



Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga
Ministry of Housing and Urban Development

Weekly Report

Friday, 1 March 2024

Decisions sought this week

PROVIDING GOING FOR HOUSING GROWTH ADVICE TO PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY SIMON COURT MP		
DECISION SOUGHT		DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">On 22 February 2024, HUD met with Simon Court and discussed the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act (IFF Act), the Going for Housing Growth work programme, and Simon Court's intentions for Phase Three of Resource Management Reforms.Simon Court asked for further information from HUD on the IFF Act, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">why there have only been two transactionswhat targeted changes are being considered, andcost benchmarks for infrastructure financing schemes comparable to the IFF Act in other jurisdictions.Simon Court also asked to be included in future advice on Going for Housing Growth. <p>HUD is seeking the following decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">agree HUD provides information requested by Simon Court on the IFF Act (and copy in Minister Bishop's office as Minister of Housing), in this instance and in future; andagree any future HUD advice on infrastructure or Going for Housing Growth that is relevant to Simon Court's infrastructure portfolio responsibilities should be copied to Simon Court at the same time it is sent to Minister Bishop.		4/03/24
OTHER AGENCIES CONSULTED		
No other agencies consulted.		
CONTACT PERSON		
Pip Fox	Deputy Chief Executive, Intelligence and System Direction	s 9(2)(a)

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister of Housing
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Updates this week

REPORT ON JOINT AGENCY BOARDING HOUSE INSPECTIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Following the Loafers Lodge fire in Wellington on 16 May 2023, Operation Magazine, a national inspection programme of 37 buildings across nine council areas with a similar profile to Loafers Lodge, was implemented. This Operation sought to identify and address any immediate fire safety concerns and checked compliance with the Residential Tenancies Act 1986 and the Building Act 2004 in relation to fire safety and tenancy law obligations.Inspections began in late August 2023 and concluded late October 2023, and were led by staff from the Ministry of Building, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) Tenancy Compliance and Investigations Team (TCIT) and Building System Delivery and Assurance (BDSA) Teams. TCIT and BDSA were supported by fire engineers in MBIE's Building Performance Team, Fire and Emergency New Zealand, and the relevant councils where buildings were being inspected.A report on Operation Magazine was sent by MBIE to the Minister for Building and Construction on 27 February 2024, with a recommendation that the office forward it to the Minister of Housing by 7 March 2024.The report does not make any specific recommendations relating to the tenancy law compliance findings. However, the findings highlight the difficulty in identifying boarding houses and the challenge this creates for monitoring compliance with requirements across legislation.		
NEXT STEPS		DUE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">If you wish, HUD can brief the Minister of Housing on the findings in the report and provide advice on a potential response.		N/A
CONTACT PERSON		
Anne Shaw	Deputy Chief Executive, Solutions Design and Implementation	s 9(2)(a)

COUNCIL PLAN CHANGE DEVELOPMENTS

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

- Western Bay of Plenty District Council is required to notify decisions on the recommendations of its independent hearings panel (IHP) by 1 March 2024.
- The Council debated the recommendations on 22 February 2024 and opted to defer decision making pending further legal advice on options to reject the IHP recommendations.
- At this stage the council is not planning to hold an extraordinary meeting and does not intend to revisit this until a meeting on 4 April 2024; as such it will miss the legal deadline. The Minister of Housing received an aide memoire on 23 February 2024 from MfE (in consultation with HUD) which outlines some of the functions and powers under the Resource Management Act.

Waipā District Council

- Waipā District Council voted on 27 February 2024 to write to Ministers with Hamilton City Council to request extensions of time to complete their current plan change which implement the NPS-UD and MDRS. Waipā Council is continuing to work towards the current deadline of 31 March 2024, in case the extension is not granted.
- Waikato District Council may also request an extension if it does not receive its IHP's recommendation in time to meet its deadline of 31 March 2024.

NEXT STEPS

DUE

- If you wish, HUD can brief the Minister of Housing about options for engaging with the Mayor of Western Bay of Plenty around its legal obligation to notify its decision.
- MfE (in consultation with HUD) will provide advice to the Minister of Housing on:
 - any extension requests made. The Minister will be asked to deny or approve these extension requests.
 - any IHP recommendations councils reject. The Minister will be asked to decide which recommendations to approve.

