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**Sent:** 29/06/2016 1:13:14 PM

**To:** EXT Nicola Grigg [<mailto:Nicola.Grigg@parliament.govt.nz>]; Glenn Conway [<mailto:Glenn.Conway@hnzc.co.nz>];

**Subject:** RE: meth standards

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And it's been very interesting seeing all the media, bit annoying about Drug Foundation. I'm sure you saw this but just in case...here's what we sent to News Hub when they approached us about Drug Foundation stuff...

Hi Tom, we don't have anyone available for an interview.

If you visit our website at [www.hnzc.co.nz](http://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."

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From: Nicola Grigg [mailto:Nicola.Grigg@parliament.govt.nz]  
Sent: Wednesday, 29 June 2016 12:45 p.m.  
To: Cassandra Rivers; Glenn Conway  
Subject: RE: meth standards

Totally agree - was just sending as an FYI

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From: Cassandra Rivers [mailto:Cassandra.Rivers@hnzc.co.nz]  
Sent: Wednesday, 29 June 2016 12:35 p.m.  
To: Nicola Grigg ; Glenn Conway  
Subject: RE: meth standards

Hi there - thanks Nicola. I think Glenn's best left to respond to this one - but our position right now is that we need to stick with what the only existing and official MOH standard is that's available - and it is very low...

Not sure if this helps, but I think we need to stand by what exists right now, and obviously we're part of the group that's looking to create a new standard that's more in line with reality.

Cass

From: Nicola Grigg [mailto:Nicola.Grigg@parliament.govt.nz]  
Sent: Wednesday, 29 June 2016 12:10 p.m.  
To: Glenn Conway; Cassandra Rivers  
Subject: FW: meth standards

Just FYI in case you think this needs to be actioned?

From: Lucy Bennett  
Sent: Wednesday, 29 June 2016 11:07 a.m.  
To: Nicola Grigg <Nicola.Grigg@parliament.govt.nz>; Clark Hennessy <Clark.Hennessy@parliament.govt.nz>  
Subject: meth standards

Think HNZ needs to change info on meth limits on its website given what MOF said the other day, when it's been implemented.

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Minister for Social Housing | Minister of State Services Associate Minister  
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