

# NEW ZEALAND SEARCH AND RESCUE

Rapu Whakarauora Aotearoa 

## NZSAR Council Minutes

Thursday, 1 June 2023, 9.30am – 12 noon  
3 Queens Wharf, Wellington and MS Teams

### 1. Present

Name	Agency
Audrey Sonerson	MoT
Shelley Tucker	Maritime NZ
Justin Allan	RCCNZ
Mike Hill	CAA
Michael Johnson	NZ Police

Name	Agency
Russell Wood	FENZ
Michael Bassett-Foss	Independent
Darryn Webb	NZDF
Cat Wilson	DOC
Bronwyn Turley	MoT

### In attendance

Name	Agency
Duncan Ferner	NZSAR
Bridget Hesketh	NZSAR
Daryl Bloomfield	NZSAR
Tania Seward	NZSAR
Bev Driscoll	MoT

Name	Agency
Andrew Greig	NZSAR
Matt Wheble	NZSAR
Evan Hughes	NZSAR
Wendy Harrison	NZSAR
Natasha Rave	MoT

### 2. Apologies

Name	Agency
Kirstie Hewlett	Maritime NZ
Kerry Gregory	FENZ

Name	Agency
Stephanie Rowe	DOC

### 3. Welcome

Audrey Sonerson opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

### 4. Minutes of meeting on Tuesday, 14 March 2023

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

## 5. Summary of actions from previous meetings

#	Item	Actions, decisions and noting	Responsibility	Actions taken / Status
6.	Directors Report	<p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>Considered</b> the Director's Report.</p>	Council	N/A
6.a	SLA and MOU Investment Report Q2 2022/23	<p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b> the 2022-23 Quarter Two SLA and MOU Investment Report.</p>	Council	N/A
6.c.	SAR Operational Activity Report	<p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b> the level of SAR operational activities for the second quarter, 1 October to 31 December 2022.</p>	Council	N/A
6.d.	SAR Sector Assurance Report	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p>An executive summary to be placed at the top of the report detailing the top points to help promote conversations.</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p>The Council <b>noted:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the current level of assurance that operational search and rescue is fit for purpose is 'considerable'</li> <li>b) that the following areas of focus of the Framework's elements have been assessed at 'moderate' and work</li> </ul>	Bridget Hesketh	<p>For next assurance report September 2023</p> <p>N/A</p>

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		<p>is in progress to improve the level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) helicopters</li> <li>ii) funding</li> <li>iii) operational processes</li> <li>iv) national training framework</li> <li>v) operational currency</li> <li>vi) Health and Safety at Work Act</li> </ul> <p>The Council <b>discussed</b> the levels of assurance reflected in this report.</p>		
7.	Risk Discussions – COVID, SAR Information	<p><b>Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reassess the treatment aspects of the COVID risk and update the matrix.</li> <li>• Update the risk matrix to include strategic capability/asset risks in conjunction with Defence, RCCNZ and CAA.</li> <li>• Retain the SAR information risk as proposed.</li> </ul>	Duncan Ferner	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Retained</p>

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8.	NZSAR Awards	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p>Maritime NZ to get contacts of victims and liaise with Tania. There will be an out of session meeting to decide on the Gold Award without Maritime NZ.</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p>The Council:</p> <p>A. <b>Noted</b> the advice provided by the Awards subcommittee.</p> <p>B. <b>Noted</b> the selection criteria in the NZSAR Awards policy (enclosed).</p> <p>C. <b>Confirmed</b> the recipients for the 2022 NZSAR Awards, <b>noting</b> the specifics of the <i>Enchanter</i> nomination pending further advice from NZSAR Secretariat.</p> <p>D. <b>Confirmed</b> that letters of recognition should be sent to the agencies and individuals whose nominations were unsuccessful.</p>	Shelley Tucker / Tania Seward	<p>Out of session item completed.</p> <p>Award recipients decided.</p> <p>Letters will be drafted and sent following the Awards.</p>
11.	IMT Operating Systems Report	<p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>Agrees in principle</b> on the following recommendations:</p> <p>a. Consolidate Category 1 SAR Incident</p>	Duncan Ferner	Follow on project to

