

 Email

From: Nicola Grigg
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Subject: RE: Meth testing

Sent: 11

Hi Kirsty

Thanks for your enquiry - the Minister isn't placed to respond to it though as much of it should be done as meth testing is an operational matter for them to carry out.

Your questions regarding the new guidelines will need to be directed to Standards NZ, which is carrying them. To clarify, there are guidelines already in place.

By way of background, and not for quoting, it may help you to know that Housing NZ uses Ministry of Health guidelines (written by the Ministry of Health six years ago) need to be reviewed. The value for methamphetamine (micrograms/100cm²) is the same as that of Australia and a number of States in the USA.

Housing NZ agrees the guidelines (written by the Ministry of Health six years ago) need to be reviewed to address meth 'cooking' and not use, meaning they are not entirely suitable for the contamination that alone.

In May the NZ Standards Approval Board gave the Standards Committee the go-ahead to develop a standard for testing and remediation of properties contaminated by the manufacture or use of meth. It's hoping to have it available for public comment by October/November.

When the NZ Standard review is complete- the MoH Guidelines will be revised.

Hope that helps - I've copied in Glenn Conway and Cassandra Rivers who manage comms for Housing NZ, and you a quote if you still need one.

Cheers
Nicola

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Hey Nicola,

I hope you are the right person to send these too. I have some questions for Bill English on meth testing

What is his opinion on meth testing and does there need to be meth-testing guidelines implemented?

Who did the government take advice off for meth testing Housing New Zealand houses?

Why were there no guidelines implemented from the beginning of meth testing being introduced?

How was it realised that guidelines were needed to be implemented for meth-testing?

When is meth-testing guidelines expected to be created?

If you could let me know when you get this, that would be great.

Thanks,
Kirsty

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