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The following response will be sent to Katie Bradford at TVNZ very shortly following a query about whether HNZA would consider testing tenants for meth.

Hi Katie, thanks for your query

You can attribute the following statement to Charlie Mitchell, Manager Chemical Contamination, Housing New Zealand:

The question of possibly testing tenants was raised during an internal staff conversation when we were updating staff on the methamphetamine programme.

It was quickly ruled out as an option for various reasons including the costs, practicality and issues surrounding the privacy of tenants.

Each quarter, Housing New Zealand publishes statistics on its website which show the number of vacant properties and the reasons they are vacant.

The most recent statistics, as at June 30, 2016, show there were a total of 64,408 HNZA properties and, of these, 525 were vacant because of meth contamination - that's less than 1% of our properties.

Nationally, the average costs of a P clean-up for Housing New Zealand are:

Initial Test: \$2,750, Decontamination: \$10,000, Retest: \$1,600. This adds up to a minimum of \$14,350.

This information is also available on our website.

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