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0(0)	Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government
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0(0)	Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by
	(i) the Government of any other country or any agency of such a
	Government; or
	(ii) any international organisation
6(c)	prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation,
0(0)	and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial
9(2)(a)	to protect the privacy of natural persons
9(2)(a) 9(2)(b)(ii)	to protect information where the making available of the information would be
	likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who
	supplied or who is the subject of the information
9(2)(ba)(i)	to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which
9(Z)(Da)(I)	any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of
	any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely
	to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same
9(2)(ba)(ii)	source, and it is in the public to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which
9(Z)(Da)(II)	
	any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of
	any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely
0(2)(f)(ii)	otherwise to damage the public interest
9(2)(f)(ii)	to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect
O(2)(f)(i,j)	collective and individual ministerial responsibility
9(2)(f)(iv)	to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect
$O(2)(\pi)(i)$	the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
9(2)(g)(i)	to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank
	expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or
	members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service
0(0)(h)	agency or organisation in the course of their duty
9(2)(h)	to maintain legal professional privilege
9(2)(i)	to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or
	organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or
0(0)(i)	disadvantage, commercial activities
9(2)(j)	to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or
	organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or
	disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)



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1 ACTIONS FROM TRANSPORT OFFICIALS' MEETING

1 Actions from transport officials' meeting

Meeting with Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi)	Due date
None this week.	Nil.
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2 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

2 Upcoming briefings

Briefings to Minister Parker	Due date
Regulatory Work Programme Quarterly Update	Week ending
Comment on due date change	4 August 2023.
Further time is required for cross agency consultation.	Original due date
Responsibility: Megan Moffet, Manager, Regulatory Policy	28 July 2023.
Issue of consent under the Wildlife Act 1953 to Waka Kotahi for Mount Messenger Bypass	Week ending 4 August 2023.
Comment on due date change	Original due date
Delayed to enable further consultation with the Department of Conservation and Waka Kotahi.	28 July 2023.
Responsibility: Brendan Booth, Chief Legal Adviser and Manager, Procurement	
Review of Direction to Waka Kotahi regarding rapid transit	Week ending
Comment on due date change	4 August 2023.
Agencies requested more time to provide feedback on draft.	Original due date
Responsibility: Daniel Cruden, Acting Manager, Placemaking and Urban Development	21 July 2023.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending 4 August 2023.
Comment on due date change	Original due date
Delayed to allow more time for consultation.	28 July 2023.
Responsibility: Chris Gulik, Acting Director, Auckland Light Rail	20 000, 2020.
Port Nelson Ltd: Proposed Constitution Amendments and	Week ending
Exemption from Port Companies Act	4 August 2023.
Comment on due date change	Original due date
Considering further information from Port Nelson Ltd to satisfy their further request for the holding company to be exempt from section 20(1) of the Port Companies Act 1988.	14 July 2023.
Responsibility: Harriet Shelton, Manager, Governance	
Civil Aviation Act 2023 implementation overview	Week ending
Comment on due date change	4 August 2023.
This briefing has been deferred to allow for further engagement with the Civil Aviation Authority.	Original due date 21 July 2023.
Responsibility: Tom Forster, Manager, Economic Regulation	,

