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

Transport Portfolio Weekly Report

As at Wednesday 3 July 2024

Recipient

HON SIMEON BROWN
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

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

Minister's comments:

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Officials' agenda



Agenda - Minister Brown officials' meeting

Day Date	Monday 8 July 2024		
Time	2.00pm – 2.45pm		
Venue	Online Microsoft Teams		
Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) attendees			
Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive – Present for 1:1 only			
Brent Johnston, Chief of Staff			
Richard Cross, Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Investment & Monitoring			
Paul O'Connell, Deputy Chief Executive, Sector Strategy			
Jess Ranger, Manager, Urban Development & Public Transport			
Tessa Ayson, Manager, Strategy			
Part 1	Ministry of Transport	Lead	Paper reference
1.0	CE Only Time	Audrey Sonerson	5 Mins
1.1	Weekly Report	Brent Johnston	As at 3 July 2024
1.2	Agency Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board appointments 	Richard Cross	Verbal update
1.3	Exempt public transport services	Jess Ranger	Verbal update
1.4	Public Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total mobility engagement & stakeholder plan 	Jess Ranger	OC240554
1.5	Regulatory s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Paul O'Connell	Timeline (in weekend bag)

Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) Monday 1 July 2024	Due date
<p>Aviation</p> <p>Officials to provide update on history of the Civil Aviation Act 2023 and the differences between the Australian and New Zealand independent review functions.</p> <p>Officials to consult on three options for the scope of the independent review function.</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Commencing 19 August 2024</p>
<p>Auckland</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	<p>Wednesday 24 July 2024</p>
<p>OFT</p> <p>Officials will provide the Office with a note on the implementation considerations raised by Police.</p>	<p>Friday 5 July 2024</p>
Decisions	Confirmed / Denied
<p>GPS Action in Government's Quarterly Plan.</p>	<p>Confirmed</p>
<p>Agreement to provide bullet points to DPMC on the Revenue work programme.</p>	<p>Confirmed</p>

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
Officials Meeting date	Action	Due date
5 February 2024	ALR Officials to provide monthly updates of expected wind-down costs of ALR.	Ongoing
11 March 2024	GPS Officials to provide weekly updates on next steps across programmes of work signalled in the GPS.	Ongoing
22 April 2024	Speed s 9(2)(f)(iv)	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
14 May 2024	GPS s 9(2)(f)(iv)	30 August 2024
20 May 2024	Chatham Islands update Officials to provide a weekly joint MoT, MNZ, DIA, MBIE, and MPI briefing on the situation in the Chatham Islands, covering fuel, livestock, and the boat purchase.	Ongoing
10 June 2024	Public Transport Officials to provide monthly update on bus driver shortage numbers.	Ongoing
17 June 2024	Auckland Officials to provide an update on the s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Wednesday 24 July 2024
17 June 2024	Aviation Regulatory environment Officials to provide advice on statutory independent functions held by the Director at CAA and CASA.	Week commencing Monday 15 July 2024
17 June 2024	Public Transport s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
24 June 2024	<p>Appointments</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	Underway
24 June 2024	<p>Driver Licensing</p> <p>NZTA is progressing the operational work programme to reduce wait times to under 30 days.</p> <p>NZTA operations is prepared for the implementation timeframes and will ensure communications are aligned.</p> <p>The Ministry of Transport and NZTA are to provide a joint report back to the Minister on options to reduce wait times, including a focus on actions set out in paragraphs 18.3 and 18.4.</p>	<p>N/A - underway</p> <p>N/A - underway</p> <p>Week commencing Monday 15 July 2024</p>
24 June 2024	<p>Revenue</p> <p>The Ministry and NZTA are to incorporate opportunities from existing and developing technology in the Revenue programme being developed, for discussion in a workshop.</p> <p>The above advice should align with the broader tolling workstream and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cover the tolling solutions being explored, and highlight potential legislative changes required to support efficient/cost effective tolling implementation and operations. 	<p>Initial advice on tolling considerations by Wednesday 17 July 2024. Briefing regarding the broader work programme by Wednesday 31 July 2024, including workshops</p>
24 June 2024	<p>Other</p> <p>The Weekly Report is to include progress updates on the MNZ, TAIC and KiwiRail investigations into the Aratere grounding.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>We understand that you are being updated by MNZ regularly on the Aratere detention notice and the process for its return to service. MNZ will provide an update on the timing and progress of its investigation in due course. TAIC will provide updates in its section of the Weekly Report.</p>

1 Ministerial priorities

Safety

Project: Speed limits

Public consultation commenced on Thursday 13 June 2024. As at 8:20am on Tuesday 2 July 2024 we had received 205 email submissions and 2013 survey responses.

We have met with NZTA Regional Directors, the Ministry of Health and Auckland Transport to discuss the draft Rule.

The Ministry has received two OIAs (from the NZ Herald and the Green Party) and you have received one (from a member of the public). We are working to complete these.

We have provided an indicative timeline below to reflect the Government's quarterly plan. This plan provides that the new Rule will be signed by 30 September 2024. You had indicated to Cabinet, when seeking agreement to consult on the draft Rule, that you would report back following public consultation. This means there will be a tight timeframe to analyse submissions and propose any final decisions on the draft Rule before seeking Cabinet's approval in September 2024.

Process	Dates
Public consultation	13 June – 11 July 2024
Briefing to Minister on outcome of consultation	14 August 2024 [5 weeks]
Draft Cabinet paper and final version of the Rule to Minister	4 September 2024 [3 weeks]
Ministerial and departmental consultation	10 – 17 September 2024 [1 week]
Cabinet paper lodged	19 September 2024
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	25 September 2024
Cabinet confirmation of ECO decisions	30 September 2024
Final Rule to Minister for signing	After Cabinet, on 30 September 2024
New Rule in force	Late October 2024 (28 days after notification in the NZ Gazette)

Project: Oral fluid testing regime

We have commenced departmental consultation on the draft Oral Fluid Testing Bill (the draft Bill) and a draft paper for the Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG paper). We have adjusted the consultation timeframes by one day to account for the delay in commencing consultation (which will now run from 2 – 10 July 2024).

s 9(2)(h)

Cabinet paper: Introducing the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill

This paper will seek approval of the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill 2024 and for the Bill to be introduced into the House.

Departmental and Ministerial consultation:
2 – 10 July 2024

To lodge: Thursday 18 July 2024

To Committee: Thursday 25 July 2024 (LEG)

To Cabinet: Monday 29 July 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Land Transport Fees Amendment Package

We have now conducted targeted consultation and have provided you with a briefing seeking final policy decisions. Following your decisions, we will prepare drafting instructions for PCO.

Cabinet paper: Parking, towage & storage fee package

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

To Committee: 22 August 2024 (LEG)

To Executive Council: 26 August 2024

Rail

Project: Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility Programme

We await confirmation from your Office on next steps associated with Programme funding, including confirmation that:

- the Minister of Finance has agreed to draw down the tagged contingency to fund the Programme, and
- of your approval of the Programme Funding Agreement.

Following confirmation, the Ministry's Chief Executive will sign the Programme Funding Agreement, and it will be circulated to Programme partners for their signatures.

Project: Budget 24 funding for metro rail renewals

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Date: Wednesday 31 July 2024

Project: KiwiRail – rail freight network

Briefing: s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Date: Wednesday 10 July 2024

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Investment

Project: Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024

Performance and Efficiency Plan

GPS 2024 sets out that 'NZTA will be expected to develop a Performance and Efficiency Plan (the Plan) that will drive performance and efficiency across all transport investments.'

Since the draft GPS was released, NZTA has been developing the Plan with support from Ministry officials and the initial iteration of the Plan was approved by the NZTA Board on Wednesday 19 June 2024. Some elements of the Plan (including several baseline measures of performance) are still under development by NZTA and will be added over the next few months as the Plan evolves.

NZTA have now submitted the Plan to you alongside the final NZTA Statement of Performance Expectations and Statement of Intent. We are developing a briefing for you with advice about the Plan and NZTA's GPS reporting arrangements, along with a draft letter from you to the NZTA chair, which will thank NZTA for the work done so far and set out your expectations for future enhancements to the Plan.

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Revenue

Project: Revenue system report back

Update on Cabinet paper proposing a Revenue Action Plan

The Land Transport Revenue Action Plan (the Action Plan) was considered by the Cabinet Business Committee on Monday 1 July 2024 and is due to be confirmed by Cabinet on Monday 8 July 2024. With the action plan confirmed, we are working on a briefing regarding the long-term land transport revenue system and its implications for the next phase of the Action Plan. We will also prepare the Cabinet paper and minutes for public release and brief you on seeking approval for its release. We are liaising with your Office about updated communication materials to support an announcement.

More broadly, we will implement each action as individual projects and will provide you with updates on the five projects separately.

Establishment of a stakeholder reference group

An updated draft and Terms of Reference has been provided to your Office following your feedback last week.

Briefing: s 9(2)(f)(iv)

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Time of use charging

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Tolling Reform

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Fleetwide Transition to the Road User Charges system

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Officials from the Ministry and NZTA are continuing work on a package of advice to implement the fleetwide transition following your agreement to key features of the initial improved RUC system (OC240243 refers). We will shortly be seeking your feedback on system-level changes to the current RUC settings. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Briefing: TBD

This paper will seek agreement to system level changes to settings for road user charges.

Date: Wednesday 31 July 2024 [TBC]

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Aviation

Project: CAA funding review and provision of Aviation Security Services

Cabinet Paper: This paper will seek approval to release discussion documents on the CAA funding review and alternative delivery options for Avsec.

Progress Update: We are updating the draft Cabinet paper to reflect your feedback. The Cost Recovery Impact Statement has been submitted to the Ministry's internal RIA assessment panel. We are still awaiting a draft consultation document from the CAA which we expect to receive on Friday 5 July 2024.

Departmental consultation: 3 - 15 July 2024

Updated draft: Friday 19 July 2024

Ministerial consultation:

29 July - 6 August 2024

Updated draft: 9 August 2024

To lodge: 15 August 2024

To committee: 21 August 2024

Project: CAA Appointments

Advice following the CAA Board interviews is now with you for consideration. A decision is expected from you in the first week of July in order for the below timeframe to be met:

Action	Timeframe
Ministry to provide advice on shortlisted candidates and seek Minister's agreement on preferred candidates.	Wednesday 26 June 2024
Decision from Minister.	First week of July 2024
Ministry to commence background and reference checks of preferred candidates.	July 2024
Cross party consultation on APH papers.	July 2024
APH to consider the appointment.	Tuesday 30 July 2024
Cabinet to consider the appointment.	5 August 2024
Appointments gazette / appointment letter sent.	Day after Cabinet

Emissions

Project: Clean Car Importer Standard	
Review of the Clean Car Importer Standard (the Standard)	
<p>On Monday 1 July 2024, the Cabinet Business Committee approved policy decisions following the review of the Clean Car Importer Standard. This is expected to be confirmed by Cabinet on Monday 8 July 2024. We are finalising the drafting instructions for the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations, which will be provided to PCO following Cabinet policy approval on Monday 8 July 2024. These regulations will set the new targets for 2025–2029 and exempt disability vehicles from the Standard.</p> <p>We have provided you with a briefing seeking approval to release the draft Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations to the NZTA for consultation.</p>	
Cabinet paper: Outcome of the review of the Clean Car Importer Standard	To Cabinet and Executive Council: Monday 8 July 2024
Cabinet Paper: Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations	To Lodge: 15 August 2024 To Committee: 22 August 2024 (LEG) To Cabinet and Executive Council: 26 August 2024
Budget Night Legislation: Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Bill	
<p>With the Bill passing through the House and awaiting Royal Assent, we are continuing to work with NZTA on beginning targeted engagement with the vehicle importer sector.</p>	
Project: EV Charging Infrastructure	
<p>We have provided you with a briefing seeking your agreement to a preferred co-investment model for public EV charging infrastructure.</p> <p>Based on your feedback, ^{s 9(2)(f)(v)}</p>	

Project: Second Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP2)

On Monday 1 July 2024, the Cabinet Business Committee approved public consultation for the ERP2 discussion document. This is expected to be confirmed by Cabinet on Monday 8 July 2024. Public consultation is scheduled to start on Tuesday 16 July 2024 and continue to 21 August 2024 (to be confirmed).

An overview of communications and engagement activities for the ERP2 discussion document is set out below (dates to be confirmed):

- The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) will lead the overall consultation.
- The Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) leads the transport content of the consultation, and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) leads the energy content.
- The Ministry and MBIE will coordinate to ensure overlapping interests are addressed sufficiently.
- The Minister of Climate Change is expected to issue a media release to announce the opening of consultation.
- Once consultation is under way, we will update our webpage to link to the discussion document on MfE's website.
- During consultation, MfE will host a series of online and in-person regional climate meetings, hui, panel discussions and workshops.
- The Ministry will lead content for one transport-specific information session with transport sector stakeholders and will attend and support MfE and MBIE with the other engagements where relevant.

We will keep your Office updated about any media and/or stakeholder issues relating to transport that arise during the consultation period.

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Auckland

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Auckland Level Crossing Programme

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Waitematā Harbour Connections

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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2 Updates on other matters

Cost Recovery for Processing of International Travellers

On 28 May 2024, Hon Casey Costello, the Minister responsible for the Border Executive Board and Minister of Customs, consulted you, the Minister for Biosecurity, and the Minister for Immigration on the development of cost-recovery regulations under the Airports (Cost Recovery for Processing of International Travellers) Act 2014 (the Airports Act) (BEB 24-016 refers). On 30 May 2024 you provided your approval, and you reiterated that regulations should be put in place as soon as possible.

The Airport Act is administered by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and can be used to recover the costs of processing international travellers through biosecurity, customs, and aviation security services over a cost-recovery period of up to three years.

Cost-recovery regulations have never been made under this legislation. Relevant agencies, led by MPI, are currently developing workable policy options for establishing regulations. These options will be incorporated into a draft discussion document intended for public consultation.

The Civil Aviation Authority have recently informed you of their decision to withdraw from the development of cost-recovery regulations under the Airports Act. This decision was made on the basis that the International Passenger Security Levy (IPSL), for the provision of aviation security services, can already be used to recover all costs that are intended to be recovered through the Airports Act. This is not the case for the Biosecurity and Customs Levies.

The making of regulations under the Airports Act will require a minor amendment to the Civil Aviation (Safety and Security) Levies Order 2002. Currently airlines are exempted from paying the IPSL for a passenger departing an airport to which the Airports Act applies. This provision will need to be revoked or amended in order to permit the continued collection of the IPSL at airports that are subject to the Airports Act. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

s 9(2)(g)(i)

Independent Review of Civil Aviation Director decisions

At the Officials meeting on Monday 1 July 2024, you requested information as to why Independent Reviewer(s) would not be able to overturn a Civil Aviation Director's decision, but rather only be able to make a recommendation to the Director to review their decision. You noted that this was a matter discussed during the Select Committee process on the Civil Aviation Bill.

To preserve the safe and secure operation of the aviation system, it is important that the Director maintains ultimate responsibility for aviation regulatory decisions, subject to District Court appeal provisions. The District Court has the power to overturn a range of specified Director's decisions on appeal.

Allowing decisions to be overturned by an independent person or body could lead to unclear accountability for the safety of the civil aviation system.

The independent review function will provide for greater transparency of the Civil Aviation Authority's regulatory decision-making processes, without conflicting with the Director's role in overseeing a safe civil aviation system, and the corresponding need for the Director to make decisions in the public interest.

This is similar to how the New Zealand medical convener process works, as well as the UK's Independent Review Panel that reviews decisions made by the Civil Aviation Authority in the UK.

Bus Driver Workforce - June 2024 Update

s 9(2)(ba)(i)

Island Direct and SuperGold Card funding

Auckland Transport is working closely with Island Direct to finalise the agreement to enable the company to receive SuperGold Card funding for its Waiheke Island services. s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(j)

The agreement with Island Direct can be backdated, so Island Direct will be able to receive funding for any SuperGold Card passengers from Monday 1 July 2024 after signing.

There will be a further meeting between the parties on Monday 8 July 2024.

3 Transport stakeholder updates

There are no transport stakeholder updates this week.

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4 Upcoming Minister of Transport meetings

Meeting Date	Meeting	Details
Friday 12 July 2024 11.15 am – 12.00 pm	Meeting with Kea Aerospace and Hon Hamish Campbell MP	Briefing Due: Wednesday 10 July 2024 Officials Attending: N/A
Friday 12 July 2024 12.15 – 1.00 pm	Meeting with Dawn Aerospace and Hon Hamish Campbell MP	Briefing Due: Wednesday 10 July 2024 Officials Attending: N/A

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5 Other upcoming Ministry of Transport Cabinet papers

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



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6 Other briefings and aide memoires to Minister of Transport

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

Due to Office	Title
Tuesday 9 July 2024	<p>Civil Aviation Authority – Letter of Expectations</p> <p>This Letter of Expectations will outline the theme of Emerging Aviation and Aerospace Technologies now that delegations have been confirmed between the Minister of Transport and Minister for Space and set expectations within this space.</p>
Week ending 12 July 2024	<p>Delegation of civil aviation regulatory functions by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) in Australia</p> <p>This briefing will outline CASA's approach to delegating the statutory functions of the Director in Australia.</p>
Week ending 12 July 2024	<p>Confirming funding arrangements for recruiting and retaining bus driver initiative</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
Week ending 12 July 2024	<p>Vote Transport unappropriated expenditure for the 2023/24 financial year</p> <p>This briefing will provide you with information on the two instances of unappropriated expenditure in Vote Transport for the 2023/24 financial year.</p>
Week ending 12 July 2024	<p>New Zealand Transport Agency Board: Advice following interviews</p> <p>This briefing will provide advice on the next steps for NZTA Board appointments following the completion of interviews.</p>
Week ending 12 July 2024	<p>Chatham Islands replacement shipping solution - drawdown authorisation for repairs to the Southern Tiare</p> <p>This briefing seeks joint authorisation from Ministers to draw down an additional \$1 million from the <i>Supporting a Chatham Islands Replacement Ship</i> tagged contingency in order to meet costs associated with the permanent repairs for the <i>Southern Tiare</i>.</p>
Week ending 19 July 2024	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
Week ending 19 July 2024	<p>Drug and Alcohol Management Plans – Rule Approval</p> <p>This briefing will ask you to give effect to the provisions in the Civil Aviation Act 2023 for drug and alcohol management plans and testing by authorising new civil aviation rules.</p>

<p>Week ending 19 July 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Week ending 26 July 2024</p>	<p>Update on implementation of Civil Aviation Act 2023 This briefing will update you on progress and plans for implementing the Civil Aviation Act 2023, which will take effect from 5 April 2025.</p>
<p>Week ending 26 July 2024</p>	<p>Cost recovery relating to Civil Aviation Act 2023 This briefing will provide initial advice on potential cost recovery for the functions being implemented by the Civil Aviation Act 2023.</p>
<p>Week ending 2 August 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Week ending 30 August 2024</p>	<p>The Interim Aviation Council and the National Aviation Policy Statement This briefing will update you on the work being undertaken by the Interim Aviation Council to develop a National Aviation Policy Statement.</p>
<p>Date TBC</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

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6.1 Proactive Releases

Due to Office	Title	Date planned for release
Wednesday 10 July 2024	<p>Proactive Release of Cabinet paper relating Government Response to the Report of the Regulations Review Committee on the Complaint about the E-Scooters (Declaration not to be motor vehicles) Notice 2018</p> <p>On 4 March 2024, Cabinet considered the paper titled Government Response to the Report of the Regulations Review Committee on the Complaint about the E-Scooters (Declaration not to be motor vehicles) Notice 2018. This proactive release briefing (OC240605 refers) will seek your approval to release the Cabinet material relating to this decision.</p>	Friday 19 July 2024
Wednesday 10 July 2024	<p>Proactive Release of Cabinet paper relating Urgent Amendment to the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Exhaust Emissions 2007</p> <p>On 15 April 2024, Cabinet considered the paper titled Urgent Amendment to Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Exhaust Emissions. This proactive release briefing (OC240585 refers) will seek your approval to release the Cabinet material relating to this decision.</p>	Friday 19 July 2024
Wednesday 10 July 2024	<p>Proactive Release of Cabinet papers relating to the draft Land Transport Rule Setting of Speed Limits 2024</p> <p>On 27 May 2024, Cabinet considered the paper titled The New Setting of Speed Limits Rule: Public Consultation. This paper sought agreement for you to release the consultation document, draft rule and regulatory impact assessment. This proactive release briefing will seek your approval for the release of this Cabinet paper, the interim regulatory impact assessment and the Cabinet paper from February 2024 where you informed your Cabinet colleagues of your intended policy direction for the new Setting of Speed Limits Rule.</p>	Friday 19 July 2024
Wednesday 10 July 2024	<p>Proactive Release of Vote Transport Budget 2024 Advice</p> <p>This proactive release briefing (OC240567 refers) will seek your approval to release advice provided as part of Budget 2024.</p>	Indicatively Thursday 25 July 2024 (Actual date will be dependent on the date of Treasury's proactive release)
Wednesday 10 July 2024	<p>Proactive Release of June 2024 Briefing Titles</p> <p>This proactive release briefing (OC240646 refers) will seek your approval for all Transport agencies to release their June 2024 list of briefing titles provided to yourself and Minister Doocoy.</p>	Wednesday 31 July 2024

Due to Office	Title	Date planned for release
Wednesday 10 July 2024	<p>Proactive Release of Cabinet paper relating Reintroducing Driver Licence Resit Fees and Enabling the NZTA App</p> <p>On 15 April 2024, Cabinet considered the paper titled Reintroducing Driver Licence Resit Fees and Enabling the NZTA App. This paper sought agreement to reintroduce driver licence resit fees and legislative changes to enable the launch of the NZTA App. On Thursday 27 June 2024, a further Cabinet paper will be considered by Cabinet Legislation Committee seeking agreement to the amendment regulations for these initiatives. This proactive release briefing (OC240705 refers) will seek your approval to release the Cabinet material relating to this decision.</p>	Friday 9 August 2024
Wednesday 24 July 2024	<p>Proactive release of Revenue Action Plan Cabinet paper</p> <p>On Monday 1 July 2024, the Cabinet Business Committee considered the Revenue Action Plan. This proactive release briefing will seek your approval to release the Cabinet material relating to this decision.</p>	Friday 2 August 2024

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6.2 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

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

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7 Ministerial correspondence and OIAs

Ministerial correspondence:

# of Ministerials	Topic	Key themes
6	Auckland Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfair process and funding for Island Direct subsidy contract • Poor signage resulting in unfair infringement notices • Excessive parking and infringement charges • Bus driver practices/negligence causing injury • Dangerous road • Unreliable public transport • Unnecessary expenses and inefficiencies
5	Speed Rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence base for the proposed changes • Road management improvements • Pace of changes • Opposition to changes • Speed of motorised scooters and bikes in pedestrian areas
5	Interislander Ferries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of IRex cancellation • Costs of new ferries compared to IRex • Benefits of Lyttleton route for freight • Reform & restructure of KiwiRail

Ministerial Official Information Act Requests:

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
4/07/2024	10/07/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Advice received or provided on the 20,000 Public EV Chargers for the Government's budget
10/07/2024	17/07/2024		All documents and communications relating to 6 meetings since November 2023
16/07/2024	22/07/2024		All information the Minister's Office holds regarding the maintenance of Interislander ferries
16/07/2024	22/07/2024		All official advice received by the Minister during this term in office regarding the Interislander ferry service
18/07/2024	26/07/2024		April Briefings
18/07/2024	26/07/2024		Advice on road toll expectations after speed limit increases
22/07/2024	29/07/2024		Communication and briefings on cancelling IReX and the future of the Cook Strait ferries

Written Parliamentary Questions:

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
26/06/2024	38910 (2024)	Does the Minister think a new entity should be responsible for ensuring that there is landside infrastructure that supports a resilient Cook Strait ferry connection?	5/07/2024
26/06/2024	38911 (2024)	Does the Minister think that KiwiRail has a role in ensuring that there is landside infrastructure that supports a resilient Cook Strait ferry connection?	5/07/2024
26/06/2024	38913 (2024)	Does the Minister think the government has a role in ensuring that there is landside infrastructure that supports a resilient Cook Strait ferry connection?	5/07/2024

7.1 Departmental Official Information Act requests

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
2/07/2024	s 9(2)(a)	A list of all approved automated infringement systems, and companies contracted to operate and maintain these
4/07/2024		<p>Requesting information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retaining and recruiting bus drivers Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Bill Funding EV charging Rescoping the Community Connect programme Reducing funding allocated to the Transport Choices and VKT
1/07/2024 Extended to 8/07/2024		All initiatives, if any, that were submitted but not funded through Budget 2024
10/07/2024		Information on the Accessible streets programme from May 2020
12/07/2024		Information on the Accessible streets programme from April 2020
17/07/2024		Advice provided to the Minister related to the safety implications of changing legislation for setting speed limits
17/07/2024		Internal correspondence with NZTA on the proposed Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024
17/07/2024		Advice provided to the Minister on GPS 2024
18/07/2024		Information held on the tolling of Penlink
18/07/2024		All communications and documents regarding lime scooters
17/07/2024		Ministry Data strategy
22/07/2024		Requesting job titles or stats where all or part of their main duties includes promoting equality, diversity or inclusion

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
23/07/2024	s 9(2)(a)	All material on changes to the Land Transport (Offences and Penalties) Regulations Act 1999
24/07/2024		Requesting if Offence WP411 is still currently valid under law
24/07/2024		Requesting Cook Strait options report
25/07/2024		Spend on rail for each fiscal year between 2017 and 2024
25/07/2024		April Briefings
26/07/2024		May Briefings
26/07/2024		Draft GPS advice
26/07/2024		May Briefings
26/07/2024		May Briefings
29/07/2024		GPS and Draft GPS advice on carbon emissions impacts or implications
30/07/2024		Baseline Savings and the use of Te Reo Māori
30/07/2024		Requesting the Draft Land Transport: Setting of Speed Limits RIS and correspondence on this topic

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Agenda – Minister Brown officials’ meeting with NZTA

Day Date	Monday 8 July 2024		
Time	2:45 – 3:30pm		
Venue	Online		
NZ Transport Agency attendees			
Nicole Rosie, Chief Executive			
Richard May, Chief of Staff			
Chris Bunny, Group General Manager, Systems Leadership			
Brent Alderton, Group General Manager, Regulatory and Director of Land Transport			
Brett Gliddon, Group General Manager, Transport Services			
Sara Lindsay, Group General Manager, Commercial & Corporate			
		Lead	Paper reference
1.1	Weekly Report	Nicole Rosie	

Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) – Monday 1 July 2024	Due date
Work with the Ministry of Transport to prepare a Cabinet paper that covers all tolling proposals underway.	TBC
Provide advice around the toll on the Northern Gateway.	Tuesday 16 July 2024
Provide an update on the Electric Vehicle (EV) Road User Charges (RUC) compliance in the Weekly Report.	Included in this report

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Updates

State Highway 1 (SH1) Brynderwyn Hills

State Highway 1 Brynderwyn Hills successfully reopened last week ahead of the Matariki weekend allowing Northland businesses, freight, and communities to travel efficiently, quickly and safely. We have received lots of positive feedback from the Northland community, with many commenting on the scale of works completed under the closure and acknowledging the value of our regular progress updates while work was underway.

Active traffic management is in place while roadworkers work onsite behind safety barriers on the newly-created shoulder, working on the downslopes and drainage. The final layer of asphalt will be laid across the full width of the road in late spring when the weather is warmer and drier to ensure quality and durability of the seal.



East Coast weather event

Crews across the East Coast are continuing to clear debris and make repairs to the state highway network. All roads have been open since the morning of Thursday 27 June 2024, with the exception of SH38 between Frasertown and Lake Waikaremoana, which was re-opened late Tuesday 2 July 2024. The majority of the ongoing clean-up is across the Hawke's Bay network, where a number of recent road renewal sites have failed due to the weather.

Continued wet weather has hampered progress, and additional crews have been added, with eight crews (four extra) out filling potholes from Thursday 4 July 2024. Additionally, two extra crews have been on the network from Wednesday 3 July 2024 addressing more substantial issues, and a specialist Flocon pothole repair truck has been sourced from Hamilton. Crews are working together to manage the network, with Gisborne based crews travelling down to Wairoa to help free up Hawke's Bay crews to focus further south.

With fine weather predicted for the coming week NZTA and Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) expect to be able to reduce the number of reactive crews on the network by the end of the week. Designs are progressing for sites where repairs are required due to dropouts, coastal erosion or subsidence.

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Road User Charges (RUC) on EVs

As of Monday 1 July 2024, 100,479 vehicles of an eligible 105,010 vehicles have purchased their first RUC licence (representing 95.7% percent of all EVs and PHEVs). The total number of RUC units bought is 593,370.

Throughout June, NZTA has continued to target compliance for those who have not purchased their first licence. This has included direct contact throughout June with those who haven't yet purchased - via email, mail, txt, and phone call. These activities have resulted in over 7,000 vehicles becoming compliant with an initial RUC licence.

Some customers have advised they are out of the country and don't need to purchase an initial RUC licence until they return, while others have commented they are not using their vehicle. We will continue to communicate with these customers to ensure compliance.

From July we will commence targeting the remainder of non-compliant EVs and PHEVs to assess and load a starting odometer reading. This will be assessed back to the start date of 1 April 2024.

NZ Police are aware they can now start issuing roadside infringements (18 have been issued to date for no RUC licence).

We anticipate that this will be the last standard weekly update for the RUC on EVs programme.

Update on safety cameras

Following the vandalism on the Kawakawa Northland camera in June, the camera has been repaired, reinstalled and is now in testing. NZTA is planning for go-live in the second week of July 2024.

Go-live of the Kawakawa camera will be closely followed by the first NK7 Spot Speed camera (Waitākere Road, Auckland). As planned, variable message signs (VMS) will be in operation to advertise the presence of the camera, and permanent signage is in place.

NZTA is on track to commence the transfer process of the first Police camera in late July and are aiming for it to be operating on the NZTA network in August.

You are scheduled to visit a "Safety camera area" sign on Whitford Brown Avenue, a Porirua City Council local road, on Tuesday 16 July 2024.

Driver Licensing wait times

Summary for week ending Friday 28 June 2024

Wait times for practical testing (Restricted and Full testing) have increased compared to last week, with availability impacted by the Matariki public holiday on Friday 28 June 2024:

- full tests up by +6 days (48 days)
- restricted up by +8 days (60 days)

At an individual site level, 26% of full test sites and 14% of restricted test sites met the "30 days or less" target last week.

Overseas conversions continue to make up the majority of full licence tests, representing 62.7% of total full tests in June.

Backlog:

The backlog of tests in June increased by 11% to 72,519 (+7,112 tests compared to May) as demand continues to outstrip supply.

Since October 2023 the average backlog has been increasing by + 6,472 per month. We anticipate this trend to continue until current driver testing officer (DTO) recruitment efforts begin to materially increase capacity.

BAU Recruitment:

VTNZ are actively recruiting to onboard cohorts of new DTOs each month across August to October, to meet the target of 85 additional permanent DTOs. 21 new DTOs are confirmed to start training on 5 August, with 15 assigned to Auckland where the greatest need is. By September, this cohort should increase capacity by at least 675 tests per week.

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Region	Wait times (days)		Staffing	Productivity
	Full	Restricted	VTNZ DTO Headcount	Tests Completed
Northland	64	76	9	271
Auckland North West	56	74	25	910
Auckland Central South	75	82	42	1,474
Waikato	47	72	17	535
Bay of Plenty	47	55	18	551
Central	28	36	18	447
Wellington	25	41	21	741
Canterbury	50	60	27	823
Otago Southland	48	58	14	496
National Average	48	60	-	-
		Total:	191	6,248

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

Matariki long weekend road fatalities

Details of road fatalities over the Matariki long weekend can be found in Appendix Two.

Upcoming Ministerial Items

Upcoming Briefings to Minister of Transport

Due to Office	Title
Monday 8 July 2024	BRI-3090 Safety camera sign unveiling Provide information to support your attendance at the safety camera sign unveiling.

Upcoming OIA requests for potential consultation

Reference and Requester	Request	Due date to the Office
OIA-15739 s 9(2)(a) [MEDIA]	Copies of advice provided to the Minister of Transport.	Thursday 18 July 2024
OIA-15762 s 9(2)(a)	Advice provided to the NZTA leadership team and Board regarding the GPS, maintenance, road safety and RoNS.	Monday 22 July 2024
OIA-15780 s 9(2)(a)	Information regarding the Ōtaki to North of Levin Project.	Tuesday 23 July 2024
OIA-15794 s 9(2)(a)	Copies of advice provided to the Minister of Transport in May.	Wednesday 24 July 2024
OIA-15795 s 9(2)(a) [MEDIA]	Copies of advice provided to the Minister of Transport in May.	Wednesday 24 July 2024

Upcoming Media items

Date of release	Subject
Week commencing Monday 8 July 2024	Waikato/Bay of Plenty – completion of East Taupo safety improvements A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 8 July 2024 celebrating the completion of the East Taupo safety improvements stage three.
Week commencing Monday 8 July 2024	Central North Island – SH43 Forgotten World Highway A traffic bulletin is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 8 July 2024 to foreshadow work beginning later in the month to install a number of culverts on SH43 before this section of road can be sealed.
Week commencing Monday 8 July 2024	Central North Island – Otoko Hill work A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 8 July 2024 ahead of works to stabilise Otoko Hill on SH2 north of Gisborne, and to improve culverts and drainage.
Week commencing	Lower North Island – SH2 Masterton to Carterton median barrier replacement

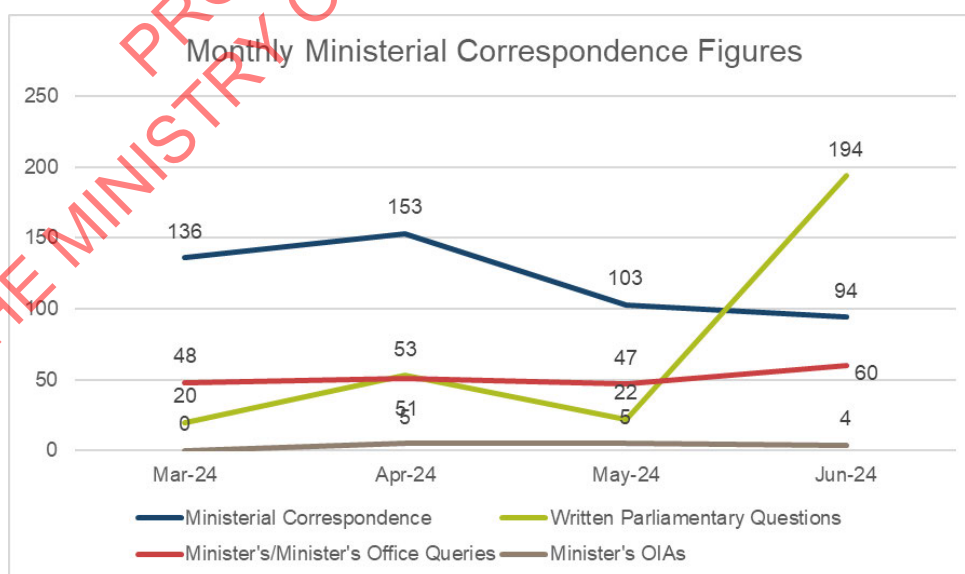
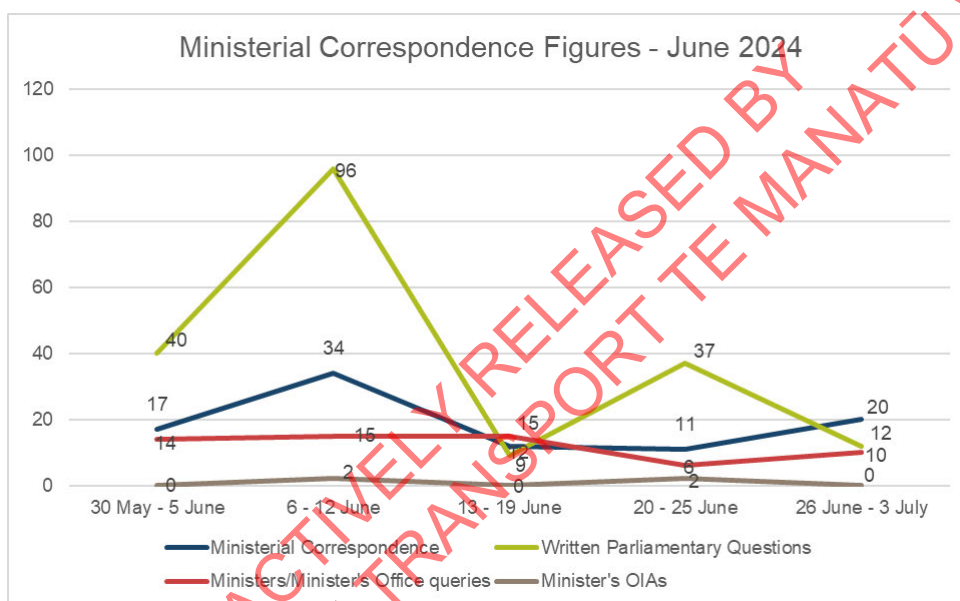
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Monday 8 July 2024	A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 8 July 2024 advising of median barrier repairs on this route which will require two nights of road closures on 14-15 July 2024. The release will also signal further resurfacing work is planned for this route later in the year.
Week commencing Monday 8 July 2024	Top of the South – SH60 Ruby Bay Bypass safety barriers A traffic bulletin is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 8 July 2024 regarding a planned 1 night closure to allow repairs to one section of the new barriers being trialled in this area.

