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<u>Section</u>	<u>Description of ground</u>
9(2)(a)	to protect the privacy of natural persons

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27 March 2026

OC260234

Hon James Meager

Action required by:

Associate Minister of Transport

Monday, 30 March 2026

CONFIRMING DECISIONS FOR MOTORCYCLE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

Purpose

To confirm the agreed approach for motorcycle inspection requirements.

Key points

- Following departmental consultation on the Land Transport Rules Reform Programme: Key Decisions Cabinet paper, we provided advice on the inspection requirements for motorcycles, noting the higher safety risk for this group of vehicles [OC260146 refers]. You agreed to reduce inspection requirements for motorcycles to yearly, from the current yearly/six-monthly requirements.
- We seek your explicit confirmation that the other changes to light vehicle inspection requirements included in the Cabinet paper should apply to motorcycles (see **Table 1**). We have assumed that motorcycles would be included in the proposal to require an inspection at four years rather than three years, based on your decision to shift to annual inspections for motorcycles. The same logic we outlined in our previous advice on inspection frequency applies.
- The Cabinet paper has been lodged on the assumption that this was your intent. If changes are required, we will provide an updated version to be re-lodged.

Table 1: Summary of proposed changes

Proposed change	Treatment for motorcycles
Require two-yearly inspections for vehicles between four and fourteen years old and yearly inspections for vehicles fourteen years old or older	Motorcycles require annual inspections from four years of age onwards
Require a second inspection at four years old rather than three years	Motorcycles included – No separate treatment
Require yearly inspections for light rental service vehicles rather than six-monthly	Motorcycles included – No separate treatment
Require that inspections check Advanced Driver Assistance Systems where present	Motorcycles included – No separate treatment
Increased financial penalties	Motorcycles included – No separate treatment

Recommendations

We recommend you:

- 1 **confirm** the treatment of motorcycles with respect the light vehicle inspection requirement changes as outlined in Table 1 above, Yes / No
- 2 **agree** to proactively release this briefing, alongside the release of the final Cabinet paper, Yes / No
- 3 **refer** this briefing to Hon Chris Bishop, Minister of Transport. Yes / No

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Minister's office to complete:

Approved

Declined

Seen by Minister

Not seen by Minister

Overtaken by events

Comments

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