

Monthly Performance Dashboard

March 2023

Toka Tū Ake EQC has adopted a new name to better represent the role our scheme plays in supporting New Zealanders.

Our new name reflects the whakapapa of our nation.

Our land is constantly changing from earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, landslips and floods. Communities have lived alongside those perils for hundreds of years, and Māori have always believed the relationship and connection of people to land and nature is inseparable.

How to use this dashboard

This dashboard shows a monthly snapshot of Toka Tū Ake | EQC progress across its operational spectrum as well as how we track in relation to the performance measures in our *Statement of Performance Expectations 2022-23*. Below is a summary of each section.

Section 1 - Statement of Performance Expectations (SoPE) measures

This section shows progress across those SoPE measures that can be measured on a monthly or quarterly basis. The results are cumulative year-to-date results with a traffic light system used to indicate proximity of actual performance to expected performance. The *Statement of Performance Expectations 2022-2023* is one of our public accountability documents which can be found on our website:

<https://www.eqc.govt.nz/our-publications/statement-of-performance-expectations-2022-2023/>

Section 2 - Canterbury*

This section tracks the progress of outstanding claims arising from the Canterbury sequence of earthquakes 2010-11 ('Canterbury'). It shows how many claims have been reopened (inflow), how many claims have been resolved during the month (resolved), and how many remain open (on hand). We also profile our remaining on hand claims by age, by complexity, and by reopen reason. This section also provides visibility on our progress to resolve claims in dispute (claims subject to legal proceedings or other dispute resolution pathways).

Government on-sold support package

This sub-section outlines our progress in the delivery of the Government on-sold support package, on behalf of the Government, to support owners of on-sold over-cap properties in Canterbury to access financial help to have their homes repaired.

Section 3 - Other Natural Disaster Events (Excluding Canterbury/Kaikōura)

This section covers all claims that are not related to the specific Canterbury and Kaikōura events. Here, we track our claims management progress by how many we have received during the month (inflow), how many we have resolved in the month (resolved), and how many remain open (on hand). The data in this section is organised by the type of natural disaster damage for which a claim may be lodged (namely earthquake, landslide, flood or storm damage). In this section we also profile our remaining on hand claims by damage type and age.

Claims subject to management under the Natural Disaster Response Model (NDRM)

This section provides a summary view, at an aggregate level, of claims managed under the Natural Disaster Response Model (NDRM), which came into effect on 30 June 2021. Under the NDRM, customers now lodge their disaster claim directly with our insurer partners who manage the settlement process on behalf of EQC ('Insurer Managed').

Note: Toka Tū Ake EQC continues to directly manage a small number of historical claims ('Toka Tū Ake EQC Managed') that pre-date the NDRM.

Section 4 - Resilience

This section monitors the progression of Toka Tū Ake EQC's contribution to reducing risk and building resilience to natural hazards in New Zealand.

The section also monitors the perceptions of key stakeholders around the quality and relevance of the outputs of our investment in research (usefulness, usability and use), our contribution to building resilience to natural hazards and the quality of our partnering in these areas. Monitoring also includes the public's perceptions of how we are doing with enhancing public understanding of natural hazard risk and our influence on the public to take action to reduce this risk. Reporting on progress will occur on a quarterly basis.

Section 5 - Customer Focus

This section monitors the quality of our customer focus through customers' satisfaction with their interactions with Toka Tū Ake EQC. There are three key strands to our customer focus metrics:

- 'Service Quality' of their overall claims experience and, for Canterbury customers, reflection on their most recent experience;
- 'Timeliness and quality of Complaints Resolution'; and
- 'Enduring settlements'.

Customer satisfaction surveys are conducted on our behalf by Kantar Public, who survey on our behalf every month. This section also summarises the volume of customer contacts through our primary channels of phone, email or post.

Note: Given the time required to complete our surveys, we report our customer satisfaction results one month in arrears.

Section 6 - Media (Traditional and Social)

This section monitors the tone and impact of Toka Tū Ake EQC's coverage in both traditional and social media. It keeps a year-to-date count of the number of media statements released by us, and also how frequently we appear in media coverage across the month (media articles). This section also provides a view on what's driving our coverage, the tone of the coverage, leading messages, and themes shaped by what's driving coverage across both formats.

Section 7 - Official Information Act (OIA) Requests

This section monitors the number of OIAs we have received, completed and have remaining on hand at the end of the month. Our OIAs are divided into two types: those in which our customers' request information and/or supportive information from us on their claim (Customer OIA); and OIA requests that relate directly to Toka Tū Ake EQC and/or operational activities (Organisational OIAs). Our compliance rate for both request types is monitored and reported here.

Section 8 - Data Protection

This section provides a monthly update on Toka Tū Ake EQC's compliance matters, in particular, the severity and nature of reported privacy breaches as well as any emerging themes.

Section 9 - Our People

This section tracks Toka Tū Ake EQC's average annual leave balance, sick leave usage and annualised turnover, compares them to the corresponding Public Service average and provides visibility on what's influencing our averages and annualised turnover rate. This section also provides a view on headcount movement overlayed by claim population movement and a broad profile of our workforce, which is updated on a quarterly basis.

*The published report made publicly available excludes a section on Kaikōura. This is excluded due to commercially sensitive insurer data.

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Section 1 - Statement of Performance Expectation measures - monthly monitoring

Output One - Recovery after an event

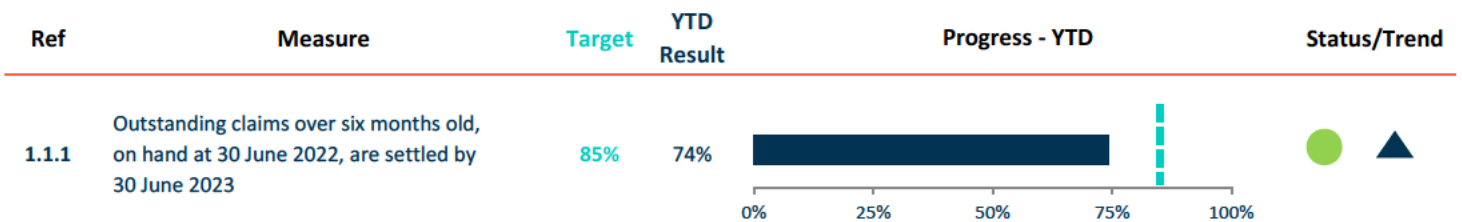
Output 1.1: Settlement of the 2010-11 Canterbury earthquake sequence remedial claims

Output 1.1 is specifically focussed on serving customers with claims from the **2010-2011 Canterbury earthquake sequence**, including claims Toka Tū Ake EQC is managing on behalf of Southern Response Earthquake Services Limited (Southern Response). The measures address both the timeliness and the customer focus of the claims management services.

The measures in this output class are a continuation from the 2021-2022 financial year. The number of claims from the Canterbury events is gradually reducing as less new damage is discovered. From 2023-2024, measures are likely to be re-evaluated to reflect the fewer claim numbers and the different treatments required for them.

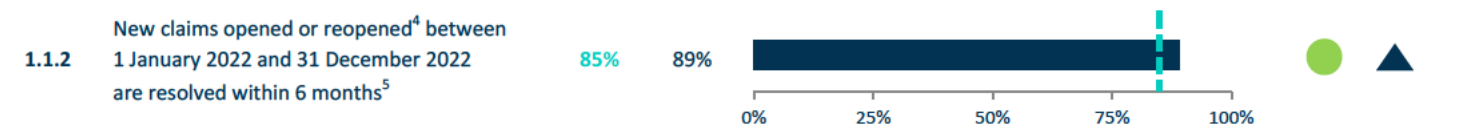
The threshold for customer satisfaction is different for Canterbury claims than it is for other claims. This is because damaged homes in Canterbury often have long and complex histories, in part reflective of past processes that have now changed. Also, for this reason, most of our customer focus measures look at a customer's recent experience to test the effectiveness of our continuous improvement initiatives.

Performance measures | Timeliness



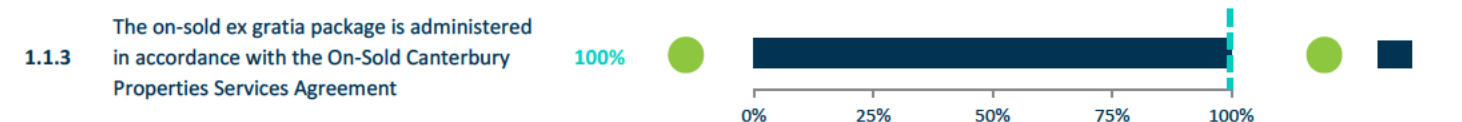
Commentary

In the FYTD, performance against SOPE measure 1.1.1 is tracking in line with expected performance to meet target. To date, we have closed 207 (74%) of the 279 claims that were outstanding (over 6 months old) as at 30 June 2022, lodged during the period January-September 2022.



Commentary

In the FYTD, performance against SOPE measure 1.1.2 is tracking ahead of expected performance to meet target. To date, 1,603 (89%) of the 1,796 in-scope claims that were reopened in January-September 2022 have been settled within 6 months of their reopened date.

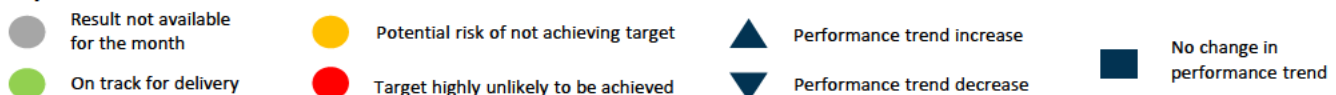


Performance measure	Standard	Result
A decision on the outcome of the Application will be conveyed to the Applicant within one month of receiving all required documentation and reports.	100%	100%
EQC will provide reporting to the Treasury as specified in Schedule 4 of the On-Sold Canterbury Properties Services Agreement.	Achieved	Achieved
Applications for ex gratia payments will be assessed against the criteria specified in the On-Sold Canterbury Properties Services Agreement and a decision on the outcome of the Application will be conveyed to the Applicant within one month of receiving all required documentation and reports.	100%	100%

⁴The open claim has been resolved (closed) from the perspective of the business (Toka Tū Ake EQC). An open claim may be classified as resolved where the customer has been asked to provide further information related to their claim (over a period) that has not occurred. This approach is consistent with that taken by the private insurers. To count as reopened, Toka Tū Ake EQC needs to have triaged the request and accepted the possibility of further activity being required.

⁵Does not include claims in litigation or where a customer appoints a third party to represent them.

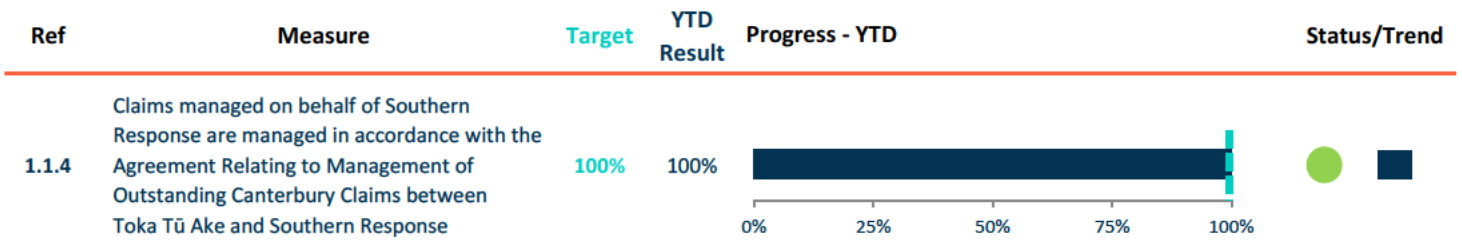
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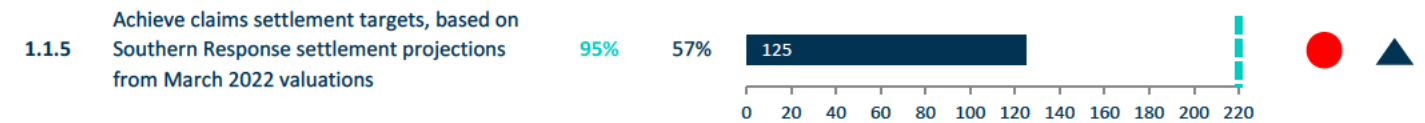
Output One - Recovery after an event (cont.)

