



Fortnightly Report to the Minister for Auckland For the period Monday 20 April to Sunday 10 May 2026

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| Date: | 07 May 2026 | Priority: | Medium |
| Security classification: | In confidence | Tracking number: | BRIEFING-REQ-0031949 |

| Ministers | Action sought | Deadline |
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| Hon Simon Watts Minister for Auckland | Note the contents of this briefing and discuss at the next officials meeting | N/A |

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

| Name | Position | Telephone | 1st contact |
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| Michael Quinn | Head of the Auckland Policy Office | Privacy of natural persons | |
| Andy Hill | Director Auckland | | ✓ |

The following departments/agencies have contributed content

Ministry of Transport, Police, MBIE Major Events and Ministry of Housing and Urban Development

Minister's office to complete:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

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Purpose

To provide you with a fortnightly report for the Auckland Portfolio for the period Monday 20 April to Sunday 10 May 2026.

Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) recommends that you:

Note the contents of this briefing and discuss at the next officials meeting.

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Michael Quinn

Head of the Auckland Policy Office

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Hon Simon Watts

Minister for Auckland

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1. Auckland Portfolio Priorities

| Topic/ Contact person | Comment |
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| Auckland City Centre | |
| | No updates available for this report. |
| Auckland City and Regional Deal (Commercial in Confidence) | |
| Michael Quinn Head of the APO Privacy of natural persons | Commercial Information |
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| New Zealand Institute of Advanced Technology | |
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| <p>Andy Hill Director Auckland MBIE Privacy of natural persons</p> | Confidential advice to Government |
| Queens Wharf and Cloud negotiation | |
| | No updates available for this report. |

2. General Auckland Updates

| Topic/ Contact person | Comment |
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| Major event updates | |
| <p>Lisa Gibson Manager, Major Events MBIE Privacy of natural persons</p> | <p>New Zealand Major Events (NZME), within the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), is the Government’s lead agency for major events. NZME is responsible for prospecting, investment, and facilitating coordination across government to support the delivery of major events. The Minister for Tourism and Hospitality holds responsibility for the Major Events programme.</p> <p>NZME will provide you with an overview of its key functions and processes in due course for your information. In the interim, updates on Auckland-based events supported through funds overseen by MBIE are outlined below.</p> <p>Events Boost Fund</p> <p>A one-off \$10 million fund designed to increase international visitation and drive economic activity in the short-term, through supporting the growth and promotion of events delivered in 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIH Nations Cup: Hockey New Zealand have been successful with their bid for the Women’s Cup in 15-21 June in Auckland. The Men’s cup will be held in Cape Town, South Africa 11-20 June 2026. Confidential advice to Government <p>Major Events Fund</p> <p>An enduring circa \$60 million five-year appropriation that provides investment to events that deliver targeted outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sail GP - New Zealand Sail Grand Prix, known as SailGP, applied to the Major Events Fund for events in 2027, 2028 and 2029. The application was assessed and, taking a range of factors into account, the Government decided not to fund the 2027 SailGP event. The Minister for Tourism and Hospitality has confirmed that |



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| | <p>the Government is open to working with SailGP to explore future funding for their 2028 and 2029 events.</p> <p>Events Attraction Package</p> <p>A one-off \$40 million fund targeting showstopper events (delivered in 2026 and 2027) that attract large audiences and international visitors (major sports, music, and cultural events). Individual funding amounts are commercially sensitive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Auckland based supported through the Events Attraction Package have been delivered to date (Linkin Park, FIFA World Series) and two announced (NZ International Football Festival - Tottenham Hotspur vs Auckland FC 26 July at Eden Park, Auckland and Robbie Williams at Eden Park, Auckland 24 November 2026). Further announcements will be made in due course. |
| <p>Law and Order</p> | |
| <p>Faga Siaki Director, Tamaki Makaurau Partnerships Police Privacy of natural persons</p> | <p>ANZAC Day 2026 events across Auckland were delivered safely and without incident. Operation ANZAC was executed with no arrests and no reported injuries.</p> <p>On the same day, an ANZAC ‘Patriots March’, led by Brian Tamaki and Destiny Church, took place from Aotea Square through Queen Street and concluded at Britomart Train Station. The event, promoted by groups affiliated with Destiny Church, attracted approximately 500 participants, within the anticipated range of 200 to 1,000 attendees, and concluded without any issues or reported concerns. However, some members of New Zealand’s Indian community have expressed increased feelings of vulnerability, including concerns that racial tensions may be emerging.</p> <p>This is due to a number of recent incidents with a racial undertone. Auckland Police has noted these concerns and is seeking to support prevention opportunities and strengthen reassurance activities.</p> |
| <p>Auckland Council Governing Body Extraordinary Meeting 21 April 2026</p> | |
| <p>Karen Lyons Auckland Director MoT Privacy of natural persons</p> | <p>The Governing Body of Auckland Council approved the Transport Transition Plan (Part A: Transition Strategy). This is required under the Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill 2026.</p> <p>The Transition Plan has two parts approved by the Governing Body and chief executive respectively. The Transport Transition Plan (Part A: Transition Strategy) is a guiding document, which sets out the Transition Programme objectives and activity. The Transport Transition Plan (Part B: Organisational Design and Affected roles) will be approved by the chief executive.</p> <p>The Transition Strategy confirms that Auckland Council’s objectives for the reforms are:</p> |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a public transport entity delivering efficient, effective and safe services from day one • delivery of transport infrastructure with stronger network-wide thinking, cost control and improved public acceptance • integrated land-use and transport planning; and • a mature partnership with central government through a 30-year integrated transport plan and improved funding certainty. <p>Auckland Council have recognised the opportunity to make intentional operating model and organisational design choices to enable the outcomes sought by the reform. These design outcomes will be used to guide decision making, and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one, joined up transport system • faster, more ambitious delivery • increased democratic decision-making • elected members are well supported to make high-quality decisions, and • drive delivery and efficiencies through greater scale. |
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Auckland Transport News

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| <p>Karen Lyons Auckland Director MoT</p> | <p>Stacey van der Putten has been appointed as the interim chief executive of Auckland Transport. She begins the role on 1 May 2026, following the resignation of Dean Kimpton. Stacey is currently the Director Public Transport and Active Modes. The appointment is for 18 months.</p> |
| <p>Privacy of natural persons</p> | <p>Bus drivers recruited in 2022 and 2023 from overseas could have to leave over the next few years due to strict English language requirements for residency. To qualify for a skilled residence visa, applicants must score at least a 6.5 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or equivalent. Workers First Union has argued that this is an unreasonable standard for the profession, as it includes components such as essay writing under time pressure. It is a higher standard than what the University of Auckland requires for undergraduate students.</p> <p>The CEO of Mainfreight, Don Braid, has reported frustration with Auckland Transport and KiwiRail for not doing more to mitigate the impact of the fuel crisis on freight. KiwiRail has made containers available where they can and expect this to continue.</p> <p>Mayor Brown rejected Don Braid’s suggestion that freight vehicles be allowed to use bus lanes, saying it would lead to more congestion in already crowded bus lanes. He instead called for trucks to operate overnight when there is less traffic.</p> |

3. Auckland dashboard

Transport environmental scan

Karen Lyons

Auckland Director

MoT

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Public transport patronage update

For the fortnight 13-26 April 2026, public transport patronage totalled 3.5 million boardings across the city's public transport network. 91.7% of boardings in March 2026 were considered to be on-time, ahead of the 89% target.

