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By Email

Dear Dr Smith

UPDATE ON REFORM PROGRAMME

When we last met on 30 January with our co-Chair Warren Jack, we understood your position on several key aspects to be as follows:

- No new Social Housing Grant funding in 2014/2015 budget
- Focus on 14 April: Housing Needs Assessment, IRRS Pilot, Regulator -
- HNZC would progress some limited Stock Transfers
- Stock Transfers that come with tenants- the IRRS comes with them- larger pool of funding than just the IRRS pilot
- Prefer action rather than a housing strategy
- Resolution to the income tax issue

It would be very helpful for the sector to understand, in your own words, how you see the next few months- and longer- progressing. Our members want to clearly understand your position.

It raises considerable concern that there is no clear signal on the terms under which Stock Transfers would be achieved. As we expressed in our meeting, without a further Social Housing Grant fund, the message being sent to the sector is finish what is started, but to not plan for any new projects. Is that the intent?

We appreciate your soonest reply so that our members can plan accordingly. Please feel free to contact me at director@communityhousing.org.nz or on 021-061-9664 with any questions.

Kind regards

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