Performance measures | Timeliness



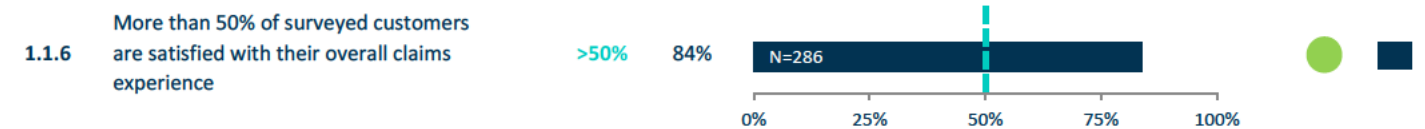
Commentary

Under clause 6.6 of the Agreement relating to management of outstanding Southern Response earthquake claims, EQC must obtain Southern Response's written agreement prior to proceeding, where the Settlement Sum or Repair or Rebuild Sum exceeds the Cap by more than \$50,000.



Commentary

In the FYTD, performance against SOPE measure 1.1.5 is tracking behind expected performance to meet target. In the FYTD, 125 (57%) of the FY22-23 claims settlement target of 220 covered claims, based on the Southern Response settlement projections from March 2022 valuations, have been settled.

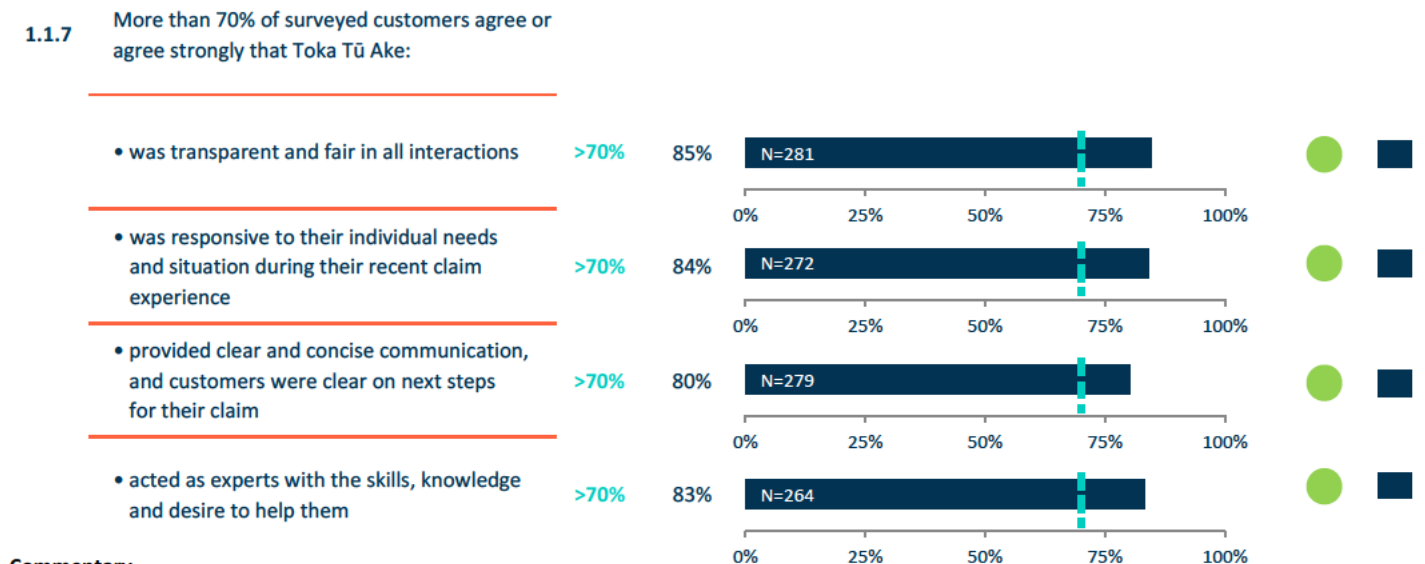


Commentary

In the FYTD, performance against SOPE measure 1.1.6 is tracking ahead of expected performance to meet target.

Note: Results are reported one month in arrears.

Reflecting on their most recent experience:

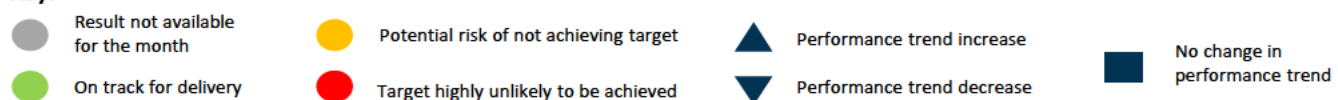


Commentary

In the FYTD, performance against SOPE measure 1.1.7 is tracking ahead of expected performance to meet target across all four dimensions of the measure.

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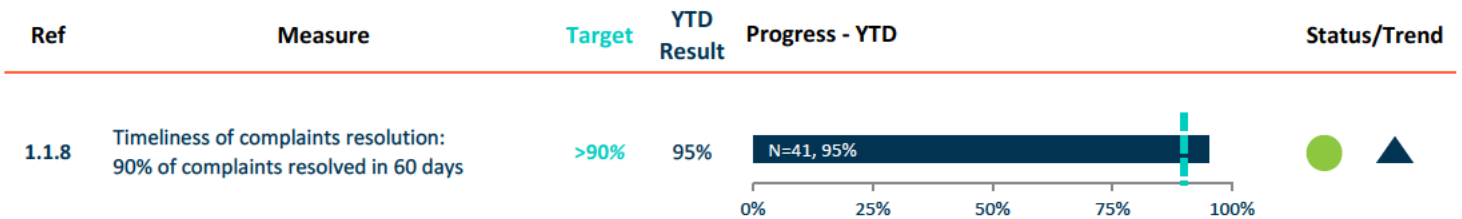
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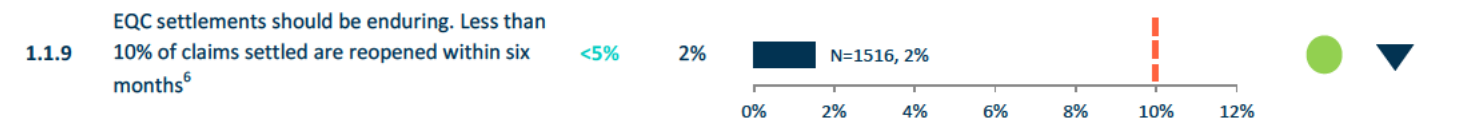
Output One - Recovery after an event (cont.)

Performance measures | Timeliness (cont.)



Commentary

In the FYTD, performance against SOPE measure 1.1.8 is tracking ahead of expected performance to meet target. Of 41 complaints relating to Canterbury claims received to date, 39 (95%) have been resolved within the target timeframe.



Commentary

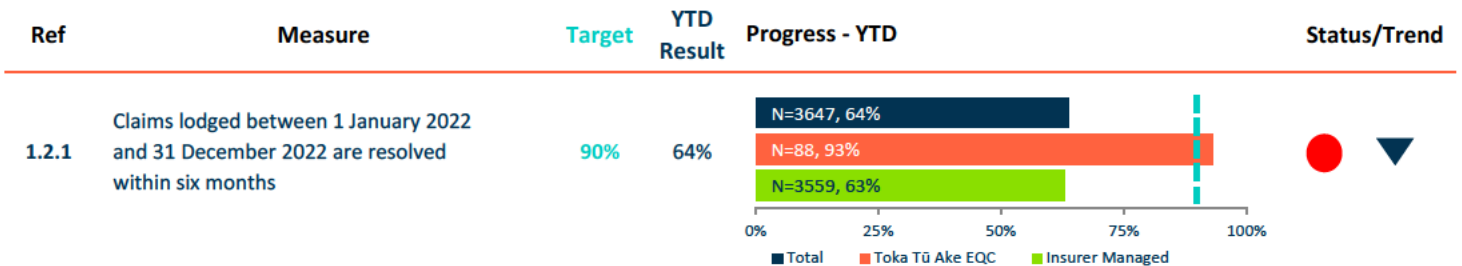
In the FYTD, performance against SOPE measure 1.1.9 is tracking ahead of expected performance to meet target. Of the 1,516 in-scope claim closures during January-September 2022, 23 claims (2%) have since been reopened.

Output One - Recovery after an event

Output 1.2: Claims relating to natural disaster events (excluding Canterbury)

Output 1.2 is focussed on other claims to the scheme that **occurred after the 2010-2011 Canterbury earthquake sequence**. These measures address the speed, quality and cost of claims resolution. For claims submitted after 30 June 2021, these measures apply to claims management services provided by private insurers under the NDRM.

Performance measures | Timeliness



Commentary

In the FYTD, performance against SM 1.2.1 is tracking behind expected performance to meet target. To date, 2,322 (64%) claims of the 3,647 in-scope claims lodged during January-September 2022 have been resolved within 6 months.

Claims first reported for the August 2022 Tahunanui Slump and Nelson/Marlborough flooding event came into scope during February. The extended resolution of these claims has had some impact on our FYTD result. In addition to this, general property access challenges and third-party resource limitations related to this event, and the more recent Upper North Island flooding events, are now impacting settlement timeframes. For comparison, with 273 Tahunanui Slump and Nelson/Marlborough claims (with access difficulties) not included in the March EOM measurement, the result would have been 68% (2,280 passes out of 3,374).

Explanatory note: Performance for this measure is based on the final result as at 30 June 2023. Monthly results provide an indication of whether or not Toka Tū Ake EQC and our insurer partners are tracking in line with the expected trajectory to achieve the target for this measure by that date.

⁶This will not include claims re-opened for administrative purposes (such as for making a payment or insurer facilitation).