2 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

Briefings to Minister Parker	Due date
Update on Key Issues for the Incoming Associate Minister	Week ending
Responsibility: Donna Provoost, Manager, Strategy	4 August 2023
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending
	4 August 2023.
Responsibility: Chris Gulik, Acting Director, Auckland Light Rail	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending
Responsibility: Chris Gulik, Acting Director, Auckland Light Rail	4 August 2023.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending
	August 2023.
Responsibility: Harriet Shelton, Manager, Governance	
Official Information Act Request from ^{\$9(2)(a)} from the	Week ending
New Zealand Herald for a copy of all briefings, memos, aide memoirs and advice the Minister of Transport has received in relation to the Interislander fleet and the iRex project	4 August 2023.
Responsibility: Jacob Ennis, Acting Manager, Supply Chain	
Official Information Act Request from ^{59(2)(a)} for the completed rapid review into KiwiRail	Week ending 4 August 2023.
Responsibility: Jacob Ennis, Acting Manager, Supply Chain	- August 2025.
Approval of the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices	Week ending
(Bilingual Signs) Amendment 2023 Responsibility: Megan Motfet, Manager, Regulatory Policy	11 August 2023.
Advice on proposed changes to the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Exhaust Emissions 2007 (to introduce Euro 6) and summary of	Week ending 11 August 2023.
submissions following consultation	TT August 2025.
Responsibility: Matt Skinner, Manager, Environment and Emissions Policy Design	
Draft Transport Orders-in-Council to be submitted to Review Panel and Regulations Review Committee (Tranche 5)	Week ending 11 August 2023.
Comment on due date change	TI August 2020.
Two of the Transport Orders-in-Council have been moved to Tranche 5 to give additional time to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to draft these.	
Responsibility: Carmen Mak, Director, System and Regulatory Design	

2 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

Briefings to Minister Parker	Due date
Budget 2024 Strategy for Vote Transport	Week ending
Responsibility: Tim Herbert, Manager, Investment	11 August 2023.
Government response to the Inquiry into the Future of Inter- Regional Passenger Rail in New Zealand	Week ending 11 August 2023.
Responsibility: Daniel Cruden, Acting Manager, Placemaking and Urban Development	æ
Budget 2024 Strategy for Vote Transport	Week ending
Responsibility: Tim Herbert, Manager, Investment	11 August 2023.
Recreational Safety and Search and Rescue Review Report Findings and Recommendations	Week ending 18 August 2023.
Comment on due date change	Original due date
Further additional time is required to consider and respond to substantive comments received on the Final Draft Report from the Review Advisory Group supporting this work.	7 July 2023.
Responsibility: Bev Driscoll, Director, Recreational Safety and Search and Rescue Review	
Quarterly Report on Implementation Progress of the Emissions	Week ending
Reduction Plan Transport Chapter Actions: April-June 2023 Responsibility: Genevieve Woodall, Manager, Emissions Programme Office	18 August 2023.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending
Responsibility: Chris Gulik, Acting Director, Auckland Light Rail	25 August 2023.
Airport Security Screening Procedures Policies and Trailing – Terms of Reference	Week ending TBC
Responsibility: Harriet Shelton, Manager, Governance	Original due date
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s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending
Responsibility: Chris Gulik, Acting Director, Auckland Light Rail	TBC August

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Briefings to Minister Parker	Due date
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending TBC.
Responsibility: Helen White, Manager, Mobility and Safety	2
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3 Key priorities

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[Continued] \$ 9(2)(b)(ii), \$ 9(2)(j) Responsibility: Helen White, Manager, Mobility and Safety	R
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Ministers Parker and O'Connor

Cyclone Recovery

Policy function (excluding legislation)

This function is responsible for providing policy advice to Ministers, excluding policy advice on legislation which is managed by the legislation function.

Function lead: Nick Paterson, Manager, Cyclone Recovery

We worked with Treasury on phase one of the National Resilience Plan, and Cabinet has agreed to funding of \$567 million for Vote Transport under phase one. We are now working with Treasury on phase two of the plan. Further information on this is available in the investment function update below.

We provided an updated version of the draft Cabinet paper on the rebuild of transport infrastructure to your Office on 26 July 2023, ahead of Ministerial consultation. This seeks the agreement of Cabinet to drawdown on the \$160 million tagged contingency to fund the reinstatement of the rail network \$9(2)(b)(ii)

Legislation function

This function is responsible for providing policy advice to Ministers on cyclone recovery legislation, including Orders-in-Council (OiCs) and for the implementation of cyclone recovery legislation.

Function lead: Carmen Mak, Director. System and Regulatory Design

The draft OiC with modifications to the Land Transport Management Act (LTMA) 2003, along with supporting documents has been submitted to the Review Panel and the Regulations Review Committee in the week ending 28 July 2023.

The other two OiCs (for Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail works) have now been deferred to Tranche 5.

