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## Rail Safety Issues

### 1. Purpose

To provide answers, from Tranz Rail Limited, to a series of questions raised with them regarding rail safety.

### 2. Background

The Committee had a presentation by Mr Summers of the LTSA at its September 2002 meeting. This led to a series of questions being asked about the TELARC audit of Tranz Metro (letter of 11 October 2002 from LTSA is a response to that question – **attachment 1**). At the November 2002 meeting of the Committee further issues were raised. This resulted in a letter to Tranz Rail seeking further information direct from them (**attachment 2**). Tranz Rail responded to this letter with three letters (**attachments 3, 4 and 5**).

### 3. Comment

The information supplied by Tranz Rail Limited covers the questions raised in my 22 November 2002 letter. Committee members may wish to ask further questions of Tranz Rail representatives at the meeting.

### 4. Communications

Rail safety is of ongoing public concern. The media has maintained an interest in these issues and they are being regularly reported.

### 5. Recommendation

*That the report be received.*

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**Attachments:**

1. Letter to GW from LTSA dated 11 October 2002
2. Letter to Tranz Rail from GW dated 22 November 2002
3. Letter to GW from Tranz Rail dated 29 November 2002
4. Letter to GW from Tranz Rail dated 20 December 2002
5. Letter to GW from Tranz Rail dated 17 January 2003