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Hi, thanks for that.
Would have been useful to get it before the bridge run.
Thanks
Lucy

Lucy Bennett | Press Secretary

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From: Justine Banfield [mailto:Justine.Banfield@hnzc.co.nz]
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FYI

From: Justine Banfield
Sent: Tuesday, 28 June 2016 2:10 p.m.
To: 'Tom McRae'
Subject: RE: NEWSHUB

Hi Tom, we don't have anyone available for an interview.
If you visit our website at www.hnzc.co.nz you will find the data you require.
I have also attached a tenant information sheet and stakeholder fact sheet with detail re: the process if a property is contaminated.
I must be very clear with you – we most definitely do not use this as an 'excuse' to remove tenants. As you will see from the attached information, if a tenant is guilty of contaminating the property they will be evicted (this is part of our anti-social behaviour policy, which forbids any illegal activity on our properties (including drug use). This is not a new policy and every one of our tenants is aware of it, and associated consequences.)
You can see the average costs in the attached information.
For 2014/15 (financial year), we spent approximately \$2.3 million on testing and remediation. For 2015/16 (as at 30 April 2016) we have spent over \$10 million on testing and remediation. The average cost to test a property is \$2,750, while the average cost for decontamination is \$10,000.
If a property is above Ministry of Health (MoH) guideline levels, we will start the decontamination process.
We would welcome industry conversations around standards for testing and, in fact, one of our staff members is representing Housing New Zealand on a newly established standards committee.
See the attached media release.

Please attribute these comments to a Housing New Zealand spokesperson:

“The use and ‘cooking’ of illicit drugs, particularly methamphetamine (P), is an issue facing societies all around the world.

“As a responsible landlord, Housing New Zealand’s policy is to not knowingly permit tenants to live in a property that registers readings above the MoH level. This supports our commitment to providing a healthy environment for our tenants.

“The social, health and wellbeing, and environmental impacts of ‘P’ are extensive, which is why Housing New Zealand has a zero tolerance approach to drug use and abuse in our homes.

“Contamination from P use is also preventing vulnerable people on the Ministry of Social Development’s social housing register from getting access to a home as cleaning and remediation can take up to three months in serious situations. This is unfair.”

From: Tom McRae [s9(2)(a)]
Sent: Tuesday, 28 June 2016 12:13 p.m.
To: Media Enquiries
Subject: NEWSHUB

Afternoon,

We are doing a story for this tonight's news on meth contamination.

Specifically looking at comments from the Drug Foundation, the National Poisons Centre and Massey University regarding scaremongering in the industry.

It would be great to get someone on camera if possible?

Otherwise can I please get a response to the following?

What's HNZ's response to the calls the industry is scaremongering and HNZ is removing tenants based on this?

Will HNZ look at changing the 0.5 micro-gram guideline after the

How many houses contaminated last year?

How many houses contaminated so far this year?

How much have you spent on decontaminating then last year?

How much have you spent decontaminating them so far this year?

Is HNZ using the excuse of meth to remove tenants from its properties?

Kind regards,
Tom

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