

## Minister's Talking Points for Cabinet

### Land Transport (Infringement and Reminder Notices) Regulations 2012

#### Land Transport Amendment Act 2011 Commencement Order 2012

This paper requests that the Committee authorise the submission to the Executive Council of the Land Transport (Infringement and Reminder Notices) Regulations 2012 (the proposed Regulations) and the Land Transport Amendment Act 2011 Commencement Order 2012 (the proposed Order).

#### Background

- The Courts and Criminal Matters Bill was an omnibus Bill that provided for the enhancement of the courts' powers and processes for the collection of fines, reparation and other monetary penalties, and civil debts.
- The Bill was divided into twenty Amendment Bills by the Committee of the Whole House and these Bills were passed in July 2011. One of these Bills became the Land Transport Amendment Act 2011.
- The proposed Order brings into force sections 12 to 16 of the Land Transport Amendment Act 2011 which deal with powers of parking wardens, information that needs to be provided in statutory declarations, and particulars that need to be set out in traffic infringement and reminder notices.
- The proposed Regulations replace the Land Transport (Infringement and Reminder Notices) Regulations 1998 to reflect the changes made by the Land Transport Amendment Act 2011.
- The proposed Regulations also generally update the language of the traffic infringement and reminder notices to reflect changes in other related legislation.

#### Departments consulted

- The Ministry of Justice, the New Zealand Police, the NZ Transport Agency, major local authorities and the Parking Association were consulted. Where appropriate the Ministry has amended the proposed Regulations in response to comments received.
- The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has been informed.

#### Timing

- It is intended that the proposed Regulations and the proposed Order will come into force on 1 August 2012, to align with the commencement date of the Summary Proceedings Amendment Act 2011 and the Road User Charges Act 2012.