Patronage increased by 67% for this fortnight compared to the same period last year. Patronage increased across all modes, with bus, train and ferry patronage increasing by 52%, 326% and 46% respectively. This is likely due to the impact of school and Easter holiday timing.

Public transport patronage for the year to 31 March 2026 is 89.4 million boardings which has increased on the previous year's total of 89.3 million boardings. Across all modes, bus patronage increased by 1%, whereas rail and ferry patronage declined by 3% and 1% respectively.

At 89.4 million boardings, current annual patronage reaches 95% of Auckland Transport's latest SOI target of 94 million annual public transport boardings for 2025/26. This also represents 87% of the pre-pandemic 12-month public transport patronage level in the year to December 2019 of 103.2 million boardings.

| PT fortnightly patronage | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Mode | 13-26 April 2026 | 13-26 April 2025 |
| Bus | 2,877,406 | 1,888,296 |
| Rail | 496,060 | 116,333 |
| Ferry | 119,749 | 81,771 |
| Total | 3,493,215 | 2,086,400 |

Data: AT Metro daily patronage report.

| PT monthly patronage | | |
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| Mode | March 2026 | March 2025 |
| Bus | 7,505,973 | 7,165,127 |
| Rail | 1,610,630 | 1,514,283 |
| Ferry | 495,216 | 506,794 |
| Total | 9,611,819 | 9,186,204 |

Data: AT Metro monthly patronage report.

| PT annual patronage | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Mode | Year to 31 March 2026 | Year to 31 March 2025 |
| Bus | 70,777,509 | 70,189,285 |
| Rail | 13,746,942 | 14,107,142 |
| Ferry | 4,918,176 | 4,953,798 |
| Total | 89,442,627 | 89,250,225 |

Data: AT Metro monthly patronage report.

NB: Rail and ferry data includes replacement services.

Auckland housing update

Afoa Malolo

Director – Auckland

HUD

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House price index and median house price (REINZ)

- The House Price Index (HPI) fell 0.5% in March 2026 and is down 1.2% since March 2025.
- Sales volumes totalled 2,483 sales in March 2026, increasing 20.7% over the month (unadjusted), but falling 11.0% on a seasonally adjusted basis; compared to March 2025, sales volumes were up 0.9% (down 1.9% seasonally adjusted).
- The median house price was \$1,040,000 in March 2026, up 4.0% (0.6% seasonally adjusted) over the month, but up 0.5% compared to March 2025

HUD commentary:

House prices remained relatively flat in early 2026, as high listings and slightly lower sales volumes weighed on growth.

We are expecting this trend to remain for much of this year, with uncertainty over the economy impacting on buyer demand. Rising interest rates might also act to depress the market further with banks already factoring in rises in the OCR later in the year.

New dwelling building consents (Stats NZ)

- 1,279 new dwellings were consented in February 2026, driven largely by townhouses, flats and units.
- Consents were up 17.8% compared to February 2025.
- Annual new dwelling consents totalled 15,972, up 16.0% on the year to February 2025

HUD commentary:

Over the last year building intentions (through dwelling consents) have remained relatively stable in Auckland, with some monthly variation. Overall, consents are up compared to the same time in 2025. We note that a consent is only an intent to build in the following 24 months.

We expect modest growth in construction activity in line with the broader economic recovery, with the low rate of net migration and abundant housing for sale constraining the demand for new builds. Uncertainty remains - activity could contract if the demand for housing does not lift as expected, or the economic recovery stalls, with rising inflation amplifying this risk.

Dwelling completions and new land parcels (Auckland Council)

- 1,029 dwellings received Code Compliance Certificates (CCCs) in February 2026, up 14.5% compared to February 2025.
- 14,133 dwellings have received CCCs annually since February 2026, representing a 15.9% decrease compared to the previous year ending February 2025.
- 1,125 new residential land parcels (under 5,000m²) were created in March 2026, down 31.9% compared to March 2025.

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| | <p>HUD commentary:</p> <p>Annual CCC issuance has decreased over the past few months as expected due to the decline in building intentions over 2023.</p> <p>Rental price index (Stats NZ)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rental Price Index (flow measure) increased 0.8% in March 2026 but is down 1.3% annually. <p>HUD commentary:</p> <p>After a period of negative rental inflation (rents falling) during much of 2025, rental inflation has increased but Auckland still started the year 1.3% down compared to the same time last year.</p> <p>Rental inflation for new tenancies rose 0.8% in March. However, monthly, changes in rent prices can be volatile due to seasonality.</p> <p>In the short term, we expect rental inflation to remain low overall through to at least mid-2026, constrained by low migration, high stock and elevated levels of recent dwelling completions and, to a lesser extent, weak wage growth. This is particularly prevalent in Auckland, which acts as the primary inward migration hub.</p> <p>Stats NZ have resumed publication of their rent price index (RPI), so we have reverted to this measure and are not using HUD RPI.</p> |
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Auckland economic update – May 2026

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| <p>Andy Hill Director Auckland MBIE</p> <p>Privacy of natural persons</p> | <p>Auckland Council has published its monthly economic update for Auckland. The full report is attached in Annex One.</p> <p>Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business confidence (NZIER QSBO) for the March quarter showed a net 11% of businesses expecting the general business situation to improve over the next three months: a sharp drop from December’s record high (60%), to the lowest level since 2024 - although still above most of 2017 to 2024 Median house price for the month of March was \$1,040,000, which in real* dollars was: similar to the last two years; 34% below the 2021 record peak; similar to what it was ten years ago Number of houses sold for the year ended March was 24,279: fairly flat since July 2025; 32% above the May 2023 trough; 33% below the 2021 peak; a little above the mid-2017 to mid-2020 trough Average weekly rent for the month of February was \$652 in real* dollars: trending down since mid-2024; 16% below the February 2021 peak; same as it was eleven years ago. For the rest of New Zealand, the figure was \$583 (8% lower than the month before (but highly seasonal); trending down for over a year; the lowest February figure since 2019) Number of new dwellings consented in the year ended March was 15,985: similar to February, after rising steadily by 14% in a year; 27% below the September 2022 peak; 5% above the 2019 pre-Covid trough Real* value of new non-residential buildings consented in the year ended March was \$2,723 million: 4% above the previous four |
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| | <p>months; 30% above the August 2025 trough, but below most of 2017 to 2024; 22% below the 2022 and 2019 peaks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real* value of imports by Auckland seaports for the year ended March was \$32.7 billion: steadily rising by 7% since October 2024, still 5% below the April 2023 peak, but 22% higher than the 2020 Covid trough, and trending up since 2014. For the rest of New Zealand, the figure was \$32.3 billion. Auckland has been around half the New Zealand total or less since 2018; before then it was mostly more than half. <p>*Note: Real dollars/values are after adjusting for the effects of inflation each quarter, so a similar 'real' level means that a value rose at a similar rate to inflation.</p> |
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4. Ministerial items on hand