4/3/2024

Ongoing

CONTACT PERSON

Anne Shaw

Deputy Chief Executive, Solutions
Design and Implementation

s 9(2)(a)

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AND FINANCING ACT 2020		
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
NEXT STEPS		DUE
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		21/03/2024
CONTACT PERSON		
Anne Shaw	Deputy Chief Executive, Solutions Design and Implementation	s 9(2)(a)

WAI 2750 HOUSING POLICY AND SERVICE INQUIRY UPDATE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In early February 2024, HUD briefed the Minister of Housing on the Crown's approach to the December 2023 Waitangi Tribunal (the Tribunal) memorandum-directions for the Wai 2750 Housing Policy and Service Inquiry (HUD2024-003629 refers). • HUD filed a memorandum in response seeking a teleconference with the Tribunal to clarify the approach and timing of the statement of response on 13 February 2024. • On 21 February 2024, the Tribunal issued a memorandum-directions declining to hold a teleconference and instead requesting that the Crown indicate a timeframe for when it will be able to file a list of proposed inquiry issues. • HUD advised the Tribunal it will file a list of proposed inquiry issues by 5 April 2024. Claimant counsel will then have an opportunity to respond on the proposed inquiry issues. • Meanwhile, HUD will continue to analyse the statements of claim (currently 183, with more to be filed) and will provide the Minister of Housing with a high-level analysis of key issues in these claims by late May 2024. 		
NEXT STEPS		DUE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 5 April 2024 the Crown will file a memorandum with the Tribunal outlining a list of proposed inquiry issues for claimant counsel feedback. 		05/04/2024
CONTACT PERSON		
Trina Dyll	General Manager – Te Hononga, Te Kāhui - Māori Housing	s 9(2)(a)

Cabinet papers

Led by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

TITLE	HUD REFERENCE	MINISTER(S)	COMMITTEE	TIMING	CONTACT PERSON
Initial steps to end the large-scale use of Emergency Housing	HUD2024-003806	Hon Chris Bishop Hon Louise Upston Hon Tama Potaka	Cabinet 4 March 2024	Joint paper with the Ministry of Social Development Final paper lodged 29 February 2024	Jeremy Steele General Manager, Policy and Legislation Design
Residential Tenancies Act 1986 amendments: Termination of Tenancy and Other Provisions	HUD2024-003573	Hon Chris Bishop	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO) 6 March 2024	Final paper lodged 29 February 2024	Claire Leadbetter Manager, Tenancy and Tenures
Residential Tenancies Act 1986 amendments: pet bonds and other pet related matters	HUD2023-003618	Hon Chris Bishop	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO) 6 March 2024	Final paper lodged 29 February 2024	Claire Leadbetter Manager, Tenancy and Tenures
Proposed regulations to support the commencement of the Unit Titles (Strengthening Body Corporate Governance and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2022	HUD2024-003572	Hon Chris Bishop	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO) 6 March 2024	Final paper lodged 29 February 2024	Claire Leadbetter Manager, Tenancy and Tenures

TITLE	HUD REFERENCE	MINISTER(S)	COMMITTEE	TIMING	CONTACT PERSON
Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities Interim Letter of Expectations for 2024/25	HUD2024-003863	Hon Chris Bishop	Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee (SOU) 6 March 2024	Final paper lodged 29 February 2024	Brad Ward Deputy Chief Executive, Organisational Performance

