

Initiative and Objective	Manager	Status
<p><b>Skills Strategy</b></p> <p>Minister Salesa has established the Ministerial Group on the Construction Workforce to drive a collaboration between Government and industry to drive a rapid and sustainable shift to meet New Zealand's current and future needs. MBIE is leading a group of cross-Agency officials to develop an Action Plan to build the capacity and capability of the sector. The draft Action Plan was approved in principle by Cabinet in May for engagement with the sector.</p>	<p>Lisa Docherty</p>	<p>Officials are preparing a stakeholder engagement plan for targeted consultation with the sector in June.</p> <p>A Cabinet paper is due to be submitted in August 2018.</p>
<p><b>More Efficient Consenting</b></p> <p>The project will identify and pilot solutions to improve the consenting process to ensure it is not a barrier to delivering on KiwiBuild objectives and enhance the overall effectiveness of the consenting process for users generally.</p> <p>The project has a particular focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• medium and high-density housing (MDH/HDH) – identifying and removing compliance roadblocks for industry MDH / HDH projects</li> <li>• offsite and offshore manufacturing</li> </ul>	<p>Seth Campbell</p>	<p>Meetings and workshops are underway to identify options to improve the consenting process.</p> <p>Design and develop pilots will test and implement solutions from workshops in July-September.</p>

<p><b>Risk and Liability</b></p> <p>The aim of this initiative is to rebalance risk and liability in the building process so that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• parties take appropriate responsibility for their work</li> <li>• building consent authorities (BCAs) are not driven to be over-cautious and are more open to innovation</li> <li>• consumers are protected if things go wrong.</li> </ul>	<p>Katrina Quickenden</p>	<p>MBIE will begin targeted engagement to better understand risk management processes in the sector between June and August.</p> <p>This will take place alongside other research MBIE is commissioning that will seek to understand factors driving behaviour in the sector, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- homeowner and builder decisions</li> <li>- the market for Guarantee and Insurance Products</li> <li>- the size and scale of building defect liability issues.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Review of building product regulatory and assurance system</b></p> <p>The aim of the review is to ensure that building product regulatory and assurance systems are fit for purpose and that when used appropriately, building products contribute to safe and durable buildings.</p>	<p>Katrina Quickenden</p>	<p>MBIE is preparing for the first formal engagement on the review with a targeted group of stakeholders to test issues and high level options for change.</p> <p>Between June and August MBIE will carry out targeted stakeholder engagement (meetings and workshops with key stakeholders) to discuss the issues and options for change.</p>

<p><b>Smarter Pathways</b></p> <p>The Smarter Compliance Pathways is a project looking at usability of the Building Code. It is taking a user–centric approach to reviewing the current state of the Building Code and developing options for future innovations and developments.</p> <p>This is to ensure that Building Code structure and compliance pathways (such as Acceptable Solutions) and associated documents provide the required clarity about performance requirements and are easy to use.</p>	<p>Dave Robson</p>	<p>An analysis of previous work of a similar nature has been summarised.</p> <p>In the third quarter of 2018, workshops will be held with the sector to get their perspective on system issues.</p> <p>In the last quarter of 2018, the workshop results will be used to develop solution options.</p>
<p><b>Occupational Regulation</b></p> <p>MBIE has identified three areas to make targeted improvements to the occupational regulation regime:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Improvements to the Licensed Building Practitioner scheme</i></li> <li>• <i>Licensing of safety critical engineering work</i></li> <li>• <i>Review of the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers (PGD) Act</i></li> </ul>	<p>Katrina Quickenden</p>	<p>MBIE continues to progress detailed scoping and stakeholder engagement planning for the three priorities.</p> <p>Aug-Oct 2018: Policy development and engagement.</p>

<b>Development of a Guide to Accessible Buildings</b>	Seth Campbell	The accessibility guide is being developed by Barrier Free NZ and they will begin consulting with the sector in June and July.
<b>CodeMark improvement work</b> Focusing on ensuring roles, responsibilities and reporting requirements across the CodeMark scheme are clear; and that accreditation of Product Certification Bodies (PCBs), product certification, and product certificate requirements are fit for purpose.	Katrina Quickenden	Targeted engagement with stakeholders will occur when MBIE consults on proposed changes to the Scheme's regulations in August.
<b>Proposed amendments to the Existing Concrete Buildings (C5) section within the Engineering Assessment Guidelines, in the Earthquake Prone Building legislation</b>	Dave Robson	Proposed amendments to the Engineering Assessment Guidelines (C5 – existing concrete building section) will be consulted on as part of the decision on formally adopting these. Consultation will likely occur in September / October 2018.
<b>Building Code – general maintenance update</b>	Dave Robson	Proposed changes to the Building Code will be consulted on in August. The proposed changes affect Acceptable Solutions and Verification methods. If changes are accepted, they are intended to come into force on 30 November 2018.
<b>Proposed changes to the Building Code 'C' clause – Acceptable Solution and Verification Methods</b>	Dave Robson	A number of proposed changes may be consulted on, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Issuing a new guidance document for using Alternative Solutions</li> <li>- Amalgamation of Acceptable Solution C/AS2-C/AS7 into a single Acceptable Solution</li> <li>- Update / changes to the Verification Method C/V/M2.</li> </ul>