3.1 Upcoming Cabinet papers

| Title | Committee | Expected committee date | Key contact | Summary of paper/comment |
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| None | | | | |

3.2 Upcoming briefings and aide memoire

| Title | Date to Minister | Action for Minister | Key contact | Summary of paper/comment |
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| BRIEFING-REQ-0032117 Carrington Road sod-turning event | 8 May 2026 | | Andy Hill Privacy of natural persons | To provide background information for the event |
| BRIEFING-REQ-0032502 Meeting with Martinus Rail NZ | 18 May 2026 | | Andy Hill Privacy of natural persons | To provide background information for the event |
| BRIEFING-REQ-0031542 Visit to Eden Park | 10 June 2026 | | Andy Hill Privacy of natural persons | To provide background information for the event |

3.3 Upcoming meetings/ events

| Date | Meeting Info |
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| Tuesday, 12 May 2026 3:30 pm-4:00 pm | Auckland Officials Meeting |
| Wednesday, 13 May 2026 10:45 am-11:30 am | Meeting with Tracey Ryan, Aurecon Group |
| Friday, 15 May 2026 12:00 pm-1:00 pm | Carrington Road Sod-Turning Event |
| Wednesday, 20 May 2026 12:00 pm-12:30 pm | Meeting with Martinus Rail NZ |



| Date | Meeting Info |
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| Confidentiality | |

3.4 Other Ministerial engagements related to Auckland

| Date | Minister | Meeting Info |
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| None | | |

3.5 Official Information Act requests (Ministerial and Departmental for consultation)

| Due to Minister's office | Statutory due date to requester | Ref | Requester | Organisation | Summary of request |
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| 20 May 2026 | | DOIA-REQ-0031707 | Privacy of natural persons | NZME | Requested for all correspondence between Mayor Wayne Brown and all government departments and Ministers regarding the Auckland City Deal since negotiations began. That includes text messages, emails, and all other documents. |
| 3 June 2026 | | DOIA-REQ-0032508 | Privacy of natural persons | Newstalk ZB | Ministry of Housing and Urban Development received an OIA request from Azaria Howell, Newstalk ZB, for a map of support service locations in the Auckland CBD. |



| Due to Minister's office | Statutory due date to requester | Ref | Requester | Organisation | Summary of request |
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| 4 June 2026 | | DOIA-REQ-0032618 | Privacy of natural persons | Labour Leader's Office | Requested copies of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BRIEFING-REQ-0026152 City Centre Safety Update• BRIEFING-REQ-0026123 City Centre Safety stakeholder meeting• BRIEFING-REQ-0026727 Thriving City Centre Action Plan Dashboard• A copy of the Briefing to the Incoming Minister provided to Hon Simon Watts• Copies of all regular weekly or fortnightly reports provided to Hon Simon Watts |

3.6 Upcoming significant media and announcements

| Timing | Announcement |
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| None | |

3.7 Ministerial correspondence

| Due to Minister's office | Ref | Correspondent | Organisation | Summary of Correspondence |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|--|
| 12 May 2026 | MC-REQ-0031896 | Privacy of natural persons | | Request to review Auckland Boating regulations |

3.8 Proactive release

| Date | Title | Comment |
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| 23 February 2026 | BRIEFING-REQ-0026972 Proactive release of Auckland Briefings 12 Nov - 31 Dec 2025 | Requesting your approval to proactively release, with appropriate redactions, briefings from 12 Nov to 31 Dec 2025. MBIE will release the information on the date your office will advise. |
| 13 March 2026 | Proactive release of briefing titles for February 2026 | MBIE provided your office with the list of briefing titles for review |
| 15 April 2026 | Proactive release of briefing titles for March 2026 | MBIE provided your office with the list of briefing titles for review |

3.9 Fast-Track Approvals- Auckland

| Project Name | Unique Ref No. | Applicant Organisation | Date Received | Due Date to send Comments |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 100 Halsey Street | FTAA-2603-1190 | RP Financial | 29 April 2026 | 20 May 2026 |

