

The matter has since been reported to the CAA by AvSec under the Rule Part 12 reporting requirements, as a security incident. CAA has reviewed the matter and determined that no regulatory action is required.

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Regulatory obligations for screening:

All standards for screening are based on the ICAO requirements within Annex 17 – aviation security. This responds to the risk that any person who has access to or enters an aircraft could potentially be carrying an item that could support an act of unlawful interference.

The Director has the delegated permission from Cabinet to issue screening exemptions of some classes of people. This might include foreign government Ministers or the New Zealand Foreign Affairs Minister when accompanying an overseas minister. At present, only the Governor-General and the Prime Minister are exempt from screening.

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The CAA and the Ministry of Transport are of the view that pilots should be screened alongside all other aviation participants who have access to aircraft (bearing in mind that screening of aviation participants in this context is explicitly related to ‘insider threat’). The application to all “flight crew” has been carefully considered and goes to the heart of our security arrangements and to meeting our obligations under ICAO.

The Director approves the expositions (a manual detailing the policies and processes that underpin the way the organisation goes about its day-to-day business) of AvSec and the air carrier. The air carrier, as the major risk owner, has its own views on their security requirements. Air New Zealand expects all flight crew to be screened.

While not directly relevant to this particular incident, there have been concerns raised by pilots about them needing to remove boots. This has been subject to media coverage triggered by this incident despite it not relating to the boots removal requirement. Boots do need to be removed as AIT sees the leather as skin and can’t penetrate further. It is possible that a (non-metallic) threat item could be concealed in boots. Pilots claim that their boots are low risk when compared to the risk associated with access to material and controls in a cockpit.

The Director is engaging with AvSec to determine whether the security risk associated with pilots’ boots can be addressed without requiring them to be removed. This work is likely to progress during February and March 2024, including through engagement with NZALPA. It has not been a priority in recent months.

New Christchurch-Singapore service could place additional demands on staff

The Authority has been advised of a new Singapore Airlines-operated flight to Singapore departing from Christchurch from November 2024. The proposed arrival and departure times from Christchurch fall outside AvSec’s normal operating hours. The inbound flight will arrive in Christchurch at 23:40 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with the outbound flight departing at 01:10 on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

The late arrival and departure times will require extending the working hours of the airport operations by at least 3 hours. There will likely be implications across the airport involving other agencies, which could add costs and place additional demands on staffing.

Photoshoot for Work Together, Stay Apart campaign

CAA facilitated a photoshoot on Tuesday 23 January 2024 at Christchurch International Airport, to support an upcoming initiative for the ‘Work Together, Stay Apart’ safety campaign. The campaign aims to reduce the likelihood of mid-air accidents and number of near collision and air proximity events within the circuit at unattended aerodromes. A variety of aircraft were photographed together to demonstrate the unity of the aviation sector in supporting the safety campaign and the campaign’s relevance to the sector irrespective of the type of aircraft.

Air New Zealand and RNZAF are supportive of the safety campaign and participated in the photoshoot, along with representatives and aircraft from the International Aviation Academy of NZ, Recreational Aircraft Association of NZ, Christchurch Helicopters, and Canterbury Gliding Club. The photographs and video will be used in the public launch of the campaign initiative, planned for the beginning of February 2024.

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Communications and External Engagement Monday 22 January 2024**Media mentions – 7 days to Tuesday 23 January 2024**

Date	Activity	Channel
17 January 2024	<i>The bizarre items passed through airport security</i> AvSec mention on some of the uncommon items that have passed through our screening points.	Stuff
18 January 2024	<i>Pilot in Queenstown protests at airport security</i> An incident at Queenstown airport late last year where a pilot was behaving inappropriately towards AvSec staff. We were approached for comment, but the timeframe was not long enough to provide a fulsome answer.	Waikato Times, Twitter
19 January 2024	<i>It's about to get easier going through airport security in NZ</i> Awareness about new Computed Tomography (CT) scanning machines (CTiX) at various international airports – Wellington, Christchurch, and Auckland (Auckland switch delayed) in response to a media release issued that day.	Stuff, Newshub, Radio NZ, The Press, Best in NZ, Otago Daily Times

Upcoming communications and engagement

Planned release/publish	What	Type	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

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Planned release/publish	What	Type	Why
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
TBC	In, Out and Around Manawatu	GAP booklet (update)	BAU version update

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RAIL NETWORK

Papakura to Pukekohe four tracking

In February 2024, KiwiRail and Auckland Transport (AT) will together commence public consultation and stakeholder engagement activities for the Notice of Requirements (NoR) required for the Papakura to Pukekohe Four Tracking and Active Mode Corridor Project.

This is a first step towards extending the Third and building a Fourth Main Line on Auckland's Southern Line. It is part of KiwiRail and AT's 30-year [Strategic Rail Programme](#).

This Third and Fourth Main project is currently funded to prepare the necessary documentation for the NoR. Additional funding has been sought for lodgement and post lodgement activities from NZTA.

Successful summer holidays block of line

KiwiRail teams delivered significant upgrade initiatives across the country's major commuter rail networks in Auckland and Wellington on time and on target over the summer holiday period. This summer temporary closure (block of line) is a crucial part of our network calendar as it allows KiwiRail to carry out project work, slip repairs and maintenance across New Zealand's metro networks faster, at a time of reduced commuter demand.

In Auckland, there were 89 active worksites across the rail corridor involving more than 1800 people, continuing the upgrade and improvement of the city's rail infrastructure. Wellington saw the successful delivery of the largest summer holiday block of line KiwiRail has ever carried out in the region, involving 550 workers across the entire network for the duration of the programme.