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Ministerial correspondence figures from Wednesday 26 June to Wednesday 3 July 2024

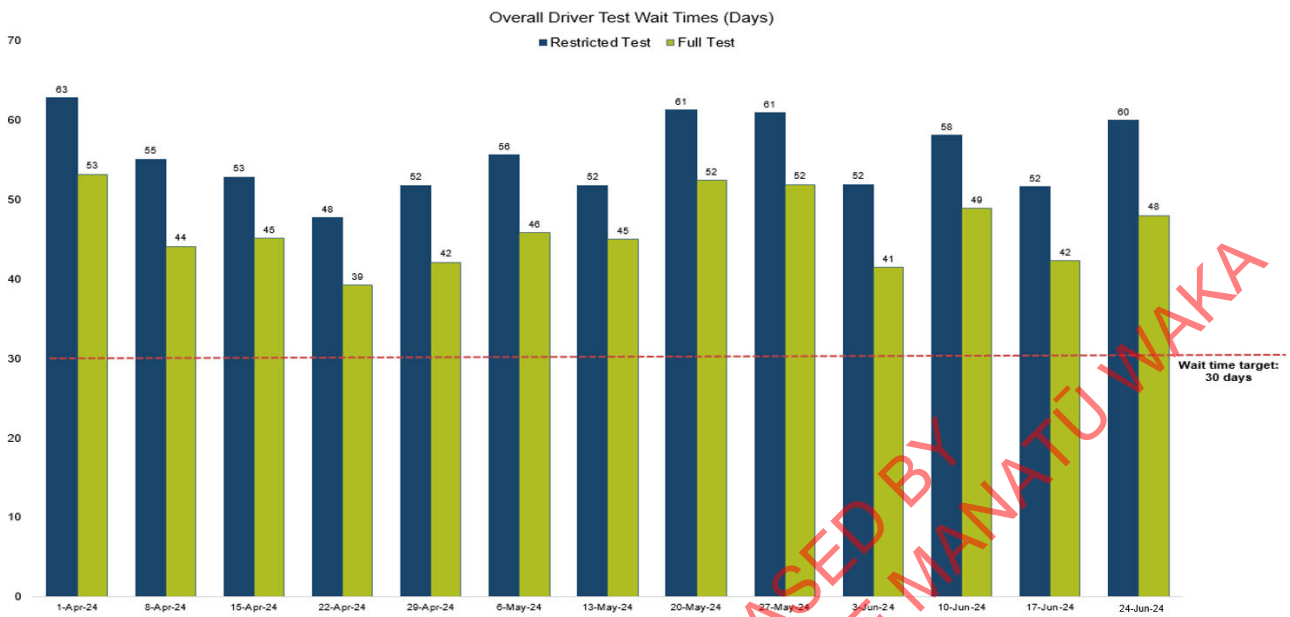
Item:	Number
Ministerial Correspondence	20
Written Parliamentary Questions	12
Minister/Minister Office queries	10
Themes	Capital projects, maintenance, speed, road user charges



Appendix One – Driver Licensing wait times and operational measures update

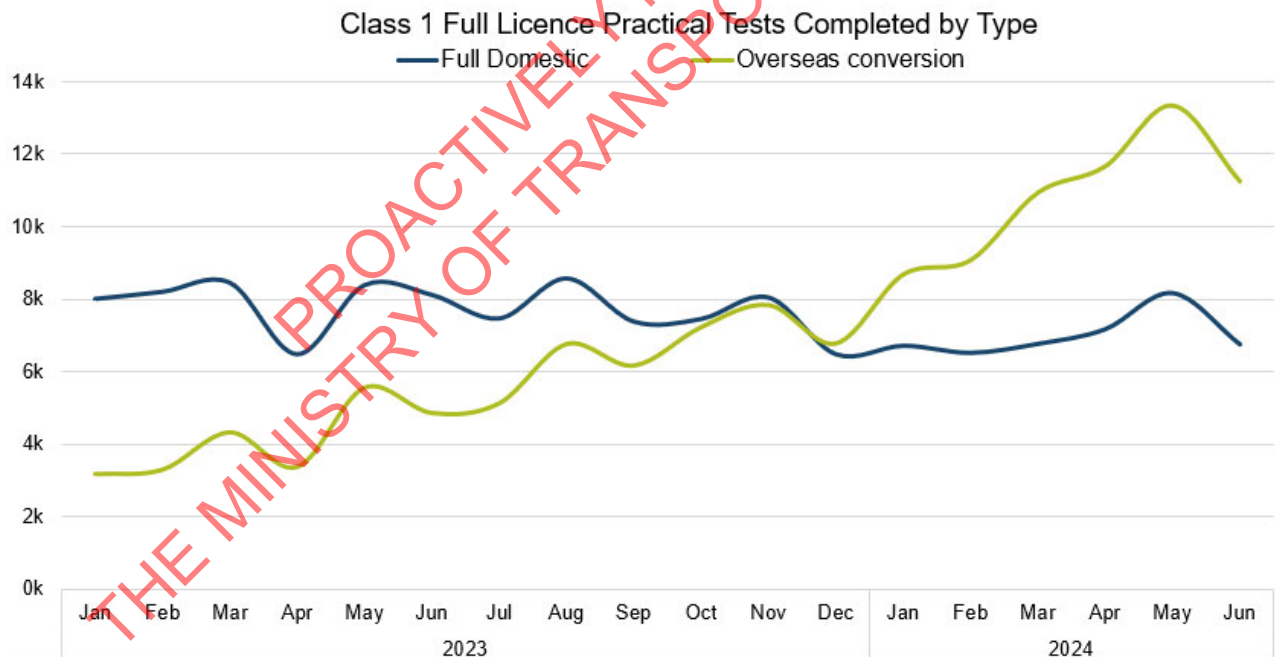
Driver licensing wait time status:

Overall wait times compared to the 30-day target



Full licence test volumes - overseas conversions vs. domestic tests

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



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Key priorities and highlights

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Operational updates

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The recreational fishing vessel *Billy Boy* departed from Gisborne on Monday morning. When it didn't return, adverse weather provoked concern and police were notified. The initial SAR action by NZ Police was handed over to Maritime New Zealand's Rescue Coordination Centre, which coordinated the search using sophisticated drift modelling and tasked a range of search and rescue capabilities including Royal NZ Air Force P-8A Poseidon aircraft, merchant vessels, helicopters and Coastguard vessels.

Efforts to locate the *Billy Boy* through the afternoon and overnight were increasingly hampered by atrocious weather, and by Tuesday afternoon, helicopter and regional surface support could no longer be safely engaged in the search and rescue effort. The P-8A Poseidon continued searching, and a large merchant ship reported sighting two individuals in the water, deploying life-rings and smoke, but subsequently losing sight of them in the heavy swells. Multiple surface vessels and rescue helicopters did attempt to get to the scene but storm conditions turned them all back, apart from the Gisborne rescue helicopter that attempted to search in very marginal conditions before ultimately having to turn back as well.

Tragically, all three individuals were discovered deceased along the coastline by volunteer shoreline searchers (who used Maritime NZ's drift modelling to guide them) before first light on Wednesday morning. While a sad outcome, the coordination drew on significant resources and highlighted the professionalism and dedication of the search and rescue system, even when faced with terrible odds.

Sentencing in Onepoto-Waitere ferry prosecution

On Tuesday 2 July 2024, Judge Nick Webby released his reserved sentencing decision for James Thomson, who pleaded guilty in Auckland District Court relation to a collision between his vessel and Russell's *Waitere* / Blue Ferry. Maritime NZ had charged Mr Thomson with one charge under the Maritime Transport Act 1994 relating to the collision of the powerboat he was skippering, the *Onepoto*, with the *Waitere* ferry near Russell on 13 April 2023.

The skipper of the *Waitere* ferry was left permanently injured by the collision.

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In his decision, Judge Nick Webby ordered James Thomson to pay emotional harm reparation totalling \$128,000 to the victims, along with a further order of \$3,200 consequential loss reparation. The reasons for this decision will be released in due course. The decision has been widely publicised by mainstream media.

The case highlights the serious consequences that can result from distraction while travelling at speed on the water.

Detention of Aratere Ferry

Detention notices are a compliance tool available to Maritime NZ under domestic legislation (the Maritime Transport Act 1994) and are used when there are safety concerns about vessels.

KiwiRail is responsible for the safety of its vessels. As part of a detention order we work with KiwiRail and the vessel's Classification Society to obtain assurance the vessel is safe to either be moved or return to service. Depending on the level of assurance we receive, we may accept, or impose, conditions as part of detention on the operation of the vessel. We are currently working through this process with KiwiRail and Class.

We are continuing with our investigation, which is separate from activity in relation to the detention notice. The investigation will look at a broad range of factors around what led to the grounding of the *Aratere* and will take several months.

Maritime in the media

Media update

Multiple media outlets are continuing to focus on issues connected to KiwiRail's Cook Strait ferries. We are monitoring the coverage and responding to queries as they come in.

During the week of Monday 24 June 2024, RCCNZ coordinated a significant search and rescue operation off the coast of Gisborne, after three recreational fishermen were reported overdue on Monday 24 June 2024. This was covered by all major national media agencies, as well as local outlets. The story ebbed and flowed from the party being reported overdue, to spotting them in the water and sadly them being found deceased on the shore off Mahia. There may be some OIA requests relating to this incident and the work undertaken by Maritime NZ's Rescue Coordination Centre. During the search and rescue coordination, Maritime NZ communications worked closely with Police, the Gisborne District Council and its Mayor, NZDF and the Eastland Rescue Helicopter Trust to align messaging.

On Tuesday 2 July 2024 we distributed a media release about the sentencing of Onepoto skipper James Thomson (see above). There has been significant media attention on this matter since the accident in April 2023. The sentencing and key messages in our media release were widely reported in local and national media.



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Key updates

Introduction of new AvSec systems

On Monday 1 July 2024, C3 domestic screening went live at Christchurch Domestic, Dunedin, and Wellington Southern terminals. The C3 technology enhances security and allows travellers to keep electronics in their carry-on bags, improving the overall passenger experience. The introduction of the technology at these domestic airports follows the move at almost every international airport, except for Queenstown and the Auckland transit screening point.

The screening points at Christchurch, Dunedin and Wellington Southern (with the exception of one lane at Wellington Southern) use a full length, fully automated tray return system called *iLane Evo*.

Monday 1 July 2024 also saw the start of a trial of C3 *iLane Pros* on one lane at Auckland Domestic and two at Queenstown. The *iLane Evo* is not able to be installed in these airports due to the space constraints so the *iLane Pro* (being shorter than the *iLane Evo* and without the latter's automated tray return system) is being used.

A trial is important to establish that the throughput rate is at least as good, or better than, current performance, prior to any full installation in these airports. We will keep your Office updated on the outcomes of the trial over the coming weeks.

Update on Airport Data Repository Project

On Thursday 13 June 2024, we provided a paper to your Office outlining the Authority's *Airport Data Repository Project*. The project aims to rollout passenger sensing technology across all airports to better understand AvSec's passenger facilitation performance and to deliver an end-to-end real-time passenger data set to improve passenger experience.

The project comprises two workstreams that will work in parallel to collect real-time data over a 6-month and 12-month period respectively:

- Workstream One uses real-time passenger count data to enable the reporting of queue times
- Workstream Two will enable end-to-end real-time passenger flow data collection and insight, through the implementation of sensing equipment across all terminal areas

The following provides an update on action taken since the briefing and expected next steps:

Workstream One

The Authority has established Information Sharing Agreements (ISA) for four of the six Tier 1 airports, with continued engagement to finalise the last two ISAs at Christchurch and Dunedin International Airports. Over the coming weeks, we anticipate completion of the data platform for data ingestion and analysis.

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Workstream Two

Requirements for the full end-to-end passenger sensing and airport digital twin¹ solution have been prepared for procurement activities to begin. Engagement with airport companies and border agencies is in progress, including the establishment of a multi-agency working group. The development of a business case to progress this initiative is underway, which is expected to be completed by the end of August this year.

We will now report progress on both work streams on a monthly basis.

Security screening queues weekly update

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

Date	Time	Location	Passengers affected	Queue Time (Mins)	Cause	Mitigation
24/06/24	07:00	Wellington Southern Domestic	100	31	Installation work on one lane and technical difficulties on another	Additional lane opened as staff became available. Team leaders stepped in to manually move trays.
25/06/24	8:30	Auckland Domestic	200+	17	Cancellations and delays due to fog	Insufficient staff to open additional lanes reduced resource at bulk screening lanes to facilitate passenger screening

This week's data on passenger processing times at Wellington Southern Domestic terminal is omitted. This is due to the presence of maintenance staff for lane upgrades at this screening point, which is interfering with the LiDAR queue reporting system.

Additional flights for the All Blacks test match in Dunedin on Saturday 6 July 2024 have been taken into account, and staffing and lane capacity adjusted, to meet the additional demand. Authority staff are also reviewing screening capacity for the upcoming school holidays and making adjustments to staff levels as required.

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

¹ A digital twin is a digital model of an intended or actual real-world physical product, system, or process that serves as the effectively indistinguishable digital counterpart of it for practical purposes, such as simulation or integration.

Ministerial Briefings received by the Minister's Office**Wednesday 26 June – Tuesday 2 July 2024**

Briefing title	Requestor	Date requested	Date due	Date received
2024 Airports Act cost recovery Briefing	Internal + MOT	21/06/24	26/06/24	26/06/24

Communications and External Engagement Tuesday 2 July 2024**Media plan / anticipated media – 7 days from Monday 8 July 2024**

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
10-Jul-24	General release	Media release to accompany public release of safety investigation into a helicopter crash on 12 June 2021. The helicopter was a Robinson R44 Raven II carrying a newly married couple and their photographer for wedding photos; all sustained serious injuries. Media coverage is expected as the accident has been high profile to date, and the passengers have all spoken to media in the past.	All main NZ publications
12-Jul-24	General release	Media release to launch a new digital brochure with guidance about the security screening process, for people living with diabetes who wear medical devices. This has been created in collaboration with Diabetes NZ.	All main NZ publications

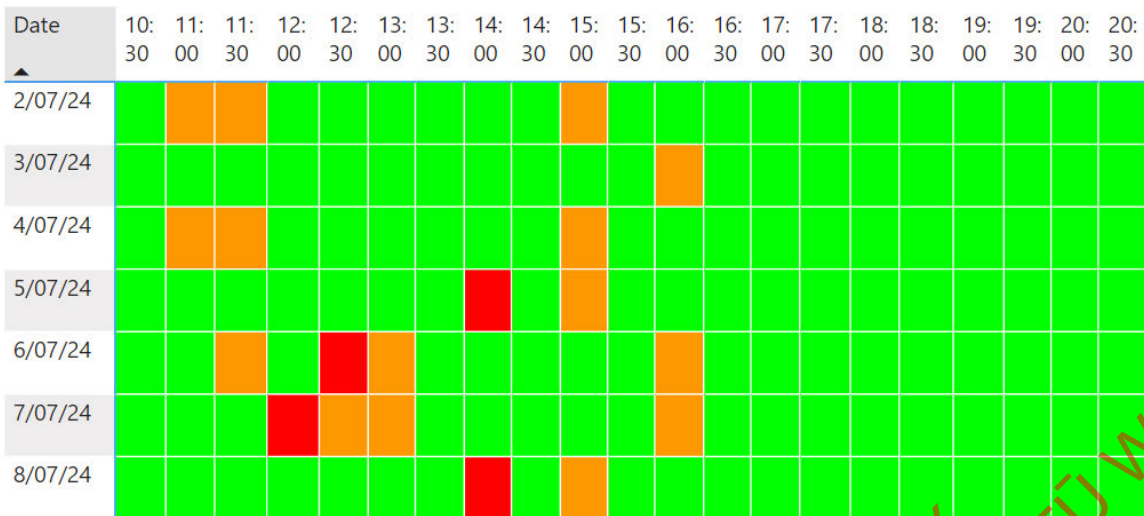
Media mentions – 7 days to Tuesday 2 July 2024

Date	Activity	Channel
Tuesday 25 June 2024	Auckland Airport passengers face more disruption after leak in security screening AvSec is mentioned in coverage of a leak at the Auckland domestic screening point, causing a screening lane to be closed.	Newstalk ZB, NZ Herald
Friday 28 June 2024	CTiX security screening technology at domestic screening points Coverage following media release.	Otago Daily Times, Weekend Press
Friday 28 June 2024	Queenstown airport: improvements made since near miss Media coverage following the release of the TAIC report into a near miss between helicopters at Queenstown Airport in December 2022 (report number AO-2023-001).	Crux (Queenstown)

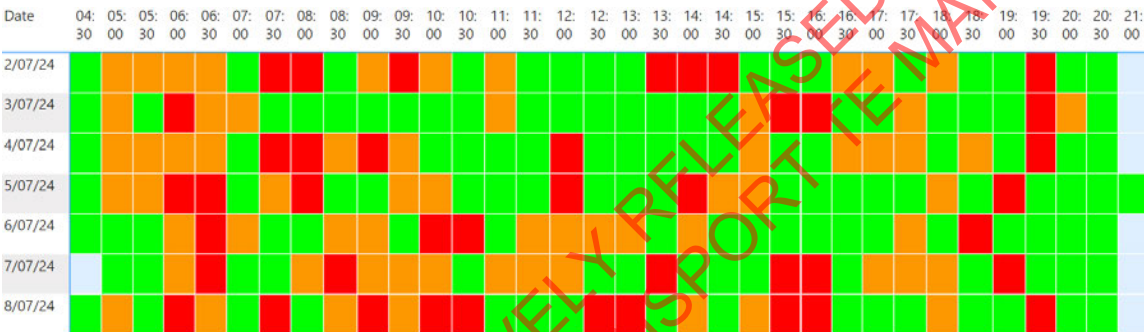
Upcoming education publications and products

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

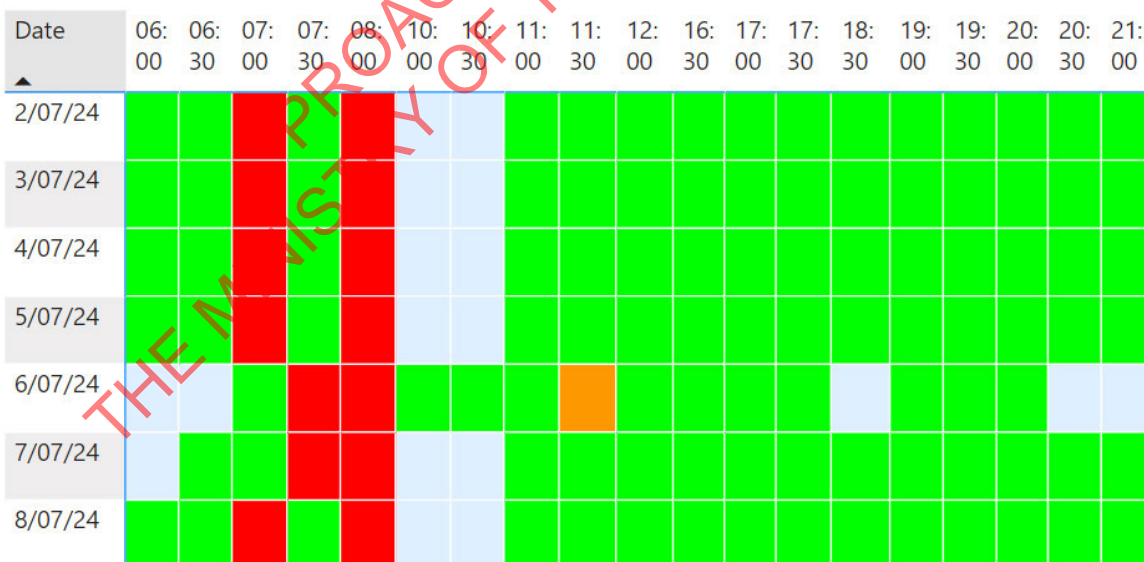
Queenstown International:



Auckland Domestic:



Wellington Northern Domestic:





New inquiries / International Assistance

Nil

Media heads up

Nil

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Associate Minister of Transport Weekly Report week commencing 1 July 2024

Associate Minister's comments:

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1 Upcoming priority briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 5 July 2024	Priorities table for Associate Transport Minister delegation As per the request from your Office, the aide memoire will now be supplied as a single A4 sheet listing key priorities and expected results for each part of your Transport delegation.
Friday 16 August 2024	Proposed reform of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 The Ministry and Maritime NZ have started scoping a review of primary maritime legislation to ensure it is fit for purpose given technological changes and long-standing gaps in the regulatory framework. This briefing will provide background information on the issues with the current legislation and approaches to the scope and timing of a review.

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2 Key updates

Milford Opportunities Project

The Milford Opportunities Project Board has delivered its business case to you and the Minister of Conservation, Hon Tama Potaka. We are considering the potential implications for the transport system. [s 9\(2\)\(f\)\(iv\)](#)

We are looking to coordinate our advice to you on the business case with MBIE Tourism where appropriate. A deep dive with Ministry and MBIE Tourism officials has been planned for 1 August 2024.

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3 Upcoming other briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Wednesday 10 July 2024	Proactive Release of June 2024 Briefing Titles This proactive release briefing (OC240646 refers) will seek your approval for all Transport agencies to release their June 2024 list of briefing titles provided to yourself and Minister Brown.
Friday 12 July 2024	Visit to the MetService office This briefing will provide you with the agenda and relevant information for your visit to the MetService office on Monday 15 July 2024.
Friday 19 July 2024	Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia Code Share Authorisation This briefing will provide you with the Ministry's final report on the Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia application for authorisation of their code share agreement.
Friday 12 July 2024	International Maritime Organisation - Climate Change Negotiation Mandate This briefing will provide you with a draft Cabinet paper seeking a revised Cabinet mandate for the upcoming International Maritime Organisation (IMO) negotiations, in September and October 2024, on measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping. It also seeks delegated Cabinet authority for the Prime Minister, yourself (as the Associate Minister of Transport), the Minister for Finance, and any other relevant portfolio Minister/s.

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4 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	
Wednesday 24 July 2024	Reform of the Design, Construction and Equipment Maritime Rules for New Zealand's domestic commercial fleet: Approval to initiate consultation This paper seeks approval to initiate public consultation on a package of proposals to reform the Design, Construction and Equipment Maritime Rule set (DCE Rule set) that applies to New Zealand's domestic commercial fleet.

4.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

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

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The tragedy involving three lives lost at Mahia Peninsula last week prompted a significant search and rescue (SAR) operation and broad public attention.

The recreational fishing vessel *Billy Boy* departed from Gisborne on Monday morning. When it didn't return, adverse weather provoked concern and police were notified. The initial SAR action by NZ Police was handed over to Maritime New Zealand's Rescue Coordination Centre, which coordinated the search using sophisticated drift modelling and tasked a range of search and rescue capabilities including Royal NZ Air Force P-8A Poseidon aircraft, merchant vessels, helicopters and Coastguard vessels.

Efforts to locate the *Billy Boy* through the afternoon and overnight were increasingly hampered by atrocious weather, and by Tuesday afternoon, helicopter and regional surface support could no longer be safely engaged in the search and rescue effort. The P-8A Poseidon continued searching, and a large merchant ship reported sighting two individuals in the water, deploying life-rings and smoke, but subsequently losing sight of them in the heavy swells. Multiple surface vessels and rescue helicopters did attempt to get to the scene but storm conditions turned them all back, apart from the Gisborne rescue helicopter that attempted to search in very marginal conditions before ultimately having to turn back as well.

Tragically, all three individuals were discovered deceased along the coastline by volunteer shoreline searchers (who used Maritime NZ's drift modelling to guide them) before first light on Wednesday morning. While a sad outcome, the coordination drew on significant resources and highlighted the professionalism and dedication of the search and rescue system, even when faced with terrible odds.

Sentencing in Onepoto-Waitere ferry prosecution

On Tuesday 2 July 2024, Judge Nick Webby released his reserved sentencing decision for James Thomson, who pleaded guilty in Auckland District Court relation to a collision between his vessel and Russell's *Waitere* / Blue Ferry. Maritime NZ had charged Mr Thomson with one charge under the Maritime Transport Act 1994 relating to the collision of the powerboat he was skippering, the *Onepoto*, with the *Waitere* ferry near Russell on 13 April 2023.

The skipper of the *Waitere* ferry was left permanently injured by the collision.

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In his decision, Judge Nick Webby ordered James Thomson to pay emotional harm reparation totalling \$128,000 to the victims, along with a further order of \$3,200 consequential loss reparation. The reasons for this decision will be released in due course. The decision has been widely publicised by mainstream media.

The case highlights the serious consequences that can result from distraction while travelling at speed on the water.

Detention of Aratere Ferry

Detention notices are a compliance tool available to Maritime NZ under domestic legislation (the Maritime Transport Act 1994) and are used when there are safety concerns about vessels.

KiwiRail is responsible for the safety of its vessels. As part of a detention order we work with KiwiRail and the vessel's Classification Society to obtain assurance the vessel is safe to either be moved or return to service. Depending on the level of assurance we receive, we may accept, or impose, conditions as part of detention on the operation of the vessel. We are currently working through this process with KiwiRail and Class.

We are continuing with our investigation, which is separate from activity in relation to the detention notice. The investigation will look at a broad range of factors around what led to the grounding of the *Aratere* and will take several months.

Maritime in the media

Media update

Multiple media outlets are continuing to focus on issues connected to KiwiRail's Cook Strait ferries. We are monitoring the coverage and responding to queries as they come in.

During the week of Monday 24 June 2024, RCCNZ coordinated a significant search and rescue operation off the coast of Gisborne, after three recreational fishermen were reported overdue on Monday 24 June 2024. This was covered by all major national media agencies, as well as local outlets. The story ebbed and flowed from the party being reported overdue, to spotting them in the water and sadly them being found deceased on the shore off Mahia. There may be some OIA requests relating to this incident and the work undertaken by Maritime NZ's Rescue Coordination Centre. During the search and rescue coordination, Maritime NZ communications worked closely with Police, the Gisborne District Council and its Mayor, NZDF and the Eastland Rescue Helicopter Trust to align messaging.

On Tuesday 2 July 2024 we distributed a media release about the sentencing of Onepoto skipper James Thomson (see above). There has been significant media attention on this matter since the accident in April 2023. The sentencing and key messages in our media release were widely reported in local and national media.



New inquiries / International Assistance

Nil

Media heads up

Nil

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Transport Portfolio Weekly Report

As at Wednesday 10 July 2024

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MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

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Officials' agenda



Agenda - Minister Brown officials' meeting

Day Date	Monday 15 July 2024		
Time	9.30am – 10.15am		
Venue	EW5.1 Parliament		
Apologies	Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive		
Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) attendees			
David Wood, Acting Chief Executive			
Brent Johnston, Chief of Staff			
Paul O'Connell, Deputy Chief Executive, Sector Strategy Group			
Siobhan Routledge, Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Policy Group			
Tim Herbert, Manager, Investment			
Matt Skinner, Manager, Revenue			
MOT & NZTA: Part 2 Attendees:			
Chris Bunny, General Manager, System Leadership			
Amy Moorhead, National Manager, Policy			
Part 1	Ministry of Transport	Lead	Paper reference
1.0	Weekly Report	David Wood	As at 10 July 2024
1.1	Roading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toll Road Assessment 	David Wood	Weekly Report Verbal Update
Part 2	Ministry of Transport & NZTA	Lead	Paper reference
2.0	Revenue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sector Industry Reference Group 	Brent Johnston	Verbal update

Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) Monday 8 July 2024	Due date
<p>Appointments</p> <p>Officials to provide further information on CAA appointments.</p> <p>Officials to provide advice by Friday 12 July 2024 on outcome of NZTA candidate interviews.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Friday 12 July 2024</p>
<p>Public Transport</p> <p>s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(j)</p> <p>Officials to engage with Disabled People's Organisations Coalition (DPO Coalition) and provide feedback to Minister in advance of Terms of Reference being confirmed.</p>	<p>Wednesday 17 July 2024</p> <p>Friday 19 July 2024</p>
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	<p>Underway</p>
<p>OFT</p> <p>Officials to ensure draft legislation addresses previous issues for Ministerial approval of devices (e.g. accuracy of device) and be sufficiently flexible to enable testing devices used in other jurisdictions.</p>	<p>Underway</p>
<p>Auckland Light Rail</p> <p>Officials to provide advice on next steps following meeting with LINZ on Wednesday 10 July 2024.</p>	<p>Thursday 11 July 2024</p>
<p>Decisions</p>	<p>Confirmed / Denied</p>
<p>N/A</p>	

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
Officials Meeting date	Action	Due date
5 February 2024	ALR Officials to provide monthly updates of expected wind-down costs of ALR.	Ongoing
11 March 2024	GPS Officials to provide weekly updates on next steps across programmes of work signalled in the GPS.	Ongoing
22 April 2024	Speed s 9(2)(f)(iv)	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
14 May 2024	GPS s 9(2)(f)(iv)	30 August 2024
20 May 2024	Chatham Islands update Officials to provide a weekly joint Ministry, MNZ, DIA, MBIE, and MPI briefing on the situation in the Chatham Islands, covering fuel, livestock, and the boat purchase.	Ongoing
10 June 2024	Public Transport Officials to provide monthly update on bus driver shortage numbers.	Ongoing
17 June 2024	Auckland Officials to provide an update on the s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Wednesday 24 July 2024
17 June 2024	Aviation Regulatory environment Officials to provide advice on statutory independent functions held by the Director at CAA and CASA.	Week commencing Monday 15 July 2024

Officials Meeting date	Action	Due date
24 June 2024	Appointments s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Underway. s 9(2)(f)(iv)
24 June 2024	Driver Licensing NZTA is progressing the operational work programme to reduce wait times to under 30 days. NZTA is prepared for implementation and will ensure communications are aligned. The Ministry of Transport and NZTA will provide a joint report back to the Minister on options to reduce wait times, including a focus on actions set out in paragraphs 18.3 and 18.4.	Underway Complete Week commencing Monday 15 July 2024
24 June 2024	Revenue The Ministry and NZTA are to incorporate opportunities from existing and developing technology in the Revenue programme being developed, for discussion in a workshop. The above advice should align with the broader tolling workstream and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cover the tolling solutions being explored, and • highlight potential legislative changes required to support efficient/cost effective tolling implementation and operations. 	To be discussed as part of a workshop on tolling reform (to be scheduled for late July/early August) and followed by formal advice in late August.
24 June 2024	Other The Weekly Report is to include progress updates on the MNZ, TAIC and KiwiRail investigations into the <i>Aratere</i> grounding.	Ongoing
1 July 2024	Aviation Officials to consult on three options for the scope of the independent review function.	Commencing 19 August 2024
1 July 2024	Auckland s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Wednesday 24 July 2024
1 July 2024	OFT Officials will provide the Office with a note on the implementation considerations raised by Police.	Complete

1 Ministerial priorities

Safety

Project: Speed limits	
<p>Public consultation commenced on 13 June 2024. As at 9:45am on Wednesday 10 July 2024 we had received 739 email submissions and 7,486 survey responses.</p> <p>The table below reflects the Government's quarterly plan milestone for the new Rule to be signed by 30 September 2024.</p>	
Process	Dates
Public consultation	Closes on Thursday 11 July 2024
Briefing to Minister on outcome of consultation	14 August 2024 [5 weeks]
Draft Cabinet paper and final version of the Rule to Minister	4 September 2024 [3 weeks]
Ministerial and departmental consultation	10 – 17 September 2024 [1 week]
Cabinet paper lodged	19 September 2024
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	25 September 2024
Cabinet confirmation of ECO decisions	30 September 2024
Final Rule to Minister for signing	After Cabinet, on 30 September 2024
New Rule in force	Late October 2024 (28 days after notification in the NZ Gazette)
Project: Oral fluid testing regime	
<p>Ministerial and departmental consultation on the draft Oral Fluid Testing Bill (the draft Bill) and draft Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) paper closed on Wednesday 10 July 2024. We have incorporated minor amendments to the draft Bill and LEG paper based on the feedback received and further reviews.</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>We will provide you with a final package of papers on Monday 15 July 2024 for lodging with the Cabinet Office on Thursday 18 July 2024.</p>	

Project: Oral fluid testing regime

Cabinet paper: Introducing the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill

This paper will seek approval of the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill 2024 and for the Bill to be introduced into the House.

Departmental and Ministerial consultation:
2 – 10 July 2024

To lodge: Thursday 18 July 2024

To Committee: Thursday 25 July 2024 (LEG)

To Cabinet: Monday 29 July 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Land Transport Fees Amendment Package

We are preparing drafting instructions to issue to PCO in the week commencing Monday 15 July 2024.