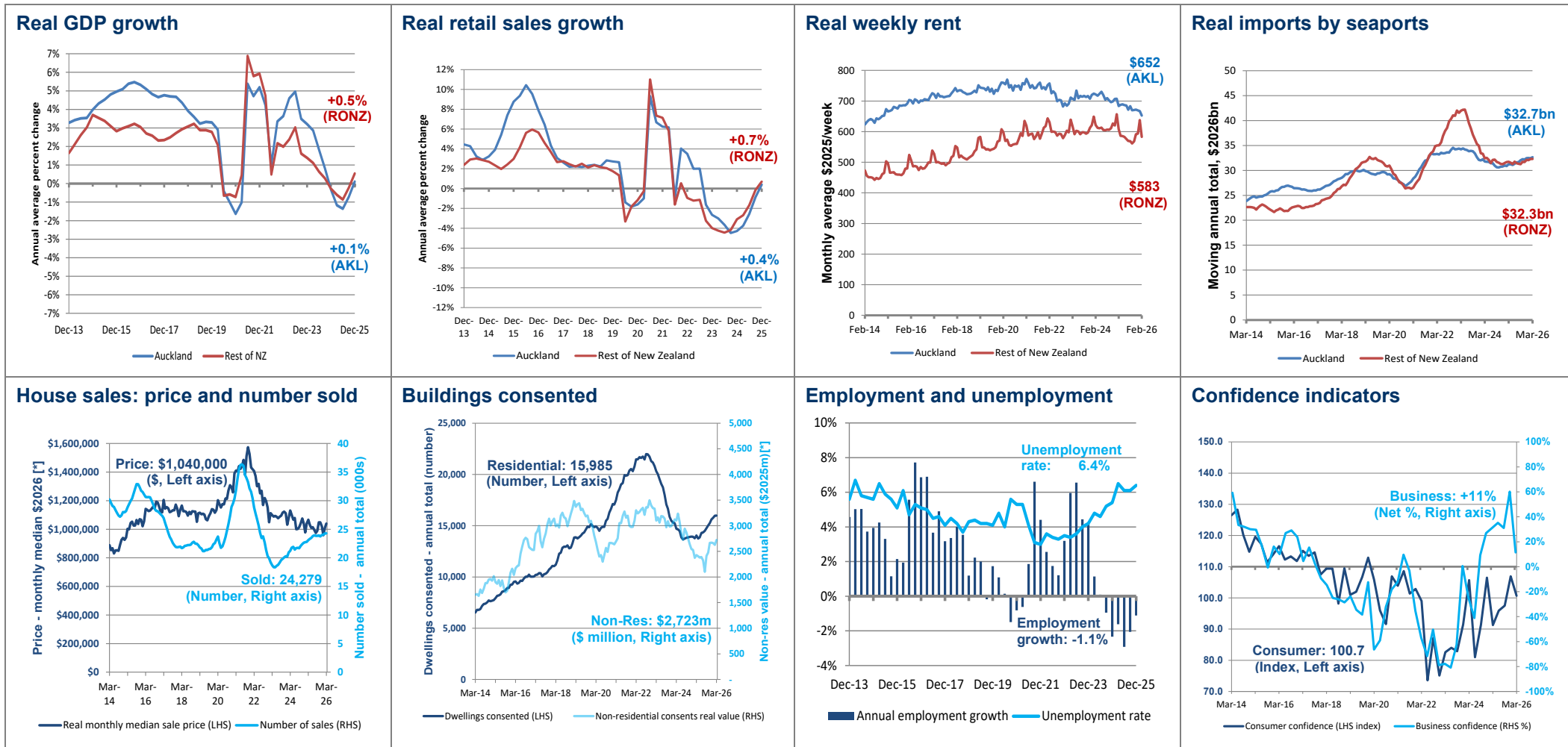
Annexes

Annex One: Auckland economic update – May 2026



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Auckland Economic Update – May 2026

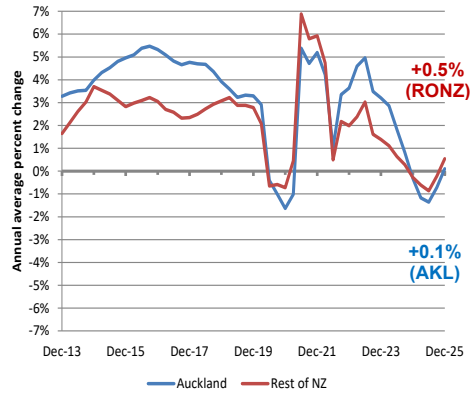


Note: Data is the latest available as at the start of the month, and is for the Auckland region, unless otherwise stated. This is a summary page only. All data sources and technical notes are provided on the next two pages.

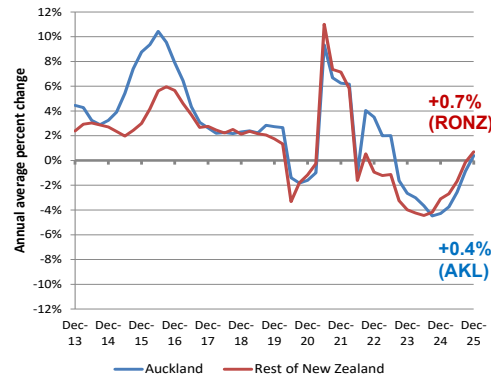
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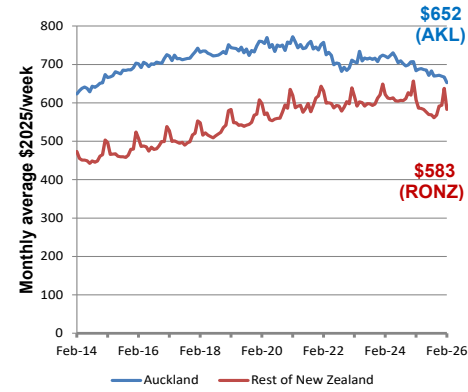
Real GDP growth



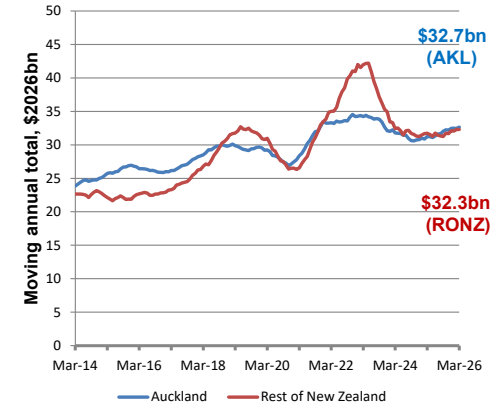
Real retail sales growth



Real weekly rent



Real imports by seaports



Auckland's real* Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the year ended December 2025 was 0.1% higher than for the year ended December 2024; in the rest of New Zealand, the annual change was 0.5% rise (see notes). Both growth rates: continued the September improvement; still barely positive yet; below most of 2021 to 2024; slightly above their 2020 (Covid) troughs; below 2010 to 2019.

Real* retail sales for the year ended December 2025 were 0.4% higher than for the year ended December 2024; in the rest of New Zealand, the annual change was a 0.7% rise. Both growth rates continued the improvements of the last several months, in contrast to the falls from 2021 to 2024. They are still barely positive despite population increases, so not yet returned to the pre-Covid levels of at least 2%.

The average weekly rent for the month of February 2026 was \$652 (in real* dollars: trending down since mid-2024; 16% below February 2021; same as eleven years ago). For the rest of New Zealand, the figure was \$583: 8% lower than January 2026 (but highly seasonal); 4% below a year ago; the lowest February figure since 2019. "Real rent" changes are relative to CPI inflation, so a similar "real" level means rents rose at a similar rate to inflation.

The real* value of imports by Auckland seaports for the year ended March 2026 was \$32.7 billion: steadily rising 7% since October 2024, still 5% below April 2023, but 22% higher than the 2020 Covid trough. For the rest of New Zealand, the figure was \$32.3 billion: highest-equal since April 2024, 23% lower than their 2023 post-Covid rebound peak, 22% above the 2020 trough. From 2024 on, import values for Auckland were similar to the rest of New Zealand, i.e. half of NZ total.

* Real GDP refers to GDP in constant 2024 dollars, to remove inflation.

Lockdowns due to Covid-19 affect results for 2020 onwards. Covid-19 lockdown level 3 began on 23 March 2020.

Latest and historical real GDP figures are modelled estimates, and subject to revision.

Source: Infometrics, Regional Economic Profile/Quarterly Economic Monitor.

* Real retail sales have been calculated by converting previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars using the quarterly consumer price index (CPI), to remove inflation.

Note: These figures exclude non-retail activity captured elsewhere in the retail sales survey.

Source: Stats NZ, Retail Sales (quarterly); Stats NZ, CPI (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

* Real rents have been calculated by converting previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars using the quarterly consumer price index (CPI), to remove inflation.

Note: Dwelling size and quality may vary over time. Rent is for new rental bonds lodged each month with Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, for housing tenancies with private sector landlords (so excludes state housing). Data covers only new bonds, so excludes existing leases from earlier periods whose rent has not changed, or has changed but with no revision to the bond. It also excludes new leases where no bond is lodged. Data is subject to minor revisions.

