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**Subject:** Discussion about Social Housing Cabinet paper on Monday  
**Importance:** High

Hi AC

We understand that the Prime Minister wishes to discuss Dr Smith's Social Housing paper at Cabinet on Monday, and that a decision will then be taken as to whether or not to lodge the paper (and the Housing Affordability paper) for EGI.

The Cabinet paper seeks agreement to introduce legislation on Budget night, which would enable (amongst other things):

- The transfer of housing needs and Income Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) assessment from HNZC to MSD by April 2014, once 'due diligence' has been completed;
- MSD to have the power to collect and match all the information necessary to assess housing need and eligibility for IRRS
- The establishment of a regulator for non-government social housing providers;
- Extension of the IRRS to approved non-government providers;
- Introduction of reviewable tenancies for current HNZC tenants; and

[6]

As we understand it, the primary issue that the PM wants to discuss is the last one –[6]

We also understand that since a draft of the paper was submitted to the Minister's Office by officials, it has been significantly changed. [6]

Finally, the Minister should note that, while funding is being sought for the 'due diligence' of the needs assessment transfer, no funding has yet been sought for the full transition and ongoing operational costs. These will be sought either towards the end of 2013/14 or in Budget 14.

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