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Associate Minister of Transport Weekly Report week commencing 5 August 2024

Associate Minister's comments:

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1 Upcoming priority briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 30 August 2024	<p>Proposed reform of the Maritime Transport Act 1994</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This briefing will provide background information on the issues with the current legislation and approaches to the scope and timing of a review.</p>

2 Key updates

The Ministry of Transport has no key updates this week.

3 Upcoming other briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 16 August 2024	<p>Meeting with Dame Jo Brosnahan, Maritime NZ Chair, on Tuesday 20 August 2024</p> <p>This briefing will provide you with background advice for your meeting with Dame Jo Brosnahan.</p>
Friday 23 August 2024	<p>Oil Pollution Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference</p> <p>This briefing seeks your approval of a Terms of Reference for the Oil Pollution Advisory Committee.</p>

4 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee	
Tuesday 15 October 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Wednesday 21 August 2024	<p>International Maritime Organisation - Climate Change Negotiation Mandate draft Cabinet paper</p> <p>International Maritime Organisation (IMO) member states are negotiating measures to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and ensure international shipping meets its 2050 net-zero emissions target. This Cabinet paper proposes a revised Cabinet mandate for these negotiations and seeks delegated Cabinet authority for the Associate Minister of Transport, and other relevant Ministers, to provide direction to officials on New Zealand's position in these negotiations, as necessary.</p> <p>This will be considered at Cabinet Economic Policy Committee on Wednesday 28 August 2024 and then at Cabinet on 2 September 2024.</p>

4.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

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



Key priorities and highlights

Community Grants for Seafarer Welfare

Maritime NZ is finalising offers to successful grant applicants for \$930,000 in total funding for the delivery of welfare services and facilities to seafarers visiting New Zealand's major international ports.

The nine successful grant applications were for a total of more than \$1.3 million, however, the total pool of funding available is \$930,000. This week, Maritime NZ has been engaging with successful applicants to finalise offers and in some cases discussing their acceptance of grants for less than they requested.

Once this engagement is complete and grant offers have been completed, Maritime NZ will send recipients a media pack and disseminate a media release and social media post.

New Maritime NZ Board emerging director

In July 2024 the Board appointed Lara Ariell as an Emerging Director for a 12-month term. Lara has been an Independent Advisor to the Board Audit and Risk Committee since July 2023.

Lara has a broad range of senior leadership, finance, strategy, planning, business support and change management roles in a variety of organisations across the public service. She was previously the CFO of Inland Revenue, leading their Enterprise Support Services transformation workstream, and is currently the Tumu Whakarae / Chief Executive of Education Payroll Limited.

Consultation on the reform of the design, construction and equipment rules for domestic commercial vessels

On Monday 29 July 2024, Cabinet agreed to Maritime NZ initiating public consultation on proposals to reform the design, construction and equipment rules for domestic commercial vessels. Consultation will occur in three tranches over a 12-18 month period.

The first tranche of proposals opened for consultation on Wednesday 7 August 2024 and will run until 18 October 2024.

To support consultation, Maritime NZ has directly contacted about 2000 regulated parties and will be including information in a range of stakeholder publications. Throughout the consultation Maritime NZ will run online information sessions for stakeholders.

Maritime in the media

Following a tragic boating accident on the Riverton bar which claimed the lives of three people, we were asked about whether the incident will be investigated and what work is being undertaken to reduce instances of harm. We have also been investigating opportunities to highlight the number of significant incidents over the winter.



New inquiries / International assistance

Notice of a new rail inquiry RO-2024-104 opened by the Commission on Saturday 3 August 2024

The New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi notified the Commission on Friday 2 August 2024 of a SPAD A1 that occurred at about 1140 the same day at Keroeone crossing station on the East Coast Main Trunk Line.

The reported circumstances are that an eastbound freight train, enroute from Auckland to Tauranga went past two red stop signals and continued to travel into the next section of track before stopping on request from Train Control. A high rail vehicle had just entered into the crossing loop minutes prior to the train passing the signals at danger in the opposite direction. There was no collision or injury as a result of this near-miss incident.

The Commissioner has opened an inquiry under section 13(1)b of the Transport Investigation Commission Act 1990 (TAIC Act) and appointed Jason Lawn as the lead investigator for this inquiry. Jason will be assisted by David Manuel.

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.

Media heads up / General comments

On Saturday 3 August 2024 there was a fatal recreational boating accident at Riverton. A recreational vessel carrying 5 people overturned when crossing the bar, resulting in the loss of 3 lives. The Commission determined not to open an inquiry into this incident as it was unlikely to result in any new systemic safety issues being identified.

In May 2023, the Commission issued a report into a similar accident at Manukau Bar (MO-2021-204). In that accident, which occurred on 16 October 2021, a recreational boat carrying four people overturned while crossing the bar, resulting in the deaths of 3 persons. TAIC identified the following safety issues:

- *“In New Zealand there is little regulation of the recreational boating sector. There is no registration or licensing system, there are no minimum standards for the design and construction of pleasure boats and there is no minimum requirement for assessments and licensing of recreational skippers to ensure a minimum standard of competency.”*
- *“New Zealand’s Maritime Rules place no obligations on recreational boat users to demonstrate before going out on the water that they understand and practise safe boating behaviour.”*

In that Inquiry the Commission made recommendations that the Ministry of Transport reconsider skipper licensing and undertake research on the merits of introducing a system for regulating recreational boating, incorporating licensing, registration, and boat design standards.

In relation to licensing, the Ministry of Transport responded:

- *“...the Ministry remains of the view that safety education campaigns are the most appropriate way to share maritime knowledge with recreational boat users. The Ministry considers that the introduction of skipper licensing would be a blunt instrument for dealing with a basic safety issue.*

This notwithstanding, the Ministry has consulted afresh with Maritime New Zealand on this recommendation and, as time and resources permit, Maritime New Zealand will explore the merits of initiatives such as skipper education and a licensing regime as potential mechanisms for achieving public safety objectives.

If new evidence suggests that introducing skipper licensing, in addition to educational campaigns, would make a material difference to recreational boating safety, the Ministry will reconsider its position.”

In relation to the recommendation that research be undertaken to determine the merits of a regulatory system for the recreational maritime sector, the Ministry of Transport responded:

- *“The Ministry accepts this recommendation. The Ministry routinely reviews regulatory systems overseas and will continue to do this for the recreational maritime sector.”*

In the Commission’s 2024 Watchlist, which draws attention to those transport related concerns of high social, economic, or environmental risk, recreational boat users’ essential knowledge and skills was highlighted as a matter of concern. The Commission noted:

- *“Strategies to promote safety in New Zealand’s recreational sector focus on encouraging self-reliance and skipper responsibility through safety awareness and education. The Transport Accident Investigation Commission’s view is that the system is flawed because it relies on users knowing the rules, regulations, and bylaws, but does not require them to demonstrate such knowledge before taking a craft on water. This situation is anomalous with the aviation and road sectors”.*

Transport Portfolio Weekly Report

As at Wednesday 7 August 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 12 August 2024		
Time	1pm – 1.45pm		
Venue	Online Microsoft Teams		
Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) attendees			
Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive			
Brent Johnston, Chief of Staff			
Paul O'Connell, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy			
Ruth Fairhall, Deputy Chief Executive, Policy			
Phoebe Moir, Solicitor			
Nick Patterson, Manager, Environment			
Hugh Mazey, Senior Adviser, Safety			
Jo Gould, Principal Adviser, Safety			
Anita Waring, Adviser, Safety			
Jess Ranger, Manager, Urban Development & Public Transport			
Part 1	Ministry of Transport	Lead	Paper reference
1.0	CE Only Time	Audrey Sonerson	
1.1	Weekly Report	Audrey Sonerson	As at 7 August 2024
1.2	Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean Car Standard 	Ruth Fairhall	OC240791

1.2	Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speed Rule Consultation	Paul O'Connell	OC240892
1.3	Public Transport Policies Direction	Jess Ranger	OC240457
1.4	Approval of legislative changes to increase land transport fees	Paul O'Connell	OC240878

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Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) Monday 29 July 2024	Due date
Metro rail renewals Officials to provide update on work regarding Auckland Council's share of this year's routine maintenance costs.	Complete
Auckland s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete Ongoing
Finance Officials to provide additional information on the Transport Choices 2023/24 year claims situation.	Complete
Safety <i>Setting of Speed Limits Rule</i> Officials to provide advice on variable speed limits and implementation dates for schools.	Complete
GPS 2024 Officials to draft letter to NZTA Board providing feedback on the draft PEP.	Complete
Decisions	Confirmed / Denied
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Confirmed
Agree to remove the three-month transitional period for local authorities for the new parking fee levels.	Decision not taken
Agree to communicate new parking fee levels with councils in week commencing Monday 29 July 2024.	Denied

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 Officials to complete sensitivity testing across different road classifications to support the development of NZTA's cost-benefit analysis guidance.	Complete
14 May 2024	GPS s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Friday 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)	Complete
24 June 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Ongoing
24 June 2024	Driver Licensing NZTA is progressing the operational work programme to reduce wait times to under 30 days.	Underway

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
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 (scheduled for Wednesday 14 August) and followed by formal advice in late August
8 July 2024	<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>Underway. Detailed update in Section 2</p> <p>Underway. We have contacted the DPO and are awaiting feedback</p>
8 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Underway
8 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete
15 July 2024	<p>Speed</p> <p>Officials to provide updates on themes from submissions.</p>	Complete
15 July 2024	<p>Aviation</p> <p>s 6(a)</p>	Friday 30 August 2024
15 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Ongoing

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
22 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Ongoing
22 July 2024	Aviation Officials to provide further advice on aligning the New Zealand regime with Australia.	Friday 30 August 2024
22 July 2024	EV Charging Officials to: s 9(2)(f)(iv)	s 9(2)(f)(iv) Updates will be provided in the Weekly Report.

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1 Ministerial priorities

Safety

Project: Speed limits

We have provided you with a briefing seeking your direction on the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 (the Speed Rule) following public consultation. Once we receive your direction, we will issue drafting instructions to NZTA. We are working to meet the Government's Quarter 3 Action of signing the final Speed Rule by 30 September 2024.

We are proposing that you report back to Cabinet with the outcomes of the public consultation and key policy changes on the Speed Rule. However, to enable NZTA sufficient drafting time on the Speed Rule, we propose that you do not take the Speed Rule itself back to Cabinet.

Process	Dates
Briefing to Minister on outcome of consultation	Wednesday 7 August 2024 [4 weeks]
Draft Cabinet paper, final Regulatory Impact Assessment and final Summary of submissions to Minister	Wednesday 28 August 2024 [3 weeks]
Ministerial and departmental consultation	3 – 10 September 2024 [1 week]
Cabinet paper lodged	12 September 2024
Cabinet paper speaking points and draft press release to Minister	13 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 Transport and Infrastructure Committee invited submissions on the Bill from Thursday 1 August 2024 until Thursday 29 August 2024. [s 9\(2\)\(f\)\(iv\)](#)

Project: Road safety objectives

On Tuesday 30 July 2024, your Office provided feedback on the draft Road Safety Objectives document. We have responded to your feedback and provided you with an updated document for your consideration. Following your approval, we can commence Departmental and Ministerial consultation from Tuesday 13 August 2024.

Cabinet paper: Releasing the final Road Safety Objectives document

This paper seeks agreement to publish the final New Zealand Road Safety Objectives document.

Departmental and Ministerial consultation: 13 August – 20 August 2024

Final papers to your Office: Wednesday 28 August 2024

To lodge: 29 August or 5 September 2024

To Committee: 11 September 2024 (ECO)

To Cabinet: 16 September 2024

Project: Land Transport Fees Amendment Package

Following Ministerial consultation from 9 to 14 August, we will provide a final copy of the LEG paper for lodging on Thursday 15 August 2024. PCO will lodge the Amendment Regulations. We will provide you with a draft media release and talking points for LEG on Thursday 22 August 2024.

Cabinet paper: Approval of legislative changes to update land transport fees

Ministerial consultation: 9 – 14 August 2024

Final LEG paper to your Office: 14 - 15 August 2024

To lodge: Thursday 15 August 2024

To Committee: Thursday 22 August 2024 (LEG)

To Cabinet / Executive Council: Monday 26 August 2024

Press release: week commencing Monday 26 August 2024

Final date to Gazette: 3 September 2024

In force: 1 October 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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. We are awaiting advice from KiwiRail on the s 9(2)(j)

We have met weekly with AT and KiwiRail subsequently, and can provide the following update: s 9(2)(j)

AT and KiwiRail are bringing NZTA into the discussions to provide some clarity around what constitutes an s 9(2)(j)

AT are meeting with KR on a weekly basis as s 9(2)(j)

We have agreed to stay in regular contact with AT in addition to KiwiRail and will give you a weekly readout on the s 9(2)(j)

We had originally advised that we would provide you with a Briefing s 9(2)(j)

Project: Budget 24 funding for metro rail renewals	
<p>Briefing: Budget 24 – Approval to drawdown funding for metro renewals</p> <p>This briefing will seek your agreement to drawdown the GWRC portion of the \$107.7 million for metro renewals. It will provide advice on the priorities for investment, monitoring and reporting on the investment, and the response from GWRC.</p>	<p>Date: Week ending Friday 16 August</p>
<p>Briefing: Budget 24 – Approval to drawdown funding for metro renewals</p> <p>This briefing will seek your agreement to drawdown the AT portion of the \$107.7 million for metro renewals. It will provide advice on the priorities for investment, monitoring and reporting on the investment, and the response from AC/AT.</p>	<p>Date: week ending Friday 30 August</p>

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Investment

Project: Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024

GPS 2024 Monitoring and Reporting

We have also provided you with a draft letter to the NZTA Board Chair setting out your feedback on the NZTA's first iteration Performance and Efficiency Plan (PEP). The feedback set out in this draft letter aligns with the advice we provided you on Wednesday 24 July 2024 (OC240703) – that the first iteration plan meets most of the requirements in GPS 2024, but that the PEP needs updating to:

- provide more information on how it will meet the 2 percent State Highway rehabilitation target; and
- note that NZTA will set and report against a baseline of actual spend on Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) over the past three years.

We have outlined in the letter that NZTA should address the requirements above in the PEP before it is released on Friday 23 August 2024.

We have also requested that the NZTA develop and provide more information on the Road Efficiency Group's role, scope, and reporting by Friday 30 August 2024 and that this information should then be made publicly available.

Ten-Year Investment Planning

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).

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We are currently working on a briefing setting out the status quo, problem definition, and scope of work to implement ten-year investment plans. We will provide this briefing to you by 11 September 2024.

Briefing: Ten-Year Investment Planning: Project scope

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.

Date: 11 September 2024

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

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)

We will provide your Office with advice on this matter in the week commencing Monday 19 August 2024.

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

Briefing: Expectations for triennial review of Section 9(1) SAR funding

This briefing will seek confirmation from yourself and the Minister of Finance on the approach to the triennial review of Section 9(1) SAR funding, s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Date: Week commencing Monday 19 August 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Project: Budget 2025

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Date: Week beginning 9 September 2024

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Revenue

Project: Revenue system report back

Update on Cabinet paper proposing a Revenue Action Plan

We will provide materials to your Office for the workshop scheduled for Wednesday 14 August 2024.

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, are preparing appointment letters and will provide a more substantive update next week.

Update to the Infrastructure and Investment Ministers Group (IIMG)

Treasury's Secretariat for the IIMG has asked whether you would be prepared to take an item to the group on 17 September 2024 to update Ministers on tolling and RUC progress. We consider that this would be a relatively timely opportunity for an update, which can incorporate aspects of our workshops with you scheduled for Wednesday 14 August 2024, and our advice on both subjects in early September 2024.

Decision sought: Please indicate if you agree to the above approach

Yes / No

Project: Time of use charging

Communications

We understand you are planning to publicly announce policy decisions for time of use charging on Monday 12 August 2024. We have provided your Office with materials to support that announcement. We issued drafting instructions to PCO on Friday 2 August 2024. We are also preparing a briefing seeking your agreement to proactive release of time of use charging papers now that design decisions have been made.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Tolling reform

We have a workshop with you next week to discuss options for legislative reform.

Briefing: Tolling reform policy decisions (title TBC)

This paper will seek agreement to the policy decisions regarding tolling law reform, following a workshop in the coming weeks.

Date: 4 September 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Fleetwide transition to the Road User Charges system

We have a workshop with you on Wednesday 14 August 2024, s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Increasing motor vehicle registration (MVR) annual licence fees

Draft regulations have been prepared by Parliamentary Counsel Office for increasing the annual vehicle licence fees by \$25 in January 2025 and \$25 in January 2026. The next step will be for you to review the draft Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024, and the accompanying Cabinet Legislation Committee paper, prior to departmental and Ministerial consultation.

Project: Increasing motor vehicle registration (MVR) annual licence fees	
<p>Cabinet paper: Approval for Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024</p> <p>The accompanying briefing note will seek agreement to consult with other agencies and Ministers on the draft regulations and LEG paper.</p>	<p>First draft to Minister: Wednesday 14 August 2024</p> <p>Departmental consultation: 20 - 30 August 2024</p> <p>Ministerial consultation: 3 September to 17 September 2024</p> <p>To lodge: 19 September 2024</p> <p>To Committee: 26 September 2024</p> <p>To Cabinet: 30 September 2024</p> <p>Publication & Gazetting: 3 October 2024</p>

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Aviation

Project: CAA funding review and provision of Aviation Security Services	
<p>Briefing: Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) funding review – release of public consultation document and Cost Recovery Impact Statement (CRIS).</p> <p>Summary: Current versions of the CRIS and consultation document contain draft financial and technical figures. Work is continuing to confirm final figures (including final levy increase, size/nature of the resourcing requirements of CAA and associated costs)</p> <p>The purpose of the briefing is to seek joint ministerial approval of the final versions of both documents before public consultation begins on Monday 19 August 2024.</p>	<p>Date: Wednesday 14 August 2024</p>

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Emissions

Project: Clean Car Importer Standard

Review of the Clean Car Importer Standard (the Standard)

We have provided your Office with the draft Cabinet Legislation Committee paper to progress the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations (the Regulations), which have also been sent. The regulations set new targets for 2025–2029 and exempt disability vehicles from the Standard. These documents are 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.

Cabinet Paper: Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations

Provided to Minister: Tuesday 6 August 2024

To Lodge: Thursday 22 August 2024

To Committee: Thursday 29 August 2024 (LEG)

To Cabinet and Executive Council:
2 September 2024

Briefing: Pre-requisites for the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations

Date: Week ending Friday 9 August 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: EV Charging Infrastructure

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Second Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP2)

Consultation on ERP2 started on Wednesday 17 July 2024 and will end on Wednesday 21 August 2024. The transport webinar on Tuesday 30 July 2024 had 161 attendees. We will continue to participate in a series of consultation webinars hosted by the Ministry for the Environment (MfE).

There have been 39 submissions so far across the ERP2, but most are expected to be submitted toward the end of the consultation period. In the online webinars, there has been interest and clarifications sought across all aspects of the transport chapter of ERP2. Some themes included seeking further information and details on the EV charging policy and how it would support EV uptake; what role mode shift would play in ERP2 whether related to public transport, active transport or freight; and the extent of modelling and the impact of the ETS.

Once the consultation period ends on Wednesday 21 August 2024 we will update you on the key transport themes from the consultation through the Weekly Report.

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s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Waitematā Harbour Connections

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Board Appointments

Civil Aviation Authority

These appointments were announced this week. We will work with your Office on any matters arising from these announcements.

Maritime New Zealand

On Friday 2 August 2024, the Ministry sought feedback on the draft letters to five Maritime New Zealand Board members whose terms have expired or will expire on Thursday 15 August 2024. We have received your feedback on these letters, and will send them on Thursday 8 August 2024.

Once sent, the Ministry will be in a position to publicly seek nominations for the director roles. We will look to provide further information on this next week.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

New Zealand Transport Agency

These appointments were announced this week. We will work with your Office on any remaining steps for NZTA appointments that may arise following the meeting.

Independent Review Function – Civil Aviation Act

An updated position description has been provided to your Office for approval. We await comment from your Office and will look to list this advert in parallel with the consultation process for the scope of the role.






s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Updates on the Government Quarterly Plan for Approval

Update Required				
Action #	Delivery Update	Delivery Status		
	<i>Please provide your progress update for this action</i>			
3	<u>Advice has been provided to the Minister of Transport following consultation on the draft Speed Rule. Once feedback is received officials will work to finalise the Speed Rule for the Minister's signature before 30 September 2024.</u>	Feasible		
25	<u>The Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill has been introduced and referred to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee.</u>	Completed		
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 Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 Final Policy approval	3	Transport	ECO	18 September 2024

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.

Approved / Not Approved

2 Updates on other matters

2023/24 Year End: Transport Choices claims exceeding appropriation

Transport Choices appropriation breach

There is an appropriation breach within Vote Transport in 2023/24 in the *Mode-Shift - Planning, Infrastructure, Services, and Activities* appropriation for the Transport Choices Initiative.

The appropriation breach is a result of Third-Party claims from Councils exceeding the expenditure available in the appropriation by approximately \$9.2 million. NZTA have informed us that this is a phasing issue – Councils have claimed more in 2023/24 than the appropriation allowed but will claim less in 2024/25, and the programme is expected to cost less overall than initially anticipated.

The Schedule 1 projects (pre-implementation) were given an end date of 30 June 2024 to submit claims and complete projects. Schedule 2 projects (implementation) have an end date of 30 June 2025.

NZTA base their estimated spend from Councils on the average monthly claim amounts (with some allowance for a spike in June when final claims were expected). NZTA have informed us that monthly averages were \$7.3 million in claims between July 2023 and May 2024, with June 2024 jumping to \$18.3 million.

NZTA have also advised that their funding agreements with Councils do not align with the parameters of the appropriation (MCA) – each funding agreement covers multiple years (ending in 2024/25), not separating spending into financial years.

Next steps

In discussing the appropriation breach with NZTA, the Ministry has suggested to NZTA that the Chair could write to you on this issue outlining the steps NZTA will put in place to prevent future breaches.

The Ministry are in the process of updating the Transport Choices Funding Agreement to reflect the Government's decisions in Budget 24. Officials will include clauses in the Supplementary Funding Agreement to mitigate the risk of this occurring again.

We are undertaking a review of appropriations within the Vote to assess whether appropriation structures are fit for purpose and to ensure the Ministry has a good understanding of the risks within each appropriation. ^{s 9(2)(f)(iv)}

Bus Driver Workforce Reporting – July 2024 Update

s 9(2)(ba)(i)

In general, PTAs are reporting high levels of seasonal illness, which is impacting on driver availability and bus cancellation rates. This occurs every winter and is not a cause for concern.

SuperGold Card and Waiheke Island ferry services

s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(j)

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Northland Corridor Road of National Significance

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Vehicle Regulatory System Reform

We briefed you on vehicle regulatory reform (OC230895 | BRI-3088 refers). You agreed to meet with officials to discuss your preferences for a review of the vehicle regulatory system, including your priorities, expectations, and anticipated phasing.

Officials would like to discuss:

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

- our approach to sector engagement, including public discussion of the reform proposals, and
- our proposed work programme and key deliverables for FY 2024/25.

We will work with your Office to arrange a time for this meeting.

Consultation on the reform of the design, construction and equipment rules for domestic commercial vessels opened on Wednesday 7 August 2024

On Monday 29 July 2024, Cabinet agreed to Maritime NZ initiating public consultation on proposals to reform the design, construction and equipment rules for domestic commercial vessels. Consultation will occur in three tranches over a 12 - 18 month period. The Ministry is supporting this process.

The first tranche of proposals opened for consultation on Wednesday 7 August 2024 and will run until 18 October 2024. The consultation is seeking feedback on proposals related to: Fire Protection; Life-saving Appliances; Machinery and Ancillary Equipment; and Anchors and Cables.

To support consultation, Maritime NZ has directly contacted approximately 2000 regulated parties and will be including information in a range of stakeholder publications. In addition, throughout consultation Maritime NZ is holding online information sessions for stakeholders to discuss the proposals.

Maritime NZ will update Minister Doocey as consultation progresses.

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3 Transport stakeholder updates

Stakeholder	Update
<p>Carma</p>	<p>Officials from the Ministry and NZTA met with Carma, who wrote to you recently requesting to meet to discuss their technology for tolling. The company is US-based, and has developed an app (GoCarma) that uses smartphones to track vehicles for road pricing purposes. The company is currently focused on tolling and high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane verification, but is interested in expanding into other areas of road pricing including RUC and congesting pricing. They currently have one primary market in Texas that is trialling this approach, with 22,000 vehicles using the app to pay for tolls and to run the HOV lane system.</p> <p>Their technology requires a single install of their app on a phone, registration to a vehicle, and connecting to the vehicle using Bluetooth for more modern cars to verify the phone is present in the correct vehicle. Once the app is installed, it works in the background each time it detects that the Bluetooth is connected to the registered vehicle. Vehicles using HOV lanes are detected via ANPR cameras. If there was no smartphone present in the vehicle with the GoCarma app running in the background at the time, the vehicle is subject to a full toll. If a phone running and the app is detected in the vehicle at the time, the user pays a toll at a 50 percent discount via the GoCarma app. For basic distance-based RUC, they consider their approach will work by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • charging based on distance for whenever the phone is present in the vehicle, • charging based on regular updates of odometer distance provided via a photo taken in the app for when the vehicle is used without a phone with the app present, and • manual washup via enforcement methods (point of vehicle sale or inspection) at a higher rate if the GoCarma kilometres differ from the vehicle odometer. <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

Stakeholder	Update
Aviation Sector	<p>Preparation is in progress for the Monday 19 August 2024 release of consultation documents on the Independent Review Function and provision of aviation security services. We are working with CAA to coordinate our engagement as much as possible with the CAA-led consultation on the CAA pricing review, which will also be released on Monday 19 August 2024 (pending approval by Cabinet on Monday 12 August 2024).</p> <p>We are working with your Office on the approach being taken. Please let us know if you would like more detail.</p>

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4 Upcoming Minister of Transport meetings

Meeting Date	Meeting	Details
Wednesday 14 August 2024 12.00pm - 12.30pm	Meeting with the Imported Motor Vehicle Industry Association (VIA) on VIA's request for a forward-looking regulatory programme	Briefing Due: Friday 9 August 2024 Officials Attending: TBC
Wednesday 14 August 2024 1:30pm – 2pm	Meeting with Air Chathams Limited	Briefing Due: COB Monday 12 August 2024 Officials Attending: Richard Cross, Director, Investment & Monitoring Chelsea Whitfield, Senior Adviser, Programme Monitoring & Investment Management
Wednesday 14 August 2024 2.30pm – 3.00pm	Meeting with the National Road Carriers Association (NRC) on data, freight productivity, regulatory reform, and land transport funding	Briefing Due: Received Officials Attending: TBC

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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
Week ending 16 August 2024	<p>Advanced Aviation Reform Advisory Group Recommendations</p> <p>The “Introduction to the drone work programme” has now been subsumed into the work being undertaken by the Advanced Aviation Reform Advisory Group. We will be providing recommendations to you and the Minister of Space on changes needed to ensure New Zealand has a world leading regulatory system for advanced aviation.</p>
Week ending 16 August 2024	<p>Chatham Islands Shipping Service – Early Confirmation of In Principle Expense Transfer</p> <p>This briefing seeks Joint Ministers (Transport, Agriculture and Finance) agreement to transfer forward Ministry of Transport and Ministry for Primary Industries underspends of \$0.750 million each from 2023/24 to 2024/25, early confirmation of an in principle expense transfer of \$1 million from 2023/24 to 2024/25 in Vote Transport and \$1 million in Vote Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety to address animal welfare concerns on the Chatham Islands.</p>
Week ending 23 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 23 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 23 August 2024	<p>Aviation Industry Association Conference</p> <p>This briefing will provide background information to support your attendance and speech at the Aviation Industry Association Conference in Christchurch on Tuesday 27 August 2024.</p>
Week ending 23 August 2024	<p>Public Transport Bus Decarbonisation Fund</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
Week ending 30 August 2024	<p>Review of Bus Decarbonisation Mandate and Target</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

Due to Office	Title
Week ending 30 August 2024	Interim advice on the Metropolitan Rail Operating Model Review This briefing will provide you with interim advice on: 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)
Week ending 30 August 2024	Civil Aviation Authority – Statutory Functions This briefing will provide further advice on aligning the New Zealand regime with Australia.

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6.1 Proactive Releases

Due to Office	Title	Date planned for release
Wednesday 16 August 2024	Proactive release of Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill This briefing will seek your approval to release a collection of Cabinet material related to the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill.	Monday 16 September 2024
Wednesday 21 August 2024	Proactive release of Civil Aviation Act 2023: Implementation This briefing will seek your approval to release a collection of Cabinet material related to the Civil Aviation Act 2023: Implementation Bill.	Monday 9 September 2024

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6.2 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees	
Cabinet	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
Cabinet Business Committee	
<p>Monday 12 August 2024</p>	<p>New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Technical Updates 2024 and New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme unit limits and price control settings for 2025-2029</p> <p>The Minister of Climate Change (MCC) will be presenting two papers related to the Emissions Trading Scheme. The first is a routine technical regulatory update, which is required annually, while the second paper will set the unit limits and price control settings. This second paper has important implications for emissions reductions and the second Emissions Reduction Plan.</p> <p>The second paper presents two options to draw down (or reduce) the surplus stockpiled credits (NZUs) available on the market. The NZU surplus creates challenges for achieving emissions budgets, so drawing down the surplus will assist in the ETS achieving the Government's emissions goals. The paper presents two options to reduce the surplus by reducing the number of NZUs the government auctions between 2025 and 2029:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the first option proposes reducing the auction volume so that 90% of the surplus stockpile is removed, and the second option proposes reducing the auction volume so that 100% of the surplus stockpile is removed. MCC recommends this option. <p>The recommended option is fully consistent with the Government's proposed ERP2 policy of the ETS being the primary tool for emissions reduction.</p> <p>The Cabinet paper notes that the preferred option would result in a consumer price index (CPI) increase of approximately 0.1% for every \$10 increase in NZU price. Since the preferred option would increase NZU price by \$14, this would result in an increase of 0.14% increase in CPI out to 2029.</p>

	<p>The Ministry estimates that the impact of the preferred option on petrol/diesel prices would be an increase of 0.06% out to 2029. This is broadly in line with the Cabinet paper estimate, as petrol/diesel is a component of the ETS impact on CPI.</p> <p>The Ministry recommends you support the second option, as recommended by MCC.</p>
<p>Economic Policy Committee</p>	
<p>Wednesday 28 August 2024</p>	<p>Consultation on 2025/26 – 2027/28 ACC levies</p> <p>MBIE is consulting on a draft Cabinet paper and public consultation documents, seeking approval for ACC to publicly consult on levy proposals on behalf of the Minister for ACC. We have no concerns with the paper.</p> <p>The proposal is to increase the average Motor Vehicle Account (MVA) levy from \$113.94 to \$122.84 in 2025/26, \$131.94 in 2026/27 and \$141.69 in 2027/28 (Net change of \$27.75 over 3 years).</p> <p>Alongside this, the following setting changes relate to the transport portfolio:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amending motorcycle risk groups and ACC levy portions of the annual vehicle licence fee accordingly. There are also some minor changes to reduce cross-subsidisation between different groups of motorcyclists and other road users. The biggest increase will be for larger motorcycles (751cc+). • Increasing the ACC levy portion of the annual vehicle licence charges for non-petrol-powered plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (e.g. diesel PHEVs), and battery electric vehicles (BEVs). Currently any EV pays the same ACC levy rate as a petrol car, despite not paying the 6 cents per litre ACC levy on petrol. Adjusting this likely means an increase of \$58.98 per year for BEVs. We note this increase could be in place by 1 July 2025 – which is in between the 1 January 2025 and 1 January 2026 increases to the NLTF component of the annual vehicle licence fees (\$25 each). We would need to be mindful of this in public-facing communications, to avoid creating confusion about how much people have to pay. • Introducing discounted levies for participants in motorcycle safety programmes. • Removing the FleetSaver scheme. We note GPS 2024 includes the Government’s expectation that NZTA will make efforts to facilitate contributions from ACC to investments which improve road safety and to support ACC’s injury prevention functions. With that in mind, we would like to see NZTA and ACC work together to identify alternative approaches to workplace and fleet road safety, in line with ACC’s functions and statutory criteria for investment.

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
31/07/2024	8/08/2024	s 9(2)(a)	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

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
15/08/2024	22/08/2024	s 9(2)(a)	All advice received from departments on the removal of carbon emission subsidies for vehicles, reduced emissions standards, and the implications for New Zealand's car fleet
15/08/2024	22/08/2024		Any correspondence received or sent by the Office regarding the Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility Programme (LNIRIM)
15/08/2024	22/08/2024		Requesting all documents relating to the 14 February 2024 Meeting with Port Company CEOs
16/08/2023	23/08/2023		Advice or correspondence between the Minister of Transport and officials regarding the development of the new GPS
20/08/2024	26/08/2024		June Briefings

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Written Parliamentary Questions

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
31/07/2024	46611 (2024)	Staffing across the Minister's Departments in July 2024 broken down by Job title and Salary Band.	8/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
31/07/2024	46625 (2024)	Staffing across the Minister's Departments in July 2024 broken down by Job title and Salary Band.	8/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
31/07/2024	46636 (2024)	What was the budget and how much was spent, on the Minister's department's on the carbon neutral government programme from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024?	8/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
31/07/2024	46646 (2024)	What was the budget and how much was spent, on the Minister's department's on the carbon neutral government programme from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025?	8/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
5/08/2024	46998 (2024)	Cabinet papers, taken to Cabinet Committees during the week beginning 29 July 2024.	13/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
5/08/2024	46999 (2024)	Cabinet papers, taken to Cabinet during the week beginning 29 July 2024.	13/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
7/08/2024	48145 (2024)	Can the Minister provide the rationale for changing NZTA's standard cost-benefit analysis methodology when performing a cost-benefit analysis of speed limits, beyond the statement in Proposal 1 concerning 'simplify[ing] the approach for RCAs', and is the Minister confident that this modified methodology will accurately capture the costs and benefits?	15/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
7/08/2024	48147 (2024)	Can the Minister provide the analysis undertaken of the safety implications of the draft Speed Rule, including how many deaths and serious injuries will take place under the speed limits proposed, compared to the current speed limits?	15/08/2024 12:00:00 AM

7.1 Departmental Official Information Act requests

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
7/08/2024	s 9(2)(a)	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
9/08/1934		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
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
30/07/2024 Extended 20/08/2024		The Draft Land Transport: Setting of Speed Limits RIS and correspondence on this topic

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
17/07/2024 Extended to 20/08/2024	s 9(2)(a)	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
23/08/2024		Requesting a list of job titles that hold Ministry credit cards and the number of cards shared
26/08/2024		Requesting the Northport dry dock business case
27/08/2024		Information held regarding ending the public transport subsidies
27/08/2024		Requesting information relating to any planning for 15 minute cities or regional areas in NZ
28/08/2024		Seeking information on Sustainable Aviation Aotearoa
28/08/2024		Information surrounding the requester's medical convener tribunal hearing
28/08/2024		Further information surrounding the requester's medical convener tribunal hearing
30/08/2024		Correspondence between the Minister and The Ministry regarding the Clean Car Standard
30/08/2024		Direction given to the Ministry by the Minister of Transport around Auckland Transport on its congestion charging plans
28/08/2024		Requesting internal guidelines on policies, or procedures that relates to neurodiversity, disability, or accessibility
3/09/2024		All advice produced for the Climate Implications of Policy Assessment regarding the Clean Car Standard changes announced by the government on 9 July 2024

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
3/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Seeking Light Rail documents such as the superfunds presentation, and project updates

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Updates

South Island severe weather event update

Snow, ice and wintery conditions in the Central and Lower South Island resulted in many road closures between Tuesday 30 July and Thursday 1 August 2024. These weather conditions and closures are expected during winter, and NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) contractors have managed them all well, however this winter is standing out as temperatures are back to the historic averages, with the previous 3 years being milder. The prolonged negative temperatures experienced in places have meant more resource intensive de-icing and gritting from our contractors.