Cabinet paper: Parking, towage & storage fee package

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

To Committee: 22 August 2024 (LEG)

To Executive Council: 26 August 2024

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Rail

Project: Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility Programme

We have received confirmation of joint Ministerial approval of the drawdown of the tagged contingency and your approval of the Programme Funding agreement, subject to an amendment to the Crown's purchase rights that we will incorporate into the Funding agreement prior to signature. The Ministry's Chief Executive will sign the Programme Funding Agreement, and it will be circulated to Programme partners for their signatures. Greater Wellington Regional Council intends to release the rolling stock RFP in 2 weeks to meet the overall programme timetable. RFP release is contingent on a signed funding agreement.

Project: Budget 24 funding for metro rail renewals

On 31 May 2024 you wrote to Auckland Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council regarding Budget 24 funding for metro rail. We now have responses from both councils, which will help inform our advice to you. s 9(2)(j)

You met with key Auckland metro rail stakeholders on Monday 8 July 2024, s 9(2)(i), s 9(2)(j)

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Date: Wednesday 31 July 2024

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Investment

Project: Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024

Performance and Efficiency Plan

NZTA have now submitted the Performance and Efficiency Plan (PEP) to you alongside the final NZTA Statement of Performance Expectations and Statement of Intent.

We are drafting a briefing to you with advice about the PEP, and the GPS reporting arrangements, along with a draft letter from you to the NZTA chair which will thank NZTA for the work done so far and set out your expectations for future enhancements to the PEP. We will provide this briefing to you on Wednesday 24 July 2024.

NZTA shock and seasonal facility review

We are working with Treasury and NZTA to review the limits of NZTA's Seasonal and Shock Facilities. We will provide advice on the current settings of NZTA's Shock and Seasonal Facilities on Friday 26 July 2024.

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

Project: Budget 2025

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Revenue

Project: Revenue system report back

Update on Cabinet paper proposing a Revenue Action Plan

Following Cabinet's confirmation, we are preparing to implement the action plan. We will provide updated communications materials should you wish to publicly announce the action plan.

As mentioned before, we are focused on mapping out the necessary changes to prepare the system for the transition of all light vehicles into RUC (progress outlined below) ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}

We recommend workshops with you as a next step, followed by briefings that confirm the direction discussed in the workshops.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

s 9(2)(b)(ii)

Project: Time of use charging

Following CBC's consideration of the Cabinet paper on Monday 8 July 2024, we are working on press material and an engagement plan to support you to announce the policy decisions and explain Cabinet's preferred design.

NZTA is also preparing a set of technical questions and answers to enable it to respond quickly to detailed operational questions from councils once final Cabinet decisions have been publicly announced.

Cabinet Paper: Policy decisions to progress time of use charging legislation

This paper will seek agreement to the policy design to be implemented ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}

To Cabinet: Monday 22 July 2024

Project: Tolling Reform

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Fleetwide Transition to the Road User Charges system

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Aviation

Project: CAA funding review and provision of Aviation Security Services

Cabinet Paper: This paper will seek approval to release discussion documents on the CAA funding review and alternative delivery options for Avsec.

Progress Update: We are awaiting confirmation that the Cabinet paper is ready for Ministerial and departmental consultation. We have received a draft consultation document from CAA and provided our feedback. The Ministry's RIA panel has also provided feedback on the Cost Recovery Impact Statement. Both documents require significant changes, but at this stage we still expect to meet the timeframes agreed with your Office. We have also sought confirmation of the direction and timings for the related work on Avsec service delivery options.

Departmental and Ministerial consultation:
12 - 19 July 2024

Updated draft: Friday 23 July 2024

To lodge: 1 August 2024

To committee: 7 August 2024

Project: CAA Appointments

The draft paperwork for Cabinet's Appointments and Honours Committee to note your intentions is with your Office. Background checks are also underway.

Action	Timeframe	Status
Ministry to provide advice on shortlisted candidates and seek Minister's agreement on preferred candidates.	Wednesday 26 June 2024	Complete
Decision from Minister.	First week of July 2024	Complete
Ministry to commence background and reference checks of preferred candidates.	July 2024	Underway
Cross party consultation on APH papers.	July 2024	
APH to consider the appointment.	Tuesday 30 July 2024	
Cabinet to consider the appointment.	5 August 2024	
Appointments gazette / appointment letter sent.	Day after Cabinet	

s 9(2)(b)(ii)

Emissions

Project: Clean Car Importer Standard	
Review of the Clean Car Importer Standard (the Standard)	
Following Cabinet's confirmation of the policy decisions on Monday 8 July 2024, we sent the drafting instructions for the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations to PCO. These regulations will set the new targets for 2025–2029 and exempt disability vehicles from the Standard.	
Cabinet Paper: Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations	To Lodge: 15 August 2024 To Committee: 22 August 2024 (LEG) To Cabinet and Executive Council: 26 August 2024
Budget Night Legislation: Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Bill	
We are continuing to work with NZTA on beginning targeted engagement with the vehicle importer sector on cost recovery for administering the Clean Vehicle Standard. We are aiming to begin engagement next week.	
Project: EV Charging Infrastructure	
We have provided you with a briefing seeking your agreement to a preferred co-investment model for public EV charging infrastructure. <small>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</small>	
Based on your feedback, <small>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</small>	

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Project: Second Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP2)

On Monday 8 July 2024, Cabinet confirmed public consultation for the ERP2 discussion document. Public consultation is scheduled to start on Wednesday 17 July 2024 and continue to 19 August 2024. We have provided supporting questions and answers about ERP2 to your Office this week.

An overview of key communications and engagement activities for the ERP2 discussion document is set out below:

Action	Timeframe
Minister of Climate Change to issue media release to open consultation	Wednesday 17 July 2024
Transport sector session (Online)	Tuesday 30 July 2024
Public consultation ends	19 August 2024

We will keep your Office updated about any media and/or stakeholder issues relating to transport that arise during the consultation period. ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}

We have updated the relevant content in the transport chapter to reflect this change.

In addition, the Minister of Climate Change released the Climate Strategy document on Wednesday 10 July 2024, which will provide context for the ERP2 consultation. A copy of this document and questions and answers has been provided to your Office.

The Climate Change Commission's first report on progress towards meeting an emissions budget and the 2050 target will be released later this month. It will first be received by the Minister of Climate Change and then will be publicly released on Thursday 25 July 2024. We will provide you with an update through the Weekly Report or in a separate briefing if substantive issues need to be raised with you.

Auckland

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Auckland Level Crossing Programme

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Waitematā Harbour Connections

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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2 Updates on other matters

Review into bus passenger safety

The Ministry and NZTA are working on the review into bus passenger safety and are on track to provide joint advice to you in the week ending Friday 19 July 2024. Auckland Transport is providing information on the incident involving an assault on an Auckland bus on 28 June 2024, including adherence to existing policies and procedures. This information will be included in the advice.

Port Coastal Permit Extension Engagement

Targeted engagement on the proposal to extend port coastal permits under section 384A of the RMA closed on Friday 5 July 2024. This engagement consisted of a series of online information sessions with port company representatives, regional council officials and mana whenua groups, and an opportunity to also provide written feedback. Alongside the oral feedback we have received there are 12 written submissions.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We are now working with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) to develop policy options for consideration by you, the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform, the Minister of Conservation, and the Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti. Some feedback sits outside the scope of this proposal, and we will work with MfE to ensure it is captured for consideration in future phases of RMA reform.

s 9(2)(h)

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3 Transport stakeholder updates

There are no transport stakeholder updates this week.

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4 Upcoming Minister of Transport meetings

There are no upcoming Minister of Transport meetings this week.

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5 Other upcoming Ministry of Transport Cabinet papers

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Civil Aviation Authority: Appointments

This paper will ask Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee (APH) to note the Minister's intention to make appointments to the Civil Aviation Authority Board.

Progress update: Draft paperwork has been provided to your Office.

To lodge: Thursday 25 July 2024

To Committee: Tuesday 30 July 2024 (APH)

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6 Other briefings and aide memoires to Minister of Transport

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

Due to Office	Title
Thursday 11 July 2024	<p>Vote Transport unappropriated expenditure for the 2023/24 financial year</p> <p>This briefing will provide you with information on the two instances of unappropriated expenditure in Vote Transport for the 2023/24 financial year.</p>
Friday 12 July 2024	<p>Chatham Islands replacement shipping solution - drawdown authorisation for repairs to the Southern Tiare</p> <p>This briefing seeks joint authorisation from Ministers to draw down an additional \$1 million from the <i>Supporting a Chatham Islands Replacement Ship</i> tagged contingency in order to meet costs associated with the permanent repairs for the <i>Southern Tiare</i>.</p>
Week ending 19 July 2024	<p>Review into bus passenger safety</p> <p>This briefing will provide advice on existing policies and procedures to protect passengers on buses, and options and recommendations that could be made to provide greater safeguards for passengers nationally.</p>
Week ending 19 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 19 July 2024	<p>Drug and Alcohol Management Plans – Rule Approval</p> <p>This briefing will ask you to give effect to the provisions in the Civil Aviation Act 2023 for drug and alcohol management plans and testing by authorising new civil aviation rules.</p>
Week ending 19 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 19 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 19 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Due to Office	Title
Deferred to week ending 26 July 2024	<p>Confirming funding arrangements for recruiting and retaining bus driver initiative</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
Week ending 26 July 2024	<p>Update on implementation of Civil Aviation Act 2023</p> <p>This briefing will update you on progress and plans for implementing the Civil Aviation Act 2023, which will take effect from 5 April 2025.</p>
Week ending 26 July 2024	<p>Cost recovery relating to Civil Aviation Act 2023</p> <p>This briefing will provide initial advice on potential cost recovery for the functions being implemented by the Civil Aviation Act 2023.</p>
Week ending 2 August 2024	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
Week ending 30 August 2024	<p>The Interim Aviation Council and the National Aviation Policy Statement</p> <p>This briefing will update you on the work being undertaken by the Interim Aviation Council to develop a National Aviation Policy Statement.</p>
Week ending 30 August 2024	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

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6.1 Proactive Releases

Due to Office	Title	Date planned for release
Wednesday 17 July 2024	<p>Proactive Release of Cabinet papers relating to the draft Land Transport Rule Setting of Speed Limits 2024</p> <p>On 27 May 2024, Cabinet considered the paper titled The New Setting of Speed Limits Rule: Public Consultation. This paper sought agreement for you to release the consultation document, draft rule and regulatory impact assessment. This proactive release briefing will seek your approval for the release of this Cabinet paper and the Cabinet paper from February 2024 where you informed your Cabinet colleagues of your intended policy direction for the new Setting of Speed Limits Rule.</p>	Friday 26 July 2024
Wednesday 24 July 2024	<p>Proactive release of Revenue Action Plan Cabinet paper</p> <p>On Monday 1 July 2024, the Cabinet Business Committee considered the Revenue Action Plan. This proactive release briefing will seek your approval to release the Cabinet material relating to this decision.</p>	Friday 2 August 2024

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6.2 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees	
Economic Policy Committee	
<p>Wednesday 24 July 2024</p>	<p>Final Decisions on the International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy Amount</p> <p>This paper reports back on the International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) following public consultation in May and June 2024 and seeks Cabinet agreement to increase the amount of the IVL from \$35 to \$100. The IVL increase would be additional to increases, and new charges, proposed by other government agencies.</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(ii)</p> <p>We have provided feedback to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on the Cabinet paper.</p>

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7 Ministerial correspondence and OIAs

Ministerial correspondence:

We did not receive five or more pieces of Ministerial correspondence on any one topic this week.

Ministerial Official Information Act Requests:

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
10/07/2024	17/07/2024	s 9(2)(a)	All documents and communications relating to 6 meetings since November 2023
11/07/2024	15/07/2024		Requesting advice the Minister has received regarding the draft speed limit rule
16/07/2024	22/07/2024		All information the Minister's Office holds regarding the maintenance of Interislander ferries
16/07/2024	22/07/2024		All official advice received by the Minister during this term in office regarding the Interislander ferry service
16/07/2024	23/07/2024		Seeking all advice the Minister or his Office has received on the Interislander ferries and any other Cook Strait ferries.
16/07/2024	23/07/2024		Seeking all correspondence regarding the Aratere grounding and all subsequent reports, documents, and aide memoires
18/07/2024	26/07/2024		April Briefings
18/07/2024	26/07/2024		Advice on road toll expectations after speed limit increases
22/07/2024	29/07/2024		Communication and briefings on cancelling IReX and the future of the Cook Strait ferries
30/07/2024	5/08/2024		Requesting the Cost Benefit Analysis on removing the blanket speed restrictions
30/07/2024	5/08/2024		Requesting the Cost Benefit Analysis on removing the blanket speed restrictions

Written Parliamentary Questions:

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
5/07/2024	39691 (2024)	Why was the Regulatory Impact Statement not released as part of the consultation materials on the Draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024?	15/07/2024
8/07/2024	39784 (2024)	Advice received on providing relief for the new vehicle industry.	16/07/2024
10/07/2024	40057 (2024)	Advice received on the emissions impact of the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport.	18/07/2024
10/07/2024	40053 (2024)	Was a Climate Implications of Policy Assessment completed for the GPS. What did it say would be the emissions impact of the new GPS, in CO ₂ -e?	18/07/2024
10/07/2024	40055 (2024)	Was a Climate Implications of Policy Assessment completed for the changes to the Clean Car Standard. What did it say would be the emissions impact of the changes?	18/07/2024

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7.1 Departmental Official Information Act requests

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
2/07/2024	s 9(2)(a)	A list of all approved automated infringement systems, and companies contracted to operate and maintain these
10/07/2024		Information on the Accessible streets programme from May 2020
12/07/2024		Information on the Accessible streets programme from April 2020
17/07/2024		Advice provided to the Minister related to the safety implications of changing legislation for setting speed limits
17/07/2024		Internal correspondence with NZTA on the proposed Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024
17/07/2024		Advice provided to the Minister on GPS 2024
17/07/2024		Ministry data strategy
18/07/2024		Information held on the tolling of Penlink
18/07/2024		All communications and documents regarding lime scooters
22/07/2024		Requesting job titles or stats where all or part of their main duties includes promoting equality, diversity or inclusion
23/07/2024		All material on changes to the Land Transport (Offences and Penalties) Regulations Act 1999
24/07/2024		Requesting if Offence WP411 is still currently valid under law
24/07/2024		Requesting Cook Strait options report
25/07/2024		Spend on rail for each fiscal year between 2017 and 2024
25/07/2024		April Briefings
26/07/2024		May Briefings
26/07/2024		Draft GPS advice
26/07/2024		May Briefings
26/07/2024		May Briefings

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
29/07/2024	s 9(2)(a)	GPS and Draft GPS advice on carbon emissions impacts or implications
30/07/2024		Baseline Savings and the use of Te Reo Māori
30/07/2024		Requesting the Draft Land Transport: Setting of Speed Limits RIS and correspondence on this topic
31/07/2024		Policy advice provided to the Minister of Transport on reviewing the Clean Car Standard targets
5/08/2024		Requesting the Cost Benefit Analysis on removing the blanket speed restrictions
6/08/2024		Seeking any advice drafted or provided to the Minister of Transport on changes to the Clean Car Standard

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Transport Portfolio Agency Reports



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Agenda – Minister Brown officials’ meeting with NZTA

Day Date	Monday 15 July 2024		
Time	10:15 – 11:00am		
Venue	Parliament – EW5.1R		
NZ Transport Agency attendees			
Nicole Rosie, Chief Executive			
Richard May, Chief of Staff			
Chris Bunny, Group General Manager, System Leadership			
Brent Alderton, Group General Manager, Regulatory and Director of Land Transport			
Brett Gliddon, Group General Manager, Transport Services			
Sara Lindsay, Group General Manager, Commercial & Corporate			
Jen Bernal, Head of Digital Performance			
		Lead	Paper reference
1.1	Weekly Report	Nicole Rosie	
1.2	NZTA App	Jen Bernal	
1.3	RoNS and Tolling	Nicole Rosie/Brett Gliddon/Chris Bunn	
1.4	Airport to Botany Busway	Brett Gliddon	

Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) – Monday 8 July 2024	Due date
Provide information on driver licence booking numbers in the week leading up to Monday 8 July 2024.	Included in this report.
Provide information on tolling proposals.	Wednesday 31 July 2024

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Updates

NZTA submission on the draft Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024

In its capacity as a Road Controlling Authority (RCA) that undertakes speed management for state highways and provides advice and guidance to other RCAs, NZTA has provided feedback to the Ministry of Transport as part of consultation on the draft Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024. The submission focuses on operational matters related to implementation and identifies areas where clarification or improvement could be considered.

The Director of Land Transport has also made an independent submission in accordance with the Director's statutory functions and powers under the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

Consultation on 110km/hr speed limits in Auckland and Christchurch

NZTA is finalising plans to consult on proposals to increase speed limits to 110km/h on Christchurch's Southern Motorway and Auckland's Northern Gateway Toll Road and Ara Tūhono - Pūhoi to Warkworth Motorways. We are collaborating to align the consultation period on the three motorways and aim to commence engagement with partners and stakeholders from mid-August 2024, with public consultation following soon after, from the end of August.

We are working with your Office on an opportunity for you to announce the start of the engagement process for these speed limit increases, similar to the Kāpiti Expressway earlier in the year. Should this be an opportunity that you are interested in, we will work with your Office to plan the announcement and provide supporting materials.

Whale Trail – SH1 Picton Elevation section

On Friday 24 July 2020, the government announced \$18m of central government funding for the construction of the Whale Trail. This was alongside the \$2.0m committed by Marlborough District Council.

The Whale Trail is planned to be an approximately 210km cycling and walking trail along the South Island's northeast coast, from Picton to Kaikōura.

NZTA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Whale Trail Trust to establish ways of working with a positive intent and since 2020 has provided assistance for various sections of the trail where it intercepts with the state highway, including design and construction work for the Waima Bridge clip-on and funding and construction of the cycleway at Tuamarina.

It was agreed that NZTA would design a shared user path from the 50 km/h sign on State Highway 1 exiting Picton and climbing the hill called the Elevation for approximately 1 km, completing the missing link in the 55km section which has been delivered between Picton and Ward. This commitment was recognised in the MoU, although the MoU is not legally binding and was dependent on funding being available. This was to be completed as a low-cost low risk walking and cycling project in 2021-22.

Escalating costs means the project no longer qualifies as low cost/low risk and NZTA has recently confirmed that the project is not prioritised for wider National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) funding as it does not demonstrate a high level of alignment with the Government Priority Statement on land transport (GPS).

If the Trust were to receive funding from a different source, we would continue discussions on how we may be able to provide a level of support that is aligned with the GPS.

We will be advising our partners and stakeholders on the week commencing Monday 22 July 2024 about this outcome. The Trust, iwi partners and Council may go to media about this funding outcome. We will work with your Office to provide reactive lines should you receive any queries once this is announced.

Driver Licensing wait times

Summary of wait times for week ending Friday 5 July 2024:

Wait times for full practical testing increased compared to last week by +3 days (51 days) with no change to restricted tests (60 days)

At an individual site level, 20% of full test sites and 10% of restricted test sites met the “30 days or less” target last week.

Recruitment:

Wait times are not expected to decrease until the temporary surge workforce and increased BAU workforce resources have been recruited and are in place from August onwards.

For the temporary surge workforce, there has been a strong response to a call for expressions of interest, and applicant screening has commenced. The first training dates for the temporary surge workforce will be confirmed soon.

VTNZ have been responsive in their actions to support the significant increase in capacity, and have signed two six-month contracts for additional testing sites located in the North Shore and South Auckland.

Region	Wait times (days)				Staffing	Productivity
	Full	Change (last week)	Restricted	Change (last week)	VTNZ DTO Headcount	Tests Completed
Northland	68	+4	78	+2	9	321
Auckland North West	68	+12	76	+2	25	1,787
Auckland Central South	75	0	82	0	42	1,305
Waikato	54	+7	63	-9	23	708
Bay of Plenty	43	-4	54	-1	18	998
Central	37	+9	45	+9	18	634
Wellington	30	+5	40	-1	21	698
Canterbury	50	0	59	-1	27	728
Otago Southland	45	-3	55	-3	14	936
National Average	51	+3	60	0	-	-
Total:					197	8,115

Free re-sit eligibility:

As of Monday 8 July 2024, ~226,000 customers are eligible to book free re-sits until the Monday 7 October 2024 cut-off date. This cohort represent a ‘surge’ of increased testing demand over the next 3+ months.

A summary of customers eligible for free re-sits by test type, and licence type is below:

Test Type	Licence type		Total
	Domestic	Overseas Conversion	
Learner	28,800	37,800	66,600
Restricted	79,200	460	79,660
Full	46,500	34,100	80,600
Total	154,500	72,360	226,860

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All new driver licence applicants from this week onwards fall under the new price structure.

At the last Officials meeting you asked if there was an increase in the number of test bookings in the week leading up to Monday 8 July 2024. We did not see a significant increase in applications across all class 1 driver licences between your announcement on Tuesday 2 July 2024 and the day before the go-live of the new fees on Monday 8 July 2024 compared with previous weeks leading up to the announcement. We did see an additional ~1100 learner licence applications than we ordinarily would have each week (i.e., average of four weeks prior to announcement was 2283 learner licence applications per week and the week of your announcement there were 3465 applications). We are not observing the same wait time pressure in the learner licence testing system and therefore do not anticipate any problems with this increase.

Investigation into potential fraudulent driver testing bookings:

Last week a member of the public raised a concern via Ministerial correspondence that testing officers were fraudulently booking driver test slots to sell for profit. Investigations regarding this allegation are underway.

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

Select Committee hearing on Northland infrastructure

We had previously advised in the Weekly Report, week ending Friday 21 June 2024, that NZTA has been invited to attend an open hearing with the Transport and Infrastructure Committee to discuss infrastructure in Northland. The hearing has been confirmed as being held on Thursday 25 July 2024, 10:50 – 11:50am.

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Upcoming Ministerial Items

Upcoming Transport events

Event Date	Event	Details
16 July 2024	<p>Whitford Brown Avenue (Porirua) safety camera sign unveiling</p> <p>This visit will provide an opportunity for you to check out one of the newly installed safety camera signs and to capture a photograph unveiling the sign.</p> <p>Mayor Anita Baker will also be in attendance.</p>	<p>Briefing Due:</p> <p>Sent 9 July (BRI-3090)</p> <p>Officials Attending:</p> <p>Brent Alderton, Group General Manager Regulatory & Director of Land Transport</p> <p>Mark Owen, NZTA Acting Director Regional Relationships</p>

Upcoming Briefings to Minister of Transport

Due to Office	Title
<p>Monday</p> <p>15 July 2024</p>	<p>BRI-3100 Civil Contractors NZ event</p> <p>Provide background information to support attendance at the Civil Contractors NZ 80th anniversary.</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>17 July 2024</p>	<p>BRI-3097 Safety measures on public transport</p> <p>Provide information on existing policies in place in the event of an attack on public transport, and options and recommendations to provide greater safeguards</p>
<p>Thursday</p> <p>18 July 2024</p>	<p>BRI-3084 Auckland ferries</p> <p>Provide further information on Auckland ferries, including additional advice on funding and timelines.</p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>19 July 2024</p>	<p>BRI-3098 Regional Fuel Tax & Lake Road/Glenvar Road revised scope</p> <p>Provide advice on how remaining regional fuel tax money will be spent by Auckland Transport, and information regarding the revised scope for Lake Road and Glenvar Road.</p>

Upcoming OIA requests for potential consultation

Reference and Requester	Request	Due date to the Office
OIA-15802 s 9(2)(a) [redacted] obo Green Party	Copies of advice provided to the Minister in May 2024.	Thursday 25 July 2024
OIA-15811 s 9(2)(a) [redacted]	Information relating to the cost of installation and management of safety cameras.	Thursday 25 July 2024
OIA-15810 s 9(2)(a) [redacted]	Copy of report relating to the RiverLink project.	Thursday 25 July 2024
OIA-15829 s 9(2)(a) [redacted] obo Chris Hipkins	Copies of advice provided regarding tolling and public-private-partnerships.	Monday 29 July 2024
OIA-15848 s 9(2)(a) [redacted] NZ Taxpayers Union	Information regarding the NZTA App, including spend to date and the business case.	Tuesday 30 July 2024

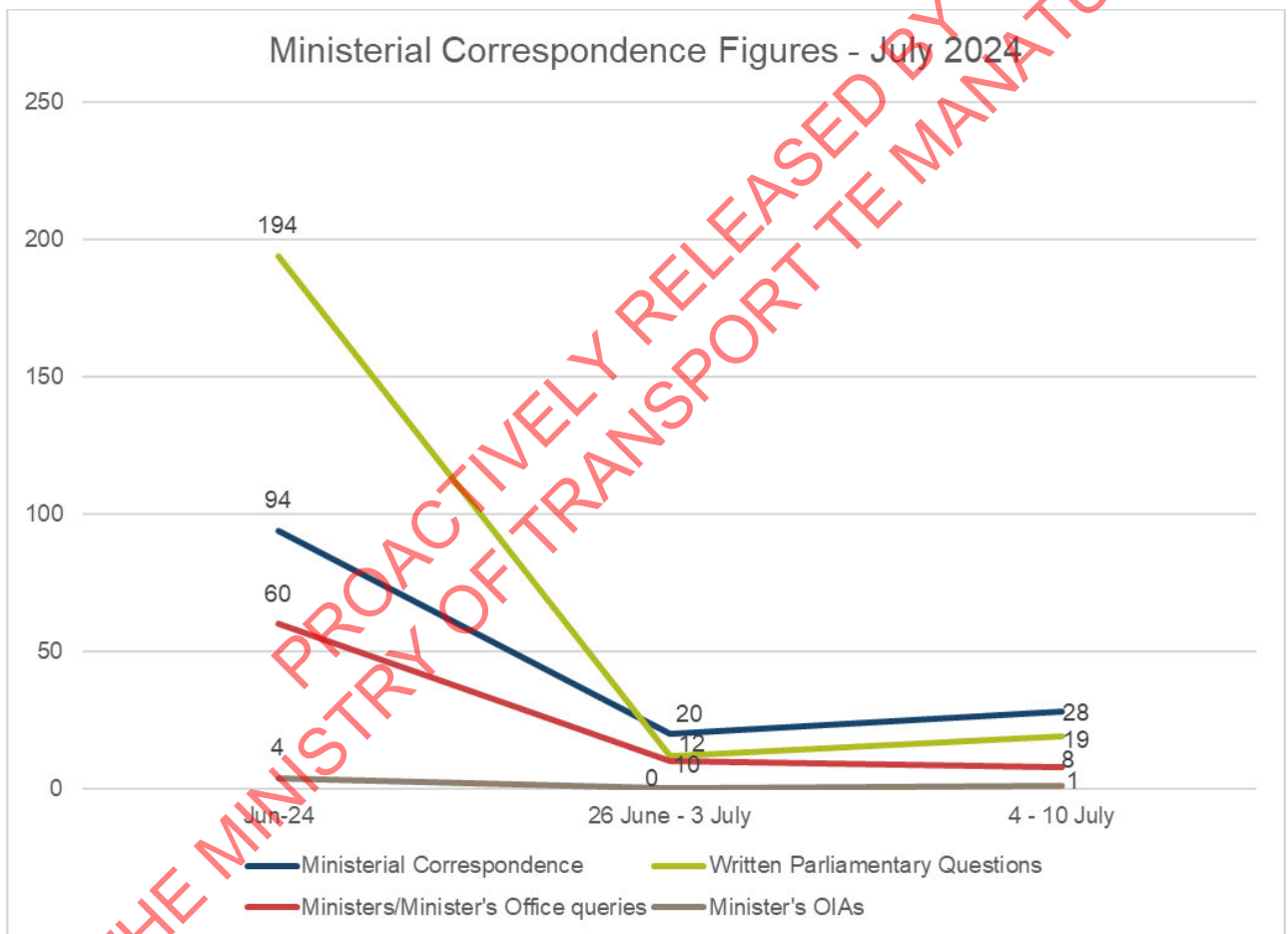
Upcoming Media items

Date of release	Subject
Week commencing Monday 15 July 2024	Auckland/Northland – SH1 Papakura to Drury A traffic bulletin is scheduled for released during the week beginning Monday 15 July 2024 to advise motorists that the two southbound lanes on the SH1 Southern Motorway (between Papakura Interchange and the BP motorway service centre) will be split by temporary barriers into two separate lanes from Tuesday 16 July 2024. This temporary layout is expected to remain in place until late August.
Week commencing Monday 15 July 2024	Waikato/Bay of Plenty – SH36 re-instatement A media statement will be issued during the week beginning Monday 15 July 2024 alerting road users to the SH36 Mangorewa gorge underslip and wall reinstatement. Starting Monday 5 August 2024 for 6 weeks, the first 2 weeks will be full daytime closures 8am to 4pm in both directions.

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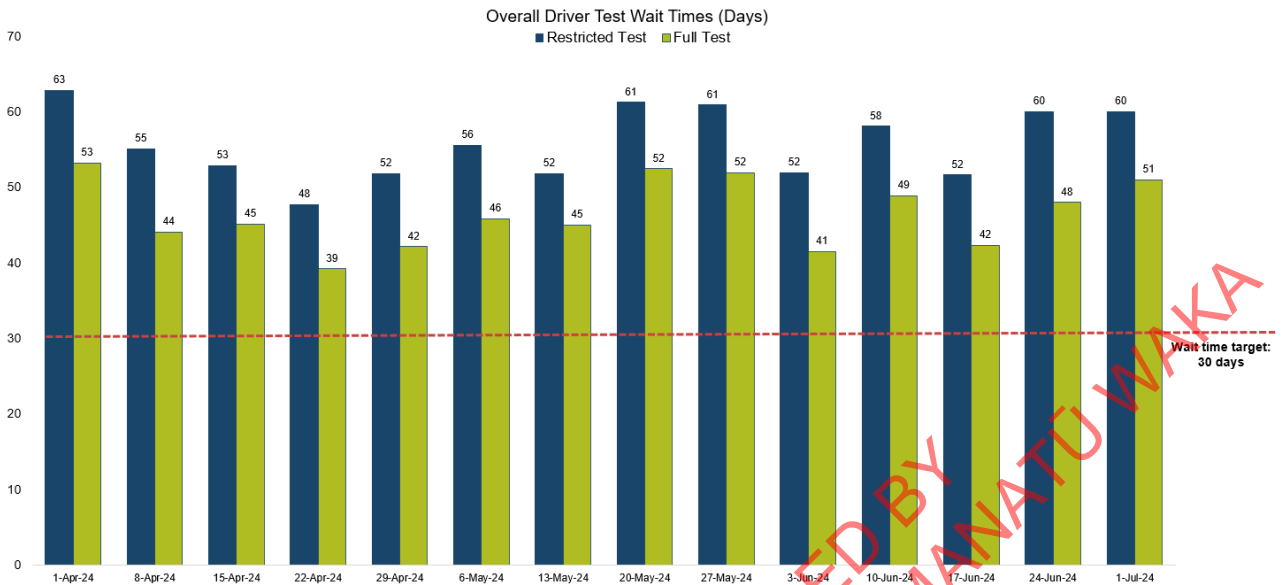
Ministerial correspondence figures from 4 to 10 July 2024

Item:	Number
Ministerial Correspondence	28
Written Parliamentary Questions	19
Minister/Minister Office queries	8
Ministerial OIA requests	1
Themes	Māori road code, Roads of National Significance, maintenance, speed limits



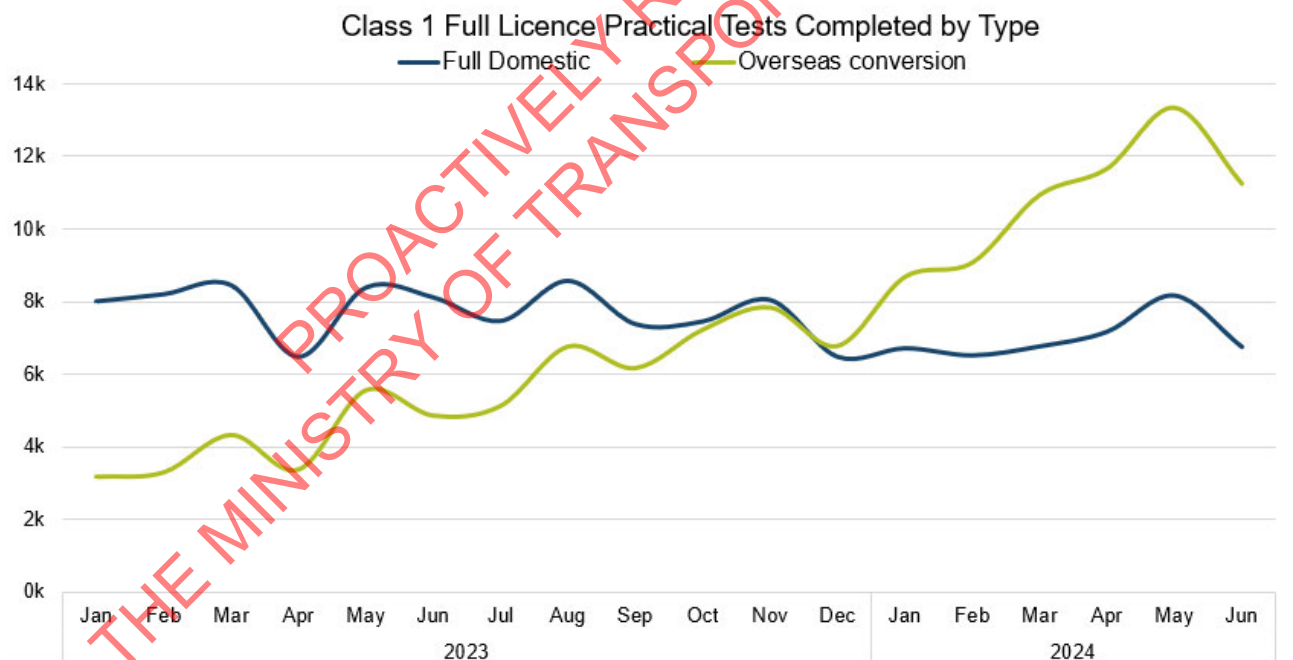
Appendix One – Driver Licensing wait times status (as at Friday 5 July 2024)

Overall wait times compared to the 30-day target:



Full licence test volumes - overseas conversions vs. domestic tests

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



Priority area	Target output/ outcome	Overall progress status	#	Interventions	Status	Update for week ending Friday 5 July 2024
Rapid increase in permanent driver testing officer (DTO) resourcing 1. (Increase supply of tests)	Permanent resourcing					
	85 additional DTOs by end October 2024 to bring total permanent resourcing to 250 DTOs providing c.50,000 tests per month	~25 additional DTOs (to date)	1a	<u>Recruitment</u> : Increased recruitment led by VTNZ (Dec-June 2024)	Deployed	(1b) 7 new DTOs currently completing training and certification. Recruitment targets: 21 DTOs 5 Aug – 30 Aug 21 DTOs 9 Sept – 4 Oct 21 DTOs 30 Sept – 25 Oct ~10 DTOs 4 Nov – 29 Nov (1c) Dedicating four NZTA trainers to enable trainee to trainer ratio of 3:1 for August – October cohorts. (1d) Risk assessment continues on the opportunity to reduce training time for temporary ('surge') DTOs.
			1b	<u>Recruitment</u> : Intensive rapid recruitment campaign led by NZTA (June 2024 onwards)	Delivery	
			1c	<u>Training</u> : Surge support from qualified NZTA staff to train new DTOs	Delivery	
			1d	<u>Training</u> : Reduce time to train DTOs	Planning	
			1e	<u>Training</u> : Reduce DTO theory testing pass rate standard (currently 100 out of 100, to no less than 94 out of 100).	Investigated and Discounted	
			1g	<u>New DTO incentives</u> : Review DTO salary for attractiveness	Deployed	
	Mobile surge team					
	50 temporary DTOs by end August 2024 to provide an extra c.9,000 tests per month	0 temp DTOs (to date)	2a	Set up surge team (short term contracts for current and retired Driving Instructors & previous testing officers to temporarily operate as DTOs)	Planning	Expressions of interest sent to industry partners week ending 5 July and shared with their network – good interest for both trainers and DTOs. Applicant screening commences week ending 12 July, and the first training dates will be confirmed. Discussions are ongoing with VTNZ to confirm employment conditions and contracts.