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		<p>Management Systems (inclusive of land and marine searches) into a single platform for managing operations and information management and sharing.</p> <p>b. Have an appropriate agency to steward an overall IMS system, and a requirement to have a governance structure.</p> <p>c. Commence a project to determine current and future requirements and the feasibility of a single Incident Management System. The project will consider a possible funding model and next steps.</p>		implement these recommendations planned for 2023/24
12.	SLA Priorities	<p><b>Decision</b></p> <p>The Council <b>agreed</b> the sector strategic priorities should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ sector sustainability and resilience</li> <li>○ the next government funding round, and</li> <li>○ environmental sustainability.</li> </ul>	Duncan Ferner / Bridget Hesketh	Priorities have been included in the annual letters of intent as appropriate

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13.	SAR Sector Environmental Impact / Sustainability	The draft SAR Sector Environmental Impact / Sustainability report was <b>noted</b> .	Council	N/A

## 6. Directors Report

Duncan updated the Council on key points from the Director's Report.

National Significant exercise - is progressing well and two more additional planners are on board. Police and RCCNZ have been extensively consulted. The first exercise will be held in Tauranga in July this year. Rauora exercises are complete. Auckland was impressive, with many people involved and we have positive feedback. Trying to incorporate lessons from previous events. The next exercise is in Southland later in the year.

NSSP – it has been a busy year, in process of wrapping up and pushing projects over to the next financial year.

Overlapping Duties in Health and Safety – the contractor is continuing developing a framework and guidelines for overlapping health and safety duties.

Police District Visits - Duncan and Andy have accompanied Dave Grace and Craig Rendel alongside LandSAR to these visits. These have been very valuable.

Health Safety and Wellbeing Workshop 22/23 March - this was well attended and had attendees from the UK.

Aeromedical Commissioning Programme – there is no further update. The ACP has slowed down due to internal restructuring within Te Whatu Ora.

SARdonyx – negotiations with Beca is continuing for an agreement for another five years. The information entered into Sardonyx has improved greatly due to the efforts of the Police District Assistant Coordinators.

Data Analysis Service – Dot Loves Data will be contracted to establish and operate the Data Analysis Service. It is anticipated the contract will be live in a month or two.

Sharing SAR Data – there was a meeting with Water Safety and Mountain Safety Council this month. WSC has agreed to the proposed data but needs to make it a single agreement. MSC has been invited to the SARdonyx Board meeting next week.

Funding Agreements – have been agreed to and are being signed at the moment. Work is underway to complete agreed work plans prior to 1 July 2023 when funding becomes available.

SAR training – this is discussed in the noting table. There are serious concerns around training under-delivery. Working with partner agencies to remedy this concern.

Rauora exercises – eight exercises have been completed this financial year. The engagement and commitment from Police, RCCNZ and local support agencies in each District was significant and appreciated.

Te Ao Māori Advice – the Secretariat and wider sector are taking steps to improve cultural competency. Rob Hewitt has been brought on to support the Secretariat as Kaihautū and to provide advice. A National hui will be held in November where SAR will be discussed through a te ao Māori lens.

North Island Severe Weather events – there have been traumatic weather events, which has placed a large stress on agencies. Engaging with agencies to understand how SAR fits into these events. Flood work is specialist, it is not simple to take a person who is trained in Surf to put into the flood space. Need to get clarity around where SAR starts and stops.

SAR prevention – there is a whole range of fora. Water safety and Boating Safety are working on its strategy at the moment.

Telecommunications strategy - this is due at the end of this month and are pleased with the work to date. The reality is that there are some challenges ahead. Police, FENZ and Ambulance will have different radios to SAR. Mike said funding has been paused. FENZ may invite other agencies to hook onto other products and services but this will be some time down the track.

Space weather – there are risks around these events that will impact on SAR.

NZSAR Secretariat – a change decision has been made with a modest change to lines of responsibilities. Duncan will be away for a month mid June-mid July.

Shelley observed the additional Kaihautu resource. A number of agencies are going through this, is there an opportunity to connect in with others to make sure everyone is aligned.