Road closures:

Tuesday 30 July:

- SH80 Lake Pukaki to Mt Cook: CLOSED 2:41am – 1:10pm due to snow
- SH8 Omarama to Lake Pukaki: CLOSED 4:20am – 6:20am due to snow
- SH8 Lake Pukaki to Fairlie: CLOSED 4:20am – 11:50am due to snow
- SH87 Palmerston to Kyeburn: CLOSED 9am - 1pm due to snow
- SH8 Twizel to Fairlie: CLOSED 8pm – 1:10pm Wednesday due to snow (planned overnight closure 8pm – 8am due to winter conditions however was extended). Road closure length shortened to Tekapo to Fairlie at 12:16am Wednesday.
- SH80 Lake Pukaki to Mt Cook: CLOSED 8pm – 12:10pm Wednesday due to snow (planned overnight closure 8pm – 8am due to winter conditions however was extended)
- SH73 Springfield to Castle Hill: CLOSED 6:54pm – 8am Wednesday due to snow

Wednesday 31 July:

- SH79 Fairlie - Gudex Rd to SH8: CLOSED 5:40am – 10:41am due to snow
- SH87 Palmerston to Kyeburn: CLOSED 8am - 12pm due to snow
- SH8 Twizel to Fairlie: CLOSED 7:30pm – 10:47am (Thursday 1 August) due to snow
- SH6 Ross to Fox Glacier: CLOSED 7:30pm – 10am (Thursday 1 August) due to high winds downed powerlines. With road closure lengths shortened at 7am Thursday 1 August to either side of the powerline worksite.
- SH87 Kyeburn to Outram: CLOSED 10:30am - 12:30pm due to winter conditions

July 2024 24 hour pothole initiative results

In June 2024, NZTA submitted a 6-month variation request to all maintenance contract suppliers (excluding Public Private Partnerships) to achieve 24-hour (temporary) pothole repairs, to be implemented from 1 July 2024. Achievement targets for high classification roads were set at 95%, and for lower classification roads at 85%.

National results for 1-31 July 2024:

Category	Resolution Time Band	Completed Count	Total	Completion Percentage Achieved	Target
National State Highways	Up to 24 Hours	1173	1228	96%	95%
National High Volume State Highways	Up to 24 Hours	439	461	95%	95%
Regional State Highways	Up to 24 Hours	2740	2900	94%	95%
Regional Collector Highways	Up to 24 Hours	1769	1892	93%	85%
Regional Distributor Highways	Up to 24 Hours	334	339	99%	85%
Undetermined	Up to 24 Hours	92	92	100%	85%
Total		6547	6912	95%	

- Each item counted represents a single pothole repair attendance. An attendance would typically relate to a single pothole but may represent multiple potholes if they exist in very close proximity.
- Figures for previous periods can change if contractors correct transactions retrospectively. Any such changes are minor and not material to the overall result.
- Undetermined (in category) relates to road sections within RAMM (source data) without a classification

In July 2024, of those that did not meet target threshold (365 dispatches) (noting repairs with long lead times are often due to the need to establish temporary traffic management prior to executing the repair):

- 106 were completed within 48 hours, and a further 122 were completed between two and seven days.
- The remainder took longer than this, with 90 dispatches recorded as still outstanding as at Sunday 4 August 2024 (noting dispatches recorded up until Wednesday 31 July 2024).

Throughout July 2024, NZTA has been working closely with suppliers with daily operational standups to monitor performance and trends by network and this will continue. Outliers are assessed to identify if there are data or compliance issues.

Thorndon Quay raised safety crossings (Wellington City Council project)

The ownership of Thorndon Quay-Hutt Road (TQHR) upgrade project was transferred to Wellington City Council (WCC) after former Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) programme was disestablished in early 2024. The transfer included retaining funding approved by the NZTA Board. In June this year, WCC decided to not progress with delivering the Hutt Road section of the project. The Thorndon Quay section of the project which WCC intends to deliver includes five raised safety crossings (RSC).

WCC deciding to change the approved scope by not delivering the Hutt Road section of TQHR upgrade triggers a re-assessment of the project and returning to the NZTA Board for re-approval. This is to ensure value-for-money investment and alignment with the GPS 2024.

NZTA communicated to WCC that elements of the scope such as RSCs are identified in GPS 2024 as not being eligible for funding in the local road improvements activity class. WCC has challenged NZTA that the RSCs proposed design was the preferred safety intervention and was aligned with the NZTA Safety guidance at the time the design was approved.

There have been public comments by council representatives and several media requests on the Thorndon Quay RSC topic in the past couple of weeks. NZTA is going to work with WCC to understand the impacts of the changes to the scope, prior to the NZTA Board considering funding approvals.

Risk-based approach to TTM and innovations help repair SH2 Tairāwhiti after the 2023 North Island weather events

A case study has recently been published outlining the risk-based approach to TTM and innovations to help repair SH2 Tairāwhiti following the 2023 severe weather events.

Last year, in the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle, we had to repair pavements on state highways in Tairāwhiti while dealing with the onset of winter. To manage this, we changed our typical method of working, using an uncommon solution to rehabilitate the road, and a 'light-touch' traffic management approach to help repair the road to Tairāwhiti, meaning less cones were used, and instead pilot vehicles managed the speed of traffic through worksites. Roadworkers report they've never felt so safe and pack-down was faster, leading to less time on the road and the programme being delivered under budget.

This is a great example of the new risk-based approach leading to safer, more efficient and effective TTM. It also highlights the approach to rebuild an enduring state highway asset that will last longer and deliver a better level of service to East Coast communities and road users.

The full case study can be found at: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/case-study-fixing-weather-damaged-state-highways-tair%C4%81whiti-b4snc/?trackingId=EC3ZY%2FoDEuYMEWRV8id%2F0Q%3D%3D>.



Coastal Shipping updates

The Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2021 included an activity class for coastal shipping. Following an open market tender process, NZTA co-invested with 4 suppliers that contributed to the activity class objectives such as enhancing domestic shipping services, reducing shipping emissions, improving efficiency and upgrading maritime infrastructure. A summary of our investments can be found here: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/national-land-transport-programme/2021-24-nltp/activity-classes/coastal-shipping/>

This update advises you of two updates of note regarding two of the suppliers.

Shire Shipping (Pacifica)

NZTA contributed towards the initial operating cost of a second coastal vessel for Pacifica; the Takutai Chief. The Takutai Chief has been operating since November 2022, but Pacifica has advised that it is withdrawing the vessel from service due to a downturn in trade.

NZTA under-wrote the monthly operating costs of The Takutai Chief, to a maximum of \$10.5 million. Our co-investment with Pacifica concluded in June 2023 when this funding was fully utilised.

Westland Mineral Sands Ltd

Our investment with Westland Mineral Sands Ltd included a contribution to the capital costs of a new barge. The barge 'Manahau' undertook significant upgrades in dry-dock in Indonesia and has recently arrived in New Zealand. Following a Port State Control inspection by Maritime NZ, and remediation of some identified deficiencies, on 6 August 2024 the Manahau was released into service.

NZTA contacting owners of vehicles imported with falsified documentation

We advised your office in the week commencing Monday 22 July 2024, that a joint operation between NZTA and the New Zealand Customs Service (Customs) led to the arrest of a man for importing second-hand vehicles – mostly trucks - from Japan using falsified vehicle documents.

Customs issued a media release on Wednesday 24 July 2024 with information from NZTA stating that there are no immediate safety concerns with these vehicles.

Our investigation is ongoing, and we'll start contacting affected vehicle owners from next week (week commencing Monday 12 August 2024) with information on what they must do to correct the odometer, year of manufacture and/or gross vehicle mass. We will engage with entry inspecting organisations before contacting vehicle owners to ensure they are fully aware of the vehicle issues and the remediation required. We will also issue a media release.

Safety cameras update

We previously advised that installation of the SH2 Pōkeno to Mangātawhiri average speed camera would take place in July and the site would become our second point to point test corridor. Site installation has now paused while the programme team prioritises transferring the first cameras from NZ Police. The timeline for installation at this site is currently being reworked because of this.

Engaging with Road Controlling Authorities regarding the National Speed Limit Register

NZTA, in its capacity as regulator, plans to engage with a small sample of Road Controlling Authorities (RCAs) within the next two weeks to help mitigate the risk of speed limit reversals (proposed in the draft Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024 (the Rule)) not being entered into the National Speed Limits Register (NSLR) within the timeframes specified in the draft Rule.

Discussion will be strictly limited to potential technical / process improvements by RCAs or NZTA (as the regulator) to complete speed limit reversals efficiently and effectively, should the Rule as currently drafted become law. Engagement will be targeted at Christchurch City Council, Dunedin City Council, Hutt City Council, Queenstown Lakes District Council and NZTA (as RCA), as they are amongst the RCAs expected to have the most significant administrative changes associated with reversals.

Driver Licensing wait times

Summary for week ending Friday 2 August 2024

Wait times for practical testing (restricted and full testing) have improved compared to last week.

- full tests down by 7 days (43 days)
- restricted tests down by 3 days (55 days)

At an individual site level, 26% of full test sites and 12% of restricted test sites met the “30 days or less” target last week.

While the monthly backlog increased steadily from October 2023, it has remained consistently at 73K (+/- 500) since the end of June 2024.

Testing forecast

The updated licence testing demand forecast was provided to you on Friday 26 July 2024. This confirmed our current timeframe estimation for consistently achieving wait times under 30 days as being early calendar year 2025, though we expect to see improved wait times from October 2024. July forecast accuracy was 99.5%, a variance of +181 tests against forecast.

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Update on Driver Testing Officer (DTO) recruitment:

Recruitment and training for permanent and temporary DTOs is scaling up, which will significantly increase testing capacity across September and October. We are working to confirm numbers of full-time equivalent staff to improve confidence in the forecasted supply of tests. Confirmed next cohorts of DTO trainees are:

- 5 August: 27 permanent staff (18 Auckland, 9 Christchurch).
- 9 August: 23 temporary “surge” DTOs.

The NZ Defence Force has been supportive by loaning trainer resource for the temporary recruitments.

Update on other interventions of note:

A trial to improve overseas conversion pass rates has begun, to run 1 August to 30 November 2024. The trial is led from the VTNZ Auckland Business Chamber site in Manukau where 1,000 overseas applicants will receive additional education and training. Outcomes will be closely monitored to understand impact on pass rates for this participant group and if scaling the intervention would be beneficial.

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Wait times, staffing and productivity for week ending 2 August 2024

Region	Wait times				Staffing	Productivity
	Full	Change (last week)	Restricted	Change (last week)	VTNZ DTO Headcount	Tests Completed
Northland	49	-13	61	-5	6	395
Auckland North West	54	-17	59	-18	27	1,853
Auckland Central South	52	-27	65	-20	41	1,197
Waikato	38	-1	51	-1	23	827
Bay of Plenty	50	-5	66	3	17	633
Central	30	-1	41	3	18	713
Wellington	25	4	40	6	21	1,072
Canterbury	60	9	69	9	27	985
Otago Southland	37	-10	45	-13	14	712
National Average	43	-7	55	-3	-	
Total:					194	8,387

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

SPE Measures Māori Partners Survey Results 2024

Each year, NZTA undertakes a Māori partnerships survey, conducted by independent research agency, Maarama Consulting. We are now planning to release the latest insights into the health of our relationships with our Māori partners.

Our relationship with Māori has seen positive movement on most of our relationship drivers in 2024, resulting in our overall relationship SPE measure increasing by 8% over the last year from 49% to 57%. Driving this improvement are significant increases in reliability, fostering relationships, and cultural awareness and competency.

Continuing to focus on our key relationship drivers for our Māori partners will reinforce NZTA's commitment to Māori and meeting our legal obligations under relevant legislation and rules (including the Land Transport Management Act 2003, Land Transport Rules, Resource Management Act 1991 and Takutai Moana Act 2011).

An opportunity to amend the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 to better enable transport infrastructure delivery

Minister Goldsmith has initiated a review of parts of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 (the Act), with legislative changes proposed to define the terms 'exclusive use and occupation' and 'substantial interruption' (section 58) and to clarify that applicant groups are required to prove exclusive use and occupation from 1840 to the present day (section 106).

The Act has implications for how NZTA delivers road infrastructure in the coastal marine area. Such infrastructure can include bridges over estuaries, seawalls that protect roads, and culverts for the discharge of stormwater runoff.

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Upcoming Ministerial Items

Upcoming Briefings to Minister of Transport

Due to Office	Title
Friday 16 August 2024	BRI-3127 Business East Tamaki breakfast Provide a briefing to support your upcoming attendance at the Business East Tamaki breakfast event on Friday 23 August 2024.

Upcoming OIA requests for potential consultation

Reference and Requester	Request	Due date to the Office
OIA-16058 s 9(2)(a)	Indicative route maps for the Roads of National Significance projects	Wednesday 21 August 2024
OIA-16071 s 9(2)(a) MEDIA	Use of ANPR cameras on Transmission Gully	Friday 23 August 2024
OIA-16072 s 9(2)(a)	Design documents for the Melling Interchange project	Friday 23 August 2024
OIA-16074 s 9(2)(a) MEDIA	Studies and analysis on speed related fatal crashes	Friday 23 August 2024
OIA-16077 s 9(2)(a) MEDIA	Correspondence and advice relating to Auckland congestion charging	Friday 23 August 2024
OIA-16084 s 9(2)(a)	Copy of SH2 median barrier report	Friday 23 August 2024
OIA-16087 s 9(2)(a)	Copy of NZUP Queenstown business case and revised scope	Monday 26 August 2024
OIA-16100 s 9(2)(a) MEDIA	Copies of advice provided to the Minister in June 2024	Tuesday 27 August 2024
OIA-16113 s 9(2)(a)	Communications and advice regarding Motu Move and NTS	Wednesday 28 August 2024

Upcoming Media items

Date of release	Subject
Week commencing Monday 12 August 2024	Waikato/Bay of Plenty – road rehabilitation A media statement is planned for release advising of 6 -8 weeks of upcoming daytime work to complete road rehabilitations on SH2 near Pongakawa and SH33 near Paengaroa in the Western Bay of Plenty.
Week commencing Monday 12 August 2024	Waikato/Bay of Plenty – Takitimu North Link Stage 1 A media statement is planned for release updating construction progress for Takitimu North Link Stage 1.

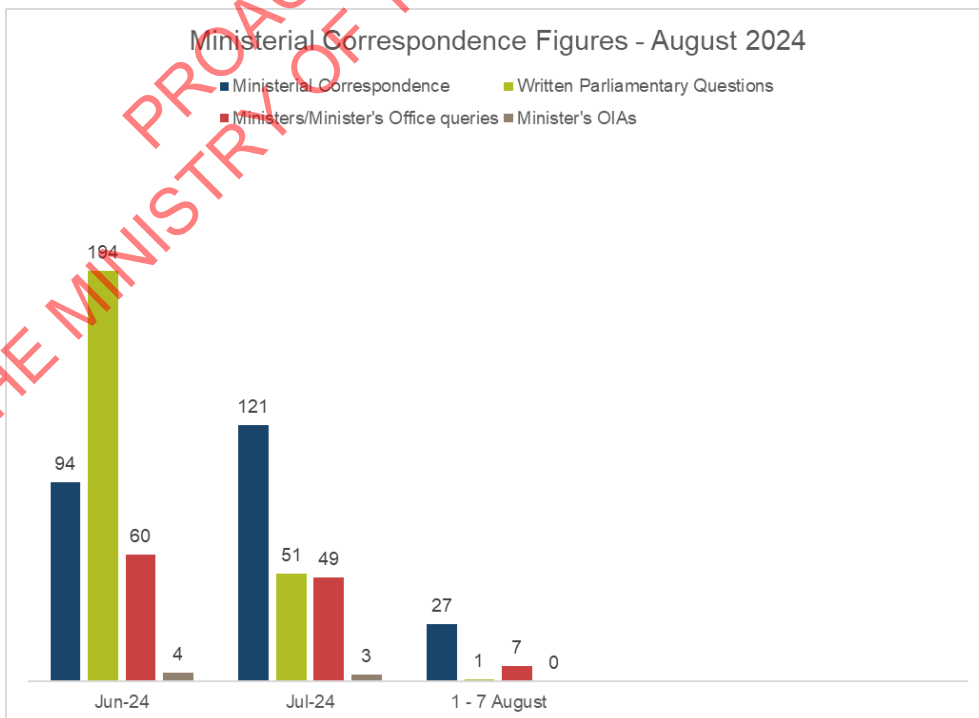
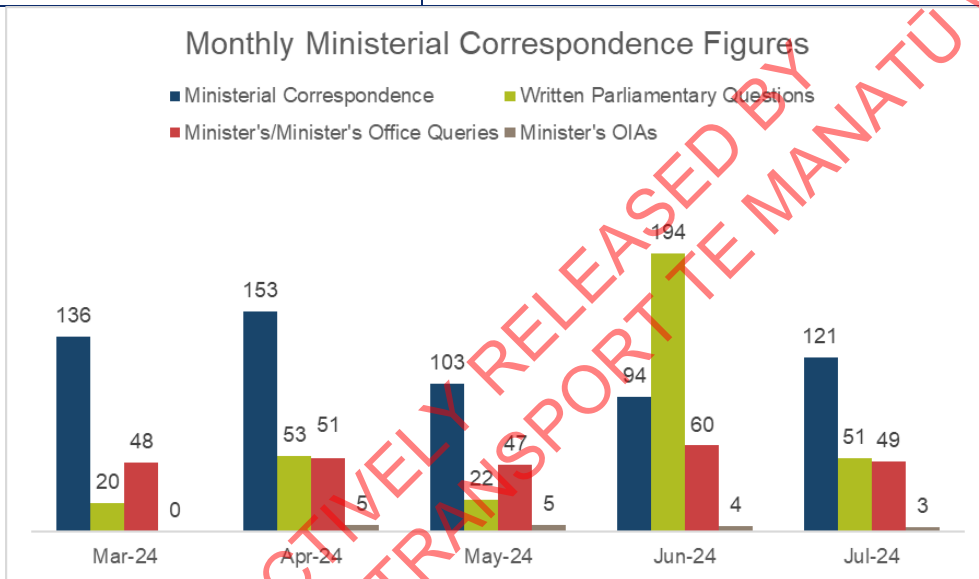
Date of release	Subject
Week commencing Monday 12 August 2024	Waikato/Bay of Plenty – SH1 safety improvements A media statement is planned for release marking the completion of a range of safety improvements on State Highway 1, for the Cambridge 2 Piarere project.
Wednesday 14 August 2024	South Island – SH88 realignment Dunedin north NZTA, Dunedin City Council (DCC) and Otago Regional Council, as part of Connecting Dunedin transport group, may issue a joint media release on Wednesday 14 August after a DCC meeting to discuss this proposed minor realignment of SH88 around the new Dunedin Hospital.

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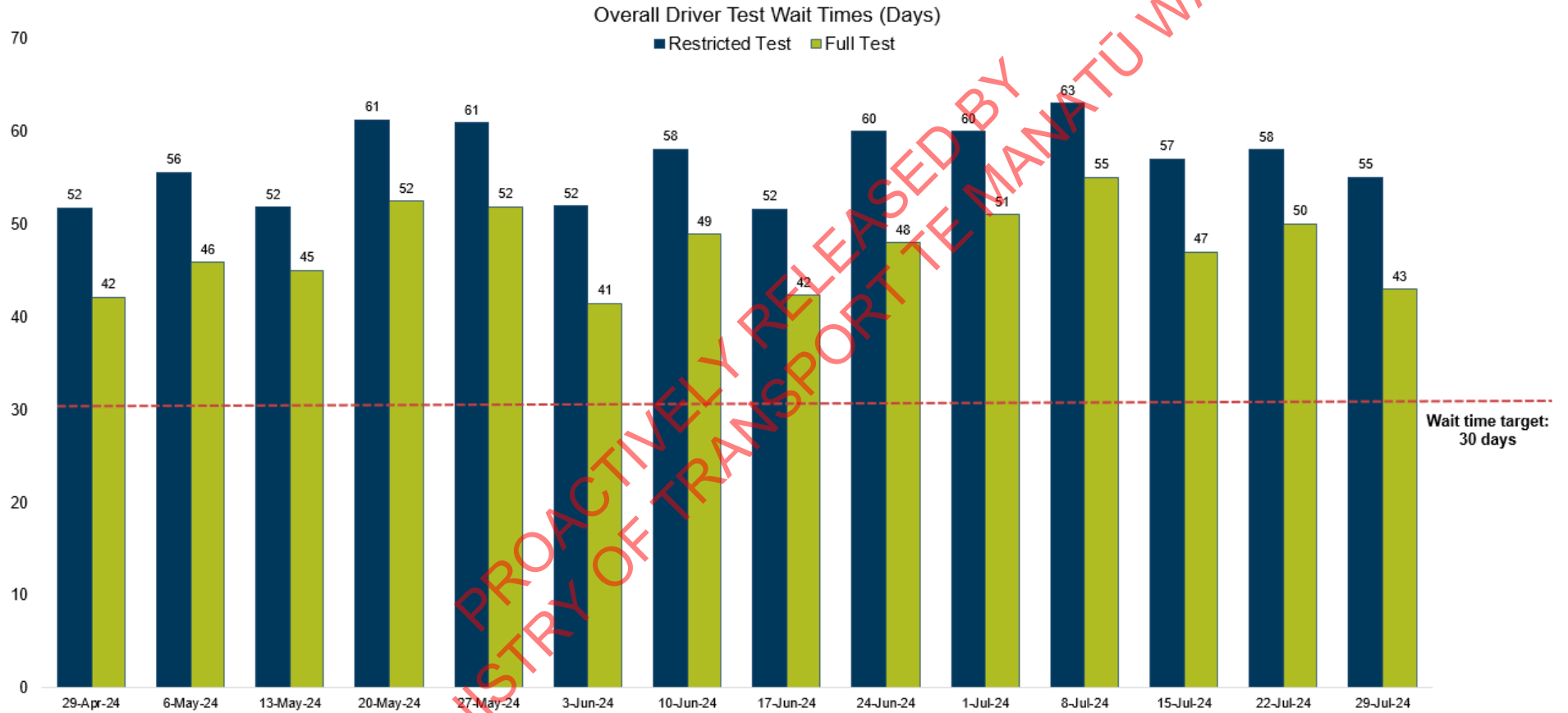
Ministerial correspondence figures from 1 to 7 August 2024

Item:	Number
Ministerial Correspondence	27
Written Parliamentary Questions	1
Minister/Minister Office queries	7
Ministerial OIA requests	0
Themes	Potholes, temporary traffic management, driver licence renewals

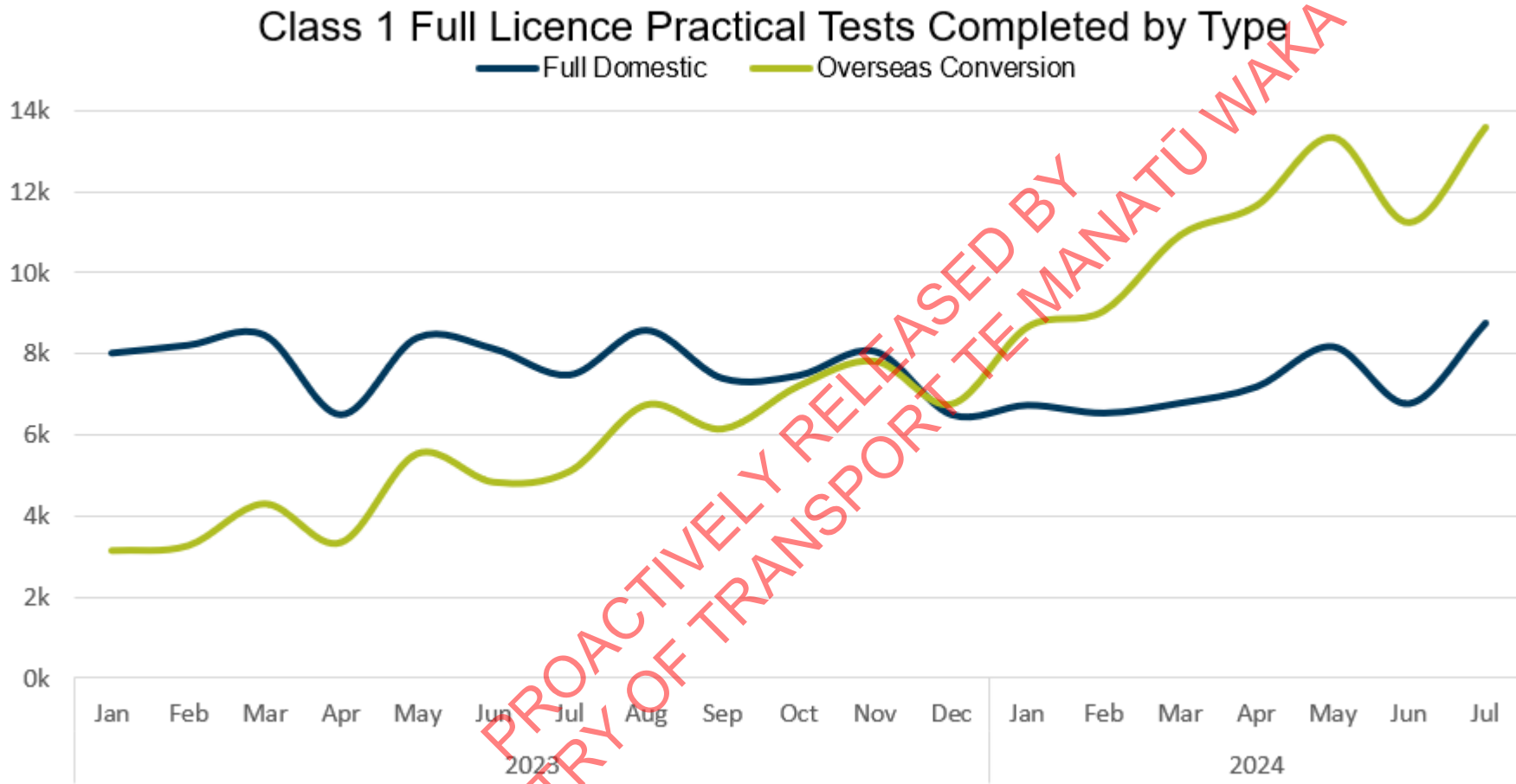


Appendix One – Driver Licensing wait times graphs and interventions plan update as at Friday 2 August 2024:

Overall wait times compared to the 30-day target:



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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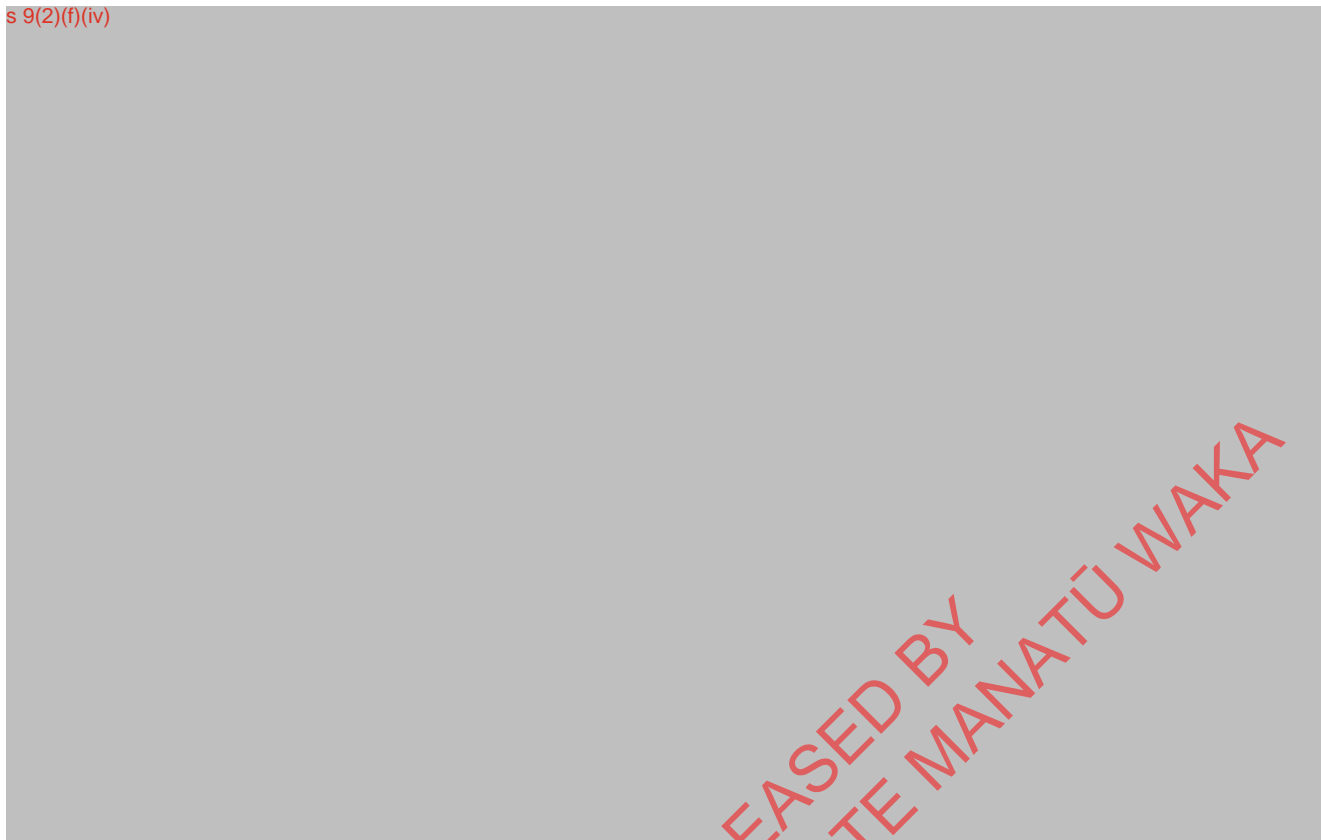
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Key priorities and highlights

Community Grants for Seafarer Welfare

Maritime NZ is finalising offers to successful grant applicants for \$930,000 in total funding for the delivery of welfare services and facilities to seafarers visiting New Zealand's major international ports.

The nine successful grant applications were for a total of more than \$1.3 million, however, the total pool of funding available is \$930,000. This week, Maritime NZ has been engaging with successful applicants to finalise offers and in some cases discussing their acceptance of grants for less than they requested.

Once this engagement is complete and grant offers have been completed, Maritime NZ will send recipients a media pack and disseminate a media release and social media post.

New Maritime NZ Board emerging director

In July 2024 the Board appointed Lara Ariell as an Emerging Director for a 12-month term. Lara has been an Independent Advisor to the Board Audit and Risk Committee since July 2023.

Lara has a broad range of senior leadership, finance, strategy, planning, business support and change management roles in a variety of organisations across the public service. She was previously the CFO of Inland Revenue, leading their Enterprise Support Services transformation workstream, and is currently the Tumu Whakarae / Chief Executive of Education Payroll Limited.

Consultation on the reform of the design, construction and equipment rules for domestic commercial vessels

On Monday 29 July 2024, Cabinet agreed to Maritime NZ initiating public consultation on proposals to reform the design, construction and equipment rules for domestic commercial vessels. Consultation will occur in three tranches over a 12-18 month period.

The first tranche of proposals opened for consultation on Wednesday 7 August 2024 and will run until 18 October 2024.

To support consultation, Maritime NZ has directly contacted about 2000 regulated parties and will be including information in a range of stakeholder publications. Throughout the consultation Maritime NZ will run online information sessions for stakeholders.

Maritime in the media

Following a tragic boating accident on the Riverton bar which claimed the lives of three people, we were asked about whether the incident will be investigated and what work is being undertaken to reduce instances of harm. We have also been investigating opportunities to highlight the number of significant incidents over the winter.



Key Updates

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Update on Passenger Counting technology roll-out

We have initiated the procurement process for passenger counting equipment (such as LiDAR) infrastructure and related services. We anticipate this infrastructure will be in place by December 2024. Currently, Wellington and Auckland International Airports are the only tier one airports with passenger monitoring data available.

In parallel to this work, a multi-agency working group has been established to explore collaborative opportunities for collection of airport data. This group is compiling a stocktake of border agency data collection sources to identify gaps in the customer journey. Extending this service to other areas in the airport is also being progressed with a Request for Information (RFI) to be completed to identify ideal end-to-end passenger sensor solutions that meet wider needs of both the Authority and our border agency partners.

s 9(2)(h)

Drug and Alcohol Management Plan (DAMP) Transport Instrument

Following your signing of the DAMP Rule (CAR Part 99), final preparations are underway for the Director to make the accompanying Transport Instrument. This specifies the details that a DAMP operator must report to the Director. The Transport Instrument was publicly consulted on in April/May 2024 and will come into effect on 5 April 2025. We are preparing this early to ensure that the sector has the maximum time to prepare before the DAMP regime comes into effect.

Transport Instruments are introduced in the Civil Aviation Act 2023 and are secondary legislation. This means that the Transport Instrument will need to be tabled in the House, and subsequently gazetted. In the coming week we will provide your Office with the signed transport instrument to be tabled.

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 5 August 2024:

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

The data is 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	54	95	↗	10	64	391	↘	-46	19	77	↘	-2
Part 103 Microlight Aircraft Certification	28	33	↗	14	23	39	↘	-42	0	0		N/A
Part 115 Adventure Aviation Certification	23	46	↘	-1	0	0		N/A	4	53	↘	-10
Part 119 Air Operator Certificate Application	259	88	↗	33	4	189	↗	10	16	105	↗	22
Part 129 Foreign Air Operator Certificate Application	18	44	↗	12	5	169	↗	16	4	47	●	0
Part 137 Agricultural Aircraft Operator Certificate	45	74	↗	27	0	0		N/A	17	69	↗	4
Part 141 Training Organisation Certificate Application	34	96	↗	63	1	480		N/A	7	79	↗	8
Part 145 Maintenance Org Application	50	95	↗	29	3	209		N/A	4	87	↗	25
Part 146 Aircraft Design Organisation Certificate	4	85	↘	-19	0	0		N/A	2	119	↗	78
Part 147 Maintenance Training Organisation Certificate	6	60	↗	3	0	0		N/A	1	49	↘	-9
Part 148 Aircraft Manufacturing Org Cert Application	13	59	↗	6	0	0		N/A	1	111	↗	53
Part 149 Aviation Recreation Org Certificate Application	6	292	↗	236	0	0		N/A	0	0		N/A

Security screening queues weekly update

There were no queue observations in this week.

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

Week	29/7 - 4/8
Passengers processed in less than 5 minutes	89.7%
Passengers processed in less than 10 minutes	96.8%

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 31 July – Tuesday 6 August 2024

No Briefings were sent during this period.

Communications and External Engagement Tuesday 6 August 2024

Media plan / anticipated media – 7 days from Monday 12 August 2024

No anticipated media at this point.

Media mentions – 7 days to Tuesday 6 August 2024

Date	Activity	Channel
Thursday 1 August 2024	The CAA is mentioned in an article about the Raglan Airfield, which was temporarily shut by the local council.	Waikato Times

Upcoming education publications and products

Planned release/publish	What	Type	Why
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.

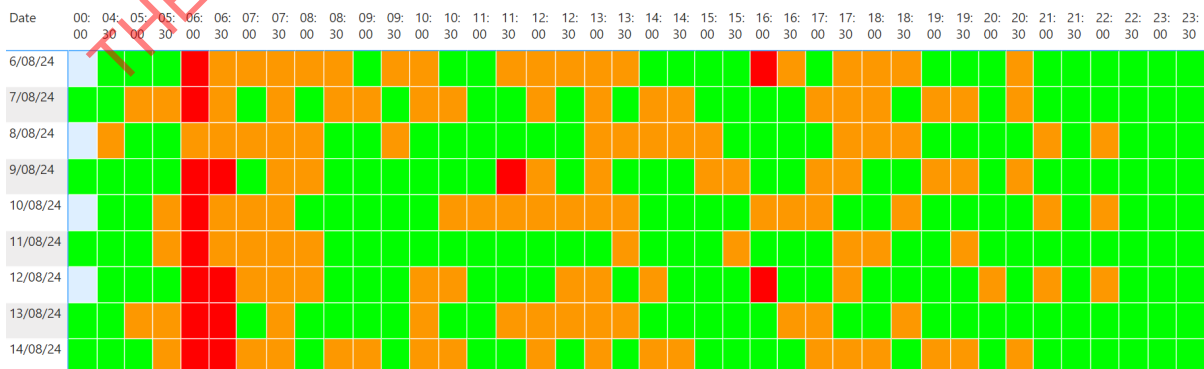
Planned release/publish	What	Type	Why
September 2024	In, out, and around Queenstown	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
September 2024	How to be an aerodrome manager	GAP booklet (new)	As part of the WTSA campaign, new guidance material for aerodrome managers is being produced, in the GAP booklet format.
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

Auckland International:





New inquiries / International assistance

Notice of a new rail inquiry RO-2024-104 opened by the Commission on Saturday 3 August 2024

The New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi notified the Commission on Friday 2 August 2024 of a SPAD A1 that occurred at about 1140 the same day at Keroone crossing station on the East Coast Main Trunk Line.

