

Infrastructure weekly update

For the week starting 24 June 2024



To: Hon Chris Bishop, Minister for Infrastructure

Minister's comments:

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1. Actions arising from previous meetings

Meeting date	Agreed action	By whom	By when	Status
None				

2. Key issues and updates

2.1. Statement of Performance of Expectations

We are on track to provide your office with a copy of our SPE next week (week beginning 24 June 2024), ahead of the 30 June 2024 deadline. The Board has considered your feedback in finalising the SPE, and we will provide a cover letter reflecting our response to that feedback.

Anna Moodie, General Manager, Operations

2.2. Next steps re Chief Executive

Ross Copland has decided to step down as Chief Executive in order to return to his family in Queenstown. Ross will finish with the Commission in July. The Board has appointed Geoff Cooper as acting Chief Executive from 10 July, and will start recruitment as soon as possible.

Anna Moodie, General Manager, Operations

2.3. Upcoming events

We advise you of any significant forums or events that Infrastructure Commission staff are attending or presenting at.

Event	Event date	Description (attending/presenting/purpose)
NZ Automobile Association National Council	21 June	Peter Nunns will give a 20-minute presentation on findings from some of our past research, including how NZ infrastructure delivery costs compare with international peers; construction productivity trends and impacts on construction prices; and the cost of inputs (such as labour and material costs and land acquisition).
RCP Wellington client function	25 June, 5.30-7.30pm	Ross Copland and Andy Hagan will attend. Hon Chris Penk will give an address, and Steven Joyce will be speaking about 'the state of the economy'.
Bridging the Infrastructure Gap: Funding and financing for a resilient Aotearoa New Zealand	26 June, 5.30-8pm	The Minister is speaking at this event, which is to be hosted in the Banquet Hall at Parliament. The focus of the event is the launch of a report by WSP in collaboration with the Helen Clark Foundation.
Webinar on the Infrastructure Priorities Programme	10 July	We are planning a webinar for this date to introduce and explain the Infrastructure Priorities Programme to potential applicants.
Quarry NZ Conference	18 July	Geoff Cooper or Barbara Tebbs will be speaking at this event and sharing the Commission's work on aggregate modelling.
Building Nations 2024 (Infrastructure NZ annual conference)	28-29 August	Geoff Cooper or Andy Hagan will be on a panel to discuss <i>Uplifting Public Sector Procurement and Delivery Capability</i>

Anna Moodie, General Manager Operations

3. Upcoming advice

3.1. Upcoming briefings and aides memoire for the Minister

We provide advice to the Minister on our work programme and our contribution to the government’s wider work programme – both proactively and in response to requests from him.

Topic and tracking number	Date due to your office	What this advice covers	Deadline for Minister’s feedback
Meeting with Downer CE [TW-2024-425]	Sent 17 June	Background information for your meeting with the Downer CE and others on 19 June at 4pm.	19 June
Land Transport: Time of use charging – feedback and talking points [TW-2024-433]	Sent 18 June	Outlines our comments on an updated Cabinet paper regarding transport time-of-use charging, for your consideration as part of Ministerial consultation (which is due to close on Wednesday 19 June). Talking points are also provided to support the discussion at ECO (26 June).	Ministerial consultation closes on 19 June. The paper is scheduled to be considered at ECO on 26 June.
PPP Policy Update – project candidates and readiness [TW-2024-432]	Sent 20 June	Deliverable 2 of the PPP workplan [TW-2024-430 refers]: a paper on emerging PPP project candidates being considered by agencies and their readiness.	None
PPP Policy update – issues list for Chew Session [TW-2024-431]	Sent 20 June	Deliverable 3 of the PPP workplan [TW-2024-430 refers]: a slide deck on policy issues for the proposed ‘chew session’ with US Court (week commencing 24 June).	None
Next steps on infrastructure national direction	tbc	Joint briefing from TW, MfE and MBIE officials to the Ministers of/for RMA Reform, Infrastructure, Local Government and Undersecretary Court setting out proposed next steps for the national direction work programme.	tbc
Briefings re reports and publications			
None			

3.2. Upcoming briefings and aides memoire for the Parliamentary Under-Secretary

We provide advice to Mr Court in line with his delegations from the Minister – both proactively and in response to requests from him. All advice to Mr Court is copied to the Minister.

