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9(2)(ba)(i)	to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public
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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 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 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)

Weekly Report to the Minister of Transport

For the week ending 17 February 2023

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1. Actions from transport officials' meetings

Meeting with Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi)	Due Date
Nil.	

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2. Upcoming briefings

Briefings to Minister Wood	Due date
Draft letters of expectations for Maritime NZ and Civil Aviation Authority <i>Responsibility: Sarah Polaschek, Manager, Governance</i>	Week ending 24 February 2023. Awaiting final delegation approvals for the Associate Minister.
Draft letters of expectations for Waka Kotahi, Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) and City Rail Link Limited (CRL) <i>Responsibility: Sarah Polaschek, Manager, Governance</i>	Week ending 24 February 2023. Awaiting final delegation approvals for the Associate Minister.
Options to (partially) restore the Civil Aviation Authority's Reserves <i>Responsibility: Sarah Polaschek, Manager, Governance</i>	Week ending 24 February 2023. This is delayed in agreement with your Office, to ensure that the options provided for the (partial) restoration of CAA's reserves are robust and fit-for-purpose. Extended consultation time will also enable CAA to provide its view on the paper, though we note that the entity may require a longer period than 24 February 2023 to provide its feedback, and/or to discuss further with the Ministry, due to the absence of key staff.
Auckland Light Rail: Amending the company purpose <i>Responsibility: Gareth Fairweather, Director, Auckland Light Rail</i>	Week ending 24 February 2023.
Updated draft of Aotearoa Freight and Supply Chain Strategy <i>Responsibility: Harriet Shelton, Manager, Supply Chain</i>	Week ending 24 February 2023.
Proactive release of Cabinet paper - Initiatives for Inclusion in the Civil Aviation Authority 2022/23 Expenditure Budget <i>Responsibility: Sarah Polaschek, Manager, Governance</i>	Week ending 24 February 2023.
Update on Fullers Waiheke ferry service and SuperGold card travel <i>Responsibility: Helen White, Manager, Mobility and Safety</i>	Week ending 24 February 2023.
National VKT (vehicle kilometres travelled) Reduction Plan and Programmes – Outline and Update <i>Responsibility: Jessica Ranger, Manager, Placemaking and Urban Development</i>	Week ending 24 February 2023.
s 9(2)(f)(iv) <i>Responsibility: Harriet Shelton, Manager, Supply Chain</i>	Week ending 24 February 2023. Note: The Treasury is leading this work

Briefings to Minister Wood	Due date
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>Responsibility: Harriet Shelton, Manager, Supply Chain</p>	<p>Week ending 3 March 2023.</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Permanent Half Price Total Mobility Fares</p> <p>Responsibility: Helen White, Manager, Mobility and Safety</p>	<p>Week ending 3 March 2023.</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>Responsibility: Matt Skinner, Manager, Environment and Emissions Policy Design</p>	<p>Week ending 3 March 2023.</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>Proactive Release of the Regulatory Systems (Transport) Amendment Bill policy approval package</p> <p>Responsibility: Megan Moffet, Manager, Regulatory Policy</p>	<p>Week ending 3 March 2023.</p>
<p>Changes to land transport regulatory charges and fees – Draft Cabinet paper</p> <p>Responsibility: Sarah Polaschek, Manager, Governance</p>	<p>Week ending 3 March 2023.</p>
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>Responsibility: Megan Moffet, Manager, Regulatory Policy</p>	<p>Week ending 3 March 2023.</p>
<p>New Zealand Rail Plan – progress, priorities, cost pressures, and next steps</p> <p>Responsibility: Harriet Shelton, Manager, Supply Chain</p>	<p>Week ending 3 March 2023.</p>
<p>Ministry Protocol for Official Information Act Responses and proactive releases involving Ministers</p> <p>Responsibility: Hilary Penman, Manager, Ministerial Services</p>	<p>Week ending 3 March 2023.</p>
<p>Reauthorisation of Qantas/Emirates alliance – initial advice</p> <p>Responsibility: Tom Forster, Manager, Economic Regulation</p>	<p>Week ending 3 March 2023.</p>
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>Responsibility: Gareth Fairweather, Director, Auckland Light Rail</p>	<p>Week ending 3 March 2023.</p>

Briefings to Minister Wood	Due date
Draft Estimates 2023/24 and Supplementary Estimates 2022/23 <i>Responsibility: Paul Laplanche, Chief Financial Officer</i>	Week ending 24 March 2023.
Outcomes of the City Rail Link Limited (CRL) Targeted Hardship Fund review and recommendations for amendments to the Sponsors' High-Level Guidance <i>Responsibility: Sarah Polaschek, Manager, Governance</i>	Week ending 31 March 2023. Delayed to enable consultation and per timeline provided to your Office on 30 January 2023. The extension to the consultation period considers the impact of the recent flooding on Auckland Council and the affected businesses the Ministry is engaging with.
s 9(2)(f)(iv) <i>Responsibility: Karen Lyons, Director, Auckland</i>	TBC March 2023.
Final Estimates 2023/24 and Supplementary Estimates 2022/23 <i>Responsibility: Paul Laplanche, Chief Financial Officer</i>	Week ending 14 April 2023.

3. Key priorities

Minister Wood	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv) and s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>Responsibility: James O'Donnell, Acting Manager, Programme Assurance and Commercial</p>	<p>Next steps:</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
<p>Responsibility: Matt Skinner, Manager, Environment and Emissions Policy Design</p>	

Reauthorisation of Qantas/Emirates airline alliance

Qantas and Emirates have applied for re-authorisation of their airline alliance (the Restated Master Coordination Agreement). The initial agreement was made in 2013 and re-authorised in 2018.

