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CHECK SHEET



CUSTOMER	INSPECTING ORGANISATION	DATE
New Zealand Government	Motor Trade Association	20/11/2025

Category	Pass/Fail	Comments
Workplace Training	✓	The return of workplace training to industry is continuing at pace, ready to hit the ground running in 2026 - great news for apprentices and employers.
Education	✓	Props to Erica Stanford for giving trades overdue recognition and value, by creating pathways in schools that put trades on equal footing with white-collar roles.
Immigration	✓	Stanford deserves credit again, this time for settings tweaks which will make it easier for migrants to work and settle here. Good news for short-staffed employers.
Road Safety	✗	Reviews of both the WoF and Driver Licensing were needed. But some of the proposed changes are left field and a surprise to those on the front line. Consultation MUST be more than box-ticking. The priority for both must be safety, safety, safety. Government... watch this space.
Crime	✓	Police Minister Mark Mitchell continues to address offending and numbers are positive. More focus on protecting service stations would be welcome.
Infrastructure	✓	Ambitious roading plan unveiled this month will ease pain points in the network. Good news for drivers, but can we as a country actually afford big ticket items and could money be spent better in education and health?
The Economy	✗	Two years in and promised green shoots are still thin on the ground, buried under unwelcome employment and GDP data. Time to stop blaming previous Govt and deliver that growth we hear so much about.
Overall	✓	The Government vehicle sails smoothly out of the workshop this review, with a brand new sticker on the windscreen. Big gains in education and immigration highlight this inspection and while there's work to be done, there's no doubt that two years in, the Government has made considerable progress in key areas. The WoF and driver licence reviews could yet end in disaster unless industry is listened to and while Government looks good 12 months out from the election, potholes and pitfalls could lie ahead.

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To be reviewed again in six months' time.