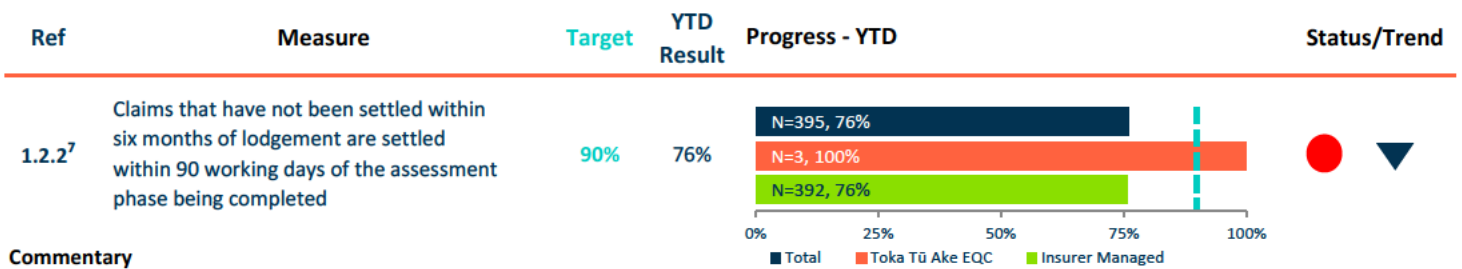
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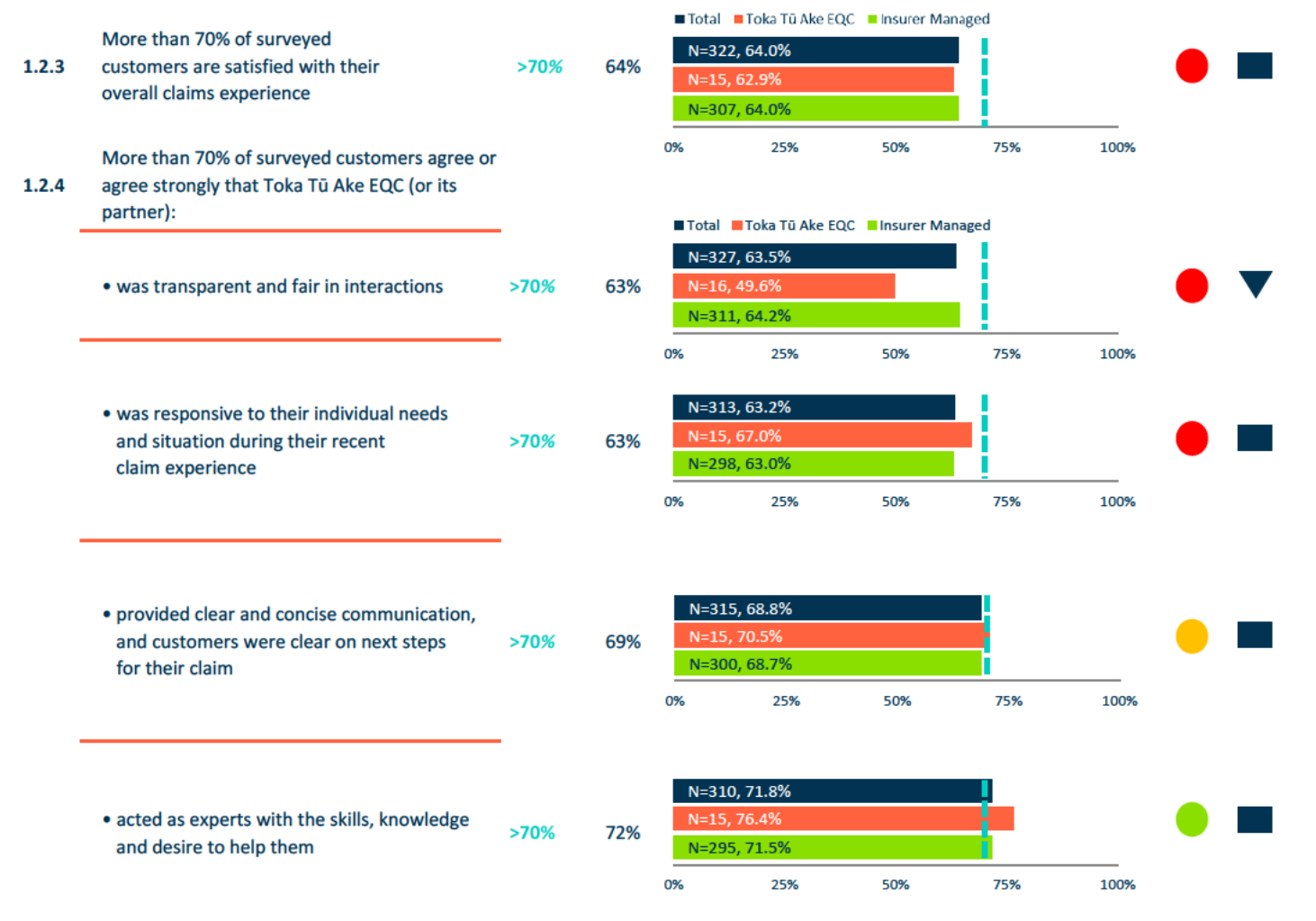
Section 1 - Statement of Performance Expectation measures - monthly monitoring (cont.)

Output One - Recovery after an event (cont.)

Output 1.2 | Performance measures | Timeliness (cont.)



In the FYTD, performance against SM 1.2.2 is tracking behind expected performance to meet target. For Toka Tū Ake EQC managed claims, all (100%) of the 3 in-scope claims not settled within six months of lodgement were settled within 90 working days of the assessment phase completion. For Insurer managed claims, there are 392 claims within scope this month. Of these, 297 (76%) have met the measure with 95 not passing, as the claim remained open, or was settled more than 90 days after the assessment phase.



Commentary

In the FYTD, performance against SM 1.2.3 is tracking behind expected performance required to meet target with a YTD result of 64%. (cf. 64% Jan-23)
 SM 1.2.4a - *transparent and fair interactions* is tracking behind expected performance with a YTD result of 63%. (cf. 64% Jan-23)
 SM 1.2.4b - *responsiveness* is tracking behind expected performance required with a YTD result of 63%. (cf. 63% Jan-23)
 SM 1.2.4c - *clear and concise communications* is tracking slightly behind expected performance with a YTD result of 69%. (cf. 69% Jan-23)
 SM 1.2.4d - *acted as experts with knowledge* is tracking ahead of expected performance with a YTD result of 72%. (cf. 72% for Jan-23)

⁷The measure has been adjusted to reflect the small number of claims that now fall within this category.

⁸Excludes complaints that fall into the external dispute resolution process to align with Fair Insurance Code terminology.

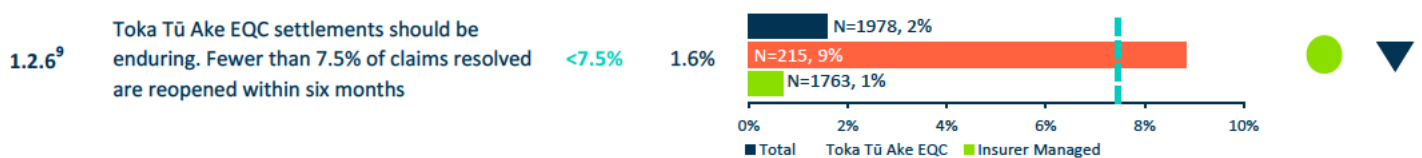
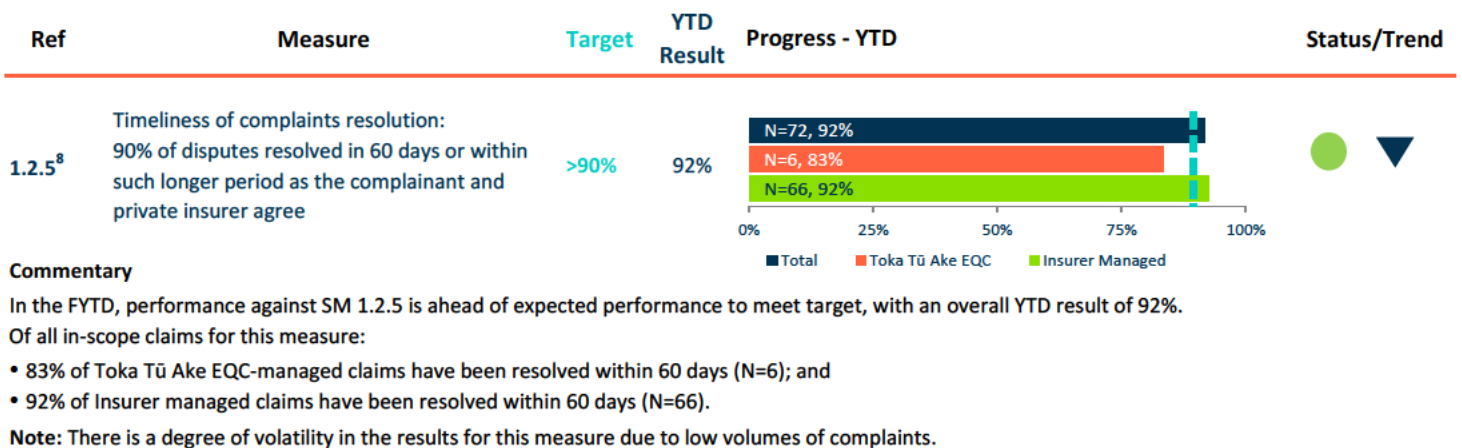
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Output One - Recovery after an event (cont.)

Output 1.2 | Performance measures | Customer focus (cont.)

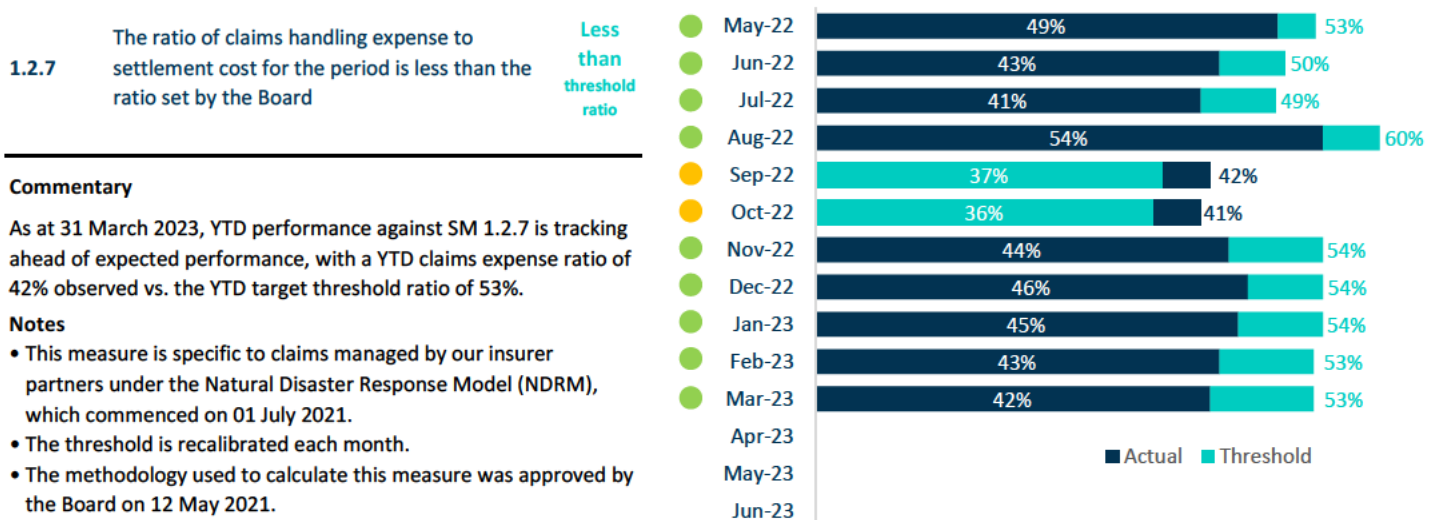
**Commentary**

In the FYTD, overall performance against SM 1.2.6 is in line with expected performance to meet target, with a YTD result of 1.6%. Of all claim closures during January-September 2022:

- 9% of Toka Tū Ake EQC-managed claims were reopened within 6 months of closure (N=215); and
- 1% of Insurer managed claims were reopened within 6 months of closure (N=1,763).

Note: This result is adjusted to remove the claims reopened for administrative purposes as advised by our insurer partners.

Output 1.2 | Performance measures | Quantity



⁸Measure excludes administrative reopens.

¹⁰https://www.eqc.govt.nz/sites/public_files/documents/grants/EQC%20Resilience%20Strategy%202019.pdf

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Section 1 - Statement of Performance Expectation measures - monthly monitoring (cont.)