Darryn asked how people working in the community will integrate back to Wellington? This is the focus of the National Significant Exercise. The focus is through the SAR managers course which will try and expose leaders who live in regions to Wellington.

Shelley said that Maritime focuses on major events, strategic leadership and how this connects with command and control. They are getting their leaders on a call to work this out. There was focus on this but there is a gap.

Michael said there is a NEMA review around weather events. Can it be ensured that NGOs get a voice into the NEMA review as they have all done their own and it would be ideal to have those findings fed into the review.

Natasha provided the following update to the group.

- Establishing a government inquiry into the response to the North Island severe weather events.

- The paper was approved at DEV today and is going to Cabinet on Tuesday 6 June for approval. The only substantive change is the inquiry will report in March 2024.
- An announcement is likely on 7 June but to be confirmed.
- We are now working on the second cabinet paper in which we are seeking cabinet approval for the terms of reference, budget and inquiry panel membership.

### **Decision**

- The Council **considered** the Director's Report.

### **a. SLA and MOU Investment Report Q3 2022/23**

Duncan advised the implementation process has gone well and new investment starts 1 July 2023.

Some agencies cannot spend all the allocated money within initially forecast timelines. There is not an underspend, just lack of deliverability and is not necessarily a concern for the Council. The money is still there, and the aspiration is still there but some projects re going more slowly that initially planned.

Shelley asked is there other initiatives we could get on with? Duncan said that money is not re-directable. Agencies are finding it hard to implement plans but believe they are coming back on track, and we are working with them closely to make sure they have the resources. Also need to make sure they are spending on what it is intended for.

Darryn mentioned that just be clear that if projects need help to flag these so we can help.

### **Action**

- The Investment Report is to be reviewed and flag any projects that need assistance.

### **Decision**

- The Council **noted** the 2022-23 Quarter Three SLA and MOU Investment Report.

### **b. SAR Sector Update**

Andy said that agencies are very busy, and the level of activity has increased significantly.

Darryn asked what the Aero Medical Commissioning programme was. The more the air ambulances are dedicated to air ambulance tasks, the less useful they are for SAR activities. A letter has been written to the Minister of Health but did not get a satisfactory response and are struggling to get information from them as to what is happening.



Mike said the Ministry wanted this approach, but it could hamper SAR. Costs have significantly risen.

#### **Action**

- Check to see what Audrey needs to do to further progress this issue.

### **c. SAR Operational Activity Reports**

It has been busy with major weather events and normal SAR events have been much busier than anticipated.

#### **Decision**

- The NZSAR Council **noted** the level of SAR operational activities for the second quarter, 1 January to 31 March 2023.

## **7. Risk discussions – Health, Safety and Wellbeing, Operational Capability**

### **Health Safety & Wellbeing**

There is one minor change to this risk. The Health, Safety and Wellbeing Workshop was held in March and this risk was discussed and feedback provided. The consequence that the sector may allow SAR people to suffer avoidable mental trauma should be moved to the top of the list otherwise were comfortable with the treatments and assessments.

Rusell asked if we were keeping a watching brief on the White Island outcomes. Yes, we have been keeping a listening watch but have not incorporated into documents but are aware of various persecutions. Cyclone Gabrielle has raised HSW gaps given the tasking authority is not clear nor the environment it is being tasked to.

SLA have audit requirements and NGOs are audited every two years.

### **Operational Capability**

Following on from the last meeting, there was a discussion around what operational capabilities might be problematic. Coordinating authorities and the Consultative Committee have been consulted. Some of these risks could be operational.

Darryn said that don't think there is a capability gap, the P8 doesn't have the same radar capability but can do the same thing as the P3. It is a like for like scenario. The P8 can go to the same range, endurance and it can get there faster, but can't hold at low level like the P3. Five life rafts can be dropped. This will be a great asset. The P90 is able to do most things, but don't know well enough regarding the rescue part. Defence don't have rescue swimmers available.

Justin said they are continuing to engage on overwater capability and good to see progress made on this. They understand that the Defence Force is looking at using a basket arrangement. There has been good support from the NH90 with major events and the MV Shiling. Also think the capability gap is fair.