8 July 2024 fee changes						
Changes to test fees	Revised fees for standard and overseas conversion applicants resulting in an estimated 10% reduction in demand for practical tests	Complete	5a	Standard applicant fee change: One fee, two tests	Deployed	Implementation of the new fees and fee structure is now live. Updates to online booking site successful.
			5b	Overseas conversion applicant fee change: no free resits	Deployed	
		Potential future fee changes				
2. (Reduce demand for tests)	TBC	Under consideration for the November 2024 report back to Cabinet	5c	Further potential changes to test fees to reduce wait times through pricing	Discovery	NZTA and the Ministry will provide advice on further potential changes to fees as part of the briefing (due with the Minister late July) on the proposed scope of the November report back to Cabinet.

Targeted support for Overseas Conversion applicants						
<p>Support and mandatory requirements for overseas licence conversion applicants</p> <p>3. (Reduce demand for tests)</p>	<p>Increased availability at majority of Auckland sites, as overseas conversions (72% of all Auckland tests currently) are diverted to sites better able to support them Higher pass rate for OVCs thanks to wrap-around support (TBC once trial commences and outcomes are analysed)</p>	<p>Discovery/ planning (targeting end July for trial go-live)</p>	7a	VTNZ trial to provide optional wrap-around support to overseas licence conversion applicants	Planning	<p>(7a) Contract received back from VTNZ. Finalising location sites for trial and parameters for selecting applicants. (7b) Sites identified by VTNZ. Assessing manual vs. automated work arounds (noting automated requires system change and will take longer). (7c) With fee changes now in place for overseas conversion applicants, we are turning our focus working with Immigration New Zealand to improve information for incoming and onshore migrants, including emphasising the need to be well practised when they apply.</p>
			7b	(Auckland specific solution initially) Restrict overseas conversions (72% of bookings in Auckland) to three specific sites to enable targeted support/service and free up bookings at other sites for domestic applicants. If this intervention is successful further roll out to other major cities is envisaged.	Discovery	
			7c	Update the information pack people get from Immigration NZ when first approved for a visa, to set clear expectations of what is required for them to drive in NZ	Planning	
	Mandatory requirements					
	TBC (in discovery)	Discovery	8a	Introduce booking quota for overseas conversions	Discovery	<p>(8a) NZTA and the Ministry have determined that introducing booking quotas for overseas conversions would not require legislative change. As such, NZTA will further consider this intervention. NZTA and the Ministry will provide you with advice on the other potential interventions which would require legislative change, including the Director's assessment of the safety impacts of these interventions, in the WC 15 July 2024.</p>
			8b	Mandating training for overseas licence conversion applicants	Discovery	
			8c	Increase current period for drivers on overseas licences before requiring overseas licence conversion	Discovery	
			8d	Review and additions to the list of exempted countries to reduce numbers of OVC driver tests	Discovery	

		Streamlining test delivery				
Efficiency improvements 4. (Increase throughput in the system)	Additional capacity - up to one additional slot per day per DTO, and fewer wasted slots.	Driver Testing Operating Manual initial review commenced	10a	Require applicants to arrive 30 minutes early to enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • earlier unwarranted/unfit car checks (1-2% of applicants cannot sit due to unfit vehicles) • commencing test earlier if previous applicant was a no-show (currently 6% of test slots) 	Deployed	(10b) A reduction in time allocated for test booking slots has been investigated and discounted, with the final assessment being that the time cannot be reduced without impacting the quality of the test. The full timing is required as it allows for the full suite of necessary activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet applicant • Complete vehicle checks • Test completion • Feedback • Issue temporary licence
			10b	Reduce time allocated to test booking slots in the system for both restricted (currently 60min) and full (currently 30min) to create room for 1 additional test slot per DTO daily	Investigated and Discounted	
			10c	Reduce computerised theory test allocated test time from current 30 to 20 minutes.	Investigated and Discounted	
			10d	Review the Driver Testing Operating Manual to identify and address any further process challenges and opportunities	Delivery	
		Reducing wasted slots from no-shows and late arrivals				
	Reduction in no-shows from 8% to 4% of all practical test slots	No shows reduced from 8% to 5.5% of all practical test slots (as at June 2024)	11a	Text reminders to applicants 24 and 48 hours before their test	Deployed (ongoing)	(11d) Initial data indicates a 0.5% reduction in tests not completed due to being categorised as “no shows” following change in approach. This equates to an approximately 150 extra tests a month. We are continuing to monitor; the data will be
			11b	Introduce automatic cancellation of test booking if no response to pre-test text	Investigated and Discounted	
			11c	Introduce one-step cancellation of test booking by applicant on reception of pre-test text	Deployed	

			11d	Remove immediate fail for applicants who arrive more than 5 minutes late for test	Deployed	analysed to support discovery into the feasibility of introducing standby slots (11e).
			11e	Introduce ability for an applicant to book a standby slot	Discovery	
			11f	Harder line communications campaign from NZTA on repercussions for no-shows	Discovery	
			11g	Introducing consequences for no-shows such as restricting rebooking eligibility	Discovery	

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Key priorities and highlights

New Zealand Shipping Federation AGM

Kirstie Hewlett, Director and CEO of Maritime NZ, and Peter Brunt, Deputy CEO Regulatory Frameworks, attended the New Zealand Shipping Federation (NZSF) AGM on Tuesday 2 July 2024. NZSF represents all the major coastal shipping operators in New Zealand.

In the meeting, the Director outlined current and upcoming regulatory work that would be of interest to NZSF members. This included the work that Maritime NZ committed to progress (and NZSF supported) as part of its funding review, such as reform to rules, investment in maritime inspections and investment in oversight of third parties (such as surveyors). The Director also highlighted steps intended to make Maritime NZ's regulatory approach more transparent to regulated parties; including through the publication of operational policies and position statements, and to utilise a broader range of corrective and enforcement tools.

NZSF members showed significant interest in and support for the work. They also expressed strong interest in the potential for legislative changes. Amongst other things they expressed interest in:

- the need for legislative changes to clarify the powers of harbourmasters and regional councils and reduce duplication of regulation around the coast – a number of NZSF members are struggling with Directions and By-laws set by regional harbourmasters and Councils that appear to duplicate or cut across national requirements,
- the potential for changes to s198, which manages the movement of coastal freight around the coast by international vessels (so called 'cabotage'),
- steps that could make access to skilled seafarers overseas easier, to fill critical vacancies – particularly through easier recognition of certificates from other countries,
- potential changes to energy efficiency requirements for coastal ships under MARPOL VI, and
- our position on a number of international negotiations at the International Maritime Organisation, including on GHG emissions standards and pricing (NZSF opposes New Zealand unilaterally including international shipping emissions in our carbon budgets, preferring these issues to be addressed collectively through the IMO).

Maritime NZ will continue to meet regularly with NZSF and its members.

United States Coastguard and Maritime New Zealand collaborate to strengthen Maritime Response and Search and Rescue relationship in the Pacific, 25-28 June 2024 (Auckland and Wellington).

Maritime NZ hosted operational leaders from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) District 14 Joint Rescue Coordination Centre and Marine and Environmental Response based in Honolulu.

This visit focussed on strengthening the close working relationship we hold with the USCG across Search and Rescue (SAR), Maritime Response Operations and capacity building of Pacific Island nations. Over four days (25-28 June 2024) Maritime NZ hosted the contingent at RCCNZ in Avalon, Lower Hutt and Maritime Response Team Site in Te Atatu, Auckland.

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SAR discussions focussed primarily on the numerous mutually supported operations which occur frequently between JRCC Honolulu and the RCCNZ. Specifically focus was given to the efforts made to support the Fijian Search and Rescue Region, USCG support to SAR in American Samoa, and SAR which is often undertaken in partnership. The visit also included technical discussion on marine pollution response and broader interagency coordination. A keen interest was shared between USCG and Maritime New Zealand on how we can find efficiencies and enhance alignment on capability sharing and capacity building efforts across the Pacific.



USCG personnel touring the Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand facility in Avalon, Lower Hutt.



NZ Police Maritime unit hosting the USCG contingent aboard the Police Launch Lady Liz IV on Wellington Harbour.

28 Day Deemed Visa for International Cargo Crew

In the last Weekly Report we noted that international shipping agents (Shipping NZ) and coastal shipping agents (NZ Shipping Federation) appeared to have agreed the basis of a compromise on the issue of extending the 28 day deemed visa for crew operating international cargo vessels.

Currently such crew are 'deemed' to hold a visa for 28 days to enable loading and unloading of cargo. Shipping NZ have been seeking an extension of this time, given regular delays and congestion at ports (which mean that a small number of vessels, particularly bulk cargo ships, need to stay longer than 28 days and apply for a visa). NZ Shipping Federation has opposed an extension on the basis that it would provide time for international operators to move additional coastal freight.

The compromise proposes that an extension be applied if a vessel is "likely to go past the 28-day period through no fault of its own, e.g., due to bad weather events, port congestion, etc".

This ability to make progress on the issue is likely to impact on the sector's view on the proposals in the draft Cabinet Paper Requiring cargo ship crew and passengers to hold an electronic travel authority. This draft paper has been shared with your Office for consultation by the Minister of Immigration and includes comment on the 28 day deemed visa issue (following consultation by MBIE with the sector in 2023 and June this year). We will provide comments on this draft Cabinet Paper separately, as requested by your Office.

We have held initial discussions on the proposed compromise approach with immigration officials at MBIE. Their preliminary advice is that legislation currently does not provide discretion for a deemed visa to be extended; so a regulatory change would be needed if the compromise is to progress. This would need to be considered on a longer timeframe than the current Cabinet Paper process; after a detailed proposal is received from the sector. We will continue to work with MBIE, Ministry of Transport colleagues and the two sector groups.

Operational updates

Aratere update

Over the last couple of weeks we have engaged with KiwiRail on the grounding of the Aratere seeking information on safety systems, processes, training and equipment and undertaking an inspection to determine when the detention should be lifted, and whether conditions need to be imposed in the short term on the operation of the vessel. Following the inspection yesterday, it is likely we will impose some conditions on operation of the Aratere and also undertake a deeper dive audit of the processes, procedures and training around how KiwiRail brings new equipment on to vessels.

Our investigation of the incident continues.

Detention of *Atlas Wind*

On Thursday 4 July 2024, during a Port State Control (PSC)¹ Inspection in Dunedin, Maritime NZ detained the vessel *Atlas Wind*. The inspection identified deficiencies across a range of areas, including ineffective implementation of the safety management system. Due to the number of serious deficiencies, the PSC inspection was suspended, and the *Atlas Wind* was detained.

Atlas Wind, though registered under a foreign Flag State² (Vanuatu), is owned by a NZ company, MOVE Logistics. Maritime NZ has informed Flag of the detention.

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Once Maritime NZ has received statements from Flag and their delegates, we will resume our own detailed PSC inspection and consider whether any additional engagement with MOVE Logistics and/or its ISM⁴ management company is needed.

Over the last 18 months, the *Atlas Wind* has been detained four times by New Zealand and Australia, this is a high number of detentions in a short time period. s 9(2)(b)(ii)

inspections due to the significant safety concerns it presents. *Atlas Wind* operates a Trans-Tasman route between New Zealand and Australia, carrying dangerous goods, including ammonium nitrate. This is the kind of vessel that a banning power may be used for if we had the opportunity to add that power through maritime legislative reform.

Footnotes:

¹ **Port State Control (PSC)** - Covers all activities relating to the inspection of foreign ships in New Zealand. The inspections verify that a ship's condition and equipment comply with international regulations and that its crewing and operation comply with the rules.

² **Flag state** - The *flag state* of a merchant vessel is the state chosen by the merchant to be registered or licensed. The vessel carries the flag of that state and must comply with its rules and regulations.

³ **Classification society** – A non-government organisation that establishes and maintains technical standards for the construction and operation of ships and offshore structures.

⁴ **International Safety Management (ISM)** - The ISM Code is the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) standard for the safe management and operation of ships at sea, including the use of ISM Safety Management Systems (SMS).

Maritime in the media

There continues to be a strong interest from mainstream media in the *Aratere*, KiwiRail fleet and our regulatory role in relation to the Cook Strait. With queries relating to these issues, we are working to be clear around our role, what the operators need to, do as well as provide factual information on the detention of the vessel. We are working on a 'no-surprises' approach with media/comms on this issue, sharing our responses with the relevant Ministerial Offices and partner agencies.



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Key updates

Feedback regarding CAA's performance

Noting your concern about the Authority's performance relating to matters raised with you by industry, four pieces of unsolicited feedback received over the last month are set out below:

From an email from a Part 145 Organisation s 9(2)(b)(ii) – a maintenance organisation following certificate renewal:

"I would like to acknowledge s 9(2)(a) Inspector) and his team for all their efforts over the past few weeks during a period of high workload. The way they have gone about their certification work, their knowledge of (Rule Part) 145, and their engagement with us, has been exemplary."

From email from an emerging technology organisation s 9(2)(b)(ii) to our Certification people regarding approval of amendments to an Operations Specification document:

"It's not really possible for me to express enough gratitude for this in writing. I know this has been a huge effort from yourselves and a much wider team. Once again, you have helped us get to a certificate few in the world have achieved. I hope you are proud of your work and go into the long weekend with a feeling of significant accomplishment."

Verbal feedback provided to the Chair regarding CAA's work in respect to the s 9(2)(b)(ii) :

"CAA has been great to deal with."

"CAA is working to make things happen as opposed to presenting roadblocks."

From a letter from Invercargill Airport Operations and Safety Manager following the Virgin Australia emergency landing ex Queenstown Airport

"On 17 June 2024 at approximately 1820, I called the AVSEC Team Leader and requested assistance to deal with an emergency landing in progress."

"I learned in the following days that two Aviation Security Officers played a significant and prominent role to ensure the successful outcome in this challenging episode."

"More broadly, their excellent sense of situational awareness, calm and confident approach to the task at hand, and their continued professionalism displayed on the night ensured a safe and secure outcome for every passenger and first responder and, in the process, they contributed to the Airport's reputation."

"I appreciate their efforts and feel privileged to be working with them."

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ICAO releases dates for New Zealand safety audit

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has released its schedule for Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) activity, and this confirms that New Zealand will undergo a safety audit from 9-21 July 2025.

This will be a full audit of New Zealand's implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices across the aviation system, and will likely include assessments of the Authority, the Ministry of Transport, the Transport Accident Investigation Commission, MetService and Airways New Zealand. The results of the audit will subsequently be made public and will be used by other States to evaluate the safety of New Zealand's aviation system.

We anticipate that there will be some difficulties and challenges arising from the audit, and we will provide a separate briefing on this.

Confirmed changes to the Authority's investigation function

The Authority has released a decision document following the review of its investigation function that was advised to you in the Weekly Report dated 10 June 2024. The document forms part of a wider programme to implement several recommendations following an independent review by Mike Heron KC.

The review considered the management systems, procedures and practices operating within the investigation and enforcement function, including the way in which expert evidence is obtained and managed, to identify any changes that may be required to the Authority's investigation policies or practice.

The final decision confirms the blending of some existing functions into a new and dedicated triage team to improve the way the approximately 10,000 incoming aviation safety and aviation security notifications received each year are assessed and prioritised using an intelligence led and risk-based approach. The decision also confirmed the blending of two specialist investigation teams into two multi-disciplined investigation teams.

The changes better align our investigation approach with modern regulatory practice. This includes taking a risk-based approach to deciding what we investigate, adopting a general investigation approach instead of determining an investigation category and a likely outcome early, strengthening an earned autonomy model where the degree of regulatory oversight of a participant is determined by their safety performance, and refreshing our regulatory decision-making policy in line with justice culture principles and public interest considerations.

AvSec complaint and media interest

The CAA was approached by a RNZ journalist on 16 January 2024 regarding a complaint from a woman with Type 1 diabetes about her experience at the Auckland Airport international screening point, which she had written about in a Facebook group for Type 1 diabetics in New Zealand. The journalist had engaged with the woman directly and encouraged her to submit a complaint to us which we received on 31 January by way of the journalist with her consent. Her complaint related to how AvSec officers had treated her, and that one of her medical devices had gone through an x-ray machine which could damage it. RNZ ran a story about her experience on 31 January, for which the complainant was interviewed.

A thorough investigation was conducted including CCTV footage review and interviews with AvSec officers involved in the incident. The investigation findings differ from the complainant's account of the incident.

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Following the RNZ article, Diabetes NZ approached CAA to develop a resource to assist those with diabetes and associated medical devices with the screening process. This has been in progress over the past few months and the resource was just published on Wednesday 10 July 2024.

It has become apparent that a formal response has not been provided to the January complainant. This oversight has occurred due to internal miscommunication, and we accept the failings for this oversight and will examine processes to make sure this does not happen again. We will immediately contact the complainant to apologise and also provide a full response.

The RNZ journalist has asked questions following the publishing of the resource and we anticipate he will run a story about this matter.

Security screening queues weekly update

The following instance of longer screening queues was recorded this week:

Date	Time	Location	Passengers affected	Queue Time (Mins)	Cause	Mitigation
03/07/24	05:30	Auckland International Transit	750	14 min, 31 sec	Machine outage leaving only one lane open	Additional staff from AvSec, Air New Zealand, and Airport company assisted in queue combing, prioritising passengers to minimise impact on flights

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

Week	1/7 – 7/7
Passengers processed in less than 5 minutes	91.8%
Passengers processed in less than 10 minutes	98%

Planned upgrade work at the Auckland Transit screening point will reduce capacity to a single lane there this week.

Additional flights for the All Blacks test match in Auckland on Saturday 13 July 2024, as well as school holiday travel, have been taken into account, and staffing and lane capacity adjusted, to meet the additional demand. Authority staff are also reviewing screening capacity for the upcoming school holidays and making adjustments to staff levels as required.

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

Ministerial Briefings received by the Minister's Office**Wednesday 3 – Tuesday 9 June 2024**

No Ministerial Briefings were received by the Minister's Office during this period.

Communications and External Engagement Tuesday 9 July 2024**Media plan / anticipated media – 7 days from Monday 15 July 2024**

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
TBC	General release	Media release to accompany public release of safety investigation into a helicopter crash on 12 June 2021. The helicopter was a Robinson R44 Raven II carrying a newly married couple and their photographer for wedding photos; all sustained serious injuries. Media coverage is expected, as the accident has been high profile to date, and the passengers have all spoken to media in the past. NB: carried over from previous week.	All main NZ publications
TBC	Comment or statement	The judicial review relating to the Divergent Missed Approach Protection System (DMAPS) flight path change over the northern suburbs of Wellington is likely to generate significant media upon release of its findings. CAA will likely be mentioned in this coverage and will prepare responses to anticipated questions. Timing is subject to the judicial review process.	TBC

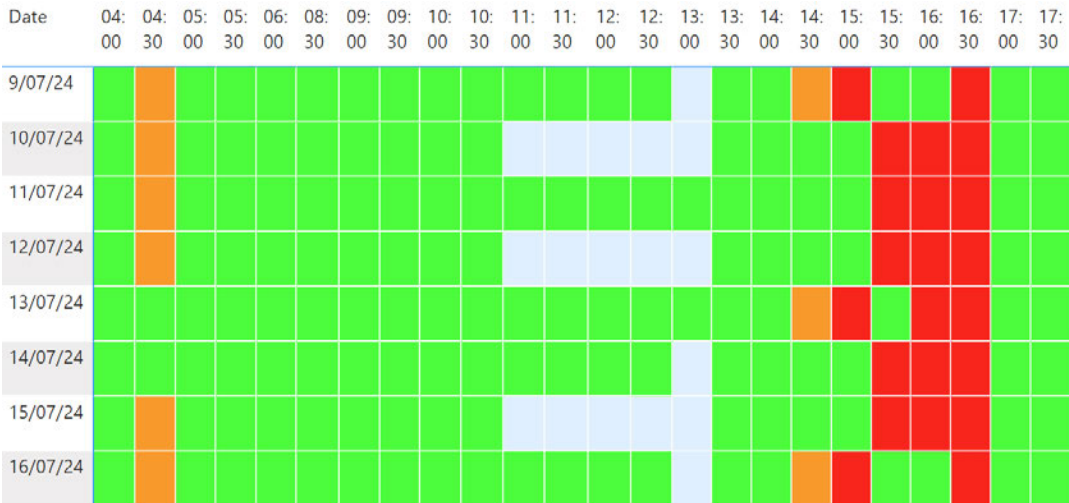
Media mentions – 7 days to Tuesday 9 July

Date	Activity	Channel
Thursday 4 July 2024	Lack of monitoring at White Island poses risk CAA is mentioned in coverage about continued volcanic activity on Whakaari White Island.	1 News, NZ Herald
Friday 5 July 2024	Behind the scenes of Air NZs safety videos Article mentions that safety videos must comply with civil aviation regulations.	The Post

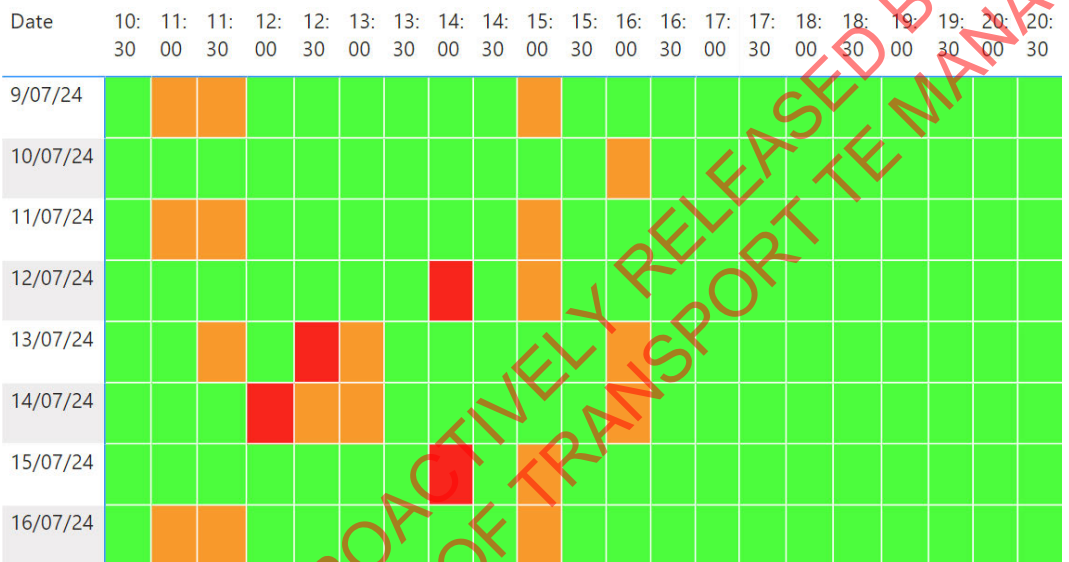
Upcoming education publications and products

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

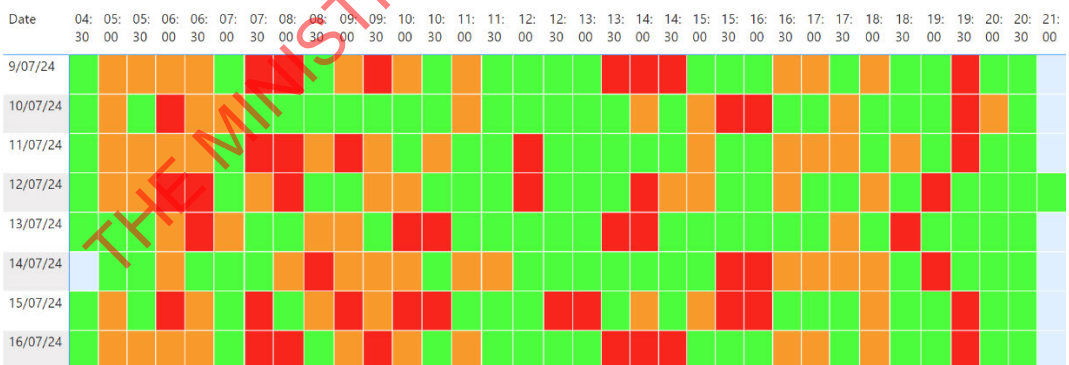
Christchurch International:



Queenstown International:



Auckland Domestic:



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Queenstown Domestic:

Date	06:00	06:30	07:00	08:00	08:30	09:00	09:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00	13:30	14:00	14:30	15:00	15:30	16:00	16:30	17:00	17:30	18:00	19:00	19:30
9/07/24	Green	Green	Light Blue	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Orange	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Orange	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
10/07/24	Green	Green	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Green	Red	Orange	Red	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Orange	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Light Blue	Light Blue	Green	Green	Green
11/07/24	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Orange	Orange	Red	Green	Orange	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Orange	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Light Blue	Light Blue	Green	Green	Green
12/07/24	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Orange	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Light Blue	Light Blue	Green	Green	Green
13/07/24	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Orange	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
14/07/24	Orange	Green	Light Blue	Green	Red	Green	Orange	Orange	Red	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Orange	Orange	Green	Green	Red	Green	Light Blue	Light Blue	Green	Green	Green
15/07/24	Green	Green	Green	Light Blue	Light Blue	Green	Orange	Orange	Red	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Orange	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Light Blue	Light Blue	Green	Green	Green
16/07/24	Green	Green	Light Blue	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Orange	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Orange	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

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New inquiries / International Assistance

Nil

Aratere update

TAIC are still in the evidence gathering phase of our investigation and are in the process of interviewing witnesses. We have identified several lines of inquiry that we will be pursuing.

Media heads up

Nil

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Transport Portfolio Weekly Report

As at Wednesday 17 July 2024

Recipient

HON SIMEON BROWN
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

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

Minister's comments:

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Officials' agenda



Agenda - Minister Brown officials' meeting

Day Date	Monday 22 July 2024		
Time	1pm – 1.45pm		
Venue	EW5.1 Parliament		
Apologies	Paul O'Connell, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy		
Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) attendees			
Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive			
Brent Johnston, Chief of Staff			
Chris Nees, Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Sector Strategy			
Siobhan Routledge, Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Policy			
Tim Herbert, Manager, Investment			
Mitch Macaulay, Principal Adviser, Investment			
Tessa Ayson, Manager, Strategy			
Jessica Ranger, Manager, Urban Development & Public Transport			
Joanna Heard, Manager, Safety			
John Edwards, Principal Adviser, Safety			
MOT & NZTA: Part 2 NZTA Attendees:			
Brent Alderton, Director of Land Transport			
Amy Moorehouse, National Manager, Policy			
Part 1	Ministry of Transport	Lead	Paper reference
1.0	Weekly Report	Audrey Sonerson	As at 17 July 2024
1.1	s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(b)(ii)	David Wood	OC240823

1.2	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Chris Nees	OC240761
Part 2	Ministry of Transport & NZTA	Lead	Paper reference
2.1	Driver Licensing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver license wait times 	Chris Nees	OC240762

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Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) Monday 15 July 2024	Due date
Speed s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete Ongoing
LNIRIM Officials to provide update on timing of a Ministerial announcement.	Complete
Aviation Officials to provide advice on the ICAO audit.	30 August 2024
Revenue s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Ongoing
Decisions	Confirmed / Denied
Officials to engage with members of the Revenue Stakeholder Reference Group	Confirmed

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Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
Officials Meeting date	Action	Due date
5 February 2024	ALR Officials to provide monthly updates of expected wind-down costs of ALR.	Ongoing
11 March 2024	GPS Officials to provide weekly updates on next steps across programmes of work signalled in the GPS.	Ongoing
22 April 2024	Speed s 9(2)(f)(iv)	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
14 May 2024	GPS s 9(2)(f)(iv)	30 August 2024
20 May 2024	Chatham Islands update Officials to provide a weekly joint Ministry, MNZ, DIA, MBIE, and MPI briefing on the situation in the Chatham Islands, covering fuel, livestock, and the boat purchase.	Ongoing
10 June 2024	Public Transport Officials to provide monthly update on bus driver shortage numbers.	Ongoing
17 June 2024	Auckland Officials to provide an update on the s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Wednesday 24 July 2024
17 June 2024	Aviation Regulatory environment Officials to provide advice on statutory independent functions held by the Director at CAA and CASA.	Complete
24 June 2024	Appointments s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Underway

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
24 June 2024	<p>Driver Licensing</p> <p>NZTA is progressing the operational work programme to reduce wait times to under 30 days.</p> <p>NZTA is prepared for implementation and will ensure communications are aligned.</p> <p>The Ministry of Transport and NZTA will provide a joint report back to the Minister on options to reduce wait times, including a focus on actions set out in paragraphs 18.3 and 18.4.</p>	<p>Underway</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>
24 June 2024	<p>Revenue</p> <p>The Ministry and NZTA are to incorporate opportunities from existing and developing technology in the Revenue programme being developed, for discussion in a workshop.</p> <p>The above advice should align with the broader tolling workstream and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cover the tolling solutions being explored, and highlight potential legislative changes required to support efficient/cost effective tolling implementation and operations. 	<p>To be discussed as part of a workshop on tolling reform (to be scheduled for late July/early August) and followed by formal advice in late August</p>
24 June 2024	<p>Other</p> <p>The Weekly Report is to include progress updates on the MNZ, TAIC and KiwiRail investigations into the <i>Aratere</i> grounding.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
1 July 2024	<p>Auckland s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	<p>Wednesday 24 July 2024</p>
8 July 2024	<p>Public Transport s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(j)</p> <p>Officials to engage with Disabled People's Organisations Coalition (DPO Coalition) and provide feedback to Minister in advance of Terms of Reference being confirmed.</p>	<p>Underway. s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(j)</p>

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
8 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Underway
8 July 2024	<p>OFT</p> <p>Officials to ensure draft legislation addresses previous issues for Ministerial approval of devices (e.g. accuracy of device) and be sufficiently flexible to enable testing devices used in other jurisdictions.</p>	Underway

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1 Ministerial priorities

Safety

Project: Speed limits

Public consultation concluded on Thursday 11 July 2024. We received approximately 1,019 email submissions and 8,311 survey responses. We are working through analysing submissions.

The table below reflects the Government's quarterly plan milestone for the new Rule to be signed by 30 September 2024. To meet this timeline we will work with your Office to ensure we have policy direction to instruct NZTA on any potential changes to the rule as early as possible. We are looking to schedule an initial discussion with you on Monday 29 July 2024 to support this and provide an early update on submissions.

Process	Dates
Public consultation	Closed on Thursday 11 July 2024
Progress update meeting	Monday 29 July 2024 (TBC)
Briefing to Minister on outcome of consultation	7 August 2024 [4 weeks]
Draft Cabinet paper and final version of the Rule to Minister	28 August 2024 [3 weeks]
Ministerial and departmental consultation	3 – 10 September 2024 [1 week]
Cabinet paper lodged	12 September 2024
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	18 September 2024
Cabinet confirmation of ECO decisions	23 September 2024
Final Rule to Minister for signing	After Cabinet, on 23 September 2024
New Rule in force	Late October 2024 (28 days after notification in the NZ Gazette)

Project: Oral fluid testing regime

The Oral Fluid Testing Bill (the Bill) and Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) paper have been lodged with the Cabinet Office. You will be taking these papers to the LEG meeting on Thursday 25 July 2024. Draft talking points for this meeting have been provided to your Office. ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}

^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}

Project: Oral fluid testing regime

Cabinet paper: Introducing the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill

This paper will seek approval of the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill 2024 and for the Bill to be introduced into the House.

To Committee: Thursday 25 July 2024 (LEG)

To Cabinet: Monday 29 July 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Land Transport Fees Amendment Package

We have issued drafting instructions to PCO. We provided further advice on the mobility parking infringement fee (ticket) in briefing OC240792, and we are seeking your confirmation of the fee amount by Monday 22 July 2024 to allow PCO to complete drafting. The draft Regulations and Notice, and draft LEG paper, will be with you on 7 August for Ministerial consultation.

Cabinet paper: Drafted regulatory amendments: parking and towage s 9(2)(f)(iv)

To Minister: 7 August 2024

Ministerial consultation: 8 – 12 August 2024

Final papers to your Office: 12 August 2024

To lodge: 15 August 2024

To Committee: 22 August 2024 (LEG)

To Executive Council: 26 August 2024

Final date to Gazette: 3 September 2024

In force: 1 October 2024

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Rail

Project: Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility Programme

The Programme Funding Agreement is currently being signed by Programme partners. We are working with your Office on a draft press release scheduled for release on Thursday 21 July 2024. A press release from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) and Horizons Council will follow immediately after. We are working with GWRC and Horizons to ensure that messaging between the press releases is well aligned. Release of the RFP for the new rolling stock will take place thereafter.

Project: Budget 24 funding for metro rail renewals

On 31 May 2024 you wrote to Auckland Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council regarding Budget 24 funding for metro rail. We now have responses from both councils, which will help inform our advice to you. s 9(2)(i), s 9(2)(j)

You met with key Auckland metro rail stakeholders on Monday 8 July 2024, s 9(2)(i), s 9(2)(j)

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Date: Wednesday 31 July 2024

Project: KiwiRail – Rail freight Network

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Investment

Project: Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024

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

s 9(2)(h)

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Briefing: PEP and GPS 2024 reporting

This briefing will provide advice about the PEP, and GPS 2024 reporting arrangements, along with a draft letter to the NZTA chair to thank NZTA and set out your expectations for future enhancements to the PEP.

Date: Wednesday 24 July 2024

Project: Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024

Briefing: NZTA shock and seasonal facility review

This briefing will provide an update on the Ministry of Transport's work with Treasury and NZTA to review the limits of NZTA's Seasonal and Shock Facilities.

Date: Wednesday 31 July 2024

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

The Ministry considers that it would be appropriate to brief yourself and the Minister of Finance on our proposed approach to the triennial review of Section 9(1) SAR funding, s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Briefing: RUC administration fee review

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Revenue

Project: Revenue system report back

Update on Cabinet paper proposing a Revenue Action Plan

Following Cabinet's confirmation, we are working to implement the action plan. As mentioned before, we are focused on considering the key system elements to facilitate the transition of all light vehicles into RUC (progress outlined below) ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}

We are liaising with your Office to schedule workshops in late July or early August regarding this, with a view to providing briefings subsequently that confirm the direction discussed in the workshops.