The reported circumstances are that an eastbound freight train, enroute from Auckland to Tauranga went past two red stop signals and continued to travel into the next section of track before stopping on request from Train Control. A high rail vehicle had just entered into the crossing loop minutes prior to the train passing the signals at danger in the opposite direction. There was no collision or injury as a result of this near-miss incident.

The Commissioner has opened an inquiry under section 13(1)b of the Transport Investigation Commission Act 1990 (TAIC Act) and appointed Jason Lawn as the lead investigator for this inquiry. Jason will be assisted by David Manuel.

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.

Media heads up / General comments

On Saturday 3 August 2024 there was a fatal recreational boating accident at Riverton. A recreational vessel carrying 5 people overturned when crossing the bar, resulting in the loss of 3 lives. The Commission determined not to open an inquiry into this incident as it was unlikely to result in any new systemic safety issues being identified.

In May 2023, the Commission issued a report into a similar accident at Manukau Bar (MO-2021-204). In that accident, which occurred on 16 October 2021, a recreational boat carrying four people overturned while crossing the bar, resulting in the deaths of 3 persons. TAIC identified the following safety issues:

- *“In New Zealand there is little regulation of the recreational boating sector. There is no registration or licensing system, there are no minimum standards for the design and construction of pleasure boats and there is no minimum requirement for assessments and licensing of recreational skippers to ensure a minimum standard of competency.”*
- *“New Zealand’s Maritime Rules place no obligations on recreational boat users to demonstrate before going out on the water that they understand and practise safe boating behaviour.”*

In that Inquiry the Commission made recommendations that the Ministry of Transport reconsider skipper licensing and undertake research on the merits of introducing a system for regulating recreational boating, incorporating licensing, registration, and boat design standards.

In relation to licensing, the Ministry of Transport responded:

- *“...the Ministry remains of the view that safety education campaigns are the most appropriate way to share maritime knowledge with recreational boat users. The Ministry considers that the introduction of skipper licensing would be a blunt instrument for dealing with a basic safety issue.*

This notwithstanding, the Ministry has consulted afresh with Maritime New Zealand on this recommendation and, as time and resources permit, Maritime New Zealand will explore the merits of initiatives such as skipper education and a licensing regime as potential mechanisms for achieving public safety objectives.

If new evidence suggests that introducing skipper licensing, in addition to educational campaigns, would make a material difference to recreational boating safety, the Ministry will reconsider its position.”

In relation to the recommendation that research be undertaken to determine the merits of a regulatory system for the recreational maritime sector, the Ministry of Transport responded:

- *“The Ministry accepts this recommendation. The Ministry routinely reviews regulatory systems overseas and will continue to do this for the recreational maritime sector.”*

In the Commission’s 2024 Watchlist, which draws attention to those transport related concerns of high social, economic, or environmental risk, recreational boat users’ essential knowledge and skills was highlighted as a matter of concern. The Commission noted:

- *“Strategies to promote safety in New Zealand’s recreational sector focus on encouraging self-reliance and skipper responsibility through safety awareness and education. The Transport Accident Investigation Commission’s view is that the system is flawed because it relies on users knowing the rules, regulations, and bylaws, but does not require them to demonstrate such knowledge before taking a craft on water. This situation is anomalous with the aviation and road sectors”.*

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Associate Minister of Transport Weekly Report week commencing 12 August 2024

Officials Agenda



Agenda – Associate Minister Doocey officials' meeting

Day Date	Tuesday 20 August
Time	8am – 8.30am
Venue	Parliament – EW4.1R

Ministry of Transport attendees

Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive

Ruth Fairhall, Deputy Chief Executive Policy

Part 1	Ministry of Transport	Lead	Paper reference
1.0	Portfolio work programme update	Audrey Sonerson	Priority documents
1.1	Key items to note <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions from the Weekly Report Upcoming milestones / announcements / events / advice 	Audrey Sonerson	Weekly Report as at 14 August 2024

Part 2: Maritime NZ attendees

Kirstie Hewlett, Chief Executive

Dylan Page, Chief Advisor, Response Security & Safety Services

Part 2	Maritime NZ	Lead	Paper reference
2.0	Maritime Digital Transformation – Indicative Business Case	Kirstie Hewlett	MNZ 24-034
2.1	HMS Niagara emerging issues	Kirsti Hewlett	Verbal update

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1 Portfolio work programme update

Milford Opportunities

Project: Milford Aerodrome Financial Sustainability

No update. The new charges for aerodrome users do not come into effect until 1 April 2025.

Project: Masterplan Business Case

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Weather Forecasting

Project: System Review

Ministers have received the report on the weather forecasting system review and are currently considering the recommendations. An announcement will be made after the report is considered by Cabinet.

Project: Contract Expiry

No update.

Project: Rain Radar Upgrades

No update.

Recreational Safety and SAR

Project: Next Steps Following Recreational Safety and Search and Rescue Review

The Ministry has been engaging with key sector NGOs to provide them with an update on the Recreational Safety and Search and Rescue Review (the Review). A key message in this update is that we have revisited the key Review recommendations on system strategy, governance and leadership and will not be proceeding with implementing these recommendations. We are also letting sector NGOs know that the New Zealand Search and Rescue Council (the Council) is wanting to reset its purpose and will be updating its Strategic Plan. The Council will be looking to engage NGOs on this plan in the coming months.

These engagements with NGOs have gone well so far. They have appreciated the update and look forward to discussing the Strategic Plan with the Council.

Project: Fuel Excise SAR Funding

The Ministry will brief both the Minister of Finance and Minister of Transport the week beginning Monday 19 August 2024 on the process for the triennial review of Section 9(1) SAR funding, s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We will ensure your Office receives a copy of this advice.

Aviation Tourism

Project: Air Services Agreement (ASAS)

You will shortly be receiving a Cabinet Paper and National Interest Analysis for the Air Services Agreement with ASEAN.

Project: Codeshare/Alliance Authorisations

We have provided your Office with the final report of the Air New Zealand/Virgin Australia codeshare authorisation.

We have started work on the Air New Zealand/Cathay Pacific Alliance reauthorisation application. We will provide you with an update in September.

Chatham Islands

Project: Work Towards a Ship Solution

The Ministry is awaiting your decision on the approach to securing a long term shipping solution. A briefing on the proposed approach and next steps was sent to your Office on Friday 2 August 2024.

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2 Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 23 August 2024	Oil Pollution Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference This briefing seeks your approval of a Terms of Reference for the Oil Pollution Advisory Committee.
Friday 23 August 2024	Proactive Release of papers relating to consultation on reform of the maritime design, construction and equipment rule set This briefing seeks your agreement to proactively publish Cabinet material and key papers relating to consultation on proposed reforms to Maritime Rules.
Friday 23 August 2024	Meeting with MetService Board and CEO, on Wednesday 28 August 2024 This briefing provides you with the agenda and talking points for your meeting with the MetService Chair and CEO.
Friday 23 August 2024	Speech to the New Zealand Heavy Haulage Association 60-year anniversary celebration This briefing provides background information to support your attendance at the New Zealand Heavy Haulage Association 60-year anniversary celebration at Parliament on Wednesday 28 August 2024. A draft speech has been provided to your Office.
Friday 6 September 2024	Options for Maritime Legislation 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 sets out options for advancing critical changes to maritime legislation, for discussion with you. The title and description of this deliverable have been amended to align with the portfolio work programme update.

3 Key updates

Update following Minister Doocey's meeting with YSAR

We note that following your meeting with Youth Search and Rescue Trust (YSAR) on Thursday 1 August 2024, you expressed interest in supporting YSAR to find a sustainable source of funding and in supporting the organisation more generally.

It would be appropriate for all funding proposals from NGOs in the SAR sector (including YSAR) to be considered as part of the upcoming section 9(1) Fuel Excise Duty (FED) funding round. It would be useful to note that YSAR does not undertake search and rescue (SAR) activity themselves. They are focused on enabling youth to develop the necessary skills to potentially participate at some point in SAR activity.

Maritime New Zealand Authority Appointments

The Ministry aims to commence the advertisement process and to seek nominations for the Maritime New Zealand Authority after receiving Ministerial feedback this week. The deadline for applications is 2 September 2024.

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4 Upcoming briefings copied to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 23 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Friday 23 August 2024	Expectations for the Section 9(1) Search and Rescue (SAR) triennial funding review This briefing seeks agreement from the Minister of Finance and Minister of Transport to the process for the triennial review of Section 9(1) SAR funding and the parallel review of Section 9 funding s.9(2)(f)(iv)

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5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee	
Tuesday 22 October 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	
Wednesday 11 September 2024	<p>New Zealand Air Services Agreement and Protocol</p> <p>This paper seeks approval for New Zealand to sign and ratify the <i>Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand</i> and the associated <i>Protocol 1 to the Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand on Third, Fourth and Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights between Parties</i>.</p>
Wednesday 21 August 2024	<p>International Maritime Organisation - Climate Change Negotiation Mandate draft Cabinet paper</p> <p>International Maritime Organisation (IMO) member states are negotiating measures to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and ensure international shipping meets its 2050 net-zero emissions target. This Cabinet paper proposes a revised Cabinet mandate for these negotiations and seeks delegated Cabinet authority for the Associate Minister of Transport, and other relevant Ministers, to provide direction to officials on New Zealand's position in these negotiations, as necessary.</p> <p>We will provide an updated Cabinet paper to your Office on Wednesday 21 August 2024 for lodgement on Thursday 22 August 2024. The updated paper will incorporate feedback from departmental consultation, Ministerial consultation, and any further comments from industry.</p> <p>We are working closely with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFAT) to amend the paper to align with any advice MFAT provides on New Zealand's recommended negotiating position to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Climate Change.</p> <p>This paper will be considered at Cabinet Economic Policy Committee on Wednesday 28 August 2024 and then at Cabinet on 2 September 2024.</p>

5.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

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



1 Portfolio work programme update

Maritime NZ

Project: Critical Changes to Maritime Legislation	
<p>Ministry of Transport and Maritime NZ officials have met to discuss options for legislative changes and are currently developing advice for you on these options.</p> <p>Maritime NZ is also preparing more specific advice for you on immediate challenges arising from the way in which a number of harbourmasters and councils are using their powers under the Maritime Transport Act (MTA).</p>	
<p>Briefing: Changes needed to maritime legislation to address issues arising from the exercise of local navigation safety regulatory powers</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p>	<p>Date: Week ending Friday 16 August 2024</p>
<p>Briefing: Options for maritime legislation</p> <p>For discussion, this joint Ministry/MNZ briefing will set out options for advancing critical changes to maritime legislation.</p>	<p>Date: Week ending 6 September 2024</p>
Project: Maritime Rules Reform	
<p>Following Cabinet approval, consultation commenced on Wednesday 7 August 2024 on the first package of Design, Construction and Equipment rules changes, and will run to 18 October 2024.</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>The Ministry of Transport is now preparing a proactive release briefing comprising Cabinet material and key advice for your consideration.</p>	
<p>Briefing: Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels</p> <p>This briefing will seek your agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels. These changes are sought by the sector and reduce costs and complexity.</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	<p>Date: Week ending 27 September 2024</p>

Ministry of Transport briefing: Proactive Release of papers relating to consultation on reform of the maritime design, construction and equipment rule set

This briefing will seek your agreement to proactively publish Cabinet material and key papers relating to consultation on the proposed reforms to Maritime Rules.

Date: Week ending Friday 23 August 2024

Project: Maritime Workforce

Maritime sector representatives met on Monday 12 August 2024 and Thursday 15 August 2024 to discuss their response to the consultation on the reform of vocational education that was launched by Minister Simmonds on Thursday 1 August 2024.

They are preparing a proposal for the structure and oversight of maritime training arrangements and will copy Minister Doocey into this proposal.

Ports are also likely to prepare a joined up submission to the consultation.

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2 Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 16 August 2024	<p>Changes needed to maritime legislation to address issues arising from the exercise of local navigation safety regulatory powers</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p>
Friday 30 August 2024	<p>Meeting with NZ Shipping Federation, 4 September 2024</p> <p>As per the request from your Office, this briefing will support the Minister's meeting with John Harbord and David Borcoski of the NZ Shipping Federation.</p>
Friday 6 September 2024	<p>Options for maritime legislation</p> <p>This joint Ministry/MNZ briefing will set out options for advancing critical changes to maritime legislation.</p>
Friday 27 September 2024	<p>Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels</p> <p>This briefing will seek your agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels.</p>
Friday 1 November 2024	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

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3 Key updates

Minister engagement on *RMS Niagara* with the Hauraki Gulf Forum

You have received an invitation to meet with Lucy Baragwanath, Executive Officer of the Hauraki Gulf Forum (the Forum). The wreck of *RMS Niagara* is a frequent agenda item for the Forum as the risk it presents has the potential to impact the Hauraki Gulf. Maritime NZ has previously engaged with the Forum to discuss the wreck, and has a positive and productive relationship with them. Any advice provided to the Forum has been consistent with advice to Ministers.

We recommend you visit the Maritime NZ, Maritime Response Team in Te Atatu Auckland prior to meeting with Lucy Baragwanath. The Oil Spill Response capabilities and people that Maritime NZ employs, equips, trains and maintains through the Oil Pollution Fund (financed through the Oil Pollution Levy) would be the responder to a significant oil spill/release from the *RMS Niagara*. This will give you a clearer understanding of the condition and risk associated with the *RMS Niagara* and Maritime NZ's capabilities and readiness generally to respond to marine oil spills. The team is also meeting with Iwi and members of the Forum in the week ending Friday 16 August 2024, so will be able to provide more information on what the Forum may be seeking.

Maritime Digital Transformation

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Maritime in the Media

KiwiRail is due to be sentenced on 9 September 2024 for *Kaitaki's* loss of propulsion incident in January 2023. We are currently working through our external communications approach. Due to the ongoing investigation into KiwiRail following the grounding of the *Aratere* in June 2024, we will be taking a short media statement only approach. Once the sentence is delivered we will proactively update both your Office and Minister Brown's of the sentence.

We are developing our approach around recreational craft safety for the spring/summer/autumn. Already this year we have seen some major events in the recreational craft sector. We will be working to have a people focused approach to our recreational craft free media harm prevention approach.

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4 Upcoming briefings copied to Associate Minister of Transport

Nil this week.

5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Nil this week.

5.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees	
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)	
<p>Wednesday 21 August 2024</p>	<p>Public Consultation On Recovering The Costs Of Goods Management Activities At The Border</p> <p>The Ministers of Customs and Biosecurity are proposing to present a paper and consultation document for consideration at ECO on Wednesday 21 August 2024 and Cabinet on Monday 26 August 2024. The documents concern cost recovery proposals for goods management at New Zealand’s borders. We note that the proposals will lead to some significant cost increases for the maritime sector in particular and that this will result in some significant opposition. We have worked with Customs to ensure that the Cabinet paper reflects this reality and in particular that opposition will come from maritime operators likely to be facing cost increases if the proposals are implemented in their current form. Comments were provided to your Office for Ministerial consultation.</p>
<p>TBC – Mid September</p>	<p>Live Animal Exports Review s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>



New inquiries / International assistance

Nil

Media heads up / General comments

Nil

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

s 9(2)(g)(i), s 9(2)(ba)(i)

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Transport Portfolio Weekly Report

As at Wednesday 14 August 2024

Recipient

HON SIMEON BROWN
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

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Minister's comments:

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Officials' agenda



Agenda - Minister Brown officials' meeting

Day Date	Monday 19 August		
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			
Ruth Fairhall, Deputy Chief Executive, Policy			
Matthew Green, Chief Legal Adviser			
Siobhan Routledge, Director, Aviation			
Gary Tonkin, Manager, CAA Implementation			
Joanna Heard, Manager, Safety			
Jo Gould, Principal Adviser, Safety			
NZTA Attendees			
Chris Bunny, Group General Manager System Leadership			
Amy Moorhead, National Manager, Policy			
Brett Gliddon, Group General Manager Transport Services			
Part 1	Ministry of Transport	Lead	Paper reference
1.0	Weekly Report	Audrey Sonerson	As at 14 August 2024
1.1	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Paul O'Connell	Verbal update

1.2	Aviation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Civil Aviation Act cost recovery	Ruth Fairhall	OC240768
Part 2	NZTA & Ministry of Transport	Lead	
2.0	Speed <ul style="list-style-type: none">Speed rule implementation & timelines	Paul O'Connell	Verbal

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Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) Monday 12 August	Due date
EV charging infrastructure s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Underway
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete
Environment Officials to progress Cabinet paper. Officials to provide package of material to support the Minister's decisions as referenced in the briefing.	Underway Complete
Public transport policies direction Office to provide feedback on paper.	Complete
Approval of legislative changes to increase land transport fees Office to confirm approach for communications with councils.	Complete
Review of NZTA short term borrowing facility Officials to provide further advice aligned with broader Treasury work.	The Ministry are working with Treasury on this and will provide a date in the week commencing Monday 19 August 2024 for when additional advice will be provided.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	

Decisions	Confirmed / Denied
Comfort taking a tolling and RUC progress update to the Investment Ministers Group on 17 September 2024.	Confirmed
Auckland s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Confirmed
Update on the Government Quarterly Plan	Approved
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Approved

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Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
Officials Meeting date	Action	Due date
5 February 2024	<p>ALR</p> <p>Officials to provide monthly updates of expected wind-down costs of ALR.</p>	Ongoing
11 March 2024	<p>GPS</p> <p>Officials to provide weekly updates on next steps across programmes of work signalled in the GPS.</p>	Ongoing
20 May 2024	<p>Chatham Islands update</p> <p>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.</p>	Ongoing
10 June 2024	<p>Public Transport</p> <p>Officials to provide monthly update on bus driver shortage numbers.</p>	Ongoing
24 June 2024	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	Ongoing
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. 	Complete – workshop held on Wednesday 14 August 2024

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
8 July 2024	<p>Public Transport s 9(2)(f)(iv)</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)(f)(iv)</p> <p>Underway. The DPO provided feedback on Wednesday 14 August 2024 and we are looking at how to incorporate it into the Terms of Reference.</p>
8 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Underway
15 July 2024	<p>Aviation s 6(a)</p>	Friday 30 August 2024
15 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Ongoing
22 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Ongoing
22 July 2024	<p>Aviation Officials to provide further advice on aligning the New Zealand regime with Australia.</p>	Friday 30 August 2024
22 July 2024	<p>EV Charging Officials to: s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
29 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Ongoing

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1 Ministerial priorities

Safety

Project: Speed limits	
We met with you on Monday 12 August 2024 to discuss the policy changes to the draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 (the Speed Rule). We are now working on issuing drafting instructions to NZTA to give effect to these changes.	
Process	Dates
Briefing to Minister on outcome of consultation	Complete
Draft Cabinet paper, final Regulatory Impact Assessment and final Summary of submissions to Minister	Wednesday 28 August 2024
Ministerial and departmental consultation	3 – 10 September 2024
Cabinet paper lodged	12 September 2024
Cabinet paper speaking points and draft press release to Minister	13 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	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	

Project: Road safety objectives

We are awaiting your feedback on the draft Road Safety Objectives document before commencing departmental and Ministerial consultation. We require your approval before Tuesday 20 August 2024 to enable the Cabinet paper and objectives document to meet the proposed timeline for consideration at ECO on 11 September 2024.

Cabinet paper: Releasing the final Road Safety Objectives document

This paper seeks agreement to publish the final New Zealand Road Safety Objectives document.

Departmental and Ministerial consultation: TBC

Final papers to your Office: TBC

To lodge: 5 September 2024

To Committee: 11 September 2024 (ECO)

To Cabinet: 16 September 2024

Project: Land Transport Fees Amendment Package

We have provided you with a final copy of the LEG paper for lodging on Thursday 15 August 2024. PCO will lodge the Amendment Regulations. We have also provided you with a draft media release and talking points for LEG on Thursday 22 August 2024.

Cabinet paper: Approval of legislative changes to update land transport fees

To lodge: Thursday 15 August 2024

To Committee: Thursday 22 August 2024 (LEG)

To Cabinet / Executive Council: Monday 26 August 2024

Press release: week commencing Monday 26 August 2024

Final date to Gazette: 3 September 2024

In force: 1 October 2024

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

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Rail

Budget 24	
<p>Briefing: Budget 24 – Approval to drawdown funding for metro renewals</p> <p>This briefing will seek your agreement to drawdown the AT portion of the \$107.7 million for metro renewals. It will provide advice on the priorities for investment, monitoring and reporting on the investment, and the response from AC/AT.</p>	<p>Date: week ending Friday 30 August</p>

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Investment

Project: Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024

GPS 2024 Monitoring and Reporting

The Ministry is currently working with NZTA on the first monthly report for GPS 2024 delivery. This report will be provided to you by Friday 30 August 2024.

Ten-Year Investment Planning

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 brief you on this work by 11 September 2024.

Review of NZTA Short-term Borrowing Facility (the Review)

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Briefing: Ten-year investment planning: project scope

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.

Date: 11 September 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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

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 and the parallel review of Section 9 funding, s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We will provide your Office with advice on this matter in the week commencing Monday 19 August 2024.

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

Briefing: Expectations for triennial review of Section 9(1) SAR funding

This briefing will seek confirmation from yourself and the Minister of Finance on the approach to the triennial review of Section 9(1) SAR funding, s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Date: Week commencing Monday 19 August 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Budget 2025

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Date: 6 September 2024

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Revenue

Project: Stakeholder reference group

We have now sent letters to the proposed members to confirm membership. We are planning the first meeting with them, at which we propose to discuss:

- confirming the Terms of Reference and the group's purpose
- the possible future state for the transport revenue system
- key matters within the fleetwide transition to RUC project, including:
 - likely timeframes and roadmap,
 - options and challenges of communicating the proposals with the public, and
 - options and challenges for ensuring compliance with the new system.

We propose to schedule regular monthly meetings but will reconsider following each meeting subject to the live matters that are worth the group's consideration. We will use the Weekly Report following each meeting to summarise discussion with the group and build any relevant content from the meetings into our ongoing advice to you.

Project: Time of use charging

Drafting instructions

We are working with PCO to clarify aspects of the drafting instructions.

Proactive Release

We have published the July Cabinet paper, Regulatory Impact Statement and associated Minutes available on the Ministry's website. We are responding to OIA requests for further information outside of the proactive release on a case-by-case basis, pending your agreement to further proactive release of material.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Tolling reform

Following our workshop with you on Wednesday 14 August 2024, we are preparing advice that will seek your agreement to the key policy decisions.

Briefing: Tolling reform policy decisions (title TBC)

This paper will seek agreement to the policy decisions regarding tolling law reform, following a workshop in the coming weeks.

Date: 4 September 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Fleetwide transition to the Road User Charges system

Following the workshop on Wednesday 14 August 2024, we will next week provide your Office with timeframes and more detailed scopes for our upcoming advice leading up to the draft Cabinet paper.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Increasing motor vehicle registration (MVR) annual licence fees

We have provided your Office the draft Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024, and the accompanying Cabinet Legislation Committee paper, prior to departmental and Ministerial consultation.

Cabinet paper: Approval for Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024

The accompanying briefing note will seek agreement to consult with other agencies and Ministers on the draft regulations and LEG paper.

First draft to Minister: Wednesday 14 August 2024

Departmental consultation: 20 - 30 August 2024

Ministerial consultation: 3 - 17 September 2024

To lodge: 19 September 2024

To Committee: 26 September 2024

To Cabinet: 30 September 2024

Publication & Gazetting: 3 October 2024

Aviation

Project: CAA funding review

On Friday 9 August 2024, we provided your Office with advice on the updated Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) funding review public consultation document and Cost Recovery Impact Statement (CRIS), which has undergone minor updates to ensure consistency and final figures following Cabinet. You and the Minister of Finance will need to sign this off before CAA commences consultation.

Given the change to the release date for this document, from Monday 19 August 2024 to Thursday 29 August 2024, the CAA is proposing to extend the consultation period until 10 October 2024 to ensure 6 weeks of consultation. We will provide an updated timeframe to your Office to set out the impact of this on the post-consultation processes and decisions.

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Emissions

Project: Clean Car Importer Standard	
Review of the Clean Car Importer Standard (the Standard)	
<p>Once you have confirmed your decisions on the briefing '<i>Pre-requisites for the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations</i>' (OC240791 refers), we will update the draft Cabinet Legislation Committee paper and provide this to your Office. Following confirmation from your Office we will then commence departmental consultation.</p> <p>The regulations set new targets for 2025–2029 and exempt disability vehicles from the Standard.</p>	
Cabinet Paper: Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations	Provided to Minister: Tuesday 6 August 2024 To Lodge: Thursday 22 August 2024 To Committee: Thursday 29 August 2024 (LEG) To Cabinet and Executive Council: 2 September 2024
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
Project: EV Charging Infrastructure	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	

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Project: Second Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP2)

Consultation on the ERP2 started on Wednesday 17 July 2024 and will end on Wednesday 21 August 2024. This week, we attended the remaining two consultation webinars with local government and on the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) hosted by the Ministry for the Environment (MfE).

There have been 84 submissions so far across the ERP2. Themes from the webinars continue to be seeking further information and details on the EV charging policy and how it would support EV uptake; what role mode shift would play in ERP2 whether related to public transport, active transport or freight; and the extent of modelling and the impact of the ETS.

Once the consultation period ends, we will work with MfE on the submissions analysis, and we will provide you with a briefing on the results of the consultation. We will continue to update you on development of transport content for ERP2 through the Weekly Report. Key dates are summarised below.

Process	Dates
End of ERP2 consultation	Wednesday 21 August 2024
Briefing on the results of the ERP2 consultation	23 September 2024
Briefing on final content of the transport chapter for ERP2	28 October 2024

Office of the Auditor-General undertaking an independent review of climate policies

The Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) is undertaking an independent review of New Zealand’s climate policies, including relating to transport. This feeds into a broader international assessment by several other countries’ national auditors (the climate scanner). The combined international assessment will be tabled at the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29) later this year.

The OAG intends most of the assessment to be completed by desktop analysis. We have been asked to provide information along with several other agencies, including the Ministry for Primary Industries, MfE, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and the Treasury. The OAG will produce a draft report for consultation with agencies in late August. The Report will then be presented to the Climate Change Chief Executives Board.

We will provide an update through the Weekly Report if the transport content is substantive.

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Project: Waitematā Harbour Connections

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Board Appointments

Civil Aviation Authority

Induction planning for new members is underway.

Maritime New Zealand

Following feedback from your Office, the Ministry has commenced the process for seeking nominations, including public advertisement. Nomination letters will also be provided to your Office.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

New Zealand Transport Agency

Induction planning for new members is underway.

Independent Review Function – Civil Aviation Act

An updated position description has been provided to your Office for approval. We await comment from your Office and will look to list this advert in parallel with the consultation process for the scope of the role.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

City Rail Link Limited

Following a meeting with the City Rail Link Limited Chair on Wednesday 14 August 2024, advice is under development regarding three member terms that will expire at the end of October 2024. Subject to consultation, we envisage providing Shareholders a briefing on this matter in the week commencing Monday 19 August 2024.

[Appointments in Confidence] Transport Accident Investigation Commission

Jane Meares, Chief Commissioner of the Transport Accident Investigation Commission, met with Minister Doocey on Tuesday 13 August 2024. At this meeting, she advised of her intention to retire on 30 September 2024. She intends to inform the organisation at a later date. She has also provided Minister Doocey with a recommendation for her successor (supported by her fellow Commissioners), which he is considering.

We recommend you discuss this matter with Minister Doocey. The Ministry provided context in advance of the meeting, which your Office also received (OC240914 refers). We expect further advice will be commissioned.

2 Updates on other matters

Emergency Ocean Response Capability (Cook Strait) business case

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Department of Internal Affairs' Regulatory Systems Amendment Bill Amendments

The Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) is developing a Regulatory Systems Amendment Bill (RSAB). An RSAB is a vehicle for non-controversial policy changes that improve regulatory systems, and typically includes amendments to several Acts.

The Department administers the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908 (the Act) and is proposing to remove redundant references to the Act through the RSAB.

This includes removing the redundant references to the Act in section 9(2) of the Waitara Harbour Act 1940. The Department also proposes to remove the Shipping Act 1987 from Schedule 1 of the Inquiries Act 2013, as the relevant clause in the Shipping Act has been repealed.

The Department has assessed the proposals as minor, non-controversial, and contributing to maintaining the regulatory system. The Ministry agrees with this assessment and recommends these references be removed from the legislation.

The Department will provide you with a Cabinet paper seeking Cabinet policy decisions in October 2024, with the Bill expected to be introduced into the House in mid-2025.

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3 Transport stakeholder updates

Stakeholder	Update
Max Fletcher, Co-Founder, Digital Plates	Officials will meet with Mr Fletcher for a further discussion on digital plates. We understand he expects that his proposal can be implemented quickly. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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4 Upcoming Minister of Transport meetings

Meeting Date	Meeting	Details
Monday 19 August 2024 8:00pm – 9:00pm	Meeting with Fast-track Approvals Bill Ministers	Briefing Due: Friday 16 August 2024 Officials Attending: Ruth Fairhall, DCE Policy
Thursday 22 August 2024 11:30am – 12:00pm	Meeting with the Rental Vehicle Association on COF frequency, registration fees, and transport modernisation	Briefing Due: Tuesday 20 August 2024 Officials Attending: TBC
Thursday 22 August 2024 4:30pm – 5.00pm	Meeting with Heavy Vehicle and Machinery Solutions on decarbonising the heavy vehicle sector	Briefing Due: Tuesday 20 August 2024 Officials Attending: Marian Willberg, Manager, Maritime and Freight

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5 Other upcoming Ministry of Transport Cabinet papers

New Zealand Air Services Agreement and Protocol	
<p>This paper seeks approval for New Zealand to sign and ratify the Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand and the associated Protocol 1 to the Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand on Third, Fourth and Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights between Parties.</p>	
<p>Progress Update: We will provide the Associate Minister with a draft Cabinet paper in the week commencing Monday 19 August 2024.</p>	<p>To Associate Minister: week commencing Monday 19 August 2024 To lodge: 5 September 2024 To Committee: 11 September 2024</p>

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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 23 August 2024	<p>City Rail Link Limited - Special Resolution in lieu of Annual General Meeting 2024</p> <p>This briefing seeks your agreement to authorise City Rail Link Limited (CRL) to complete business by way of special resolution in lieu of an annual meeting (often referred to as the annual general meeting, or AGM).</p>
Week ending 23 August 2024	<p>Emergency Weather - Authorisation to release tagged contingency</p> <p>This briefing seeks authorisation to draw down the Budget 2024 tagged contingency of \$23.142 million for Severe Weather Response Readiness, Resilience, and Recovery, which will enable four non-government organisations to repair/rebuild damaged facilities and improve future emergency response preparedness.</p>
Week ending 23 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 23 August 2024	<p>Aviation Industry Association Conference</p> <p>This briefing will provide background information to support your attendance and speech at the Aviation Industry Association Conference in Christchurch on Tuesday 27 August 2024.</p>
Week ending 23 August 2024	<p>Civil Aviation Authority Monitoring Plan</p> <p>The Ministry is developing monitoring plans for each of the Crown Entities in Vote Transport. This briefing seeks your agreement on a monitoring plan for the Civil Aviation Authority.</p>
Week ending 30 August 2024	<p>Manukau Harbor Port Feasibility Study – Advice and Next Steps</p> <p>This briefing will provide you with the final Manukau Harbour Port Feasibility Study, our advice on its conclusions, and possible next steps for you to consider.</p>
Week ending 30 August 2024	<p>Review of Bus Decarbonisation Mandate and Target</p> <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>

Due to Office	Title
<p>Week ending 30 August 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Week ending 30 August 2024</p>	<p>Civil Aviation Authority – Statutory Functions This briefing will provide further advice on aligning the New Zealand regime with Australia.</p>
<p>Week ending 30 August 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Week ending 6 September 2024 - change is consistent with output plan milestone (2 September 2024)</p>	<p>Interim advice on the Metropolitan Rail Operating Model Review This briefing will provide you with interim advice on: s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Week ending 6 September 2024</p>	<p>Next steps for transport actions in the first Emissions Reduction Plan This briefing will provide you with advice on discontinuing selected actions in the first Emissions Reduction Plan.</p>
<p>Week ending 20 September 2024</p>	<p>Public Transport Bus Decarbonisation Fund s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

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6.1 Proactive Releases

Due to Office	Title	Date planned for release
Friday 16 August 2024	Proactive release of Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill This briefing will seek your approval to release a collection of Cabinet material related to the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill.	Monday 16 September 2024
Wednesday 21 August 2024	Proactive release of Civil Aviation Act 2023: Implementation This briefing will seek your approval to release a collection of Cabinet material related to the Civil Aviation Act 2023: Implementation.	Monday 9 September 2024

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7 Ministerial correspondence and OIAs

Ministerial correspondence

There have not been 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
8/08/2024	15/08/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Requesting advice provided on achieving New Zealand's emissions budgets in the draft GPS 2024
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
15/08/2024	22/08/2024		All advice received from departments on the removal of carbon emission subsidies for vehicles, reduced emissions standards, and the implications for New Zealand's car fleet
15/08/2024	22/08/2024		Requesting all documents relating to the 14 February 2024 Meeting with Port Company CEOs
16/08/2024	23/08/2024		Seeking information on EV chargers
16/08/2023	23/08/2023		Advice or correspondence between the Minister of Transport and officials regarding the development of the new GPS
20/08/2024	26/08/2024		June Briefings

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
26/08/2024	2/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Requesting all correspondence and communication with non-Governmental organisations regarding the Setting of Speed Limits
28/08/2024	4/09/2024		Seeking information about the appointment of medical conveners
28/08/2024	4/09/2024		Information on transport expert advisory group
15/08/2024 Extended 29/08/2024	22/08/2024 Extended 5/09/2024		Any correspondence received or sent by the Office regarding the Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility Programme (LNIRIM)
29/08/2024	5/09/2024		Any safety analysis undertaken relating to the proposed Speed rule, such as modelling of the expected change in deaths and serious injuries (DSI), or analysis of historical DSI data
30/08/2024	6/09/2024		Regarding the use of Te Reo Māori in the public service
30/08/2024	6/09/2024		Requesting Correspondence and documents relating to the Milford Opportunities Project
2/09/2024	9/09/2024		Seeking all advice prepared by central government agencies for the Minister or his Office on time of use charging, including substantial email correspondence between officials and the Office
30/08/2024	6/09/2024		All communication regarding the increase of parking fines
3/09/2024	10/09/2024		All advice to the Minister about Auckland Transport

Written Parliamentary Questions

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
7/08/2024	48145 (2024)	Seeking the rationale for changing NZTA's standard cost-benefit analysis methodology when performing a cost-benefit analysis of speed limits	15/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
7/08/2024	48147 (2024)	Seeking the analysis undertaken of the safety implications of the draft Speed Rule	15/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
7/08/2024	48164 (2024)	Does the Ministry of Transport briefing: OC240547 Cook Strait Resilience Phase Two Report Options Assessment of 20 June 2024 make recommendations about the legal personality of a new entity to procure and/or operate the Cook Strait ferries?	15/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
7/08/2024	48165 (2024)	Does the briefing OC240547 make recommendations about the ownership of the Cook Strait ferries?	15/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
7/08/2024	48167 (2024)	Who is the author of OC240547?	15/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
7/08/2024	48168 (2024)	What date will OC240547 become available to the public?	15/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
9/08/2024	48444 (2024)	Reversal of permanent safe-speed zones around schools	19/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
12/08/2024	48573 (2024)	Cabinet papers the Minister has taken to Cabinet Committees during the week beginning 5 August 2024	20/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
12/08/2024	48577 (2024)	Cabinet papers the Minister has taken to Cabinet during the week beginning 5 August 2024	20/08/2024 12:00:00 AM

7.1 Departmental Official Information Act requests

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
15/08/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Three recent Value for Money studies
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
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
30/07/2024 Extended 20/08/2024		The Draft Land Transport: Setting of Speed Limits RIS and correspondence on this topic
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
23/08/2024		Requesting a list of job titles that hold Ministry credit cards and the number of cards shared

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
26/08/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Requesting the Northport dry dock business case
27/08/2024		Information held regarding ending the public transport subsidies
27/08/2024		Requesting information relating to any planning for 15 minute cities or regional areas in NZ
28/08/2024		Seeking information on Sustainable Aviation Aotearoa
28/08/2024		Information surrounding the requester's medical convener tribunal hearing
28/08/2024		Further information surrounding the requester's medical convener tribunal hearing
30/08/2024		Correspondence between the Minister and the Ministry regarding the Clean Car Standard
30/08/2024		Direction given to the Ministry by the Minister of Transport around Auckland Transport on its congestion charging plans
28/08/2024		Requesting internal guidelines on policies, or procedures that relates to neurodiversity, disability, or accessibility
3/09/2024		All advice produced for the Climate Implications of Policy Assessment regarding the Clean Car Standard changes announced by the government on 9 July 2024
3/09/2024		Seeking Light Rail documents such as the superfunds presentation, and project updates
9/08/2024		Information surrounding the requester's medical convener tribunal hearing
10/08/2024		Requesting information held on weather modification
9/08/2024		Requesting a copy of the consultation document regarding the Increase to parking fines across NZ

Transport Portfolio Agency Reports



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Agenda – Minister Brown officials’ meeting with NZTA

Day Date	Monday 19 August 2024		
Time	1:45 – 2:30pm		
Venue	Parliament – EW5.1		
NZ Transport Agency attendees			
Richard May, Chief of Staff			
Sara Lindsay, Group General Manager, Commercial & Corporate			
Brett Gliddon, Group General Manager, Transport Services			
Chris Bunny, Group General Manager, System Leadership			
Karen Jones, Group General Manager, Engagement & Partnerships			
Apologies			
Nicole Rosie, Chief Executive			
		Lead	Paper reference
1.1	Capital Works discussion	Brett Gliddon/Sara Lindsay/Chris Bunny	MIN-4573
1.2	National Land Transport Programme	Sara Lindsay/Karen Jones	
1.3	Auckland Level Crossings	Sara Lindsay	BRI-3095
1.4	Signage	Sara Lindsay	NZT-9690 correspondence

Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) – Monday 12 August 2024	Due date
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Wednesday 21 August 2024
	Monday 26 August 2024

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Updates

State Highway 3 (SH3) Hydro Road planned maintenance closure

State Highway 3 (SH3) between Mangorei and Kent Roads will be under a single lane closure for 7-8 weeks from Monday 2 September 2024 to allow for this 2km stretch of the road to be rebuilt. This will be the first major site of the Taranaki maintenance and operations 2024/25 summer maintenance season.