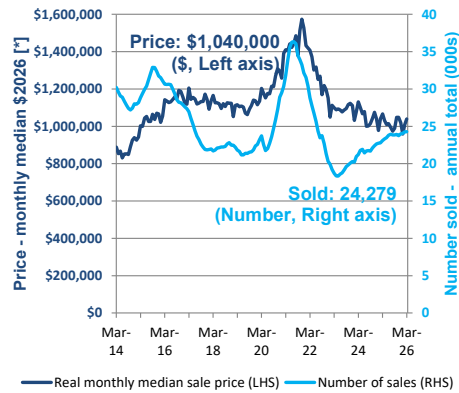
Source: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Regional Rental Prices (monthly); Stats NZ, CPI (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

* Real import values have been calculated by converting previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars using the quarterly consumer price index (CPI) for tradables, to remove inflation

Note: Import values are cost including freight (CIF). Auckland seaports consist of Port of Auckland on the Waitemata Harbour near the CBD, and Port of Onehunga on the Manukau Harbour (domestic only, no imports); both are owned by Ports of Auckland Limited (POAL).

Source: Stats NZ, Overseas Cargo Statistics-imports-value \$ CIF (monthly); Stats NZ, CPI Tradables (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

House sales: price and number sold



The median (not average) sale price of houses sold in Auckland in the month of March 2026 was \$1,040,000 (in real* dollars: 3% above last month; 3% below a year ago; similar to the last two years; 34% below the 2021 record peak; 2% below ten years ago).

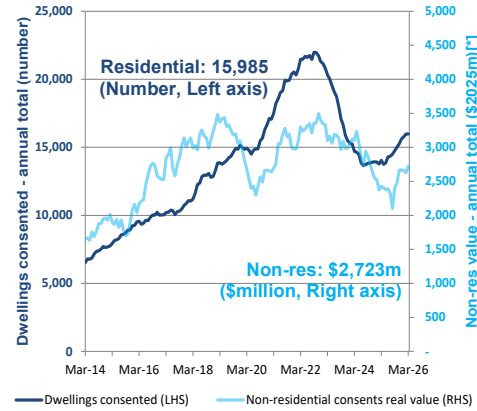
The total number of houses sold in Auckland in the year ended March 2026 was 24,279: fairly flat since July 2025; 32% above the May 2023 trough; 33% below the 2021 peak; above mid-2017 to mid-2020.

* 'Real' prices for previous months are calculated by inflating previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars, using the quarterly consumer price index (CPI).

Notes: The data for 'houses' covers actual sales during the period. Size and quality may vary over time. 'Houses' includes all dwelling types (eg apartments and flats), not just free-standing houses, but excludes sales of undeveloped land. 'Price' is real* actual sale price (not just listed). REINZ revises recent data each month for numbers sold (usually slightly upwards) and prices.

Source: Real Estate Institute of New Zealand (REINZ), Monthly Property Report (monthly – from website); Stats NZ, CPI (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

Buildings consented



The total number of new dwellings consented in Auckland in the year ended March 2026 was 15,985: similar to February, after rising steadily by 14% in a year; 27% below the September 2022 peak; 5% above 2019's pre-Covid trough.

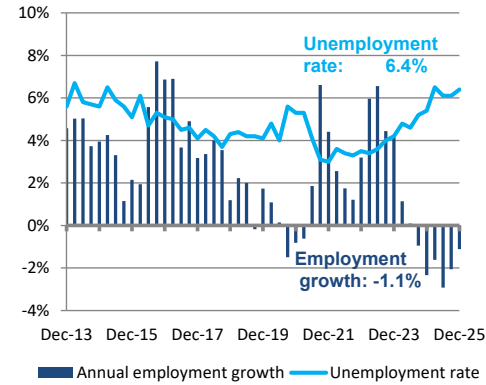
The real* value of new non-residential buildings consented in Auckland in the year ended March 2026 was \$2,723 million: 4% above the four months before; 30% above August's trough; 12% above a year ago; 22% below 2022 and 2019 peaks; 18% above the 2020 trough.

* 'Real' values for previous months have been calculated by inflating previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars, using the capital goods price index (CGPI) for non-residential buildings

Note: Projects consented are not necessarily commenced or completed. "New" refers to new buildings (i.e. excludes alterations and additions). Residential number is new dwellings consented, which will exceed new residential buildings as some buildings have multiple dwellings; similarly, it will differ from new residential building consents issued, as some consents are for multiple buildings.

Source: Stats NZ, Building Consents (monthly); Stats NZ, CGPI (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

Employment and unemployment



The number of people employed in Auckland in the quarter ended December 2025 was 1.1% lower than in December 2024 quarter: the sixth quarter in a row of negative annual growth rates despite population growth; among the worst since 2009-2010 following the GFC.

The unemployment rate in Auckland in the December 2025 quarter was 6.4%: similar to the rest of 2025, double the 2021 trough, the highest-equal since 2014, similar to most of 2011 to 2015, below the 2010 post-GFC peak.

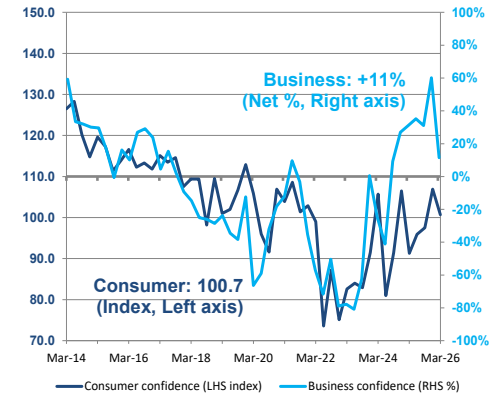
Note: Covid-19 lockdowns began on 23 March 2020, plus wage subsidies, which both affect official employment and unemployment.

Employment data is rebased by Stats NZ each quarter to match latest revisions of historic population estimates.

Both datasets are from a survey (HLFS) so are subject to error margins. Respondents define their own employment status. The survey covers all people aged 15+, so includes school pupils 15+ and people over 65, who might or might not have - or be actively seeking - a job.

Source: Stats NZ, Household Labour Force Survey (HLFS) (quarterly).

Confidence indicators



The Westpac McDermott Miller Consumer Confidence Index for the March 2026 quarter was 100.7: reversing last quarter's peak; above most of 2022-2025; below 2009-2017.

The NZIER QSBO in Auckland for the March 2026 quarter showed a net 11% of businesses expecting the general business situation to improve over the next three months: a sharp drop; lowest since 2024; above 2017 to 2024; note that "improve" can include "be bad, but less bad than now".

Note: Left axis is for CCI (consumers: index). For the CCI, a score of greater than 100 shows more optimism than pessimism. Re-scaled 18/9/2024.