Establishment of a stakeholder reference group

We have begun contacting potential members of the stakeholder reference group, following your agreement last week. We are also progressing discussions with Scott Wilson regarding his potential role as a contractor to support the Ministry on the action plan.

Project: Time of use charging

Communications

We understand you are planning to publicly announce policy decisions for Time of Use Charging on 23 August 2024. A draft press release and supporting Q&As are with your Office. We are also preparing the relevant Cabinet papers, briefings, minutes and Regulatory Impact Statements for proactive release following your announcement.

^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}

Establishment funding

The Cabinet minutes make it clear any funds advanced to a scheme to enable scheme development will need to be repaid from scheme revenues. We understand that the required funding could be significant. The Ministry and NZTA are working through potential options regarding how to fund scheme development, including potential use of the NLTF.

Cabinet Paper: Policy decisions to progress time of use charging legislation

This paper will seek agreement to the policy design to be implemented ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}

To Cabinet: Monday 22 July 2024

Project: Tolling Reform

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Fleetwide Transition to the Road User Charges system

In April, you received advice on options for the transition to RUC and agreed for officials to identify and propose improvements to the RUC system to support the transition. Prior to providing you with further written advice, we have requested a workshop with you to explore some of the key system level decisions that will help us to narrow the scope of options that we will include in our written advice.

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Aviation

Project: Provision of aviation security services discussion document

As directed, officials are rescoping the aviation security services discussion document to focus on the outsourcing of aviation security services only.

The options we seek to include in the discussion document are now:

- Option one: Airlines only
- Option two: Airports only
- Option three: Mixed model - Airlines and Airports
- Option four: third party contracting

Within each option we will test:

- Interest from providers to deliver all aviation security services. If only part, what services / functions would therefore remain the responsibility of central government?
- (For options one to three) Interest from providers to contract direct employees or be able to contract out to third-party providers (noting that this would require an amendment to primary legislation)?

Decision sought: Approval of new range of options to test in discussion document

Agree / Disagree

Once you have confirmed your comfort with the updated aviation security services discussion document, officials will undertake targeted consultation from 19 August 2024.

We intend to consult with the following stakeholders:

- Civil Aviation Authority
- Aviation Security Service
- Board of Airline Representatives NZ
- NZ Airports Association
- Security designated airports:
 - Auckland
 - Wellington
 - Invercargill
 - Christchurch
 - Dunedin
 - Queenstown
- Unions that represent current AvSec staff (Etū, PSA, NUPE)
- NZ Airline Pilots Association
- Aviation Industry Association
- New Zealand Police

Decision sought: Approval of stakeholder list

Yes / No

Project: CAA funding review and provision of Aviation Security Services

Cabinet Paper: This paper will seek approval to release discussion documents on the CAA funding review and alternative delivery options for Avsec.

Progress Update: The Cabinet paper is undergoing Departmental and Ministerial Consultation. We are updating the AvSec consultation document based on your direction.

Departmental and Ministerial consultation: closes Wednesday 24 July 2024

Updated draft: Friday 26 July 2024

To lodge: 1 August 2024

To committee: 7 August 2024

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Emissions

Project: Clean Car Importer Standard	
Review of the Clean Car Importer Standard (the Standard) <p>The Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations (the Regulations) are being drafted. These regulations will set the new targets for 2025–2029 and exempt disability vehicles from the Standard.</p> <p>We will provide to your Office by Wednesday 31 July 2024 the draft Cabinet Legislation Committee paper. This draft will be accompanied by a briefing that sets out the factors you must consider under section 167C(3) of the Land Transport Act 1998 before recommending that the Regulations be made.</p>	
Cabinet Paper: Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations	To Lodge: 15 August 2024 To Committee: 22 August 2024 (LEG) To Cabinet and Executive Council: 26 August 2024
Clean Car Standard Fees <p>Targeted engagement with the vehicle industry (MIA, VIA, MTA, and AA) began this week with respect to the charging of fees to recover the costs of administering the Clean Car Standard.</p>	
Briefing: Update on Clean Car Standard Fees <p>This briefing will summarise the outcome of the targeted engagement with industry and outline next steps.</p>	Date: 7 August 2024
Project: EV Charging Infrastructure	
We have provided you with a briefing seeking your agreement to a preferred co-investment model for public EV charging infrastructure. <small>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</small>	
Based on your feedback, <small>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</small>	

Project: Second Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP2)

Public consultation on the ERP Discussion Document started on Wednesday 17 July 2024 and will continue to 19 August 2024. We have provided supporting questions and answers about ERP2 to your Office this week.

An overview of key communications and engagement activities for the ERP2 discussion document is set out below:

Action	Timeframe
Transport sector session (Online)	Tuesday 30 July 2024
Public consultation ends	21 August 2024

We will keep your Office updated about any media and/or stakeholder issues relating to transport that arise during the consultation period.

Furthermore, Ministries involved in the development of ERP2 are beginning to assess proactive release requirements, given the likelihood of significant interest in advice tendered to Ministers.

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Auckland

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Project: Auckland Level Crossing Programme

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Project: Waitematā Harbour Connections

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Board Appointments

Civil Aviation Authority

The Ministry is updating the paperwork following a request for further updates on Tuesday 16 July 2024. We await confirmation from your Office on whether the updated changes will affect the timeline as outlined below.

Background checks are also underway.

Action	Timeframe	Status
Ministry to provide advice on shortlisted candidates and seek Minister's agreement on preferred candidates	Wednesday 26 June 2024	Complete
Decision from Minister	First week of July 2024	Complete
Ministry to commence background and reference checks of preferred candidates	July 2024	Underway
Cross party consultation on APH papers	July 2024	
APH to consider the appointment	Tuesday 30 July 2024	
Cabinet to consider the appointment	5 August 2024	
Appointments gazette / appointment letter sent	Day after Cabinet	

Maritime New Zealand

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

City Rail Link Limited Board Fees

As at Thursday 11 July 2024, all Shareholders have agreed to the recommended pool of fees for City Rail Link Limited for 2024/25. The final resolution has been provided to your Office for sending alongside the letter enclosed with OC240553.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

New Zealand Transport Agency

The draft paperwork for Cabinet's Appointments and Honours Committee is under development. Background checks are also underway.

We await confirmation from your Office on preferred timing for appointments, with the scenarios provided on OC240758 outlined below. Should you wish to progress the fees review separately to the appointments and consider CAA and Maritime NZ fees at the same time, it will be feasible for the NZTA appointments to be completed in the earlier timeframe.

Action	Timeline – early August APH	Timeline – late August APH
Ministry to provide advice that seeks Minister's agreement on preferred candidates	Complete	Complete
Decision from Minister	Complete	Complete
Ministry to commence background and reference checks of preferred candidate	Underway	Underway
Ministry to provide draft paperwork for Cabinet's APH Committee	Week ending 19 July 2024	Week ending 26 July 2024
Ministerial party consultation on APH papers	22 – 26 July 2024	Within the window of 29 July – 9 August 2024
Ministerial review following consultation	29 – 31 July 2024	12 – 14 August 2024
Lodgement date for APH	1 August 2024	15 August 2024
APH to consider the appointment	6 August 2024	20 August 2024
Statutory consultation	7 – 9 August 2024 or longer if a further week is allowed between APH and Cabinet	21 – 23 August 2024 or longer if a further week is allowed between APH and Cabinet
Cabinet to consider the appointment	12 or 19 August 2024	26 August or 2 September 2024
Appointment commences	Following confirmation by Cabinet	Following confirmation by Cabinet






Updates on the Government Quarterly Plan for Approval

Update Required				
Action #	Delivery Update <i>Please provide your progress update for this action</i>	Delivery Status		
3	<u>Consultation on the draft Speed Rule closed on Thursday 11 July 2024.</u> s 9(2)(f)(iv)	s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
4	<u>The policy for time of use charging was agreed by the Cabinet Business Committee on 8 July 2024 and will be considered [or was approved] by Cabinet on 22 July 2024. The Ministry is preparing drafting instructions to send to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to enable the introduction of legislation later this year.</u>	Completed		
25	<u>The Minister will take the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill to the Cabinet Legislation Committee on 25 July 2024, seeking approval for its introduction into the House.</u>	Probable		
Upcoming papers Please list any Cabinet Paper due for consideration in the next month.				
Paper name	Action #	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Committee Date
The Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	25	Transport	LEG	25 July 2024
s 9(2)(f)(iv)				

Approved / Not Approved

Key

The delivery status outlines how action items are progressing:

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

2 Updates on other matters

Refusal of resource consent for Northport expansion

On Tuesday 9 July 2024, independent commissioners declined Northport's application for a multimillion-dollar container terminal expansion, including a 11.7-hectare reclamation, associated coastal structures for a 250-metre wharf extension and 1.72 million cubic metres of capital dredging and associated disposal and ongoing maintenance dredging. Northport already has resource consent to expand its linear wharf 270 metres eastwards, but this is not sufficient to cater for Northport's projected growth in demand.

The Commissioners refused consent due to the proposal's significant adverse effects on cultural values of tāngata whenua and the loss of recreational values and public access to and along the coastal marine area (CMA). Although the proposal provided for mitigations for these effects, the Commissioners found that these were not sufficient.

The Commissioners accepted that the proposal would provide a range of positive effects including economic and social benefits, and that other adverse environmental effects of the proposal would have been avoided or appropriately mitigated or offset. However, they determined that the positive effects do not outweigh the negative. The Commissioners also found that Northport had appropriately engaged and consulted with local iwi and hapū, although that engagement had not resulted in a resolution of the outstanding issues between them. The Commissioners noted that both the cultural values of tāngata whenua, and maintenance and enhancement of public access to and along the CMA, were matters of national importance under the Resource Management Act.

The applicant (Northport) and any person that lodged a submission on the consent application can appeal the decision to the Environment Court within 15 working days of receiving notice of the decision. Northport has publicly announced its intention to apply to be a fast-track listed project.

KiwiRail is currently undertaking detailed design work for the Marsden Point Rail Link, targeting mid-2025 for completion. The Commissioners' decision noted that while Northport supports the Marsden Point Rail link, the port does not see the development proposal as reliant on the proposed rail connection. The Commissioner's decision also noted that NZTA was supportive of the proposal and had reached agreement with Northport on conditions to manage traffic effects.

As you are set to make announcements on Roads of National Significance in Northland, you may be asked questions about the Northport consent decision. We suggest you avoid commenting on the decision, given that the parties still have the right to appeal.

Officials met with IKEA for a further discussion about its launch in New Zealand

You met with representatives from IKEA Australia and New Zealand on 23 May 2024 to discuss challenges they have identified to IKEA's zero-emissions delivery launch in the New Zealand market at the end of next year, such as public charging accessibility.

The Ministry of Transport and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) subsequently met with IKEA on Tuesday 9 July 2024 for a further discussion.

Challenges identified with the subcontractor model

IKEA is establishing a market entry plan and preparing to run a sourcing activity for zero emissions delivery partners. They are expecting to face challenges with the subcontractor model, as they have in Australia. The delivery partners themselves do not own their fleet, and the subcontractors that own their vehicle(s) find zero emissions vehicles to be prohibitively expensive.

IKEA mentioned that a new financier in the Australian market had allowed subcontractors to trial zero emissions vehicles (most companies won't lease to individuals), and they were seeing the first drivers purchasing zero emissions vehicles off the back of this.

IKEA acknowledged its ability to influence change in this space beyond its own business needs. It won't select delivery partners in New Zealand until early next year.

Charging for freight vehicles

IKEA is calling for public charging for freight vehicles, and specifically urban freight vehicles (vans and small trucks). IKEA will install chargers at both its warehouse and store to support a baseline delivery fleet s 9(2)(b)(ii), and vans can charge at the driver's home if they have off-street parking. These vehicles may benefit from the Government's commitment to enable delivery of a network of 10,000 public EV chargers by 2030 but still face some unique barriers to charging – IKEA gave the example of hostile interactions between commercial drivers and members of the public at public chargers.

EECA mentioned its intended support for some public heavy vehicle charging (either fully public or shared between several companies) as part of its 2024/25 Low Emission Transport Fund (LETF) activity (noting that this funding would be limited and for demonstration projects only). IKEA flagged challenges faced in the Australian market with finding partners to underwrite the charging hubs when it is the subcontractors that need to charge. They suggested the hubs would need to be built like the public network, whereby they are available to the subcontractor and not the delivery operator. Officials will stay connected with IKEA as this work progresses.

Opportunity for industry to develop a shared position and policy ideas on urban freight decarbonisation

s 9(2)(ba)(i)

Auckland Airport Pricing

The Commerce Commission has released its draft report on Auckland Airport's pricing for the five-year period running from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2027. The Commission considered whether the Airport's pricing decisions and expected performance are likely to promote the long-term benefit of consumers.

The Commission's preliminary view is that the Airport's planned investment appears appropriate based on the information the Commission has received. The Commission noted that some price increases are necessary to fund the investment needed to improve customer experience, build more resilient infrastructure and add additional capacity. However, the Commission concluded that the Airport's charges over the five-year period are in excess of what is reasonable to achieve these outcomes. According to the Commission, the return targeted by the Airport means it will earn about \$200 million in excess profit, compared to the Commission's benchmark over the five-year period.

The Commission's other key draft conclusion relates to the Airport's approach to depreciating its new investment. This affects how the capital cost is recovered from airport charges over time. The Commission noted that a different approach could be used to smooth price increases over the lifetime of enduring infrastructure assets.

In response, Auckland Airport has said that the Commission's draft report does not support the criticisms airlines have been making around the Airport's consultation and level of capital spend. The Airport notes that it will consider reducing its charges once the Commission finalises its report. We understand that any reductions will not be backdated.

Airlines had been calling for a change to the regulatory regime that governs the three main airports. The Minister of Commerce has previously indicated that any decision on whether or not to commence an investigation into airport regulation will be made after the Commission has finalised its report. The Commission is expected to issue a final report no later than 31 March 2025.

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Cook Strait resilience – land side infrastructure

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

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3 Transport stakeholder updates

Stakeholder	Update
Airports	Consultation on the draft operational policy and sector guidance for Regulatory Airport Spatial Undertakings (RASUs) finished on Monday 15 July 2024. We are currently assessing the consultation feedback.

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4 Upcoming Minister of Transport meetings

Meeting Date	Meeting	Details
Wednesday 24 July 2024 12:30pm – 1:00pm	Meeting with Minister Bishop and Minister Penk on the s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Briefing Due: N/A Officials Attending: Jessica Ranger, Manager, Urban Development and Public Transport Amy Moorhead, National Manager, Policy (NZTA)
Wednesday 24 July 2024 6:00pm – 7:00pm	Public Transport Association Australia New Zealand Boardroom Series Dinner	Briefing Due: Friday 19 July 2024 Officials Attending: N/A
Thursday 25 July 2024 11:30 – 12:00pm	Meeting with Brad Boakes, Smart Start, at EW5.1	Briefing Due: Tuesday 23 July 2024 Officials Attending: Jessica Maynard, Senior Advisor, Safety
Thursday 25 July 2024 3:30pm – 4:00pm	Meeting with Bus and Coach Association	Briefing Due: Tuesday 23 July 2024 Officials Attending: Jessica Ranger, Manager, Urban Development and Public Transport David Shepherd, Acting National Manager, Multimodal and Innovation (NZTA)
Friday 26 July 2024 9:30am – 10:00am	Meeting with Lee Marshall, Chief Executive of the Motor Trade Association	Briefing Due: Wednesday 24 July 2024 Officials Attending: N/A
Friday 26 July 2024 1:00pm – 2:30pm	Meeting with Foodstuffs' Chris Quin and Jonathan Box	Briefing Due: Wednesday 24 July 2024 Officials Attending: N/A

5 Other upcoming Ministry of Transport Cabinet papers

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

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6 Other briefings and aide memoires to Minister of Transport

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

Due to Office	Title
Week ending 19 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Wednesday 24 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Deferred to week ending 26 July 2024	Confirming funding arrangements for recruiting and retaining bus driver initiative s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 26 July 2024	Update on implementation of Civil Aviation Act 2023 This briefing will update you on progress and plans for implementing the Civil Aviation Act 2023, which will take effect from 5 April 2025.
Week ending 26 July 2024	Cost recovery relating to Civil Aviation Act 2023 This briefing will provide initial advice on potential cost recovery for the functions being implemented by the Civil Aviation Act 2023.
Week ending 26 July 2024	Road Policing Investment Programme 2024–2027 This briefing will support your consideration of whether to approve the recommended Road Policing Investment Programme 2024–2027.
Deferred to week ending 2 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 2 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 2 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Due to Office	Title
<p>Week ending 23 August 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Week ending 30 August 2024</p>	<p>The Interim Aviation Council and the National Aviation Policy Statement</p> <p>This briefing will update you on the work being undertaken by the Interim Aviation Council to develop a National Aviation Policy Statement.</p>
<p>Week ending 30 August 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

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6.1 Proactive Releases

Due to Office	Title	Date planned for release
Wednesday 24 July 2024	Proactive release of Revenue Action Plan Cabinet paper On Monday 1 July 2024, the Cabinet Business Committee considered the Revenue Action Plan. This proactive release briefing will seek your approval to release the Cabinet material relating to this decision.	Friday 2 August 2024
Wednesday 7 August 2024	Proactive release of GPS advice On Thursday 27 June 2024 the final GPS 2024 was published. This briefing will seek your approval to proactively release advice relating to the development of the GPS 2024.	Tuesday 20 August 2024

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6.2 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees	
Economic Policy Committee	
<p>Wednesday 24 July 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Wednesday 24 July 2024</p>	<p>Final Decisions on the International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy Amount</p> <p>This paper reports back on the International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) following public consultation in May and June 2024 and seeks Cabinet agreement to increase the amount of the IVL from \$35 to \$100. The IVL increase would be additional to increases, and new charges, proposed by other government agencies.</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>We have provided feedback to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on the Cabinet paper.</p>

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7 Ministerial correspondence and OIAs

Ministerial correspondence:

We did not receive five or more pieces of Ministerial correspondence on any one topic this week.

Ministerial Official Information Act Requests:

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
16/07/2024	22/07/2024	s 9(2)(a)	All information the Minister's Office holds regarding the maintenance of Interislander ferries
16/07/2024	22/07/2024		All official advice received by the Minister during this term in office regarding the Interislander ferry service
16/07/2024	23/07/2024		Seeking all advice the Minister or his Office has received on the Interislander ferries and any other Cook Strait ferries.
16/07/2024	23/07/2024		Seeking all correspondence regarding the Aratere grounding and all subsequent reports, documents, and aide memoires
18/07/2024	26/07/2024		April Briefings
18/07/2024	26/07/2024		Advice on road toll expectations after speed limit increases
22/07/2024	29/07/2024		Communication and briefings on cancelling IReX and the future of the Cook Strait ferries
25/07/2024	1/08/2024		Requesting mortality statistics for proposed Speed changes
30/07/2024	5/08/2024		Requesting the Cost Benefit Analysis on removing the blanket speed restrictions

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
30/07/2024	5/08/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Requesting the Cost Benefit Analysis on removing the blanket speed restrictions
31/07/2024	8/08/2024		Requesting the Cost Benefit Analysis on removing the blanket speed restrictions and the information on the drafting process
1/08/2024	7/08/2024		Correspondence between the Minister or his Office and Minister Jones and Peters and their Offices on the Aratere grounding.
5/08/2024	12/08/2024		Requesting correspondence between the Minister's Office and MoT on the Clean Car Standard

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Written Parliamentary Questions:

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
11/07/2024	40109 (2024)	Has the Minister taken any papers to Cabinet or Cabinet committees on congestion charging and if so, what are the titles and dates of any papers?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40110 (2024)	When will the Minister take a paper to Cabinet on moving all vehicles to the road user charges system?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40112 (2024)	Has the Minister consulted with the Minister of Climate Change regarding changes to the Clean Car Standard?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40114 (2024)	What is the threshold for assessment of the climate implications of transport policies?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40119 (2024)	What evidence or data, if any, has the Minister seen that aligning New Zealand's Clean Car Standard with Australia's will make it "easier for New Zealand to get access to those cleaner vehicles"?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40122 (2024)	What change to the emissions profile does the emissions analysis undertaken on changes to the Clean Car Standard show?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40123 (2024)	What evidence, if any, has the Minister seen that supports his claim that increasing the price of vehicles by approximately \$5000 would lead to the Clean Car Standard not being achieved?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40124 (2024)	What evidence, if any, has the Minister seen that supports his claim that the current clean car standard is "completely unachievable, completely ideological"?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40126 (2024)	What evidence, if any, has the Minister seen that supports his claim that "if you've got the most stringent clean car standard in the world, there are no cars to meet that standard"?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40130 (2024)	What evidence or data has the Minister seen, if any, that supports his claim regarding the Clean Car Standard that "the previous government standards were unachievable"?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
11/07/2024	40131 (2024)	What does the Minister consider to be an “affordable mix of clean vehicles”?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40132 (2024)	What evidence, if any, has the Minister seen that supports his claim that the current Clean Car Standard’s targets are increasingly difficult for importers to meet?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40133 (2024)	What advice is the Minister referring to in his statement “advice provided to me by the Ministry of Transport found that under current targets set by the former Government, CCS penalties are forecast to amount to approximately \$800.6 million of cost to consumers purchasing a new car in 2027 which is around \$5,549 per vehicle.” and on what date was it provided to him?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40134 (2024)	What evidence, if any, has the Minister seen that supports his statement that the current Clean Car Standard’s targets are too stringent?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40135 (2024)	What evidence, if any, has the Minister seen that vehicle manufacturers would not be in a position in the future to introduce low emission vehicles to the New Zealand market that meet the trajectory of our current Standards?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40136 (2024)	What evidence or data, if any, has the Minister seen to support his statement that current Standards for Clean Cars will lead to New Zealand not having “access to the low emission vehicles needed” to meet the standard?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40137 (2024)	Has the Minister seen any evidence that not changing the Clean Car Importer Standard we currently have will “simply pile costs onto consumers while also failing to make emissions reductions” and if so, what is that evidence?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40138 (2024)	Has the Minister seen any evidence that having Clean Car Standards that do not align with larger economies would put our access to those vehicle markets at risk, and if so, what is that evidence?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM

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11/07/2024	40140 (2024)	What more “flexibility” of the use of the Clean Car Importer Standard’s emission credits and charges does the Minister intend to legislate for?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40139 (2024)	Does the Minister think a lack of flexibility in Clean Car Importer Standard limits emissions reductions efficacy?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40142 (2024)	What evidence or data has the Minister seen, if any, that supports his claim that New Zealand and Australia are “effectively one car market”?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40143 (2024)	Which organisations or external experts did the Ministry of Transport consult with, if any, regarding changes to the Clean Car Importer Standard?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40144 (2024)	Did the Minister consult with any Ministerial colleagues about changes to the Clean Car Importer Standard before the announcement on 9 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40146 (2024)	Has the Minister taken a paper through Cabinet or a Cabinet Committee regarding changes to the Clean Car Importer Standard and if so, on what date?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40149 (2024)	Did the Minister consult with any non-governmental organisations about changes to the Clean Car Importer Standard before the announcement on 9 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40151 (2024)	With whom, if anyone, did the Minister consult regarding changes to the clean vehicle standard targets before the announcement on 9 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40701 (2024)	In the Minister’s departments, ministries and agencies, if any, how many employees, if any, have lost or are set to lose their roles, and provide a service to customers, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40709 (2024)	In the Minister’s departments, ministries and agencies, if any, what percentage of employees who have lost or are set to lose their roles, if any, are located in the Marlborough District, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
11/07/2024	40717 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, what percentage of employees who have lost or are set to lose their roles, if any, are located in the Southland Region, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40718 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, what percentage of employees who have lost or are set to lose their roles, if any, are located in the Auckland Region, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40721 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, how many employees, if any, have lost or are set to lose their roles, and interact with customers, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	40722 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, what percentage of employees who have lost or are set to lose their roles, if any, are located in the Waikato Region, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	41334 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, what percentage of employees who have lost or are set to lose their roles, if any, are located in the Nelson Region, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	41342 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, what percentage of employees who have lost or are set to lose their roles, if any, are located in the Manawatu-Whanganui Region, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	41343 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, what percentage of employees who have lost or are set to lose their roles, if any, are located in the Taranaki Region, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	41353 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, what savings have been identified, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
11/07/2024	41362 (2024)	What briefings or advice, if any, has the Minister received on the fiscal implications of redundancies in each of the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, (where applicable within their portfolio), listed by title and date, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	41367 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, what percentage of employees who have lost or are set to lose their roles, if any, are located in the Canterbury Region, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	41957 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, what demographic data is being collected about the number of staff being made redundant, if any, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	41971 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, what are the total costs of staff redundancies, if any, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	41982 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, how many staff, if any, have been or are planned to be made redundant, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	41994 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, how many roles, if any, have been identified for disestablishment, listed by role title, remuneration band, and business group (or equivalent organisational unit), between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	41998 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, how many employees, if any, are set to lose their roles and work with children, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
11/07/2024	42010 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, how many employees, if any, are set to lose their roles and work with people with disabilities, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	42588 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, how many employees, if any, are set to lose their roles have a focus on working with Pāsefika, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	42601 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, how many employees, if any, are set to lose their roles have a focus on working with Māori, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	42627 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, how many employees, if any, are set to lose their roles and are women, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	42632 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, how many employees, if any, are set to lose their roles and are Māori, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	42640 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, how many employees, if any, are set to lose their roles and are Pāsefika, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	42643 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, how many employees, if any, are set to lose their roles and have a focus on mitigating climate change or its effects, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	43232 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, how many employees, if any, are set to lose their roles and are economists, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
11/07/2024	43233 (2024)	In the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, how many employees, if any, are set to lose their roles and are health and safety professionals, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	43265 (2024)	How many voluntary redundancy processes have been initiated, if any, in each of the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	43271 (2024)	How many vacant positions have been disestablished, if any, in each of the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	43273 (2024)	How many graduate programmes and graduate roles have been disestablished, if any, in each of the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	43276 (2024)	How many stop work notices have been implemented, if any, in each of the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	43362 (2024)	What specific reports, advice or evidence, if any, has he received that supports the Minister's statement that the reducing of speed limits has resulted in the economy slowing down?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	43556 (2024)	How many change processes have been initiated, if any, in each of the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
11/07/2024	43557 (2024)	How many consultation processes have been initiated, if any, in each of the Minister's departments, ministries and agencies, if any, between 27 November 2023 and 10 July 2024?	19/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
12/07/2024	43633 (2024)	Will an assessment of the climate implications of policy changes to the Clean Car Standard be completed?	22/07/2024 12:00:00 AM

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
15/07/2024	43742 (2024)	What advice or modelling has the Minister received, if any, on the costs of not having a rail-enabled ferry for the Cook Strait?	23/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
15/07/2024	43739 (2024)	Will the penalty rates applied for bringing in vehicles with excess emissions in New Zealand also be aligned to penalties that apply under the Australian vehicle standards, if not, why not?	23/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
15/07/2024	43740 (2024)	Did the Ministry or NZTA independently verify the information provided by the MIA regarding the Clean Car Standard, specifically supporting the statement "if the targets and the weight adjustment formula for 2025 and 2026 are not changed, 97.5% of new vehicles can be expected to attract charges in 2026.", if so what is the date and title of any email, memo, or report containing the independent verification?	23/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
15/07/2024	43737 (2024)	Were China's vehicle emissions standards considered and compared to New Zealand's previous and new Clean Car Standards for 2025-2029, specifically in the advice that claims New Zealand's standards were the "most stringent" in the world?	23/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
15/07/2024	43738 (2024)	Was Norway's ban on new fossil fuel passenger vehicles from 2025 considered and compared to New Zealand's previous and new Clean Car Standards for 2025-2029, specifically in the advice that claims New Zealand's standards were the "most stringent" in the world?	23/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/07/2024	43895 (2024)	Is the Minister committed to reviewing the Total Mobility Scheme and if not, why not?	24/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/07/2024	43845 (2024)	What advice or modelling, if any, has the Minister received regarding the costs on freight if there was to be no rail-enabled ferry for the Cook Strait?	24/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/07/2024	43846 (2024)	What advice or modelling, if any, has the Minister received regarding the costs of road network maintenance if there was to be no rail-enabled ferry for the Cook Strait?	24/07/2024 12:00:00 AM

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
16/07/2024	43844 (2024)	What advice or modelling, if any, has the Minister received regarding transport emissions if there was to be no rail-enabled ferry for the Cook Strait?	24/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/07/2024	43843 (2024)	Has the Minister received any advice or modelling on the impact that not having rail-enabled ferries for the Cook Strait would have on New Zealand's freight capacity?	24/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/07/2024	43842 (2024)	What advice, if any, has the Minister received on the number of freight truck trips that would be taken on New Zealand roads if there was no rail-enabled ferry for the Cook Strait?	24/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/07/2024	43833 (2024)	What advice, if any, has the Minister received on the impact that having no rail-enabled ferry for the Cook Strait would have on freight in New Zealand, if any?	24/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/07/2024	43834 (2024)	What advice or modelling, if any, has the Minister received on how many freight trucks would be needed on New Zealand's roads if there were no rail-enabled ferry for the Cook Strait?	24/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/07/2024	43832 (2024)	What advice or modelling, if any, has the Minister received on the impact that having no rail-enabled ferry for the Cook Strait would have on freight contract costs?	24/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/07/2024	43831 (2024)	What advice or modelling, if any, has the Minister received regarding the ability of the two ships contracted through Project iReX to navigate any part of the return journey from Picton to Wellington?	24/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/07/2024	43782 (2024)	How many submissions, if any, were received on the draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024, will any submissions be published, and if so, when?	24/07/2024 12:00:00 AM

7.1 Departmental Official Information Act requests

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
17/07/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Advice provided to the Minister related to the safety implications of changing legislation for setting speed limits
17/07/2024		Internal correspondence with NZTA on the proposed Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024
17/07/2024		Advice provided to the Minister on GPS 2024
18/07/2024		Information held on the tolling of Penlink
22/07/2024		Job titles or stats where all or part of their main duties includes promoting equality, diversity or inclusion
23/07/2024		All material on changes to the Land Transport (Offences and Penalties) Regulations Act 1999
24/07/2024		Asking if Offence WP411 is still currently valid under law
24/07/2024		Cook Strait options report
25/07/2024		Spend on rail for each fiscal year between 2017 and 2024
26/07/2024		May Briefings
26/07/2024		Draft GPS advice
26/07/2024		May Briefings
26/07/2024		May Briefings
29/07/2024		GPS and Draft GPS advice on carbon emissions impacts or implications
30/07/2024		Baseline Savings and the use of Te Reo Māori
30/07/2024		The Draft Land Transport: Setting of Speed Limits RIS and correspondence on this topic
31/07/2024		Policy advice provided to the Minister of Transport on reviewing the Clean Car Standard targets
5/08/2024		The Cost Benefit Analysis on removing the blanket speed restrictions

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
6/08/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Any advice drafted or provided to the Minister of Transport on changes to the Clean Car Standard
7/08/2024		All advice on Clean Car standard changes
7/08/2024		Any documents from MoT that accompanied the Report of the Ministerial Advisory Group on Future Ferry Services on the Cook Strait
7/08/2024		Three recent Value for Money studies
9/08/2024		All consultation submissions received in relation to the draft speed limit rule 2024
9/08/2024		Information surrounding the requester's medical convener Tribunal hearing.
9/08/1934		A summary of responses received on the consultation into the GPS 2024
12/08/2024		A copy of the Review undertaken by the MoT into the Clean Car Standard.
12/08/2024		Advice or analysis on the clean car standard between MoT and members of the industry, as well as between MoT and the Minister's Office.
13/08/2024		Documents on potential changes to the Tolling system
14/08/2024		All written advice provided to Ministers that informed the draft second Emissions Reduction Plan

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Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) – Monday 15 July 2024	Due date
Provide advice on Public Works Act options to support your meeting with Ministers Bishop and Penk.	Friday 19 July 2024
Provide information on changes necessary to enable full functionality of the NZTA App.	Friday 19 July 2024
Provide a copy of modelling regarding the expected reduction in driver licence wait times.	Week commencing Monday 22 July 2024
Advise on the funding of the ramps being built on the Tauranga Eastern Link.	Wednesday 24 July 2024
<small>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</small>	

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Updates

Safety camera programme

The Kawakawa, Northland, safety camera successfully went live on Monday 8 July 2024. This is the first new generation Halo camera. This was followed closely by the first NK7 Spot Speed camera located on Waitākere Road, Auckland on Wednesday 10 July 2024. Currently across both cameras speed compliance is an average of 95%.

Preparations for Police camera transfer continue to track well, with the first camera at Candia Road, Auckland to be handed over from Police in early August and operating on the NZTA network from early September.

Driver Licensing wait times

Summary for the week ending Friday 12 July 2024

Wait times for practical testing (Restricted and Full testing) have increased compared to last week.

- full tests up by +4 days (55 days)
- restricted up by +3 days (63 days)

At an individual site level, 13% of full test sites and 7% of restricted test sites met the “30 days or less” target last week.

At the Officials meeting on Monday 15 July 2024, you requested regular updates on the current backlog, and the latest estimated date for getting wait times under 30 days. You also asked for the refreshed testing demand forecast that we have recently completed.

- Backlog: The backlog remains at ~73,000 tests
- Under 30-day target date & demand forecast: The refreshed licence testing demand forecast is undergoing additional refinement and updating and will be provided to you in the week starting Monday 22 July 2024, at which point we will be able to provide an update on the latest estimated date for getting wait times under 30 days. Getting wait times under 30 days relies on both operational interventions (e.g., increased DTO recruitment) and legislative interventions. You will have received a briefing from the Ministry of Transport this week on recommended legislative interventions for addressing wait times.

Recruitment:

Wait times are not forecast to decrease until significant additional DTO resources have been brought in by VTNZ and via surge staffing. Recruitment progress of note includes:

- Pay rate for surge DTOs has been confirmed as \$50 per hour
- Experienced driving instructors holding a current I endorsement to be trained as surge DTOs will have an accelerated 13-day training course, which will allow us to get DTOs testing faster.
- The first surge training course commences on Monday 29 July 2024, with 24 surge DTOs scheduled to be certified and testing on Monday 19 August 2024. A further Surge DTO training course is scheduled to commence in mid-August.
- VTNZ continue to progress their permanent recruitment with 5 DTOs certified and ready to start testing, and the next training cohort commencing in early August starting to fill-up.

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	Wait times				Staffing	Productivity
Region	Full	Change (last week)	Restricted	Change (last week)	VTNZ DTO Headcount	Tests Completed
Northland	76	+7	78	+1	9	382
Auckland North West	81	+13	87	+11	25	1,767
Auckland Central South	86	+11	88	+5	42	1,038
Waikato	63	+8	73	+9	23	726
Bay of Plenty	45	+2	55	+1	18	971
Central	32	-4	42	-3	18	513
Wellington	29	-1	39	-1	21	619
Canterbury	53	+3	61	+2	27	708
Otago Southland	48	+3	56	+1	14	813
National Average	55	+4	63	+3	-	
				Total:	197	7,537

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

NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs (FOMC) and the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA) WoF/CoF exemption requests

Following your meeting with the NZMCA on Monday 15 July 2024, you requested a status update on the NZMCA and FOMC's exemption applications.