This section of road has proven challenging to work on safely, despite having a passing lane, due to its narrow width and high traffic volume. NZTA is unable to run the site under contraflow controls due to the width of the road, nor are we able to run stop/go traffic controls during the day due to the high volume of traffic. As a result, we will alternate the single lane closure between both northbound and southbound traffic to accommodate peak traffic flows, being particularly mindful of work commuters and public transport schedules. The road will be closed to southbound traffic between midnight and midday and closed to northbound traffic between midday and midnight.

The closures will be clearly signposted so that road users can take alternative routes easily in advance of approaching the site. The alternative state highways are SH3A or SH45. The timeframe for works includes contingency for poor weather and other delays outside our control (such as staff sickness or plant breakdowns). This plan has been developed in consultation with freight and is currently being communicated with key stakeholders and the wider public.

Northwest Rapid Transit

NZTA is continuing to engage with government agencies and key stakeholders on Northwest Rapid Transit, ahead of community engagement on the preferred option which commences on Wednesday 28 August 2024 and runs until Wednesday 18 September 2024.

The project team is holding 13 information sessions across 7 venues in the northwest to talk through the investigations into a busway alongside SH16.

The information sessions include an update on the project, as well as discussing the indicative alignment and station locations, with a similar level of detail to your media release of Thursday 4 July 2024. A media release will also be put out to promote the events. Information on this media release is provided further in this report.

Consultation on Medical aspects of fitness to drive: a guide for health practitioners

After completing consultation with relevant government departments and considering their feedback, NZTA will start consulting on *Medical aspects of fitness to drive* with health practitioners, impacted industry organisations and interest groups on Monday 19 August 2024. Consultation will close on 27 September 2024.

The guide assists health practitioners to assess people's fitness to drive. It also sets out the responsibilities and obligations of health practitioners.

Publication of the updated guide is planned for later in the year.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

to reflect NZTA's interpretation of policy as to how schemes should be developed or funded.

Driver Licensing wait times

Summary for week ending Friday 9 August July 2024

Wait times for practical testing (restricted and full testing) have increased compared to last week.

- full tests up by 19 days (62 days)
- restricted tests up by 16 days (71 days)

At an individual site level, 14% of full test sites and 6% of restricted test sites met the "30 days or less" target last week.

While the monthly backlog increased steadily from October 2023, it has remained consistently at 73K (+/- 500) since the end of June 2024.

Demand for testing has been steady compared to last week, however the increase in wait time metric was due to fewer future testing hours being loaded into the scheduling system and Driver Testing Officer (DTO) illness.

The amount of scheduled testing varies day to day for several reasons, such as driver testing officer illness and scheduled customer care and staff training. None of these individually are impactful on wait times, but they are, in combination, impactful. VTNZ is continuing to confirm staffing availability and increase available hours where possible (more testing slots were being opened for booking on Tuesday 13 August 2024 which should help mitigate the current issue).

Our demand forecasting shows that high wait times will continue, until practical test capacity increases (through meaningful increases to the DTO workforce) to meet demand. We expect to see improvements in early September as the current cohorts of trainees are certified and begin testing.

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Update on other interventions of note:

The review of the Driver Testing Operating Manual to identify and address any further process challenges and opportunities is underway. The first intervention has been delivered, which was to improve the marking system for DTOs. The intended result is a higher pass-rate for trainee DTOs while ensuring we maintain a high calibre of staff progressing into the DTO endorsements. The success of this intervention will be tracked through the current cohorts (more information can be found in the Driver Licensing wait times weekly update reporting in Appendix One against intervention 10d).

Wait times, staffing and productivity for week Monday 5 – Sunday 11 August 2024:

Region	Wait times				Staffing	Productivity
	Full	Change (last week)	Restricted	Change (last week)	VTNZ DTO Headcount	Tests Completed
Northland	68	19	76	15	6	312
Auckland North West	92	38	98	39	27	1,725
Auckland Central South	88	36	91	26	41	1,184
Waikato	61	24	72	21	23	826
Bay of Plenty	63	13	70	4	17	618
Central	45	15	55	14	18	642
Wellington	33	8	48	8	21	1,053
Canterbury	75	14	86	17	27	970
Otago Southland	63	26	70	25	14	705
National Average	62	+19	71	+16	-	
				Total:	194	8,035

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

Upcoming Ministerial Items

Upcoming Briefings to Minister of Transport

Due to Office	Title
Tuesday 20 August 2024	BRI-3106 Meeting with NZ Retail Property Group Provide a briefing to support your upcoming meeting to discuss Westgate Station and public transport.

Upcoming OIA requests for potential consultation

Reference and Requester	Request	Due date to the Office
OIA-16120 s 9(2)(a) MEDIA	Cost breakdown for installation of median barriers on SH2 Hawke's Bay	Wednesday 28 August 2024
OIA-16166 s 9(2)(a) MEDIA	Information relating to the RoNS waves and delivery within NLTP periods	Wednesday 4 September 2024
OIA-16175 s 9(2)(a) MEDIA	Advice relating to the East-West Link project	Wednesday 4 September 2024

Upcoming Transport events

Event Date	Event	Details
Friday 23 August 2024	Business East Tamaki Breakfast You have been invited to speak to the group on four areas of specific interest to the group.	BRI-3127 due Friday 16 August 2024
Sunday 25 August 2024	Auckland 110km/h speed consultation media stand up Opportunity to announce consultation on the speed limit for the Northern Gateway Toll Road and Puhoi to Warkworth commencing soon.	MINO-1148
Tuesday 27 August 2024	Christchurch Southern Motorway 110km/h speed consultation media stand up Opportunity to announce consultation on the speed limit for the Christchurch Southern Motorway commencing soon.	MINO-1148

Potential future Transport events

Event Date	Event detail	Minister's interest
TBC early September 2024	<p>Takitimu North Link / Tauriko Enabling Works site visit</p> <p>There are several construction milestones coming up for each of these projects, presenting good photo opportunities and the option to release a PR on the progress being made.</p> <p>Takitimu North Link</p> <p>Work is starting on the Fifteenth Avenue on-ramp bridge, which will link Cameron Road/Fifteenth Avenue with State Highway 29/Takitimu Drive Toll Road. Site clearance, drainage, and earthworks are underway, with construction due to start in September.</p> <p>Tauriko Enabling Works</p> <p>There has been considerable construction progress at the State Highway 29/Redwood Lane site.</p> <p>We note a site visit in early September may line up with the NLTP being finalised, so these visits could also be packaged up with an announcement on the NLTP.</p>	Yes / No / Maybe
Any date between 19 – 23 August or 26 - 27 August	<p>Auckland Transport Operation Centre (ATOC) site visit</p> <p>NZTA would like to invite you to visit ATOC. This visit would provide an opportunity to demonstrate the complexity of operating the transport network and what ATOC is responsible for and how it delivers its operations.</p> <p>During the visit, we will also demonstrate how ATOC plans for and manages incidents and events, and how transport operating centres could potentially optimize the existing network.</p> <p>Brett Gliddon, Group General Manager – Transport Services will host you on a day that suits, with recommended dates provided.</p>	Yes / No / Maybe

Upcoming Media items

Date of release	Subject
Monday 19 August 2024	Auckland/Northland – Northwest Rapid Transit public information sessions A media release is scheduled to be issued on Monday 19 August 2024 ahead of 13 information sessions across 7 venues in the Northwest in August and September, giving people an opportunity to meet the project team, learn more about the investigations, ask any questions they have and share their views on what's important to them.
Week commencing Monday 19 August 2024	Waikato/Bay of Plenty – SH1 East Taupō safety improvements A media statement will be released during the week commencing Monday 19 August 2024 advising of the completion of the SH1 East Taupō safety improvements stage 3.
Week commencing Monday 19 August 2024	Central North Island – SH3 Hydro Road rehabilitation A traffic bulletin is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 19 August 2024 ahead of pavement rehabilitation and reseal work on SH3 in Taranaki. The work, over a 2km stretch of road, will take approximately eight weeks to complete, and is intended to be complete before Labour Weekend and the busy summer season in Taranaki. The work will also mark the official start of Taranaki's summer maintenance season.
Week commencing Monday 19 August 2024	Central North Island – Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) visits Tutira School A localised media release is planned for release following a visit on Wednesday 21 August 2024 to Tutira School by workers from the TREC alliance. This is an opportunity to provide local primary school aged children an educational experience which shows the importance and excitement of careers in engineering and science. The visit will culminate in a site visit to the work at Devil's Elbow, on SH2.
Week commencing Monday 19 August 2024	Central North Island – Captain's Culvert work A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 19 August 2024 updating progress on Captain's Culvert repairs on State Highway 5 Napier – Taupo Road. The culvert suffered extensive damage as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle. The work is nearing completion, and a video has been taken of the work and will be used alongside the media release.
Week commencing Monday 19 August 2024	Lower North Island – SH2 Hutt Valley resurfacing works A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 19 August 2024 outlining five weeks of resurfacing work that will run through September and October 2024 on SH2 through the Hutt Valley – Korokoro to Totara Park. This will require night closures and detours. Supporting communications will be issued as the works progress.

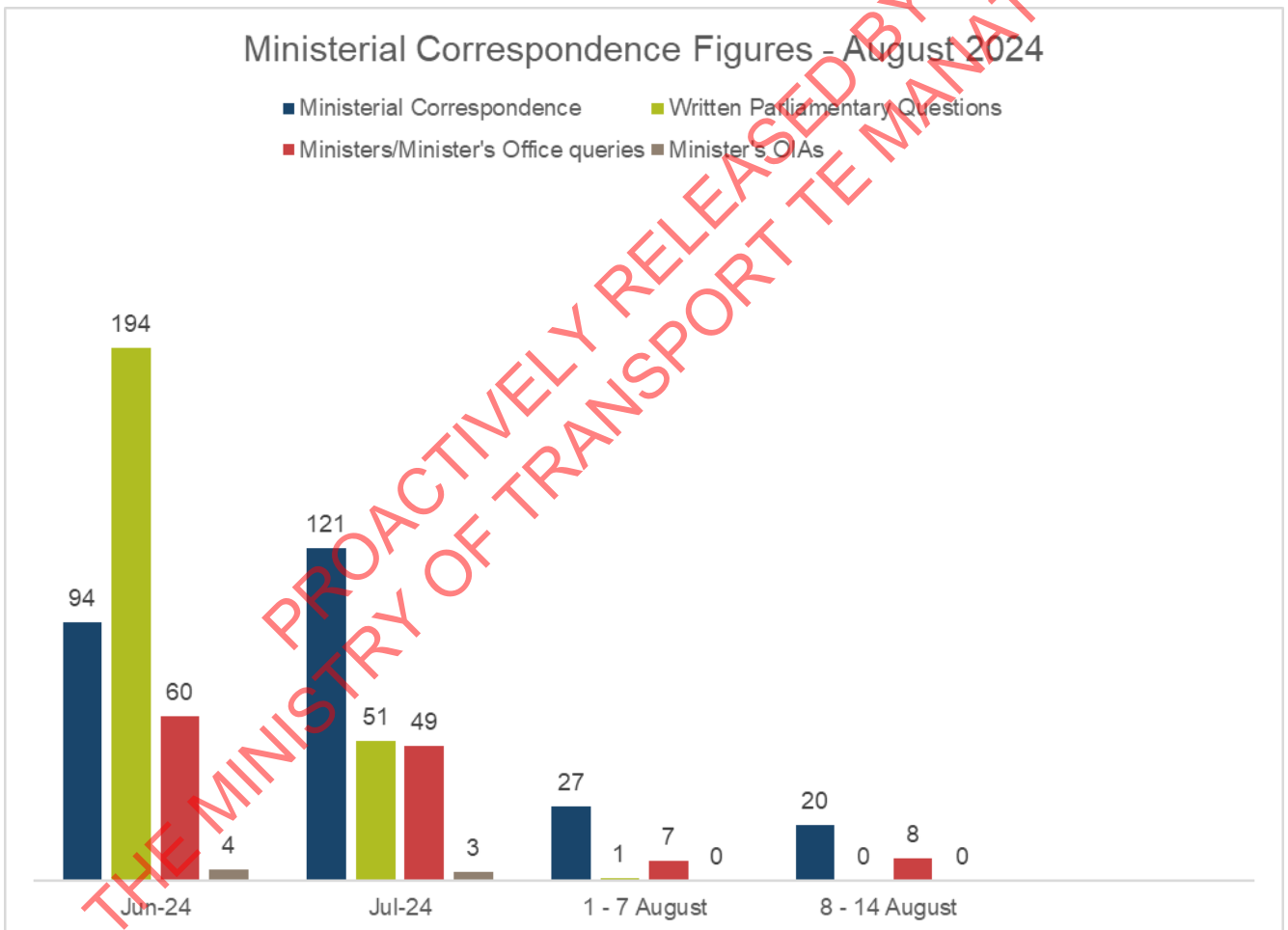
Date of release	Subject
Week commencing Monday 19 August 2024	Top of the South – summer maintenance programme A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 19 August 2024 outlining the key projects planned for the region in this year’s summer maintenance season. Most work is scheduled to be completed before the summer holiday break
Week commencing Monday 19 August 2024	South Island – Port Chalmers highway rehabilitation A traffic bulletin is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 19 August 2024 to advise road users of upcoming extensive state highway rehabilitation work on the main street of Port Chalmers.

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Statistics page

Ministerial correspondence figures from Thursday 8 to Wednesday 14 August 2024

Item:	Number
Ministerial Correspondence	20
Written Parliamentary Questions	0
Minister/Minister Office queries	8
Ministerial OIA requests	0
Themes	Median barriers, speed limits, level crossings



Appendix One:

Driver Licensing wait times status:

Overall wait times compared to the 30-day target:

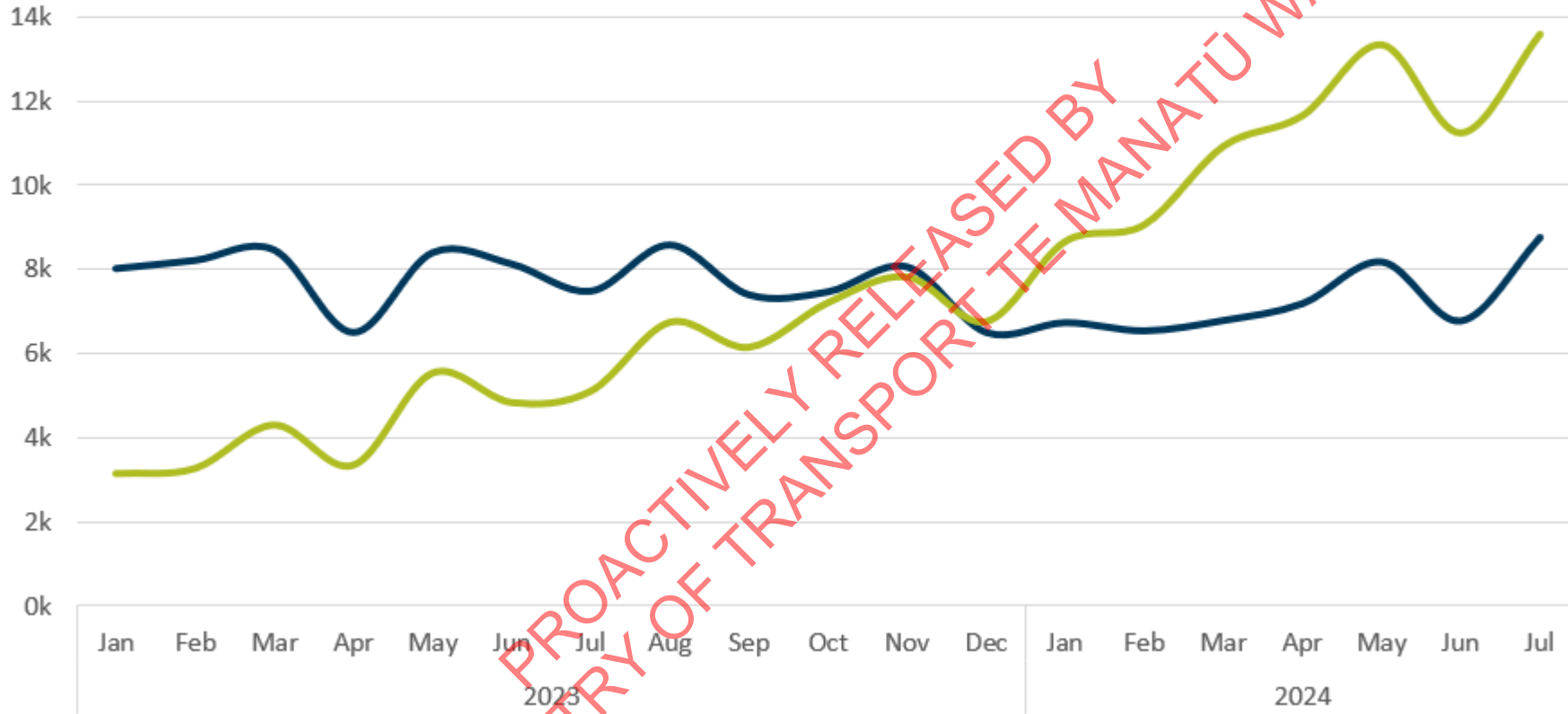


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Full licence test volumes – overseas conversions vs. domestic tests [updated monthly]:
Overseas conversions currently represent 62.7% of overall full test volume.

Class 1 Full Licence Practical Tests Completed by Type

— Full Domestic — Overseas Conversion



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1 Portfolio work programme update

Maritime NZ

Project: Critical Changes to Maritime Legislation	
<p>Ministry of Transport and Maritime NZ officials have met to discuss options for legislative changes and are currently developing advice for Minister Doocey on these options.</p> <p>Maritime NZ is also preparing more specific advice for Minister Doocey on immediate challenges arising from the way in which a number of harbourmasters and councils are using their powers under the Maritime Transport Act (MTA).</p>	
<p>Briefing: Changes needed to maritime legislation to address issues arising from the exercise of local navigation safety regulatory powers</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	<p>Date: Week ending Friday 16 August 2024</p>
<p>Briefing: Options for maritime legislation</p> <p>For discussion, this joint Ministry/MNZ briefing will set out options for advancing critical changes to maritime legislation.</p>	<p>Date: Week ending 6 September 2024</p>
Project: Maritime Rules Reform	
<p>Following Cabinet approval, consultation commenced on Wednesday 7 August 2024 on the first package of Design, Construction and Equipment rules changes, and will run to 18 October 2024.</p> <p>The Ministry of Transport is now preparing a proactive release briefing comprising Cabinet material and key advice for Minister Doocey's consideration.</p>	
<p>Briefing: Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels</p> <p>This briefing will seek Minister Doocey's agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels. These changes are sought by the sector and reduce costs and complexity.</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	<p>Date: Week ending 27 September 2024</p>

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<p>Ministry of Transport briefing: Proactive Release of papers relating to consultation on reform of the maritime design, construction and equipment rule set</p> <p>This briefing will seek Minister Doocey's agreement to proactively publish Cabinet material and key papers relating to consultation on the proposed reforms to Maritime Rules.</p>	<p>Date: Week ending Friday 23 August 2024</p>
<p>Project: Maritime Workforce</p> <p>Maritime sector representatives met on Monday 12 August 2024 and Thursday 15 August 2024 to discuss their response to the consultation on the reform of vocational education that was launched by Minister Simmonds on Thursday 1 August 2024.</p> <p>They are preparing a proposal for the structure and oversight of maritime training arrangements and will copy Minister Doocey in to this proposal.</p> <p>Ports are also likely to prepare a joined up submission to the consultation.</p>	

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2 Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 16 August 2024	<p>Changes needed to maritime legislation to address issues arising from the exercise of local navigation safety regulatory powers</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p>
Friday 23 August 2024	<p>Ministry of Transport briefing: Proactive Release of papers relating to consultation on reform of the maritime design, construction and equipment rule set</p> <p>This briefing seeks Minister Doocey's agreement to proactively publish Cabinet material and key papers relating to consultation on the proposed reforms to Maritime Rules.</p>
Friday 30 August 2024	<p>Meeting with NZ Shipping Federation, 4 September 2024</p> <p>As per a request from Minister Doocey's Office, this briefing will support the Minister's meeting with John Harbord and David Borcoski of the NZ Shipping Federation.</p>
Friday 6 September 2024	<p>Options for maritime legislation</p> <p>This joint Ministry/MNZ briefing will set out options for advancing critical changes to maritime legislation.</p>
Friday 27 September 2024	<p>Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels</p> <p>This briefing will seek Minister Doocey's agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels.</p>
Friday 1 November 2024	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

3 Key updates

Minister engagement on *RMS Niagara* with the Hauraki Gulf Forum

Minister Doocey has received an invitation to meet with Lucy Baragwanath, Executive Officer of the Hauraki Gulf Forum (the Forum). The wreck of *RMS Niagara* is a frequent agenda item for the Forum as the risk it presents has the potential to impact the Hauraki Gulf. Maritime NZ has previously engaged with the Forum to discuss the wreck, and has a positive and productive relationship with them. Any advice provided to the Forum has been consistent with advice to Ministers.

We recommend Minister Doocey visits the Maritime NZ, Maritime Response Team in Te Atatu Auckland prior to meeting with Lucy Baragwanath. The Oil Spill Response capabilities and people that Maritime NZ employs, equips, trains and maintains through the Oil Pollution Fund (financed through the Oil Pollution Levy) would be the responder to a significant oil spill/release from the *RMS Niagara*. This will give Minister Doocey a clearer understanding of the condition and risk associated with the *RMS Niagara* and Maritime NZ's capabilities and readiness generally to respond to marine oil spills. The team is also meeting with Iwi and members of the Forum in the week ending Friday 16 August 2024, so will be able to provide more information on what the Forum may be seeking.

Maritime Digital Transformation

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Maritime in the Media

KiwiRail is due to be sentenced on 9 September 2024 for *Kaitaki's* loss of propulsion incident in January 2023. We are currently working through our external communications approach. Due to the ongoing investigation into KiwiRail following the grounding of the *Aratere* in June 2024, we will be taking a short media statement only approach. Once the sentence is delivered we will proactively update both your Office and Minister Doocey's of the sentence.

We are developing our approach around recreational craft safety for the spring/summer/autumn. Already this year we have seen some major events in the recreational craft sector. We will be working to have a people focused approach to our recreational craft free media harm prevention approach.

4 Upcoming briefings copied to Associate Minister of Transport

Nil this week.

5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Nil this week.

5.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees	
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)	
<p>Wednesday 21 August 2024</p>	<p>Public Consultation On Recovering The Costs Of Goods Management Activities At The Border</p> <p>The Ministers of Customs and Biosecurity are proposing to present a paper and consultation document for consideration at ECO on Wednesday 21 August 2024 and Cabinet on Monday 26 August 2024. The documents concern cost recovery proposals for goods management at New Zealand's borders. We note that the proposals will lead to some significant cost increases for the maritime sector in particular and that this will result in some significant opposition. We have worked with Customs to ensure that the Cabinet paper reflects this reality and in particular that opposition will come from maritime operators likely to be facing cost increases if the proposals are implemented in their current form. Comments were provided to Minister Doocey's Office for Ministerial consultation.</p>
<p>TBC – Mid September</p>	<p>Live Animal Exports Review</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

Key Updates

No key updates for this week.

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
11/08/24	13:00	Queenstown International	200	15	Unexpected passenger presentation, with large groups arriving at once	Additional lane opened with available staff drawn from other duties
11/08/24	14:30	Wellington Domestic	100	13	High passenger volumes, combined with both rugby teams and their staff arriving at the same time earlier than expected	Opened additional lane with skeleton staff

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

Week	5/8-11/8
Passengers processed in less than 5 minutes	88.5%
Passengers processed in less than 10 minutes	96%

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 7 August – Tuesday 13 August 2024**

NB: No Briefings were sent during this period.

Communications and External Engagement Tuesday 13 August 2024**Media plan / anticipated media – 7 days from Monday 19 August 2024**

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
Thursday 22 August 2024	General release	Media release regarding a sentencing for Mr. Throw. CAA records showed he did not hold an AOC or licence for his helicopter. Sentencing scheduled for 11:45am on Thursday 22 August 2024 in Dunedin District Court.	All main NZ publications
TBC	General release	Media release for a fatal accident report – the microlight accident in Stratford that occurred in February 2023.	TBC

Media mentions – 7 days to Tuesday 13 August 2024

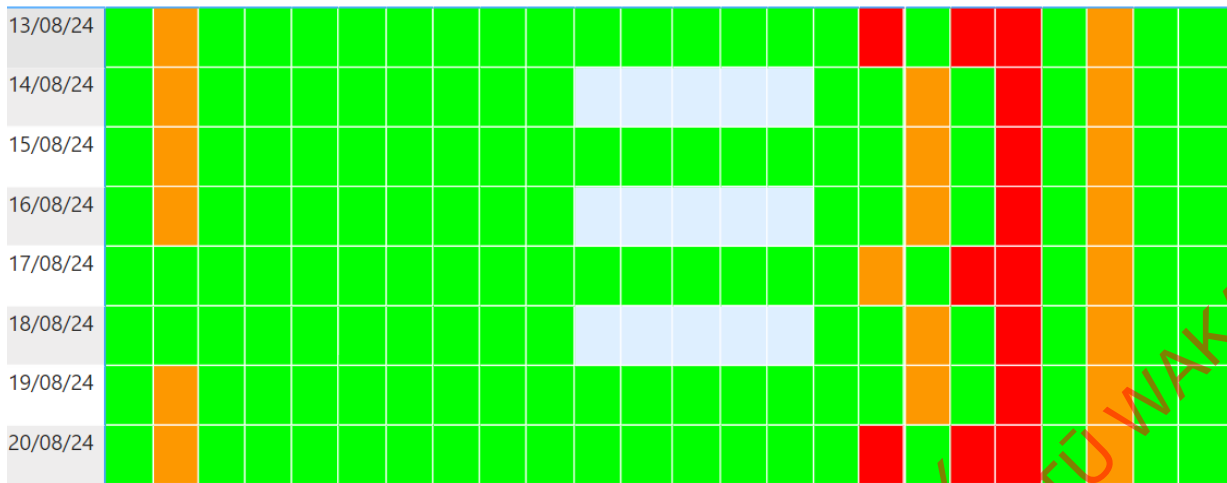
Date	Activity	Channel
Thursday 8 August 2024	Minister appoints five new CAA Board members in major shakeup	NBR
Thursday 8 August 2024	Transport Minister, Simeon Brown, has today announced a refreshed Board for the Civil Aviation Authority to ensure that the organisation is focussed on delivery. Mark Darrow has been appointed as the new Chair while Darin Cusack has been appointed as Deputy Chair.	Inside Government

Upcoming education publications and products

Planned release/publish	What	Type	Why
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	Vector magazine (Spring issue)	Aviation safety education magazine	To educate the aviation community on various aviation safety topics.
September 2024	In, out, and around Queenstown	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
September 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.
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

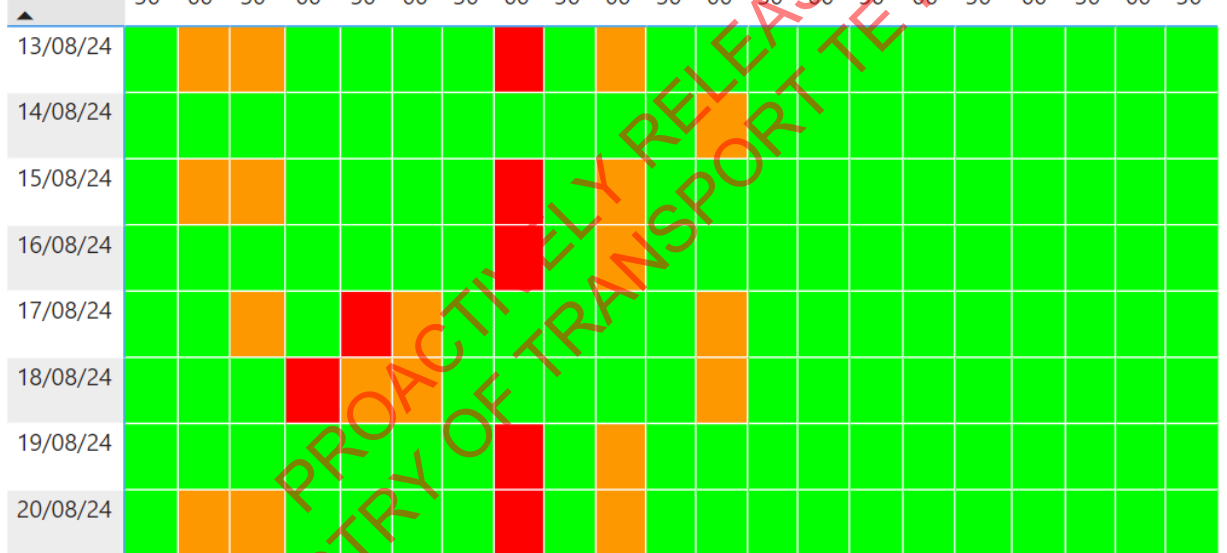
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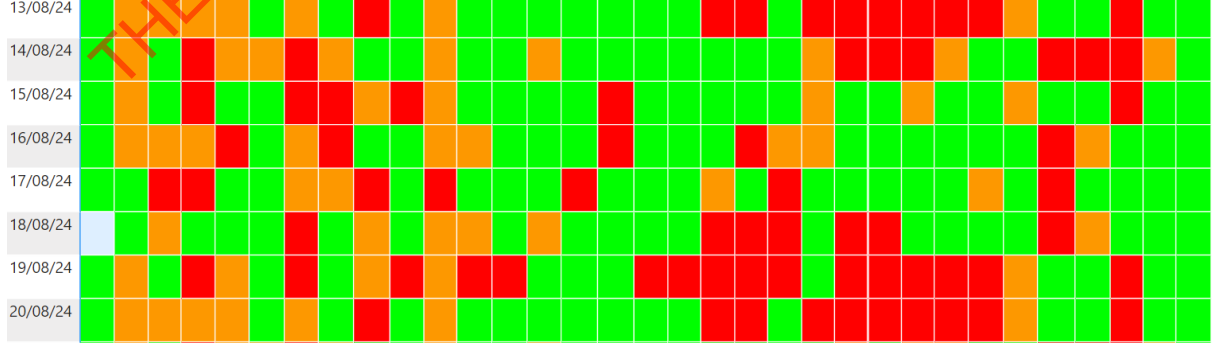
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New inquiries / International assistance

Nil

Media heads up / General comments

Nil

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

s 9(2)(g)(i), s 9(2)(ba)(i)

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Associate Minister of Transport Weekly Report week commencing 19 August 2024

1 Portfolio work programme update

Milford Opportunities

Project: Milford Aerodrome Financial Sustainability
No update. The new charges for aerodrome users do not come into effect until 1 April 2025.
Project: Masterplan Business Case
No update.
<small>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</small>
Date: Thursday 29 August 2024

Weather Forecasting

Project: System Review
No update.
Project: Contract Expiry
No update.
Project: Rain Radar Upgrades
No update.

Recreational Safety and SAR

Project: Next Steps Following Recreational Safety and Search and Rescue Review

The Ministry is continuing to engage with key sector NGOs to provide them with an update on the Recreational Safety and Search and Rescue Review (the Review). A key message in this update is that we have revisited the key Review recommendations on system strategy, governance and leadership and will not be proceeding with implementing these recommendations. We are also letting sector NGOs know that the New Zealand Search and Rescue Council (the Council) is wanting to reset its purpose and will be updating its Strategic Plan. The Council will be looking to engage NGOs on this plan in the coming months.

Project: Fuel Excise SAR Funding

No update.

Aviation Tourism

Project: Air Services Agreement (ASAS)

You will shortly be receiving a Cabinet Paper and National Interest Analysis for the Air Services Agreement with ASEAN.

Project: Codeshare/Alliance Authorisations

We have provided your Office with the final report of the Air New Zealand/Virgin Australia codeshare authorisation.

We have started work on the Air New Zealand/Cathay Pacific Alliance reauthorisation application. We will provide you with an update in September.

Chatham Islands

Project: Work Towards a Ship Solution

No update.

2 Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 30 August 2024	Oil Pollution Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference This briefing seeks your approval of a Terms of Reference for the Oil Pollution Advisory Committee.
Friday 6 September 2024	Options for Maritime Legislation 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 sets out options for advancing critical changes to maritime legislation, for discussion with you. The title and description of this deliverable have been amended to align with the portfolio work programme update.

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3 Key updates

Maritime New Zealand Authority Appointments

The call for nominations for Maritime New Zealand is currently underway, with the publicly listed advert available here: <https://www.boardappointments.co.nz/Vacancies>. Letters seeking nominations from New Zealand First, ACT and National Party colleagues were provided to Minister Brown's Office for sending on Tuesday 20 August 2024. The deadline for applications is 2 September 2024.

Civil Aviation Authority funding review – Release of documents for public consultation

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) funding review consultation will commence from Tuesday 27 August 2024. Two documents are being released: the public consultation document titled 'Civil Aviation Authority Pricing Review' and the Cost Recovery Impact Statement (CRIS).

CAA costs have not been met by income from fees, levies and charges since 2020 due to a decrease in domestic and international passengers, as well as inflation, changing security standards and other cost pressures. This pricing review focuses on returning CAA to financial self-sustainability by 1 July 2025.

The quantum of increases will be a contentious issue for airlines. This concern is likely to be compounded by recent immigration visa fees increases, an increase to the International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy, and airport-instigated increases to charges for airlines. The Aviation Industry Association's Letter on Friday 16 August 2024 mentioned the CAA review directly when talking about Immigration NZ.