Output Two - Resilience

Output 2.1 - A resilience programme that facilitates improved analysis and public understanding of natural hazard risk

Our **Resilience** output class, focusses on investing in science, data, loss modelling and public education to support risk-informed decision making. With strong reciprocal relationships, we disseminate this knowledge and tools to people who can make a difference - policy makers, planners, key professions and the public.

Output 2.1 | Performance measures | Quality

Ref	Measure	Target	YTD Result	Progress - YTD	Status/Trend
2.1.1	Percentage of stakeholders ¹¹ surveyed ¹² agree or strongly agree that the outputs of the investment by Toka Tū Ake EQC in research are: • of good or excellent quality • relevant and focussed on the outcomes of the Resilience Strategy	>75%		Results expected May/ Jun-23 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%	●
2.1.2	Percentage of stakeholders surveyed agree or strongly agree that Toka Tū Ake EQC: • is contributing to driving progress in resilience to natural hazards; • is an engaged and supportive partner	>75%		Results expected May/ Jun-23 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%	●

Output 2.1 | Performance measures | Quantity

Percentage of the public surveyed ¹³ who say:					
2.1.3	• they thought about potential risks of natural hazards when buying or looking to buy a property	>75%	90%	N=254, 88% N=213, 87% N=240, 94% Q4 result due Jun-23 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%	● ▲
2.1.3	• they are aware they can take action to make their homes safer and stronger for disaster events	>60%	68%	N=1002, 67% N=1003, 69% N=1002, 67% Q4 result due Jun-23 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%	● ■
2.1.3	• where possible, they have taken action as home owners on any of the six key preparedness actions ¹⁴ promoted by Toka Tū Ake EQC ¹⁵	>55%	57%	N=662, 57% N=642, 58% N=630, 55% Q4 result due Jun-23 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%	● ▼
2.1.4	Number of formal, evidence-based submissions made on relevant (natural hazard risk) policies, plans, or initiatives or local government statutory plans	5	0	Results expected May/ Jun-23 0 2 4 6 8 10	●
2.1.4	Reviewer commentary that submissions are: • of good quality • on matters relevant to natural hazard risk reduction				●

¹¹Stakeholders include central government, local government, science and research, insurance industry, and design, planning, and construction professionals.

¹²Quantitative surveys are undertaken by Research First Ltd, an independent organisation.

¹³Quantitative surveys are undertaken by A C Neilsen, an independent organisation.

¹⁴The key preparedness actions are secure tall furniture, secure hot water cylinder, remove or replace hazardous chimneys, secure foundations, know how to turn off mains gas, and know how to turn off mains water.

¹⁵This action measure is calculated by summing the count of people who said 'yes' to each of the six actions, divided by the sum of the count of eligible people who answered for each action (excludes those who said not applicable).

Key:











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Section 1 - Statement of Performance Expectation measures - monthly monitoring (cont.)

Output Two - Resilience








Output 2.2: Innovating through technology to enhance loss modelling and public understanding of natural hazard risk

Performance measures

Ref	Measure	Target	YTD Result	Progress - YTD	Status/Trend
2.2.1	Deliver the following milestones for loss modelling:				
	• Implement the new National Seismic Hazard Model in PRUE ¹⁶	as per milestones		The progression of the new earthquake fragility models is tracking behind schedule for delivery within this financial year.	
	• Implement new earthquake fragility models in PRUE				
	• Agree a forward loss modelling strategy with GNS and NIWA				
2.2.2	Deliver the following milestones for the Risk and Resilience Portal:				
	• Establish an online register that provides the public with information on Toka Tū Ake EQC claims for individual residential properties	as per milestones		s9(2)(b)(ii)	
	• Stage two of the Portal is costed and signed off by the Toka Tū Ake EQC Board				

¹⁶PRUE is based on the RiskScape® risk modelling software developed by GNS and NIWA.

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Output Three - Risk Financing


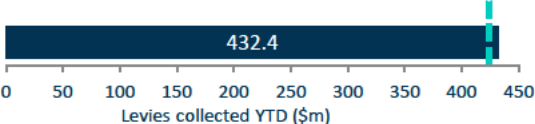




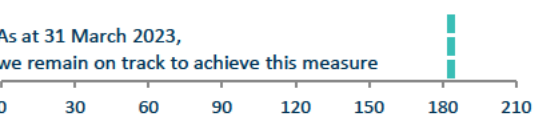

Output 3.1: Maintain a reinsurance programme that supports Toka Tū Ake EQC's delivery of affordable residential natural disaster insurance protection

Our **Risk financing** output activities are guided by our understanding of the Crown's balance sheet risk appetite and rebuilding the NDF. Purchasing reinsurance transfers an agreed amount of natural disaster risk to offshore capital providers, thereby reducing the concentration of New Zealand's financial exposure to future natural disaster events.








Performance measures

Ref	Measure	Target	YTD Result	Progress - YTD	Status/Trend
3.1.1	Reinsurance protection for 2023-2024 is obtained on terms that assure continuity of coverage for all perils, at rates that are lower than the Crown's cost of capital	01 June 2023		Not yet reportable - annual measure	
3.1.2	Annual consultation with the Crown on risk appetite occurs prior to purchasing reinsurance for 2023-2024	as per measure		Not yet reportable - annual measure	
3.1.3	An annual review of the risk financing strategy is conducted	30 June 2023		Not yet reportable - annual measure	

Output 3.2 - Managing the NDF

3.2.1	The level of levies collected compared to annual financial budget	100%		 <p>Budget YTD, 426.7m</p> <p>Levies collected YTD (\$m)</p>	
3.2.2	The NDF is managed in accordance with directions from the Minister	100%		The management of the NDF remains compliant with Ministerial Direction as at the end of Q3 FY22-23.	
3.2.3	The value of the NDF is rebuilt (assumes fewer than 4,500 new claims in addition to Canterbury reopens)	>\$185m		 <p>As at 31 March 2023, we remain on track to achieve this measure</p>	

Key:



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Section 1 - Statement of Performance Expectation measures - monthly monitoring (cont.)

Output Four: Readiness for an event

Readiness is about ensuring Toka Tū Ake EQC and its partners have the right capability and capacity in place to support New Zealanders, should we be required to respond to an event today. We do this by ensuring we have the right model in place to respond to a wide range of events, running scenario exercises, planning for business continuity and identifying areas for improvement.




Performance measures¹⁹ | Quantity

Ref	Measure	Target	YTD Result	Progress - YTD	Status/Trend
4.1	Toka Tū Ake EQC will continue to conduct scenario exercises that will demonstrate that Toka Tū Ake, with insurers and other key recovery agencies, can respond to a significant natural disaster up to 100,000 claims			Refer to commentary	

Target: Independent evaluation reviewing our exercises to ensure they are fit for purpose by 30 June 2023.

Comment




To validate scalability, Toka Tū Ake EQC has reviewed insurer event response and surge plans. These plans outline how individual Insurers will scale to achieve their expected share of up to 100,000 customer claims. Toka Tū Ake EQC has been advised that there is contingent capacity to scale to 100,000 claims per year based on Insurers planned approach to surging resources. This is based primarily on Insurers using Third Party Administrators (TPAs) for some claim management services. Both Insurers and TPAs can leverage significant national and global staff to meet surge demands before needing to recruit. Being able to surge staff to appropriate levels is the primary determinant to achieving this measure. Work is also underway to onboard QBE to the Natural Disaster Response Model (NDRM).

4.2	To support co-ordinated insurance response and recovery activities, by 30 June 2023 Toka Tū Ake EQC (with its partners) has developed two event response strategies that cater to a range of natural disaster perils that Toka Tū Ake EQC covers			Refer to commentary	 
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Target: Two event response strategies developed by 30 June 2023.

Comment

A volcanic eruption working group, across Toka Tū Ake and Insurers finalised a proposed response strategy for a Mt Taranaki volcanic eruption scenario. The response strategy is now making its way through NDRM governance with RLGG endorsing and now awaiting ESC endorsement. Due to Insurers needing to prioritise staff to recent Auckland flooding and Cyclone Gabrielle events, the planned Wellington catastrophic earthquake response strategy has been postponed. A North Island weather event strategy is being developed by Toka Tū Ake EQC instead with minimal Insurer participation. It is expected this will have been through NDRM governance by June 2023.








4.3	NDRM systems are analysed and process and data exchange enhancements are agreed between Toka Tū Ake EQC and insurers to ensure scalability and robustness of the NDRM.			Refer to commentary	 
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Target: Achievement of target by 30 December 2022.

Comment








The Partnership Development Plan (PDP) agreed with each of our insurer partners articulates planned data exchange enhancements.

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NDRM assurance quality

4.4	Moderate and high-risk issues identified through the Insurer Response Model Assurance Framework have an agreed and documented action plan to address those issues (including timeframes), and relevant actions have been completed within the agreed timeframes	95%		Moderate and high-risk issues identified through the Insurer Response Model Assurance Framework have an agreed and documented action plan to address those issues (including timeframes). As at EOM Mar-23, 23 of the 25 actions in the current FYTD where the due date has passed, have been completed.		
4.5	Toka Tū Ake EQC implements recommendations 5.1.3 ¹⁷ and 6.1.3 ¹⁸ from the 2020 Public Inquiry by 24 December 2022	100%		Recommendation 5.1.3 Completed		
				Recommendation 6.1.3 Refer to commentary below		

Comment



We continue to make steady progress implementing the Public Inquiry recommendations:

Recommendation 5.1.3

5.1.3 - The Kaikōura/Hurunui claims settlement research is now complete with the final report received by 23 December 2022. A summary of key principles and considerations for residential claims settlement following future events is being finalised as an input to Rec 5.1.4 which will be jointly led by the Treasury, Toka Tū Ake EQC and the agency that will lead the managed repair work programme. The research findings will be provided to the Board at their May meeting.

Recommendation 6.1.3








The Risk and Resilience Portal's overall intent is to provide homeowners with public education on natural hazards and natural hazard risk. Phase one which will make Toka Tū Ake claims data available, is currently in development and progressing to be ready for release to the public by June 2023. The Board will decide when to release the portal at its June meeting.

4.6	New Zealanders have increasing trust and confidence in Toka Tū Ake EQC		Not yet reportable - annual measure Result expected in May/ Jun-23	
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¹⁷Public Inquiry recommendation to conduct a detailed assessment of the impacts of cash settlement of claims in the Kaikōura/Hurunui earthquake, including long-term housing stock quality impacts.

¹⁸Public Inquiry recommendation to establish an online register that provides EQC information on claims for individual residential properties that are free and simple to use for prospective home buyers. See also measure 2.2.2.