Investment function

This function is responsible for advising, managing, and implementing Budget decisions to support the cyclone recovery, and managing any other investment activities to support the cyclone recovery.

Function lead: Tim Herbert, Manager, Investment

On 24 July 2023 Cabinet approved \$567 million (over 2023/24 and 2024/25) from the National Resilience Plan (NRP) to support Waka Kotahi's ongoing response and recovery works. A summary of the funding approved is provided below:

- \$72 million as an equity injection to reimburse Waka Kotahi for additional response costs incurred in the previous financial year (\$72 million CAPEX in 2023/24)
- \$455 million for state highway recovery costs (\$278 million CAPEX in 2023/24, \$135 million CAPEX in 2024/25, \$42 million OPEX in 2024/25)
- \$40 million for minor resilience works on state highways (\$40 million CAPEX in 2023/24)

We are awaiting further information from Treasury on the oversight and reporting requirements for this funding, and will work with Waka Kotahi to implement these.

Ministers Parker and O'Connor Cyclone Recovery [Continued] We have also been: Drafting financial recommendations for the Ministry's Cabinet paper to enable draw down of the \$160 million tagged operating contingency, approved for KiwiRail rail reinstatement works. s 9(2)(b)(ii) s 9(2)(f)(iv) Finance function This function is responsible for drawing down non-departmental appropriations for Cyclone Gabrielle. Function lead: Paul Laplanche, Chief Financial Officer As at 30 June 2023 Waka Kotahi has spent and claimed a total of \$250 million under the \$250 million Cyclone Gabrielle National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) Operating Cost Pressure Funding Appropriation. The claims to date have been a mix of Council claims and State Highway emergency maintenance works. Total expenditure on North Island Weather Events response and recovery, incurred by Waka Kotahi in 2022/23, is \$330 million exceeding the funding available in the appropriation. As at 30 June 2023, KiwiRail has spent a total of \$26.9 million and claimed a total of \$5.8 million under the Rail Maintenance and Renewal of the Rail Network appropriation for Weather event recovery costs. KiwiRai has yet to invoice us for the remaining \$21.1 million of the cost already incurred in 2022/23. Oversight, monitoring, and assurance function There are no updates from this function this week. Next steps: An updated draft Cabinet paper on rebuild options, funding requirements, and proposed oversight arrangements to support decision making and monitoring of Crown-funded projects was provided to your Office on 26 July 2023, ahead of Ministerial consultation. Ministerial consultation is scheduled to start on 31 July 2023. RESTRICTED

Ministers Parker and O'Connor

Cyclone Recovery

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We will provide you with a draft Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) paper for the Land Transport Management Act (LTMA) 2003 OiC on 2 August 2023. We will also provide you with a briefing to approve the other two OiCs for submission to the Review Panel and the Regulations Review Committee, as per the Tranche 5 timeframes.

Responsibility: Nick Paterson, Manager, Cyclone Recovery

Minister Parker

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Air services negotiations with Solomon Islands

Further to our advice to the previous Associate Minister of Transport in the Weekly Report week ending 14 July 2023, officials negotiated a replacement Air Services Agreement (ASA) with Solomon Islands on 19/20 July 2023. All previous restrictions on capacity, routes and the traffic that can be carried have been removed, allowing the airlines of each side to operate freely in response to market conditions. Updates to other key ASA elements were also achieved. Our ASA with Solomon Islands is now among the most open New Zealand has negotiated.

The Solomon Islands' delegation readily accepted our proposal of forward-looking arrangements

connectivity between Solomon Islands and New Zealand, including for workers under the Recognised Seasonal Employment scheme and students.

Responsibility: Tom Forster, Manager, Economic Regulation

Next steps:

We will prepare a submission to the Associate Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs seeking approval of the ASA text, and for New Zealand to sign the ASA.