"INZ, like the CAA, largely works on a cost recovery model but it could be argued increases on the scale proposed by Erica Stanford are an over-correction. This is why we must be on guard for the upcoming Funding Review of CAA."

Appendix 3 of the CRIS contains a Ministry-provided price elasticity analysis that indicates that the proposed increase in passenger safety and security levies could lead to a decrease in travel. Specifically, it suggests a drop of approximately 0.33% in international travel and a drop of at least 1.08% in domestic travel based on the low scenario.

Guide to Using Autonomous Surface Vessels (ASVs) in New Zealand's Waters

s 6(a)

[UNCLASSIFIED] The Ministry of Transport as the lead policy agency for maritime security has led the development of this guidance note, and has approved the final version for publication. The note summarises the statutory responsibilities and relevant enforcement powers of nine government agencies as embodied in three international instruments, eight Acts of Parliament, and 14 separate pieces of secondary legislation. This four-page guidance note is now with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, to be passed onto embassies. We have shared the note with FVEY partners as part of our continuous collaboration with them, and have also used our joining IORIS as an opportunity to share the note with our Pacific partners via the platform.

[Appointments in Confidence] Transport Accident Investigation Commission: Jane Meares's retirement

At her meeting with you on Tuesday 13 August 2024, Jane Meares, Chief Commissioner of the Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC), advised you of her intention to retire on 30 September 2024. As a result of this decision, she has tendered her resignation from TAIC.

TAIC staff were informed on Wednesday 21 August 2024. We understand TAIC will look to make a public announcement in due course, and will liaise with your Office on timing and content. Transport sector Chairs and Chief Executives will also be informed in advance of a public announcement.

We understand you are considering the Chief Commissioner's recommendation to elevate David Clarke, currently a Commissioner at TAIC, to Chief Commissioner. If you would like to do so, this can be done quite quickly as the responsible Minister has the power to appoint a Chief Commissioner from within the Board (rather than the Governor-General, who appoints Commissioners on your recommendation). A timeline outlining steps that need to be taken for the appointment to take effect by 1 October 2024 is listed below.

If your preference is to elevate Mr Clarke, we would appreciate your confirmation by the end of this month.

A new appointment would take a lot longer and would likely be completed near the end of the calendar year at the earliest. Officials note that the Deputy Chief Commissioner can exercise the functions of the Chief Commissioner under clause 5 of schedule 5 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 if no Chief Commissioner has been appointed by the time Ms Meares leaves the Commission on 30 September 2024.

Time period	Action for 18 September APH meeting	Action for 24 September APH meeting
Week 26 - 30 August	<p>Minister Doocey to advise Ministry of preferred action.</p> <p>Ministry to seek updated disclosure and agreement to conduct background checks. Background checks to commence upon receipt of consent.</p> <p>Ministry to draft paperwork for Cabinet's Appointments and Honours Committee (APH) to consider appointment.</p>	<p>Minister Doocey to advise Ministry of preferred action.</p> <p>Ministry to seek updated disclosure and agreement to conduct background checks. Background checks to commence upon receipt of consent.</p> <p>Ministry to draft paperwork for APH to consider appointment.</p>
Week 2 - 6 September	<p>APH paperwork will be provided to the Office.</p>	
Week 9 - 13 September	<p>Minister Doocey to conduct Ministerial consultation.</p>	<p>APH paperwork will be provided to the Office.</p>

	Associate Minister's Office to lodge the APH paperwork by 12 September 2024 at 10am.	
Week 16 – 20 September	APH meeting to take place on 18 September 2024.	Minister Doocey to conduct Ministerial consultation. Associate Minister's Office to lodge the APH paperwork by 19 September 2024 at 10am.
Week 23 – 27 September	Cabinet to consider the reappointment on 23 September 2024. The Associate Minister to sign the letter of appointment, and return the Gazette notice to the Ministry for publication.	APH meeting to take place on 24 September 2024.
Week 30 September – 4 October	Appointment commences 1 October 2024.	Cabinet to consider the appointment on 30 September 2024. The Associate Minister to sign the letter of appointment, and return the Gazette notice to the Ministry for publication. Appointment commences 1 October 2024.

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4 Upcoming briefings copied to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 6 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee	
Tuesday 22 October 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	
Wednesday 11 September 2024	<p>New Zealand Air Services Agreement and Protocol</p> <p>This paper seeks approval for New Zealand to sign and ratify the <i>Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand</i> and the associated <i>Protocol 1 to the Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand on Third, Fourth and Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights between Parties</i>.</p>
Wednesday 11 September 2024	<p>International Maritime Organisation - Climate Change Negotiation Mandate draft Cabinet paper</p> <p>International Maritime Organisation (IMO) member states are negotiating measures to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and ensure international shipping meets its 2050 net-zero emissions target. This Cabinet paper proposes a revised Cabinet mandate for these negotiations and seeks delegated Cabinet authority.</p> <p>An updated Cabinet paper was provided to your Office on Tuesday 20 August 2024 for further Ministerial consultation. The paper incorporates feedback received from departmental consultation (particularly MFAT) and the first round of Ministerial consultation.</p>

5.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

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



6 Portfolio work programme update

Maritime NZ

Project: Critical Changes to Maritime Legislation	
<p>Ministry of Transport and Maritime NZ officials are currently developing joint advice for you on options for legislative changes.</p> <p>Maritime NZ is also preparing more specific advice for you on challenges arising from the way in which a number of harbourmasters and councils are using their powers under the Maritime Transport Act (MTA).</p>	
<p>Briefing: Options for Maritime legislation</p> <p>For discussion, this joint Ministry/MNZ briefing will set out options for advancing critical changes to maritime legislation.</p>	<p>Date: Week ending 6 September 2024</p>
<p>Briefing: Changes needed to maritime legislation to address issues arising from the exercise of local navigation safety regulatory powers</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p>	<p>Date: Week ending 13 September 2024</p>

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Project: Maritime Rules Reform

Consultation continues on the first package of Design, Construction and Equipment rules changes, and will run to 18 October 2024. Stakeholder workshops are being held on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 August 2024.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Briefing: Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels

This briefing will seek your agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels. These changes are sought by the sector and reduce costs and complexity.

Date: Week ending 27 September 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Maritime Workforce

Maritime NZ officials continue to work with maritime and port sector representatives to assist them in developing their response to the consultation on the reform of vocational education that was launched by Minister Simmonds on Thursday 1 August 2024.

Maritime NZ officials met with representatives of Shipping Agents (Shipping NZ) this week. They expressed disappointment at the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment's (MBIE's) announcement that Cabinet had decided not to extend the 28 day deemed visa for international cargo crew, despite the work they had done with coastal shipping representatives (NZ Shipping Federation) to develop a joint proposal for Ministers. They will likely continue to make strong representations to the Minister of Immigration.

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7 Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 30 August 2024	Meeting with NZ Shipping Federation, 4 September 2024 As per the request from your Office, this briefing will support the Minister's meeting with John Harbord and David Borcoski of the NZ Shipping Federation.
Friday 30 August 2024	RMS Niagara Update This briefing to both you and Minister Brown will update you about the wreck of the <i>Royal Mail Ship Niagara</i> , including the potential risks of an oil spill, recent work and engagement undertaken by Maritime NZ.
Friday 6 September 2024	Options for Maritime legislation This joint Ministry/MNZ briefing will set out options for advancing critical changes to Maritime legislation.
Friday 13 September 2024	Ministry of Transport briefing: Proactive Release of papers relating to consultation on reform of the maritime design, construction and equipment rule set This briefing will seek your agreement to proactively publish Cabinet material and key papers.
Friday 13 September 2024	Changes needed to maritime legislation to address issues arising from the exercise of local navigation safety regulatory powers s 9(2)(g)(i)
Friday 27 September 2024	Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels This briefing will seek your agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels.
Friday 1 November 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

8 Key updates

Inaugural New Zealand Seafarer Welfare Council

The inaugural New Zealand Seafarer Welfare Council ('The Council') meeting was held Monday 19 August 2024 with all member representatives present. The Council is an equal participation of member organisations from government, industry, unions, and service delivery within the seafarer sector. A planning day will be held in November to develop a strategy and associated action plan. This will look at transforming seafarer welfare service delivery and outcomes, in compliance with the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) requirements.

New Zealand Cruise Association Conference

On Thursday 15 August 2024, the Director of Maritime NZ attended and presented at the New Zealand Cruise Association conference. The focus of her presentation was on the wide range of work Maritime NZ does with and in support of the cruise sector. Areas of interest from participants included work being done to facilitate the availability of alternative fuels and shore power, safety and security.

A strong theme of the conference was concern about rising costs with short timelines that make it impossible to build the costs into tickets already sold, increasing debt on a sector already holding high debt from COVID-19. In particular, the current consultation processes proposing increased levies across a range of agencies was having cumulative impact. Customs has recently written to submitters indicating, post-consultation, that because of lowered projections of cruise visits, and higher aviation visits, that levies will have to rise further than originally proposed on cruises. This will likely increase frustration markedly, as the sector argue that lower cruise activity in New Zealand is a direct result of high costs.

Bio-fouling also was a concern; not so much that it was required, but that there was a need for the sector and government to urgently find ways to safely clean the vessels. Winter cruise has been cancelled this year and cruise is 15% down on last year. The sector is forecasting a further reduction in 2025/26. New Zealand was seen as a safe and high interest location to visit, and there are ships available and more being built, but there was a real sense that the cost and difficulty of doing business here was too high and ships were being directed to other places in the Asia Pacific.

Maritime in the Media

Sadly there was another fatal incident after a vessel capsized on Saturday 17 August 2024 while crossing the Catlins River bar. One person died as a result of the capsizing, and the other person on the vessel made it safely ashore. Our partners in the water safety sector publicly commented on bar safety risks and skipper responsibilities. Our previously agreed content was used as talking points by Coastguard when they spoke on the capsizing.

9 Upcoming briefings copied to Associate Minister of Transport

Nil this week.

10 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Nil this week.

10.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees	
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)	
<p>Wednesday 21 August 2024</p>	<p>Public Consultation On Recovering The Costs Of Goods Management Activities At The Border</p> <p>The Ministers of Customs and Biosecurity are proposing to present a paper and consultation document for consideration at ECO on Wednesday 21 August 2024 and Cabinet on Monday 26 August 2024. The documents concern cost recovery proposals for goods management at New Zealand's borders. We note that the proposals will lead to some significant cost increases for the maritime sector in particular and that this will result in some significant opposition. We have worked with Customs to ensure that the Cabinet paper reflects this reality and in particular that opposition will come from maritime operators likely to be facing cost increases if the proposals are implemented in their current form. Comments were provided to your Office for Ministerial consultation.</p>
Cabinet Business Committee (CBC)	
<p>Monday 2 September 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)	
	Live Animal Exports Review s 9(2)(f)(iv)
TBC – Mid September	

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New inquiries / International assistance

Nil

Media heads up / General comments

Nil

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

s 9(2)(g)(i), s 9(2)(ba)(i)

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Transport Portfolio Weekly Report

As at Wednesday 21 August 2024

Recipient

HON SIMEON BROWN
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

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Minister's comments:

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Officials' agenda



Agenda - Minister Brown officials' meeting

Day Date	Monday 26 August		
Time	1pm – 1.45pm		
Venue	EW5.1 Parliament		
Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) attendees			
Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive			
Brent Johnston, Chief of Staff			
Ruth Fairhall, Deputy Chief Executive, Policy			
Paul O'Connell, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy			
David Wood, Deputy Chief Executive, Investment and Monitoring			
Emma Wardle, Senior Adviser, Environment			For item 1.1 only
Tim Herbert, Manager, Investment			For item 1.2 only
Mitch Macaulay, Principal Adviser, Investment			For item 1.2 only
George Ross, Senior Adviser, Investment			For item 1.2 only
Morgan Watkins, Senior Adviser, Safety			For item 2.3 only
Part 1	Ministry of Transport and other agencies	Lead	Paper reference
1.1	EV Charging s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Ruth Fairhall (MBIE & EECA Officials in attendance)	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
1.2	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	David Wood (Treasury Officials in attendance)	OC240866

Part 2	Ministry of Transport only	Lead	Paper reference
2.1	Weekly Report	Audrey Sonerson	At 21 August 2024
2.2	Aviation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Release of aviation consultation and discussion documents 	Ruth Fairhall	Verbal update
2.3	Vehicle System Reforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope of Work 	Paul O'Connell	OC240990
2.4	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	David Wood	OC240849

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Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) Monday 19 August 2024	Due date
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Monday 26 August 2024
Civil Aviation Implementation Officials to consult on three options for cost recovery and amount to be recovered.	We aim to provide a draft Cabinet paper for your feedback on Thursday 29 August 2024.
RUC admin fee Officials to provide draft letter to NZTA Board.	Wednesday 28 August 2024
Speed Rule Officials to provide advice on implementation timeframes.	Week ending Friday 30 August 2024
Decisions	Confirmed / Denied
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Confirmed
Hamilton Airport Engagement Move to monthly reporting.	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
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
24 June 2024	Appointments Future appointment advice should include consideration of the transport board remuneration and (as appropriate) seek agreement in upcoming Cabinet papers.	Ongoing
24 June 2024	Driver Licensing NZTA is progressing the operational work programme to reduce wait times to under 30 days.	Underway
8 July 2024	Public Transport s 8(2)(b)(i), s 9(2)(j) Officials to engage with Disabled People's Organisations Coalition (DPO Coalition) and provide feedback to Minister in advance of Terms of Reference being confirmed.	Complete Complete. More detail provided in Section 2
8 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Underway
15 July 2024	Aviation s 6(a)	Friday 30 August 2024

Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
15 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Ongoing
22 July 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Ongoing
22 July 2024	Aviation Officials to provide further advice on aligning the New Zealand regime with Australia.	Friday 30 August 2024
22 July 2024	EV Charging Officials to: s 9(2)(f)(iv)	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
29 July 2024	Auckland s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Ongoing
12 August 2024	EV charging infrastructure s 9(2)(f)(iv)	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
12 August 2024	Environment Officials to progress Clean Car Standard legislation Cabinet paper.	Underway - Cabinet paper provided to the Office for Ministerial consultation on Thursday 15 August 2024
12 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

1 Ministerial priorities

Safety

Project: Speed limits	
We are continuing to work with NZTA to prepare the pack of documents for Cabinet and the final Speed Rule.	
Process	Dates
Briefing to Minister on outcome of consultation	Complete
Draft Cabinet paper, final Regulatory Impact Assessment and final Summary of submissions to Minister	Wednesday 28 August 2024
Ministerial and departmental consultation	3 – 10 September 2024
Cabinet paper lodged	12 September 2024
Cabinet paper speaking points and draft press release to Minister	13 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	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
Project: Road safety objectives	
We are awaiting your feedback on the draft Road Safety Objectives document before commencing departmental and Ministerial consultation. Depending on your preferences, we may need to reduce the length of time for departmental and Ministerial consultation or shift to a later Committee date.	
Cabinet paper: Releasing the final Road Safety Objectives document This paper seeks agreement to publish the final New Zealand Road Safety Objectives document.	Departmental and Ministerial consultation: TBC Final papers to your Office: TBC To lodge: 5 September 2024 To Committee: 11 September 2024 (ECO) To Cabinet: 16 September 2024
Project: Land Transport Fees Amendment Package	

The final proposals will go before Cabinet and Executive Council on Monday 26 August 2024. We are working with your Office to confirm the content and date for communicating the fee changes to the public and RCAs. PCO will arrange gazettal of the Regulations, and we will arrange gazettal of the Notice by 3 September 2024.

Cabinet paper: Approval of legislative changes to update land transport fees

To Cabinet / Executive Council: Monday 26 August 2024

Press release: week commencing Monday 26 August 2024

Final date to Gazette: 3 September 2024

In force: 1 October 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Rail

Project: Budget 24	
Briefing: Budget 24 – Approval to drawdown funding for metro renewals This briefing will seek your agreement to drawdown the AT portion of the \$107.7 million for metro renewals. It will provide advice on the priorities for investment, monitoring and reporting on the investment, and the response from AC/AT.	Date: Week ending Friday 30 August 2024
Project: KiwiRail – Rail freight Network	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Date: 16 September 2024
City Rail Link	
Monthly progress report	
s 9(2)(b)(ii)	
s 9(2)(g)(i)	
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Day 1 timetable

On Wednesday 14 August 2024 the Ministry Chaired a meeting of the CRL One Client Governance Group (OCGG), which includes the Chairs and CEOs of City Rail Link Limited, KiwiRail, Auckland Transport and Auckland One Rail. The substantive agenda item was to discuss the work undertaken by Auckland Transport and KiwiRail to determine the level of confidence in achieving the Day 1 timetable of 15 trains per hour set out in the 2015 CRL business case. s 9(2)(b)(ii)

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Investment

Project: Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024

GPS 2024 Monitoring and Reporting

The Ministry is currently working with NZTA on the first monthly report for GPS 2024 delivery. This report will be provided to you by Friday 30 August 2024.

Road Efficiency Group (REG)

Ministry officials are working with NZTA officials to confirm the scope, role and functions of the REG by the end of September 2024 (in line with your letter to the NZTA Board Chair on Tuesday 13 August 2024).

Ten-Year Investment Planning

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 brief you on this work by 11 September 2024.

Review of NZTA Short-term Borrowing Facility (the Review)

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Briefing: Ten-year investment planning: project scope

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.

Date: 11 September 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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

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 and the parallel review of Section 9 funding, including efforts to:

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Briefing: Expectations for triennial review of Section 9(1) SAR funding

This briefing will seek confirmation from yourself and the Minister of Finance on the approach to the triennial review of Section 9(1) SAR funding, s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Date: Thursday 23 August 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Budget 2025

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Date: 6 September 2024

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Revenue

Project: Time of use charging

Drafting instructions

We are working with PCO to clarify aspects of the drafting instructions.

Proactive Release

We have published the July Cabinet paper, Regulatory Impact Statement and associated Minutes available on the Ministry's website. We are responding to OIA requests for further information outside of the proactive release on a case-by-case basis, pending your agreement to further proactive release of material.

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Project: Tolling reform

Following our workshop with you on Wednesday 14 August 2024, we are preparing advice that will seek your agreement to the key policy decisions. We are also working with NZTA to coordinate the tolling legislative reform programme with upcoming tolling decisions, following your approval this week of NZTA conducting public consultation on tolling proposals and pursuing increases to rates on existing toll roads (NZTA BRI-3099 refers).

Briefing: Tolling reform policy decisions (title TBC)

This paper will seek agreement to the policy decisions regarding tolling law reform, following a workshop in the coming weeks.

Date: 4 September 2024

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Project: Fleetwide transition to the Road User Charges system

We have provided your Office with timeframes and more detailed scopes for our upcoming advice leading up to the draft Cabinet paper.

We propose a further workshop with you in the week of 9 September 2024 to discuss our initial advice on the RUC policy framework, which will support us to further refine policy options and work towards the Cabinet paper.

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Project: Increasing motor vehicle registration (MVR) annual licence fees

The draft Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024, and the accompanying draft Cabinet Legislation Committee paper, have been sent out for departmental consultation.

Cabinet paper: Approval for Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024

This LEG paper will seek authorisation to submit regulations to the Executive Council.

Departmental consultation: 20 - 30 August 2024

Ministerial consultation: 3 - 17 September 2024 (or can send this out earlier if you wish)

To lodge: 19 September 2024

To Committee: 26 September 2024

To Cabinet: 30 September 2024

Publication & Gazetting: 3 October 2024

Aviation

Project: CAA funding review

We have passed on your updates to the Ministerial foreword to CAA for inclusion in the consultation document, and it is on track to be released following your speech at the Aviation Industry Association Conference on Tuesday 27 August 2024.

As requested by Minister Doocey's Office, we have included an update on the funding review in the Weekly Report to the Associate Minister of Transport, which includes some information on the potential impact of increased levies on tourism.

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Emissions

Project: Clean Car Importer Standard	
<p>Review of the Clean Car Importer Standard (the Standard)</p> <p>We have completed departmental consultation on the draft Cabinet Legislation Committee paper. This paper seeks approval for the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations to be made. The paper is ready for lodgement, pending any changes from Ministerial consultation.</p> <p>The regulations set new targets for 2025–2029 and exempt disability vehicles from the Standard.</p>	
<p>Cabinet Paper: Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations</p>	<p>Provided to Minister: Tuesday 6 August 2024</p> <p>To Lodge: Thursday 22 August 2024</p> <p>To Committee: Thursday 29 August 2024 (LEG)</p> <p>To Cabinet and Executive Council: 2 September 2024</p>
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	
<p>Response letter to the Regulations Review Committee</p> <p>This Letter will respond to the views of the Regulations Review Committee.</p>	<p>Date: 11 September 2024</p>
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	
Project: EV Charging Infrastructure	
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>	

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Project: Second Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP2)

Consultation on the ERP2 has been extended four days until Sunday 25 August 2024. Public submissions have now reached 200.

Officials would like to explore with you some possible new content for the finalising ERP2 transport chapter. Drawing on themes raised during the public consultation period, officials have identified some options that are consistent with current Government policy. Further options may also be identified through submissions analysis.

The Minister of Climate Change is likely to write to you and seek a bilateral discussion to help finalise policy content for ERP2. Also, the next Climate Priorities Ministerial Group (CPMG) meeting is scheduled for 16 September 2024. We will provide you with briefings to support these meetings.

Process	Dates
End of ERP2 consultation (extended)	Sunday 25 August 2024
Briefing in support of CPMG meeting	11 September 2024
Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting	16 September 2024
Briefing on the results of the ERP2 consultation	23 September 2024
Briefing on final content of the transport chapter for ERP2	28 October 2024

Auckland

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Project: Waitematā Harbour Connections

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Board Appointments

Civil Aviation Authority
Induction planning for new members is underway.
Maritime New Zealand
The call for nominations for Maritime New Zealand is currently underway, with the publicly listed advert available here: https://www.boardappointments.co.nz/Vacancies . Letters seeking nominations from New Zealand First, ACT and National Party colleagues were provided to your Office for sending on Tuesday 20 August 2024. The deadline for applications is 2 September 2024.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)
New Zealand Transport Agency
Induction planning for new members is underway.
Independent Review Function – Civil Aviation Act
An updated position description has been provided to your Office for approval. We await comment from your Office and will look to list this advert in parallel with the consultation process for the scope of the role.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)
City Rail Link Limited
Following a meeting with the City Rail Link Limited Chair on Wednesday 14 August 2024, advice is under development regarding three member terms that will expire at the end of October 2024. Consultation is underway on the draft briefing. Subject to significant feedback, we envisage providing Shareholders a briefing on this matter in the week commencing Monday 26 August 2024.

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[Appointments in Confidence] Transport Accident Investigation Commission: Jane Meares's retirement

At her meeting with Minister Doocey on Tuesday 13 August 2024, Jane Meares, Chief Commissioner of the Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC), advised that she intends to retire on 30 September 2024. As a result of this decision, she has tendered her resignation from TAIC.

TAIC staff were informed on Wednesday 21 August 2024. We understand TAIC will look to make a public announcement in due course, and will liaise with Minister Doocey's Office on timing and content.

We understand Minister Doocey is considering the Chief Commissioner's recommendation to elevate David Clarke, currently a Commissioner at TAIC, to Chief Commissioner. Should this be the preferred option, this can be done quite quickly as the Responsible Minister has the power to appoint a Chief Commissioner from within the Board. In order for the appointment to be completed before Ms Meares leaves the Commission, we have advised that we would appreciate confirmation by the end of August 2024.

A new appointment would take a lot longer and would likely be completed near the end of the calendar year at the earliest. The Crown Entities Act 2004 allows the Deputy Chief Commissioner to exercise the functions of the Chief Commissioner if no Chief Commissioner is appointed by the time Ms Meares leaves the Commission.

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2 Updates on other matters

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Department of Internal Affairs' Regulatory Systems Amendment Bill Amendments

The Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) is developing a Regulatory Systems Amendment Bill (RSAB). An RSAB is a vehicle for non-controversial policy changes that improve regulatory systems, and typically includes amendments to several Acts.

The Department administers the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908 (the Act) and is proposing to remove redundant references to the Act through the RSAB.

This includes removing the redundant references to the Act in section 9(2) of the Waitara Harbour Act 1940. The Department also proposes to remove the Shipping Act 1987 from Schedule 1 of the Inquiries Act 2013, as the relevant clause in the Shipping Act has been repealed.

The Department has assessed the proposals as minor, non-controversial, and contributing to maintaining the regulatory system. The Ministry agrees with this assessment and recommends these references be removed from the legislation.

The Department will provide you with a Cabinet paper seeking Cabinet policy decisions in October 2024, with the Bill expected to be introduced into the House in mid-2025.

Addressing offending on public transport buses

You have expressed interest in whether changes could be made to the Sentencing Act 2002 to make committing an offence on a public transport bus an aggravating factor at sentencing.

The Sentencing Act contains a range of aggravating factors, such as the actual or threatened use of violence or a weapon, the victim's vulnerability due to their age or health or any other factor known to the offender, and hostility towards the victim's race, nationality, religion, or disability. These factors would seem to apply in many of the recent attacks on buses, subject to the findings of the respective court processes.

The Minister of Justice has an upcoming Bill to amend the Sentencing Act due for introduction by 30 September [CAB-24-MIN-0203.02 refers]. The Bill includes introducing a new aggravating factor for victims who were working alone at the time of the offending. This aggravating factor will cover victims who work alone such as bus drivers, taxi drivers and, in some circumstances, small business operators like dairies and petrol stations. As with all sentencing decisions, the Courts will consider the particular facts of each case when deciding whether an aggravating factor applies. For example, in the situation where a train conductor is working with a train driver who cannot leave the driver's cab, it would be a matter for the Court to consider whether this aggravating factor applies to the particular circumstances of the case.

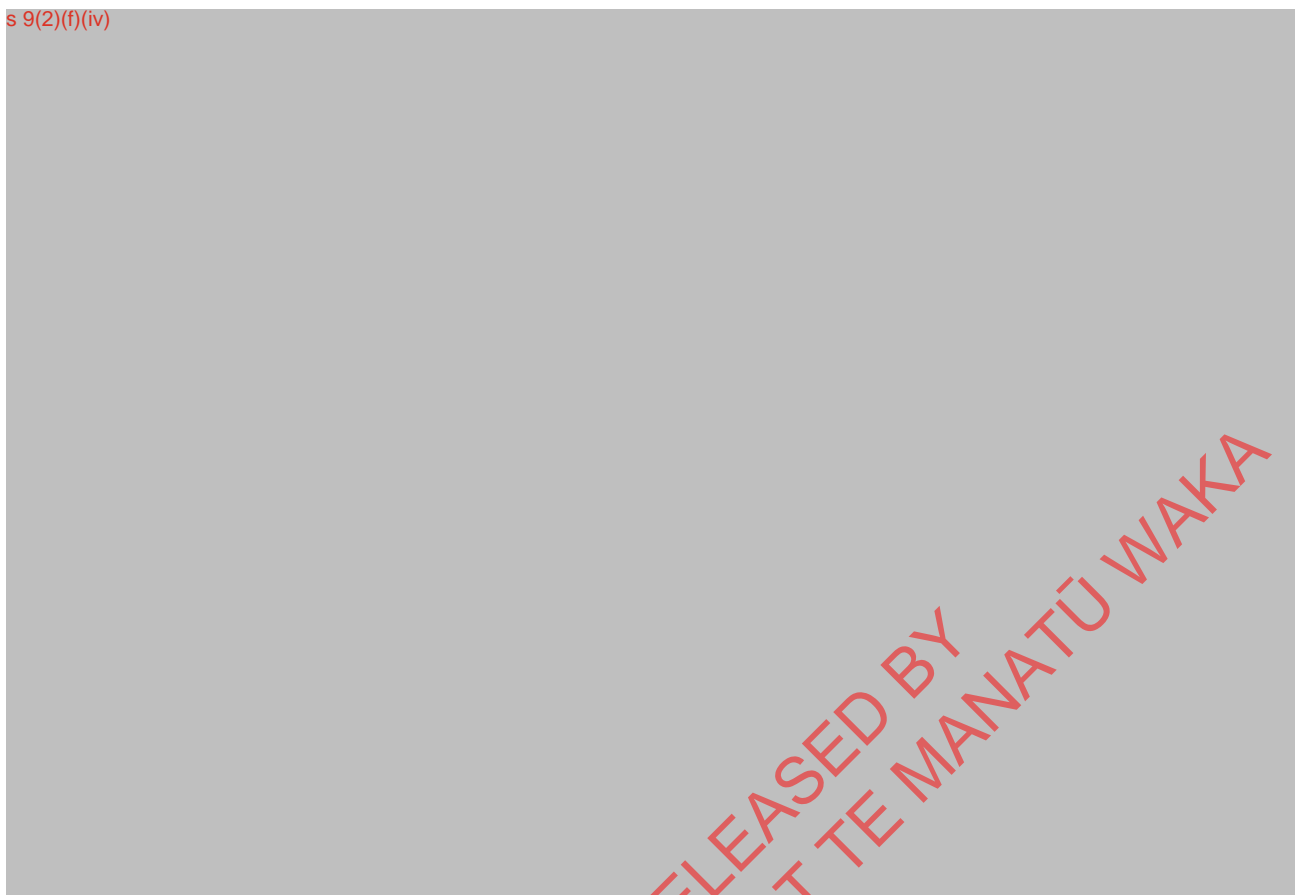
The Bill also proposes to limit the sentencing discounts that the courts can apply for mitigating factors. Overall, this will result in tougher sentences, including for more serious offending on buses and public transport generally.

If you wish to go further than the above changes, we suggest meeting with the Minister of Justice to determine a way forward. The Bill is being finalised for introduction in the coming month, so any further additions will need to be progressed at pace. Alternatively, you could look to make changes through the programme to modernise transport legislation.

Bus driver safety screen funding

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3 Transport stakeholder updates

Stakeholder	Update
CAA Aviation Industry Meeting	<p>On Monday 19 August 2024, officials attended the Civil Aviation Authority’s quarterly Aviation Industry Meeting. Meeting attendees included the Tier 1 airports, Air New Zealand and Qantas, industry associations, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Police and Ministry of Health.</p> <p>A key focus of discussion was on the economic importance of the aviation sector, and the challenges the industry is currently facing with reducing traveller volumes and rising costs.</p> <p>The industry was positive about the work being undertaken by the CAA and AvSec but is feeling under pressure responding to the number and breadth of government consultations.</p>
Civil Aviation Rules engagement	<p>The Civil Aviation Act 2023 requires all civil aviation rules to be remade to carry over settings in place under the 1990 Act, with any necessary updates to reflect the 2023 Act and other technical changes.</p> <p>Draft revision of all 50 civil aviation rules has been completed. Sector engagement on the realigned rules will be undertaken for eight weeks, from the week starting 2 September until 25 October 2024.</p> <p>We expect to provide the suite of rules for your approval and signature by December 2024.</p>
Local Government CEOs	<p>Invitation to Address Local Government CEOs on transport policy</p> <p>You received an invitation from Auckland Council CEO Phil Wilson to address a group of local government CEOs (just over half of all regional, city and district council CE’s) in Auckland on Wednesday 11 September 2024.</p> <p>We understand you were unable to accept the invitation. Mr Wilson has queried whether a senior executive from the Ministry can attend instead. The theme suggested by Mr Wilson is “Government policy direction with transport policy, funding and delivery”, though he has indicated flexibility over the topics that are covered. He has noted the intention to release the City/Regional deal framework shortly, and expects the CEOs to participate in a broader discussion about economic development, jobs growth and alignment of infrastructure investment.</p> <p>DCE David Wood has capacity to accept the invitation. As you will appreciate officials can explain government policy, but are bound by convention not to promote policy. If the Ministry does participate in the proceedings, we will provide the Office with an advance draft of the presentation for review and feedback.</p> <p>Decision sought: Agree to Ministry participation at the local government CEOs meeting</p> <p>Yes / No</p>

4 Upcoming Minister of Transport meetings

Meeting Date	Meeting	Details
Thursday 22 August 2024 11:30am – 12:00pm	Meeting with the Rental Vehicle Association on COF frequency, registration fees, and transport modernisation.	Briefing Due: Completed Officials Attending: TBC

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5 Other upcoming Ministry of Transport Cabinet papers

New Zealand Air Services Agreement and Protocol	
<p>This paper seeks approval for New Zealand to sign and ratify the Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand, and the associated Protocol 1 to the Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand on Third, Fourth and Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights between Parties.</p>	
<p>Progress Update: We will provide the Associate Minister with a draft Cabinet paper in the week commencing Monday 19 August 2024.</p>	<p>To Associate Minister: week commencing Monday 19 August 2024 To lodge: 5 September 2024 To Committee: 11 September 2024</p>
Civil Aviation Act Implementation - Independent Review Function cost recovery	
<p>This paper seeks approval to release a consultation document 'Independent reviews of the Director of Civil Aviation's decisions: Proposed fees for applicants', which proposes the introduction of partial cost recovery for the new independent review function created by the Civil Aviation Act 2023.</p>	
<p>Progress Update: We will provide the Minister with a draft Cabinet paper for feedback on Thursday 29 August 2024.</p>	<p>To lodge: 18 September 2024 To Committee: 25 September 2024 (ECO)</p>

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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 23 August 2024	<p>Civil Aviation Authority Monitoring Plan</p> <p>The Ministry is developing monitoring plans for each of the Crown Entities in Vote Transport. This briefing seeks your agreement on a monitoring plan for the Civil Aviation Authority.</p>
Week ending 30 August 2024	<p>Manukau Harbor Port Feasibility Study – Advice and Next Steps</p> <p>This briefing will provide you with the final Manukau Harbour Port Feasibility Study, our advice on its conclusions, and possible next steps for you to consider.</p>
Week ending 30 August 2024	<p>Review of Bus Decarbonisation Mandate and Target</p> <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>Civil Aviation Authority – Statutory Functions</p> <p>This briefing will provide further advice on aligning the New Zealand regime with Australia.</p>
Week ending 30 August 2024	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
Week ending 30 August 2024	<p>Auckland Light Rail Return of Working Capital</p> <p>This briefing is being prepared for Shareholding Ministers, Ministers of Finance, Housing and Transport, to seek approval of the proposed return of working capital from Auckland Light Rail Limited.</p>
Week ending 30 August 2024	<p>Auckland Transport Alignment Project (ATAP) Implementation Report - July 2021 to June 2024</p> <p>This briefing provides you with a three-year summary of the ATAP investment programme over the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024. The report summarises delivery of key projects, monitors progress against wider outcomes from the programme, and details funding and expenditure for the programme over the reporting period.</p>

Due to Office	Title
Wednesday 4 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 6 September 2024	Emergency Weather - Authorisation to release tagged contingency This briefing seeks authorisation to draw down the Budget 2024 tagged contingency of \$23.142 million for Severe Weather Response Readiness, Resilience, and Recovery, which will enable four non-government organisations to repair/rebuild damaged facilities and improve future emergency response preparedness.
Week ending 6 September 2024 - change is consistent with output plan milestone (2 September 2024)	Interim advice on the Metropolitan Rail Operating Model Review This briefing will provide you with interim advice on: s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 6 September	Vote Transport: Certification of Unappropriated Expenditure for 2023/24 This briefing seeks the Minister's certification of the Vote Transport unappropriated expenditure for the 2023/24 financial year.
Week ending 6 September 2024	Draft Strategic Intentions 2024 - 2028 This briefing will seek your agreement to the Ministry's new Strategic Intentions 2024-2028, including your Ministerial foreword.
Week ending 6 September 2024	Ministry of Transport Draft Annual Report 2023/24 This briefing will provide you with a copy of the Ministry's draft Annual Report 2023/24 and seek your agreement to an Addendum to the Report (as required under the Public Finance Act) for certain non-departmental appropriations.
Week ending 6 September 2024	Next steps for transport actions in the first Emissions Reduction Plan This briefing will provide you with advice on discontinuing selected actions in the first Emissions Reduction Plan.
Week ending 6 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 20 September 2024	Public Transport Bus Decarbonisation Fund s 9(2)(f)(iv)

6.1 Proactive Releases

Due to Office	Title	Date planned for release
Friday 30 August 2024	Proactive release of Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill This briefing will seek your approval to release a collection of Cabinet material related to the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill.	16 September 2024

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6.2 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

