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Email

From: Megan McKay  
 To: Rachel Kelly  
 Subject: RE: NZ First: Sick Tenants Trapped in P Contaminated State Houses

Sent: 15/04/2016 2:08:58 PM



Message

Did they provide us with a copy of the test results.

-----Original Message-----

From: Rachel Kelly [mailto:rachel.kelly@hnzc.co.nz]  
 Sent: Friday, 15 April 2016 1:42 p.m.  
 To: Megan McKay  
 Subject: FW: NZ First: Sick Tenants Trapped in P Contaminated State Houses

Hi Megan

An update on this case:

The tenancy manager spoke to s9(2) this morning and offered her a motel for the weekend.

s9(2) declined the offer.

She did indicate that she wants a transfer long term to be near her daughter who may be returning from Australia.

NB She is aware of the NZ First report results

It is our plan to test her tenancy on Monday as planned and determine the true situation.

Thanks

Rach

-----Original Message-----

From: Rachel Kelly  
 Sent: Thursday, 14 April 2016 6:37 p.m.  
 To: 'Megan McKay (megan.mckay@parliament.govt.nz)'  
 Subject: FW: NZ First: Sick Tenants Trapped in P Contaminated State Houses

FYI - sorry hit send before cc you in too.

-----Original Message-----

From: Rachel Kelly  
 Sent: Thursday, 14 April 2016 6:36 p.m.  
 To: EXT Matt Burgess; Sharon Girvan  
 Cc: 'Cameron Burrows'; 'Nicola Grigg'; 'Clark Hennessy'  
 Subject: RE: NZ First: Sick Tenants Trapped in P Contaminated State Houses

Hi Matt

1. HNZ has no record of receiving any medical certificate in June (or ever), regarding s9(2)(a) health concerns until we received an email from her daughter on 5 April and a media query from Maori TV on 6 April.

On 6 April we provided the following response to a media query from Maori TV:

The journalist supplied a privacy waiver from the tenant so the response below has been sent:

Please attribute to Stephen Wilson, Area Manager:

The tenant has never raised any concerns with us or requested that the property is tested for methamphetamine. We were also never supplied with a copy of the letter from the tenant's doctor. Yesterday, the tenant's daughter contacted us and let us know about her mother's concerns and we let her know that we would look into it immediately. Following that contact we have arranged testing and this is due to take place next week.

The query from Maori TV on 6 April was:

I've met a HNZ tenant today who claims that HNZ has not responded to her request to have her house tested for P (methamphetamine).

Her name is s9(2)(a) and she lives at s9(2)(a)

She claims that she had been complaining of rashes and respiratory problems, and had a medical letter from her Dr asking HNZ to test the house for P. That letter was written on 30th June 2015. s9(2) says she went into her local HNZ a few days later where they took a copy and put it on file.

Since then, nothing has been done.

2. There was a recent PQ answered by Min Bennett (from Darroch Ball) that asked for all reports received by Minister's relating to Meth. This is likely to what he might be implying here. Today we received an OIA request from NZ First for copies of these report's

Attached is a copy of the PQ that might help to provide context.

For the OIA request we got today they have asked for copies of the following reports:

Methamphetamine sensors in state houses - 9 July 2009

2012 Housing New Zealand Corporation response to the manufacture of methamphetamine in state rental properties - 29 August

State rentals found to be contaminated with methamphetamine - 6 September 2012

Methamphetamine contaminated vacant properties - 17 September 2015

I'm happy to discuss further if you need.

Thanks

Rach

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From: Matt Burgess [mailto:Matt.Burgess@parliament.govt.nz]  
Sent: Thursday, 14 April 2016 6:16 p.m.  
To: Sharon Girvan  
Cc: Rachel Kelly; Cameron Burrows; Nicola Grigg; Clark Hennessy  
Subject: RE: NZ First: Sick Tenants Trapped in P Contaminated State Houses

I'm sorry, how does this address the two questions in my previous message?

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Girvan [mailto:Sharon.Girvan@hnzc.co.nz]  
Sent: Thursday, 14 April 2016 6:11 p.m.  
To: Matt Burgess <Matt.Burgess@parliament.govt.nz>  
Cc: Rachel Kelly <rachel.kelly@hnzc.co.nz>; Cameron Burrows <Cameron.Burrows@parliament.govt.nz>; Nicola Grigg <Nicola.Grigg@parliament.govt.nz>; Clark Hennessy <Clark.Hennessy@parliament.govt.nz>  
Subject: RE: NZ First: Sick Tenants Trapped in P Contaminated State Houses

This went to reporter at 4pm:

From: Justine Banfield  
Sent: Thursday, 14 April 2016 4:00 p.m.  
To: 'Ripeka Timutimu'  
Subject:

Kia ora Ripeka, we understand that the contractor who took the test (as directed by NZ First) only took 30 minutes? We do not believe that this would allow for a comprehensive test - we allow for approximately 2 hours when we test in order to ensure that the test is as thorough and comprehensive as possible.

