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Dear Colleagues

MSD Purchasing Intentions Released

The Ministry of Social Development released today its Social Housing Purchasing Intentions. The document and factsheet can be found on CHA's website [here](#). The purpose of the document is to provide "up-to-date information about the social housing market and MSD's purchasing intentions, to support housing providers to make investment decisions".

The release contains four parts:

1. Context and future directions for the social housing market
2. MSD's social housing purchasing intentions
3. How MSD will operate as a purchaser
4. Updates and future releases

While we haven't had the time to review in detail, this represents a step forward in providing information to Community Housing Providers. It also signals the intention to continue providing information and also requests feedback to ensure future reports meet your needs. Please dig into the detail and let us (and MSD) know what you think. You can also find the information on the MSD website [here](#).

CHA/NZCID Joint Work

CHA is partnering with the New Zealand Council for Infrastructure Development to assist our members to identify ways they can work together to deliver new social and affordable housing at scale. On 15 April, with thanks to our gracious host BECA at their Pitt St, Auckland Auditorium, over 100 gathered for a panel discussion with Andrew Wilson (Accessible Properties), Dominic Foote (NZ Housing Foundation), Rohan Bush (Auckland Council), John Abel-Pattinson

(Blackstone Group), and Steve Penney (HRL Morrison). The panel was facilitated by David Holden (Anderson Lloyd). Chris White, Director of Commercial Operations at The Treasury presented and we are grateful for his engagement in the lively conversation. The panel reinforced the key messages that Scott Figenshow and Stephen Selwood delivered around the need for certainty, scale, and confirming that both CHOs and commercial partners are looking for how we can deliver better outcomes for tenants, families and communities.

Partnering for Progress presentation CHA-NZCID available here (PDF 2.4MB)

On 30 March, CHA Director Scott Figenshow and NZCID CEO Stephen Selwood made a joint presentation to officials from MSD, Treasury, MBIE, and DPMC. The presentation covered information on the sector survey CHA completed late last year, findings from the 11 March CHA/NZCID workshop, and the key issues members of both organisations have identified to advance their efforts to deliver social and affordable housing at scale.

30 March 2015 Joint NZCID and CHA Presentation to MBIE-MSD-Treasury available here (PDF 3.2MB)

CORRECTION to Call for input on the Tax Matters Bill

As reported in our last newsletter, CHA is drafting up a sector submission on the Taxation (Annual Rates for 2015-16, Research and Development, and Remedial Matters) Bill 2015. Last week we provided an incorrect link to the bill, which can be found [here](#). We also incorrectly referenced Kiwi Saver and HomeStart provisions which have already passed (guess Easter Holiday took its toll on us). This Bill will, among other provisions, defer the application date for new tax rules applying for de-registered charities for another two years. Steve Thompson from Deloitte is providing expert advice to us regarding the sections we need to comment on. While we had hoped to have that for this newsletter, we have needed more time to understand what positions, and what examples from the sector we should be focusing on.

Please send comments by Monday 27 April to Scott at director@communityhousing.org.nz

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