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7 Ministerial correspondence and OIAs

Ministerial correspondence

There have not been 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
15/08/2024 Extended 29/08/2024	22/08/2024 Extended 5/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Any correspondence received or sent by the Office regarding the Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility Programme (LNIRIM)
15/08/2024	22/08/2024		All advice received from departments on the removal of carbon emission subsidies for vehicles, reduced emissions standards, and the implications for New Zealand's car fleet
15/08/2024	22/08/2024		All documents relating to the 14 February 2024 meeting with Port Company CEOs
16/08/2024	23/08/2024		Information on EV chargers
16/08/2023	23/08/2023		Advice or correspondence between the Minister of Transport and officials regarding the development of the new GPS
20/08/2024	26/08/2024		June Briefings
26/08/2024	2/09/2024		All correspondence and communication with non-Governmental organisations regarding the Setting of Speed Limits
28/08/2024	4/09/2024		Information about the appointment of medical conveners
28/08/2024	4/09/2024		Information on transport expert advisory group
29/08/2024	5/09/2024		Any safety analysis undertaken relating to the proposed Speed rule, such as modelling of the expected change in deaths and serious injuries (DSI), or analysis of historical DSI data
30/08/2024	6/09/2024		Regarding the use of Te Reo Māori in the public service
30/08/2024	6/09/2024		All communication regarding the increase of parking fines

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
30/08/2024	4/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	All communication between the Minister's Office and departments he is responsible for, about new spending or baseline savings in Budget 2024
2/09/2024	9/09/2024		All advice prepared by central government agencies for the Minister or his Office on time of use charging, including substantial email correspondence between officials and the Office
3/09/2024	10/09/2024		All advice to the Minister about Auckland Transport
5/09/2024	12/09/2024		Advice on projected road toll if the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 is adopted from NZTA and MoT
6/09/2024	13/09/2024		Correspondence between the Ministers Office and Greater Wellington councillors on the Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility Programme

Written Parliamentary Questions

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
15/08/2024	50304 (2024)	How many staff, if any, were employed in the Minister's departments, if any, on 1 July 2023 that worked on greenhouse gas emissions reduction efforts, categorised by whether they worked on organisational/corporate emissions reduction or nationwide emissions reduction or both?	23/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
15/08/2024	50307 (2024)	How many staff, if any, were employed in the Minister's departments, if any, on 1 July 2024 that worked on greenhouse gas emissions reduction efforts, categorised by whether they worked on organisational/corporate emissions reduction or nationwide emissions reduction or both?	23/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
15/08/2024	50312 (2024)	How many staff, if any, were employed in the Minister's departments, if any, on 1 July 2023 that worked on climate change adaptation, categorised by work on corporate/organisational climate adaptation or national climate change adaptation or both?	23/08/2024 12:00:00 AM

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
15/08/2024	50317 (2024)	How many staff, if any, were employed in the Minister's departments, if any, on 1 July 2024 that worked on climate change adaptation, categorised by work on corporate/organisational climate adaptation or national climate change adaptation or both?	23/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
16/08/2024	50556 (2024)	What are the median and mean salaries of the staff, if any, of the Minister's department, if any?	26/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
20/08/2024	50677 (2024)	What papers, if any, did the Minister take to Cabinet during the week beginning 12 August 2024, by title and date?	27/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
20/08/2024	50674 (2024)	What Cabinet papers, if any, has the Minister taken to Cabinet Committees during the week beginning 12 August 2024, by Cabinet Committee, title and date?	27/08/2024 12:00:00 AM

7.1 Departmental Official Information Act requests

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
20/08/2024 Extended 27/08/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Consultation reports for the draft GPS 2024
20/08/2024 Extended 3/09/2024		June Briefings
23/08/2024		A list of job titles that hold Ministry credit cards and the number of cards shared
26/08/2024		The Northport dry dock business case
27/08/2024		Information relating to any planning for 15-minute cities or regional areas in NZ
28/08/2024		Information on Sustainable Aviation Aotearoa
28/08/2024		Information surrounding the requester's medical convener tribunal hearing
28/08/2024		Further information surrounding the requester's medical convener tribunal hearing
28/08/2024		Internal guidelines on policies, or procedures that relates to neurodiversity, disability, or accessibility

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
30/08/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Correspondence between the Minister and the Ministry regarding the Clean Car Standard
30/08/2024		Direction given to the Ministry by the Minister of Transport around Auckland Transport on its congestion charging plans
3/09/2024		All advice produced for the Climate Implications of Policy Assessment regarding the Clean Car Standard changes announced by the government on 9 July 2024
3/09/2024		Light Rail documents such as the superfunds presentation, and project updates
4/09/2024		Information surrounding the requester's medical convener tribunal hearing
6/09/2024		A copy of the consultation document regarding the Increase to parking fines across NZ
6/09/2024		Any Correspondence that relates to the Ministry's involvement in advice on visa fee increases this year
6/09/2024		Information held on weather modification
10/09/2024		A copy of Road to Zero progress reports to the Ministerial Oversight Group since March 2023
13/09/2024		Regarding the 2024 Change process
16/09/2024		Any summary reports on feedback received on GPS 2024
16/09/2024		All Ministry documents held in relation to the original drafting of Part 93 in relation to Wn airport.
17/09/2024		Information on the Community Roadwatch programme
17/09/2024		Specific correspondence in full relating to the Public Service Commission initiated Performance Improvement Review Programme assessment

Transport Portfolio Agency Reports



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Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) – Monday 19 August 2024	Due date
Provide NLTP data/numbers once this has been endorsed by the NZTA Board.	Friday 23 August 2024

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Updates

NZTA determination made on legality of e-scooter remote operation function

This update confirms the verbal update on this matter that we provided to your Office on Monday 19 August 2024.

E-scooter company Ario was recently given approval by Auckland Council to operate 150 remotely controllable e-scooters in and around the suburb of New Lynn, Auckland. Globally, these Ario e-scooters are the first share-scheme devices to have remote operation functionality (a person physically removed from the device can drive it via on-board cameras and sensors).

NZTA has obtained external legal advice on this matter and has determined that the remote operation of e-scooters without a rider does not fall within the E-Scooter (Declaration Not to be Motor Vehicles) Notice 2023, or the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004. The law specifies that on such devices (which are defined as a “wheeled recreational device”), the motors are “auxiliary propulsion motors”. When operated remotely the motors are the only source of propulsion, so cannot be considered auxiliary. The effect of the determination is that the remote operation function must be deactivated or simply not used. The devices are otherwise legally compliant and can continue to be used.

NZTA is working with officials at Auckland Council and Christchurch City Council, who are currently assessing future e-scooter contract providers to ensure a joined-up approach and smooth implementation of the NZTA determination.

NZTA does not see this as meaning that this sort of technology could not be considered or used in New Zealand in the future. A wider piece of work will need to be done to ensure safe operations and understand risks and benefits.

Ario has written to you seeking a review of this decision. The Ministry of Transport will provide you with further advice.

Supporting Motorcycle Awareness Month

NZTA is supporting ACC’s Motorcycle Awareness Month in September by promoting the annual injury prevention campaign and sharing relevant safety reminders for riders and drivers via our own internal / external communication channels at no cost. Our latest motorcycling safety advertising is relaunching during the month, and this is funded as part of our National Road Safety Promotion Programme. The activities are planned to take place in September as people on motorcycles are significantly over-represented in deaths and serious injuries on the roads, with a spike in September each year, when many riders return to the roads after winter.

Speed Management Plan certifications

Under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 (the current Rule), the Director of Land Transport has a role to approve anomalies in speed limits and specific speed limit decisions made by Road Controlling Authorities (RCAs), as well as to certify speed management plans.

Over recent months, the Director has received 34 requests from RCAs to certify speed management plans under the current Rule. Currently any request made by an RCA must be considered and determined by the Director in accordance with the current Rule. With each request NZTA first confirmed with the RCA that it wished to proceed under the current Rule, noting the progress of the proposed Rule and impacts that may have on them when the new rule comes into effect.

Release of Quarter 2 Public Attitudes to Road Safety survey

The Quarter 2 Public Attitudes to Road Safety survey (covering the period April – June 2024) will be published to the NZTA website on Thursday 5 September 2024.

The survey details the results of responses to a broad range of questions focussed on specific road safety topics, including attitudes to enforcement, speed, vehicle safety, impaired driving, distraction, driver fatigue and personal safety.

Key findings include:

- Public sentiment is in favour of greater Police presence (69%, down 3% on the last survey) and more effort being put into catching people breaking road safety laws (53%), with the latter 4% down on the previous quarterly survey. A total of 48% of those surveyed think that penalties for breaking road safety laws should increase, down 2% on the last survey.
- A 5% increase in agreement to the statement 'someone who drinks and drives is likely to get caught', up from 37% to 42%.
- Most New Zealanders (91%) support lower speed limits (40km/h or lower) around schools in urban areas. Three in five (62%) support lowering speed limits in high-risk areas, with 52% supporting 30km/h speed limits in urban areas generally (not necessarily with schools nearby). These figures are unchanged from the previous survey.
- A total of 60% support compulsory roadside drug testing of drivers (down 2% on the previous survey).
- Just under half (49%) think safety cameras help to reduce road deaths (up 2% on previous survey); 54% support more safety cameras (down three percent on previous survey); while 68% at least somewhat agree that safety cameras are effective for reducing the number of people driving over the speed limit (down 2%).

The quarterly report has a margin of error of around plus or minus 2.19% based on a sample size of 1,999 (slightly up on the previous quarter of 1,806 respondents).

This will be the last quarterly survey, with the frequency now moving to annual.

Driver Licensing wait times

Summary for week ending Friday 16 August 2024:

Wait times for practical testing (restricted and full testing) have improved compared to last week.

- full tests down by 11 days (51 days)
- restricted tests down by 8 days (63 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.

The backlog of tests remains at 72,000 (+/- 600).

While still outside of targets, testing wait times have reduced from last week. The reduction was achieved because VTNZ were able to publish additional testing slots.

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Update on interventions of note:

Overseas conversion testing continues to drive high demand within the system; interventions to reduce this demand are expected to have positive impacts on wait times.

We are prioritising work with the Ministry to finalise Cabinet papers to progress legislation changes that enable the extension of the period for drivers on overseas licences from 12 to 18 months before requiring conversion.

A VTNZ trial for those converting overseas licences (OVC) commenced on Thursday 1 August 2024 and an additional trial led by the Driving Change Network (DCN) is being scoped. The DCN proposal is for a more intensive support model. Both trials will help understand impactful interventions that can help move people through the system and to inform potential more substantial changes to the graduated driver licencing system in the future. VTNZ have noted that the numbers being referred to the OVC trial are slowly ramping up. Diverting people to the trial is a manual process at the front counter and is a voluntary referral for additional support. Further feedback on the progress of the trial is expected in September 2024.

Wait times, staffing and productivity for the week Monday 12 – Sunday 18 August 2024:

Region	Wait times				Staffing	Productivity
	Full	Change (last week)	Restricted	Change (last week)	VTNZ DTO Headcount	Tests Completed
Northland	59	-9	76	-1	6	305
Auckland North-West	88	-4	102	4	27	1,195
Auckland Central South	71	-17	83	-7	41	1,973
Waikato	37	-24	50	-21	23	768
Bay of Plenty	39	-24	56	-14	17	643
Central	39	-6	48	-7	18	545
Wellington	32	-1	42	-6	21	1,147
Canterbury	75	0	81	-5	27	972
Otago Southland	48	-15	60	-10	14	680
National Average	51	-11	63	-8	-	
				Total:	194	8,035

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

Meeting with the Imported Motor Vehicle Industry Association (VIA)

You met with the VIA on Wednesday 14 August 2024 to discuss the forward-looking regulatory work programme. Following this meeting you have sought further advice from NZTA on aligning equivalency between Euro 6 and the Japanese emissions standards, as well as sandblasting and recertification of vehicles. This work is underway as part of the wider Exhaust Emissions Rule review, and further advice will be provided to you in mid-October 2024.

Seatbelts advertising campaign

NZTA has launched a new road safety campaign focused on encouraging people to wear seatbelts. In 2022, there were 177 deaths and serious injuries (DSIs) in light vehicles (e.g. everyday cars) where people weren't wearing a seatbelt, and there has been a steady increase in seatbelt-related deaths on our roads since 2020. The campaign has been launched across digital and social channels (TVNZ+, TikTok, Instagram, Facebook) as well as promoted on radio. This is a tactical education campaign for target audiences e.g. 18–39-year-old males, living in rural areas, aimed at reminding them why they should always wear their seatbelts. The approach is in line with the Government's new set of objectives and intended actions for road safety that will focus on safer roads, safer drivers and safer vehicles.

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Upcoming Ministerial Items

Upcoming Briefings to Minister of Transport

Due to Office	Title
Monday 26 August 2024	BRI-3130 Crown Resilience Programme – Investment Programme for 2024-25 PROACTIVE Provide a briefing seeking approval of the next tranche of resilience projects on state highways and local roads.
Wednesday 28 August 2024	BRI-3085 Transport Legislative Reform – Tolling Infrastructure Provide a briefing on potential legislative changes that would reduce costs and enable efficiencies.
Wednesday 28 August 2024	BRI-3111 Digital Drivers Licence Provide advice on options to deliver a Digital Drivers Licence quickly and affordably.
Wednesday 28 August 2024	BRI-3115 Peacocke Bridge Opening Event Provide a briefing to support your attendance at the Peacocke Bridge opening event.
Thursday 29 August 2024	BRI-3133 Transport Signage PROACTIVE Provide advice on transport signage.

Upcoming OIA requests for potential consultation

Reference and Requester	Request	Due date to the Office
OIA-16183 s 9(2)(a)	Information relating to the He Tohu Huarahi Māori bilingual traffic signs next steps.	Thursday 5 September 2024
OIA-16205 s 9(2)(a)	Information relating to staffing expenditure.	Friday 6 September 2024
OIA-16211 s 9(2)(a)	Copy of the business case for the NZTA app.	Monday 9 September 2024
OIA-16213	Information relating to costs for Roads of National and Regional Significance projects.	Monday 9 September 2024
OIA-16225 s 9(2)(a)	Information regarding overseas trips taken by NZTA officials.	Tuesday 10 September 2024
OIA-16231 s 9(2)(a)	Costings for road cones and TTM.	Wednesday 11 September 2024
OIA-16234 s 9(2)(a) MEDIA	Copies of quarterly reports.	Wednesday 11 September 2024
OIA-16235 s 9(2)(a)	Copy of 'Koha and payments for advice and cultural services' policy.	Wednesday 11 September 2024

Upcoming Transport events

Event Date	Event	Details
Tuesday 27 August 2024	Christchurch 110km/h speed consultation media stand up Opportunity to announce consultation on the speed limit for the Christchurch Southern Motorway commencing soon.	MINO-1148
TBC Saturday 31 August 2024	Auckland 110km/h speed consultation media stand up Opportunity to announce consultation on the speed limit for the Northern Gateway Toll Road and Puhoi to Warkworth commencing soon.	MINO-1148

Upcoming Media items

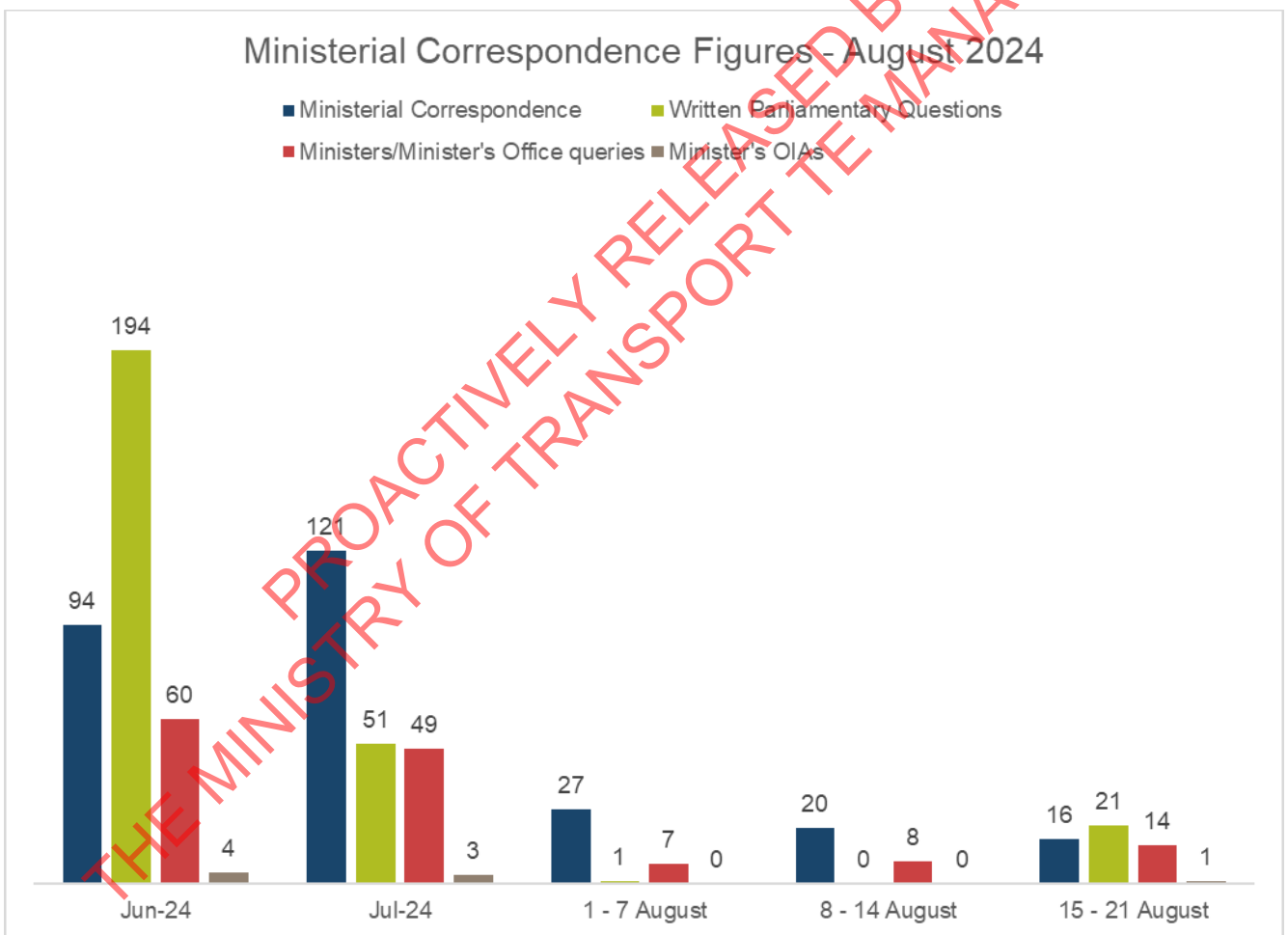
Date of release	Subject
Week commencing Monday 26 August 2024	Auckland/Northland - Bombay Interchange – traffic lights: A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 26 August 2024 to let people know that traffic lights are about to be installed at the Bombay Interchange and the adjacent BP Bombay service centre exit on Mill Road Bombay from late August in an effort to address existing safety and access issues. The project will take around six months to complete and is expected to be finished in early 2025.
Week commencing Monday 26 August 2024	Waikato/Bay of Plenty – Telephone Road level crossing: A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 26 August 2024 announcing that NZTA has a preliminary design agreed with KiwiRail that would allow the rail crossing to reopen at Telephone Road/SH1B in the Waikato. A formal decision on whether to proceed will be made after the detailed design and approval process is complete, which will take several weeks.
Week commencing Monday 26 August 2024	Waikato/Bay of Plenty – summer maintenance: A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 26 August 2024 detailing work coming up in the Bay of Plenty over the summer maintenance season.
Week commencing Monday 2 September 2024	Waikato/Bay of Plenty – SH1 closure: A media release will be issued during the week commencing Monday 2 September 2024 on the imminent closure of SH1 just south of Tirau as the first phase of the accelerated maintenance programme.

Date of release	Subject
Week commencing Monday 26 August 2024	Waikato/Bay of Plenty – SH1/29 roundabout: A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 26 August 2024 confirming that the new SH1/29 roundabout at Piarere is on track to be open to traffic by the end of September.
Week commencing Monday 26 August 2024	Waikato/Bay of Plenty – SH2 Te Puna roundabout: A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing Monday 26 August 2024 advising of night works on the SH2 Te Puna roundabout. This has the potential to be disruptive, with traffic using ramps during the day.
Week commencing Monday 26 August 2024	Central North Island – SH2 closure: A traffic bulletin will be issued advising road users of a four hour road closure of SH2 between Waipukurau and Waipawa on 22 September 2024 for a Central Hawke’s Bay District Council-led community clean-up day with volunteers working on the road side. The Maintenance and Operations team will use the closure to do some other minor works. A detour has been approved which will add approximately 20 minutes to people’s journey.
Week commencing Monday 26 August 2024	Central North Island - Waikare Gorge Bailey Bridge new deck: A Traffic Bulletin will be issued advising road users of two nights of closures on SH2 at Waikare Gorge Bailey Bridge on 30 September and 1 October 2024, for essential maintenance to be carried out, including laying a new deck on the bailey bridge. There are no viable detours and the bridge will be closed between 9pm and 5am both nights.
Week commencing Monday 26 August 2024	Central North Island- summer construction season: Two separate media releases are planned to mark the start of the construction season in Taranaki and in Manawatu-Whanganui.
Week commencing Monday 26 August 2024	Top of the South - SH6 Richmond lights: A media release will be sent to Nelson/Tasman media previewing planned resurfacing works at the SH6 Richmond lights (SH6, Richmond Deviation/Gladstone Road). Two weeks of nightworks under stop/go traffic management are scheduled. Traffic delays of 20 minutes are expected.
TBC	Lower North Island SH58 Safety improvements: Planning is underway for a media release about the suspension of these works. Funding constraints mean the final phase of the project cannot be completed with currently allocated funding. Timing of the release is to be confirmed, dependent on a decision from the NZTA Board.

Statistics page

Ministerial correspondence figures from Thursday 15 to Wednesday 21 August 2024

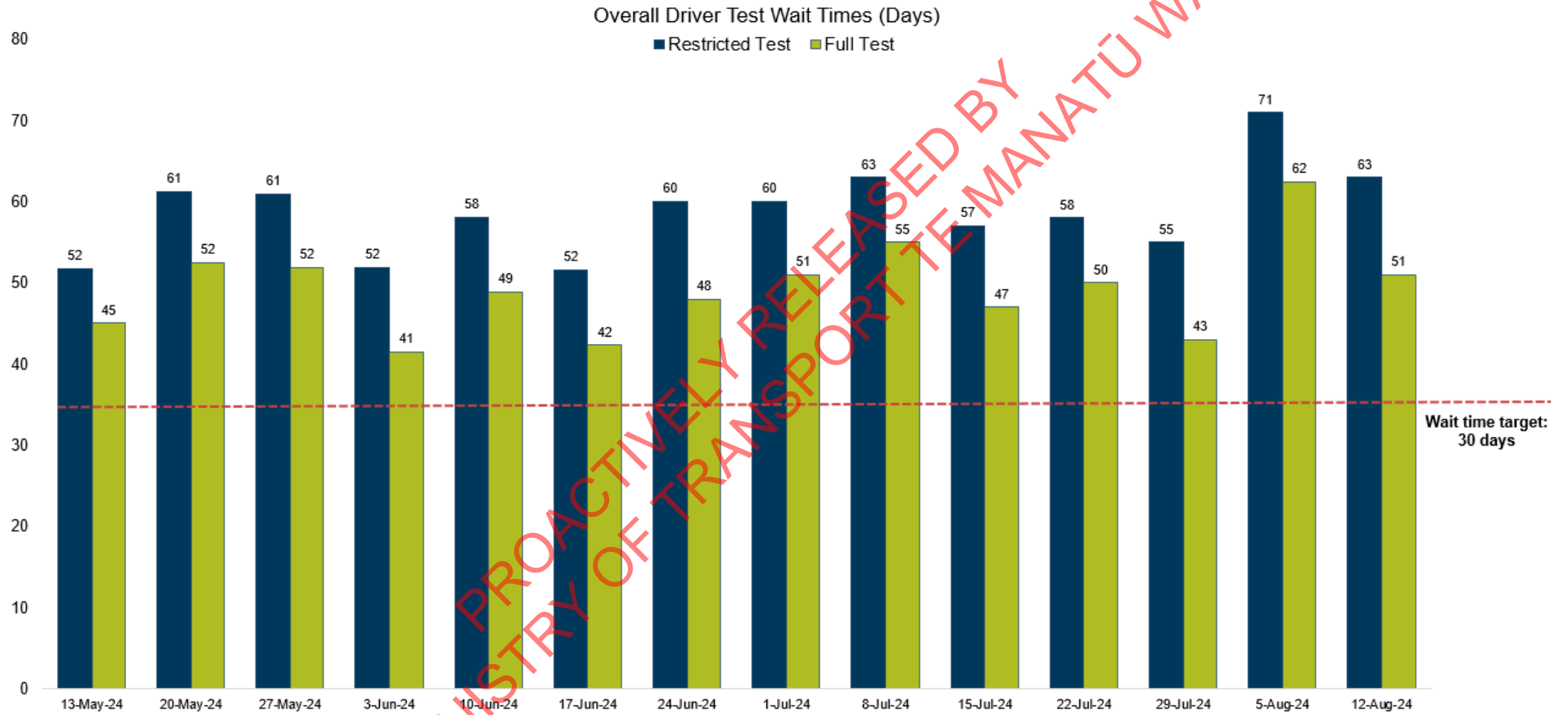
Item	Number
Ministerial Correspondence	16
Written Parliamentary Questions	21
Minister/Minister Office queries	14
Ministerial OIA requests	1
Themes	Project cost estimates, staff numbers, elderly driver licence renewals



Appendix One:

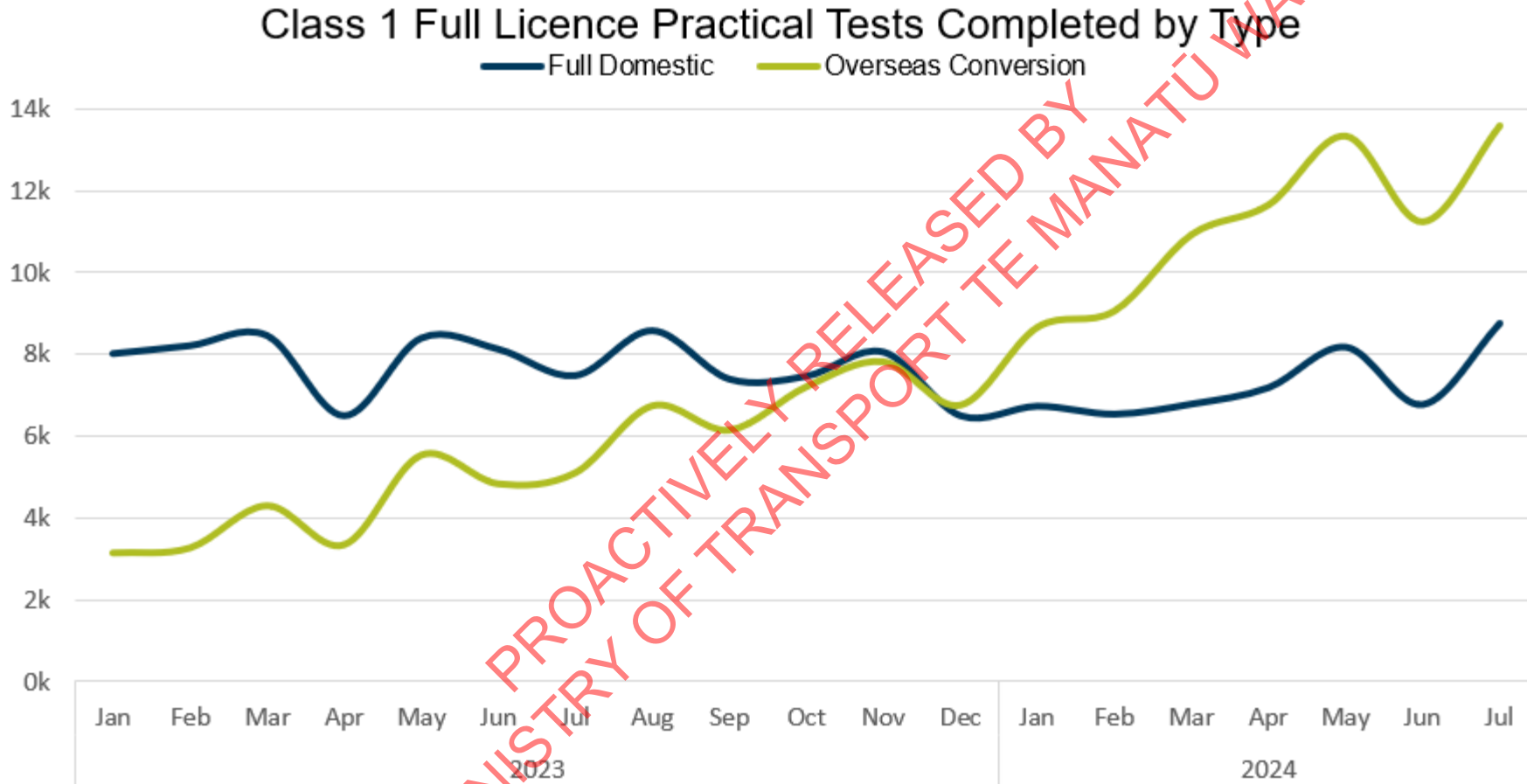
Driver Licensing wait times status:

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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1 Portfolio work programme update

Maritime NZ

Project: Critical Changes to Maritime Legislation	
<p>Ministry of Transport and Maritime NZ officials are currently developing joint advice for Minister Doocey on options for legislative changes.</p> <p>Maritime NZ is also preparing more specific advice for Minister Doocey on challenges arising from the way in which a number of harbourmasters and councils are using their powers under the Maritime Transport Act (MTA).</p>	
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<p>Briefing: Changes needed to maritime legislation to address issues arising from the exercise of local navigation safety regulatory powers</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p>	<p>Date: Week ending 13 September 2024</p>

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Project: Maritime Rules Reform

Consultation continues on the first package of Design, Construction and Equipment rules changes, and will run to 18 October 2024. Stakeholder workshops are being held on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 August.

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Briefing: Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels

This briefing will seek Minister Doocey's agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels. These changes are sought by the sector and reduce costs and complexity.

Date: Week ending 27 September 2024

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Project: Maritime Workforce

Maritime NZ officials continue to work with maritime and port sector representatives to assist them in developing their response to the consultation on the reform of vocational education that was launched by Minister Simmonds on Thursday 1 August 2024.

Maritime NZ officials met with representatives of Shipping Agents (Shipping NZ) this week. They expressed disappointment at the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment's (MBIE's) announcement that Cabinet had decided not to extend the 28 day deemed visa for international cargo crew, despite the work they had done with coastal shipping representatives (NZ Shipping Federation) to develop a joint proposal for Ministers. They will likely continue to make strong representations to the Minister of Immigration.

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2 Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 30 August 2024	<p>Meeting with NZ Shipping Federation, 4 September 2024</p> <p>As per the request from Minister Doocoy's Office, this briefing will support his meeting with John Harbord and David Borcoski of the NZ Shipping Federation.</p>
Friday 30 August 2024	<p>RMS Niagara Update</p> <p>This briefing to both you and Minister Doocoy will update you about the wreck of the <i>Royal Mail Ship Niagara</i>, including the potential risks of an oil spill, recent work and engagement undertaken by Maritime NZ.</p>
Friday 6 September 2024	<p>Options for Maritime legislation.</p> <p>This joint Ministry/MNZ briefing will set out options for advancing critical changes to Maritime legislation.</p>
Friday 13 September 2024	<p>Ministry of Transport briefing: Proactive Release of papers relating to consultation on reform of the maritime design, construction and equipment rule set</p> <p>This briefing will seek Minister Doocoy's agreement to proactively publish Cabinet material and key papers.</p>
Friday 13 September 2024	<p>Changes needed to maritime legislation to address issues arising from the exercise of local navigation safety regulatory powers</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p>
Friday 27 September 2024	<p>Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels</p> <p>This briefing will seek Minister Doocoy's agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels.</p>
Friday 1 November 2024	<p>s 9(2)(i)(iv)</p>

3 Key updates

Inaugural New Zealand Seafarer Welfare Council

The inaugural New Zealand Seafarer Welfare Council ('The Council') meeting was held Monday 19 August 2024 with all member representatives present. The Council is an equal participation of member organisations from government, industry, unions, and service delivery within the seafarer sector. A planning day will be held in November to develop a strategy and associated action plan. This will look at transforming seafarer welfare service delivery and outcomes, in compliance with the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) requirements.

New Zealand Cruise Association Conference

On Thursday 15 August 2024, the Director of Maritime NZ attended and presented at the New Zealand Cruise Association conference. The focus of her presentation was on the wide range of work Maritime NZ does with and in support of the cruise sector. Areas of interest from participants included work being done to facilitate the availability of alternative fuels and shore power, safety and security.

A strong theme of the conference was concern about rising costs with short timelines that make it impossible to build the costs into tickets already sold, increasing debt on a sector already holding high debt from COVID-19. In particular, the current consultation processes proposing increased levies across a range of agencies was having cumulative impact. Customs has recently written to submitters indicating, post-consultation, that because of lowered projections of cruise visits, and higher aviation visits, that levies will have to rise further than originally proposed on cruises. This will likely increase frustration markedly, as the sector argue that lower cruise activity in New Zealand is a direct result of high costs.

Bio-fouling also was a concern; not so much that it was required, but that there was a need for the sector and government to urgently find ways to safely clean the vessels. Winter cruise has been cancelled this year and cruise is 15% down on last year. The sector is forecasting a further reduction in 2025/26. New Zealand was seen as a safe and high interest location to visit, and there are ships available and more being built, but there was a real sense that the cost and difficulty of doing business here was too high and ships were being directed to other places in the Asia Pacific.

Maritime in the Media

Sadly there was another fatal incident after a vessel capsized on Saturday 17 August 2024 while crossing the Catlins River bar. One person died as a result of the capsizing, and the other person on the vessel made it safely ashore. Our partners in the water safety sector publicly commented on bar safety risks and skipper responsibilities. Our previously agreed content was used as talking points by Coastguard when they spoke on the capsizing.

4 Upcoming briefings copied to Associate Minister of Transport

Nil this week.

5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Nil this week.

5.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees	
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)	
<p>Wednesday 21 August 2024</p>	<p>Public Consultation On Recovering The Costs Of Goods Management Activities At The Border</p> <p>The Ministers of Customs and Biosecurity are proposing to present a paper and consultation document for consideration at ECO on Wednesday 21 August 2024 and Cabinet on Monday 26 August 2024. The documents concern cost recovery proposals for goods management at New Zealand's borders. We note that the proposals will lead to some significant cost increases for the maritime sector in particular and that this will result in some significant opposition. We have worked with Customs to ensure that the Cabinet paper reflects this reality and in particular that opposition will come from maritime operators likely to be facing cost increases if the proposals are implemented in their current form. Comments were provided to Minister Doocey's Office for Ministerial consultation.</p>
Cabinet Business Committee (CBC)	
<p>Monday 2 September 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)	
<p>TBC – Mid September</p>	<p>Live Animal Exports Review s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

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Key Updates

No key updates for this week.

Security screening queues weekly update

There were no queue observations in the last week.

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

Week	12/8-120/8
Passengers processed in less than 5 minutes	87.6%
Passengers processed in less than 10 minutes	97%

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 14 August – Tuesday 20 August 2024

Briefing title	Requestor	Date requested	Date due	Date received
2024 Briefing on NZALPA & Safe Haven	The Minister's Office	24/07/24	16/08/2024	14/08/2024
Ministerial Briefing - Presenting DAMP Transport Instrument to the House	Internal	N/A	N/A	20/08/2024
s 6(a)	Internal	N/A		20/08/2024

Communications and External Engagement Tuesday 20 August 2024**Media plan / anticipated media – 7 days from Monday 26 August 2024**

No media planned or anticipated for next week.