Mike will talk with Duncan about lack of air traffic controllers offline. What is missing is a risk of broader ocean areas and the physical ability to rescue people. Sometime when yachties are remote, the nearest humans were the national space station.

Michael mentioned that Coastguard raise the risk around 12 nautical mile limits should be noted.

Shelley mentioned they do have access to vessels and there is capability, but this is limited and impacted by distance. The treatment option has provided advice to Ministers. Got to be careful of how we nest the roles of capability. ETVs are around protecting property and the environment.

Audrey said the wording could be implying the solution. We are reliant on how we think about capability and the starting point is important and do have some sense around the work that Bev and the team are doing on this. This should be fairly neutral. Bev mentioned that they are aware of the work that PWC have undertaken and being clear on what the system needs.

#### **Action**

- Duncan to work with SOG members and update the operational capability risks and bring back to Council.

## **8. SAR NGOs in Civil Emergencies**

There is a current discussion around creating a framework for SAR NGO's involvement in civil emergencies. This agreement involves FENZ, NEMA and Police which is about the SAR NGOs when they work in the non-SAR space as they did in Cyclone Gabrielle and flooding. Trying to wrap a framework around this for cost recovery as NGOs want funding for training and equipment.

This has been presented to CDEM and they were enthusiastic for this to happen. It was agreed that NEMA will sign on behalf of CDEM groups.

NGOs want resourcing and funding to be able to work in this space. They are limited at this stage to simply cost recovery being in IMT. This has stalled a little bit as if want to use NGOs in this space, they need to be prepared.

There has been a discussion with FENZ and feel there is a need to have a higher-level meeting at DC level. Also, what are the boundaries of SAR in a civil emergency. This takes us into a space where some of our capabilities cannot operate in that environment. Need to have a clear understanding of where responsibilities lie.

Michael said that NGOs do their own risk assessment but are often tasked by a coordinating authority. This could be by FENZ, Civil Defence or self task.

From Police perspective, it is messy but want to get on with it. Have they got what is required?

Russell said FENZ is happy to engage with conversations and Mike said that Police are keen to be engaged in conversations too.

## Action

- NZSAR will facilitate meeting and establish what a framework may look like.

## Decision

- The Council **noted** the work being undertaken.

## 9. Maritime Emergency Towage

Shelley gave a presentation on emergency towage.

This has been going on for around 20 years, there has been a wide range of advice, but hasn't been prioritised.

There is myth busting we need to do. If we have one of these vessels, we could hook up to a ferry and pull it into the harbour. Need to see how capabilities fit into this.

Maritime NZ has statutory responsibilities for response – leading New Zealand's response to significant and major maritime incidents including marine oil spills. Provides a national land, sea and air search rescue coordination centre.

This has been discussed in the past and this is not just a New Zealand issue. Access to these vessels have declined sharply in recent years with a shift to more harbour tugs. Some jurisdictions still have access to sufficient commercial towing capable vessels with effective capability to draw on situations needing emergency towage.

Other countries like New Zealand do not have the same level of commercial vessels with towing capability available.

Emergency towing vessel needs to be available 24/7.

Towage is a highly specialised activity, need capability and specialised equipment for the towing vessel. Needs capable, well-trained and current towing crew and who are available 24/7 and close to where the event occurs – this is the problem.

There needs to be sufficient time to mobilise the towing vessel.

Work is underway as Ministers have agreed for Maritime NZ to do further work on this issue looking at a range of options particularly focussing on the Cook Strait. Engaging with stakeholders is a key to this work and working with a diverse range of stakeholders including operators, ports, Port CEs, navy and harbourmasters.

Further advice is being prepared to provide an overall risk profile, analysis of option set capabilities, and what is needed to support their operation. There are potential costs and funding options.

There are options under consideration.

- Status quo – rely on the use of harbour tugs and the potential for vessels of opportunity.

- Optimisation – options that bolster the capability of existing vessels through training and specialist equipment which may hold the vessel off rather than enabling an emergency towage operation.
- Fleet enhancement – options that could support commercial ports or locations to have tugs with ETV capability.
- Dedicated capability – options that support dedicated ETV capability.