Key:

	Result not available for the month		Potential risk of not achieving target		Performance trend increase		No change in performance trend
	On track for delivery		Target highly unlikely to be achieved		Performance trend decrease		

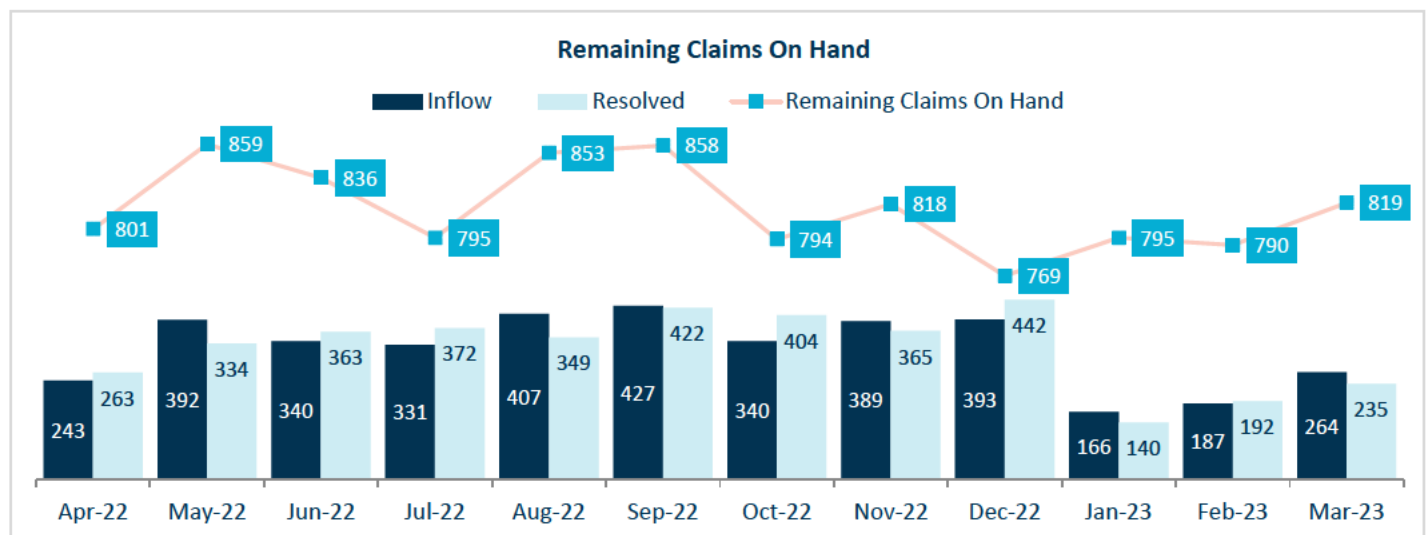
Section 2 - Canterbury

During March, 235 claims were resolved, offset by inflow of 264 claims. At month end we have 819 open Canterbury claims on hand, an increase of 29 since the end of February.

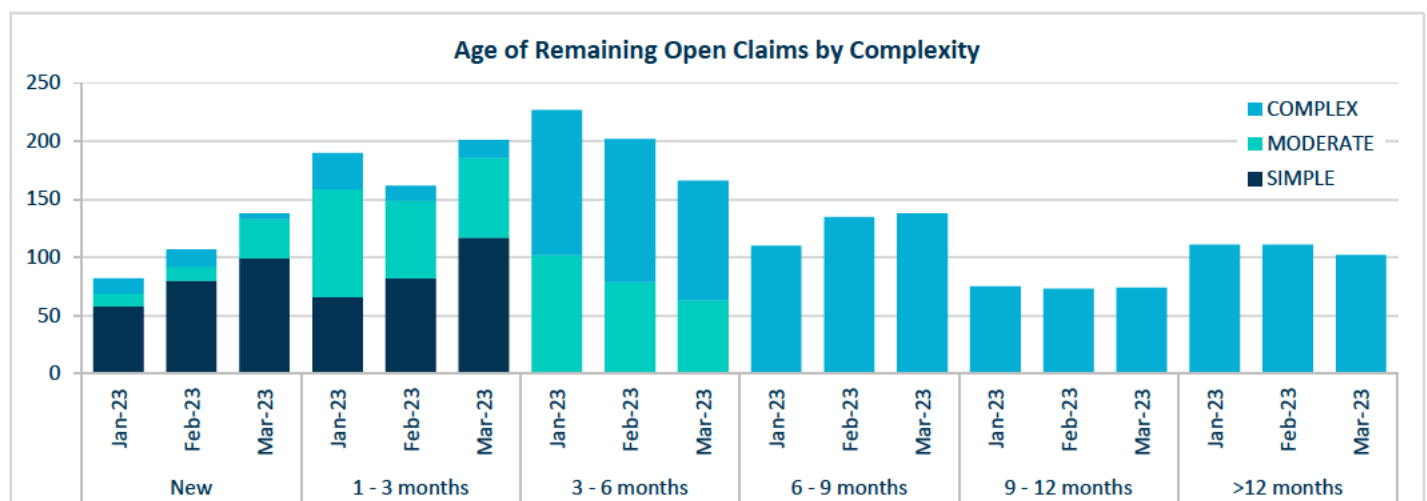
Across March, our population of open Canterbury Event Sequence claims increased to 819 (cf. 790 at EOM Feb-23). From a complexity viewpoint, the inflow profile for February shows that 81% are categorised as 'simple' claims ie. closed or forecast to close by EOM May-23). At month end, 72% of claims are closed within 3 months of reopening (cf. 69% as at EOM Feb-23). The age profile of remaining claims reveals that just over 41% are <3 months old while aged claims (claims >12 months old) account for just over 12%. Missed damage remains the top reopen customer-initiated category, accounting for approximately three quarters of this month's inflow, with drainage/ plumbing related reasons the top contributor to this category.

The focus of our **Aged Claims Strategy**, since July 2021, remains the continued reduction of both our 'aged claims' population (claims older than 12 months) and its proportional representation across all open Canterbury claims. In the month ending 31 March, our aged claims population dropped to 102 (cf. 111 at EOM Feb-23), representing 12.5% of all open Canterbury claims. While the focus on reducing this population remains high, this focus has intensified further resulting in what is a notable reduction this month. Parallel to this, all efforts continue to be made on those aged claims that we are able to directly progress as well as aging claims in our preceding age bracket populations, particularly claims aged 6-9 and 9-12 months.

With effect February 2023, claims that have been reopened for the purposes of minor works payments, which are purely administrative reopens, are now excluded from reported volume counts. The exclusion of claims reopened for this administrative purpose account for the lower volumes reported for February. This exclusion will also be visible in lower volumes reported for consequent months.



The 235 claims resolved this month includes 11 SRES MOU claims that were settled, 75 claims resolved for minor works, and 2 open claims reassigned to Claims Assurance.



Resolution of aged claims continues to be a key priority for our settlement teams. A significant drop in the average age of open Canterbury claims was observed during March; claims aged > 12 months reduced by 8% (111 down to 102), claims aged < 3 months increased by 26% (269 up to 339), and claims aged 3 - 12 months collectively reduced by 8% (410 down to 378).

Section 2 - Canterbury (cont.)

Open Canterbury Claims by Reopen Reason

Missed Damage, 72.9%

Claim has been reopened as the customer has concerns regarding additional damage on previously scoped or unscoped elements and requires review and assessment.

Customer Complaint, 1.5%

Claim is reopened due to formal expression by the Customer of dissatisfaction with the management of the claim.

Additional Payment, 5.4%

Claim has been reopened to make additional payment/s to settle Natural Disaster Damage in accordance with EQC Act, and any other payments required to support resolution of the claim.

Requested information received from customer, 0.5%

Claim is reopened as the Customer has returned with information previously requested by EQC to progress the claim.

**Repair Methodology, 7.0%**

Claim has been reopened as the customer has concerns regarding elements of the repair methodology* or strategy that was recommended or followed, to settle natural disaster damage in accordance with EQC Act.

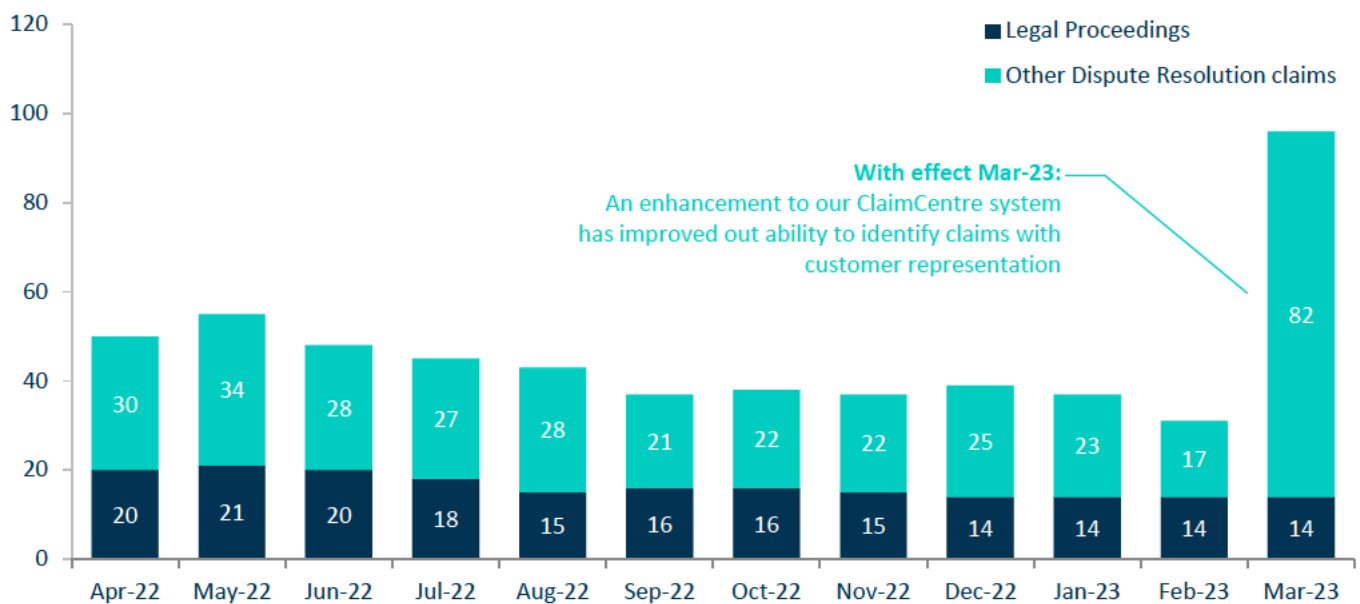
* Methodology: determining a repair strategy for damage relating to Natural Disaster using appropriate qualified specialist assessments.

Repair Quality, 12.7%

Customer has identified defects or quality issues with repairs previously completed and managed by EQC* that need to be assessed to settle Natural Disaster Damage in accordance with EQC Act.

*Note: Issues with repairs managed by the customer following cash settlement need to be resolved directly with the contractor by the customer.

Claims in Dispute

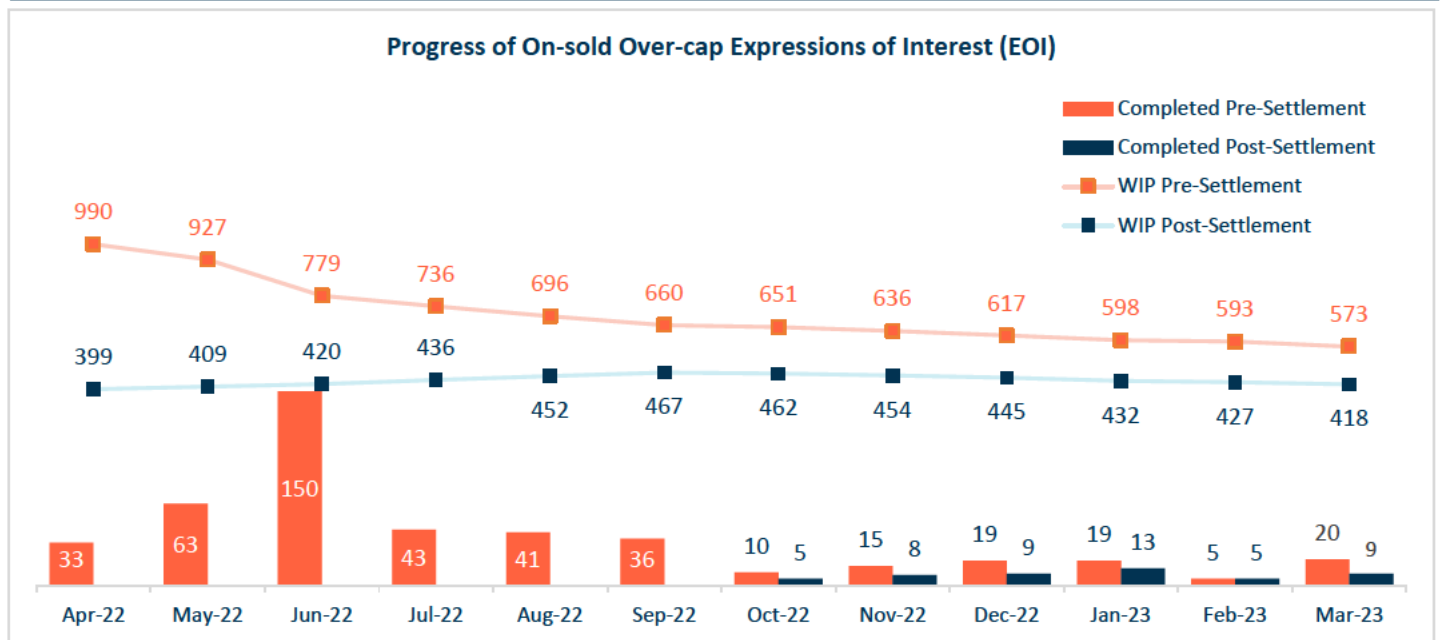


As at 31 March, 14 Canterbury claims remained subject to legal proceedings, unchanged from the end of February. Other claims with requiring dispute resolution has increased due to a change in reporting method, up 65 from last month's 17.