Right axis is for QSBO (businesses: net %). The QSBO calculates a net figure as (% of businesses expecting an improvement) minus (% expecting a worsening). QSBO data used here is not the seasonally adjusted version.

Source: Westpac McDermott Miller, Regional Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) (quarterly – published, but proprietary); New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER), Quarterly Survey of Business Opinion (QSBO) (quarterly – by subscription).



Fortnightly Report to the Minister for Auckland

For the period Monday 11 May to Sunday 24 May 2026

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| Date: | 21 May 2026 | Priority: | Medium |
| Security classification: | In confidence | Tracking number: | BRIEFING-REQ-0033153 |

| Ministers | Action sought | Deadline |
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| Hon Simon Watts Minister for Auckland | Note the contents of this briefing and discuss at the next officials meeting | N/A |

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

| Name | Position | Telephone | 1st contact |
|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Michael Quinn | Head of the Auckland Policy Office | Privacy of natural persons | |
| Andy Hill | Director Auckland | | ✓ |

The following departments/agencies have contributed content

Ministry of Transport, Police, and MBIE Major Events

Minister's office to complete:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

Comments

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Purpose

To provide you with a fortnightly report for the Auckland Portfolio for the period Monday 11 May to Sunday 24 May 2026.

Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) recommends that you:

Note the contents of this briefing and discuss at the next officials meeting.

Noted



Michael Quinn
Head of the Auckland Policy Office
21 / May / 2026

Hon Simon Watts
Minister for Auckland
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1. Auckland Portfolio Priorities

| Topic/ Contact person | Comment |
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| Auckland City Centre | |
| <p>Michael Quinn Head of the APO Privacy of natural persons</p> | <p>City Centre Advisory Panel</p> <p>The City Centre Advisory Panel has been reconvened for the 2025–2028 term by the Mayor of Auckland to provide strategic advice on Auckland’s city centre and to help inform the direction and prioritisation of the City Centre Targeted Rate. The Panel brings together representatives from across city centre business, property, transport, hospitality, tourism, arts and culture, the social sector, residents’ groups, tertiary institutions and Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, combining sector expertise and local experience. Scott Pritchard has been reappointed as Chair for the new term.</p> <p>At its first meeting on 13 April 2026, the Panel discussed the priorities and focus for the term ahead, with an emphasis on maintaining a tighter and more targeted agenda and concentrating effort on a smaller number of issues where progress can be accelerated in the near term. The Chair reports that members see an important role for the Panel in positively amplifying the story of Auckland’s city centre, including helping to build confidence, shift perceptions and reinforce the city centre’s role as a place to live, work, study, visit and invest.</p> <p>Key issues discussed included the opening of the City Rail Link later this year, which the Panel considers to be a major opportunity for the city centre and a critical moment to reset how Aucklanders’ experience and connect with the central city. The Panel also discussed the importance of maintaining investment momentum through the Annual Plan and upcoming Long-term Plan and signalled a strong interest in issues that will shape the city centre’s medium-term resilience and attractiveness, including residential growth, student experience, public transport access, events and activation, and the alignment of urban regeneration priorities.</p> <p>The Panel also considered the implications of current fuel disruption and wider cost-of-living pressures, noting the likely impacts on city centre activity, households and business confidence. Members stressed the importance of practical responses that support public transport use, sustain visitation and economic activity and avoid further weakening confidence in the city centre. Overall, the first meeting reflected a strong appetite from members to focus on a limited number of high-impact priorities over the term and to work closely with Auckland Council elected members and officials to support the next phase of the city centre’s development.</p> <p>The Head of the APO is invited to attend by the Chair in observer status but is not a Panel member and has no formal role in discussions or agenda topics.</p> <p>The Panel met for its second meeting on 18 May 2026, and we will provide a summary of the meeting shortly.</p> |

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| | <p>Thriving City Centre Action Plan</p> <p>By agreement between Auckland Council and government agencies, the Council undertakes a daily count of visible rough sleepers in key areas of the central city. This is not a full audit of rough sleeping and is only intended to provide a guide of activity and whether interventions are having an impact.</p> <p>Council reports that the previous week saw a daily average of 21 rough sleepers, which is at the lower end of the range consistently reported for the past four months, which usually has a range in the mid-20s. For completeness, the figures for the past week are:</p> <p>Wednesday – 20 Thursday – 13 Friday – 15 Saturday – 17 Sunday – 25 Monday – 24 Tuesday - 30</p> |
| <p>Auckland City and Regional Deal</p> | |
| <p>Michael Quinn Head of the APO Privacy of natural persons</p> | <p>Inaugural Auckland CRD Oversight Board Meeting</p> <p>You will receive briefings on the Auckland Deal from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) as the lead agency for the City and Regional Deal programme and in your capacity as Minister for Local Government. We will also provide Auckland-specific advice for your Auckland portfolio, which may differ where issues are assessed through an Auckland lens.</p> <p>The Oversight Board met on 20 May 2026 to confirm its Terms of Reference, operating approach and immediate work priorities. Membership comprises Auckland Council’s Chief Executive, three members of the Council’s Tier 2 leadership, the DIA and Ministry for the Environment Deputy Secretaries, the Deputy Chief Executive of NIFFCo and the Head of the Auckland Policy Office.</p> <p>The meeting noted that delivering the Deal will require Council and Crown agencies to work differently, with closer engagement and better alignment of processes. Auckland Council starts from a more integrated institutional base, with greater ability to align political leadership, Tier 1 and Tier 2 leadership and operational delivery through a relatively unified structure. By contrast, the Crown operates through separate agencies, Ministers and accountabilities. As implementation progresses, the Crown will need to develop and maintain a shared understanding of the Deal’s intent, operating model, and escalation pathways. This will take time to bed in, and some early implementation challenges should be expected over the coming months.</p> <p>The Group focused on the implementation plan as the key organising tool for delivery. DIA, Auckland Council and NIFFCo are developing the mechanisms needed to bring the integrated plan together,</p> |

alongside reporting and monitoring tools. DIA is also convening agency workshops to help populate the plan.

Several Deal projects are already underway and do not need to wait for the implementation plan to be finalised.

The Group agreed that the June political meeting should be supported by a joint brief that reflects the shared nature of the Deal. This will help ensure that you and Auckland Council's political representatives are working from a common set of information.

The key agencies for the Deal are MCERT and MBIE. We have begun briefings across MBIE's management tiers to ensure officials are aware of the initiatives and commitments set out in the Deal.