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3 KEY PRIORITIES

Year to date road fatalities

As at 26 Jul 2023 provisional road fatalities are **191** for the year, this is 12 fewer fatalities than the same date in 2022. A year-to-date comparison is shown in the table below:

crash month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	32	21	18	29	22
Feb	26	32	28	25	32
Mar	33	31	34	32	27
Apr	45	9	25	37	32
Мау	29	23	31	27	27
Jun	27	29	37	32	31
Jul	10	27	14	21	20
Total	202	172	187	203	191



Year to date road fatalities

The chart below provides a comparison of fatalities by mode and region for the last five years. The map show fatalities for 2023 by mode and location, highlighting fatalities from the last seven days with larger circles.



Responsibility: Dan Jenkins, Manager, Analytics and Modelling

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3 KEY PRIORITIES

Clean car and electric vehicle registrations





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4 Cabinet papers

Minister Parker					
Paper	Committee	Status			
Transport Infrastructure Rebuild Following the Severe Weather Events This paper provides an update to Cabinet on the recovery and rebuild of transport sector infrastructure following the severe weather events. Responsibility: Nick Paterson, Manager, Cyclone Recovery	Extreme Weather Recovery Committee (EWR). 16 August 2023.	We provided an updated draft paper to your Office on 26 July 2023. Ministerial consultation is scheduled to begin on 31 July 2023.			
Order in Council for Modifications to the Land Transport Management Act 2003 This paper seeks agreement to submit the Order in Council (OiC) to the Executive Council for approval. The timeline for this paper is consistent with the timeline for Tranche Four OiCs. Responsibility: Carmen Mak, Director, System and Regulatory Design	Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG). 23 August 2023.	At this stage, we intend to provide you with a draft Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) paper on 2 August 2023, ahead of departmental and Ministerial consultation.			
Government response to the Inquiry into the Future of Inter-Regional Passenger Rail in New Zealand Responsibility: Daniel Cruden, Acting Manager, Placemaking and Urban Development	Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) 31 August 2023.	We will provide you with a briefing and draft LEG paper on 9 August 2023.			
Regulations implementing changes to Land Transport Regulatory Fees and Charges This paper seeks Cabinet approval to submit Regulations setting land transport fees and charges to the Executive Council. Responsibility: Brendan Booth, Chief Legal Adviser and Manager, Procurement	Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG). TBC. (Likely 17 August 2023)	We provided a draft Cabinet paper to your Office on 19 July 2023 with a view to the paper being lodged on 10 August 2023.			

4 CABINET PAPERS

Minister Parker					
Paper	Committee	Status			
Release of rapid transit framework This paper seeks Cabinet's agreement to release a framework for central government's involvement in rapid transit projects. The previous Minister of Transport last provided comment on the framework in April 2023. Responsibility: Daniel Cruden, Acting Manager, Placemaking and Urban Development	Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV). TBC.	Per the update in the key priorities section, we are proposing to defer this paper until after the election			
s 18(d) Responsibility: Brendan Booth, Ohief Legal Advisor and Manager, Procurement	Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) TBC.	We are awaiting a date for (and subsequent decision from) the Cabinet Economic Development Committee.			
s 9(2)(f)(iv) Responsibility: Karen Lyons, Director, Auckland	Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV). TBC.	We provided a draft paper to your Office on 27 June 2023.			
Waitematā Harbour Connections (WHC) This paper notes the progress of the WHC project Responsibility: Karen Lyons, Director, Auckland	Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV) TBC. Date to be advised by your Office.	We have provided a draft Cabinet paper to your Office.			

4 CABINET PAPERS

Minister Parker			
Paper	Committee	Status	
s 9(2)(f)(īv)	Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV) TBC. Date to be advised by your Office.	This paper is with your Office.	
Responsibility: Marian Willberg, Manager, Demand Management and Revenue	A SET A		
Confirmation of Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy This paper seeks Cabinet approval to release the final Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy	Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV). TBC Date to be advised by your Office.	You wrote to the Minister of Energy and Resources on a related matter on 19 July 2023. We understand you would like to discuss this letter with her before proceeding with the	
Responsibility: Holly Walker, Manager Environment and Emissions Strategy		Strategy. We will await further direction.	
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5 CABINET PAPERS LED BY OTHER AGENCIES

Cabinet papers led by other agencies 5

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Transport Crown entity and state-owned entity (SOE) 6 updates



Second Meeting of the Emerging Aviation Technologies Forum – 18 July 2023

The second meeting of the Emerging Aviation Technologies Forum was held in Wellington on 18 July 2023. This initiative was started by the CAA, supported by the Ministry, New Zealand Defence Force and Industry. The meeting was co-chaired by the CAA and Wisk, who represented industry.

