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Dear Mr Keijser

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982, which was received by the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) on 14 June 2013 having been transferred from the Greater Wellington Regional Council. You requested:

- '... a list of the safety failures for each Go Wellington bus as picked up by the Police during their safety checks over the months of April and May 2013 (up to the date of my request)?'

As part of the NZTA's regulatory function, periodic random inspection of commercial vehicles is undertaken to identify and mitigate existing or emerging compliance issues. This approach includes inspections undertaken while the vehicles are in their normal operating environment, and often take place on the road.

In April 2013, NZTA and NZ Police focussed activities on City Transport Limited, who operate under the trading name of Go Wellington and are owned by NZ Bus Limited. This activity resulted in a number of faults being identified, ranging from minor to moderate.

NZ Bus Limited have taken these findings seriously, and have instigated a full review of the maintenance and operation of their fleet, and have worked proactively to meet targets that have been set to improve the overall safety of their operations.

It should be noted that the NZTA is satisfied that the issues identified in this report have been rectified, and that there are maintenance programmes being developed and enacted to ensure continued compliance.

The following is a list of dates and faults for separate buses found during April and May 2013. It should be noted that Go Wellington operate 223 buses in the region.

Inspection	Fault description
16-Apr-13	Windscreen washer to operate.
16-Apr-13	Rear exterior Emergency Exit signage 63mm rather than 75mm. Corrosion on r/h headlight reflector.
16-Apr-13	2 x support poles loose. 1st row r/h seat bracket broken. Rear Tag Off bracket loose. Corrosion on l/h headlight reflector.
16-Apr-13	R/h last seat inner not securely fitted.
16-Apr-13	Engine oil leak.
16-Apr-13	Engine oil leak. 2 x support poles loose. Interior - Anti graffiti film on interior Emergency Exit to be trimmed. Emergency Exit hammer
16-Apr-13	Diesel fuel leak. Rear seat to be secured. Rear courtesy glass to be secured.
16-Apr-13	Engine oil leak. 2nd r/h support pole loose. Windscreen washer to operate.
16-Apr-13	L/h front park light to operate. Front & rear l & r brake stroke in excess of manufacturers

- standard. Under Tow sign cannot be mounted on stone guard. Ringfeder locking pin missing.
- 17-Apr-13 Rear Emergency Exit pull rings insufficient. Rear exterior Emergency Exit signage 63mm rather than 75mm. School Bus signage covers
- 17-Apr-13 Checked 16 Apr 2013. Repeat inspection. Previous faults yet to be actioned. Additional fault - engine oil leak.
- 17-Apr-13 Engine oil leak. Rear seats 3, 4, 5 loose. Rear Emergency Exit signage unreadable - repaired on site. Exhaust fumes entering bus.
- 17-Apr-13 L/h headlight reflector corrosion. 2 x support poles loose. Tag Off bracket loose. Faults repaired on site.
- 17-Apr-13 Emergency Exit r/h front has been changed to r/h 3rd window. Original signage to be removed. 2nd r/h support pole loose. Interior rear
- 17-Apr-13 R/h 7th seat loose. Inspected on site - movement in floor.
- 17-Apr-13 Rear Emergency Exit pull rings insufficient - repaired on site. Notes: Minor engine oil leak. Rear seat 2nd left loose
- 6-May-13 R/h 7 seat loose on outer mount. Notes: Grab rail between r/h seats 2 & 3 loose. Rear emergency exit has 2 piece filler strip - only
- 6-May-13 Exhaust fumes entering bus. R/h 7, 9, rear 2 seats loose. L/h rear 1, 2 seats broken frame. Rear School bus sign to comply.
- 6-May-13 Exhaust fumes entering bus. School bus signs to comply (front & rear).
- 6-May-13 Rear emergency exit (exterior) pull ring missing. School bus signs to comply (front & rear). Note: Minor engine oil leak.
- 6-May-13 Rear emergency exit single pull ring for 2 piece filler strip (interior & exterior). Note: Minor timing cover oil leak.
- 7-May-13 R/h rear seats 1 & 2 loose. Exterior rear emergency exit pull ring missing - repaired on site.
- 7-May-13 Exterior roof hatch emergency exit sign missing. Repaired on site.
- 7-May-13 Exhaust fumes entering bus. Rear seat (centre) loose - repaired on site. Note: School bus signs to comply.
- 7-May-13 Exhaust fumes entering bus. Engine oil leak. Right rear indicator to operate. R/h 3 seat loose. Note: Check roof hatch exterior signage.
- 7-May-13 Exhaust fumes entering bus. L/h 8 seat broken frame.
- 7-May-13 Exhaust fumes entering bus. Oil leak - hydraulic fan. L/h cab marker light to operate. L/h 8 seat loose. L/h interior front mirror cracked.
- 7-May-13 Exhaust fumes entering bus. 2 x oil leaks - hydraulic fan, oil filter housing. L/h 4 inner seat loose. R/h seats 6, 9 brackets broken. School
- 7-May-13 Exhaust fumes entering bus. Front School bus sign to comply. Engine oil leak (minor).
- 7-May-13 Exhaust fumes entering bus. School bus signs to comply. Rear reflectors too small. R/h 9 seat loose. R/h headlight reflector discolouration.
- 7-May-13 Exhaust fumes entering bus. Rear floor hatch panel insecure (possible exhaust fume entry point). R/h 7 seat loose.
- 7-May-13 Engine oil leak. Front School bus sign to comply. R/h headlight reflector corrosion. Rear floor hatch panels insecure. Note: Check to establish
- 7-May-13 Exhaust fumes entering bus. Severe oil leak.
- 7-May-13 Exhaust fumes entering bus. Repaired on site.
- 9-May-13 R/h aisle seat loose. Wheel chair ramp floor covering damaged. L/h rear reflector broken. R/r marker light missing.
- 9-May-13 L/h & R/h outer headlight lens cracked. Washers to operate. L/h rear reflector missing. Notes: Anti graffiti film to be trimmed to 10mm

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZTA please contact Rob Barton, Manager Transport Officers, by email robert.barton@nzta.govt.nz or by phone (04) 931 8936.

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