Increase in Other Dispute Resolution claims this month

During the reporting period, an enhancement to our ClaimCenter system, and consequent refinement of our reporting, has enabled improved identification of Canterbury claims with customer representation. Our enhanced identification is behind the increase to 82 claims cf. 17 for EOM Feb-23.

Section 2 - Canterbury (cont.)



Applications (expressions of interest - EOIs) for government support to repair On-Sold Over-Cap properties closed in October resulting in nil inflow from Nov-20.

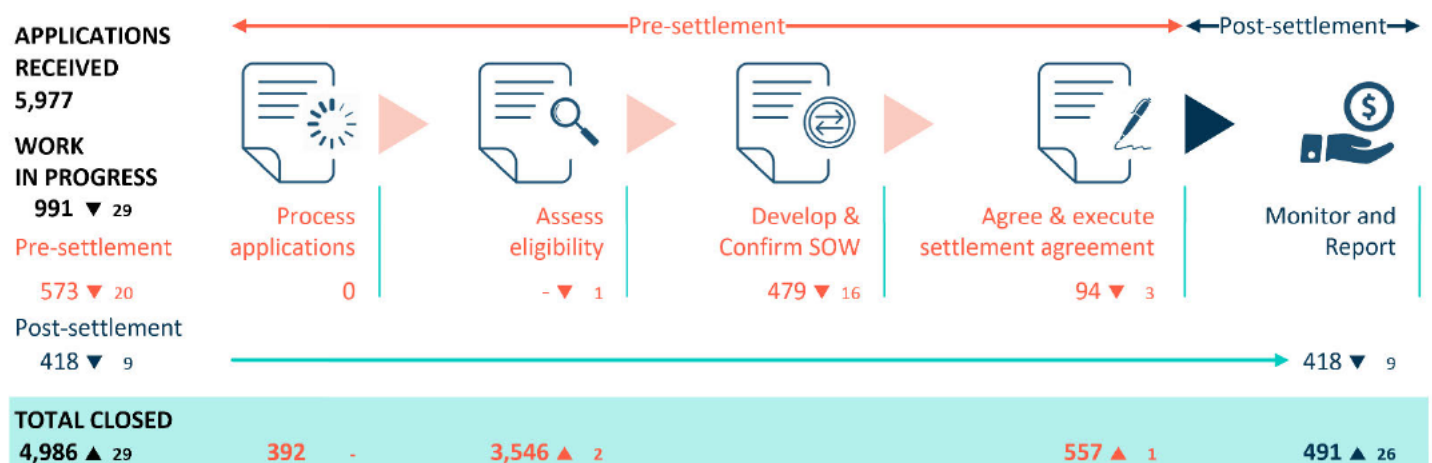
The chart below plots the flow of On-Sold EOIs through the value chain. To date, we have completed the assessment of 5,404* applications ('total closed' (4,986) + 'WIP post-settlement' (418)) of which:

- 1,466 have received an On-Sold settlement agreement or have been resolved without the need to pay Crown funds ('Completed – EQC Payment' (557) + 'Monitor and Report' (909));
- 765 have been transferred to Toka Tū Ake EQC operations to be managed as these applications are not likely to exceed the EQC cap, or do not fit the On-Sold eligibility criteria; and
- 1,037 have been closed due to insufficient information following a campaign to contact homeowners requesting additional information from customers to assess their eligibility and demonstrate they have additional damage.

At month end, and now including post-settlement, our WIP includes:

- **Pre-settlement** - 573 EOIs on hand that are being reviewed for eligibility or are being managed through our On-Sold assessment/ settlement process ('Pre-settlement'), including 92 Awaiting Agreements with Customers.
- **Post-settlement** - 418 (refer to reporting change notation above for definition).

* These numbers exclude applications with status of 'Awaiting Agreement - Customer', as these applications are now being treated as WIP (Agree and execute settlement agreement).



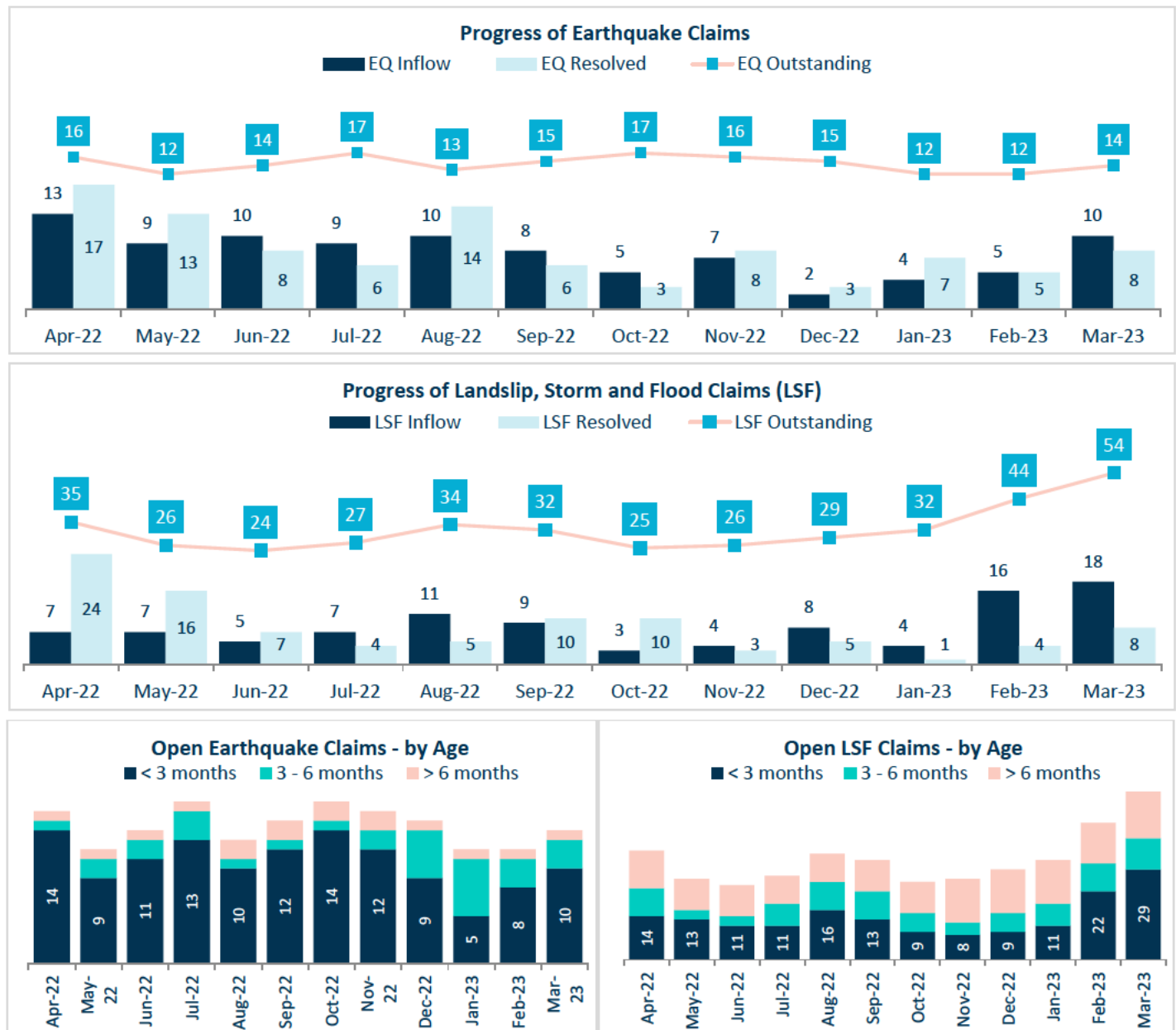
SOW - Scope of Works

Section 3 - Other Natural Disaster Events (Excluding Canterbury/Kaikōura)

Claims that we directly manage that predate the Natural Disaster Response Agreement (NDRA)

There are claims that we directly manage that predate the Natural Disaster Response Agreement (NDRA) and are not the result of the Canterbury or Kaikōura earthquake events.

Within this population of claims, we recorded inflow of 28 new and reopened claims in March (cf. 21 for Feb-23). Of this, 36% were Earthquake (EQ) related and 64% Landslip, Storms and Flood (LSF) related claims.



Note: Inflow refers to claims lodged as well as reopened

Claims subject to management under the Natural Disaster Response Agreement (NDRA)

As at 31 March 2023, we have received 11,999 Insurer managed claims (cf. 9,921 at EOM Feb-23) since NDRA commencement. Overall, 84% of these claims are Landslip, Storm and Flood damage claims (LSF). In the FYTD, 9,611 claims have been received, largely due to weather-related events (LSF claims).

Of the claims received in the FYTD, 1,974 (20.5%) have been resolved and 7,637 remain open. Across March, 1,478 claims were reported (cf. 3,047 reported in Feb-23), comprised of 288 EQ and 1,190 LSF related claims (cf. 240 EQ and 2,803 LSF for Feb-23).

The Upper North Island weather events that occurred in late Jan-23 and the middle of Feb-23 (Cyclone Gabrielle), continue to generate significant claims. Of the 1,478 claims reported this month, almost 9 out of every 10 reported claims are linked to Cyclone Gabrielle.

Of the claims reported this month with a loss date in Mar-23, several earthquakes on 18 March were responsible for many of these claims. These included a m4.7 EQ near Akaroa and a swarm of earthquakes of m4.9 (or lower) in the Whakatane region.

Section 4 - Resilience

Progress summary

On our Resilience Three Year Priorities (2019-22)



Coordinated & targeted Research investment

Across the quarter to 31 March 2023:

- The University Research Programme contestable round opened with 14 proposals received, including all seven eligible existing programmes who wish to continue. Proposals are now proceeding through the Panel review stage.
- 3 research projects were recently completed following submission of a final report (1 Sponsorship grant, 1 targeted science project and 1 loss modelling project)
- 5 new projects have been contracted. These projects relate to:
 - Loss Modelling (1);
 - Science to Practice (2); and
 - Targeted science project (1).



