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Report to the Passenger Transport Committee
From Dr D J Watson, Division Manager Transport

Response to Questions

1. Purpose

To provide answers to questions raised by Committee members at the last meeting.

To propose any follow up action resulting from the answers.

2. The Questions and Answers

After the presentation given by Mr Glen Summers, LTSA National Rail Manager, a number of questions were raised by Committee members. Two questions could not be answered directly and these were communicated to Mr Summers as requests for information under the Official Information Act. The questions were:

- A request for copies of the last 3 years' audits of Tranz Metro Wellington.
- Information on deaths and injury statistics relating to rail over the last ten years.

A copy of the reply to those questions is attached (**attachment 1**). The reply is signed by the Director of the LTSA, Mr David Wright.

Information on the level of expenditure on training incurred by Stagecoach was also requested, as this information was promised by Mr Ross Martin at the previous meeting. A copy of a letter from Mr Ian Turner is attached (**attachment 2**) that answers that request.

3. Possible Further Action

The Council is the purchaser of the Wellington Urban Rail Services. The Council has, I believe, a right to information related to the operation and performance of these services. Clearly Tranz Metro Wellington are providing on going performance related

information through its monthly performance reports. However, the independent safety audit undertaken through the LTSA does not form part of these performance reports. This information should not be unnecessarily withheld from the Council as the key stakeholder in the services. I suggest the next step is to take the request to the Ombudsman.

4. Communications

There is nothing to communicate at this time.

5. Recommendation

That the refusal of the LTSA to provide the Tranz Metro Wellington safety audits be referred to the Ombudsman.

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Attachments:

- 1- Letter from David Wright**
- 2- Letter from Ian Turner**