Also, it is common for some properties to be contaminated but be BELOW the Ministry of Health (MoH) guidelines -if so, they are considered safe to live in. If our testing shows that the levels of contamination are ABOVE MoH levels we would immediately take steps to decontaminate the property.

Please attribute the comments below to Paul Commons Chief Operating Officer:

"The day we were notified by s9(2)(a) about her concerns we acted promptly. On that same day, we spoke with s9(2)(a) daughter, directly reassuring her that we had booked in a methamphetamine test to be conducted the following week. Ms s9(2)(a) has confirmed to us her daughter did advise her of the test last week. That is going ahead on Monday 18 April.

"Our Tenancy Manager has kept in touch with s9(2)(a). We will continue to work, support and talk with her as we progress through the methamphetamine testing and (if required) decontamination process.

"The health and wellbeing of our tenants is a key priority for us at Housing New Zealand. That is why we take a comprehensive approach towards testing for methamphetamine, which may take up to two-hours to complete the process.

"Once we have the results back from our contractor, we will let s9(2)(a) know and support her through any next steps that we may need to make. In the meantime, our team will continue to work with s9(2)(a)."

-----Original Message-----

From: Matt Burgess [mailto:Matt.Burgess@parliament.govt.nz]  
Sent: Thursday, 14 April 2016 6:10 p.m.  
To: Sharon Girvan  
Cc: Rachel Kelly; Cameron Burrows; Nicola Grigg; Clark Hennessy  
Subject: RE: NZ First: Sick Tenants Trapped in P Contaminated State Houses

Thank you. What is HNZN's response to the following claims in the NZ First statement?

- > The tenant has been trapped there despite taking a medical certificate
- > showing poor health from methamphetamine poisoning to Housing NZ in
- > June last year
- > Bill English has failed to address contamination even though information was available to the government from 2009.

Matt

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Girvan [mailto:Sharon.Girvan@hnzc.co.nz]  
Sent: Thursday, 14 April 2016 6:05 p.m.  
To: Matt Burgess <Matt.Burgess@parliament.govt.nz>  
Cc: Rachel Kelly <rachel.kelly@hnzc.co.nz>  
Subject: RE: NZ First: Sick Tenants Trapped in P Contaminated State Houses

Hi Matt  
We were already across this as a result of a media enquiry.

Response has also gone to Minister Bennetts office.

## Background:

Stephen Wilson has advised that Darroch Ball ( NZ First List MP) and his Researcher visited the Hutt Valley office this morning.

His researcher, Lisa Close, came into the office with an "Authorisation to Release Personal Information " (on parliamentary letterhead) relating to s9(2)(a) our tenant in Petone.

Darroch remained on the street because he said he needed written permission from Hon Bill English to enter our office.

Lisa was provided with the file to view, she acknowledged that there wasn't anything of significance on the file.

We supplied s9(2) file to Lisa who read it.

She also advised that NZ First had undertaken its own meth test at our property with a company called "P" Property Testing and that the test was positive. The region has asked for a copy of the test.

Stephen advised that we had commissioned a test on 7 April, which is currently with the testers to arrange and a report is due to us by 28 April.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Sharon

Sharon Girvan

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From: Matt Burgess [mailto:Matt.Burgess@parliament.govt.nz]

Sent: Thursday, 14 April 2016 5:22 p.m.

To: Sharon Girvan

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Hi Sharon, as discussed. Matt

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Sick Tenants Trapped in P Contaminated State Houses<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA1604/S00259.htm?source=email>

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Darroch Ball MP

Spokesperson for Social Development

14 APRIL 2016

Sick Tenants Trapped in P Contaminated State Houses

After 10 months Housing NZ has finally accepted there is a P contamination problem at a block of flats in Petone, Lower Hutt, says New Zealand First.

"The tenant has been trapped there despite taking a medical certificate showing poor health from methamphetamine poisoning to Housing NZ in June last year," say New Zealand First Spokesperson for Social Development Darroch Ball.

"New Zealand First organised a test today. It took just 15 minutes to confirm a positive result for P in the flat. This finally convinced Housing NZ to act, but it is still considering the outcome for tenants.

"This is just one case. Gross mismanagement of the State House P problem has led to a crisis point with epidemic numbers of contaminated properties and innocent tenants suffering ill health.

"The Minister Responsible for Housing New Zealand, Bill English, has failed to address contamination even though information was available to the government from 2009.

"The government acted with too little too late in their 2011 legislation creating a stand-down period for users of P in state houses. The same legislation that Bill English has said is too weak and needs firmer measures," says Mr Ball.

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