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Review of the Ministry of Transport’s Monitoring Performance of NZTA Released

Ministry of Transport CE Peter Mersi has welcomed a report into the Ministry’s monitoring of the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).

The review looked into how the Ministry carried out its monitoring role in regard to the performance of NZTA’s regulatory function. The review was undertaken independently by MartinJenkins, who also contributed to a separate investigation of NZTA’s regulatory performance.

“As monitor of transport Crown agencies, we share responsibility for the regulatory failure. The MartinJenkins report is a wake-up call for the Ministry and highlights areas that are important for an effective monitoring relationship,” Peter Mersi, Chief Executive of the Ministry of Transport says.

“While the report into the Ministry’s monitoring function found our current performance is fit-for-purpose, this wasn’t the case prior to 2017. During that period our monitoring function wasn’t always able to capture information regarding NZTA’s regulatory performance, nor did we highlight our concerns to the Board in strong enough terms. What happened in the past was not good enough. New Zealanders deserve better and that’s why we changed our monitoring approach in 2017.

“Today, we are in a much stronger position to inform transport Crown agency Boards about their regulatory performance. The report confirms the direction we are heading and underlines the need to continually evaluate our approach.

“Public safety and the confidence of New Zealand’s land transport industry is vital. We will continue to focus our efforts on monitoring transport Crown agencies to ensure the regulatory system protects, and serves, the interests of everyone in New Zealand” Peter Mersi concluded.

Further information about the review can be found at; www.transport.govt.nz