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## Context for review

Review of emergency housing funding is part of a broader social housing reform programme that aims to create:

- a fair, efficient and effective social housing market which will better support people in greatest need for the duration of that need

New role for MSD from April 2014:

- needs assessment for people seeking social housing
- purchaser of social housing places.

MSD now taking a lead on emergency housing work.

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## Emergency Housing Funding Review

Funding review commissioned in December 2014 by the Minister for Social Housing as part of a range of initiatives to alleviate pressure on emergency housing that included:

- One-off \$500,000 cash injection for emergency housing providers
- Review of funding for emergency housing:
  - Due to be completed by July 2015

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### Why do we need a review?

- Increasing pressure on emergency housing providers
- Lack of clarity about the funding that goes into the sector (from government and other sources)
- No clear definition of emergency housing

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**The review will aim to:**

- provide clarity about the current funding landscape (i.e. what funding providers receive from which sources and what this funding is used for)
- establish clear objectives and outcomes from government funding in this area
- make recommendations about future funding arrangements in this area to put the sector on a stable footing.

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**We are proposing a two-phase approach to this review:**

- **Phase 1** – an information gathering stage to understand the full picture of emergency housing funding and the issues this raises – by end May
- **Phase 2** – the development of options and recommendations for change to the funding model for emergency housing – by end July.

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### Sector engagement

- How can you be involved?
  - Provider survey - now open at <http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/social-housing/emergency-housing-for-providers.html> until Friday 1 May
- We also have an expert reference group established:
  - Housing Assistance Reform Feedback Group (Includes CHA and housing providers)

## Provider survey

We are using a broad working definition of emergency housing:

- from urgent and very short-term accommodation for people (e.g. night shelters)
- to longer-term accommodation (for weeks or possibly months) that supports people while they transition.

We want to understand more about:

- Emergency housing (how much, length of stay, cost etc)
- Related services providers may offer for people using emergency housing (e.g. wrap around support services)

## We want to understand:

- Do you define emergency housing or have criteria for your service?
- Who is providing emergency housing?
- How do you determine who accesses your emergency housing?
- How do people get referred to you?
- How do you work out your costs (e.g. for bed and board, other services etc)?
- How do you meet these costs?

## Questions?

- Provider survey and terms of reference for the review are online at:

<http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/social-housing/emergency-housing-for-providers.html>

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