Topic and tracking number	Date due to your office	What this advice covers	Deadline for US’s feedback
PPP Policy update – issues list for Chew Session [TW-2024-431]	Sent 20 June	Deliverable 3 of the PPP workplan: a slide deck on policy issues for the proposed ‘chew session’ with you (week commencing 24 June).	For discussion WB 24 June
Next steps on infrastructure national direction	tbc	Joint briefing from TW, MfE and MBIE officials to the Ministers of/for RMA Reform, Infrastructure, Local Government and Undersecretary Court setting out proposed next steps for the national direction work programme.	Tbc

3.3. Monitoring and performance reports

We provide quarterly reports on our performance against the Statement of Performance Expectations, regular updates on the National Infrastructure Pipeline, and updates on cross-government work to deliver the Infrastructure Strategy.

Topic	Date due to your office	What this report covers	Timeline
Final SPE	Before 30 June	Provides the Commission’s Statement of Performance Expectations, including outputs, outcomes and measures	To be finalised by 30 June.
Q4 Quarterly Report	End of July	Provides an update of our progress on key aspects of our work programme, and performance against the SPE.	N/A
Annual report	Before 30 November	Proves the Commission’s report on financial and non-financial performance for FY24	N/A

3.4. Upcoming Cabinet papers

We provide advice to you on upcoming papers that you or your colleagues are taking to Cabinet, where relevant to the infrastructure system.

Lead Minister	Description	Date due to your office	Committee	Timeframe
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3.5. Ministerial Official Information Act requests

Where requested, we provide information to inform responses to OIAs that you receive.

Date received from your office	Correspondent	Description of request	Date due to Minister	Date due to send
30 May	s9(2)(a)	Documents listed in WPQ 10615 (2024) [Tsy is coordinating this. We provided our input on 31 May.]	21 June	27 June
31 May		Documents provided to the Minister between 5 April and 8 May 2024	21 June	27 June

3.6. Departmental Official Information Act requests

We provide you with a heads-up on OIAs that we have received and our proposed response.

Date received	Correspondent	Description of request	Date due to send
23 May	s9(2)(a)	Any advice the Infrastructure Commission has given regarding work on a Waitematā Harbour Crossing, from October 2023 to present	Sent 20 June

3.7. Upcoming Ministerial meetings

Where requested, we provide support for meetings the Minister is attending.

Meeting	Meeting date	Who will be attending/presenting	Comment / action	TW lead
Officials meeting	25 June, 9am	Minister, infrastructure officials		Ross Copland
'Bridging the Gap' launch	25 June, 5.30-8pm	The Minister is speaking at this event, which is to be hosted in the Banquet Hall at Parliament. The event is to launch a report by WSP in collaboration with the Helen Clark Foundation.	We are providing input to a briefing led by Tsy, as required.	Brigit Stephenson
Housing Ministerial Group	25 June, 7.30pm	Hons Willis, Upston, Potaka, Penk and US Court. Peter Nunns to attend for InfraCom	tbc	Peter Nunns
Meeting with Minister Brown and Fletchers	26 June, 12pm	Hons Bishop, Brown and officials (tbc)	We will contribute to a background briefing as required	NZTA is leading
Property Institute speech	26 June, 5.30pm	Minister Bishop	Liz to commission – 10-15min speech and Q&A	
RMA Ministerial Group	26 June, 7pm	Ministers and US Court. Barbara Tebbs and Paul Alexander to attend for InfraCom	Tbc	Barbara Tebbs