There is an interest in combining optimisation and fleet enhancement.

Darryn asked what is the onus on the operator? Shelley said there are some challenges, looking at the Cook Strait, it would be a challenge to who would fund the capability. This could be a role with central government but need to have everyone come to the table. Bronwyn advised that the Ministry is working with Maritime NZ especially around the funding.

Overseas there is a port levy. The United Kingdom did some interesting work and have dedicated vessels. The policy view is that the operator should pay, public thought taxpayers are happy for their taxes to be used.

Justin advised they are supportive of this work and keen to see movement on options. Not going to be able to plan for scenarios.

Shelley will keep the Council updated.

## **10. Rapid technological change impacting SAR**

Matt Wheble gave an update on the cellular network. The approach being taken with telecommunication companies are that they are aligning with satellite companies. This is providing new opportunities and risks. It shouldn't be seen as negative but will take time to get used to these systems.

Apple started up their system and there has been a couple of alerts from that. There have been some teething problems and need to think about public expectations.

How it is going to impact on SAR sector will mean a higher workload and Police are working with telecom companies as to how to get better communication between parties.

There is a lot of risk around public perception. This has to be managed and work is being done in the background. Need to do some communications to the public.

Cat asked from a DOC perspective, what is the next step. Matt advised that the Technology Forum is looking into this and will provide an update at the next meeting.

### **Action**

- The Council will receive an update at its next meeting.

## Decision

The NZSAR Council:

- **Noted** the risks and opportunities raised by the Consultative Committee and the Innovation in Technology Forum regarding satellite connectivity for cellular systems and the impact it will have on the New Zealand SAR sector.
- **Discussed** the impacts satellite connectivity for cellular will have on the New Zealand SAR sector.

## 11. NZSAR Budgets and workplan

Worked with sector and the secretariat regarding the budget and forecast for next year. Have not proposed a budget for out years due to the uncertainties of the review. The budget excluded funding from TEC and the national SAR support programme.

As salaries are hard to predict, any changes will have to be absorbed.

## Decision

The NZSAR Council:

- **approved** the NZSAR Secretariat budget for the 2023/24 financial year totalling \$5,026,000.
- **approved** the NZSAR Secretariat forecast budget for the 2024/25 financial year totalling \$4,046,000.
- **noted** the previously approved NZSAR training budget for 2023.

## 12. Secretariat annual questionnaire

Duncan asked the Council to fill the Secretariat annual questionnaires and give back to Duncan and Bridget.

## Action

- Council members will complete and return the Secretariat annual questionnaires by the end of the week.

## 13. Recreational Safety and SAR Sector Review

Bev Driscoll advised there is continued engagement with agencies and looking to complete a draft report by the end of the week for agencies to consider. Hopefully there will be no surprises. All feedback will be considered and then report will be presented to the Minister.

## 14. Noting paper – SAR Training update

### SAR Training

The 2023 training calendar managed by LandSAR Training Ltd continues to be impacted by issues present in previous years. In particular:

- Course cancellations due to low enrolment

- Course postponements due to tutor availability.

### **SAR Training Student Survey:**

The final report on the survey of 2022 SAR training students has been completed. Response numbers for this survey were significantly down on previous years, possibly due in part to the survey coinciding with the significant weather events earlier this year.

### **SAR Training Framework:**

Due for completion by the end of June 2023

### **SAREXs:**

Since 1 July 2022, 21 SAREXs have been delivered with NZSAR funding support of \$160,000.

## **15. Noting paper – International Engagement**

Two staff from MNZs RCCNZ attended the annual Pacific SAR (PACSAR) conference in Cairns Australia.

The Secretariat Director will attend the International Maritime Federations Quadrennial World Maritime Congress in Rotterdam June 2023.

## **16. Noting paper – NZSAR 2022-23 Workplan Update**

The Workplan continues with workshops and projects. A summary of the events to date was included in this paper.

## **17. Noting paper – SAR Reviews Register**

### **Category I Search Suspension**

Police are completing their final steps to address the recommendations of the Independent Review of Category I Search Suspension undertaken by Malcolm Burgess NZMN in 2021. Search suspension documentation is now available to Police on their intranet.