Since the first meeting, a wider range of expertise was assembled with airports, Aerospace Research Centre, and security representation added to the mix, strengthening the richness of the discussions.

The Forum then considered the input since the last meeting by the members, reflected on the unpredictable rate of change in many technology areas, and the importance of regularly revisiting the timelines of the fastest moving aviation related technologies.

The implications of this is particularly important to guide investments (both regulatory and by industry), and to understand infrastructure requirements to ensure a safe and secure aviation system.

The CAA's Emerging Technologies Unit led an intensive information sharing exercise in a workshop setting that drew significant and valuable insights from the participants.

The Forum will meet again on 15 September 2023 after the Aerospace Summit.

AvSec Taskforce update

The FIFA Women's World Cup's impact on Aviation Security screening points is being monitored to enable prompt resolution in the event of any issues.

An Authority's Aviation Security Queues Taskforce (Taskforce) was established on 16 June 2023 to address "unacceptable" queues, to consider solutions and address any roadblocks for queues management, alongside existing strategies and actions in our work plan.

Regular updates from the Taskforce have been provided in recent Ministerial updates and the Taskforce's work continues. Regular stakeholder updates have received positive feedback and has set a foundation for further constructive discussion and consultation.

The focus of the Taskforce has shifted from 'quick wins' identified in early workshops, to medium and long term initiatives including queue monitoring technology, operating procedures, and ongoing passenger education. As such, updates will be reduced to an as-needed basis.

Communications and External Engagement 24 July 2023

Media plan – 7 days from Sunday 30 July 2023

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
No date	Statement	Reactive statement prepared relating to security screening for FIFA passengers.	None

Media mentions – 7 days to Wednesday 26 July 2023

Date	Activity	Channel
19 July 2023	Getting a scale before the trip? A follow piece about Air New Zealand's passenger weight survey. Includes an inaccurate statement that the survey was "for the purposes of a study by the New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority".	The Informant
22 July 2023	Laser strikes growing fear for pilots CAA provided data and a statement in response to an enquiry. Article quote as follows: So far in 2023 the CAA has reported 102 laser strikes at airports across New Zealand. That compared to 112 incidents in 2022, and 111 in 2021. CAA deputy chief executive David Harrison said laser strikes were a serious threat to aviation safety. "It can completely disorient pilots or even incapacitate them."	Whanganui Chronicle

25 July 2023	Breakfast Interview regarding pilot licensing requirements - features Aviation NZ, Ardmore Flying School, Air Milford	TVNZ
	CAA provided data on pilot numbers – the piece was pitched as a discussion about whether there are enough pilots in NZ. The journalist did not advise of an angle focusing on pilot licensing.	
	Key comments:	
	Data from the Civil Aviation Authority shows that commercial pilot licences in New Zealand have fallen over the course of the past three years, though the numbers of pilots in the job seem to be climbing back after being decimated in 2020. There is no doubt the industry and New Zealand needs more qualified pilots quicker than they're being trained up.	RORI
	"The policy settings that we operate under were established in 2012 the government controls the number of trainees that go into the system and it controls the pricing that companies can charge, so at a time of high inflation where insurance costs have almost doubled since Covid, maintenance costs are almost there as well and fuel costs have doubled, the industry is very restricted on what it can charge students so in our view the whole policy arrangement needs to be changed it's just becoming too expensive for ordinary New Zealanders to come into training, they have to come up with around about \$50,000 cash to train." – Aviation NZ CE John Nicholson	
	"In general, aviation like us, we're suffering to try and find quality and experienced pilots we need to work with our Civil Aviation to drop the minimum requirements right now – like we have thousand hour minimums to get pilots in – that's going to have to come down to below 500 hours just so we can actually have people to fly our aircraft" - Air Milford representative Antony Sproul	
25 July 2023	Pilot licensing requirements	TVNZ
TEN.	This topic featured further in news bulletins throughout the day. Key comments: Outdated and no longer fit for purpose. That's the view of one pilot on civil aviation policy settings. Data from the Civil Aviation Authority shows commercial pilot licences in Aotearoa have fallen from 1150 in 2018 to 1086 in 2022. Aviation New Zealand's John Nicholson says these numbers have dropped	
	due to changes to training policies over a decade ago.	
	[Irene King] says the government is not focused on providing a solution to the Problem.	
	The Civil Aviation Authority said in a statement legislation change is very difficult and confirms nothing is in the works for changing pilot training. No statement to this effect was made.	