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A renewed focus on the strategic value of Data and information

Across the quarter to 31 March 2023:

- Progression of the Natural Hazards Portal (Portal)**
 - The Minimum Viable Product (MVP) version of the Portal was delivered, included in the MVP are functional versions of all webpages, content, and the map viewer. High fidelity wireframes for the mobile version of the Portal have also been prepared.
 - Independent Quality Assessment has been undertaken and a set of criteria that will be used to support a go-live decision have been developed.
 - Privacy Impact Assessment has been shared and discussed with the Government Chief Privacy Officer.
 - Certification and Accreditation (C&A) was undertaken, including security penetration testing. No high severity risks or security vulnerabilities have been identified to date by the C&A risk assessment with penetration testing still to be fully completed.
- Communications plan has been finalised with the intention to re-engage with external stakeholders through April.
- Change Management activities continued to establish internal processes for responding to customer queries, securing staffing resources and confirming training resource needs.



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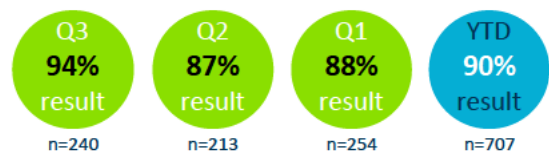


Public Education measures to raise public awareness

Survey results for the quarter to 31 March 2023 and overall FYTD22-23 results:

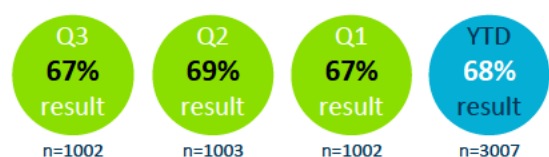
Percentage who,
*say that they thought about potential risks of natural hazards when
buying or looking to buy a property.*

Target >75%, Q3 result 94%, FYTD22-23 result 90%



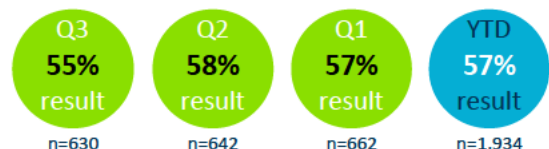
Percentage who,
*are aware they can take action to make their homes safer and
stronger for disaster events.*

Target >60%, Q3 result 67%, FYTD22-23 result 68%



Percentage who,
*where possible, have taken action as home owners on any of the
six key preparedness actions promoted by Toka Tū Ake EQC.*

Target >55%, Q3 result 55%, FYTD22-23 result 57%



Section 4 - Resilience (cont.)

Progress summary

On our Resilience Three Year Priorities (2019-22) cont.



Public Education

measures to raise public awareness (cont.)

What are the six key preparedness actions?

1. Removed brick or concrete chimneys or replaced with lighter weight options
2. Ensured home's foundations are properly connected to the house above
3. Located where to turn off gas supply
4. Located where to turn off main water supply
5. Used brackets to secure tall and heavy furniture to walls
6. Used strapping and bracing to secure hot water cylinder



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Accelerating the synthesis &
translation of research outputs

Across the quarter to 31 March 2023, Toka Tū Ake EQC:

- Portal content was finalised prior to internal comms and legal review, and external usability testing
- A series of videos were commissioned for inclusion on the Portal, supporting the written content being published.

Developing reciprocal
Partnerships

Our goal: Central and local government; private insurers; key research platforms

Across the quarter to 31 March 2023

At MfE's request, Toka Tū Ake EQC has extended the part-time secondment of one of our Principal Advisors to assist with the development of the National Planning Framework for Natural Hazards. The Framework is a key instrument that will 'operationalise' parts of the new Strategic Planning Act for local authorities.

Collaborating with MfE strengthens our partnership and enables us to promote safer land-use planning for natural hazards within the Framework.



Perceptions of Toka Tū Ake EQC

Surveying of key stakeholders (annual) and the general public (quarterly)

We survey key stakeholders on an **annual** basis to ascertain perceptions around:

- the quality and relevance of the outputs of Toka Tū Ake's investment in research (SOPE measure 2.1.1)
- the contribution to driving progress in resilience to natural hazards; and the quality of our partnering (SOPE measure 2.1.2)

Note: Annual surveying of stakeholders is not done until Q3 with results delivered in Q4

We also survey the public on a **quarterly** basis to see how we're doing with enhancing the public's understanding of natural hazard risk and risk reduction activity undertaken (SOPE 2.1.3). Please refer to Public Education section above for a summary of results which are published on a quarterly basis.

Results for SOPE measures 2.1.1-3 are reported under Section 1 'SOPE Results'.

Section 5 - Customer Focus

Under the Natural Disaster Response Agreement (NDRA), which came into effect on 30 June 2021, customers now lodge their disaster claim directly with our insurer partners who manage the settlement process on behalf of Toka Tū Ake EQC ('Insurer Managed' claims). Toka Tū Ake EQC continues to directly manage historical claims ('Toka Tū Ake EQC Managed' claims) relating to damage prior to 30 June 2021.

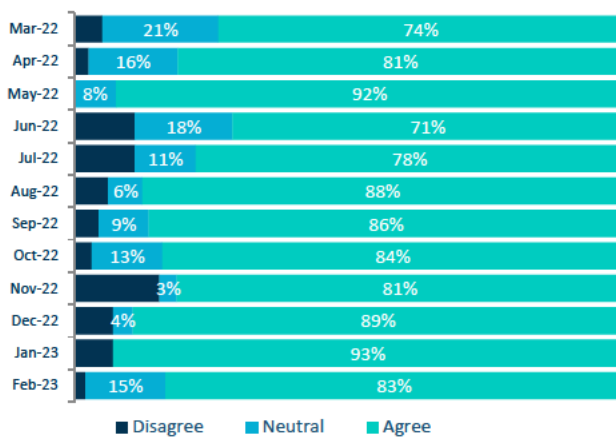
YTD results are as at 28 February 2023, as we report the YTD results one month in arrears due to the unavailability of results for the current month at the time of reporting.

Are there any significant changes to our FY22-23 customer experience SOPE measures from the previous year?

There are no significant changes. All customer experience measures remain identical to the previous year. The only changes to note are that we've consolidated a number of measures from last year into a single measure and that we've changed our SOPE reference numbers to reflect this.

Recent experiences: Transparent, fair and reasonable interactions

Canterbury
SoPE 1.1.7a

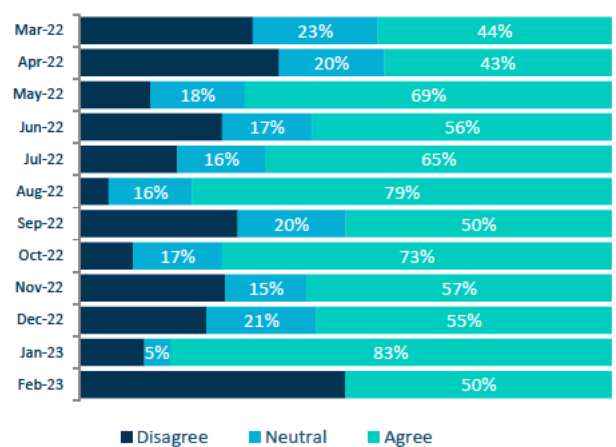


YTD result 85%

Target: > 70%

Trend

Natural Disaster Events (excl. Canterbury)
SoPE 1.2.4a



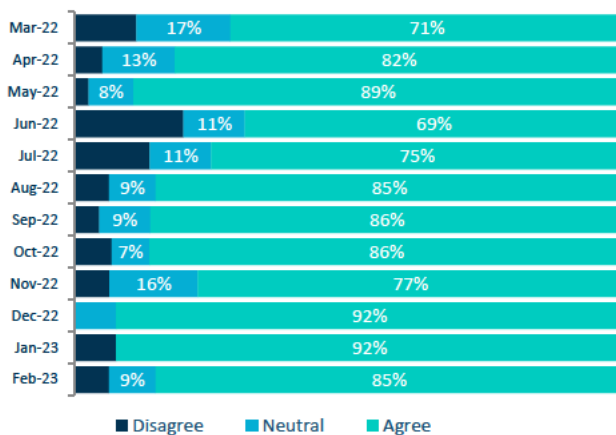
YTD result 63%

Target: > 70%

Trend

Recent experiences: Responsiveness to individual needs and situation

Canterbury
SoPE 1.1.7b

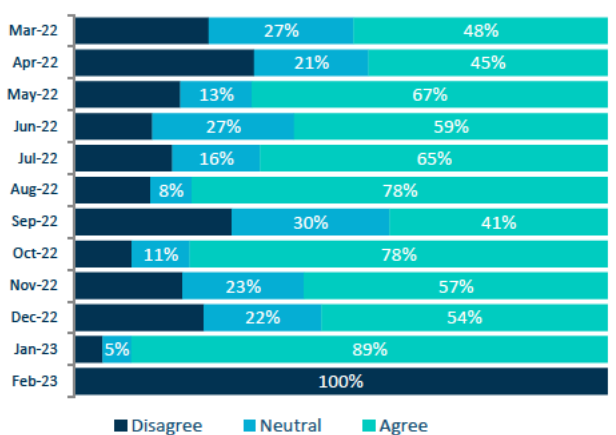


YTD result 84%

Target: > 70%

Trend

Natural Disaster Events (excl. Canterbury)
SoPE 1.2.4b



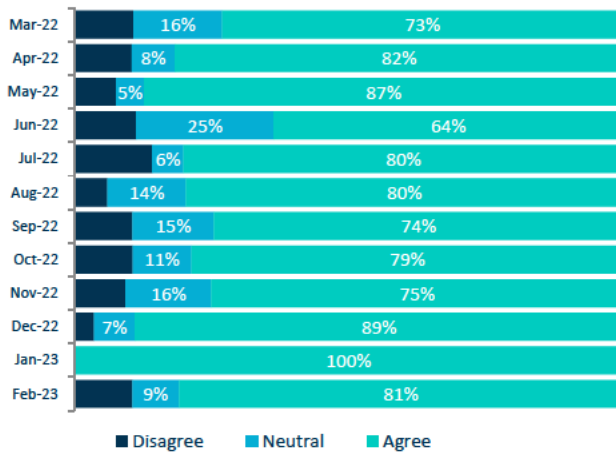
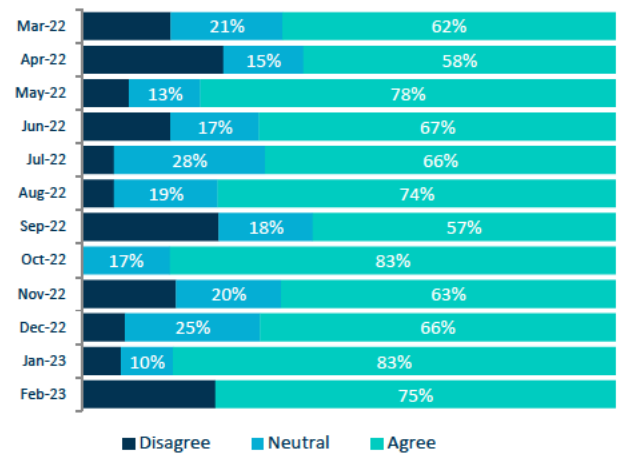
YTD result 63%

Target: > 70%

Trend

Section 5 - Customer Focus (cont.)