Briefings, aides-mémoire, reports due in the next two weeks

Week of 4-8 March 2024

TITLE	REFERENCE	MINISTER(S)	CONTACT PERSON
Aide-memoire: Attendance at Wellington Homeless Women's Trust Gala Dinner Wednesday 6 March	HUD2024-003710	Hon Chris Bishop	William Barris General Manager, Partnerships and Performance
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
Aide-memoire: Cabinet paper supporting material: Unit titles regulations	HUD2024-003844	Hon Chris Bishop	Claire Leadbetter Manager, Tenancy and Tenures
Aide-memoire: Meeting with Dale Smith Thursday 7 March 2024	HUD2024-003798	Hon Chris Bishop	Hilary Joy General Manager, System Policy
Aide-memoire: Talking points for Cabinet Committee item Kāinga Ora Letter of Expectations	HUD2024-003901	Hon Chris Bishop	Carla Wellington Manager, Crown Entity Monitoring and Appointments
Briefing: Infrastructure funding settings - initial advice	HUD2024-003640	Hon Chris Bishop Hon Simeon Brown	Hilary Joy General Manager, System Policy
Aide-memoire: Meeting with Te Runanganui o Te Ati Awa 7 March 2024	HUD2024-003869	Hon Tama Potaka	Trina Dyll General Manager, Te hononga

TITLE	REFERENCE	MINISTER(S)	CONTACT PERSON
Aide-memoire: Event: Property Council Residential Development Summit 21 March 2024	HUD2024-003704	Hon Chris Bishop	Laura Miller Manager, Planning and Infrastructure Team 1
Briefing: Tāmaki Regeneration Company Letter of Expectations for 2024-25	HUD2024-003768	Hon Nicola Willis, Hon Chris Bishop	Carla Wellington Manager, Crown Entity Monitoring and Appointments
Briefing: Meeting with Mike Friday, Colin McElwain, Sam Faisandier and John Ross 8 March 2024	HUD2024-003871	Hon Chris Bishop	Hilary Joy General Manager, System Policy

Week of 11-15 March 2024

No advice – Hon Chris Bishop travelling

Official Information Act requests

Ministerial requests

REFERENCE	REQUESTOR	TYPE	REQUEST SUMMARY	MINISTER(S)	DUE TO MO
OIA24-CB031	T Murray	Opposition	Copies of two documents received	Hon Chris Bishop	11/03/2024
OIA24-CB036	s 9(2)(a)	Public	MDRS correspondence	Hon Chris Bishop	13/03/2024

Departmental requests

REFERENCE	REQUESTOR	TYPE	REQUEST SUMMARY	MINISTER(S)	TO MO FOR	RESPONSE DUE
HUD2024-003665	s 9(2)(a)	Public	Advice on amendments to RTA	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	29/02/2024
HUD2024-003662	Stacey Rangitonga	Media	Documents on Hamilton housing issues	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	8/03/2024
HUD2024-003709	s 9(2)(a)	Public	TH contracts Canterbury	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	8/03/2024
HUD2024-003802	Matt Swann	Opposition	Overseas Investment Act advice and correspondence	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	14/03/2024
HUD2024-003497	Mitch Keast	Opposition	Kāinga Ora Review	Hon Chris Bishop	Consult	15/03/2024
HUD2024-003823	s 9(2)(a)	Public	Further questions relating to 6 Teitei Drive, Ohakune	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	18/03/2024
HUD2024-003845	s 9(2)(a)	Public	List of current contracts and pending tenders, Ruapehu & Taumarunui Areas	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	19/03/2024

REFERENCE	REQUESTOR	TYPE	REQUEST SUMMARY	MINISTER(S)	TO MO FOR	RESPONSE DUE
HUD2024-003847	s 9(2)(a)	Public	Carbon Neutral NZ Trust, Waiheke residential buildings meeting the HHS	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	19/03/2024
HUD2024-003849	s 9(2)(a)	Public	Cost of Kāinga Ora Review	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	19/03/2024
HUD2024-003874	s 9(2)(a)	Public	Kāinga Ora Review meetings	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	20/03/2024
HUD2024-003885	s 9(2)(a)	Public	Correspondence between MSD & HUD	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	22/03/2024
HUD2024-003907	s 9(2)(a)	Public	Staff redundancies	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	26/03/2024

Proactive releases and publications

REFERENCE	RELEASE SUMMARY	TYPE	MINISTER(S)	DUE TO MO	PUBLICATION DATE
HUD2024-003781	Proposed regulations to support the commencement of the Unit Titles (Strengthening Body Corporate Governance and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2022	Cabinet paper	Hon Chris Bishop	13/03/2024	20/03/2024