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From: [Tony Bates](#)
To: [EXT Megan McKay](#)
Subject: Response to Ross Bell (A597630)

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As requested.

From: Megan McKay [mailto:Megan.McKay@parliament.govt.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 16 June 2016 12:07 p.m.
To: GRU Jobs
Cc: Kristen Douglas
Subject: FW: Meth standard

Hi there

I've been asked to get some lines on our standards for meth contamination. I actually just put an OIA together with this information from Ross Bell. It hasn't been released to him yet, but the meth team is happy with the response and we should be able to use general KMs from that. Could you flick me a copy of my draft in Objective?

Do you know if HNZ has provided information to the Minister on the health effects of meth?

Alicia

From: Lucy Bennett
Sent: Thursday, 16 June 2016 11:53 a.m.
To: Timothy Garlick; Megan McKay; Kristen Douglas
Cc: Clodagh O'Connor-McKenna; Belinda Milnes; Clark Hennessy
Subject: Meth standard

Hi,

Can we please get a few lines on HNZ's standards for meth contamination in social housing.

I know there is a fact sheet that they give media but we need something high level and which lines up with Dr Smith's comments

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/politics/news/article.cfm?c_id=280&objectid=11657262

And with these comments

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/industries/81102711/meth-residues-not-the-big-health-worry-as-people-fear-scientist-nick-kim>

I understand the minister has previously asked for and been given information on the health effects on people, particularly the elderly and the young.

Are you able to dig that out from somewhere?

Thanks

Lucy

Lucy Bennett | Press Secretary

Office of Hon Paula Bennett | Minister for Climate Change Issues | Minister for Social Housing | Minister of State Services

Associate Minister of Finance | Associate Minister of Tourism | MP for Upper Harbour

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Ross Bell
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New Zealand Drug Foundation
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Dear Mr Bell

Thank you for your email of 19 May 2016 to Housing New Zealand, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

"...all information held by Housing New Zealand on methamphetamine, including testing of methamphetamine use and manufacture.

This information includes but is not limited to notes of officials' meetings and advice, internal reports and other research, papers to Ministers, and papers or advice from parties outside government."

You refined your request for:

"...search your databases using the word "methamphetamine" rather than the letter "P".

I'm happy also to amend my request to limit the search for methamphetamine-related documents since 2012."

As was noted in our email to you, your request was for a large amount of information, which would require substantial collation. We suggested that you narrow your request, such as requesting specific documents or advice, or information regarding certain topics. Unfortunately, your request remains too large. Therefore I am declining your request under section 18(f) of the Act as *"the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research"*.

However, I gather from your email that you may have concerns regarding the standards Housing New Zealand uses to determine if a property is contaminated with methamphetamine, and what evidence these standards are based on. Housing New Zealand uses the Ministry of Health's "Guidelines for the remediation of clandestine methamphetamine laboratory sites." These establish a currently acceptable level of methamphetamine residue post remediation as 0.5 micro grams per 100sqcm. These guidelines are used widely throughout New Zealand as a de facto standard. You can view these guidelines, which includes how these were developed, through the Ministry of Health's website at www.health.govt.nz/publications.

Although New Zealand does not have formal standards in place for either testing or remediating contaminated properties, inter-departmental work is taking place in this area and it is likely that new standards will be established within the next 18 months.

Chemical contamination caused by methamphetamine use and manufacture is a New Zealand-wide problem. As the country's largest landlord, we have a significant role to play in assessing how to tackle the issues around contamination, and the safety of our tenants, staff, and contractors. Housing New Zealand has a specialised team that is actively looking at these issues, which includes working with other departments to determine the best response to this issue.

If you have any questions, I invite you to contact XXX, on XXXXX.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to decline your request.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Kelly
Manager Government Relations

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