In June, the Director of Land Transport met with representatives of the FOMC and the NZMCA. This was to discuss their written responses to the Director's preliminary decision on whether to exempt classic motor vehicles and motor homes from current 6-month WoF and CoF requirements.

FOMC has changed the substance of its requested exemption from that originally considered by the Director to narrow the scope of the exemption and also adding subcategories of vehicle, and their amended request is currently being considered. NZMCA has asked to submit a revised request for exemption and the Director is awaiting the receipt of that.

Advice on the Rail Network Investment Programme

NZTA is on track to provide advice on the Rail Network Investment Programme (RNIP) by Friday 30 August 2024. Our advice will be presented to the NZTA Board at their meeting on Thursday 22 August 2024, prior to its submission to you.

s 9(2)(g)(i)

Briefing with Northland Leaders

Next week, Steve Mutton, Director of Regional Relationships, will be meeting with Northland leaders to update them on the Northland Corridor. MPs, iwi, Chairs/Mayors, Council CEs, and business representatives will be invited to attend this meeting. NZTA met with this group earlier in the year, and they were strong advocates for the Government's investment in Northland.

Your Office confirmed that these meetings were able to be held subject to the paper going through Cabinet, and your announcement having been made. A media release is also scheduled to go out on Thursday 25 July 2024 subject to Cabinet decisions and your announcement. Further information on this is provided in the media update below. We will await final confirmation from your Office regarding the Cabinet decision and will provide a summary of the meeting after it has occurred.

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Upcoming Ministerial Items

Potential Transport events

Event Date	Event detail	Minister's response
Flexible	<p>Pothole repair on Wellington network</p> <p>NZTA would like to invite you to join one of its crews to fill a pothole.</p> <p>A Wellington location could be arranged for a weeknight or a Wairarapa location if a daytime option was preferred.</p> <p>If your Office supplies two to three possible dates, we can arrange a visit.</p>	Yes / No / Maybe

Upcoming Briefings to Minister of Transport

Due to Office	Title
<p>Friday</p> <p>26 July 2024</p>	<p>BRI-3086 Technology capability through the Revenue programme</p> <p>Provide a briefing on technology capacity and how existing tools, or work currently underway, will help give effect to the measures being considered through the Revenue programme.</p>

Upcoming OIA requests for potential consultation

Reference and Requester	Request	Due date to the Office
OIA-15898 s 9(2)(a)	Copies of SH2 Waihi to Omokoroa median barrier review document	Friday 26 July 2024
OIA-15858 s 9(2)(a) MEDIA	Correspondence with KiwiRail regarding the Rangitata River Road Bridge	Wednesday 31 July 2024
OIA-15864 s 9(2)(a)	Copies of briefings regarding the Long Tunnel proposal	Thursday 1 August 2024
OIA-15868 s 9(2)(a) MEDIA	Information regarding cycleway inclusion in the Roads of National Significance projects	Friday 2 August 2024
OIA-15875 s 9(2)(a)	Cost benefit analysis for the SH2 Waihi to Omokoroa median barrier installation	Friday 2 August 2024
OIA-15884 s 9(2)(a) MEDIA	Documentation regarding climate change and damage to SH2	Monday 5 August 2024
OIA-15897 s 9(2)(a)	Copy of the Mt Messenger Detailed Business Case	Tuesday 6 August 2024

Reference and Requester	Request	Due date to the Office
OIA-15904 ^{s 9(2)(a)} MEDIA	Information relating to tolling system changes	Tuesday 6 August 2024
OIA-15910 ^{s 9(2)(a)} MEDIA	Communications regarding the approval process for new research	Wednesday 7 August 2024
OIA-15914 ^{s 9(2)(a)}	Advice provided to the Minister regarding the draft second Emissions Reduction Plan	Wednesday 7 August 2024

Upcoming Media items

Date of release	Subject
Thursday 25 July 2024	<p>Auckland/Northland – Northland Corridor</p> <p>A media release is scheduled to go out on Thursday 25 July 2024 to confirm that NZTA is moving at pace with an accelerated strategy to deliver the corridor between Warkworth and Whangarei. The strategy adopts a Staged Public Private Partnership (PPP) model to deliver the corridor ensuring delivery excellence in design, construction, financing, maintenance, and operation. The next step is to begin market engagement with potential suppliers which will identify market interest and refine and finalise the accelerated delivery approach. Advice is being prepared for you providing an update on the development of the Northland Corridor RoNS, in particular the upcoming market sounding.</p>
Week commencing Monday 22 July 2024	<p>Central North Island – Princess Street Roundabout completion in Taranaki</p> <p>A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 22 July 2024 to coincide with the planned opening of the Princess Street roundabout, the first of four roundabouts to be built as part of the Waitara to Bell Block safety improvements on Taranaki. The release will focus on the safety and efficiencies which the roundabout and pedestrian underpass delivers.</p>
Week commencing Monday 22 July 2024	<p>Central North Island – Ōtaki River Bridge shared path</p> <p>A traffic bulletin will be sent out during the week commencing Monday 22 July 2024, ahead of the start of construction of a shared path clip-on over the river bridge on the old State Highway 1. The traffic bulletin will focus on the traffic impact from the works, which begin on Monday 12 August 2024.</p>
Week commencing Monday 29 July 2024	<p>Waikato/Bay of Plenty – East Taupo safety improvements</p> <p>A media release will be issued celebrating the completion of the East Taupo safety improvements stage 3. This was previously advised as being released in the week commencing Monday 8 July 2024, however, this is planned for release in the week commencing Monday 29 July 2024.</p>

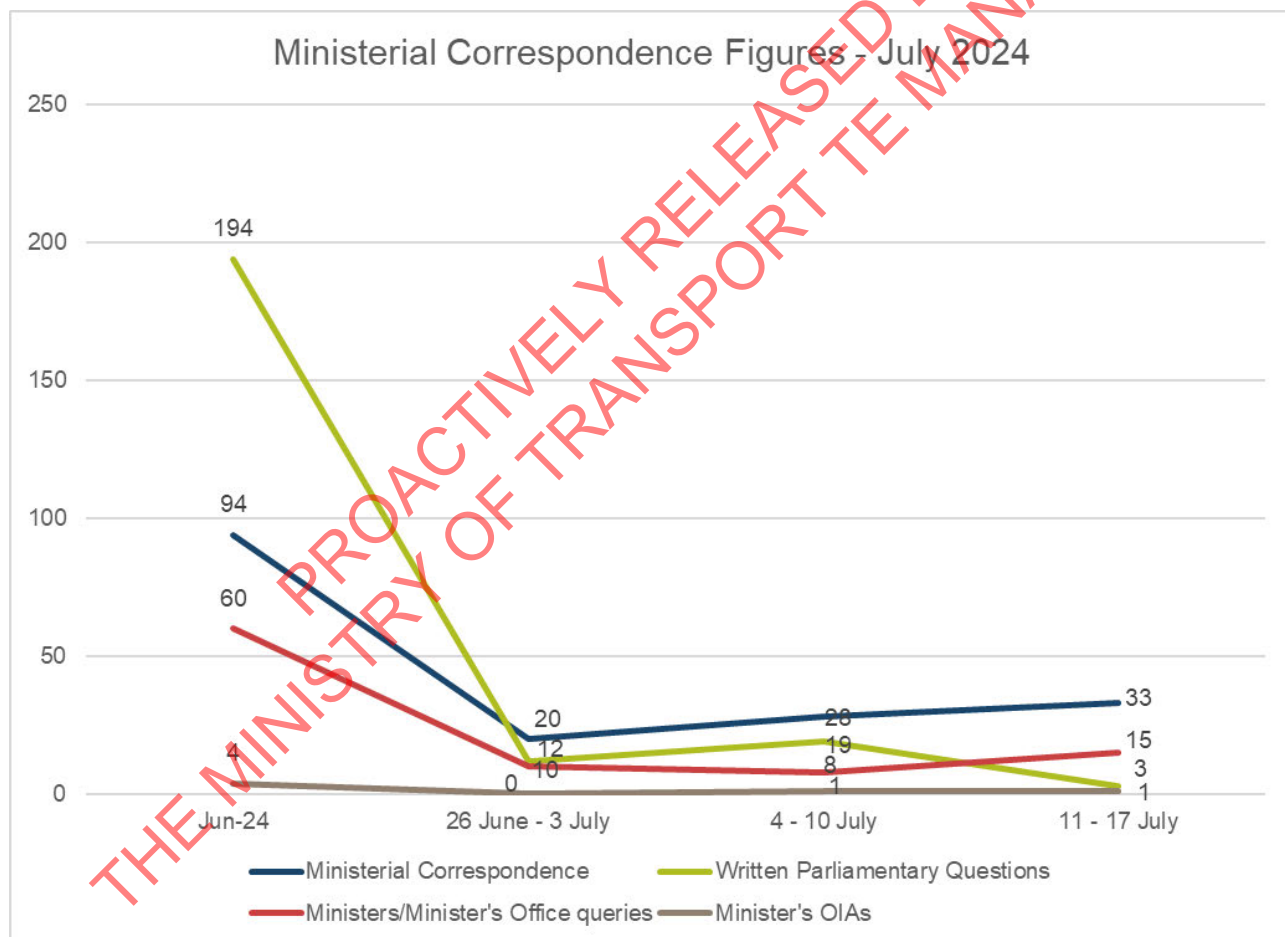
Date of release	Subject
Thursday 8 August 2024	Central North Island – Pukenui Road roundabout and Commercial Vehicle Safety Centre A site visit is planned for Monday 8 August 2024 with <i>Radio NZ</i> Manawatu reporter Jimmy Ellingham, to talk about the new State Highway 1/3 roundabout a Pukenui Road at Ohakea, and the progress at the neighbouring Commercial Vehicle Safety Centre.

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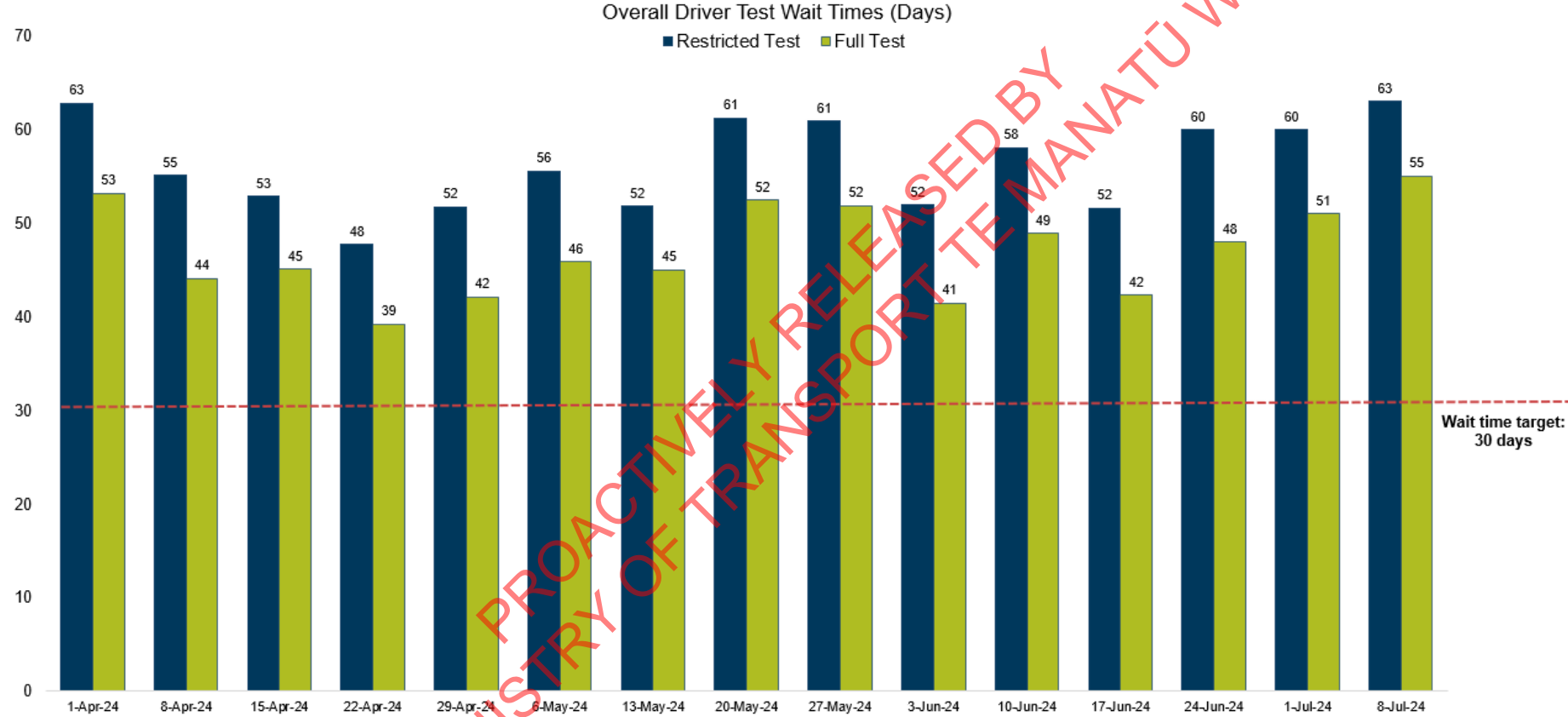
Ministerial correspondence figures from Thursday 11 to Wednesday 17 July 2024

Item	Number
Ministerial Correspondence	33
Written Parliamentary Questions	3
Minister/Minister Office queries	15
Ministerial OIA requests	1
Themes	Reversal of speed reductions, driver licensing, SH2 barriers between Katikati and Omokoroa.



Appendix One – Driver Licensing wait time graphs and interventions plan update as at Friday 12 July 2024:

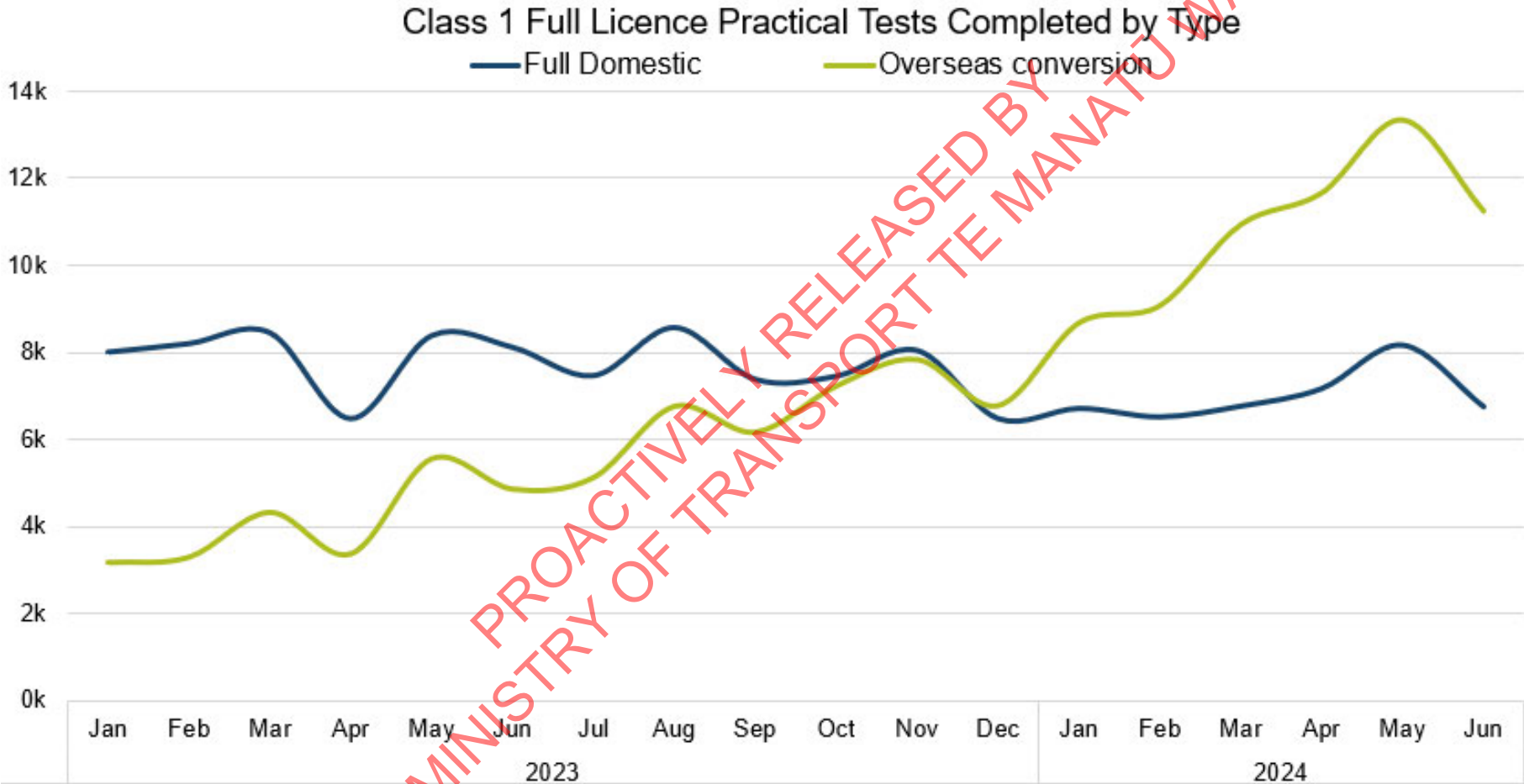
Overall wait times compared to the 30-day target:



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

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



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Key priorities and highlights

Emergency offshore response capability business case

Maritime NZ, in conjunction with the Ministry of Transport, is developing a business case for the Emergency Offshore Response Capability using funding allocated in Budget 24. Currently the Risk Profile Assessment and Strategic Assessment are with Treasury for moderation by the end of July 2024, which will determine whether the work can proceed as a single-stage business case. ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}

Seeking Cabinet approval to consult on reform of design, construction and equipment rules for domestic commercial vessels (the 40 Series Rules)

Maritime NZ has been working on a multi-year programme to reform the rules governing domestic commercial vessels' design, construction and equipment. These reforms apply to passenger, non-passenger, fishing and sailing vessels and aim to reduce complexity and update safety standards.

Minister Doocey is preparing to seek Cabinet approval for Maritime NZ to publicly consult on the first package of reforms. The Cabinet paper was amended at the request of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and then underwent further Ministerial consultation in preparation for the paper to be considered by the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO), targeting Wednesday 24 July 2024.

Proposed talking points for the ECO were provided in the joint briefing sent to Minister Doocey's Office on Friday 14 June 2024 [OC240647/MNZ 3/6/24 refers]. We will provide updated talking points to Minister Doocey's Office to reflect consultation is now expected to open in August 2024 (not July 2024) and that subsequent packages will be jointly approved by the Minister of Transport and the Associate Minister of Transport.

Maritime NZ officials will be available, if required, to answer any questions at the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee meeting.

Operational updates

Aratere update

Maritime NZ is monitoring the Interislander ferry, *Aratere*, as it makes a progressive return to service under conditions imposed following its release from detention last week.

Maritime NZ's Maritime Inspections Team is planning an audit in the coming weeks, which will look at the Interislander fleet as a whole. The audit will look at Interislander's processes, procedures, training, risk management and how it brings on new equipment and familiarises staff. Timing for the start and completion of the audit is yet to be confirmed.

The conditions imposed on the ferry's return to service are:

- First sailing (Picton to Wellington): restricted to clean rail freight (no dangerous goods). No passengers. Tug escort required out of Marlborough and into Wellington.

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- Subsequent four return trips: restricted to clean rail and truck freight (no dangerous goods), and fewer than 12 passengers (exclusively truck drivers).
- For subsequent sailings up until Sunday 28 July 2024: no more than 60 passengers.
- Steering system: KiwiRail must ensure the steering system is monitored continuously, and report any anomalies or concerns to Maritime NZ. Autopilot must not be used in pilotage waters (manual steering only is to be used).
- Sea conditions: the *Aratere* must not undertake a voyage across Cook Strait in swells exceeding four metres significant wave height.
- KiwiRail return to service plan: the *Aratere* must comply with the terms of its return to service plan.

Our investigation is also ongoing.

Changes to the administrative arrangements for assessing the adequacy of recreational craft departing for overseas

In previous Weekly Reports (weeks beginning 10 and 24 June 2024), Maritime NZ updated you on changes to the administrative arrangements for assessing the adequacy of pleasure craft departing for overseas. Under section 21 of the Maritime Transport Act, a skipper (master) of a recreational craft departing for overseas must satisfy the Director of Maritime NZ that the vessel and its safety equipment are adequate for the voyage, and that the vessel is adequately crewed.

The changes came into effect on Monday 1 July 2024 following Yachting NZ's decision to relinquish their delegation to perform this function. Maritime NZ has since assumed the administration and delivery of this function, and has now completed its first vessel adequacy assessment and issued the first International Voyage Certificate (Pleasure Craft). The new process worked well and the skipper, who was an experienced operator, provided positive feedback.

Detailed information and resources have been made available on the Maritime NZ website, and publicised through a range of other channels. We have also set up a dedicated email for skippers, crew and other interested members of the sector to contact Maritime NZ. Maritime NZ has been meeting with the sector including Yachting NZ, Yachting NZ Inspectors, and Island Cruising who support recreational skippers intending to voyage overseas.

Maritime NZ will continue to engage with the sector as the new process is implemented. As with all regulatory settings, we will keep the regime under review when opportunities arise, to ensure it remains fit-for-purpose.

***Enchanter* prosecution decision due Monday**

The Whangārei District Court has advised that Judge Philip Rzepecky will release his reserved decision on Maritime NZ's prosecution of Lance Goodhew on Monday 22 July 2024. Mr Goodhew was the skipper of the charter fishing vessel, *Enchanter*, which sank on 20 March 2022 near North Cape with the loss of five lives. Maritime NZ prosecuted Mr Goodhew under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Maritime in the media

We are continuing to receive requests regarding ferry and Cook Strait issues. We are managing these on a case by case basis, although often after a response is provided to one reporter, other media then follow with similar requests. We expect to see a reduction in the number of requests about the *Aratere* as it gradually returns to business as usual service. On Monday 15 July 2024 we

received a request around the World War 2 wreck, *Niagara*. We are waiting to get further information from the reporter about what they are seeking.



Key updates

s 9(2)(ba)(ii)

Potential media interest related to Official Information Act requests

Recently, the Authority has received Official Information Act (OIA) requests from s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a) is a reporter for the NZ Herald.

First, s 9(2)(a) has made a request relating to 'complaints and concerns regarding staff behaviour in the CAA over the period 20 June 2022 to 20 June 2024'.

It is not clear what the purpose of the reporter's questions are or what the nature of any reporting he may publish will be. However, by way of background, s 9(2)(a) was previously employed by Newshub and made two similar OIA requests. In June 2019 those OIA requests and associated documents were published in an article about the culture within the CAA. This was ahead of the culture review commissioned by the then Minister.

We are currently working on a response to the most recent OIA request from s 9(2)(a) which is due to be released on Monday 22 July 2024.

Second, s 9(2)(a) has made an OIA request relating to dangerous goods, screening processes, and restrictions or concerns regarding AvSec screening relating to United, Qatar, Qantas and Air New Zealand airlines. We are also aware of a similar OIA to your Office made by s 9(2)(a)

With respect to the OIA to the Authority, it was partially responded to in June 2024, with the provision of information relating to screening failures and dangerous goods.

The second part of this request pertains to emails and reports sent between the Authority and the four airlines relating to dangerous goods or screening processes and is due to the requester by 20 August 2024.

The OIA request to your Office (OIA24-277) seeks similar information to the latter part of the request made to the Authority but with a greater emphasis on Qatar Airways.

The Authority is in contact with your Office to ensure you have access, on a no surprises basis, to the responses provided by the Authority, along with any other relevant contextual information. We will also provide copies of our responses to members of the Aviation Community Advisory Group and the Aviation Security Stewardship Group.

Certification monthly update

The update below shows the average working days taken to complete (and the 12-month trend) the following applications as of Monday 15 July 2024:

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

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

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

	Amendment			Issue			Renewal		
	Quantity Issued	Avg. Working Days to Issue	12 Month Trend	Quantity Issued	Avg. Working Days to Issue	12 Month Trend	Quantity Issued	Avg. Working Days to Issue	12 Month Trend
Part 102 Unmanned Aircraft Operator Certificate	52	86	↘ -1	56	390	↘ -47	18	78	↘ 1
Part 103 Microlight Aircraft Certification	28	33	↗ 9	24	39	↘ -44	0	0	N/A
Part 115 Adventure Aviation Certification	23	48	↘ -1	0	0	N/A	1	41	↘ -22
Part 119 Air Operator Certificate Application	241	88	↗ 33	4	189	↗ 10	17	87	↘ -5
Part 129 Foreign Air Operator Certificate Application	16	40	↗ 7	4	154	↗ 19	5	43	↘ -5
Part 137 Agricultural Aircraft Operator Certificate	42	73	↗ 23	0	0	N/A	19	70	↗ 5
Part 141 Training Organisation Certificate Application	33	98	↗ 52	1	480	N/A	7	42	↘ -53
Part 145 Maintenance Org Application	47	96	↗ 29	2	164	N/A	4	87	↗ 25
Part 146 Aircraft Design Organisation Certificate	3	43	↘ -61	0	0	N/A	1	148	↗ 107
Part 147 Maintenance Training Organisation Certificate	5	41	↘ -16	0	0	N/A	3	59	↗ 16
Part 148 Aircraft Manufacturing Org Cert Application	14	62	↗ 10	0	0	N/A	1	111	↗ 53
Part 149 Aviation Recreation Org Certificate Application	4	80	↗ 16	0	0	N/A	1	62	↗ 17

Security screening queues weekly update

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

Date	Time	Location	Passengers affected	Queue Time (Mins)	Cause	Mitigation
09/07/24	11:00	Auckland Domestic	300	21 min	Unexpected passenger presentation	Insufficient staff at Domestic terminal to open an additional lane. Staff shuttled over from International
13/07/24	13:15	Wellington Southern Domestic	150	15 min	Delayed flights at Northern Domestic delayed staff and prevented second lane opening at Southern Domestic	Ran a second lane on skeleton staff drawn from other duties
14/07/24	14:15	Wellington Southern Domestic	50	12 min, 18 sec	Several large groups (School and sports groups) arriving simultaneously	Rane a second lane on staff drawn from other duties
15/07/24	9:30	Auckland Domestic	300	12 min	Unexpected passenger presentation, with higher-than-expected number of international transfers	Insufficient staff to open additional lanes. Team leaders, airport, and airline staff stepped in to

						queue management
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Queues for the Wellington Southern Domestic screening point – which are continuously monitored using LiDAR technology - showed:

Week	8/7 – 14/7
Passengers processed in less than 5 minutes	88.0%
Passengers processed in less than 10 minutes	96.7%

Upgrade work at the Auckland Transit screening point reduced capacity to a single lane there last week but did not have major queue impacts.

Additional flights for the All Blacks test matches, as well as school holiday travel, continue to be taken into account, and staffing and lane capacity adjusted, to meet the additional demand.

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

Ministerial Briefings received by the Minister's Office

Wednesday 10 – Tuesday 16 July 2024

Briefing title	Requestor	Date requested	Date due	Date received
Letter from CAA Chair and Chief Executive - Review of regulatory capability maturity and organisational practice and design	Internal	N/A	N/A	12/07/2024

Communications and External Engagement Tuesday 16 July 2024

Media plan / anticipated media – 7 days from Monday 22 July 2024

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
TBC	General release	Media release to accompany public release of safety investigation into a helicopter crash on 12 June 2021. The helicopter was a Robinson R44 Raven II carrying a newly married couple and their photographer for wedding photos; all sustained serious injuries. Media coverage is expected, as the accident has been high profile to date and the passengers have all spoken to media in the past.	All main NZ publications

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
		NB: carried over from previous weeks.	
TBC	Comment or statement	<p>s 9(2)(h)</p> <p>CAA will likely be mentioned in this coverage and will prepare responses to anticipated questions. Timing is subject to the judicial review process.</p> <p>NB: carried over from previous week.</p>	TBC
TBC	Anticipated media article	<p>The release of information under the Official Information Act to journalist s 9(2)(a) is expected to result in a media article (refer to report item for more information). Comment will be provided if further questions are received.</p>	<i>NZ Herald</i>

Media mentions – 7 days to Tuesday 16 July 2024

Date	Activity	Channel
10 July 2024	<p>Major change for domestic flyers at Queenstown Airport</p> <p>Article reports on changes to passenger screening procedures with new CTiX equipment.</p>	Crux (Queenstown)
10 July 2024	<p>Airport upgrade not plane sailing</p> <p>Delays in upgrades at Hood aerodrome in Masterton have had a knock-on effect for Air Chathams plans to operate a regional service between Masterton and Auckland.</p>	Wairarapa Times Age

Date	Activity	Channel
10 July 2024	CAA is mentioned in a radio piece discussing private jets and related fees and emissions.	RNZ Nine to Noon
12 July 2024	CAA clears Dawn Aerospace Rocket Plane Widespread coverage of Dawn Aerospace's approval to undertake test flights of their Mk-11 Aurora at supersonic speed, up to 80k feet, from July to September.	The Press, The Post, Waikato Times, More FM, The Breeze
11 July 2024	AvSec joins forces with Diabetes NZ Article about our release of guidance for people living with diabetes.	Sun Live

Upcoming education publications and products

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

TBC	Helicopter performance	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
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19/07/24	Red	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Orange	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green
20/07/24	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
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New inquiries / International Assistance

Nil

Media heads up

Nil

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

No change - TAIC are still in the evidence gathering phase of our investigation and are in the process of interviewing witnesses. We have identified several lines of inquiry that we will be pursuing.

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Transport Portfolio Weekly Report

As at Wednesday 24 July 2024

Recipient

HON SIMEON BROWN
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

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Associate Minister of Transport

Minister's comments:

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Officials' agenda



Agenda - Minister Brown officials' meeting

Day Date	Monday 29 July 2024		
Time	1pm – 1.45pm		
Venue	EW5.1 Parliament		
Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) attendees			
Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive			
Brent Johnston, Chief of Staff			
Paul O'Connell, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy			
David Wood, Deputy Chief Executive, Investment & Monitoring			
Joanna Heard, Manager, Safety			
Anita Waring, Adviser, Safety			
Tim Herbert, Manager, Investment			
Mitch Macaulay, Principal Adviser, Investment			
Part 1	Ministry of Transport	Lead	Paper reference
1.0	CE only time	Audrey Sonerson	
1.1	Weekly Report	Audrey Sonerson	As at 24 July 2024
1.2	Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key themes from speed rule consultation 	Paul O'Connell	Verbal update
1.3	GPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of Performance and Efficiency Plan GPS 2024 reporting (Item with NZTA Officials) 	David Wood	OC240703

Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) Monday 22 July 2024	Due date
s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(b)(ii)	Ongoing
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete
Aviation Officials to provide further advice on aligning the New Zealand regime with Australia.	30 August 2024
Rail s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete
EV Charging Office to provide feedback on Cabinet paper content and timeframes following discussion with PUS Court. s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete Officials have started exploring options for procurement timings. Updates will be provided in the Weekly Report.
Decisions	Confirmed / Denied
Officials to engage with interested local authorities and stakeholders in parallel to Select Committee consideration to explain the policy design.	Confirmed
Approval of the new range of options to test in Aviation Security Services discussion document.	Confirmed
Officials to consider which stakeholders should be included in targeted consultation on the Aviation Security Services discussion document.	

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
Officials Meeting date	Action	Due date
5 February 2024	ALR Officials to provide monthly updates of expected wind-down costs of ALR.	Ongoing
11 March 2024	GPS Officials to provide weekly updates on next steps across programmes of work signalled in the GPS.	Ongoing
22 April 2024	Speed s 9(2)(f)(iv)	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
14 May 2024	GPS s 9(2)(f)(iv)	30 August 2024
20 May 2024	Chatham Islands update Officials to provide a weekly joint Ministry, MNZ, DIA, MBIE, and MPI briefing on the situation in the Chatham Islands, covering fuel, livestock, and the boat purchase.	Ongoing
10 June 2024	Public Transport Officials to provide monthly update on bus driver shortage numbers.	Ongoing
17 June 2024	Auckland s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Wednesday 31 July 2024
24 June 2024	Appointments s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Underway

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
24 June 2024	<p>Driver Licensing</p> <p>NZTA is progressing the operational work programme to reduce wait times to under 30 days.</p>	Underway
24 June 2024	<p>Revenue</p> <p>The Ministry and NZTA are to incorporate opportunities from existing and developing technology in the Revenue programme being developed, for discussion in a workshop.</p> <p>The above advice should align with the broader tolling workstream and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cover the tolling solutions being explored, and highlight potential legislative changes required to support efficient/cost effective tolling implementation and operations. 	To be discussed as part of a workshop on tolling reform (to be scheduled for late July/early August) and followed by formal advice in late August
8 July 2024	<p>Public Transport s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(j)</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Officials to engage with Disabled People's Organisations Coalition (DPO Coalition) and provide feedback to Minister in advance of Terms of Reference being confirmed.</p>	<p>Underway. s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(i)</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Underway. We have contacted the DPO and are awaiting feedback</p>
8 July 2024	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iy)</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	Underway
8 July 2024	<p>OFT</p> <p>Officials to ensure draft legislation addresses previous issues for Ministerial approval of devices (e.g. accuracy of device) and be sufficiently flexible to enable testing devices used in other jurisdictions.</p>	Underway
15 July 2024	<p>Speed</p> <p>Officials to provide updates on themes from submissions.</p>	Monday 29 July 2024

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
15 July 2024	Aviation Officials to provide advice on the ICAO audit.	30 August 2024
15 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(b)(ii)	Ongoing

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1 Ministerial priorities

Safety

Project: Speed limits

Public consultation concluded on Thursday 11 July 2024. We received approximately 1,019 email submissions and 8,311 survey responses. We continue to analyse submissions.

The table below reflects the Government's quarterly plan milestone for the new Rule to be signed by 30 September 2024. To meet this timeline, we will work with your Office to ensure we have policy direction to instruct NZTA on any potential changes to the rule as early as possible.

We will discuss the key themes from the RCA and stakeholder submissions at the officials meeting on Monday 29 July 2024.

Process	Dates
Overview of submission themes	At officials on Monday 29 July 2024
Briefing to Minister on outcome of consultation	7 August 2024 [4 weeks]
Draft Cabinet paper and final version of the Rule to Minister	28 August 2024 [3 weeks]
Ministerial and departmental consultation	3 – 10 September 2024 [1 week]
Cabinet paper lodged	12 September 2024
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	18 September 2024
Cabinet confirmation of ECO decisions	23 September 2024
Final Rule to Minister for signing	After Cabinet, on 23 September 2024
New Rule in force	Late October 2024 (28 days after notification in the NZ Gazette)

Project: Oral fluid testing regime

Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) considered the Oral Fluid Testing Bill on Thursday 25 July 2024. Subject to Cabinet's approval, we are on track for the Bill to be introduced by the end of this month.

