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From: Rachel Kelly
To: EXT Michael Quinn
Subject: RE: Follow up to meeting between Minister Ngaro and Health officials

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Message

Have checked and no date has been scheduled yet with the approvals Board – but likely to be the end of the month. s9(2)(a)

Thanks
 Rach

From: Mike Quinn [mailto:Mike.Quinn@parliament.govt.nz]
Sent: Monday, 12 June 2017 7:50 a.m.
To: Rachel Kelly
Subject: FW: Follow up to meeting between Minister Ngaro and Health officials

Further to his, if you could find out when the Committee is expected to meet to confirm the standard that would be useful for the Minister.

From: Mike Quinn
Sent: Friday, 9 June 2017 2:09 p.m.
To: Rachel Kelly
Subject: FW: Follow up to meeting between Minister Ngaro and Health officials

Info below from Jacqui Dean's office:

The balloting period for the standard closed on 24 May. The outcome was as follows:

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| • Number of committee members | 21 |
| • Number of votes received | 17 |
| • Number of 'agree' votes | 6 |
| • Number of 'agree with comments' votes | 6 |
| • Number of 'disagree' votes | 5 |

Comparing ballot results with criteria for deciding whether consensus has been reached:

- 21 people are eligible to vote and 12 have voted affirmatively = 57% (threshold required = 67%)
- 17 votes have been received and 12 have voted affirmatively = 70.5% (threshold required = 80%)

Therefore, Standards NZ currently does not have sufficient support from the committee to progress the draft to the next stage (submission of standard to the Standards Approval Board for approval to publish), even if the 4 members who have not voted submit positive votes. The Board is required by the Standards and Accreditation Act to have regard to consensus when making a decision on the standard. Standards NZ is currently chasing up those who have not put in their votes.

Standards NZ has reviewed the reasons for the negative votes and is optimistic at this stage that these can be addressed in the draft standard. The issues that the negative ballots relate to include technical matters to do with details of sampling and test methods, points of clarification around accreditation of operators

and whether the limits in the standard apply on a room by room basis or to the property as a whole, and a number of editorial changes.

However, given the negative ballots, Standards NZ will need to work on presenting a second draft of the standard for a second round of balloting by committee members. They are aiming to have the second round of balloting commence on Monday 29 May, with committee members being asked to vote by Tuesday 6 June (Monday 5 June is Queen's Birthday).

Should all votes be positive in the second round of balloting, Standards NZ will convene an out-of-session Standards Approval Board meeting to consider the approval of the standard in the week of 12 June. In the meantime they will prepare the final standard for publication.

If the above timeframe runs to plan, Standards NZ is anticipating publication in the week of 19 June. However, there are some risks in the process – e.g. if they still receive some negative votes from the second round of balloting.

Standards NZ will be able to be more certain about the specific date in the coming weeks and will keep the office fully informed.

They are also intending to send through their communications plan for the publication of the standard early next week to your office. Given the interest of other Ministers, they propose that Minister Dean's office acts as the point of coordination with other Ministers' offices.

Yesterday Standards New Zealand advised:

The second round of balloting on the draft methamphetamine testing and remediation standard closed on 6 June 2017. The ballot results meet the requirement for consensus (i.e. 67% of all committee members voted positively, and of those who voted, 80% voted positively). However three of the ballots received were negative. We are working to resolve the reasons provided for the negative ballots with the committee members concerned; however it is possible that these will not be able to be resolved. We are still aiming to propose the standard for approval by the Standards Approval Board and publication in June.

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