Meeting	Meeting date	Who will be attending/presenting	Comment / action	TW lead
Meeting with Meridian re fast track consenting	27 June, 3.30pm	Tbc	We will contribute to a background briefing as required.	Barbara Tebbs
Going for Housing Growth meeting	27 June, 4.15pm	Peter Nunns to attend.	Agenda tbc	Peter Nunns
Fortnightly meeting: InfraCom Chair and Minister	1 July, tbc	Regular fortnightly 1:1 (ahead of standing officials meeting)		Alan Bollard
Officials meeting	1 July, 3.30pm	Minister, infrastructure officials		Ross Copland
Westpac event? (MO to confirm)	4 July	Minister	tbc	Brigit Stephenson
Officials meeting	8 July, 3.30pm	Minister, infrastructure officials		Ross Copland
Officials meeting	15 July, 3.30pm	Minister, infrastructure officials		Geoff Cooper
Officials meeting	22 July, 1.30pm	Minister, infrastructure officials		Geoff Cooper
Infrastructure and Investment Ministers Group	23 July, 7-8pm	Hons Bishop (Chair), Willis, Brown, Jones and US Court	PPP model and an update on the NIP are on the agenda. Papers are due to Tsy on 9 July.	Andy Hagan
Infrastructure and Investment Ministers Group	20 August, 7-8pm	Hons Bishop (Chair), Willis, Brown, Jones and US Court		Andy Hagan

3.8. Upcoming meetings for the Parliamentary Under-Secretary

Where requested, we provide support for meetings US Court is attending.

Meeting	Meeting date	Who will be attending/presenting	Comment / action
Housing Ministerial Group (tbc)	25 June, 7.30pm	Hons Willis, Upston, Potaka, Penk and US Court. Geoff Cooper to attend for InfraCom	Tbc
RMA Ministerial Group	26 June, 7pm	Ministers and US Court. Barbara Tebbs and Paul Alexander to attend for InfraCom	Tbc
Infrastructure and Investment Ministers Group	23 July, 7-8pm	Hons Bishop (Chair), Willis, Brown, Jones and US Court	PPP model and an update on the NIP are on the agenda. Papers are due to Tsy on 9 July. Andy Hagan
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[Note that, due to timeframes, Written and Oral Parliamentary questions and media requests will be provided directly to the Minister’s office and not signalled in this report.]

Appendix A: List of upcoming reports and publications

We investigate a range of topics to help build the capability and performance of the infrastructure system and to support discussions with the sector. We publish reports that we commission or author ourselves – including research insights, ‘deep dive’ inquiries, project reviews, economic analysis, and policy insights. The list below sets out our current programme of reports. We provide the Minister’s office with a heads-up before publishing.

Topic / Title	Type of report	Intended publication date	What this report or publication covers
Statement of Performance Expectations	Corporate document	1 July 2024	Provides the Commission’s Statement of Performance Expectations, including outputs, outcomes and measures.
Water metering and leakage	Research report	TBC July 2024	Examines the economic and societal benefits of using water metering and volumetric charging to help solve water network-related challenges. This report and the Transport pricing case studies paper below will be released together. [TW-2024-423 refers.]
Transport pricing case studies	Research report	TBC July 2024	This looks at experience of tolling, congestion charging and other forms of pricing and demand management [TW-2024-423 refers].
Transparency response paper	Response to research	TBC July 2024	This report analyses the possible actions the Government could make in response to the Infrastructure Commission’s work on transparency in projects. A briefing on this was provided to the Minister on 26 March [TW-2024-339 refers].
Taking care of Tomorrow Today: An Asset Management State of Play	Research report	TBC July 2024	This paper outlines how mature our asset management tools and processes are across different infrastructure sectors, and provides recommendations to improve public sector asset management.
Introducing water meters	Case studies	TBC July 2024	Includes foreword from us, followed by case studies and reflections on introducing water metering commissioned from Pat Dougherty, Director Wellington Water. These are about his experiences introducing water metering in Kapiti and Nelson. [TW-2024-423 refers.]

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