We have provided a Legislative Statement and First Reading speech to the Associate Minister, who will lead this in your absence. The First Reading is scheduled for 1 August 2024.

Cabinet paper: Introducing the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill

This paper will seek approval of the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill 2024 and for the Bill to be introduced into the House.

To Cabinet: Monday 29 July 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Land Transport Fees Amendment Package

PCO has begun drafting the Regulations and Notice. We have communicated your decision on the infringement fee for mobility parking offences to PCO.

Implementation of new parking fees

We are seeking your decision on an implementation change for the new parking fees.

During consultation, some RCAs raised concerns about being able to have the new parking fees in place by 1 October 2024. We subsequently recommended, and you agreed to, a three-month period for RCAs to transition to the new fees from 1 October 2024 (OC240722 refers).

However, we have since been advised by the Police contractor who manages the system that a transition period is not technically feasible because the system cannot hold two sets of fees simultaneously. For this reason, the Ministry recommends there is no transitional period for implementing parking fees and all RCAs be required to change to the new fee rates by 1 October. RCAs generally consider this workable if they receive reasonable notice of the new fee levels.

For the avoidance of doubt, the above only applies to parking fees. We are not recommending any change to the agreed arrangements for towage and storage fees (OC240722 refers).

Decision sought: Agree to remove the three-month transitional period for local authorities to transfer to the new parking fee levels:

Yes / No

To ensure we meet the implementation deadline, we recommend communicating the new fee levels, and the requirement for the new fees to be in place by 1 October 2024, to all RCAs as soon as possible. The Ministry can do this on your behalf by engaging directly with RCAs, or you could bring forward the date of your press release (previously early September) to the week commencing Monday 29 July 2024.

Indicate your preference. Either:

Agree that the Ministry communicates directly with councils in the week commencing Monday 29 July 2024

Yes / No

Or

Agree to bring forward the date of your press release to week commencing Monday 29 July 2024

Yes / No

Project: Land Transport Fees Amendment Package	
Cabinet paper: Drafted regulatory amendments: parking and towage s 9(2)(f)(iv)	To Minister: 7 August 2024 Ministerial consultation: 8 – 12 August 2024 Final papers to your Office: 12 August 2024 To lodge: 15 August 2024 To Committee: 22 August 2024 (LEG) To Executive Council: 26 August 2024 Final date to Gazette: 3 September 2024 Press release issued: 6 September 2024 In force: 1 October 2024

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Rail

Project: Budget 24 funding for metro rail renewals

On 31 May 2024 you wrote to Auckland Council (AC) and Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) regarding Budget 24 funding for metro rail. We now have responses from both councils, which will help inform our advice to you. s 9(2)(i), s 9(2)(j)

You met with key Auckland metro rail stakeholders on Monday 8 July 2024, s 9(2)(i), s 9(2)(j)

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Date: Wednesday 31 July 2024

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Investment

Project: Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024	
<p>GPS 2024 Monitoring and Reporting</p> <p>We have provided you with a briefing setting out the Ministry's assessment of NZTA's first Performance and Efficiency Plan (PEP) and how the Ministry and NZTA will report to you on monthly GPS 2024 progress (OC240703) in line with your expectations. We will discuss this briefing with you on Monday 29 July 2024.</p> <p>Ten-Year Investment Planning</p> <p>Officials are currently scoping work to require future Government Policy Statements on Land Transport to include a ten-year investment plan (including considering the potential legislative and system changes needed and the interaction with long term planning by NZTA and local government). We will provide you with a briefing setting out the scope of this work, and timeline, on 7 August 2024.</p>	
<p>Briefing: Ten-Year Investment Planning: Project scope</p> <p>This briefing will set out the proposed scope of work, and timeline, to require future Government Policy Statements to adopt a ten-year investment plan.</p>	<p>Date: Wednesday 7 August 2024</p>
<p>Briefing: NZTA shock and seasonal facility review</p> <p>This briefing will provide an update on the Ministry of Transport's work with Treasury and NZTA to review the limits of NZTA's Seasonal and Shock Facilities.</p>	<p>Date: Wednesday 31 July 2024</p>
Project: Triennial review of Section 9(1) Search and Rescue (SAR) funding	
<p>Following discussions with yourself, the Ministry considers that it would be appropriate to brief yourself and the Minister of Finance on our proposed approach to the triennial review of Section 9(1) SAR funding, s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>	
<p>Briefing: RUC administration fee review</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 60px; width: 100%;"></div>

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



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Revenue

Project: Revenue system report back

Update on Cabinet paper proposing a Revenue Action Plan

Following Cabinet's confirmation, we are working to implement the action plan. We are liaising with your Office to schedule workshops in late July or early August regarding this, with a view to providing briefings subsequently that confirm the direction discussed in the workshops.

Establishment of a stakeholder reference group

We expect to have concluded discussions with potential members of the stakeholder reference group by the end of this week and will provide a more substantive update next week.

Project: Time of use charging

Communications

We understand you are planning to publicly announce policy decisions for time of use charging on 12 August 2024 and are working on materials to support that announcement. We expect to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office on Monday 29 July 2024.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Tolling reform

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Project: Fleetwide transition to the Road User Charges system

Meeting with the Singapore Land Transport Authority

We met with ^{s 9(2)(a)} [REDACTED] for an update on the implementation of Singapore's next generation global navigation satellite system (GNSS)-enabled road pricing system, Electronic Road Pricing 2.0 (ERP 2.0). Singapore is continuing to roll out the replacement of the current in-vehicle units with GNSS-enabled on-board units (OBUs). The roll-out is expected to be completed in 2025. When the transition to ERP 2.0 occurs, the OBUs will alert motorists when they are approaching an ERP-charging location. The idea is to get motorists used to being alerted to ERP-charging locations on their OBUs. Unlike the current system when the charging occurs at a gantry, motorists could be alerted 50 or 100 metres before a charging point, which may not be literally under the gantry. The gantries, which currently mark the charging points will be gradually removed when motorists are assessed to have sufficiently adapted to ERP 2.0. Although ERP 2.0 can technically enable network charging, there are no current plans to do so. Singapore's current priority for ERP 2.0 is a smooth rollout and installation of OBUs in vehicles. Where congestion management is concerned, the charging framework focuses on managing traffic flows on the heavily used areas of the roading network. LTA monitors the traffic situation through anonymised, aggregated data (speed, acceleration) it collects. The latest ERP gantry was built when the Kallang-Paya Lebar Expressway was constructed in 2007. However, it has not had to be turned on to manage traffic flow. While third party providers can play an important role in providing navigation and payment services, LTA retains the system-critical charging function.

^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)} [REDACTED]

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Aviation

Project: CAA funding review and provision of Aviation Security Services

Cabinet Paper: This paper will seek approval to release discussion documents on the CAA funding review and alternative delivery options for Avsec.

Progress Update: We are updating the AvSec consultation document based on your direction.

Updated draft: Friday 26 July 2024

To lodge: 1 August 2024

To committee: 7 August 2024

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

Draft discussion document for review:

Friday 26 July 2024

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Emissions

Project: Clean Car Importer Standard	
<p>Review of the Clean Car Importer Standard (the Standard)</p> <p>The Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations (the Regulations) are being drafted. These regulations will set the new targets for 2025–2029 and exempt disability vehicles from the Standard.</p> <p>We will provide to your Office by Wednesday 31 July 2024 the draft Cabinet Legislation Committee paper. This draft will be accompanied by a briefing that sets out the factors you must consider under section 167C(3) of the Land Transport Act 1998 before recommending that the Regulations be made.</p>	
<p>Cabinet Paper: Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations</p>	<p>To Minister: 31 July 2024 To Lodge: 15 August 2024 To Committee: 22 August 2024 (LEG) To Cabinet and Executive Council: 26 August 2024</p>
<p>Briefing: Pre-requisites for the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations</p>	<p>Date: Week ending Friday 2 August 2024</p>
<p>Clean Car Standard Fees</p> <p>Targeted engagement with the vehicle industry (MIA, VIA, MTA, and AA) on charging of fees to recover the costs of administering the Clean Car Standard continues.</p>	
<p>Briefing: Update on Clean Car Standard Fees</p> <p>This briefing will summarise the outcome of the targeted engagement with industry and outline next steps.</p>	<p>Date: 7 August 2024</p>
Project: EV Charging Infrastructure	
<p>On Monday 22 July 2024, we discussed s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	

Project: Second Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP2)

Consultation on ERP2 started on Wednesday 17 July 2024 and will end on 21 August 2024. An online public transport webinar will be held on Tuesday 30 July 2024. As at Tuesday 23 July 2024, 161 people have registered to attend the Tuesday 30 July 2024 webinar. We are also participating in a series of consultation webinars hosted by the Ministry for the Environment (MfE). Set out below are the transport themes from the consultation webinars so far. Once the consultation period ends on 21 August 2024 we will brief you on the key transport themes from the consultation.

Date	Event	Key issues
Friday 19 July 2024	Sustainable Business Council	Transport questions from participants were about the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of EV charging strategy (e.g. current number of chargers, role of third parties), • incentives to encourage EVs (e.g. removing fringe benefit tax, impact of RUC), • RUC exemption for zero emission heavy vehicles being extended beyond 2025, • need for a level playing field between ICEs and EVs given RUC on EVs, • removal of regulatory barriers for heavy vehicles, and • request for information on when more details on the EV chargers' plan would be known and on who would be administering the heavy vehicle grant scheme.

We will now provide you with a briefing on Wednesday 31 July 2024 on the proactive release of ERP2 advice.

The Climate Change Commission's Emissions Reduction Monitoring Report (ERM) has been delivered to the Minister of Climate Change and the Minister intends to table the ERM in the House late this week or early next week. ^{s.9(2)(f)(iv)}



The Government is required

to respond to the ERM by 17 October 2024.

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Auckland

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Project: Auckland Level Crossing Programme

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Aide memoire: Update on Auckland rail level crossing programme business (including Takāanini)

This aide memoire will provide you with an update on the Takāanini cluster business case and the wider level crossing programme business case.

Date: Wednesday 31 July 2024

Project: Waitematā Harbour Connections

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Board Appointments

Civil Aviation Authority		
<p>These papers have been lodged for the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee meeting on Tuesday 30 July 2024. We will provide you with background check results in advance of the meeting, and work with your Office on any remaining next steps.</p>		
Action	Timeframe	Status
Ministry to provide advice on shortlisted candidates and seek Minister's agreement on preferred candidates	26 June 2024	Complete
Decision from Minister	First week of July 2024	Complete
Ministry to commence background and reference checks of preferred candidates	July 2024	Underway
Cross party consultation on APH papers	July 2024	Complete
APH to consider the appointment	Tuesday 30 July 2024	
Cabinet to consider the appointment	5 August 2024	
Appointments gazette / appointment letter sent	Day after Cabinet	
Maritime New Zealand		
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
City Rail Link Limited Board Fees		
<p>As at Thursday 11 July 2024, all Shareholders have agreed to the recommended pool of fees for City Rail Link Limited for 2024/25. The final resolution has been provided to your Office for sending alongside the letter enclosed with OC240553.</p>		
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		

New Zealand Transport Agency

These papers have been lodged for the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee meeting on Tuesday 30 July 2024. We will provide you with background check results in advance of the meeting, and work with your Office on any remaining next steps.

Action	Timeline
Ministry to provide advice that seeks Minister's agreement on preferred candidates	Complete
Decision from Minister	Complete
Ministry to commence background and reference checks of preferred candidate	Underway
Ministry to provide draft paperwork for Cabinet's APH Committee	Complete
Ministerial party consultation on APH papers	Complete
Ministerial review following consultation	Complete
Lodgement date for APH	To lodge on Thursday 25 July 2024
APH to consider the appointment	Tuesday 30 July 2024
Statutory consultation	31 July – 2 August 2024
Cabinet to consider the appointment	5 August 2024
Appointment commences	Following confirmation by Cabinet

Independent Review Function – Civil Aviation Act

Ministry officials met with Michael Webster, Privacy Commissioner, who has agreed to support the appointment process including as an external panellist. We are working through his feedback and will consider the timing of the advert against the consultation process for the scope of the role.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

2 Updates on other matters

2023/24 Year End: Transport Choices claims exceeding appropriation

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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

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3 Transport stakeholder updates

Stakeholder	Update
Airports	<p>Consultation on the draft operational policy and sector guidance for Regulatory Airport Spatial Undertakings (RASUs) closed on Monday 15 July 2024.</p> <p>s 9(2)(ba)(i)</p> <p>Consultation feedback suggests a number of refinements and clarifications for consideration including changes to maximise efficiency, such as better aligning the RASU process with airport planning and pricing processes.</p> <p>We will meet with submitters during August to discuss their feedback and our response.</p>

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4 Upcoming Minister of Transport meetings

Meeting Date	Meeting	Details
<p>Monday 29 July 2024 5:15pm – 5:45pm</p>	<p>Meeting with Minister Bishop and Minister Penk s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	<p>Briefing Due: N/A</p> <p>Officials Attending: Jessica Ranger, Manager, Urban Development and Public Transport Amy Moorhead, National Manager, Policy (NZTA)</p>

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5 Other upcoming Ministry of Transport Cabinet papers

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

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6 Other briefings and aide memoires to Minister of Transport

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

Due to Office	Title
Monday 29 July 2024	Update on implementation of Civil Aviation Act 2023 This briefing will update you on progress and plans for implementing the Civil Aviation Act 2023, which will take effect from 5 April 2025.
Deferred to week ending 2 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 2 August 2024	Cost recovery relating to Civil Aviation Act 2023 This briefing will provide initial advice on potential cost recovery for the functions being implemented by the Civil Aviation Act 2023.
Week ending 2 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 2 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 9 August 2024	2023/24 year-end: Ministerial Certification of Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets for Vote Transport This briefing seeks the Minister's certification of the 2023/24 Year End Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets for Vote Transport.
Week ending 23 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 30 August 2024	The Interim Aviation Council and the National Aviation Policy Statement This briefing will update you on the work being undertaken by the Interim Aviation Council to develop a National Aviation Policy Statement.
Week ending 30 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Due to Office	Title
Week ending 30 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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6.1 Proactive Releases

Due to Office	Title	Date planned for release
Friday 26 July 2024	Proactive Release of Cabinet Paper and Minutes regarding the Financial Recommendations for the Chatham Islands Livestock Vessel On Monday 24 June 2024, Cabinet made its decision on this paper. This briefing will seek your approval to release the Cabinet material relating to this decision.	Tuesday 6 August 2024
Wednesday 7 August 2024	Proactive release of GPS advice On Thursday 27 June 2024 the final GPS 2024 was published. This briefing will seek your approval to proactively release advice relating to the development of the GPS 2024.	Tuesday 20 August 2024

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6.2 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

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

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7 Ministerial correspondence and OIAs

Ministerial correspondence:

# of Ministerials	Topic	Key themes
7	Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about the proposed speed limit amendments Questions around the specifics of roadside drug testing
6	Revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions and complaints around RUC Request to cancel the tolling of Penlink Question around whether the Auckland Fuel Tax has been removed

Ministerial Official Information Act Requests:

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
18/07/2024	26/07/2024	s 9(2)(a)	April Briefings
18/07/2024	26/07/2024		Advice on road toll expectations after speed limit increases
22/07/2024	29/07/2024		Communication and briefings on cancelling IReX and the future of the Cook Strait ferries
25/07/2024	1/08/2024		Requesting mortality statistics for proposed speed changes
30/07/2024	5/08/2024		Requesting the Cost Benefit Analysis on removing the blanket speed restrictions

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
30/07/2024	5/08/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Requesting the Cost Benefit Analysis on removing the blanket speed restrictions
31/07/2024	8/08/2024		Requesting the Cost Benefit Analysis on removing the blanket speed restrictions and the information on the drafting process
1/08/2024	7/08/2024		Correspondence between the Minister or his Office and Minister Jones and Peters and their Offices on the Aratere grounding
5/08/2024	12/08/2024		Requesting correspondence between the Minister's Office and MoT on the Clean Car Standard
8/08/2024	15/08/2024		Requesting advice provided on achieving New Zealand's emissions budgets in the draft GPS 2024
8/08/2024	14/08/2024		Seeking information on EV chargers
9/08/2024	16/08/2024		Requesting the document "Changes to Budget 2024 Public Transport Decisions"
12/08/2024	19/08/2024		Requesting statistics in relation to the Cost Benefit Analysis on removing the blanket speed restrictions

Written Parliamentary Questions:

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
17/07/2024	43968 (2024)	What advice, if any, has he received on phasing out the import of fossil fuel vehicles, listed by title and date?	25/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
23/07/2024	44275 (2024)	When did the Government first become aware that the Interislander ferries were not going to come to the end of their useful life until 2029?	31/07/2024 12:00:00 AM
25/07/2024	44500 (2024)	How much, if any, of the \$30 million Crown appropriation in Budget 2022 has been spent on the Southern Tiare replacement project?	1/08/2024 12:00:00 AM

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7.1 Departmental Official Information Act requests

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
23/07/2024	s 9(2)(a)	All material on changes to the Land Transport (Offences and Penalties) Regulations Act 1999
24/07/2024		Asking if Offence WP411 is still currently valid under law
24/07/2024		Cook Strait options report
25/07/2024		Spend on rail for each fiscal year between 2017 and 2024
26/07/2024		Draft GPS advice
26/07/2024		May Briefings
26/07/2024		May Briefings
29/07/2024		GPS and Draft GPS advice on carbon emissions impacts or implications
30/07/2024		Baseline Savings and the use of Te Reo Maori
30/07/2024		The Draft Land Transport: Setting of Speed Limits RIS and correspondence on this topic
31/07/2024		Policy advice provided to the Minister of Transport on reviewing the Clean Car Standard targets
5/08/2024		The Cost Benefit Analysis on removing the blanket speed restrictions
6/08/2024		Any advice drafted or provided to the Minister of Transport on changes to the Clean Car Standard
7/08/2024		All advice on Clean Car standard changes
7/08/2024		Any documents from the Ministry that accompanied the Report of the Ministerial Advisory Group on Future Ferry Services on the Cook Strait
7/08/2024		Three recent Value for Money studies
9/08/2024		All consultation submissions received in relation to the draft speed limit rule 2024
9/08/2024		Information surrounding the requester's medical convener tribunal hearing

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
9/08/1934	s 9(2)(a)	A summary of responses received on the consultation into the GPS 2024
12/08/2024		A copy of the review undertaken by the Ministry into the Clean Car Standard
12/08/2024		Advice or analysis on the clean car standard between the Ministry and members of the industry, as well as between the Ministry and the Minister's Office
13/08/2024		Documents on potential changes to the tolling system
13/08/2024		Clean Car Standard information
14/08/2024		All written advice provided to Ministers that informed the draft second Emissions Reduction Plan
16/08/2024		Tolling briefings
16/08/2024		All documents held by the Ministry relating to the Clean Car Standard created post October 2023
19/08/2024		Information on the use of AI within the Ministry
19/08/2024		Salary information
19/08/2024		All communication regarding the baseline savings excise in budget 2024 between tier 1,2 and 3 staff
19/08/2024		Seeking June Briefings
19/08/2024		Seeking June Briefings
19/08/2024		Seeking June Briefings
17/07/2024 Extended to 20/08/2024		Internal correspondence with NZTA on the proposed Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024
20/08/2024		Consultation reports for the draft GPS 2024
20/08/2024		June Briefings
21/08/2024		Correspondence held between the Ministry and PSC about the Performance Improvement Review Programme
21/08/2024		June Briefings and Waitematā Harbour crossing project briefings and papers

Transport Portfolio Agency Reports



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Agenda – Minister Brown officials’ meeting with NZTA

Day Date	Monday 29 July 2024		
Time	1:45 – 2:30pm		
Venue	Parliament – EW5.1		
NZ Transport Agency attendees			
Nicole Rosie, Chief Executive			
Richard May, Chief of Staff			
Liz Maguire, Chief Digital Officer			
Sarina Pratley, Chief Customer & Services Officer			
Sara Lindsay, Group General Manager, Commercial & Corporate			
Kim Marshall, Head of Organisational Performance			
Brett Gliddon, Group General Manager, Transport Services			
Deb Hume, National Manager, Multimodal Integration			
		Lead	Paper reference
1.1	Digital and Customer update	Liz Maguire/Sarina Pratley	BRI-3086
1.2	SOI/SPE/PEP measure display test discussion	Sara Lindsay/Kim Marshall	MIN-4586
1.3	Ōtaki River Bridge shared path	Brett Gliddon	MIN-4562
1.4	Local Government investment assurance	Sara Lindsay	BRI-3076

Updates

Proposed EVRoam management and funding transfer

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

EVRoam is a live database of New Zealand's electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, currently managed by NZTA. It collects real-time information from monitored public charge points around New Zealand, and freely distributes it through various customer-facing apps and websites. EVRoam data enables EV drivers to know charger location, availability, and usage status (for those chargers with automated data). This allows users to confidently plan their journeys across the country.

EVRoam was developed in 2018 as part of the NZTA EV programme and has historically been funded out of the National Land Transport Fund. NZTA contracts with a company called Seamless for the delivery and maintenance of EVRoam.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Driver Licensing wait times

Summary for week ending Friday 19 July 2024

Wait times for practical testing (Restricted and Full testing) have decreased compared to last week.

- full tests down by 8 days (47 days)
- restricted down by 6 days (57 days)

At an individual site level, 16% of full test sites and 4% of restricted test sites met the "30 days or less" target last week.

The backlog remains at ~73,000 tests

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Since NZTA and the Ministry of Transport last briefed you (OC240625, 21 June 2024 refers) on the full plan to get wait times under 30 days, we have made solid progress towards our key operational intervention of increasing Driver Testing Officer (DTO) numbers. We have also completed a significant amount of further investigatory work into other interventions and have refreshed the licence testing demand forecast. Following this work, we have reassessed our estimated timeframe for when wait times can expect to come under 30 days.

As communicated to you at the NZTA officials meeting on Monday 22 July 2024, at this point we are not anticipating wait times to start significantly decreasing until at least October 2024, with wait times not anticipated to come under 30 days until around the end of the 2024 calendar year at the earliest. A separate briefing has been provided to you this week with the refreshed licence testing demand forecast and further information on our estimations for bringing wait times under 30 days.

Recruitment:

Wait times are not forecast to significantly decrease until significant additional DTO resources have been brought in by the VTNZ permanent team and via surge temporary staffing.

Recruitment progress of note includes:

- VTNZ continue to progress their permanent recruitment with all seven DTOs in latest cohort certified and ready to start testing. The next training cohort commencing in early August has been increased to 30 trainee DTOs (previously 21).
- Due to the limited numbers of DTO trainers currently available, training and certification testing for the first tranche of surge DTO resources will commence after the next permanent cohort has gone through. Surge training will run from 19 August to 3 September 2024 (24 trainee DTOs), and then from 9 to 25 September 2024 (a further 24 trainee DTOs).
- We are working to increase numbers of trainers.

Region	Wait times				Staffing	Productivity
	Full	Change (last week)	Restricted	Change (last week)	VTNZ DTO Headcount	Tests Completed
Northland	51	-25	59	-19	9	427
Auckland North West	64	-17	74	-13	25	1,885
Auckland Central South	72	-14	77	-11	42	1,014
Waikato	44	-19	61	-12	23	705
Bay of Plenty	48	3	54	-1	18	913
Central	34	2	39	-3	18	648
Wellington	36	7	43	4	21	660
Canterbury	47	-6	63	2	27	774
Otago Southland	37	-11	51	-5	14	901
National Average	47	-8	57	-6	-	-
Total:					197	7897

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

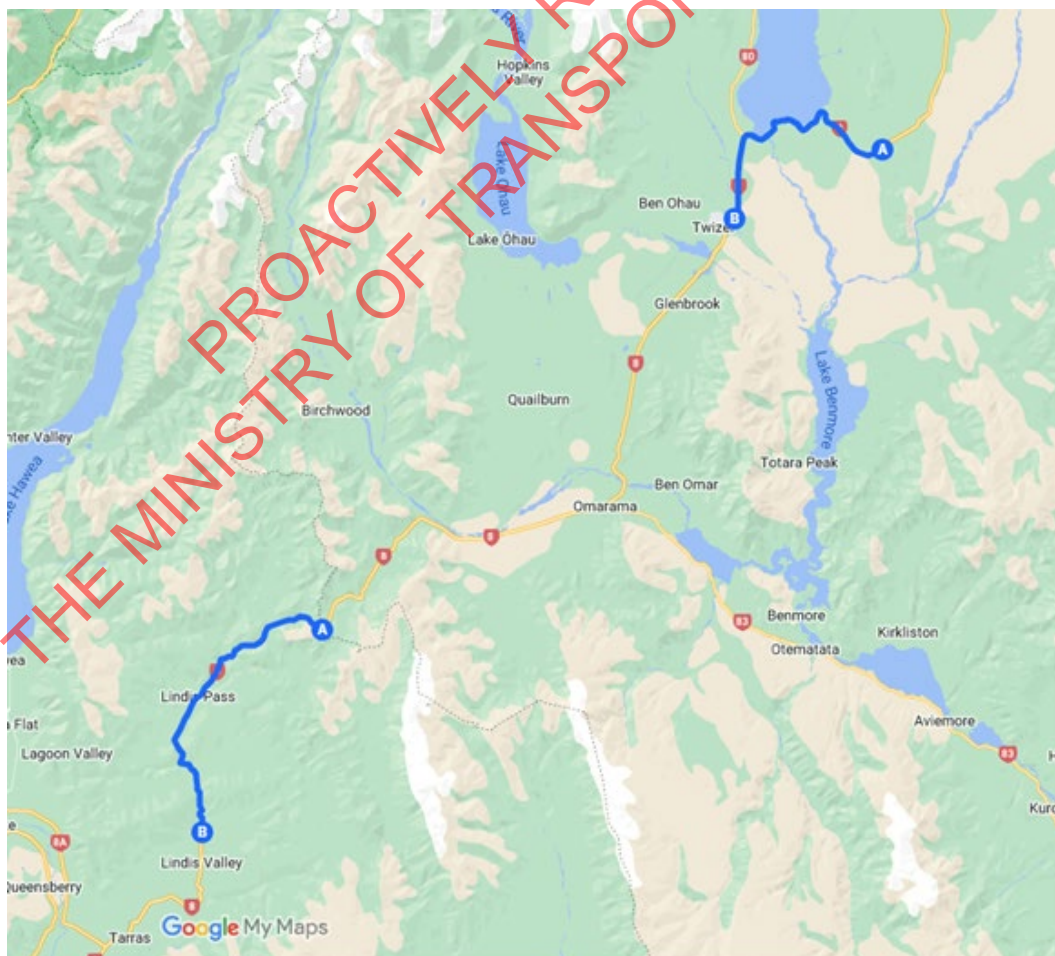
Response to crashes – SH8 Mackenzie District

Winter weather conditions in the Mackenzie Basin (SH8) have been extreme over the last two weeks, with acutely cold temperatures (below -6°) combined with an enduring air temperature inversion layer (meaning it is colder closer to the earth), resulting in significant black ice formation on shaded or sheltered sections of SH8, particularly adjacent to Lake Pukaki. Over that period there have been three serious crash incidents – two buses rolled on Thursday 18 July 2024 near Hayman Road, one truck and trailer unit rolled on Friday 19 July 2024, 10km south of Twizel, and four cars crashed at the intersection of SH8 and SH80 (to Aoraki Mt Cook).

In all cases, the NOC contractor (Downer) responded appropriately to the road conditions by applying grit to affected areas in a timely manner. Application of CMA (road salt) is not effective at temperatures below -6° , so grit is the only option. Regardless of the application of grit, the extremely cold temperatures have resulted in black ice continuing to form, even well into mid-morning.

In response to this unusual situation, NZTA has directed the Contractors in the Mackenzie Basin and on the south of the Lindis Pass to increase the number of crews operating on these stretches of state highway to reduce the time between grit applications, both in the early morning and late afternoon/evening. In addition, 50km/h temporary speed limit (TSL) signs will be deployed in the highest-risk areas to ensure that road-users are aware of the need to reduce speed due to road conditions. These additional measures will be implemented immediately and continue through to the end of August 2024.

The location of high-risk areas, and where TSLs may be deployed, are shown on the map below:



State Highway 1 Brynderwyn Hills closure

Heavy rain in Northland over the weekend of 19 – 21 July 2024 saw a slip close SH1 through the Brynderwyn Hills on Saturday 20 July 2024. 90mm of rain fell overnight on the Friday, saturating the hill side. Small slips began in the early morning, and a bigger slip across the shoulder and both lanes closed the road from approximately 11am – 6pm. Crews were onsite quickly, assessing the slips and clearing up the highway, with Geotechnical engineers ensuring NZTA only opened the road when it was safe to do so.

The nature of the terrain that SH1 travels through in the Brynderwyn Hills means that extreme rain will always cause some movement in the hill. Project contractors and NZTA are actively monitoring these movements. As part of the work undertaken during the rebuild of this, electronic monitoring in the hill has been installed to alert to movement - and when there is movement in the hill, there is a crew assigned to manually watch for changes. There are additional crews on standby to clear the road if material does come down, and ongoing geotechnical assessment is occurring to ensure safety of the users of the network. The extra space built next to the lanes during the recent recovery work means it is easier to clear slips quickly and re-open the highway for road users. Remaining project works (including drainage and soil nailing) is expected to be completed over the next two months.

SH6: Queenstown - Te Pūhahi Ladies Mile District Plan Variation

The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) is preparing advice for Minister Simmonds to support her decision under the Resource Management Act 1991 on the Te Pūhahi Ladies Mile Variation in Queenstown.

As this Variation is going through a Streamlined Planning Process, Minister Simmonds is the decision maker on the Variation. The Independent Hearing Panel (IHP) has recommended development triggers which would require upgrades to State Highway 6 (SH6) to enable development in specified parts of the Variation area.

NZTA has assisted the MfE with preparation of advice to the Minister relating to the recommendations from the IHP. Only some of the upgrades on SH6 recommended by the IHP are included in our current or proposed programme of state highway improvements. We have offered to continue to work with the MfE to develop a workable implementation plan.

Speed Limit Change for Kāpiti Expressway

NZTA has submitted a speed limit change for the Kāpiti Expressway to the Director of Land Transport under the alternative method of approval. The proposal requests to increase the speed limit from 100km/h to 110km/h for 24.3km, from north of the Poplar Avenue interchange at Raumati South, to south of the Ōtaki northern interchange, and includes various on- and off-ramps.

The speed change was consulted on from 22 April to 20 May 2024, and 93% of the 3313 submissions were supportive of the proposal. We are working with your office on an opportunity for you to announce the certification of the Kāpiti Expressway, once confirmed.

Meeting with Reveal

NZTA officials met with Reveal Group Ltd on Tuesday 23 July 2024 to discuss pothole remediation. Reveal specialises in mapping underground utilities, as well as the analysis of Ground Penetrating Radar information (typically referred to as non-destructive testing). Reveal also analyses road pavement thickness to detect voids and anomalies forming beneath roads before they turn into potholes.

At this meeting, Reveal outlined some of the previous projects it has been involved in and what its technology offers. It has offered to provide a more detailed demonstration to NZTA representatives, especially regarding how this relates to pavement performance and the GPS 2024 focus on Pothole Prevention. You will also be meeting with Reveal later in the year to discuss this further.