Under the Agreement the airlines would continue to coordinate their operations across their global network.

A decision to re-authorise the alliance will need to be made before the current authorisation expires on 31 March 2023.

The Civil Aviation Act 1990 provides that the Minister of Transport can authorise cooperative arrangements between airlines. The effect of such authorisation is that the arrangements are exempt from those parts of the Commerce Act that relate to arrangements which substantially lessen competition. Alliances can also result in benefits to consumers such as better access to connecting flights and more choices of routes. Alliances also have the potential to reduce costs for airlines, which in competitive markets, results in lower airfares for consumers.

In making a decision, in addition to meeting the statutory requirements, you may also take into account the public benefits and any impact on consumer welfare.

We intend to provide you or the Associate Minister with initial advice in early March 2023, which will allow you to discuss with officials before a final briefing is submitted.

We invited submissions from interested stakeholders which closed on 3 February 2023. We are making good progress with our market and economic analysis.

An application has also been made to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). Australia is operating to a May 2023 timetable and, unlike New Zealand, can issue an interim authorisation pending a final determination. We will closely monitor any progress or determination made by the ACCC.

Responsibility: Tom Forster, Manager, Economic Regulation

Next steps:

We will provide you with initial advice week ending 3 March 2023.

Final recommendations and analysis will be provided week ending 24 March 2023.

Decision required by 30 March 2023.

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Responsibility: Nick Paterson, Manager, Resilience and Security

s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
<p>s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>Responsibility: Responsibility: Harriet Shelton, Manager, Supply Chain</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

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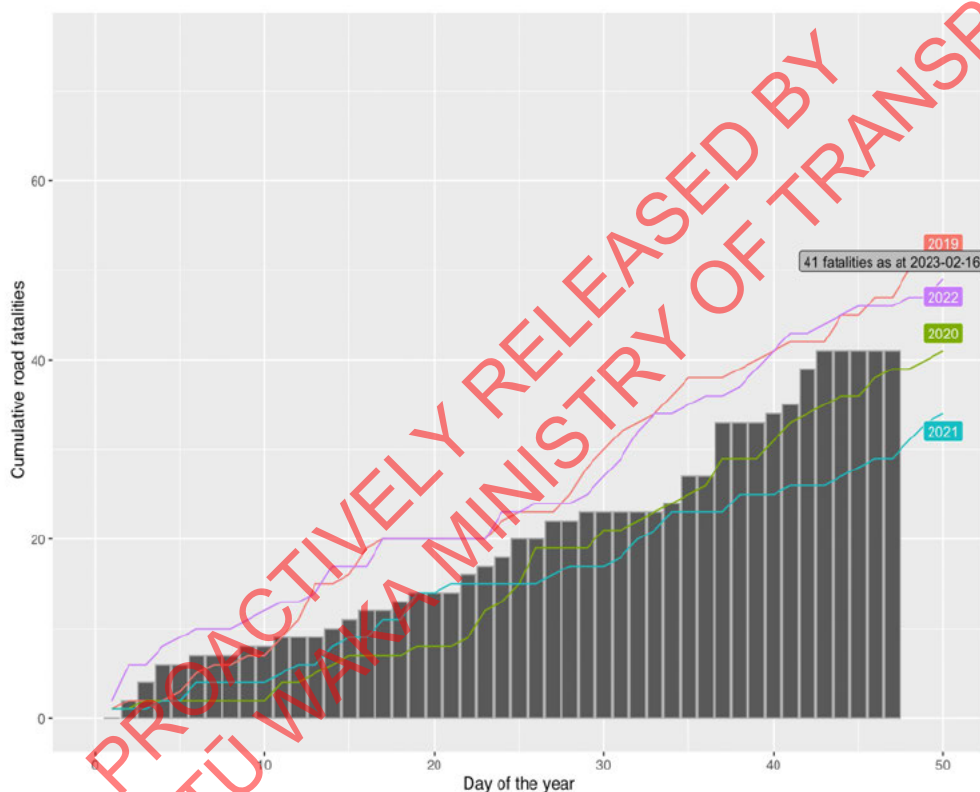
Year to date road fatalities

Updated on 16 February 2023 for crashes until midnight 15 February 2023.

Cumulative road fatalities to 16 February 2023 are **41**, this is 5 fewer fatalities than the same date in 2022. A year-to-date comparison is shown in the table below:

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	32	21	18	29	23
Feb	15	18	11	17	18
Total	47	39	29	46	41

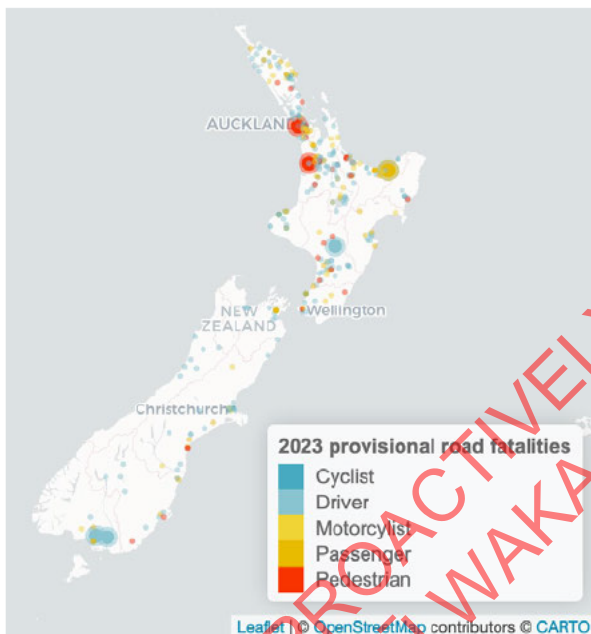
First 50 days analysis of total road fatalities for the last 5 years:



Below is a regional analysis for the 2023 fatalities, year to date, split by role. Crashes in the last week are highlighted with larger circles on the map figure. Regions are shown only where a fatality has occurred year to date.