Media mentions – 7 days to Tuesday 20 August 2024

Date	Activity	Channel
Tuesday 20 August 2024	CAA in continued coverage of staff concerns and our new investigation approach.	NZ Herald
Tuesday 20 August 2024	Pilots call for ministerial investigation into CAA	NZ Herald
Tuesday 20 August 2024	Pilots want 'toxic culture' probe	NZ Herald
Tuesday 20 August 2024	Air safety solution	NZ Herald
Monday 19 August 2024	CAA mentioned in an article about the latest Whakaari/White Island activity. Notes that GNS is working alongside NEMA, Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation Authority, to mitigate the risk of reduced monitoring service on Whakaari/White Island and understanding future monitoring requirements.	Geonet News
Monday 19 August 2024	Article about CAA staff complaints and concerns with our new approach to investigations.	NZ Herald
Wednesday 14 August 2024	CAA is mentioned in a few articles about a collision between two light aircrafts. The crash happened at Waihi Beach airfield on Tuesday 13 August 2024.	1 News, Stuff, Waikato Times, Bay of Plenty Times
Wednesday 14 August 2024	CAA is mentioned in an article about a cameraman using a drone to record Whakaari/White Island images.	Bay of Plenty Times
Wednesday 14 August 2024	CAA's new Board members mentioned in article.	Autocar magazine

Upcoming education publications and products

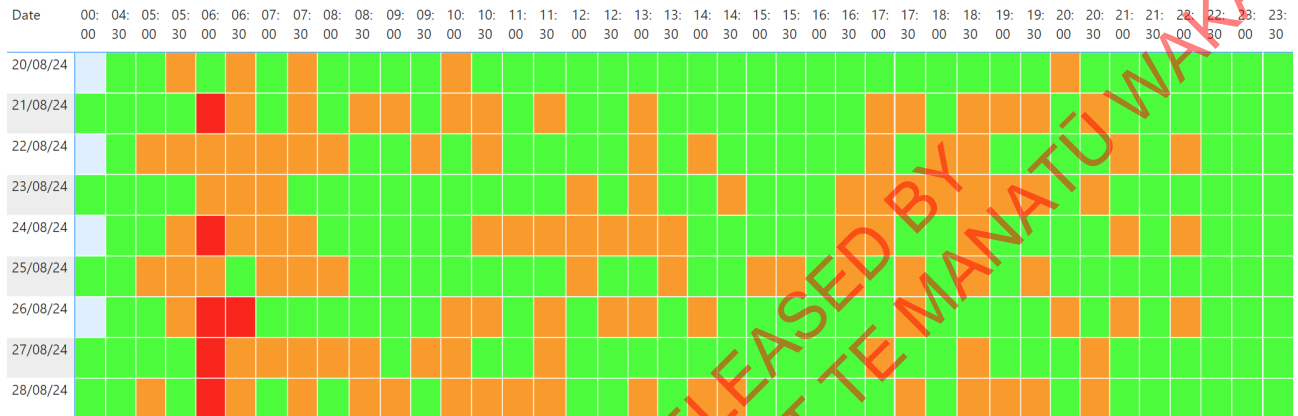
Planned release/publish	What	Type	Why
July-September 2024	Occurrence Investigation Workshop	Face-to-face event	To provide training for operators about investigating occurrences, to comply with requirements under CAR Part 12
September 2024	<i>Vector</i> magazine (Spring issue)	Aviation safety education magazine	To educate the aviation community on various aviation safety topics.
September 2024	In, out, and around Queenstown	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
September 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.
September 2024	Drone safety brochure	Safety education product	BAU revision
September/October 2024	Plane talking	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
September/October 2024	Helicopter performance	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
TBC	Night VFR	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
TBC	In, out, and around Milford	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision
TBC	Survival	GAP booklet (update)	BAU revision

Appendix – Predicted queues during the coming week

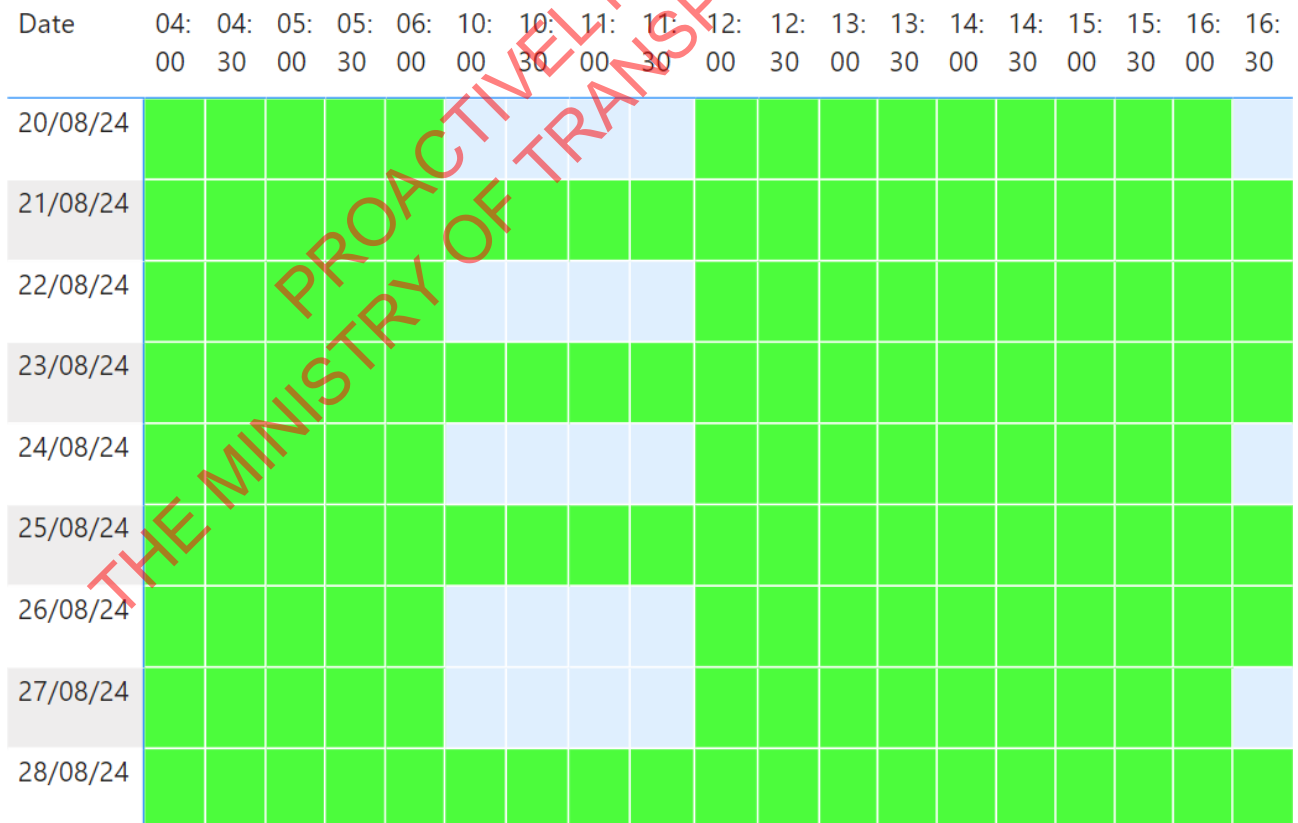
During the coming week, queues are predicted at the existing known busy periods (indicated below), using the following colour code:

- 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

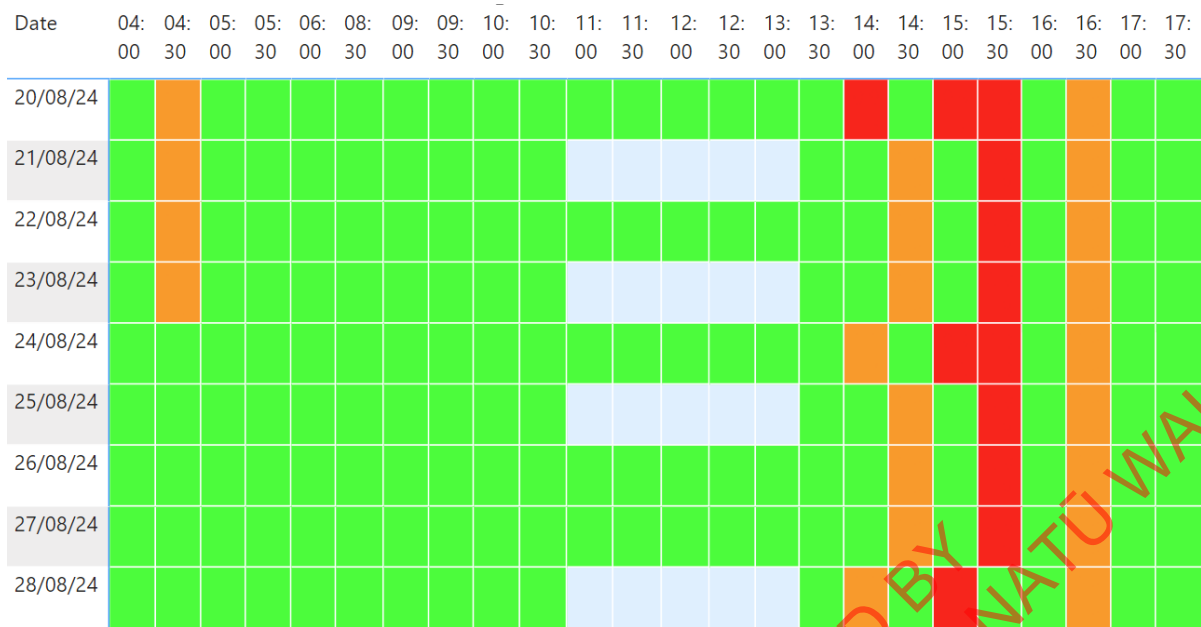
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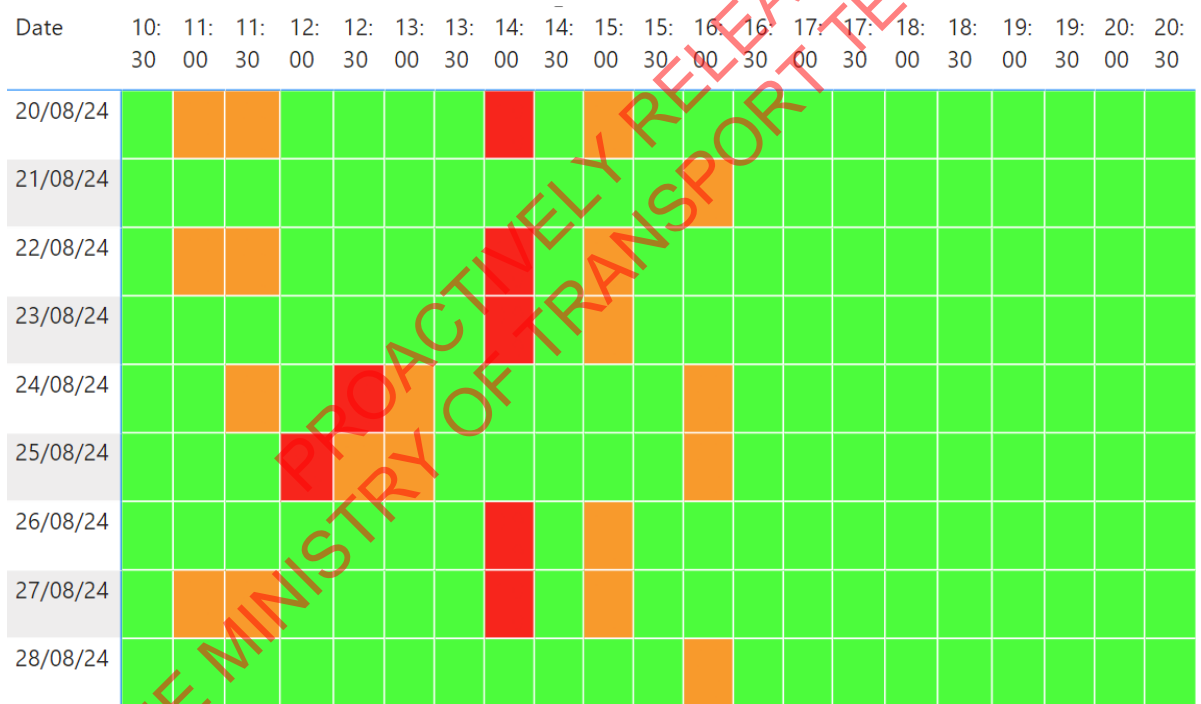
Wellington International:



Christchurch International:



Queenstown International:



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New inquiries / International assistance

Nil

Media heads up / General comments

Nil

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

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Associate Minister of Transport Weekly Report week commencing 26 August 2024

1 Portfolio work programme update

Milford Opportunities

Project: Milford Aerodrome Financial Sustainability
No update. The new charges for aerodrome users do not come into effect until 1 April 2025.
Project: Masterplan Business Case
No update.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Weather Forecasting

Project: System Review
No update.
Project: Contract Expiry
No update.
Project: Rain Radar Upgrades
No update.

Recreational Safety and SAR

Project: Next Steps Following Recreational Safety and Search and Rescue Review

No update.

Project: Fuel Excise SAR Funding

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We understand the Minister of Transport will consider this advice in the forthcoming Weekend Bag and will provide your Office with a copy of the advice following consideration.

Aviation Tourism

Project: Air Services Agreement (ASAS)

You will shortly receive a Cabinet Paper and National Interest Analysis for the Air Services Agreement with ASEAN.

Project: Codeshare/Alliance Authorisations

We have started work on the Air New Zealand/Cathay Pacific Alliance reauthorisation application. We will provide you with an update in September.

Chatham Islands

Project: Work Towards a Ship Solution

No update.

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2 Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 30 August 2024	Oil Pollution Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference This briefing seeks your approval of a Terms of Reference for the Oil Pollution Advisory Committee.
Friday 6 September 2024	Options for Maritime Legislation 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 sets out options for advancing critical changes to maritime legislation, for discussion with you. The title and description of this deliverable have been amended to align with the portfolio work programme update.
Friday 6 September 2024	Speech for the launch of Zespri's <i>Green Shipping Corridor: Tauranga to Zeebrugge</i> report You have been invited to speak at Zespri's launch of its <i>Green Shipping Corridor: Tauranga to Zeebrugge</i> report. This briefing includes information to support your attendance.
Friday 13 September 2024	Proactive Release of August 2024 Briefing Titles This proactive release briefing (OC240940 refers) will seek your approval for all transport agencies to release their August 2024 list of briefing titles provided to yourself and Minister Brown.
Friday 13 September 2024	Proactive Release of July 2024 Weekly Reports This proactive release briefing (OC241013 refers) will seek your approval to release all Weekly Reports for July 2024 provided to yourself and Minister Brown.
Friday 20 September 2024	Air New Zealand /Cathay Pacific Alliance Reauthorisation This briefing will provide the Ministry's preliminary view on the application from Air New Zealand and Cathay Pacific for a reauthorisation of their alliance agreement.

3 Key updates

Maritime New Zealand Authority Appointments

The call for nominations for Maritime New Zealand is currently underway, with the publicly listed advert available here: <https://www.boardappointments.co.nz/Vacancies>. Letters seeking nominations from New Zealand First, ACT and National Party colleagues will be sent by your Office on Thursday 29 August 2024. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 4 September 2024.

Civil Aviation Authority funding review – Release of documents for public consultation

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) funding review consultation commenced on Tuesday 27 August 2024 and will end on 8 October 2024.

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5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Committees	
Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee	
Tuesday 22 October 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	
Wednesday 11 September 2024	<p>New Zealand Air Services Agreement and Protocol</p> <p>This paper seeks approval for New Zealand to sign and ratify the <i>Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand</i> and the associated <i>Protocol 1 to the Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand on Third, Fourth and Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights between Parties</i>.</p>
Cabinet Business Committee	
Monday 2 September 2024	<p>International Maritime Organisation - Climate Change Negotiation Mandate draft Cabinet paper</p> <p>International Maritime Organisation (IMO) member states are negotiating measures to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and ensure international shipping meets its 2050 net-zero emissions target. This Cabinet paper proposes a revised Cabinet mandate for these negotiations and seeks delegated Cabinet authority for decisions on issues in the negotiations.</p> <p>An updated Cabinet paper responding to feedback from the Prime Minister's Office was provided to your Office on Friday 23 August 2024.</p>

5.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

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



1 Portfolio work programme update

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s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Maritime Workforce

Maritime NZ officials continue to work with maritime and port sector representatives to assist them in developing their response to the consultation on the reform of vocational education that was launched by Minister Simmonds on Thursday 1 August 2024.

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2 Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 6 September 2024	<p>Request to table a Class Exemption Notice in the House</p> <p>This briefing will notify you that the Director of Maritime NZ has made a new class exemption, as the Maritime Transport Act allows, and requests that you table the Exemption Notice in the House of Representatives no later than Tuesday 17 September 2024. The exemption permits a master of a roll on/roll off ship operating between Wellington and Picton to allow on board an empty vehicle for the purposes of a delivery voyage, where that vehicle does not have the required information plate or vehicle securing points.</p>
Friday 6 September 2024	<p>Options for Maritime legislation</p> <p>This joint Ministry/MNZ briefing will set out options for advancing critical changes to Maritime legislation.</p>
Friday 6 September 2024	<p>Changes needed to maritime legislation to address issues arising from the exercise of local navigation safety regulatory powers</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p>
Friday 27 September 2024	<p>Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels</p> <p>This briefing will seek your agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels.</p>
Friday 1 November 2024	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
TBC	<p>RMS Niagara Update</p> <p>This briefing to both you and Minister Brown will update you about the wreck of the <i>Royal Mail Ship Niagara</i>, including the potential risks of an oil spill, recent work and engagement undertaken by Maritime NZ.</p>

3 Key updates

Atlas Wind update

Atlas Wind is an internationally flagged vessel which carries dangerous goods like ammonia within its cargo. We, and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), have had significant ongoing safety concerns with this vessel, with numerous deficiencies identified, and the vessel being detained on a number of occasions. Our latest detention of the vessel was on 4 July 2024 during a Port State Control (PSC) Inspection in Dunedin and AMSA detained the vessel on Wednesday 7 August 2024.

The Vanuatu registered *Atlas Wind* is owned by MOVE Oceans Singapore, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the New Zealand based company, MOVE Logistics. We have also been discussing our concerns with MOVE. We are pleased to hear that after all of this work the vessel is scheduled to discharge import cargo and then is scheduled to proceed directly to Singapore, around Monday 30 September 2024, to be sold. MOVE is then looking to charter a safer vessel. This shows the importance of maritime inspections and good engagement with other regulators, like AMSA, in managing poor quality vessels round our coast.

KiwiRail update

Maritime NZ is preparing for an additional International Safety Management verification of KiwiRail's safety management system, scheduled for the week of Monday 16 September 2024. This audit will look at KiwiRail's processes, procedures, training, risk management and how it brings on new equipment and familiarises staff.

KiwiRail advised that the *Aratere* was out of service from Saturday 24 August – Tuesday 27 August 2024 for the installation of a new gearbox part, and that the ship's Classification Society was involved throughout this process. Once the gearbox is fixed this is likely to result in KiwiRail seeking to resume passage through the Tory Channel before the school holidays.

The *Kaitaki* is currently in Singapore for a routine dry dock to carry out scheduled checks and repairs, and is due to return in early October 2024. This means that the *Kaiarahi* was the only KiwiRail vessel in operation from Saturday 24 August – Tuesday 27 August 2024.

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Nil this week.

5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Nil this week.

5.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees	
Cabinet Business Committee (CBC)	
Monday 2 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)	
Wednesday 11 September 2024	<p>Biosecurity System Strategy</p> <p>Minister Hoggard has begun Ministerial consultation on the Biosecurity System Strategy package. Consultation will run until Friday 30 August 2024, before proposed ECO lodgement on Thursday 5 September 2024, for consideration on Wednesday 11 September 2024. The strategy aims to address the policy, operational, and participatory challenges in the functioning of the biosecurity system, and is connected to the Biosecurity Act Amendment Bill proposals.</p> <p>While the proposal does not contain any obvious concerns for the maritime transport system, Maritime NZ has asked the Ministry for Primary Industries to involve us in any future work that touches on our functions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • our current approach to Ballast Water Management • the role of Regional Councils/Harbourmasters; and • vessels and those on-board (particularly with regard to safety).

Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)	
<p>TBC – Mid September</p>	<p>Live Animal Exports Review s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

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New inquiries / International assistance

Nil

Media heads up / General comments

Nil

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

s 9(2)(g)(i), s 9(2)(ba)(i)

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Transport Portfolio Weekly Report

As at Wednesday 28 August 2024

Recipient

HON SIMEON BROWN
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Copy the report to Hon Matthew Doocey as
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Minister's comments:

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Officials' agenda



Agenda - Minister Brown officials' meeting

Day Date	Monday 2 September		
Time	2.20pm – 3pm		
Venue	EW5.1 Parliament		
Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) attendees			
Audrey Sonerson, Chief Executive			
Brent Johnston, Chief of Staff			
Ruth Fairhall, Deputy Chief Executive, Policy			
Paul O'Connell, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy			
David Wood, Deputy Chief Executive, Investment and Monitoring			
Siobhan Routledge, Director, Aviation			
Jacob Ennis, Acting Manager, Regulatory Stewardship & Design			
Tim Herbert, Manager, Investment			
Mitch Macaulay, Principal Adviser, Investment			
Jenny Smith, Principal Adviser, Investment			
Matthew Skinner, Manager, Revenue			
Karen Lyons, Director, Auckland			
Part 1	Ministry of Transport only	Lead	Paper reference
1.0	Weekly Report	Audrey Sonerson	At 28 August 2024
1.1	Auckland s 9(2)(f)(iv)	David Wood	OC240928

1.2	Budget 2025 s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Tim Herbert	Verbal update
1.3	Aviation • Advanced aviation	Siobhan Routledge	Draft cabinet paper
1.4	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Paul O'Connell	OC240865
1.5	Revenue update	Brent Johnston	Verbal update
Part 2	Ministry of Transport and other agencies	Lead	Paper reference
2.0	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	David Wood (Treasury Officials in attendance)	OC241007

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Actions from Transport Officials Meeting

Meeting with the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) Monday 26 August	Due date
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete
Vehicle Safety s 9(2)(f)(iv)	This will be provided in the WR for the week commencing 2 September 2024 Ongoing
Metropolitan rail funding Officials to discuss approach to sector engagement with the Office.	Complete
Decisions	Confirmed / Denied
Publish the Total Mobility Review terms of reference on Ministry website.	Confirmed

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Ongoing actions from transport officials meeting		
Officials meeting date	Action	Due date
15 July 2024	Aviation s 6(a)	Complete
22 July 2024	Aviation Officials to provide further advice on aligning the New Zealand regime with Australia.	Complete
29 July 2024	Auckland s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete
12 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	NZTA to lead supported by the Ministry
19 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete
19 August 2024	Civil Aviation Implementation Officials to consult on three options for cost recovery and amount to be recovered.	Draft Cabinet paper provided for your feedback on Thursday 29 August 2024
19 August 2024	RUC admin fee Officials to provide draft letter to NZTA Board.	Friday 30 August 2024
19 August 2024	Speed Rule Officials to provide advice on implementation timeframes.	Week ending Friday 30 August 2024

1 Ministerial priorities

Safety

Project: Speed limits	
We have provided you with a draft Cabinet paper, Summary of Submissions and Updated Regulatory Impact Assessment.	
Process	Dates
Briefing to Minister on outcome of consultation	Complete
Draft Cabinet paper, final Regulatory Impact Assessment and final Summary of Submissions to Minister	Complete
Ministerial and departmental consultation	3 – 10 September 2024
Cabinet paper lodged	Thursday 12 September 2024
Cabinet paper speaking points and draft press release to Minister	Friday 13 September 2024
Draft Rule to your Office for consideration	Friday 13 September 2024
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	Wednesday 18 September 2024
Cabinet confirmation of ECO decisions	Monday 23 September 2024
Final Rule to Minister for signing	After Cabinet, on Monday 23 September 2024
New Rule in force	Late October 2024 (28 days after notification in the NZ Gazette)
Project: Oral fluid testing regime	
Submissions on the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill (the Drug Driving Bill) closed on Thursday 29 August 2024. Oral submissions will be heard on Monday 2 September 2024.	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	

Project: Road safety objectives

We are awaiting your feedback on the draft Road Safety Objectives document before commencing departmental and Ministerial consultation. Once we receive your feedback, we will work with your Office on the timelines for progressing to Cabinet.

Cabinet paper: Releasing the final Road Safety Objectives document

This paper seeks agreement to publish the final New Zealand Road Safety Objectives document.

Departmental and Ministerial consultation:
TBC

Final papers to your Office: TBC

To lodge: TBC

To Committee: TBC

To Cabinet: TBC

Project: Land Transport Fees Amendment Package

The Amendment Regulations have been approved by Cabinet and Executive Council.

Gazettal will be at 5pm on Thursday 29 August 2024.

We will support RCAs and the towage industry to implement the fee increases by 1 October 2024.

Cabinet paper: Approval of legislative changes to update land transport fees

Gazette date: Thursday 29 August 2024

In force: 1 October 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Rail

Project: Budget 24 – Metro Rail Funding

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

Through Budget 2024 the Government agreed \$107.7m for one year of metro network renewals to avoid critical network failure risks in Auckland and Wellington. This funding has been appropriated and does not require Cabinet approval before being allocated.

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

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s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Date: Week ending Friday 6 September 2024
(if not before)

Project: KiwiRail – Rail freight Network

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Date: Monday 16 September 2024

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Investment

Project: Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024

Road Efficiency Group (REG)

Ministry officials are working with NZTA officials to confirm the scope, role and functions of the REG by the end of September 2024 (in line with your letter to the NZTA Board Chair on Tuesday 13 August 2024).

Ten-Year Investment Planning

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 brief you on this work by Wednesday 11 September 2024.

Review of NZTA Short-term Borrowing Facility (the Review)

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Briefing: Ten-year investment planning: project scope

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.

Date: Wednesday 11 September 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Budget 2025

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Date: Friday 6 September 2024

Query on Availability of Funding from the Pothole Fund

Minister Jones has a query on the availability of funding from the Pothole Prevention activity class not being available till March 2025. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Revenue

Project: Fleetwide transition to the Road User Charges system

The Ministry and NZTA have been working together on the improvements needed to the RUC system to initiate the transition in 2027.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Project: Time of use charging

Following Cabinet's approval to develop the Land Transport Management (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill on 8 July 2024, drafting instructions have been provided to the Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO) and the Ministry has received a first draft.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Project: Increasing motor vehicle registration (MVR) annual licence fees

The draft Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024, and the accompanying draft Cabinet Legislation Committee paper, have been sent out for departmental consultation.

Cabinet paper: Approval for Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024

This LEG paper will seek authorisation to submit regulations to the Executive Council.

Departmental consultation: 20 - 30 August 2024

Ministerial consultation: 3 - 17 September 2024 (or can send this out earlier if you wish)

To lodge: Thursday 19 September 2024

To Committee: Thursday 26 September 2024

To Cabinet: Monday 30 September 2024

Publication & Gazetting: 3 October 2024

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Aviation

Project: Consultations with the aviation sector

Following your speech at the New Zealand Aviation Industry Association Conference on Tuesday 27 August 2024, consultations have now opened on:

- CAA pricing review 2024 (public consultation),
- scope of reviewable decisions for the Independent Review function (public consultation), and
- investigating alternative delivery arrangements for aviation security services (targeted consultation).

The Ministry has sent out emails to key organisations alerting them to the consultations that we are leading. As part of this we have let organisations know that we are happy to meet if that would be helpful for them to better understand the background or options that are being considered. The Ministry will also attend CAA's webinars on the funding review, both to participate in any discussions (as appropriate) on the funding review, and to take questions on the other consultations.

We have also contacted key umbrella organisations (BARNZ, Airports Association, and the Aviation Industry Association) to see if they would like a briefing from the Ministry.

As of close of play Wednesday 28 August 2024, most of the questions we have fielded have been on on-time-performance reporting (on the methodology and data sources).

As part of implementing the Civil Aviation Act 2023 we are also:

- currently engaging with airport operators on the airport registration and Regulatory Airport Spatial Undertaking (RASU) processes, and
- engaging with the sector on the draft suite of realigned civil aviation rules, from the week of Monday 2 September 2024.

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Emissions

Project: Clean Car Importer Standard	
Review of the Clean Car Importer Standard (the Standard) The Cabinet Legislation Committee paper and draft regulations were lodged with the Cabinet Office for consideration by the Committee on Thursday 29 August 2024. The regulations set new targets for 2025–2029 and exempt disability vehicles from the Standard.	
Cabinet Paper: Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Amendment Regulations	To Lodge: Thursday 22 August 2024 To Committee: Thursday 29 August 2024 (LEG) To Cabinet and Executive Council: Monday 2 September 2024
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
Response letter to the Regulations Review Committee This letter will respond to the views of the Regulations Review Committee.	Date: Wednesday 11 September 2024
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
Project: EV Charging Infrastructure	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	

Project: Second Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP2)

Consultation on the ERP2 closed on Sunday 25 August 2024. 1824 submissions were received. This includes substantive submissions from key transport stakeholders such as:

- Air New Zealand
- The Automobile Association
- The New Zealand Ports CEO Group
- The Sustainable Business Council.

Officials are analysing submissions, and will provide you with a briefing on the results of the consultation by Friday 23 September 2024.

Officials would like to explore with you some possible new content for the final ERP2 transport chapter. Drawing on themes raised during the public consultation period, officials have identified some options that are consistent with current Government policy. Further options may also be identified through submissions analysis.

The date of the next Climate Priorities Ministerial Group (CPMG) meeting is likely to change from Monday 16 September to Wednesday 25 September 2024. We will provide you with a briefing before the CPMG meeting.

Process	Dates
Briefing in support of CPMG meeting	Wednesday 18 September 2024
Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting	Tbc Wednesday 25 September 2024
Briefing on the results of the ERP2 consultation	Monday 23 September 2024
Briefing on final content of the transport chapter for ERP2	28 October 2024

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Auckland

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Project: Waitematā Harbour Connections

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Board Appointments

Civil Aviation Authority

Induction planning for new members is underway.

Maritime New Zealand

The call for nominations for Maritime New Zealand is currently underway, with the publicly listed advert available here: <https://www.boardappointments.co.nz/Vacancies>. Letters seeking nominations from New Zealand First, ACT and National Party colleagues will be sent by Minister Doocey's Office on Thursday 29 August 2024. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 4 September 2024.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

New Zealand Transport Agency

Induction planning for new members is underway.

Independent Review Function – Civil Aviation Act

This role will be publicly listed here by Friday 30 August 2024:
<https://www.boardappointments.co.nz/Vacancies>.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

City Rail Link Limited

This briefing is now with your Office for consideration.






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Updates on the Government Quarterly Plan for Approval

Update Required				
Action #	Delivery Update	Delivery Status		
	<i>Please provide your progress update for this action</i>			
3	<i>A draft Cabinet paper has been provided to the Minister of Transport along with a summary of submissions and an updated Regulatory Impact Assessment. Officials are continuing to work on the final Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024.</i>	Probable		
25	<i>The Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill is currently before the Transport and Infrastructure Select Committee.</i>	Completed		
Upcoming papers Please list any Cabinet Paper due for consideration in the next month.				
Paper name	Action #	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Committee Date
The draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 – post consultation report back	3	Transport	ECO	18 September 2024

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.

Approved / Not Approved

2 Updates on other matters

Vehicle system reform

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Fast-track Approvals Bill listed projects

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Emergency Ocean Response Capability (EORC) business case

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

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s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Corridor-specific legislation for the Northland Roads of National Significance

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Bus driver shortage update – August 2024

s 9(2)(ba)(i)

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Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility (LNIRIM) Programme update

The Ministry joined the LNIRIM Governance Group meeting last week which provided an update on how the programme is progressing. Key updates were:

- The Governance Group noted that the programme has successfully reached several key milestones this month, including:
 - The programme funding agreement being signed by all relevant stakeholders ensuring full support and alignment. This has enabled KiwiRail to commence work on the programme.
 - The LNIRIM Rolling Stock Design, Build, and Maintenance Request for Proposal (RfP) has been released s 9(2)(ba)(i)
- The programme is on schedule to select the preferred supplier and award the contract by mid-2025.
- The most critical risk to the programme is the delivery of the programme dependencies as outlined in the Detailed Business Case, such as the Wellington Metro Upgrade Programme IV substation improvements.

We intend to continue to provide you with updates following these monthly Governance Group meetings.

3 Transport stakeholder updates

Stakeholder	Update
Bus and Coach Association (BCA)	s 9(2)(b)(ii)

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4 Upcoming Minister of Transport meetings

Meeting Date	Meeting	Details
Wednesday 4 September 2024 11.00am – 12.00pm	Meeting with Mayor Brown, Deputy Mayor Simpson, Auckland Transport, Auckland One Rail and KiwiRail	Briefing Due: Monday 2 September 2024 Officials Attending: TBC
Wednesday 4 September 2024 12.00pm – 12.30pm	Meeting with Dean Kimpton, Chief Executive, Auckland Transport	Briefing Due: Monday 2 September 2024 Officials Attending: TBC
Wednesday 4 September 2024 1.20pm – 1.40pm	Meeting with Sir Timothy Clark, President Emirates Airline	Briefing Due: Monday 2 September 2024 Officials Attending: TBC
Thursday 5 September 2024 7.00am - 9.00am	Ride on hydrofoiling tourism vessel with Fullers360	Briefing Due: Monday 2 September 2024 Officials Attending: N/A
Thursday 5 September 2024 9.15am – 9.30am	Meeting with Greg Foran, Chief Executive, Air New Zealand	Briefing Due: Monday 2 September 2024 Officials Attending: TBC
Thursday 5 September 2024 11.00am - 11.15am	Meeting with Cath Handley, Chair Waiheke Island Local Board on Waiheke Island issues	Briefing Due: Monday 2 September 2024 Official Attending: No

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5 Other upcoming Ministry of Transport Cabinet papers

Associate Minister of Transport - New Zealand Air Services Agreement and Protocol	
<p>This paper seeks approval for New Zealand to sign and ratify the Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand, and the associated Protocol 1 to the Air Services Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of New Zealand on Third, Fourth and Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights between Parties.</p>	
<p>Progress Update: We have provided the Associate Minister with a draft Cabinet paper.</p>	<p>To lodge: Thursday 5 September 2024 To Committee: Wednesday 11 September 2024</p>
Civil Aviation Act Implementation - Independent Review Function cost recovery	
<p>This paper seeks approval to release a consultation document 'Independent reviews of the Director of Civil Aviation's decisions: Proposed fees for applicants', which proposes the introduction of partial cost recovery for the new independent review function created by the Civil Aviation Act 2023.</p>	
<p>Progress Update: A draft Cabinet paper was provided to the Minister on Thursday 29 August 2024 for feedback.</p>	<p>To lodge: Wednesday 18 September 2024 To Committee: Wednesday 25 September 2024 (ECO)</p>

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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 30 August 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 6 September 2024	Interim advice on the Metropolitan Rail Operating Model Review This briefing will provide you with interim advice on: s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 6 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Week ending 6 September 2024	Vote Transport: Certification of Unappropriated Expenditure for 2023/24 This briefing seeks the Minister's certification of the Vote Transport unappropriated expenditure for the 2023/24 financial year.
Week ending 6 September 2024	Draft Strategic Intentions 2024 - 2028 This briefing will seek your agreement to the Ministry's new Strategic Intentions 2024-2028, including your Ministerial foreword.
Week ending 6 September 2024	Ministry of Transport Draft Annual Report 2023/24 This briefing will provide you with a copy of the Ministry's draft Annual Report 2023/24 and seek your agreement to an Addendum to the Report (as required under the Public Finance Act) for certain non-departmental appropriations.
Week ending 6 September 2024	Meeting with Emirates Airline This briefing will provide you with information to support your meeting with the President of Emirates Airline.
Week ending 6 September 2024	Meeting with Air New Zealand This briefing will provide you with information to support your meeting with the Air New Zealand Chief Executive.
Week ending 13 September 2024	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Due to Office	Title
Week ending 13 September 2024	Civil Aviation Act implementation – workstream detail This briefing provides you with additional detail you requested on some workstreams being delivered as part of the Civil Aviation Act Implementation programme.
Week ending 13 September 2024	Letter of Comfort to the Civil Aviation Authority This briefing seeks your approval for a Letter of Comfort to the Civil Aviation Authority <small>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</small>
Week ending 13 September 2024	Cit Rail link Limited – Extension of Foreign Currency Accounts and Derivatives Protocol This joint Treasury and Transport briefing seeks approval from the Minister of Finance and you to extend City Rail Link Limited's (CRL) Foreign Currency and Derivatives Protocol to 30 June 2026 in order for CRL to continue to pay foreign currency contracts and hedge currencies.
Week ending 20 September 2024	Public Transport Bus Decarbonisation Fund <small>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</small>
Week ending 4 October 2024	Emergency Weather - Authorisation to release tagged contingency This briefing seeks authorisation to draw down the Budget 2024 tagged contingency of \$23.142 million for Severe Weather Response Readiness, Resilience, and Recovery, which will enable four non-government organisations to repair/rebuild damaged facilities and improve future emergency response preparedness.

