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From: Megan McKay [mailto:Megan.McKay@parliament.govt.nz];

Sent: 19/04/2016 9:33:21 AM

To: GRU Jobs [mailto:Out of scope@hnzc.co.nz];

Subject: FW: Response from the office of Hon Paula Bennett

FYI

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From: Megan McKay

Sent: Tuesday, 19 April 2016 9:33 a.m.

To: s9(2)(a)

Subject: Response from the office of Hon Paula Bennett

Dear Mr s9(2)(a)

On behalf of Hon Paula Bennett, Minister for Social Housing, thank you for your below email regarding Housing New Zealand homes contaminated by methamphetamine.

Housing New Zealand has a zero tolerance approach to the use or manufacture of methamphetamine, or any other illegal activity, in its homes. Frontline staff are better trained to look out for contamination, use and manufacturing. Once Housing New Zealand becomes aware, it will act quickly to deal with the issue and to end tenancies where it is established that the tenant is responsible for the contamination. Housing New Zealand will also have the tenant suspended from applying for a Housing New Zealand house for the maximum one-year period. Tenants will be able to re-apply for a Housing New Zealand property after this time but Housing New Zealand will monitor the tenancy closely and will create a plan for ongoing monitoring and testing for any contamination.

Testing properties and cleaning contaminated properties is costly and time consuming. Housing New Zealand will seek to retrieve remediation costs through the Tenancy Tribunal. This ensures the financial burden for remediation work does not fall to the taxpayer and Housing New Zealand is being more vigilant than ever around retrieving these costs.

I trust you find this information useful.

Kind regards

Megan

Megan McKay

Private Secretary (Social Housing)

Minister for Social Housing

Room 6.3 Executive Wing, Parliament

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From: s9(2)(a) [mailto:Out of scope@dpmc.govt.nz]

Sent: Tuesday, 12 April 2016 5:15 p.m.

To: CabinetOffice [DPMC]

Subject: Website Contact Form

Submitted on 12 April 2016

Submitted by user:

Submitted values are:

Your Name: s9(2)(a)

Your Phone

Your Email

Comments:

RE the spate of Housing Corp homes contaminated by P users. I think it is laughable that the tenants who abuse the house can re-apply for a house after just 12 months, should be longer.

Also why are they not prosecuted to recover some of the cost of cleaning up a dwelling.

They should be shut out unless they pay at least something, else they get off scott-free Yours s9(2)(a)

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