Responsibility: Dan Jenkins, Manager, Analytics and Modelling

Year to date road fatalities continued



Responsibility: Dan Jenkins, Manager, Analytics and Modelling

Clean car and electric vehicle registrations

We will be revising this section over the next few weeks to enable better monitoring of progress against the Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP) targets. This is an interim measure until such a time that the Decarbonising Transport Monitoring Framework can provide cross system metrics for more effective monitoring of all ERP initiatives.

Clean car and electric vehicle registrations and fleet size overall summary: Updated on 13 February 2023 for vehicles registered before midnight 12 February 2023

Registrations

Week ending 12 February	1,627 (245 fewer than previous)
January 2023	9,026 (380 more than previous)
Year to date 2023	11,566 (4,121 more than previous)

Fleet

Heavy motor vehicles	657
Light motor vehicles	376,782
Motorcycles	2,454

This report includes vehicles with CO₂ emissions of 146g/km and less (3-phase Worldwide Harmonised Light Vehicle Test Procedure (WLTP*) for 'light' vehicles. 'Light' vehicles are those with a gross vehicle mass (GVM), i.e., maximum allowed weight with load of 3,500kg and less. Motorcycles are included as per Motor Vehicle Registration (MVR) data and include all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). WLTP = Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedure a chassis dynamometer test cycle for the determination of emissions and fuel consumption of light-duty vehicles.

Detailed registrations and fleet size analysis

This week's CCD eligible registrations by emissions band and vehicle type

CCD.band	Heavy	Light	Motorcycles	Total	delta_prev_wk	Weekly trends this year		
							Low	High
Zero (0g/km)	3	152	25	180	-78		78	1125
Low (1-56g/km)	0	55	0	55	-51		2	364
Moderate (57-146g/km)	0	1392	0	1392	-116		412	2246
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0		1	2

Battery Electric Vehicles

Registrations this week

This week's registrations for ZERO EMISSION BAND (0g/km) battery electric vehicles

Vehicle type	New	Used	Total	delta_prev_wk	Weekly trends this year		
						Low	High
Car	102	49	151	-71		19	1026
Bus	3	0	3	1		1	20
Van	0	0	0	-8		1	34
Truck	0	0	0	-3		1	3
Motorcycle	24	1	25	11		1	46
Other	1	0	1	-8		1	37

Battery Electric Vehicles

Fleet size

EV (Battery electric) LIGHT vehicle Fleet (inc. motorcycles/ATV etc.)

CCD.band	Vehicle_gp	Fleet size 2017	long-term trend	Fleet size today	% of total fleet
Zero (0g/km)	Car	NA		47236	1.059
Zero (0g/km)	Motorcycle	NA		2421	0.054
Zero (0g/km)	Other	NA		122	0.003
Zero (0g/km)	Van	NA		1326	0.030

EV (Battery electric) HEAVY vehicle Fleet

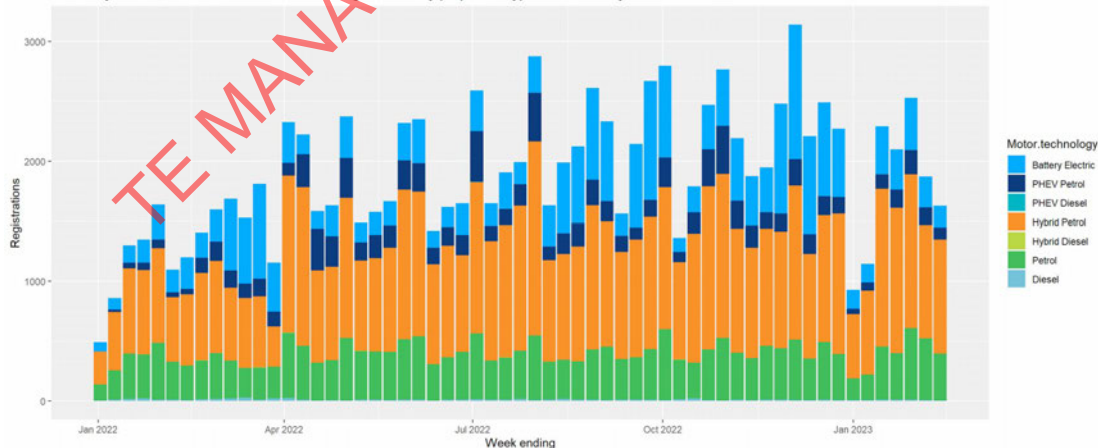
CCD.band	Vehicle_gp	Fleet size 2017	long-term trend	Fleet size today	% of total fleet
Zero (0g/km)	Bus	NA		269	0.089
Zero (0g/km)	Other	NA		142	0.049
Zero (0g/km)	Truck	NA		137	0.047

Graphical summary of registrations:

Summary of zero, low and moderate emission registrations since January 2022

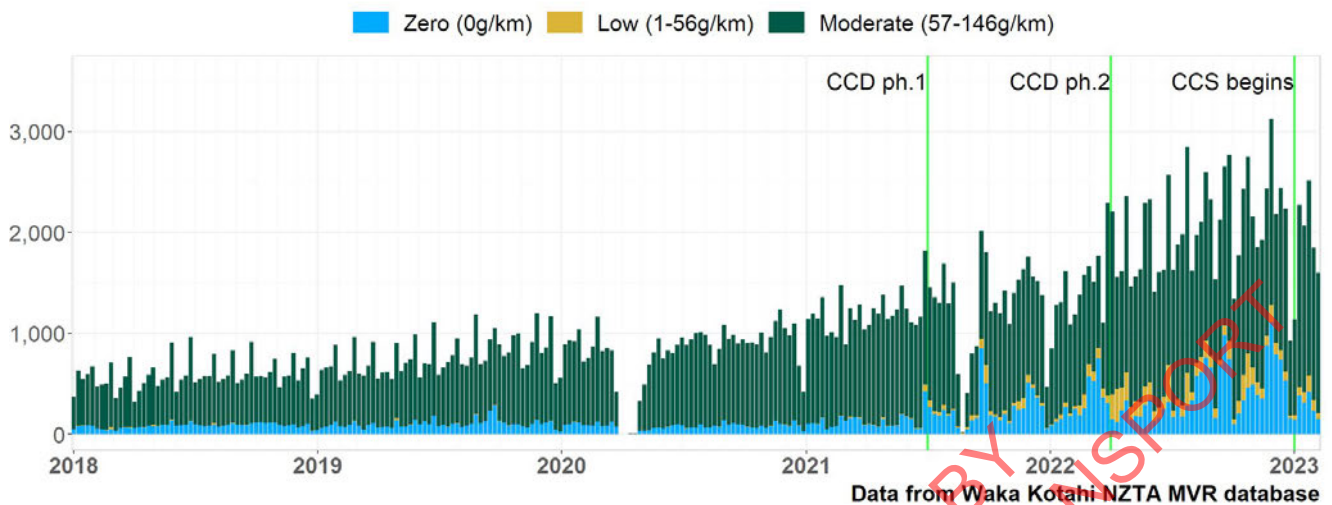


Summary of zero, low and moderate emission registrations by propulsion type since January 2022



Trends in registrations and fleet size over the last five years:

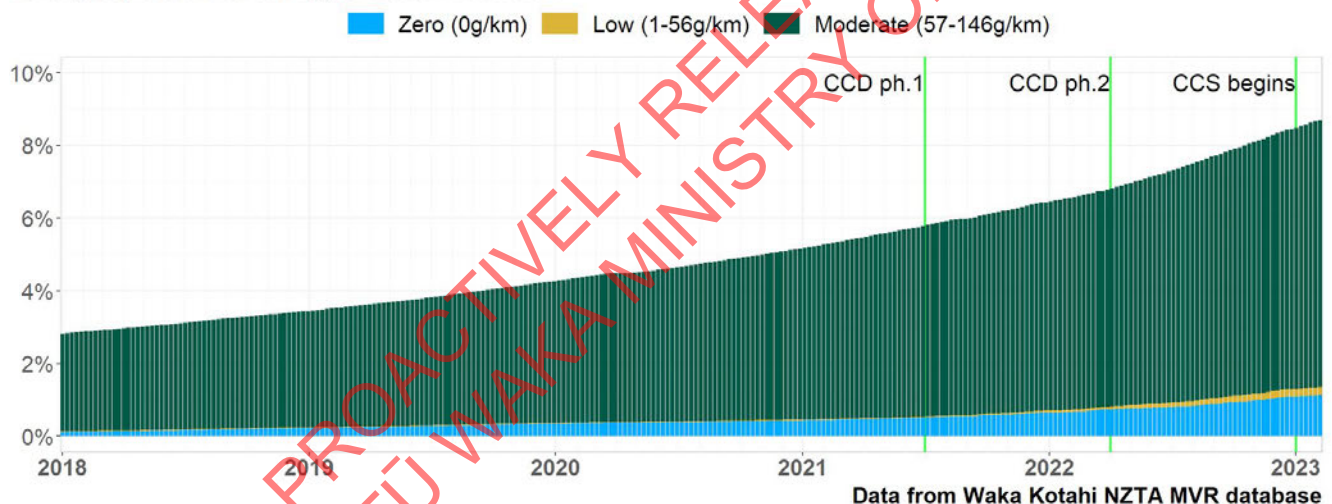
Weekly registrations of low-emissions motor vehicles



The proportion of zero and low emission vehicles in the fleet is also still relatively small (c.1%) with all Clean Car Discount (CCD) eligible vehicles accounting for over 8% of the light vehicle fleet.

Low-emissions motor vehicle fleet

As a proportion of all light motor vehicles



More detail of the weekly registrations can be found at the link below:

<https://www.transport.govt.nz/statistics-and-insights/fleet-statistics/weekly-electric-vehicle-report/>



Responsibility: Dan Jenkins, Manager, Analytics and Modelling.