Auckland holiday work

Auckland's metro network saw intensive upgrade and maintenance work on multiple lines across the city.

Auckland's Rail Network Rebuild (RNR) Stage 2 works on the Eastern Line were completed on schedule with Eastern Line services restarting between Manukau and The Strand on Monday 15 January 2024. There was also a focus on the Western Line, which included slip repairs and carrying out of the most invasive part of the RNR.

Other Auckland work included: enabling works for the final section of the new Third Main Line and signal upgrades at Wiri; ongoing commissioning of new overhead lines between Papakura and Pukekohe to extend electrification; and further City Rail Link programme milestones delivered, including significant track and civil work at Waitematā Station (formerly Britomart), Quay Park and Newmarket.

Wellington holiday work

The activity across the Wellington network chiefly related to the Wellington Metro Upgrade Programme – a \$700 million programme of works to upgrade existing rail infrastructure and build capacity to support Greater Wellington Regional Council's plans for improved commuter services.

Progress was made on the complex re-signalling work at Wellington Railway Station, as well as much-needed work on various tracks, foundations and platforms. This project is a major step towards modernising Wellington's rail network and will improve operations in what is New Zealand's most complex railway junction.

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Work on the Kapiti Line saw the completion of the last major portion of the Plimmerton Station upgrade project. The upgrade, which included adding a third track and platform at the station, will allow commuter trains that currently run from Wellington to Porirua to be extended to Plimmerton, helping with capacity at peak times. Bridge 23 (just north of Paekākāriki) has also been replaced.

Maintenance on the Hutt Valley Line, largely between Ava and Taitā Stations, was also carried out.

On the Wairarapa Line, the 572m long Māoribank Tunnel had all the track and ballast removed (which dated back to the opening of the tunnel in 1955) and replaced with heavyweight rail and composite sleepers.

In the Remutaka Tunnel (New Zealand's second longest rail tunnel), KiwiRail teams replaced all 18 kilometres of drainage. The Wairarapa level crossing upgrade work also began, with the installation of a new concrete track slab on the State Highway 2 level crossing at Featherston.

Additional work in Featherston, including changes to kerbs and the pedestrian crossings, had to be completed over Wellington Anniversary weekend. Some local business owners raised concerns over the impact this would have on their trading ability. We re-scoped some of the traffic management requirements, and the revised traffic management plan enabled greater access and a detour rather than a full road closure.

INTERISLANDER

Summer season

Interislander has had a great summer, with high passenger demand. We delivered a solid, safe and reliable service for customers during the summer peak season, with service reliability at 100 per cent and on time performance above 91 per cent. Most sailings were full. There were no service cancellations over an eight week period, during which close to 200,000 people were moved across Cook Strait on more than 700 sailings.

OTP was affected when the Thursday 11 January 2024 *Kaiarahi* sailing from Wellington experienced an issue with a sensor on one of its four engines. There was no loss of propulsion, but as a safety precaution the vessel sailed via the Northern Entrance delaying its arrival into Picton by approximately 60 minutes, and this delayed subsequent sailings.

In the early hours of Thursday 25 January, the *Kaiarahi* sailing from Wellington and its return trip from Picton were cancelled when routine inspections before departure found an issue with a transponder (that measures water depth). KiwiRail investigated the issue, repaired it and sailing resumed that afternoon.

Enhanced maintenance review

Interislander continues to focus on reliability with its enhanced maintenance programmes across the fleet.

So far, we are 70 per cent complete on the external review by international assurance and risk management company DNV-GL, on vessels and failure mode analysis. Firm action plans are being made to progress the recommendations from the review.

Maritime New Zealand prosecution

The Maritime New Zealand prosecution, following the *Kaitaki* incident in January 2023, was announced last week.

MNZ is also investigating a further incident when there was a partial power outage on *Aratere* on Tuesday 13 February 2024. KiwiRail has been working closely with MNZ as our regulator on the investigation. We anticipate that there will be a formal report issued to KiwiRail ahead of the anniversary date of the incident, but no prosecution.

IREX

The wind down process for project iReX is underway. Third party contracts are being cancelled for goods and services. Formal termination notices have been given to key third party contractors. KiwiRail is working through a process with its own staff to wind down the KiwiRail project team.

A KiwiRail Executive team initiative was established in December to provide shareholders with options and data for post-iReX funding decisions.

Low level construction activity continues to ensure that the terminal sites are left safe, secure, leave no negative environmental impacts and there are no impacts on our Interislander operations. Wind down activity is being managed closely within these parameters.

SCENIC SERVICES

New York Times recognition

KiwiRail was excited to represent New Zealand in the New York Times '52 places to go in 2024' list. 'New Zealand by Train' appears at number four on the list, positioned proudly between Yamaguchi, Japan and Maui, Hawaii.

The 17-day Great Journeys New Zealand (GJNZ) Signature Tour was recommended in the publication's annual collection of holiday destinations. The acknowledgment by a publication as prestigious as the New York Times is a true honour and great publicity for our GJNZ brand.

Our TranzAlpine, Coastal Pacific and Northern Explorer train trips are widely recognised globally as 'must do' day experiences, however the 17-day tours feature these journeys, while also visiting lesser-known regions that lie off the beaten track. The article celebrates how the immersive nature of rail is complemented by the diverse and breathtaking views the country's railways have to offer.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

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

This will be a three-hour session, with KiwiRail's Chair and Chief Executive and other relevant senior managers attending. Responses to Select Committee written questions are currently being prepared and are due on 9 February.

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.

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