Confidential advice to Government

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| Law and Order | |
| <p>Faga Siaki Director, Tamaki Makaurau Partnerships Police</p> <p style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">Privacy of natural persons</p> | <p>May 2026 has seen New Zealand Police and emergency service partners running Central Rail Link (CRL) emergency response exercises (ahead of the network going live). The scenarios simulated fires on passenger trains within a CRL station and a tunnel. More than 300 role players were involved to replicate realistic behaviour from the public. The exercises covered assessment of evacuation procedures, emergency services coordination, multi-agency command and control, and passenger behaviour in confined environments, along with Police support for life safety, reassurance, and public order. Valuable insights were gained to strengthen future responses. A further five exercises are planned for the remainder of May.</p> <p>Police Emergency Management Coordinators and Auckland Emergency Management (AEM) have been working to further enhance their partnership and readiness for future Civil Defence Emergency Management events. This has involved two Police-led tabletop exercises focused on dam failure scenarios, including evacuation planning with AEM as the lead agency, and a recent multi-agency AEM exercise focused on an air contaminant incident. These exercises aim to enhance Auckland's multi-agency capability by improving the application of the Air Contaminants Response Framework, strengthening shared understanding, enabling coordinated decision-making, and increasing operational readiness.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maintenance of the law</p> |
| Queens Wharf and Cloud negotiation | |
| No updates available for this report. | |

2. General Auckland Updates

| Topic/ Contact person | Comment |
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| Major events update | |
| <p>Deborah Jones Manager, Major Events MBIE</p> | <p>On 12 May 2026, a match between Chelsea FC Women and Auckland FC Women's Invitational XI was announced under the Government's Events Attraction Package. This fixture marks the first visit by a Women's Super League team to New Zealand and will be played at Eden Park on 8 August 2026.</p> |

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| | <p>The match complements the festival’s earlier announcement of Tottenham Hotspur vs Auckland FC, to be played on 26 July 2026, and forms part of the broader New Zealand International Football Festival. The festival is designed to showcase New Zealand on the world stage, drive off peak tourism visitation, and build on the momentum generated by the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023, while further supporting the growth of football in New Zealand.</p> |
| <p>Auckland Council Transport and Infrastructure Committee Meeting - 19 May 2026</p> | |
| <p>Karen Lyons Auckland Director MoT</p> <p style="background-color: #d3d3d3;">Privacy of natural persons</p> | <p><i>City Rail Link (CRL) Update</i></p> <p>Auckland Transport and KiwiRail provided an update about timetabling, testing and upcoming closures.</p> <p>The timetable testing over 13-15 April showed the revised timetable to be operable, deliverable and resilient. Auckland Transport and operator Auckland One Rail consider the timetable to be ready to be introduced with minor amendments.</p> <p>The current Eastern, Western and Southern lines will have six trains per hour per direction during peak times, with trains every 15 minutes off peak.</p> <p>Station testing and emergency trials are currently underway, using volunteers from CRL organisations to test a range of emergency scenarios including simulated fires, collisions and evacuations. Some of these tests involve over 300 volunteers, with the last scheduled for 6 June 2026.</p> <p>A full closure is planned for Kings Birthday weekend.</p> <p><i>Auckland Transport quarter three performance report 2025/2026</i></p> <p>Auckland Transport provided the third quarter report for the period ending 31 March 2026. The measures and targets in the quarterly performance report are measured against the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 and Auckland Transport’s Statement of Intent 2025-2028 (SOI).</p> <p>Auckland Transport’s performance was mixed this quarter. Auckland Transport met 16 out of the 24 SOI measures, with one measure not yet measured. Seven of these measures were not on track or met. This includes measures for public transport boardings, utilisation and farebox recovery, despite results being higher than quarter three in 2025. Other measures not on track or met include safety, formal complaints, capital expenditure and Māori procurement. Some key measures are included in the table below.</p> |

| Measure | YTD SOI Target | Latest Result |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| Customer perceptions: Auckland Transport Listens and Responds | 36% | 36% |
| Average travel time across the arterial network | 23 minutes | 22.8 minutes |
| Arterial productivity: average number of people moving per hour during the morning peak | 30,000 | 29,535 |
| Public transport boardings | 70 million | 67.7 million |
| Public transport reliability | 98% | 96.5% |
| Public transport utilisation for frequent routes during the peak | 50% | 46.3% |
| Farebox recovery ratio | 34.7% | 33.8% |
| Safety: deaths and serious injuries | 429 | 442 |

Progress against SOI deliverables continues to be strong, with 40 of 42 deliverables reported as on track or completed. Deliverables not completed/on track pertain to worksite signage requirements and low-emission ferries.

Approval of shareholder comments on the Auckland Transport/Transport CCO Draft Statement of Intent 2026-2027

Auckland Transport has presented its draft SOI 2025-2026. Shareholder comments are focused on alignment with statutory requirements, adherence to the letter of expectation and elected member feedback.

The Mayor's Letter of Expectation set out both common expectations for all CCOs and specific expectations for Auckland Transport during the six-month transition period to the new transport arrangements for Auckland, and for the reformed transport CCO with a focus on public transport.

Auckland Council staff have proposed that the shareholder feedback include requests for:

- reflection of provisions in the Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Act 2026, the Transport Transition Strategy and any decisions from the Transport Transition Programme during the transition period
- greater detail and clarity on work underway, rationale for changes in targets, and the role of Auckland Council and the transport CCO
- refinement of performance measures, including mode-specific targets
- strengthening the emphasis on patronage growth, integrated bus and rail timetables, and realising benefits from major investments such as CRL and the Eastern Busway.

Auckland Council Transport and Infrastructure Committee Workshop - 13 May 2026

Karen Lyons
Auckland Director
MoT

Privacy of natural persons

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The Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Act 2026 (the Act) requires Auckland Council to develop the Auckland Roding Classification Framework (ARCF), for approval by the Minister of Transport.

The ARCF will classify roads in Auckland into several categories, which will be used to allocate decision-making between the governing body and local boards. While the Act provides statutory definitions of each roading category, Auckland Council has flexibility to determine the technical methodology for road classification, subject to Ministerial approval.

On 13 May, Councillors received an update from Auckland Council officers on work to develop the ARCF. This followed initial consultation with all 21 local boards. Auckland Council officers are prioritising developing an approach to arterial roads and identifying the areas that comprise the City Centre and Eden Park precinct.