4. Cabinet Papers







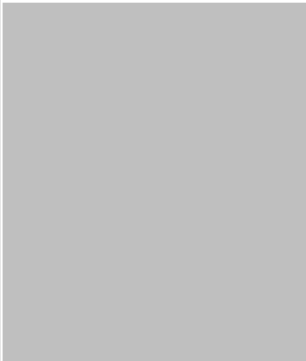
Minister Wood		
Paper	Committee	Status
<p>Taking action on fuel prices</p> <p>This paper seeks Cabinet agreement to legislation to implement the Government's decisions to extend/reinstate the temporary cost of living support measures, including introducing the Road User Charges (Temporary Reduction Amendment) Bill 2023, and progressing the Customs Order in Council and Land Transport Management Act (LTMA) refund regulations.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Marian Willberg, Manager, Demand Management and Revenue</i></p>	<p>Cabinet.</p> <p>20 February 2023.</p>	<p>Papers have been provided to your Office.</p>
<p>Amendment to the Land Transport (Infringement and Reminder Notices) Regulations 2012</p> <p>This paper will ensure the Infringement and Reminder Notices issued by Police for drug driving offences will include information about the medical defence.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Helen White, Manager, Mobility and Safety</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG).</p> <p>23 February 2023.</p>	<p>We have provided your Office with a draft Cabinet paper.</p>
<p>Amending road user charges legislation</p> <p>This paper seeks Cabinet agreement to amend the road user charges (RUC) system and legislation. This is in preparation for the expiry of the light electric vehicle RUC exemption on 31 March 2024 and to improve the RUC system for RUC payers, and Waka Kotahi as RUC collector.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Marian Willberg, Manager, Demand Management and Revenue</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV).</p> <p>8 March 2023.</p>	<p>We have provided your Office with an updated draft Cabinet paper to facilitate Ministerial consultation.</p>

Minister Wood		
Paper	Committee	Status
Commencement of the Social Leasing Scheme This paper seeks agreement and funding to support the commencement of the Social Leasing Scheme in a single location in April 2023. <i>Responsibility: Matt Skinner, Manager, Environment and Emissions Policy Design</i>	Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV) 8 March 2023.	An updated draft of this paper has been provided to your Office, and Ministerial consultation is underway.
Tolling Penlink This paper seeks Cabinet approval to charge a toll on Penlink under the Land Transport Management Act 2003. <i>Responsibility: Marian Willberg, Manager, Demand Management and Revenue</i>	Economic Development Committee (DEV). 8 March 2023	We have provided a revised paper which is now with your Office.
Land Transport Management (Regulation of Public Transport) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction This paper seeks approval to introduce the Land Transport Management (Regulation of Public Transport) Amendment Bill. This Bill is required to establish the Sustainable Public Transport Framework, which will replace the Public Transport Operating Model. <i>Responsibility: Helen White, Manager, Mobility and Safety</i>	Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG). 9 March 2023 (or to be advised by your Office).	We have shared a draft Cabinet paper for departmental consultation. The package is out for Ministerial consultation.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
<i>Responsibility: Sarah Polaschek, Manager, Governance</i>		

Minister Wood		
Paper	Committee	Status
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
Responsibility: Matt Skinner, Manager, Environment and Emissions Policy Design		
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV). 29 March 2023.	We will provide your Office with a draft paper for Ministerial consultation by 3 March 2023.
Responsibility: Megan Moffet, Manager, Regulatory Policy		
Changes to land transport regulatory charges and fees This paper reports back on the outcome of public consultation on Waka Kotahi's 'Proposed changes to land transport regulatory fees, charges and funding' (funding review), and seeks approval to change fees and charges from 1 October 2023. Responsibility: Sarah Polaschek, Manager, Governance	Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV). 29 March 2023.	Departmental consultation to be completed by 24 February 2023. We will provide a draft paper for Ministerial consultation by 3 March 2023.

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<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>  <p><i>Responsibility: Megan Moffet, Manager, Regulatory Policy</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV). 29 March 2023.</p>	<p>The Cabinet paper, consultation document and Regulatory Impact Statement have been provided to your Office for Ministerial consultation prior to lodging.</p>
<p>Draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Land Transport 2024</p> <p>This paper seeks Cabinet approval to release the draft GPS 2024 for public consultation before the final GPS is released mid 2023.</p> <p>Planning is underway for the 'Road Show' public engagement on the draft GPS. Through this Road Show, we plan to communicate on, and get feedback about the GPS to ensure end users have the opportunity to see a draft GPS, consider implications, and contribute a view. The feedback from the Road Show will inform the finalisation of the GPS text.</p> <p>We plan to reach local government officials across the regions in New Zealand through this Road Show which is currently scheduled for three weeks from 26 April 2023 until 12 May 2023.</p> <p>We will include presentations and communications on other relevant Ministry projects related to the GPS, or other projects that also require consultation.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Tim Herbert, Manager, Investment</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV). 29 March 2023.</p>	<p>We will provide a draft paper for Ministerial consultation by 15 March 2023.</p>
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>  <p><i>Responsibility: Harriet Shelton, Manager, Supply Chain</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV). 5 April 2023.</p>	<p>We will provide a draft paper for interagency consultation on 1 March 2023 and for Ministerial consultation on 15 March 2023.</p>

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<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Brendan Booth, Chief Legal Adviser, Legal and Procurement</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG).</p> <p>6 April 2023.</p>	<p>This paper is being drafted and is expected to be with your Office on 3 March 2023.</p>
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Jessica Ranger, Manager, Placemaking and Urban Development</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV) or Environment, Energy and Climate Committee (ENV).</p> <p>3 May 2023.</p>	<p>This paper is being drafted and is expected to be with your Office on 15 March 2023.</p>
<p>Land Transport (Road Safety) Amendment Bill</p> <p>This paper seeks approval to introduce the Land Transport (Road Safety) Amendment Bill.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Megan Moffet, Manager, Regulatory Policy</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG).</p> <p>Early May 2023.</p>	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Helen White, Manager, Mobility and Safety</i></p>		
<p>Accessible Streets – Final Policy Decisions</p> <p>This paper seeks Cabinet's approval to final policy decisions for Accessible Streets.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Helen White, Manager, Mobility and Safety</i></p>	<p>Environment, Energy and Climate Committee (ENV).</p> <p>To be advised by your Office.</p>	<p>This paper is with your Office.</p>

