











## **BACKPOCKET Questions and Answers**

**Has there been an increase in the number of contaminated properties? If so, why?**

Yes, 101 Housing New Zealand properties were found to be contaminated with methamphetamine in 2014 compared with just 8 in 2013.

The increase in detections is the result of Housing New Zealand improving its processes for detecting methamphetamine in its properties, through better information sharing with the Police, a more proactive approach toward testing, and staff becoming more experienced in identifying methamphetamine use.

### **Methamphetamine detections in Housing New Zealand properties in 2013**

<b>Territorial Local Authority</b>	<b>Detections</b>
Auckland City	3
Gisborne District	1
Lower Hutt District	2
Ruapehu District	1
Whakatane District	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

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