In the Act, arterial roads are defined as those roads that carry a 'significant volume' of either general traffic, freight or public transport. Auckland Council officers consulted the 21 local boards on a proposal based on the following methodology:

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| Significant traffic volumes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> urban road carrying or planned to carry 5,000 vehicles per day + Future Connect rural road carrying or planned to carry 3,000 vehicles per day + Future Connect emergency Management priority routes |
| Significant freight volumes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> any road carrying or planned to carry 350+ trucks per day + Future Connect roads carrying over-weight and over-dimensioned vehicles urban road crossed by a freight rail route High Productivity Mobility Vehicle (HPMV) route (very heavy vehicles) |
| Significant public transport volumes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a road carrying (or is planned to carry) 35 buses in busiest direction per day urban road crossed by a passenger rail route |
| Additional considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> contiguous corridors starting and termination points State Highway connections and Auckland boundary 30 metre allowance into side roads |

Local boards provided a range of feedback on the ARCF proposal, some of which formed the basis for amendments to the arterial road

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| | <p>methodology, recommended to Councillors at the workshop. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increasing the public transport threshold to 48 buses in the busiest direction per day; • clarifying that only permanent HPMV routes will be covered; and • adopting bespoke arrangements for Waiheke and Great Barrier local boards. <p>Some local boards also mentioned other matters such as greater local place-based decision making for town centres, concern at the proposal to extend the definition of arterials 30 metres into local and collector routes, and the threshold for traffic volumes.</p> <p>Auckland Council intends to engage with Ministry of Transport officials in late May, ahead of seeking approval of the ARCF from the Minister of Transport in September 2026.</p> |
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Auckland Project Updates

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Confidential advice to Government

3. Auckland dashboard

Transport environmental scan

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Privacy of natural persons

Public transport patronage update

For the fortnight 20 April – 3 May 2026, public transport patronage totalled 3.1 million boardings across the city’s public transport network. 91.7% of boardings in March 2026 were considered to be on time, ahead of the 89% target.

Patronage increased by 36% for this fortnight compared to the same period last year. Patronage increased across all modes, with bus, train and ferry patronage increasing by 30%, 75% and 30% respectively. This is likely due to the impact of school and Easter holiday timing.

Public transport patronage for the year to 31 March 2026 is 89.4 million boardings which has increased on the previous year’s total of 89.3 million boardings. Across all modes, bus patronage increased by 1%, whereas rail and ferry patronage declined by 3% and 1% respectively.

At 89.4 million boardings, current annual patronage reaches 95% of Auckland Transport’s latest SOI target of 94 million annual public transport boardings for 2025/26. This also represents 87% of the pre-pandemic 12-month public transport patronage level in the year to December 2019 of 103.2 million boardings.

| PT fortnightly patronage | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Mode | 20 April – 03 May 2026 | 20 April – 03 May 2025 |
| Bus | 3,142,106 | 2,408,250 |
| Rail | 616,256 | 353,068 |
| Ferry | 121,310 | 93,589 |
| Total | 3,879,672 | 2,854,907 |

Data: AT Metro daily patronage report.

| PT monthly patronage | | |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Mode | March 2026 | March 2025 |
| Bus | 7,505,973 | 7,165,127 |
| Rail | 1,610,630 | 1,514,283 |
| Ferry | 495,216 | 506,794 |
| Total | 9,611,819 | 9,186,204 |

Data: AT Metro monthly patronage report.

| PT annual patronage | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Mode | Year to 31 March 2026 | Year to 31 March 2025 |
| Bus | 70,777,509 | 70,189,285 |
| Rail | 13,746,942 | 14,107,142 |
| Ferry | 4,918,176 | 4,953,798 |
| Total | 89,442,627 | 89,250,225 |

Data: AT Metro monthly patronage report.

NB: Rail and ferry data includes replacement services.

4. Ministerial items on hand

3.1 Upcoming Cabinet papers

| Title | Committee | Expected committee date | Key contact | Summary of paper/comment |
|-------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| None | | | | |

3.2 Upcoming briefings and aide memoire

| Title | Date to Minister | Action for Minister | Key contact | Summary of paper/comment |
|--|------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| BRIEFING-REQ-0032767 Meeting with Sharp NZ | 28 May 2026 | | Andy Hill Privacy of natural persons | To provide background information for the meeting |
| BRIEFING-REQ-0033256 Meeting with Auckland FC | 29 May 2026 | | Andy Hill Privacy of natural persons | To provide background information for the event |
| BRIEFING-REQ-0033306 Meet/ Visit Auckland Airport | 1 June 2026 | | Andy Hill Privacy of natural persons | To provide background information for the event |
| BRIEFING-REQ-0031542 Visit to Eden Park | 10 June 2026 | | Andy Hill Privacy of natural persons | To provide background information for the event |

3.3 Upcoming meetings/ events

| Date | Meeting Info |
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| Tuesday, 26 May 2026 12:00 pm- 12:30 pm | Auckland Officials Meeting |
| Tuesday, 26 May 2026 7:00 pm-7:30 pm | Cruise Sector Forum |

Confidentiality

| Date | Meeting Info |
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| Tuesday, 2 June 2026 4:00 pm-4:30 pm | Meeting with Dr. Madan Mohan Sethi, Consul-General of India |
| Tuesday, 2 June 2026 5:00 pm-6:00 pm | Meeting with Matthew Cockram, Cooper and Co. |
| Tuesday, 2 June 2026 1:30 pm-2:00 pm | Minister and Auckland FC |
| Wednesday, 3 June 2026 9:30 am-10:30 am | Meet/Visit Auckland Airport |
| Monday, 8 June 2026 9:00 am-9:30 am | Meeting with Marama Royal (Chair), Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust |
| Confidentiality | |

3.4 Other Ministerial engagements related to Auckland

| Date | Minister | Meeting Info |
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| None | | |

3.5 Official Information Act requests (Ministerial and Departmental for consultation)

| Due to Minister's office | Statutory due date to requester | Ref | Requester | Organisation | Summary of request |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| 2 June 2026 | | MOIA-REQ-0033094 | Privacy of natural persons | Labour Leader's Office | Requested a copy of the briefing to the incoming Minister for Auckland, received on 2 April 2026. |
| 3 June 2026 | | DOIA-REQ-0032508 | Privacy of natural persons | Newstalk ZB | Ministry of Housing and Urban Development received an OIA request from Azaria Howell, Newstalk ZB, for a map of support service locations in the Auckland CBD. |



| Due to Minister's office | Statutory due date to requester | Ref | Requester | Organisation | Summary of request |
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| 4 June 2026 | | DOIA-REQ-0032618 | Privacy of natural persons | Labour Leader's Office | Requested copies of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BRIEFING-REQ-0026152 City Centre Safety Update• BRIEFING-REQ-0026123 City Centre Safety stakeholder meeting• BRIEFING-REQ-0026727 Thriving City Centre Action Plan Dashboard• A copy of the Briefing to the Incoming Minister provided to Hon Simon Watts• Copies of all regular weekly or fortnightly reports provided to Hon Simon Watts |

3.6 Upcoming significant media and announcements

| Timing | Announcement |
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| None | |

3.7 Ministerial correspondence

| Due to Minister's office | Ref | Correspondent | Organisation | Summary of Correspondence |
|--------------------------|-----|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| None | | | | |

3.8 Proactive release

| Date | Title | Comment |
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| 23 February 2026 | BRIEFING-REQ-0026972 Proactive release of Auckland Briefings 12 Nov - 31 Dec 2025 | Requesting your approval to proactively release, with appropriate redactions, briefings from 12 Nov to 31 Dec 2025. MBIE will release the information on the date your office will advise. |

3.9 Fast-Track Approvals- Auckland

| Project Name | Unique Ref No. | Applicant Organisation | Date Received | Due Date to send Comments |
|--------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| None | | | | |