Planned release/publish	What	Туре	Why
July - August 2023	Make time to make it in time	Digital campaign - social	Educate passengers about what to expect at airport security, including allowing enough time to avoid queues.
July - August 2023	Make time to make it in time	Digital campaign - advertising	Display and search advertising to educate passengers about what to expect at airport security, including allowing enough time to avoid queues. Targeting will include FIFA world cup spectators.
July - September (multiple dates)	Airworthiness and maintenance	Face-to-face workshop with industry	Education for owners and operators to increase their understanding of the requirements for maintaining their aircraft.
July - December (multiple dates)	Dangerous Goods (DG)	Face-to-face course for industry	To provide training and qualification for the carriage of DG.
From mid-July	All stories from Vector Winter issue	Vector Online articles	Ongoing education by putting some Vector articles online for anyone to access.
August 2023	How to be a pilot - junior	GAP booklet (new / updated version of existing booklet)	Business as usual (BAU) version update.
September 12023	Vector Spring Issue	Aviation industry magazine	A way of getting relevant information to industry in an easy-to-read format.
October 2023	Vector special issue: accidents that have common causes	Aviation industry magazine	To highlight the most common causes of fatal accidents that safety investigators go to.
TBC	Weight and balance	GAP booklet (new / updated version of existing booklet)	BAU version update.

Upcoming communications and engagement

Planned release/publish	What	Туре	Why
ТВС	In, Out and Around Queenstown.	GAP booklet (new / updated version of existing booklet)	BAU version update.
TBC	In, Out and Around Christchurch	GAP booklet (new / updated version of existing booklet)	BAU version update.
ТВС	In, Out and Around Manawatu	GAP booklet (new / updated version of existing booklet)	BAU version update
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6 TRANSPORT CROWN ENTITY AND STATE-OWNED ENTITY (SOE) UPDATES



New IMO secretary general

The International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Council last week elected Arsenio Dominguez (Panama) as its next Secretary-General.

Mr Dominguez has a long history with the IMO, initially as a Panamanian representative (2004 2017) then as a senior manager in the secretariat, through to his current role as Director Maritime Environment Division.

Mr Dominguez has campaigned on a desire to "bring solutions from day one" and promising greater impartiality and transparency. Immediately after the election he was quoted as saying "I'm not afraid of disturbing things a little bit to actually get change".

Mr Dominguez has also indicated a desire to build the capability and capacity of the secretariat addressing long standing issues of morale and retention.

There were six candidates for the role taking voting to four knock-out rounds. Support for candidates from China, Kenya and Dominica largely transferred to Mr Dominguez as they were knocked out. The final round saw 21/40 support Dominguez, 11/40 support the Turkish candidate and 8/40 support the Finnish candidate

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Maritime NZ Board satisfied with progress over past year

Progress on our organisational strategy was acknowledged at the July Board meeting, celebrating our achievements despite challenges in the past year. It was fitting with Matariki to reflect and celebrate and think about future aspirations with our Board. We also discussed our key enterprise risks and the Funding Review with our Board and the Audit and Risk Committee at their July meetings.

Highlights of the past year include:

- the work of our new maritime inspections team
- our improvements to timeliness and clearing licensing backlogs
- our new harm prevention programmes in partnership with the sector
- our Weaving the Cloak work (including work on Te Ao Māori, diversity and inclusion, sustainability, connection, much of which did not exist a year ago)
- the release of our new vision, outcomes, principles and values
- our responses to a number of events, such as the *Shiling* vessel, and playing a crucial role in the East Coast flooding response, which we have managed well and also gained valuable insights from.