Minister Wood		
Paper	Committee	Status
Release of Discussion Document on Changes to Road Safety Penalties This paper seeks Cabinet approval to release a discussion document on a package of potential changes to road safety penalties, which includes a focus on the penalties for high-risk offences and improving equity outcomes within the penalties system. <i>Responsibility: Helen White, Manager, Mobility and Safety</i>	Cabinet. To be advised by your Office.	We have provided your Office with an updated Cabinet paper, talking points, and discussion document as requested.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)  <i>Responsibility: Helen White, Manager, Mobility and Safety</i>		
s 9(2)(f)(iv)  <i>Responsibility: Tom Forster, Manager, Economic Regulation</i>	Cabinet confirmation or Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV) reconsideration. TBC.	s 9(2)(f)(iv) 
s 9(2)(f)(iv)  <i>Responsibility: Matt Skinner, Manager, Environment and Emissions Policy Design</i>		This paper is with your Office.

5. Cabinet papers led by other agencies that have an impact on the transport portfolio

None this week.

6. Transport Crown Entity and SOE Updates



Key Updates

Funding Review

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

Communications and External Engagement

Authority Media Summary- last 7 days

Date	Activity	Channel
15 February 2023	<p>Wairarapa Times-Age – Fatal Hood Aerodrome CAA withdraws all charges</p> <p>https://times-age.co.nz/fatal-hood-aerodrome-crash-caa-withdraws-all-charges/</p> <p>CAA statement is here: https://www.aviation.govt.nz/about-us/media-releases/show/hood-aerodrome-prosecution-CAA-withdraws-charges</p>	Wairarapa Times Age
12 February 2023	<p>Pilots [Airline Pilots Association] seek inquiry into Auckland Airports decision to keep runway open during flooding</p> <p><i>“The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) says the NZ124 incident happened during heavy rain and gusting winds, and details of runway and weather conditions relayed to pilots would be established during the safety investigation.</i></p> <p><i>CAA says extreme weather is a challenge for airports and airlines, but the travelling public can be confident that all aviation safety risks are being managed appropriately.”</i></p> <p>https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/131116682/pilots-seek-inquiry-into-auckland-airports-decision-to-keep-runway-open-during-flooding</p>	Sunday Star Times, RNZ, Stuff

11 February 2023	<p>CAA refuses coroner's recommendations after fatal Robinson helicopter crash</p> <p><i>"A CAA spokesperson said the organisation promoted the use of video cockpit recording systems, but did not make them mandatory.</i></p> <p><i>It was the CAA director's view that other recommendations were achieved through other means, or could lead to other serious safety risks, they said."</i></p> <p>https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/131192521/caa-refuses-coroners-recommendations-after-fatal-robinson-helicopter-crash</p>	Stuff
9 February 2023	<p>CAA too slow for industry rush.</p> <p>Reprint of article published by RNZ in Otago Daily times. This article was a result of the OIA requested by Phil Pennington.</p> <p>https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/483860/government-hopes-for-aerospace-boom-but-caa-says-inspectors-overworked</p>	Otago Daily Times

Planned communications and engagement – Jan/Feb/Mar 2023

When	What	Why
Summer season digital campaigns – AvSec - Campaign extend until Easter	Reminders about packing batteries and how to prepare for security screening.	<p>Batteries are by far the most removed item from passenger luggage.</p> <p>Summer travel messaging – aligning with airport and other agency campaigns.</p> <p>Campaign finishes Easter.</p>
CAA briefing (March)	Email newsletter to industry	Stakeholder engagement - actioned three times per year via MailChimp.
Vector Autumn issue	Aviation industry magazine	A way of getting relevant information to industry in an easy-to-read format.



No update this week

Maersk coastal vessels

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KiwiRail ferries

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RCCNZ coordinating aviation search and rescue in Hawkes Bay

On 14 February 2023, NZ Police and the National Crisis Management Centre (NCMC) requested that Maritime NZ's Rescue Coordination Centre NZ (RCCNZ) take on responsibility for coordinating all aviation assets in support of search and rescue operations across New Zealand. This was as NCMC did not have the capacity to manage this due to the scale of the Tropical Cyclone Gabrielle impacts, and in line with prearranged processes.

The focus is in the Hawkes Bay and East Coast Regions. This involves RCCNZ with its partners coordinating all helicopters (12 commercial machines and four NZ Defence Force (NZDF) NH90s) in support of the multi-agency response. By midday, 15 February 2023, RCCNZ had coordinated dozens of rescue missions, involving hundreds of people. The majority of tasks relate to people needing rescue from inundated private properties.

The scale and complexity of the ongoing rescue operation is unprecedented in the history of search and rescue in New Zealand. To give a scale of the work involved, RCCNZ completed the equivalent of two months of taskings and coordination in two days. There are meetings to consider how to smoothly transition the role back over the next couple of days with agencies, as we have small numbers of staff who will suffer health and safety issues if it goes beyond 17 February 2023. By the time it transitions, however, it should be less about search and rescue and more focussed on response and recovery, which is not the team's role.

