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 Subject: Re: Going now

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Hi Nicola - I've passed this onto Bryony who's been managing the meth side of things. My understanding is that we will be adopting the new guidelines as an interim standard, but I will need to get Bryony to confirm that with you. Just copying in Rachel and Megan to keep them in the loop.

Cass

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On 27/10/2016, at 5:16 AM, Nicola Grigg <[Nicola.Grigg@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Nicola.Grigg@parliament.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hi guys - FYI this is going at 8am - Mof is very keen to know when the reccs can be adopted as a temp standard. He is very firm that he wants a timeframe. Can you please give me an indication asap?

Thanks!  
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**From:** Lucy Bennett  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 October 2016 6:57:20 p.m.  
**To:** #PressN  
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**Hon Bill English**

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**Minister Responsible for  
 Housing New Zealand  
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**Hon Paula Bennett**

**Minister for Social Housing**

26 October 2016

**Media Statement**

**Ministers welcome meth recommendation**

Ministry of Health recommendations for new methamphetamine contamination standards for residential properties will be good for Housing New Zealand tenants, private renters and homeowners, Ministers Bill English and Paula Bennett say.

A Ministry of Health-funded report provides key recommendations for the country's first national standard for methamphetamine contamination. The report, prepared by ESR, recommends that a different level be used to guide clean-up where meth has been used, compared to the level for houses where the drug has been manufactured. Housing New Zealand (HNZ) is considering the recommendations and assessing the practical steps it can take to implement them as an interim guideline until a new standard is developed next year.

Housing Ministers are keen for HNZ to implement an interim guideline as soon as practicably possible to get houses that have been assessed as contaminated under the current guideline back into circulation.

"I would expect that this recommendation, if adopted by HNZ, will see fewer houses contaminated to unacceptable levels and will save taxpayers millions of dollars in remediation costs," Minister Responsible for Housing New Zealand Bill English says.

Social Housing Minister Paula Bennett says hundreds of HNZ and private rentals are taken out of the market because of meth contamination and the interim guideline could make some of those homes available for people in need faster and with less need for repairs.

"I welcome these recommendations as a positive step in returning to use valuable housing stock which may be vacant unnecessarily," Minister Bennett says.

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