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6.1 Proactive Releases

Due to Office	Title	Date planned for release
Friday 30 August 2024	Proactive release of Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill This briefing will seek your approval to release a collection of Cabinet material related to the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill.	Monday 16 September 2024
Wednesday 11 September 2024	Proactive Release of August 2024 Briefing Titles This proactive release briefing (OC240940 refers) will seek your approval for all transport agencies to release their August 2024 list of briefing titles provided to yourself and Minister Doocey.	Monday 30 September 2024
Wednesday 11 September 2024	Proactive Release of July 2024 Weekly Reports This proactive release briefing (OC241013 refers) will seek your approval to release all Weekly Reports for July 2024 provided to yourself and Minister Doocey.	Monday 30 September 2024
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
TBC	Proactive release of advice on parking, towage, and storage fees review This briefing will seek your approval to release the policy papers, final Cabinet materials, and the targeted consultation document for the above review.	TBC
TBC	Proactive release of advice on the new Speed Rule This briefing will seek your approval to release all of the policy papers and the final Cabinet material related to the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024.	TBC

6.2 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees
Cabinet
s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee
s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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7 Ministerial correspondence and OIAs

Ministerial correspondence

There have not been 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
26/08/2024	2/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	All correspondence and communication with non-Governmental organisations regarding the Setting of Speed Limits
28/08/2024	4/09/2024		Information about the appointment of medical conveners
28/08/2024	4/09/2024		Information on transport expert advisory group
15/08/2024 Extended 29/08/2024	22/08/2024 Extended 5/09/2024		Any correspondence received or sent by the Office regarding the Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility Programme (LNIRIM)
29/08/2024	5/09/2024		Any safety analysis undertaken relating to the proposed Speed rule, such as modelling of the expected change in deaths and serious injuries (DSI), or analysis of historical DSI data
30/08/2024	6/09/2024		Regarding the use of Te Reo Māori in the public service
30/08/2024	6/09/2024		All communication regarding the increase of parking fines
30/08/2024	4/09/2024		All communication between the Minister's Office and departments he is responsible for, about new spending or baseline savings in Budget 2024

Due date to Minister's Office	Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
2/09/2024	9/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	All advice prepared by central government agencies for the Minister or his Office on time of use charging, including substantial email correspondence between officials and the Office
3/09/2024	10/09/2024		All advice to the Minister about Auckland Transport
5/09/2024	12/09/2024		Advice on projected road toll if the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 is adopted from NZTA and MoT
6/09/2024	13/09/2024		Correspondence between the Ministers Office and Greater Wellington councillors on the Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility Programme
11/09/2024	18/09/2024		CAA workplace culture
16/09/2024	23/09/2024		Uptake of electric Vehicles

Written Parliamentary Questions

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
21/08/2024	52122 (2024)	How many staff employed at the ministries, agencies and departments for which the Minister is responsible have signed non-disclosure agreements since 27 November 2023, listed by agency, role title and the date the agreement was signed, if any?	29/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
21/08/2024	52334 (2024)	What teams, business units, and functions in the Minister's departments, if any, have increased FTEs since November 2023, and how many FTEs have they been increased by?	29/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
21/08/2024	52336 (2024)	What advice, if any, has the Minister received on the impact of public service cuts, if any, within their department, if any?	29/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
21/08/2024	52355 (2024)	What teams, business units, and functions in the Minister's departments, if any, have been disestablished since November 2023, and how many FTE were in them?	29/08/2024 12:00:00 AM

Date Received	Number	Topics	Due
21/08/2024	52382 (2024)	What teams, business units, and functions in the Minister's departments, if any, have lost 30% or more FTEs since November 2023, and how many FTEs have they been reduced by?	29/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
22/08/2024	52426 (2024)	What correspondence by title and date, has he received from international organisations (such as the Australian College of Road Safety) about his proposed changes to speed limits?	30/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
22/08/2024	52427 (2024)	How many submissions from Territorial Local Authorities (i.e. local councils, regional councils or unitary authorities), if any, were received on the draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024?	30/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
22/08/2024	52429 (2024)	Did the New Zealand Transport Agency support the Ministry of Transport in drafting the proposed Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024?	30/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
22/08/2024	52433 (2024)	Will the summary of submissions on the Draft Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024 be published before or after Cabinet makes a final decision on the rule?	30/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
22/08/2024	52435 (2024)	Has the Ministry completed counting the submissions received on the Setting of Speed Limits 2024, and if so, how many were received?	30/08/2024 12:00:00 AM
26/08/2024	52810 (2024)	What is the total sum of money spent, if any, on contractors and consultants to assist in any change processes, role disestablishments, and/or restructures, at departments, ministries and agencies for which the Minister is responsible, since 27 November 2023, listed by month and agency?	3/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
26/08/2024	52736 (2024)	What papers, if any, did the Minister take to Cabinet during the week beginning 19 August 2024, by title and date?	3/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
26/08/2024	52728 (2024)	What Cabinet papers, if any, has the Minister taken to Cabinet Committees during the week beginning 19 August 2024, by Cabinet Committee, title and date?	3/09/2024 12:00:00 AM

7.1 Departmental Official Information Act requests

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
20/08/2024 Extended 3/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	June Briefings
28/08/2024		Information on Sustainable Aviation Aotearoa
28/08/2024		Internal guidelines on policies, or procedures that relates to neurodiversity, disability, or accessibility
30/08/2024		Direction given to the Ministry by the Minister of Transport around Auckland Transport on its congestion charging plans
3/09/2024		All advice produced for the Climate Implications of Policy Assessment regarding the Clean Car Standard changes announced by the government on 9 July 2024
4/09/2024		Information surrounding the requester's medical convener tribunal hearing
6/09/2024		A copy of the consultation document regarding the increase to parking fines across NZ
6/09/2024		Any correspondence that relates to the Ministry's involvement in advice on visa fee increases this year
6/09/2024		Information held on weather modification
10/09/2024		A copy of Road to Zero progress reports to the Ministerial Oversight Group since March 2023
13/09/2024		Regarding the 2024 Change process
16/09/2024		Any summary reports on feedback received on GPS 2024
16/09/2024		All Ministry documents held in relation to the original drafting of Part 93 in relation to Wn airport.
17/09/2024		Information on the Community Roadwatch programme
17/09/2024		Specific correspondence in full relating to the Public Service Commission initiated Performance Improvement Review Programme assessment

Due Date to Requester	Requester	Summary of request
18/09/2024	s 9(2)(a)	Requesting a detailed breakdown of all credit card expenses incurred by the Ministry since January 2024
18/09/2024		Seeking Crash data filtered by young people at fault for the previous 30 years
19/09/2024		Seeking analysis conducted by the Ministry on the previous change in drivers licensing age requirements
20/09/2024		Seeking an unredacted copy of the Oral Fluid Testing RIS

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Agenda – Minister Brown officials’ meeting with NZTA

Day Date	Monday 2 September 2024		
Time	3.15pm - 4.00pm		
Venue	Parliament – EW5.1		
NZ Transport Agency attendees			
Nicole Rosie, Chief Executive			
Richard May, Chief of Staff			
Brett Gliddon, Group General Manager, Transport Services			
Sara Lindsay, Group General Manager, Commercial & Corporate			
Richard Forgan, Group General Manager, System Leadership			
Alan Kerr, Arc Advisory (item 1.1)			
Gareth McKay, WSP (item 1.1)			
Adam Nicholls, Regional System Design Advisor, Transport Services (item 1.1)			
		Lead	Paper reference
1.1	Capital Works discussion – including SH1 Wellington	Brett Gliddon/Sara Lindsay/Richard Forgan Brett Gliddon/ Alan Kerr/ Gareth McKay/ Adam Nicholls	MIN-4610
1.2	Dairy Flat designation	Brett Gliddon	
1.3	Westgate discussion	Brett Gliddon	

Updates

Northwest Rapid Transit Update

A targeted social media campaign is underway to promote the community information sessions being held at venues across the northwest between Wednesday 28 August 2024 and Wednesday 18 September 2024. This includes Facebook posts about the events as well as promoting a project video on Facebook and LinkedIn.

The level of detail provided at the events will be similar to what was in your media release on the project on 4 July 2024 and involves an update on the project and talking through the indicative alignment and station locations.

SH1 Papakura to Drury Stage 1A – open ahead of programme

As of Thursday 22 August 2024, SH1 Papakura to Drury Stage 1A is now fully open with three lanes open in both directions. The project team scheduled to open southbound on the evening of Sunday 25 August 2024, however great progress was made over the past few weeks and the third lane was opened ahead of programme. The project is now open at 100kph with all lanes running on final design geometry.

The team is on track with quality assurance documentation to submit the application for Practical Completion this week – two weeks ahead of the contract completion date. The final running surface layer will be laid in October/November. It has an epoxy component requiring warmer and dryer conditions than asphalt only.

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Driver Licensing wait times

Summary for week ending Friday 23 August 2024

Wait times for practical testing (restricted and full testing) have improved compared to last week.

- full tests down by 2 days (49 days)
- restricted tests down by 3 days (60 days).

At an individual site level, 19% of full test sites and 7% of restricted test sites met the “30 days or less” target last week.

The backlog of tests is 72,500 (+/- 600).

Recruitment:

The latest cohort of driver testing officers (DTOs) completed their training on Tuesday 27 August 2024 and are undergoing certification testing. DTOs who pass the certifications are due to begin testing in September 2024.

As your office was updated on Wednesday 28 August 2024, Vehicle Testing New Zealand (VTNZ) has agreed with the Driving Change Network that VTNZ will contract driver testing services from both individuals and organisations. This will support the efforts to scale-up qualified testers.

Over the past two months, NZTA has been handling recruitment of temporary ‘surge’ driver testing officers, while VTNZ recruited additional permanent driver testing officers. NZTA and VTNZ have reached an agreement this week that VTNZ will assume responsibility for surge recruitment, making it responsible for leading (with support and oversight from NZTA) all resourcing and training to meet the on-going forecasted demand for tests. NZTA will continue to closely monitor VTNZ’s progress with recruitment and performance in bringing down wait times. NZTA will also continue to support the pace of recruitment by providing trainers and certifiers to train and test new DTOs, as well as continued monthly updating of the test demand forecasting from which required DTO resourcing levels are modelled and implemented.

Update on interventions:

NZTA has been reviewing the testing wait times intervention action plan to ensure prioritisation of interventions in terms of impact and effort and to agree the delivery pathway over the next five months. We will update our reporting in the coming weeks to reflect the refreshed action plan.

Driver Licensing wait times

Wait times, staffing and productivity for week 19 - 25 August 2024

Region	Wait times				Staffing	Productivity
	Full	Change (last week)	Restricted	Change (last week)	VTNZ DTO Headcount	Tests Completed
Northland	53	-6	62	-14	6	267
Auckland North-West	89	+1	99	-3	27	1,678
Auckland Central South	70	-2	76	-8	41	1,166
Waikato	39	+1	51	0	23	784
Bay of Plenty	43	+4	61	+5	17	619
Central	38	-1	46	-1	18	543
Wellington	29	-3	41	0	21	1,050
Canterbury	63	-11	79	-2	27	914
Otago Southland	43	-5	51	-9	14	661
National Average	49	-2	60	-3	-	
Total:					194	7,682

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

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Upcoming Ministerial Items

Upcoming Briefings to Minister of Transport

Due to Office	Title
Wednesday 4 September 2024	BRI-3085 - Transport Legislative Reform - Tolling Infrastructure Provide advice on potential legislative changes that would drive down costs and enable efficiencies for Tolling infrastructure.
Friday 6 September 2024	BRI-3143 - Road Safety Partnership Programme 2023/24 Report Key messages from the Road Safety Partnership Programme (RSPP) Q4 Minister's report, relating to the delivery of road policing activities by NZ Police during the 2023/24 financial year.

Upcoming OIA requests for potential consultation

Reference and Requester	Request	Due date to the Office
OIA-16237 s 9(2)(a)	All advice from NZTA on Emissions Reduction Plan.	Thursday 12 September 2024
OIA-16238 s 9(2)(a) MEDIA	Correspondence from councils about potential funding, outlined in the GPS, about removing speed bumps.	Thursday 12 September 2024
OIA-16253 s 9(2)(a)	Information regarding Capital Connection funding.	Friday 13 September 2024
OIA-16257 s 9(2)(a)	Information regarding Kopū-Hikuai State Highway 25A rebuild.	Friday 13 September 2024
OIA-16258 s 9(2)(a)	Information regarding NZTA's investigation into MotorWeb privacy breach.	Thursday 12 September 2024
OIA-16276 s 9(2)(a)	Information regarding Mt Messenger Bypass from May 2024 NZTA Board meeting minutes.	Tuesday 17 September 2024
OIA-16273 s 9(2)(a) MEDIA	All information between NZTA and contractors for proposed alternative Brynderwyns route.	Tuesday 17 September 2024
OIA-16278 s 9(2)(a)	Information relating to Ōtaki to north of Levin Road project and wildlife.	Tuesday 17 September 2024

Upcoming Transport events

Event Date	Event	Details
Saturday 31 August 2024 12pm	Auckland 110km/h speed consultation media stand up Opportunity to announce consultation on the speed limit for the Northern Gateway Toll Road and Puhoi to Warkworth commencing soon.	MINO-1148
Monday 2 September 2024 TBC	NLTP announcement Media standup to launch the NLTP.	
Tuesday 3 September 2024 TBC	110km/h Kāpiti Expressway announcement Opportunity to announce the decision following consultation to lift the speed limit on the Kāpiti Expressway from 100km/h to 110km/h.	
Wednesday 4 September 2024 11.45am	Minister of Workplace Relations and Safety visit to Gisborne Downer Depot Hon Brooke van Velden, Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety, is scheduled to meet a roading crew at the depot to discuss their work. The Minister will be hosted by Linda Stewart, NZTA Director Regional Relationships.	BRI-3146

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Upcoming Media items

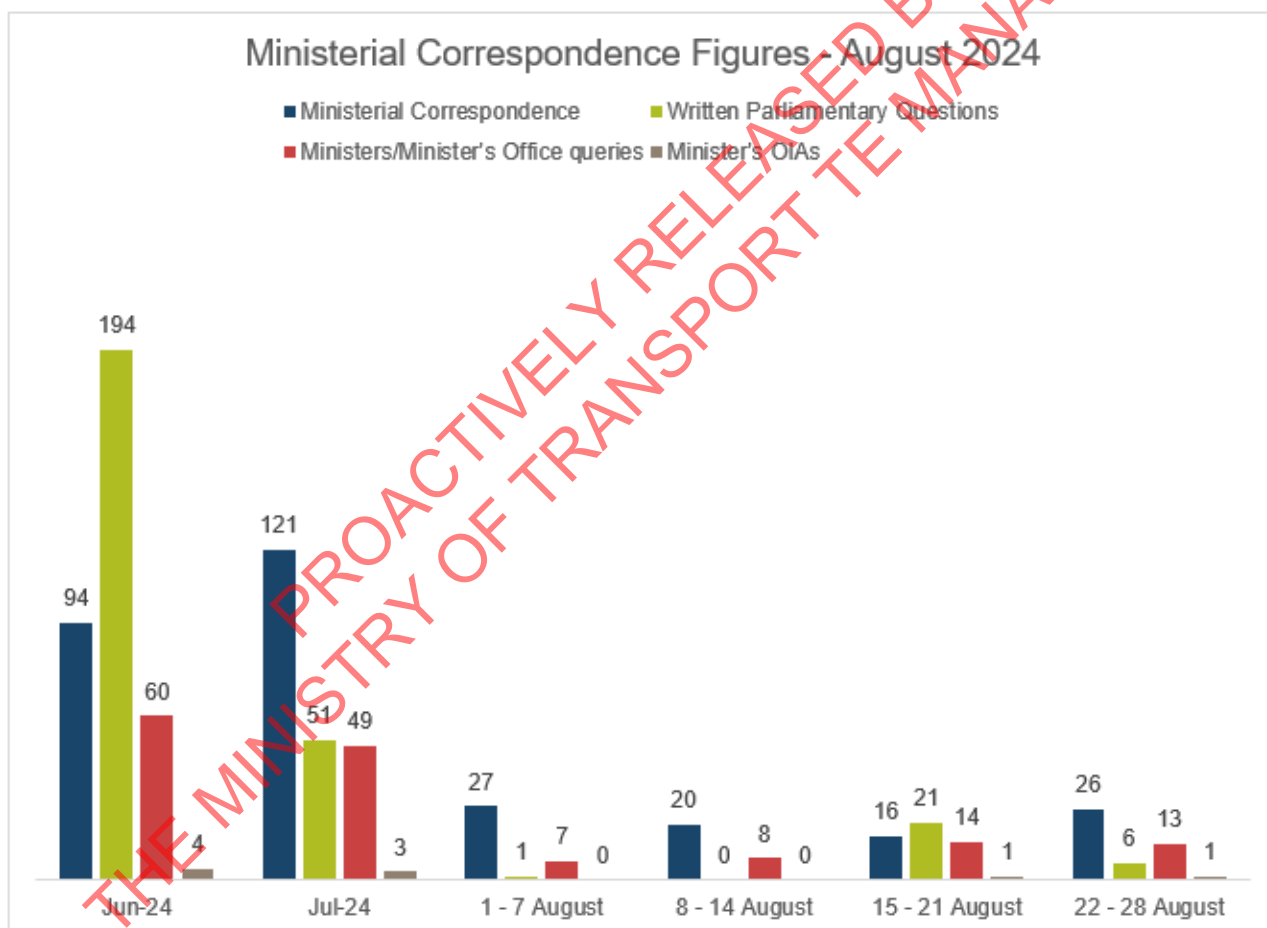
Date of release	Subject
Week commencing Monday 2 September 2024	National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) 2024/27 announcement: NZTA will host you in a media stand-up on Monday 2 September 2024 to announce the publication of the 2024/27 NLTP. A national media statement, region-specific media statements, regional factsheets and supporting Q&A material have been drafted to support the announcement.
Week commencing Monday 2 September 2024	110km/h speed limit consultations: Three separate media statements are scheduled to be issued on Tuesday 3 September 2024 to announce the beginning of consultation for the proposed 110 km/h speed limits on the Northern Motorway from Orewa to Warkworth, the Kapiti Expressway and the Christchurch Southern Motorway.
Week commencing Monday 2 September 2024	Lower North Island - SH2 Hutt Valley resurfacing: A traffic bulletin is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 2 September 2024 to preview the next phase of resurfacing work on SH2 through Hutt Valley. The works are ongoing through September and October. The traffic bulletin will outline the next section of highway to be repaired during night works, and the associated traffic detours required while the section of SH2 is closed to northbound traffic.
Week commencing Monday 2 September 2024	Top of the South - Richmond lights resurfacing work: A media release will be sent to Top of the South media about resurfacing works planned for SH6 in Richmond. The night works will affect traffic on a main arterial route out of Nelson.
Week commencing Monday 2 September 2024	Top of the South -SH6 Whangamoia Hill slip: An updated media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 2 September 2024 outlining the next steps for managing and repairing this SH6 work site.

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Statistics page

Ministerial correspondence figures from Thursday 22 August to Wednesday 28 August 2024

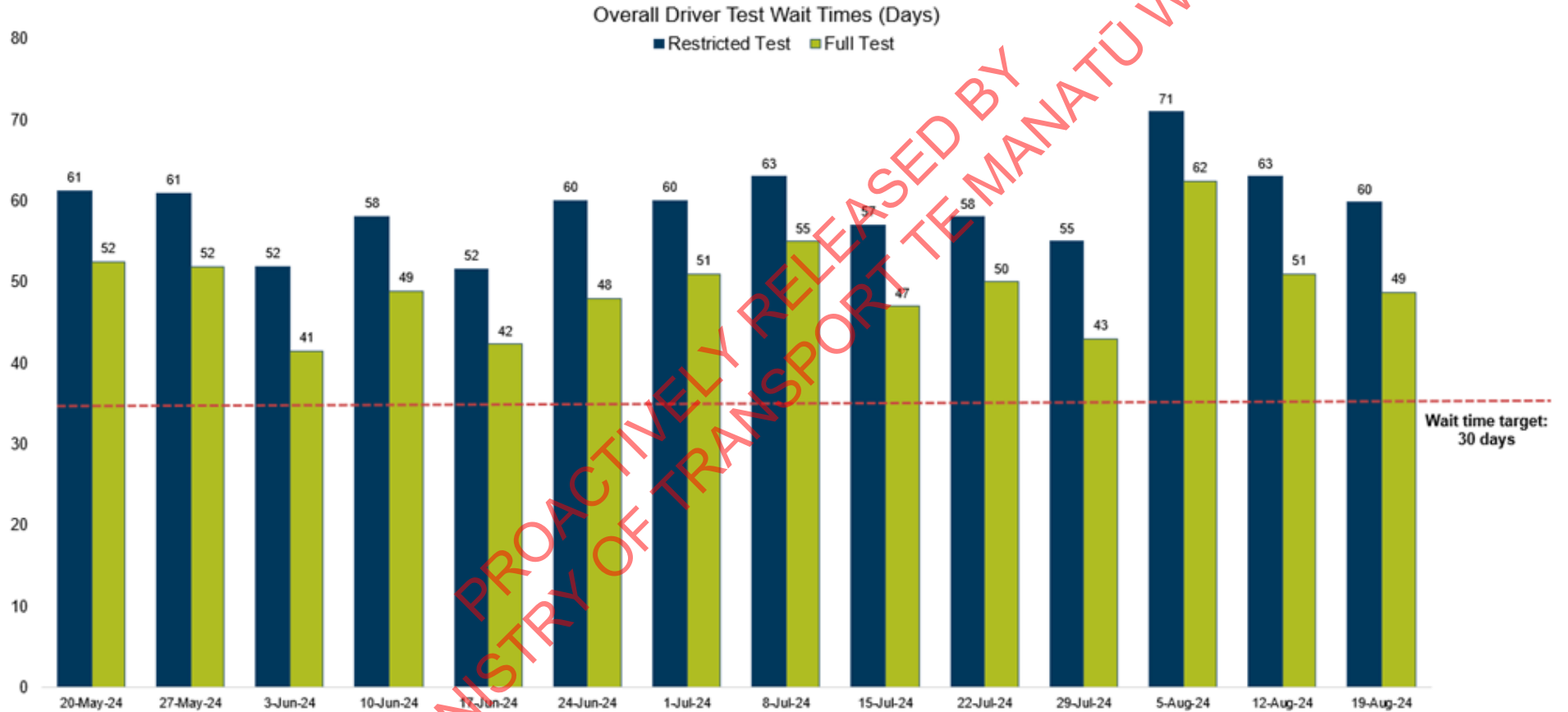
Item	Number
Ministerial Correspondence	26
Written Parliamentary Questions	6
Minister/Minister Office queries	13
Ministerial OIA requests	1
Themes	SH2 median barriers, Penlink bridge redesign delays, driver licence testing



Appendix One:

Driver Licensing wait times status:

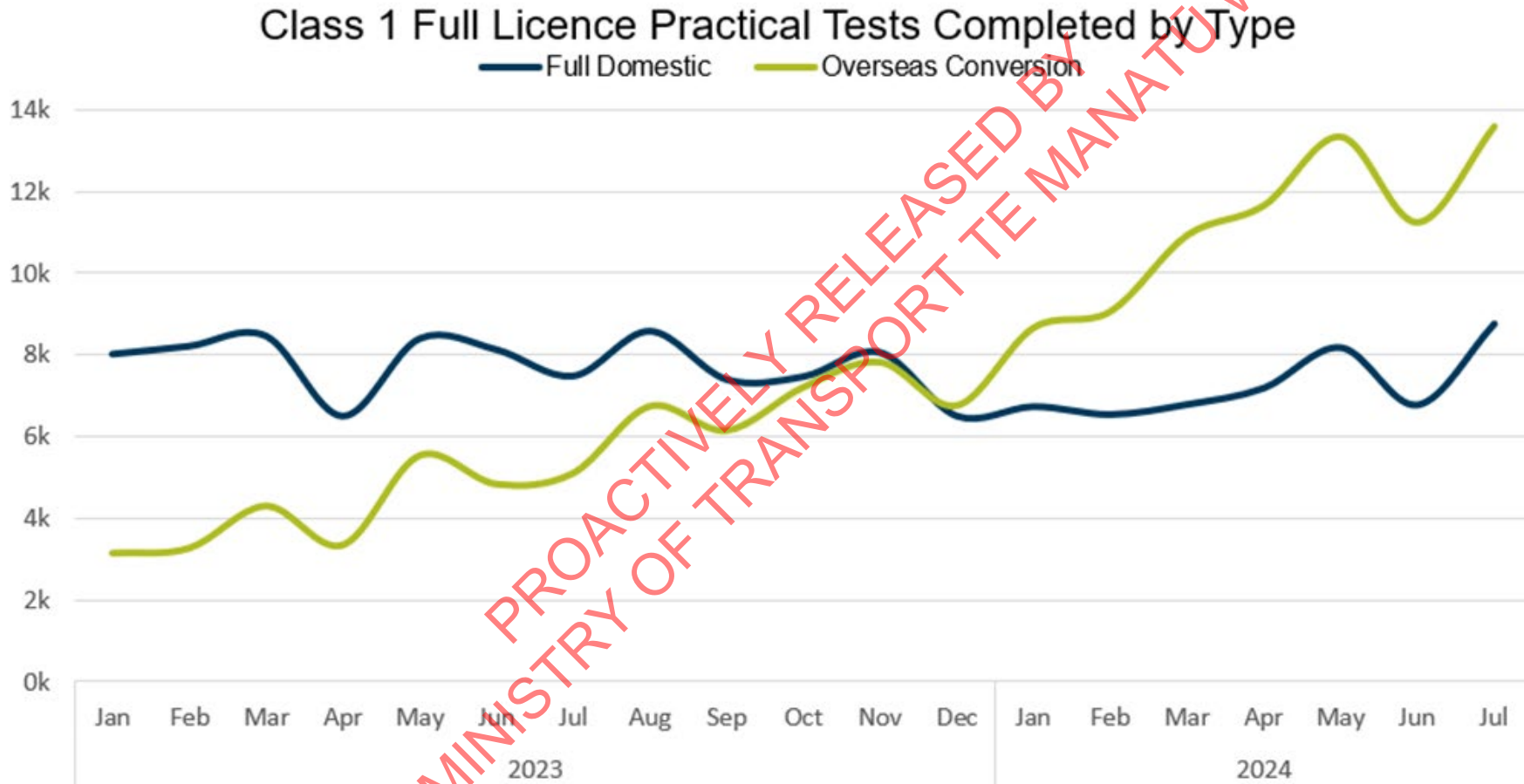
Overall wait times compared to the 30-day target:



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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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1 Portfolio work programme update

Maritime NZ

Project: Critical Changes to Maritime Legislation	
<p>Ministry of Transport and Maritime NZ officials are currently developing joint advice for Minister Doocey on options for legislative changes.</p> <p>Maritime NZ is also preparing more specific advice for Minister Doocey on challenges arising from the way in which a number of harbourmasters and councils are using their powers under the Maritime Transport Act (MTA).</p>	
<p>Briefing: Options for Maritime legislation</p> <p>For discussion, this joint Ministry/MNZ briefing will set out options for advancing critical changes to maritime legislation.</p>	<p>Date: Week ending Friday 6 September 2024</p>
<p>Briefing: Changes needed to maritime legislation to address issues arising from the exercise of local navigation safety regulatory powers</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p>	<p>Date: Week ending Friday 6 September 2024</p>

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Project: Maritime Rules Reform

Consultation continues on the first package of Design, Construction and Equipment rules changes, and will run to 18 October 2024. Stakeholder workshops were held on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 August 2024.

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Briefing: Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels

This briefing will seek Minister Doocoy's agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels. These changes are sought by the sector and reduce costs and complexity.

Date: Week ending Friday 27 September 2024

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Project: Maritime Workforce

Maritime NZ officials continue to work with maritime and port sector representatives to assist them in developing their response to the consultation on the reform of vocational education that was launched by Minister Simmonds on Thursday 1 August 2024.

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2 Upcoming briefings to Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
TBC	RMS Niagara Update This briefing to both you and Minister Doocey will update you about the wreck of the <i>Royal Mail Ship Niagara</i> , including the potential risks of an oil spill, recent work and engagement undertaken by Maritime NZ.

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3 Upcoming briefings to Associate Minister of Transport

Due Week Ending	Title
Friday 6 September 2024	<p>Request to table a Class Exemption Notice in the House</p> <p>This briefing will notify Minister Doocey that the Director of Maritime NZ has made a new class exemption, as the Maritime Transport Act allows, and requests that Minister Doocey table the Exemption Notice in the House of Representatives no later than Tuesday 17 September 2024. The exemption permits a master of a roll on/roll off ship operating between Wellington and Picton to allow on board an empty vehicle for the purposes of a delivery voyage, where that vehicle does not have the required information plate or vehicle securing points.</p>
Friday 6 September 2024	<p>Options for Maritime legislation</p> <p>This joint Ministry/MNZ briefing will set out options for advancing critical changes to Maritime legislation.</p>
Friday 6 September 2024	<p>Changes needed to maritime legislation to address issues arising from the exercise of local navigation safety regulatory powers</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p>
Friday 27 September 2024	<p>Consultation on Rules Relating to SEACERT and Non-Commercial use of Commercial Vessels</p> <p>This briefing will seek Minister Doocey's agreement to consult on improvements to seafarer certification rules, and rules relating to non-commercial use of commercial vessels.</p>
Friday 1 November 2024	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

4 Key updates

Atlas Wind update

Atlas Wind is an internationally flagged vessel which carries dangerous goods like ammonia within its cargo. We, and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), have had significant ongoing safety concerns with this vessel, with numerous deficiencies identified, and the vessel being detained on a number of occasions. Our latest detention of the vessel was on 4 July 2024 during a Port State Control (PSC) Inspection in Dunedin and AMSA detained the vessel on Wednesday 7 August 2024.

The Vanuatu registered Atlas Wind is owned by MOVE Oceans Singapore, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the New Zealand based company, MOVE Logistics. We have also been discussing our concerns with MOVE. We are pleased to hear that after all of this work the vessel is scheduled to discharge import cargo and then is scheduled to proceed directly to Singapore, around Monday 30 September 2024, to be sold. MOVE is then looking to charter a safer vessel. This shows the importance of maritime inspections and good engagement with other regulators, like AMSA, in managing poor quality vessels round our coast.

KiwiRail update

Maritime NZ is preparing for an additional International Safety Management verification of KiwiRail's safety management system, scheduled for the week of Monday 16 September 2024. This audit will look at KiwiRail's processes, procedures, training, risk management and how it brings on new equipment and familiarises staff.

KiwiRail advised that the *Aratere* was out of service from Saturday 24 August – Tuesday 27 August 2024 for the installation of a new gearbox part, and that the ship's Classification Society was involved throughout this process. Once the gearbox is fixed this is likely to result in KiwiRail seeking to resume passage through the Tory Channel before the school holidays.

The *Kaitaki* is currently in Singapore for a routine dry dock to carry out scheduled checks and repairs, and is due to return in early October 2024. This means that the *Kaiarahi* was the only KiwiRail vessel in operation from Saturday 24 August – Tuesday 27 August 2024.

5 Upcoming briefings copied to Associate Minister of Transport

Nil this week.

6 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Nil this week.

6.1 Other portfolio Cabinet papers with transport implications

Committees	
Cabinet Business Committee (CBC)	
<p>Monday 2 September 2024</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)	
<p>Wednesday 11 September 2024</p>	<p>Biosecurity System Strategy</p> <p>Minister Hoggard has begun Ministerial consultation on the Biosecurity System Strategy package. Consultation will run until Friday 30 August 2024, before proposed ECO lodgement on Thursday 5 September 2024, for consideration on Wednesday 11 September 2024. The strategy aims to address the policy, operational, and participatory challenges in the functioning of the biosecurity system, and is connected to the Biosecurity Act Amendment Bill proposals.</p> <p>While the proposal does not contain any obvious concerns for the maritime transport system, Maritime NZ has asked the Ministry for Primary Industries to involve us in any future work that touches on our functions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • our current approach to Ballast Water Management • the role of Regional Councils/Harbourmasters; and • vessels and those on-board (particularly with regard to safety).

Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)	
TBC – Mid September	Live Animal Exports Review
	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Key Updates

CAA and Tāwhaki Airspace Working Group

The Authority and Tāwhaki Joint Ventures have formed an Airspace Working Group, led by the Authority's Emerging Technologies Unit. The group is working on the development and implementation of a flexible multi-use airspace for the Tāwhaki National Aerospace Centre at Kaitorete. This work is intended to accommodate a wide range of users engaged in the development of advanced aviation concepts while maintaining a safe aviation system with minimal impact on existing airspace users.

Authority Pricing Review

The Authority Pricing Review consultation was launched at 10:30am on Tuesday 27 August 2024. The launch was supported by an email to over 33,000 participants. We're expecting a high level of interest in the consultation. Within one hour, over 10,000 people had opened the email, and over 1,500 had clicked through to the website link.

We will work closely with the Ministry of Transport to review submissions. We will keep you up to date on the key themes in the submissions.

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
22/08/24	4:45	Auckland International	200	15	High volume of passengers presented before lanes opened at 4:30	Additional lane opened with available staff drawn from other duties
24/08/24	10:00	Wellington Domestic	100	20	High passenger volumes due to higher-than-expected flight loadings, combined with passengers from a later flight presenting earlier than expected	Unable to open a second lane due to staff shortages. Queue combbers were deployed into queues to mitigate the issue

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

Week	19/8-25/8
Passengers processed in less than 5 minutes	82.8%
Passengers processed in less than 10 minutes	94.8%

Flight loadings remain slightly higher than normal at Queenstown and Wellington this week, contributing to the queues at Wellington Southern Domestic on 24/08/24.

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.

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Ministerial Briefings received by the Minister's Office**Wednesday 21 August – Tuesday 27 August 2024**

NB: No Briefings were sent during this period.

Communications and External Engagement Tuesday 27 August 2024**Media plan / anticipated media – 7 days from Monday 2 September 2024**

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
Wednesday 4 September 2024	General release	Media release regarding a sentencing for a pilot as per updated court date. CAA records showed he held no AOC or license for his helicopter. Sentencing scheduled for 11:45am on 4 September in Dunedin District Court.	All main NZ publications

Media mentions – 7 days to Tuesday 27 August 2024

Date	Activity	Channel
Tuesday 20 August 2024	Several mentions of CAA in continued coverage about our new investigation approach.	NZ Herald
Wednesday 21 August 2024	CAA mentioned in an article about airport queue monitoring. The CAA are working with other agencies and the wider aviation sector to gain a clearer and more accurate picture of the passenger journey through New Zealand's main airports.	Newsroom
Thursday 22 August 2024	CAA mentioned in an article regarding staff concerns.	NZ Herald
Friday 23 August 2024	CAA mentioned in an article about New Plymouth airport's fire trucks.	Taranaki Daily News
Monday 26 August 2024	CAA in continued coverage about our new investigation approach.	NZ Herald

Upcoming education publications and products

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

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	18:00	19:00	19:30
27/08/24	Green	Green	Light Blue	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green
28/08/24	Green	Green	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Green	Orange	Orange	Red	Green	Green	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
29/08/24	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green	Green
30/08/24	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green	Green
31/08/24	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Red	Light Blue	Light Blue
1/09/24	Green	Green	Light Blue	Green	Green	Green	Orange	Orange	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green
2/09/24	Red	Green	Green	Light Blue	Light Blue	Green	Green	Orange	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green	Green
3/09/24	Green	Green	Light Blue	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green	Light Blue	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green

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New inquiries / International assistance

Nil

Media heads up / General comments

Nil

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