RCCNZ is carrying out this task from its headquarters in Avalon with the support of additional staff from Maritime NZ and liaison officers from NZ Police, Fire and Emergency NZ (FENZ), St John NZ and NZDF. We are doing this as part of the National Emergency Management Agency-led response. FENZ have taken on the role of coordinating the forward base for rescue assets at Bridge Pa near Hastings and is establishing another forward base at Gisborne Airport.

It should be noted that the RCCNZ role outside of the Hawkes Bay and East Coast region is limited to search and rescue operations.

Changes to recognition of some foreign certificates

In response to industry feedback, we have made a change to the policy for recognition of some foreign certificates for crew who want to work on New Zealand-flagged vessels. The changes apply to recognition for foreign certificates under the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) 1978 and the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel (STCW-F) 1995.

We will no longer require all holders of foreign STCW ratings and STCW-F certificates to sit an oral examination for recognition. We consider that these oral exams are not needed to demonstrate the required level of competency. This approach reflects practice by other jurisdictions such as Australia and will remove an unnecessary cost associated with securing foreign crew; at a point where the sector is facing significant workforce pressures.

These types of crew will still need to meet all other requirements for recognition. Oral examinations will still apply to those in positions that require high levels of competence, such as holders of STCW certificates of competence for masters, officers and Global Maritime Distress and Safety System radio operators.

We are working on implementing this change as quickly as possible.

Progress with extending Maritime NZ's HSWA designation

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Maritime NZ in the media

We issued media releases on:

10 February, about a company that was sentenced after failing to notify Maritime NZ about an incident involving welding on board a vessel.

10 February, "A tropical cyclone is no time to be on the water"

15 February, Maritime NZ's Rescue Coordination Centre is leading a multi-agency coordination of air resources to respond to requests for assistance due to the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle in Hawke's Bay and on the East Coast.

Media responses were provided to questions about the cyclone-related media releases and Aratere's electrical failure.

NORTH ISLAND WEATHER IMPACTS - UPDATE

KiwiRail's track inspection teams have been out inspecting much of the North Island Rail network and we have been able to quickly reopen commuter and most freight lines.

Overall, the North Island rail network has held up well, given the significant rainfall in recent days. We will remain focused on maintaining and raising the standard of our national railway so that it can continue to be resilient to the kinds of weather events we have been experiencing.

However, there has been significant flooding south of Napier, resulting in major damage to track and at least one bridge (see pictures, including missing spans and piers in Bridge 217 below). Inspections on Thursday were hampered by difficulty accessing rail lines, due to roading damage, and further rainfall. We expect to have a better understanding of the damage – and repair time frame – by early next week.

Inspections on the Napier – Wairoa section of line will begin once inspections south of Napier have been completed – potentially next week.

We are also focused on supporting the approximate 50 staff in the Hawkes Bay with food and supplies (bought in from out of the region) and cash. We are also looking at what KiwiRail can do to support Hawkes Bay Civil Defense.

Key lines:

- The Auckland Metro Network has been reopened, though only one track is open on the section of the line between Henderson and Swanson, due to an existing large slip during the late-January weather event. We expect to remediate this over the coming weekends.
- The main freight route between Auckland – Hamilton – Tauranga and Auckland – Wellington is open and freight backlogs, following line closures, are being cleared.
- The East Coast Main Trunk Line between Te Puke and Te Maunga is expected to reopen on the evening of 17 February, so that log/pulp freight services can resume. This line was closed in late January, following a freight train derailment and washout due to floods. The Kinleith and Murapara Branch Lines are open.
- The North Auckland Line (Swanson – Whangarei) remains closed to a large slip across the track north of Helensville, following the 27 January 2023 extreme rainfall event. Ongoing rain is delaying the response as the slip, which is cutting off a road and the rail line below, needs to stop moving (e.g. dry out) before work to remove it can begin.

Inspections are also underway to assess further damage to the line from Cyclone Gabrielle, which are likely to take a few days given weather and access issues.



EXECUTIVE STRUCTURE

The new Executive structure has been announced with the following key roles on the Executive:

- A new Chief Customer and Growth Officer role has been introduced. This role will be responsible for creating market demand opportunities, converting those opportunities to profitable revenue generation, building a competitive suite of products and services to deliver growth and customer experience. This role is vacant.
- Siva Sivapakkiam is the Chief Operations Officer and will lead our Above Rail Operations to safely deliver the right capacity and service reliability to meet our customer demand profile.
- A new Chief Infrastructure Officer role has been introduced to lead our Below Rail Operations. This role is vacant.
- David Gordon is the Chief Capital Planning and Asset Development Officer and will lead KiwiRail's capital construction programmes, asset management, rolling stock procurement and future rail master plan asset initiatives.
- A new Chief General Counsel – Property role has been introduced. This role will lead KiwiRail's legal, commercial property and company secretarial functions. This role is vacant.
- A new Chief Commercial Officer will be responsible for Finance, Risk, Treasury, Security, Procurement with the addition of the Technology and Digital strategy portfolio. This role is vacant.
- Helen Rogers is the Chief Strategy and Sustainability Officer and will lead KiwiRail's government relations, funding, government policy, strategy and sustainability portfolio.
- A new Chief People and Communications role has been introduced which will focus on Human Resources, Talent and Capability, Organisational Development, Employee Relations, and Communications. This role is vacant.
- Alastair Cumming is the Chief Zero Harm Officer and will lead KiwiRail's safety, health, wellbeing and environmental strategy programmes partnering with our enterprise for effective deployment.

