

Workstreams relevant to the Ministerial Committee on Poverty
Department of Building and Housing

Workstream	Description	Portfolio
Social Housing Reform Programme	Improving the delivery and performance of the social housing sector	Housing

The areas outlined in blue below are those that will most significantly contribute to alleviating homelessness arising from poverty.

Broad Programme Objectives

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- continue to improve efficiency of HNZC's financial performance

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HNZC Issues

- better leverage its Balance Sheet and provide an appropriate ongoing dividend to Government
- reconfigure its portfolio to ensure it has houses of the right size, in the right condition, and in the right places, to meet priority housing needs

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- provide more efficient and effective services to applicants and clients through improved systems and processes.

Canterbury earthquake recovery: supporting the rebuild

The Department of Building and Housing will partner with CERA and the Christchurch City Council to contribute to the rebuild. Work with CERA on temporary housing and future housing supply will be a key priority.

Looking at social housing issues for the vulnerable e.g. elderly, low income renters in conjunction with CERA.

Auckland

Key projects to improve housing choices and affordability in Auckland are:

- design and deliver a comprehensive urban development in Tamaki via the new Tamaki Redevelopment Company
- develop land at Weymouth for social and affordable housing purposes
- manage the Crown's exit from the Hobsonville development to focus resources elsewhere

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Housing opportunities for Māori

- reduce barriers to building on Māori land (OAG Report refers)
- identify options to support and develop Māori housing providers including in particular a review of the Kainga Whenua loan criteria (will potentially allow greater access to funding especially by Māori trusts)
- review the Māori Provider and Rural Social Housing Funds performance for the 2011-2012 financial year to inform the criteria for future funding rounds
- engage with Māori on key building and housing issues including building costs, housing supply, resource management constraints and housing quality
- provide a Crown response to the Auditor-General's report on housing on Māori land.

All of the above programmes will contribute to some degree to alleviating the consequences of homelessness arising from poverty either by directly catering for those suffering from homelessness or by freeing up assets that would otherwise be utilised by those "not in greatest need".