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Sent: Wednesday, 29 January 2020 3:57 PM
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Cc: James McDevitt <James.McDevitt@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Marlborough Express State Highway 6 - opportunity to respond

Hi Esther,

There's not a lot more to provide at this stage. Jim is in Milford Sound today but we've discussed the query and response with our local safety team and those working on the speed review programme.

Cheers,

Andy

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Hi Andy,

Thanks for working on this. We have given Rahul a very similar comment recently – I wonder if Jim Harland has anything else to contribute? Have you worked with him on this response? If not I'll chat to him about it.

Thanks,
Esther

From: Andrew Knackstedt [<mailto:Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz>]
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Hi James and Esther,

Hope your day is going well. Apologies for the delay in getting this through, we've had a fairly busy day with the NZ Upgrade Programme announcement.

Here's what I'm looking at going back to Rahul with on SH6. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Cheers,

Andy

Hi **s9(2)**

Minister Genter's office has asked me to get back to you directly on your query below.

Alongside the SH6 speed review for Blenheim to Nelson, the Transport Agency is also investigating other safety improvements such as safety barriers and intersection upgrades and we will make decisions on these in the coming months.

We're reviewing the speed limits on SH6 between Blenheim and Nelson to make sure they are safe and appropriate for the road. In the 10 years between 2009 and 2018, 20 people died and 92 were seriously injured in crashes on State Highway 6 between Blenheim and Nelson. Nineteen of these deaths, and 87 of the serious injuries, were on 100km/h open road sections of SH6. No matter what causes a crash, speed is always a factor in the severity. Put simply, the speed of impact can be the difference between walking away or being carried away from a crash. We're also considering safety improvements such as intersection upgrades and safety barriers but reducing speeds is one change that we can make quickly which will make a difference straight away.

Kind Regards,

Andy K

From: **s9(2)(a)**

Sent: Tuesday, 28 January 2020 9:32 AM

To: Esther Tetlow <Esther.Tetlow@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Marlborough Express State Highway 6 - opportunity to respond

Good morning Esther,

I will have the article published for tomorrow's paper, thank you for getting back to me on time. :)

However I do also have some follow up questions in regards to this:

That's why we're upgrading over 3300 km of our most dangerous roads with rumble strips, crash barriers, and safer intersections. This is one part of our Road to Zero plan – a 10 year comprehensive plan that moves us towards a people-friendly road transport system. Road to Zero includes a new commitment to boost investment in road safety by 25 percent to around \$1 billion per year over the next decade. This means:

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- 1,500 intersection upgrades like roundabouts and raised pedestrian crossings;

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Sorry James – just noticed that Rahul’s deadline for this is Thursday afternoon so we’ll get something through to you tomorrow.

Cheers,

Andy

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Hi James,

I'll follow up with the safety team and see what we can pull together this afternoon.

Cheers,

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Sorry for the double email – I forget to cc esther in the original one

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Hi Andrew,

I'm Minister Genter's Transport Private Secretary for– We've not met - Hi ☺!

Our press advisor has asked me to forward the below request from a journalist to NZTA for a response, and she has asked that she sees the response before you get back to the journo. Cc me on that too please.

I see the timeframe is a bit of a challenge! So let me know if you want to discuss.

Cheers,
James



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Hi James,

Can you please pass this on to NZTA for their comment?
I would like to see their response before they send to the journalist, thanks.

Cheers,
Esther

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- New enforcement technologies for Police, including drug impairment testing equipment."

From my understanding of talking to NZTA and the local communities, none of these things are happening on SH 6 Blenheim to Nelson apart from blanket lowering of the speed to 80kmh, is this correct?

From my reporting on this issue for months people would like these things in Marlborough, instead of the speed limit review, would you like to respond to this? As always I would welcome a phone discussion. I am hoping to include this for Friday's paper so the deadline for that would be Thursday 2pm.

Kind regards,

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