INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency: Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Funded in national budget: Yes

National road safety strategy: Yes

Measurable targets: Yes

Funded: Yes

NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Speed limits set nationally: No (subnationally)

Local authorities can set lower limits: n/a

Maximum limit urban roads: n/a

Enforcement\(^a\): n/a

Drink-driving law: No (subnational)

BAC limit – general population: 0.05 g/dl\(^a\)

BAC limit – young or novice drivers: 0.0–0.02 g/dl\(^a\)

Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints: n/a

Road traffic deaths involving alcohol: 30\(^a\)

Enforcement\(^a\): n/a

Motorcycle helmet law: No (subnational)

 Applies to all riders: Yes\(^a\)

Helmet standards mandated: Yes\(^a\)

Helmet wearing rate: 97\(^a\) Front, 92\(^a\) Rear

Enforcement\(^a\): n/a

Seat-belt law: No (subnational)

 Applies to all occupants: Yes\(^a\)

Seat-belt wearing rate: 97\(^a\) Front, 92\(^a\) Rear

Enforcement\(^a\): n/a

Child restraints law: No (subnational)

Enforcement\(^a\): n/a

\(^a\) Enforcement score represents consensus based on professional opinion of respondents, on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is not effective and 10 is highly effective.

\(^b\) No national law, but all states and territories have a consistent BAC limit of 0.05 for general population.

\(^c\) For young provisional drivers, all states and territories have a zero BAC requirement, with exception of one territory with a BAC limit of 0.02 g/dl.

\(^d\) 1999–2003, Transport data.

\(^e\) No national law, but all states and territories require motorcycle helmets for all riders and compliance with a helmet standard.

\(^f\) No national law, but all states and territories require the use of seat-belts by all vehicle occupants.

\(^g\) 2008, Transport data, national survey.

VEHICLE STANDARDS

Car manufacturers required to adhere to standards on:

Fuel consumption: No

Seat-belt installation for all seats: Yes

ROAD SAFETY AUDITS

Formal audits required for major new road construction projects: Yes

Regular audits of existing road infrastructure: Yes

PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT

National policies to promote walking or cycling: Yes

National policies to promote public transportation: Yes

POST-CRASH CARE

Formal, publicly available pre-hospital care system: Yes

National universal access number: Yes

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2007)

1 616\(^i\) (73\% males, 27\% females)


31 204\(^i\)

Costing study available

Yes (deaths and injuries)

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Drivers (65\%) - 1 616

Cyclists (3\%) - 31

Peds (13\%) - 224

Passengers (21\%) - 659

Minibuses, vans, etc. (seating <20) (15\%) - 49

Riders motorized 2- or 3-wheelers (15\%) - 29

Buses (7\%) - 21

Other (1\%) - 1

\(^i\) Transport data, defined as died within 30 days of the crash.

\(^j\) Health and Transport data, hospitalized cases only.

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS


REGISTERED VEHICLES

14 774 921 total (2007)

Motorcars 78\%

Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers 4\%

Minibuses, vans, etc. (seating <20) 15\%

Trucks 3\%

Buses <1\%

\(^i\) Data cleared by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

\(^j\) Data not cleared by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

\(^k\) Data not available.

\(^l\) Data not required/not applicable.

\(^m\) Questionnaire completed by National Data Coordinator (no consensus meeting).

\(^n\) Population: 20 743 179

\(^o\) Income group: High

\(^p\) Gross national income per capita: $35 960