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Good morning

Since my last Building System Performance (BSP) update, progress has been strong. We've cemented support for sector transformation with two big initiatives that complement the Skills Action Plan work already underway. In April the Construction Sector Accord was launched, and in June consultation on the proposed building law reforms closed.

Through the Accord, agreement for government and industry partnership, as well as principles, goals and priority work has been set. Now the focus is on developing a plan of action for the industry. This work is being led by the Accord Strategy Group of industry leaders and government Chief Executives, with the aim to engage widely later this year.

Thank you to everyone who took time to make a submission on the proposed building law reforms. I have read some of the almost 500 submissions, looking at how your feedback applies across the wider building system. It's the system view I'm most interested in, and the building law changes that will work together to deliver the lift in sector performance that's needed.

There's a big team effort within BSP at the moment. We're working hard to absorb consultation feedback and use it to inform our advice to the Minister for Building and Construction. We'll tell you soon what we heard.

Still ahead of us is a vast amount of work to develop the detailed legislative design. There will be opportunities to engage with us through this process, and again through the select committee process next year. Legislative changes are likely to be rolled out over the next two to five years.

In other work, last month Parliament passed the Building Amendment Act. It provides MBIE with legislative power to investigate building failures, a role that has been difficult to perform in the past. It also means the system for managing buildings after an emergency event is improved, including clarifying roles and responsibilities.

Also last month, the Building Code was updated. This was the second update since we initiated bi-annual changes in June and November each year. Most significantly, there is now one Fire Acceptable Solution C/AS2 rather than six separate documents, a way to test claddings on tall buildings, and a requirement for ventilation in certain areas of housing.

Currently open for feedback until 6 August 2019 is consultation on proposed dam safety regulations. Have a look and consider having your say – www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say

You can learn more about our work and who the responsible managers are in the attached project overview. Finally, we have a new Policy Director, Laura O'Sullivan. She's overseeing the Occupational Regulation part of the building law reform work and leading development of a forecasting model for the sector workforce needs.

As always, your support and input is appreciated. If you need any further information please get in touch.

Kind regards



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