### **Management of Spontaneous Volunteers**

The Senior Officials Group have accepted and confirmed the actions to address the recommendations made in the review of Management of Spontaneous Volunteers made by Malcolm Burgess NZMN in 2021.

### **Insights into Search and Rescue Responses during Civil Defence Emergency Management Incidents**

A terms of reference has been written up and has been sent to RCCNZ and PNHQ for approval.

### **Tasking Air Assets for Search and Rescue, including associated duties of the Air Desk, RCCNZ and Police**

Terms of reference (TOR) for the review for tasking air assets, including the Air Desk involvement has been approved by RCCNZ. Police are currently reviewing the TOR.

## Extended Search

Terms of reference (TOR) for the review for extended searches has been approved by RCCNZ. Police are currently reviewing the TOR.

## Kaitaki

A review of the Search and Rescue aspect of the incident is proposed and a terms of reference proposed.

**NOTE** - it was advised that this was incorrect. There has been a series of debriefs and the TAIC investigation is ongoing. There is no update on the timing of the investigation.

## 18. Noting paper – Beacons campaign – Summer 2022-23

Over 25 weeks, the beacons campaign delivered 8.45 million impressions, resulting in over 49,000 clicks to the beacons.org.nz website. This equates to a 0.58% click-through rate which we are happy with.

Fifty-four percent of the total beacons.org.nz website sessions over those 25 weeks can be attributed to our campaign, with an average session time of one minute 30 seconds.

While last summer's campaign generated more impressions and clicks, this year's campaign audience were more engaged and spent longer on the website.

## 19. SAR Sector Environment Impact/Sustainability

A final SAR sector carbon emissions report has been produced and will soon be available on the NZSAR website. This final version now includes the New Zealand Defence Force's carbon emissions, and also the NZSAR Council's feedback from its March meeting. The total emissions from the sector were 4,686 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO<sub>2</sub>-e) for 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022. Also, environmental sustainability strategies are being produced to help the four SAR NGOs to manage their carbon emissions and other environmental impacts

## 20. General Business

There was no other general business.

## 21. Next meeting

5 September 2023

## 22. Actions, decisions and noting

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6.b	SAR Sector Update	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p>Check to see what Audrey needs to do to further progress the issue of the Aero Medical Commissioning programme.</p>	Andrew Greig	Aero Medical Commissioning programme paused as Health reorganises
6.c	SAR Operational Activity Reports	<p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b> the level of SAR operational activities for the second quarter, 1 January to 31 March 2023.</p>	Council	Nil
7.	Risk discussions – Operational Capability	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p>Duncan to work with SOG members and update the operational capability risks and bring back to Council.</p>	Duncan Ferner	See updated risk register
8.	SAR NGOs in Civil Emergencies	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p>NZSAR will facilitate meeting and establish what a framework may look like</p>	NZSAR Secretariat	Discussion held with FENZ



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		<p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b> the work being undertaken.</p>	Council	Nil
10.	Rapid technological change impacting SAR	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p>Matt will give the Council an update at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p>The Council <b>noted</b> the risks and opportunities raised by the Consultative Committee and the Innovation in Technology Forum regarding satellite connectivity for cellular systems and the impact it will have on the New Zealand SAR sector.</p> <p>The Council <b>discussed</b> the impacts satellite connectivity for cellular will have on the New Zealand SAR sector.</p>	<p>Matt Wheble</p> <p>Council</p> <p>Council</p>	<p>See Directors report in part</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p>
11.	NZSAR Budgets and workplan	<p><b>Decision</b></p> <p>The Council <b>approved</b> the NZSAR Secretariat budget for the 2023/24 financial year totalling \$5,026,000.</p> <p>The Council <b>approved</b> the NZSAR Secretariat forecast budget for the 2024/25 financial year totalling \$4,046,000.</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>Council</p>	<p>Approved budgets adopted by Secretariat &amp; passed to MOT</p>

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12.	Secretariat Annual Questionnaire	<b>Action</b> Council members to fill out questionnaires and return by the end of the week.	Council	Completed