The Board expressed their appreciation for the progress made and our staff's hard work. They are also really pleased and proud of our progress as an organisation and how we all carry out our role each day.

In June, the Board appointed Lara Ariell, an Independent Advisor to the Board Audit and Risk Committee, for a 12-month term. She's the Tumu Whakarae / Chief Executive of Education Payroll Ltd, a Crown entity and is a member of Manatū Hauora: the Ministry of Health's Risk and Assurance Committee. Lara's strong financial background and her experience in senior roles within the public sector, including Chief Financial Officer of Inland Revenue and roles at various other government organisations (Ministry of Social Development, Tertiary Education Commission, Ministry of Education, Callaghan Innovation), make her a valuable addition to the team.

The Maritime NZ Board's next regional visit to Whangarei in August will involve engaging with local stakeholders and conducting their Board meeting.

Maritime New Zealand's Rescue Coordination Centre hosts Rescue Aviation Leadership Forum

The Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ), in cooperation with the NZSAR Workshop, hosted senior rotary (helicopter) aviation sector leaders from across New Zealand for a two day forum in July 2023.

The Forum was well attended and included CEOs, chief operating officers, chief pilots and chief paramedics from key New Zealand aviation operators across the country. Taken together the organisations who attended represented crews and machines who completed over 80% of all rescues coordinated by the RCCNZ. New Zealand Police and the National Ambulance Sector Office also attended.

The forum was focused on fostering relationships, improving operational processes associated with the tasking and support of rescue aviation, and agreeing a way forward for the updating of standards and agreements.

Excellent feedback was received on the value of this forum and there is a desire to make this a regular activity and further meetings are planned. The immediate focus of the group will be to collaborate on the development of practical and effective Search and Rescue aviation standards. These standards will underpin and drive continued improvement in how we deliver safe and responsive lifesaving services across New Zealand.

Maritime in the media

On 21 July 2023 Maritime NZ's Government Services provided three Official Information Act responses (OIAs) to reporters from the *NZ Herald*, *TVNZ* and *The Post*. The OIAs were focused on correspondence between Maritime NZ and KiwiRail. The *NZ Herald* ran an article on 21 July 2023, while by 26 July 2023, *Stuff* and *TVNZ* were yet to run any articles.

from the *NZ Herald* had a follow up request which focused on the *Valentine*, the freight only ferry that KiwiRail is looking to sell. The questions relating to Maritime NZ regarded what deficiencies were identified with the vessel and what an interim certificate was. KiwiRail also received a query from the reporter about the *Valentine*.

Interest is continuing in the *Niagara*, which sank in the Hauraki Gulf in 1940 and still has an indeterminate amount of oil on board. The story has recently been covered by a range of media outlets including *Stuff* and podcasts. Last week, the *Northern Advocate* asked for information about previous budget bids and how many times Maritime NZ has responded to oil from the vessel. We provided straightforward responses. A response was also provided by the Associate Minister of Transport.



New inquiries / International Assistance

A new marine inquiry, MO-2023-205 was opened by the Commission on 26 July 2023.

Maritime New Zealand notified the Commission on 25 July 2023 of an incident involving the bulk carrier M.V Achilles Bulker, that occurred near Tauranga harbour at about 1530, on 24 July 2023.

The circumstances reported to date are that the vessel lost its rudger and subsequently suffered a steering failure in the main channel as it was departing Tauranga harbour. The vessel dropped anchor and was later assisted by tugs to a safe anchorage without further incident.

The Commissioner has opened an inquiry under Section 13(1) of the TAIC Act 1990 and appointed Jeremy Dann as the lead investigator for this inquiry. Jeremy will be supported by Avinash Figueiredo.

In accordance with the IMO casualty code, the Commissioner has notified the vessel's Flag State ROAMAA NIN Panama of the incident, and invited their participation in the Commission's inquiry.

KiwiRail No update this week

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