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Upcoming Ministerial Items

Upcoming Briefings to Minister of Transport

Due to Office	Title
Wednesday 31 July 2024	BRI-3095 Auckland Level Crossings Provide advice to enable discussions with Auckland Council on Auckland Level Crossings, including where this sits within the National Land Transport Programme.
Wednesday 31 July 2024	BRI-3099 Tolling proposals Provide a briefing outlining all tolling proposals, ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}

Upcoming OIA requests for potential consultation

Reference and Requester	Request	Due date to the Office
OIA-15940 ^{s 9(2)(a)} [MEDIA]	Information relating to Transport Recovery East Coast (TREC) expenditure, procurement plan and budget.	Wednesday 7 August 2024
OIA-15947 ^{s 9(2)(a)}	All correspondence with the Minister/Minister's Office regarding media releases and statements.	Friday 9 August 2024
OIA-15955 ^{s 9(2)(a)} ^{s 9(2)(a)} obo Labour Leader's Office	Request for all communications from senior staff regarding the baseline savings exercise.	Monday 12 August 2024
OIA-15962 ^{s 9(2)(a)}	Advice relating to the draft Setting of Speed Limits Rule.	Tuesday 13 August 2024
OIA-15968 ^{s 9(2)(a)} obo the Green Party	Copies of advice provided to the Minister of Transport in June.	Tuesday 13 August 2024

Potential Transport events

Event Date	Event detail	Minister's response
Any date between 12 – 23 August or 26 -27 August	ATOC site visit NZTA would like to invite you to see the Auckland Transport Operations Centre in action. Brett Gliddon, Group General Manager – Transport Services will host you on a day that suits, with recommended dates provided.	Yes / No / Maybe

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Upcoming Media items

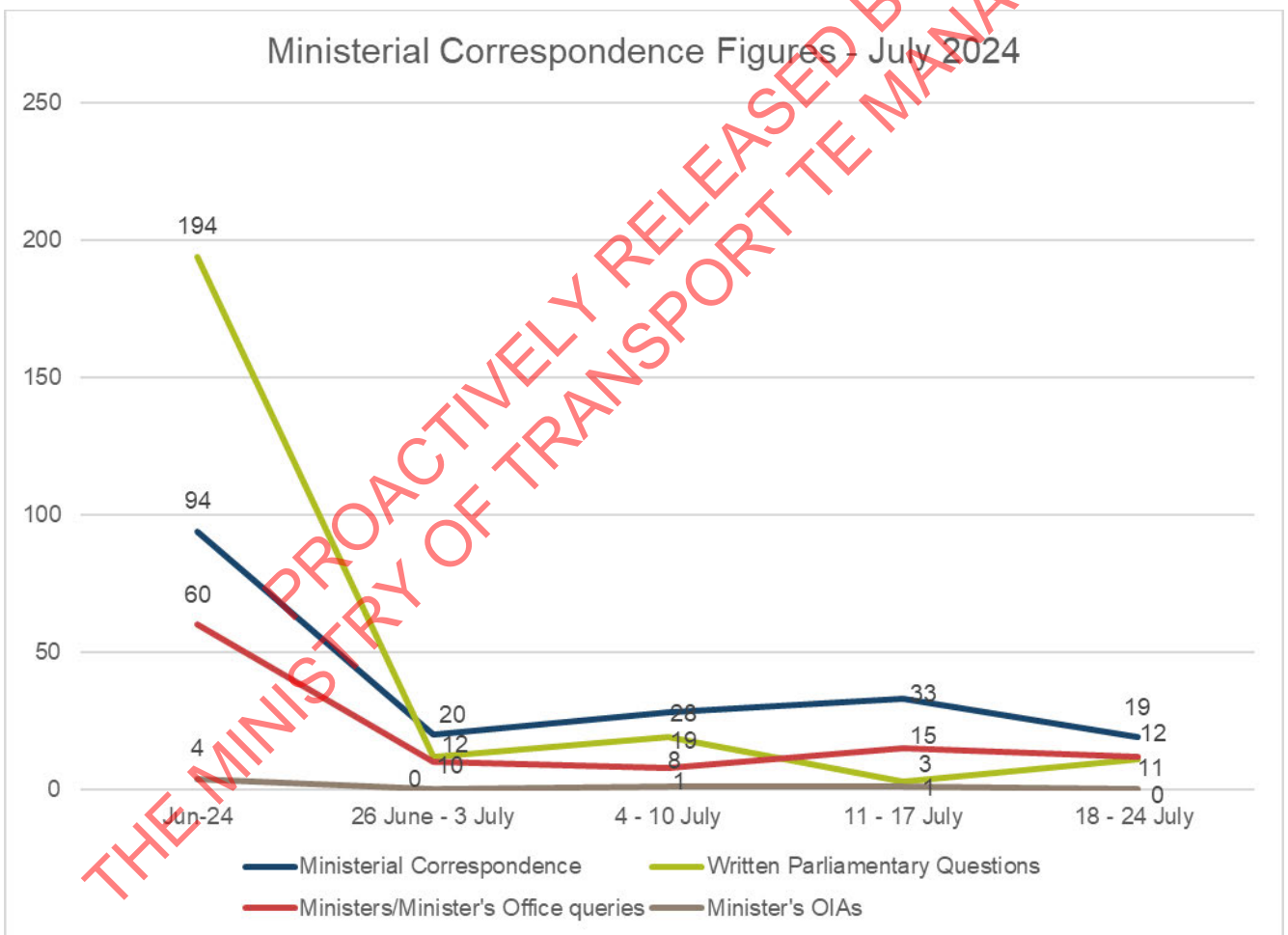
Date of release	Subject
<p>Week commencing Monday 29 July 2024</p>	<p>NZTA App release:</p> <p>A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 29 July 2024 announcing the release of the NZTA App. The app has been developed to provide New Zealanders with a secure digital 'one stop shop' for a range of services. It provides a secure digital platform for people to access their driver licence and vehicle information, as well as to make on-line payments. The app will provide customers with the digital capability to complete transactions with NZTA in one place - without having to call our contact centre.</p>
<p>TBC</p>	<p>Ōtaki River Bridge shared path:</p> <p>A media release is due to be sent to Kāpiti Coast media next week confirming construction of this project will start on Monday 12 August 2024. The project is the result of close collaboration with the local Council, community, and various stakeholder groups and will ensure walkers, cyclists, and locals using old State Highway 1 have a safe way to cross the bridge. One lane of the bridge will be kept open and under stop/go traffic management while the project is underway. Drivers can expect delays of no more than four to five minutes during peak hour traffic while the work takes place.</p>

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Statistics page

Ministerial correspondence figures from Thursday 18 to Wednesday 24 July 2024

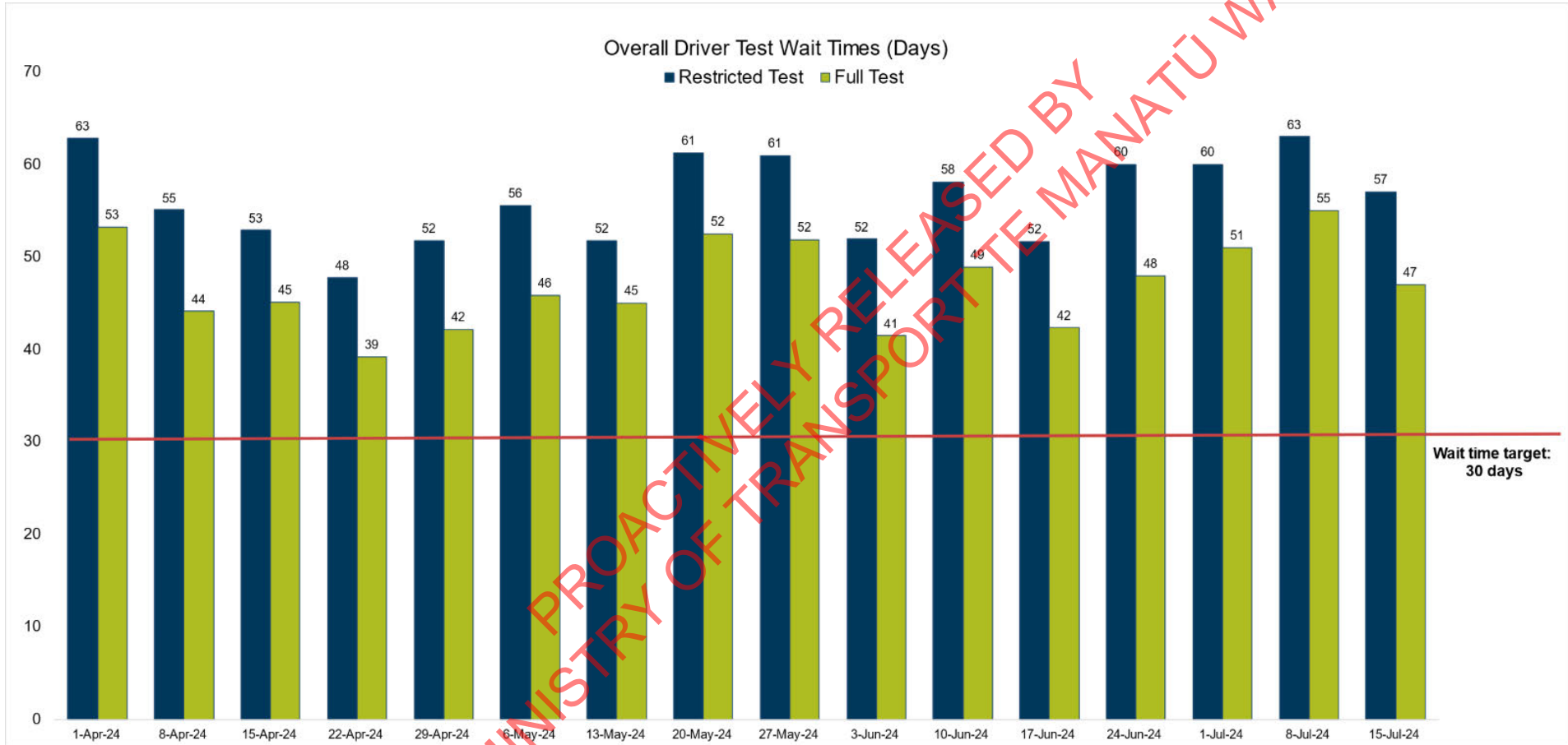
Item:	Number
Ministerial Correspondence	19
Written Parliamentary Questions	11
Minister/Minister Office queries	12
Ministerial OIA requests	0
Themes	Pothole repair targets, temporary traffic management efficiency, Brynderwyns slip



Appendix One: Driver Licensing

Driver Licensing wait times status (as at Monday 22 July 2024)

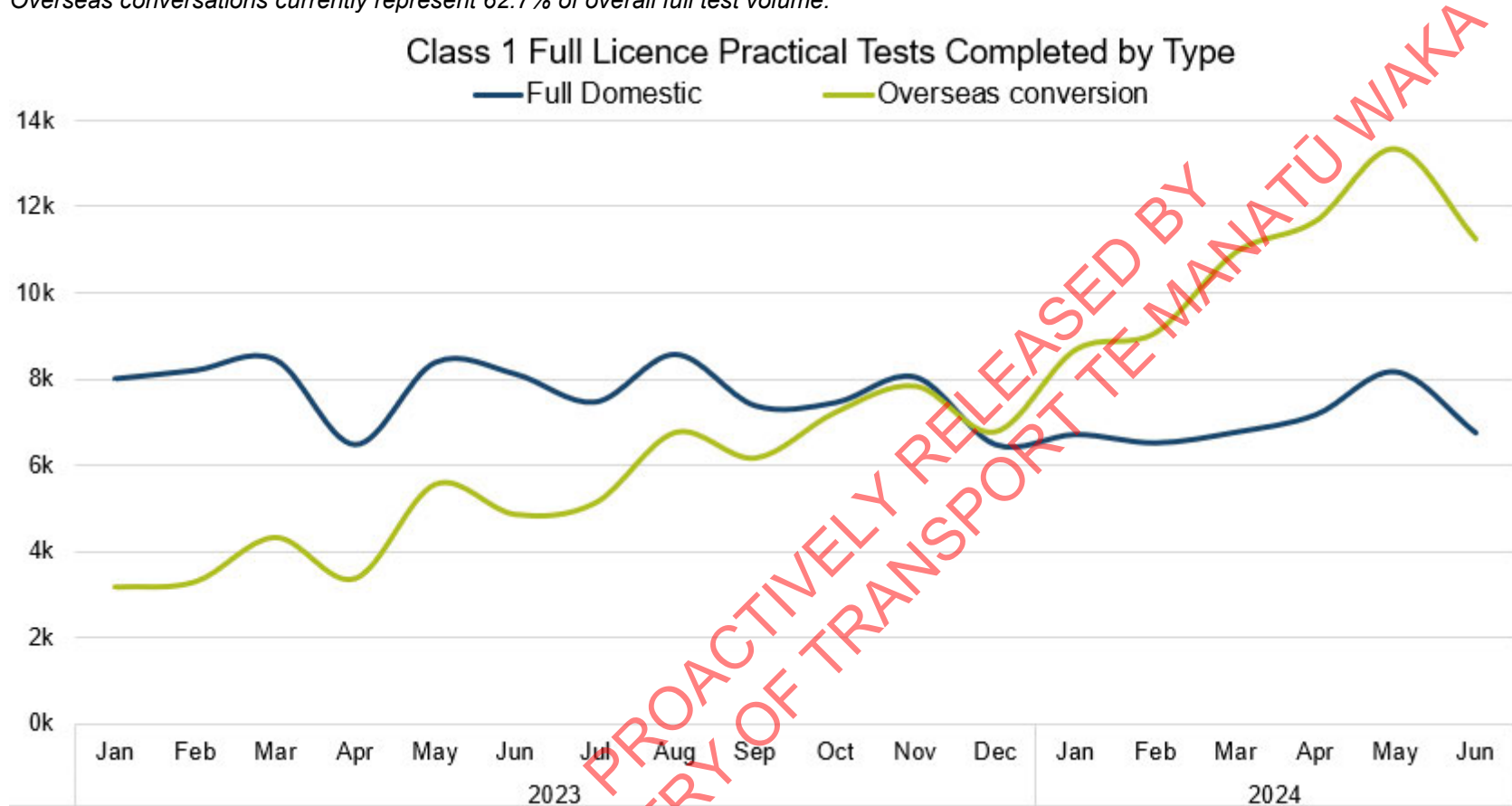
Overall wait times compared to the 30-day target:



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

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



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Key priorities and highlights

Communication plan and soft launch approach for the *Approved Code of Practice for Loading and Unloading of Cargo at Ports and on Ships*

On 27 June 2024, the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety, Hon Brooke van Velden, and the Associate Minister for Transport, Hon Matt Doocey, signed their approval of the *Approved Code of Practice for Loading and Unloading of Cargo at Ports and on Ships* (ACOP).

The ACOP was a key action under the Port Health and Safety Leadership Group's (PHSLG's), *Port Sector Insights Picture and Action Plan* to address significant inconsistency of practice and standard operating procedures across the sector.

A benefit of the ACOP is it provides assurance and clarity. If a business can show that their practices are consistent with, equivalent to or better than the requirements in the ACOP, then they are likely to be meeting the test of what is reasonably practicable under HSWA. This ACOP will support the sector to understand and put in place effective controls for safety risks applied across the port sector.

The ACOP has now been gazetted and will come into force on 29 November 2024. In the interim period, Maritime NZ and the PHSLG are developing a soft launch approach to communicating the ACOP to the wider sector to ensure those who have not seen the document know where it is and what it means. We are also developing a comprehensive plan to ensure industry understands and implements the ACOP.

Maritime NZ is hoping to do a staged launch at a port with the PHSLG and Ministers Doocey and Van Velden when the ACOP comes into force on 29 November 2024.

New Zealand's grant programme to support seafarer welfare

Maritime NZ is overseeing a grant programme to support the delivery of seafarer welfare services to international seafarers, following a decision by Cabinet to allow maritime levies to be used to fund services that enable New Zealand to meet its obligations under the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC). This programme recognises the vital role seafarers play in New Zealand's economy, prioritising and adequately supporting their welfare.

The focus is on ensuring that there is an agreed approach to service delivery on each port, which involves cooperation and collaboration between various welfare providers.

A panel involving Maritime NZ staff and external experts has assessed each application and made initial funding recommendations. These are currently being reviewed and tested against measures such as the profile of ship visits to various ports. In August, Maritime NZ will communicate with the applicants regarding the outcomes.

Given requests far exceeded the budget available, and a lack of coordination and unity has been shown in some ports, it is likely that the funding decisions will lead to concerns about the decision making process and funding levels being expressed publicly, including to Ministers. We are able to provide further information and a briefing on this issue if desired.

Maritime in the media

On Monday 22 July 2024, Judge Philip Rzepecky dismissed the charge against *Enchanter* skipper Lance Goodhew, who skippered the *Enchanter* when it sank off Northland in March 2022.

Following a Maritime NZ investigation, one charge under the Health and Safety at Work Act was filed against Mr Goodhew. The dismissing of the charge was widely covered by mainstream media.

At a date to be confirmed, TAIC will be releasing its findings into the *Waitere* ferry sinking. In the April 2023 incident, a vessel crashed into the Russell ferry, critically injuring its skipper. We are working to prepare for the TAIC report's release and what our response will be to its findings.

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Key updates

CrowdStrike global outage

The Authority was made aware of the CrowdStrike global outage on the evening of Friday 19 July 2024 and connected with Airways, Auckland and Christchurch International Airports, and Air New Zealand. There were no significant issues to report and none that would affect aviation safety or security. There was no need to take action in relation to New Zealand airspace. We continued to monitor the situation with updates being provided to your Office and to the lead government response agency, NEMA.

No issues were experienced overnight, and a final update was provided to NEMA on the morning of Saturday 20 July 2024.

s 9(2)(a)

Security screening queues weekly update

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

Date	Time	Location	Passengers affected	Queue Time (Mins)	Cause	Mitigation
15/07/24	07:30	Auckland Domestic	150	19	Unexpected Passenger presentation, with a large number of transfers to main centres.	Insufficient staff to open an additional lane. Staff extended into overtime to keep lane open and clear the queue.
20/07/24	06:00	Queenstown Domestic	200	13	Technical difficulties on lane caused delays. Insufficient staff to open second lane to clear queue.	Queues were managed with available staff.

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

Week	15/7-20/7
Passengers processed in less than 5 minutes	84.8%
Passengers processed in less than 10 minutes	95.8%

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

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

Ministerial Briefings received by the Minister’s Office

Wednesday 17 July 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024

Briefing title	Requestor	Date requested	Date due	Date received
CAA New Southern Sky Programme Briefing	Generated internally	N/A	17/07/2024	17/07/2024

Communications and External Engagement Tuesday 23 July 2024

Media plan / anticipated media – 7 days from Monday 29 July 2024

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
TBC	General release	Media release to accompany public release of safety investigation into a helicopter crash on 12 June 2021. The helicopter was a Robinson R44 Raven II carrying a newly married couple and their photographer for wedding photos; all sustained serious injuries. Media coverage is expected, as the accident has been high profile to date and the passengers have all spoken to media in the past. NB: carried over from previous weeks.	All main NZ publications
TBC	Comment or statement	A judicial review is expected to be filed relating to the Divergent Missed Approach Protection System (DMAPS) flight path change over the northern suburbs of Wellington. CAA will likely be mentioned in this coverage and will prepare responses to anticipated questions. Timing is subject to the judicial review process. NB: carried over from previous weeks.	TBC

Media mentions – 7 days to Tuesday 23 July 2024

Date	Activity	Channel
Wednesday 17 July 2024	The CAA is mentioned in an article about Dawn Aerospace, who are currently in talks with the United States military about using radar technology in its rocket-powered space plane for detecting high-speed rockets.	Selwyn Times
Saturday 20 July 2024	CAA is mentioned in some coverage on the global IT outage. We provided the following comment: The Civil Aviation Authority is aware of the outages and we're monitoring the situation. There is no current impact on the NZ aviation system that we're aware of, but we're liaising with airports, airlines and NZ Airways for any change. We have no concerns for aviation safety or security at this time.	Stuff, Newstalk ZB
Saturday 20 July 2024	A helicopter crashed on the West Coast on Saturday 20 July 2024. We were approached for comment and provided the following statement: The Civil Aviation Authority has been notified of a helicopter accident at the mouth of the Paringa River on the West Coast earlier today. It has been attended by the search and rescue helicopter and the pilot and passenger have been taken to hospital for assessment. We understand their injuries are minor. In the coming days we'll make enquiries with the operator to understand what has happened and to determine any further CAA action. TAIC has since opened an inquiry into the accident.	The Press

Upcoming education publications and products

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

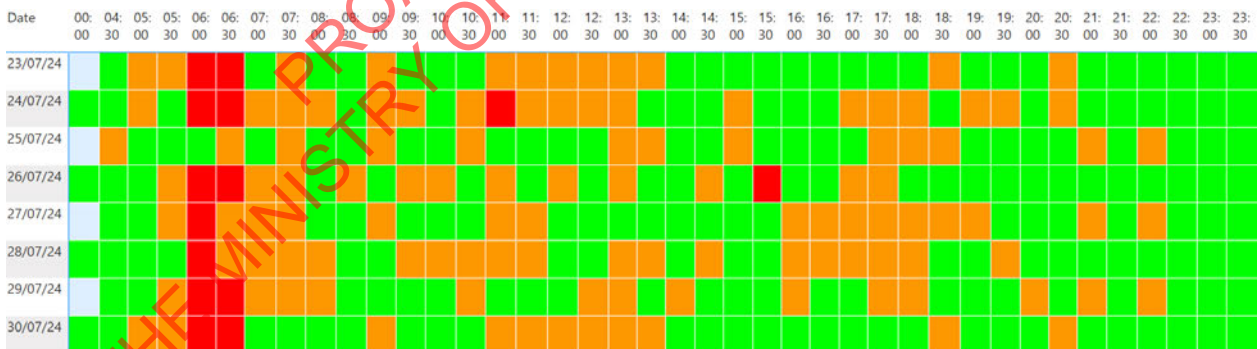
Planned release/publish	What	Type	Why
September 2024	Drone safety brochure	Safety education product	BAU revision
TBC	In, out, and around Milford	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
TBC	Plane talking	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
TBC	Night VFR	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
TBC	Survival	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
TBC	Helicopter performance	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision

Appendix – Predicted queues during the coming week

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

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

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New inquiries / International Assistance

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Associate Minister of Transport Weekly Report week commencing 22 July 2024

Associate Minister's comments:

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Officials' agenda



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Agenda – Associate Minister Doocey officials' meeting

Day Date	Wednesday 31 July
Time	4.30pm – 5.00pm
Venue	Parliament – EW4.1R

Ministry of Transport attendees

Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive

Siobhan Routledge, Acting Deputy Chief Executive

Paul O'Connell, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy

Carmen Mak, Deputy Chief Executive, Corporate Services

Nick Paterson, Manager, Environment

Joanna Heard, Manager, Safety

Part 1	Ministry of Transport	Lead	Paper reference
1.0	Key items to note <ul style="list-style-type: none">Questions from the Weekly ReportUpcoming milestones / announcements / events / advice / portfolio work programme update	Audrey Sonerson	Weekly Report as at 24 July 2024
1.1	International Maritime Organisation Climate Change Negotiation Mandate	Siobhan Routledge	OC240671
1.2	OFT Bill Introduction	Paul O'Connell	Verbal update
1.3	Update on NZ Recreational Safety and Search & Rescue Review	Carmen Mak	OC240578

Part 2: Maritime NZ attendees

Kirstie Hewlett, Chief Executive

Part 2	Maritime NZ	Lead	Paper reference
2.0	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Kirstie Hewlett	TBA

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2 Key updates

International Maritime Organisation - Climate Change Negotiation Mandate draft Cabinet paper

On Wednesday 31 July 2024 we will brief you on our approach to the upcoming International Maritime Organisation (IMO) negotiations, in September and October 2024, for measures to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for international shipping.

We will begin departmental consultation for the draft Cabinet paper, *International Maritime Organisation - Climate Change Negotiation Mandate*, following your approval.

Our planned timeline is for the Cabinet paper to go to Cabinet on 2 September 2024.

The IMO has shared the results of its Comprehensive Impact Assessment (CIA) with its steering committee, of which New Zealand is a member. The CIA results detail the economic impacts of the possible measures on states, including New Zealand. Before the results can be shared with all member states, approval will be needed from the steering committee.

Ministry of Transport commissioned Heavy Road Vehicle Operator decisions research to be published

This research investigated the factors that heavy vehicle operators consider when making operational and vehicle purchasing decisions. The research provides a range of useful insights into the financial and non-financial costs that influence these decisions including a better understanding of barriers to adopting electric heavy vehicles. Common barriers included cost, lack of information and charging infrastructure. The National Road Carriers Association (NRCA), la Ara Aotearoa Transporting New Zealand and the NZ Trucking Association participated in producing this report.

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We intend to publish the report in early August 2024.

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MetService update

Weather Forecasting System Review

Officials at MBIE are preparing the Cabinet paper seeking endorsement to proceed with the recommendations of the Sapere Weather Forecasting System Review. The paper is yet to be circulated for feedback, however, the Ministry supports the recommendations from the final report of the review.

MetService Quarterly Report (April – June 2024)

The Ministry has received the MetService's quarterly report for the period of 1 April to 30 June 2024. The report highlights performance over the quarter against key performance indicators (KPIs) and provides an update on significant projects and developments.

Performance against MetService's KPIs

Warning performance was generally good across the 16 severe weather events recorded this quarter with MetService achieving its KPI for this quarter and the reporting year.

Heavy Rain	Jul 2023 – Jun 2024	Target
Probability of Detection	92.9 %	> 90 %
False Alarm Ratio	13.9 %	< 15 %

Update on radar upgrade projects

The report notes that there are two out of the three radars left to install. The project to deliver a new Canterbury radar is on track. The new radar is currently being prepared for shipping from Helsinki to Lyttelton where it is expected to arrive in October and be operational by the end of the year. Work on the tower has commenced and is expected to be delivered by early November. All other equipment being ordered is on track to arrive on time.

As the Auckland radar is scheduled for replacement in the summer of 2025/2026, MetService is working with Auckland Council and other stakeholders to identify options that will reduce downtime of the radar during the upgrade. This early planning and consultation will help them better understand the project risks and mitigation options along with implications on the project's budget and timeline.

Highlights from the quarter

- There has been a user enhancement to severe weather Warnings and Watches in collaboration with NEMA.
- MetService is regularly engaging with regional councils and civil defence to better understand their needs and ensure they are receiving the information needed to help their communities become weather ready.
- As part of an MFAT-led programme to contribute to the Weather Ready Pacific Initiative, MetService is running a Pacific weather radar capability pilot in Tonga.
- Over the quarter, MetService attended important World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) meetings in Geneva, Switzerland. The meetings were the WMO Commission on Observations, Infrastructure and Information Systems meeting and the 78th session of the WMO Executive Council.

3 Upcoming other briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 26 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Friday 2 August 2024	Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia Code Share Authorisation This briefing will provide you with the Ministry's final report on the Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia application for authorisation of their code share agreement.
Friday 2 August 2024	Progressing the Chatham Islands Replacement Shipping Service Project This briefing will provide you with an update on finding long term shipping solutions for the Chatham Islands and a proposed way forward to progress the project

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4 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee	
Tuesday 20 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

4.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

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

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Key priorities and highlights

Communication plan and soft launch approach for the *Approved Code of Practice for Loading and Unloading of Cargo at Ports and on Ships*

On 27 June 2024, the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety, Hon Brooke van Velden, and the Associate Minister for Transport, Hon Matt Doocey, signed their approval of the *Approved Code of Practice for Loading and Unloading of Cargo at Ports and on Ships* (ACOP).

The ACOP was a key action under the Port Health and Safety Leadership Group's (PHSLG's) *Port Sector Insights Picture and Action Plan* to address significant inconsistency of practice and standard operating procedures across the sector.

A benefit of the ACOP is it provides assurance and clarity. If a business can show that their practices are consistent with, equivalent to or better than the requirements in the ACOP, then they are likely to be meeting the test of what is reasonably practicable under HSWA. This ACOP will support the sector to understand and put in place effective controls for safety risks applied across the port sector.

The ACOP has now been gazetted and will come into force on 29 November 2024. In the interim period, Maritime NZ and the PHSLG are developing a soft launch approach to communicating the ACOP to the wider sector to ensure those who have not seen the document know where it is and what it means. We are also developing a comprehensive plan to ensure industry understands and implements the ACOP.

Maritime NZ is hoping to do a staged launch at a port with the PHSLG and Ministers Doocey and Van Velden when the ACOP comes into force on 29 November 2024.

Maritime in the media

On Monday 22 July 2024, Judge Philip Rzepecky dismissed the charge against *Enchanter* skipper Lance Goodhew, who skippered the *Enchanter* when it sank off Northland in March 2022. Following a Maritime NZ investigation, one charge under the Health and Safety at Work Act was filed against Mr Goodhew. The dismissing of the charge was widely covered by mainstream media.

At a date to be confirmed, TAIC will be releasing its findings into the **Waitere** ferry sinking. In the April 2023 incident, a vessel crashed into the Russell ferry, critically injuring its skipper. We are working to prepare for the TAIC report's release and what our response will be to its findings.

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2 Key updates

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Tuesday 6 August 2024	<p>Meeting with Jane Meares, Transport Accident Investigation Commissioner Chief Commissioner, on Tuesday 13 August 2024</p> <p>This briefing will provide you with background advice for your meeting with Jane Meares.</p>

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Key priorities and highlights

Cooperation discussions with KiwiRail in the aftermath of Aratere grounding

As part of our ongoing relationship management, senior leaders from Maritime NZ and KiwiRail meet quarterly to discuss a range of topics, including the safety of fleet operations and culture.

At our quarterly meeting on Monday 22 July 2024, the recent grounding of the *Aratere* was raised as an item for discussion. Due to the active investigation, specific details about the grounding were not discussed. However, KiwiRail stated during the meeting the processes and procedures of Maritime NZ are not typical in comparison to other flag states around the world and there were unnecessary delays in getting the *Aratere* back into service, which were caused by Maritime NZ.

A flag state regulator role is not focused on quickly getting a vessel back into service again after an incident, although of course we are cognisant of impacts on passengers and freight. A flag state role is to work with the operator to have comfort the vessel is safe to operate again. It took the period of time between the event, and before the vessel was able to operate again, for KiwiRail to assure us it had undertaken sufficient work on the causes of the incident, that it had developed a risk mitigation plan, that it had implemented some of the key controls in that plan, and for us to inspect the vessel and controls. This is consistent with procedures and processes of other flag state maritime safety regulators and the safety role of a flag state regulator clearly outlined in international conventions. This was a significant event, we make no apologies for carrying out this role, and we believe it reflects a misunderstanding of our role that we will continue to work with KiwiRail to correct.

We also note that how fast we can respond after an event is in many ways reliant on the speed and proactivity of the operator to analyse what happened, develop a risk mitigation plan, and to make the necessary improvements.

Maritime NZ supports World Drowning Prevention Day



Maritime NZ joined with water safety sector representatives from around the country to recognise World Drowning Prevention Day on Thursday 25 July 2024.

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This started with a dawn service at Nga Whare Waatea Marae in Mangere, called “He Taonga Te Wai”. This event was coordinated by one of our Safer Boating Forum member partners, Drowning Prevention Auckland, and hosted by Manukau Urban Māori Authority.

The dawn service included a pōwhiri and moving testimony from iwi members and community representatives who have lost someone to drowning.

This service was followed by an event at the AUT Millennium National Aquatic Centre, called “Flash Float”. It involved assembling a group that entered the water and floated for 90 seconds to remember the 90 people who lost their lives to drowning in New Zealand in 2023. It also served as a reminder the best thing you can do if you find yourself in the water unexpectedly is “float first”.

World Drowning Prevention Day also came with a call for organisations to “go blue”, in recognition of all those who have lost their lives on or in the water.

Operational updates

***RMS Niagara* website content**

Maritime NZ has now published content about the *RMS Niagara*, along with a proactive release of previous Official Information Act (OIA) responses on the subject, to a new ‘In focus’ section on its website.

The content is based on previously released information, and outlines the history, what we know and don’t know about the wreck, and includes advice Maritime NZ has provided to government over the years. It can be found here: <https://maritimenz.govt.nz/public/in-focus/>

The purpose is to provide interested parties with consistent, accurate information about the *Niagara* and reduce the resources spent repeatedly collating information from various sources to reply to media and OIA requests on the subject.

Maritime NZ intends to publish content on other subjects that regularly attract media and public attention and that are resource intensive. These include the Cook Strait ferries and emergency ocean response capabilities. Previously released OIA requests, and narrative content on these subjects will follow in the near future.

The proactive releases can be found at: <https://maritimenz.govt.nz/public/contact-us/official-information/official-information-act-oia-responses/>

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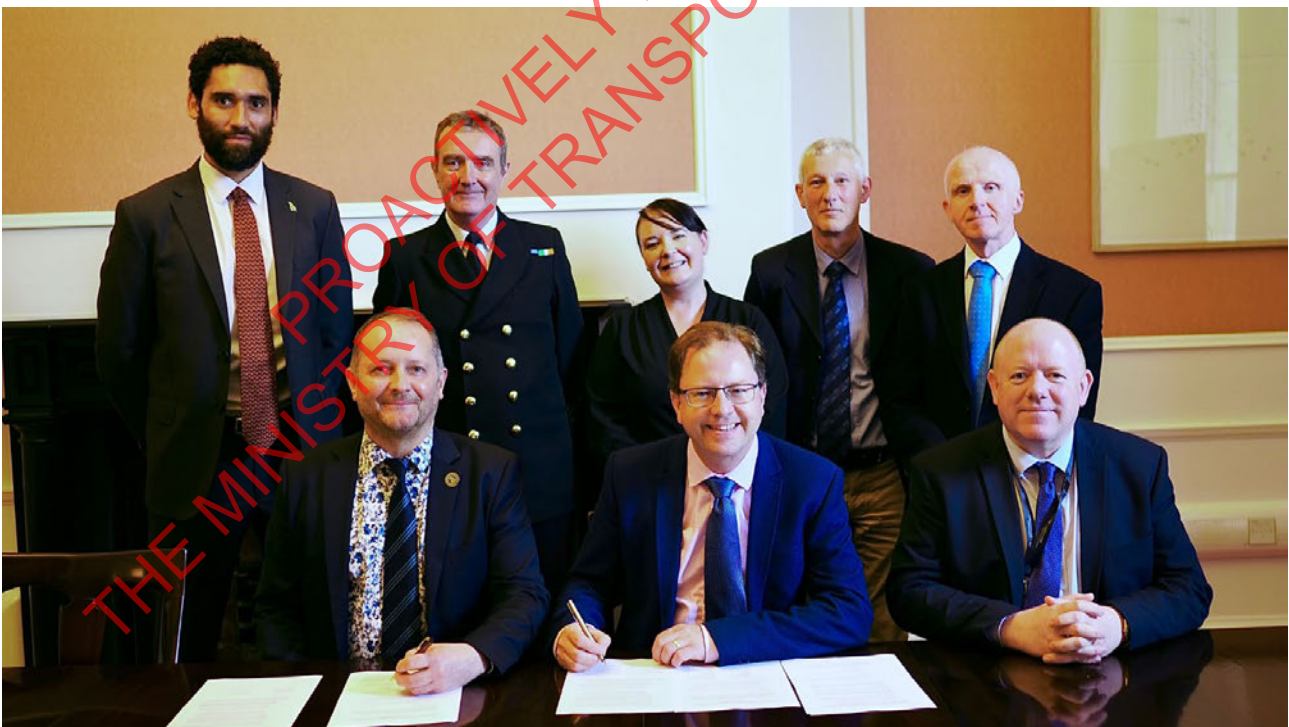
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New Zealand signs undertaking with Irish administration

Kenny Crawford, Deputy Chief Executive Technical Advice and Support, visited Ireland en-route to attend the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London. The purpose of the trip to Ireland was to sign an undertaking recognising the training and certification of Irish seafarers for service on vessels registered in New Zealand, to develop links in relation to the IMO, and explore knowledge sharing opportunities.

There were a number of additional benefits to the trip. Ireland is aligned to the European Union (EU) and there are many similarities in our maritime industries. The meeting covered a range of issues such as the regulation of fishing boats, navigational safety in relation to wind farms, workforce issues, emerging technologies, regulatory oversight of third parties and domestic ferries.

Continued cooperation with Ireland could provide opportunities to share experiences and material, which can deliver efficiencies for both countries. As Ireland is a member of the EU, it is advantageous to have them as an ally, and they can provide a connection to the thinking of the EU member states in IMO discussions.



Front left, Maritime NZ Deputy Chief Executive, Kenny Crawford, the Irish delegation and New Zealand Embassy representative signing the inter-agency undertaking.

New Zealand coastal trader *Manahau* detained after inspection

On Tuesday 23 July 2024, during a Port State Control Inspection in Nelson, Maritime NZ detained the coastal vessel *Manahau*. The vessel was the recipient of funding from the coastal shipping activity class under the previous iteration of the Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS). It is therefore possible that its detention may attract media attention.

The inspection identified concerns with certification, navigational safety, life-saving appliances, fire-fighting, and failure to effectively implement the Safety Management System. The vessel remains under detention until the operator provides assurance that all relevant deficiencies have been rectified to the satisfaction of the vessel's Classification Society (Registro Italiano Navale)*, the flag state (Niue), and Maritime NZ. Part of the requirement is an external audit of the vessel's Safety Management System by the Classification Society.

The *Manahau* operates under the Niue flag and is owned by WMS Barge GP PTE LTD (Singapore), which is associated with West Coast Mineral Sands (WMS) / West Coast Bulk Logistics (WCBL). The vessel has recently arrived from overseas and is intended to operate in New Zealand, carrying bulk cargo primarily from ports on the South Island's West Coast and general cargo on a case by case basis.

*A ship classification society is a non-government organisation that establishes and maintains technical standards for the construction and operation of ships and offshore structures.

Maritime in the media

At the time of writing, Maritime NZ expects that on Wednesday 31 July 2024, Lyttelton Port Company will be sentenced over the death of Don Grant in April 2022. Mr Grant was a stevedore who was crushed by coal while it was being loaded onto the bulk carrier *ETG Aquarius*. We expect wide coverage by mainstream media. After the sentencing, we will provide your Office with the press release we distribute, including the Judge's decision around payment orders.

On Tuesday 30 July 2024, Brent Melville from the National Business Review published an article relating to the legal costs of the proceedings against former Port of Auckland Limited (POAL) Chief Executive, Tony Gibson. Mr Gibson was charged under the Health and Safety at Work Act in relation to the death of port worker, Pala'amo Kalati, in 2020. The article incorrectly stated the near \$900,000 in court costs related solely to the proceedings against Mr Gibson. The costs relate to the proceedings against both POAL and Tony Gibson. As of Tuesday 30 July 2024 we are working to get the story corrected.



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