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As 2018 draws to a close all of us at Community Housing Aotearoa wish you a safe and happy holiday season. We are privileged to work with the many and varied people and organisations that make up our membership. Your dedication to seeing better outcomes for the whānau you serve keeps the pressure on us to help deliver the information, resources and policy settings required for success.

We are keenly aware that we are one step removed from the coal face you work at every day. We hope that our efforts are helping to make that work a bit easier and welcome your thoughts on how to best accomplish that.

Wherever and how ever you celebrate this holiday season, we hope that it is filled with family, friends, laughter and love.

Our office closes on Friday, 21 December 2018 and re-opens on Monday, 7 January 2019.

HUD update

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development delivered a couple of presents this Wednesday in the form of contract updates responding to provider feedback.

The first change will make the Indemnity in the Relationship Agreement fault-based ([see Contract Framework Update #1](#)).

The second change involves agreement on a consistent compensation regime that would apply if the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development was ever to exercise its termination on notice right under a Capacity, or New Supply Development Funding and Capacity, Service Agreement ([see Contract Framework Update #2](#)).

In the announcement of the updates, Jo Murray, National Manager - Commercial, commented, "We appreciate that the process required to assess fair and reasonable compensation in a particular case is complex, so the Contract Framework had initially left the

compensation mechanism open for discussion between the parties when signing up to a deal. However, since publication, Providers have indicated that this has created uncertainty and concern within the sector about consistency and equality."

"In response to these concerns, we have worked with analysts, lawyers and some sector participants to produce and test a compensation regime. We are confident that where we have landed is fair and reasonable, and most importantly, also simple to apply."

"Both of these changes will be reflected in all Contract Framework agreements signed from 13 December 2018. Any Provider who has signed any earlier form of the Contract Framework, will be provided with a Variation to incorporate these changes."

Community Housing Aotearoa welcomes these updates as an example of the relationship approach adopted within the new contracting framework. This is an evolving environment and no one can foresee all the commercial structures that may come forward. However, we are hopeful that this framework is adaptable enough to accommodate change while also ensuring consistency and transparency to all participants.

We appreciate the efforts of the HUD team including Jo Murray, Andrew Barker, Anna Garland and Will Barris in responding to the issues raised.

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The Shift Aotearoa 2019 - Housing insights to transform communities: 5-7 June 2019, Wellington

This conference will be co-Presented by Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) and the Building Better Homes, Towns and Cities National Science Challenge (BBHTC).

Save the date and more information will be through in the New Year.



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