The vacant roles will be advertised shortly through KiwiRail's search partner, Johnson Partners. Interim arrangements are in place while we fill the new positions:

INTERISLANDER

Kaitaki Incident

As you are aware, Kaitaki is making progress on its return to service, running as a freight only service to add-in capacity to the Cook Strait crossing. As noted in our reports, the carriage of passengers however will require further clearance from Maritime New Zealand.

This audit took place on 16 February 2023 and has progressed well. We expect to get the results back mid-to-late week ending 24 February 2023, with the expectation we will be able to resume passenger services by the weekend of 24-26 February 2023.

The Kaitaki outage has had a major impact on our ability to meet freight and passenger demand. This has been exacerbated by the cancellation of sailings on 14 - 15 February 2023, due to the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle, and subsequent crewing disruptions.

We are running additional sailings of Aratere and Valentine to help meet demand. The Interislander operations teams are working to accommodate freight and passengers and are providing updates and details of alternative bookings to our customers as quickly as they can.

Waitohi Picton works

The temporary terminal building in Waitohi Picton is progressing and should be ready to open in late April 2023. We are talking to Te Atiawa and Port Marlborough New Zealand about a possible blessing or event to mark the opening.

Work to start demolishing the old terminal building is scheduled to get underway as part of the main works package towards the middle of this year. At the end of March 2023, the terminal entrance for passenger vehicles from Auckland Street will move to Lagoon Road so work is going into communicating that change.

Wellington works

Bulk earth works on Kaiwharawhara Point for the temporary passenger vehicle (PV) marshalling yard have been completed. JFC is processing aggregate materials on Kaiwharawhara Point which will be upcycled into pavements for the new terminal and to backfill the utilities trench.

MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATES

Rail Freight Customer Portal 3.0

KiwiRail has successfully launched our latest version the rail freight customer portal on 11 February 2023. This release provides our customers much greater control over their freight bookings, with features like searching, viewing, and creating bookings with real-time available rail capacity, as well as the ability to easily copy, modify, or cancel existing bookings.

This represents a significant milestone in our journey to empower our customers with self-service capabilities, while at the same time allowing our customer delivery teams to deliver greater value through closer support, more personalised service and stronger connections with our customers.

As we roll out our new self-service offerings, we are providing our customers the knowledge to make the most of our platform, as well building in data tools to ensure KiwiRail has a robust picture of customer behaviour.

The next steps in providing online capability include:

- Rail capacity dashboard – where our capacity over any number of equipment routes and timelines will be displayed. This will include features to book rail capacity in seconds via quick-book and an option to register interest in additional capacity.
- Online check-in, integrating container pre-advice, wagon check-in and empty wagon release features to our customer's dashboard.
- Base committed capacity management, where our customers will be able to manage their base committed capacity reservations for the following weeks autonomously, paired with access to live rail capacity data.
- Dangerous Goods documentation management, allowing our customers to upload and manage their dangerous goods documentation online.

New Locomotives

We are seeing exciting progress with our 57 new DM class locomotives that are being built in Spain.

We have just received the first set of photos from Stadler, showing the underframes for the two prototypes that are under production, alongside previously received mock-ups of what the cab design will look like. The project is making good progress and we expect delivery of the prototypes in late 2024.

Prototype cab design.



Underside of the frame mounted on the Jig (approximately 20 metres long)



SELECT COMMITTEE HEARING

On 16 February 2023, KiwiRail attended the Transport and Infrastructure Select Committee Hearing for its Annual Review.

After opening remarks by the Board Chair David Mclean, Chief Executive Peter Reidy focused on the recent flooding events across our network and the impact we are facing. Chief Capital Development and Asset Planning Officer David Gordon then spoke to the need for KiwiRail's approach to the network repairs to be outside the normal approach. Likening the necessary work to how KiwiRail restored the network following the Kaikoura earthquake.

The Board Chair and CE then went through the year in review, speaking to the new funding model, and noting the challenges KiwiRail has faced with disruptions to our services through weather events, and the issues with the Interislander ferries.

Questions from the Committee focussed on the Auckland Network Rebuild, and the impact that was having on the public. National MP Simeon Brown queried how these disruptions impacted on KiwiRail's stated goal of mode-shift onto rail, and also queried if the recent weather events, and the need to divert resource to rebuild impacted lines would change projected timeframes.

Green MP, Julie Anne Genter also spoke to concerns over the Auckland Network Rebuild and queried if there were lessons from the shut-down. David Gordon spoke to these, noting that communications could have been better, but that the rebuild is much needed, and could only have gone out when plans were better defined.

Other questions surrounded the iReX project and increasing cost pressures. Peter Reidy noted the terminal build would be one of the largest new capital projects in New Zealand with the associated complexities noting we are going through a ECI process currently. He also spoke to the risk of the ferries being competed prior to the construction of the terminals.

KiwiRail was also asked about the possibility of passenger rail, and any thinking it may have done on a sleeper train between Auckland and Wellington. We asserted we are ready to assist in any service that local councils or government wishes to consider.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

TBC February 2023 – Meeting with Emily Henderson MP regarding North Auckland Line rebuild

28 February 2023– KiwiRail hosting National MPs in Auckland

3 March 2023 – KiwiRail meeting with Chris Bishop, MP regarding Infrastructure

8 March 2023 – KiwiRail meeting with National MPs regarding Transport and Infrastructure

22 March 2023 – Minister Robertson and local MPs visiting Hillside Workshops site to see progress on the rebuild.

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