Recent experiences: Quality of communications and customer clarity on next steps

Canterbury
SoPE 1.1.7cNatural Disaster Events (excl. Canterbury)
SoPE 1.2.4c

YTD result 80%

Target: > 70%

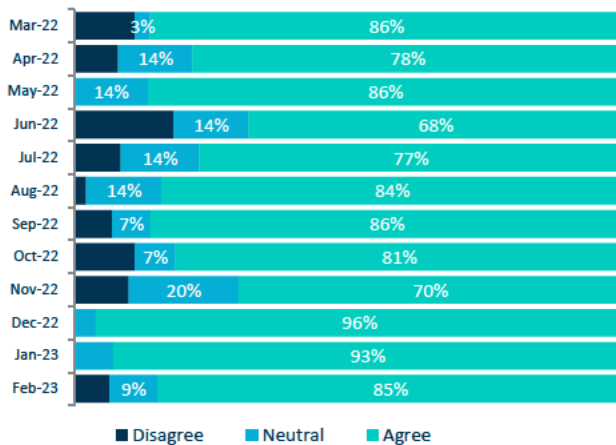
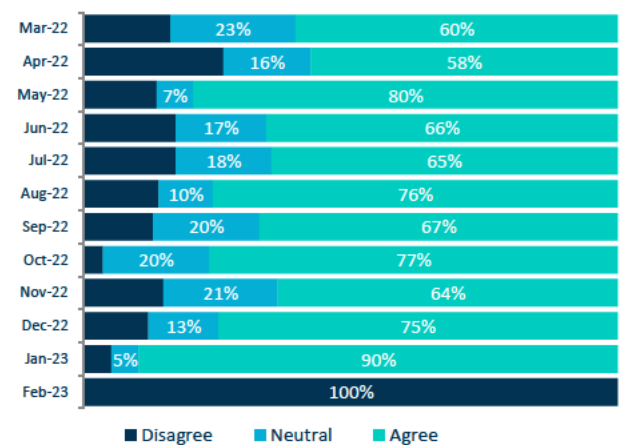
Trend

YTD result 69%

Target: > 70%

Trend

Recent experiences: Demonstrating expertise and a desire to help

Canterbury
SoPE 1.1.7dNatural Disaster Events (excl. Canterbury)
SoPE 1.2.4d

YTD result 83%

Target: > 70%

Trend

YTD result 72%

Target: > 70%

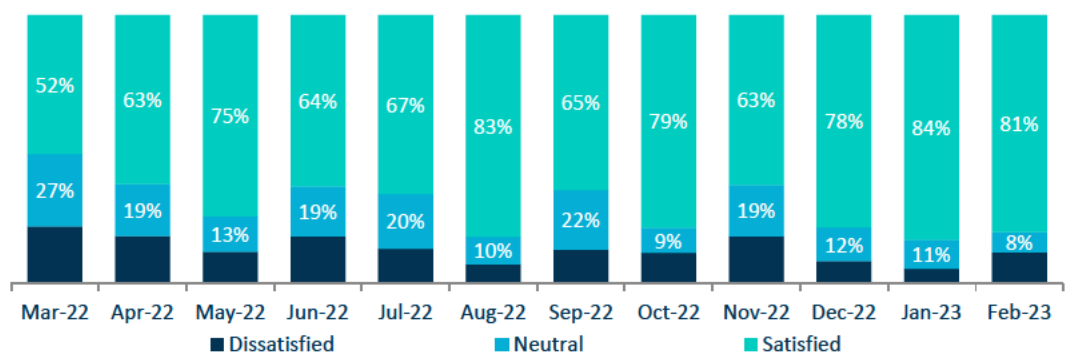
Trend

Overall claim experience

Survey question

'How satisfied were you with the overall quality of the service you received making the claim?'

Overall claim experience - All

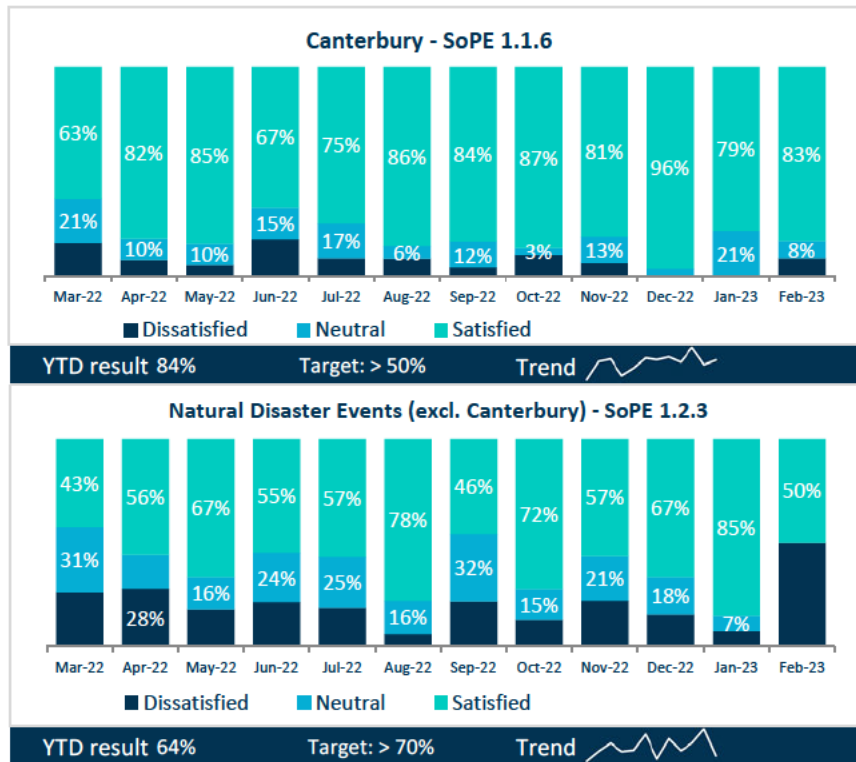


YTD result 73%

Trend

Section 5 - Customer Focus (cont.)

Overall claim experience by event response



Our Canterbury customers

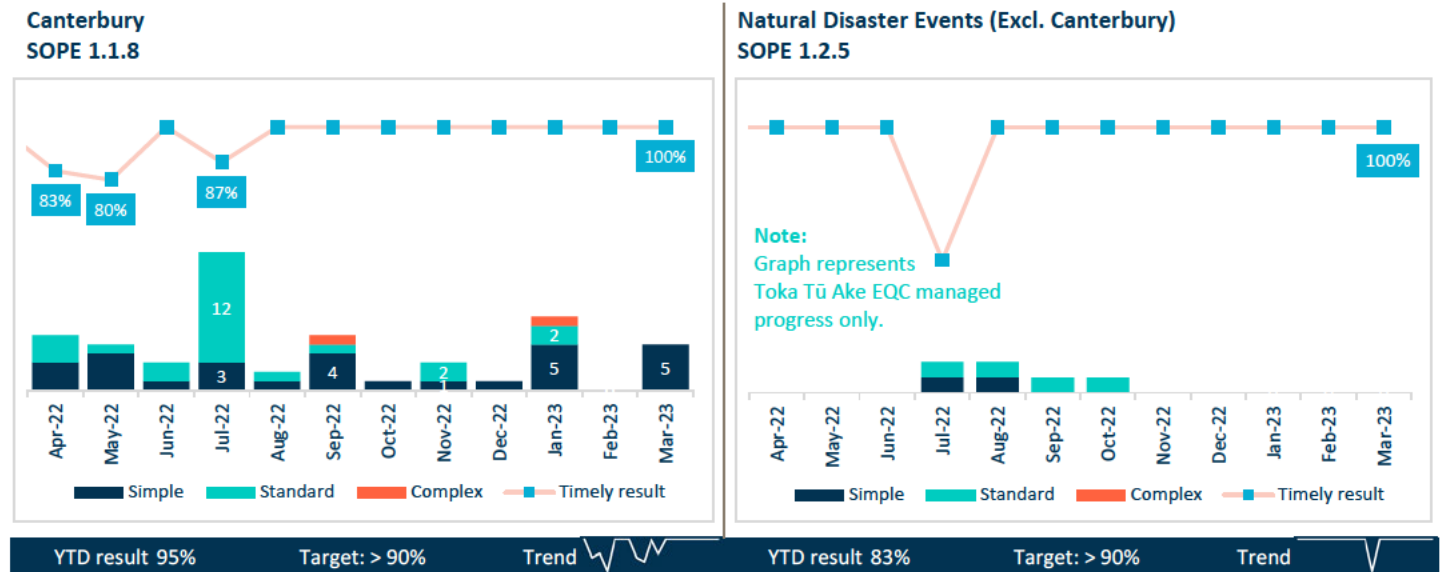
Across the YTD, satisfaction levels among our Canterbury customers remains strong with satisfaction levels between the overall and recent experience now at similar levels.

YTD results against all SoPE measures continue to track ahead of expected performance required to meet their respective targets.

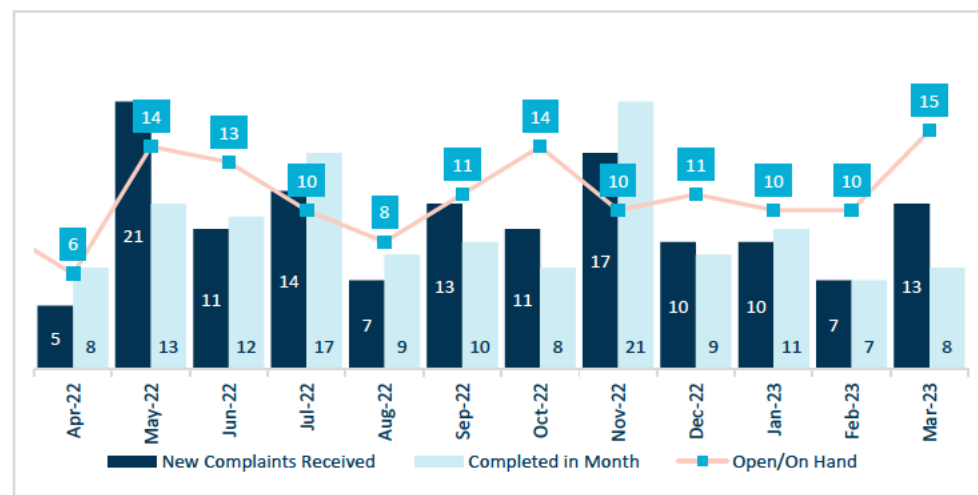
Our Natural Disaster Events (NDE) customers

Across the YTD, customer satisfaction with their overall experience (SoPE measure 1.2.3) has remained static from last month and continues to track behind expected performance. This is largely the same for customer satisfaction with their recent experience (SoPE measures 1.2.4a-d). The non-movement of YTD results across these measures is due to a very low survey respondent volume for the reporting period.

Timeliness of complaint resolution



Progression of customer complaints



Overall this month, we received 13 new complaints offset by the 8 resolved complaints, leaving 15 open complaints on hand at month end.

Insurer managed claims - 11 new complaints received this month and 6 resolved, leaving 11 open at month end.

Toka Tū Ake EQC managed claims - 2 new complaints received this month and 2 resolved, leaving 4 open complaints on hand at month end.

The complexity profile of our on hand complaints includes: simple (1); standard (2); and complex (1).

The categorisation of these on hand complaints includes: service related (2); process related (1); and technical (1).

Section 5 - Customer Focus (cont.)

Total call, email and post volume

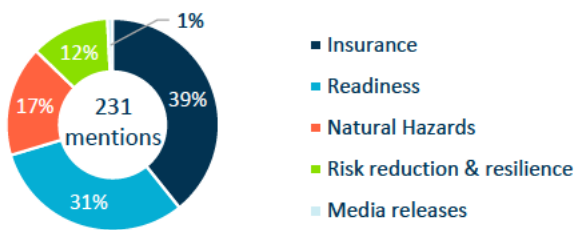
	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23
Outbound - Inbound Ratio	9:91	12:88	10:90	13:87	10:90	9:91
Grade of Service	88%	89%	85%	90%	75%	79%
Abandonment Rate	2%	1%	2%	1%	4%	4%
Roll Over No Answer	44	32	28	18	89	77
Total Calls	2,173	2,051	1,323	1,577	2,346	2,402
Total Email and Post	2,103	1,968	1,252	1,224	2,464	2,662

Section 6 - Media Coverage

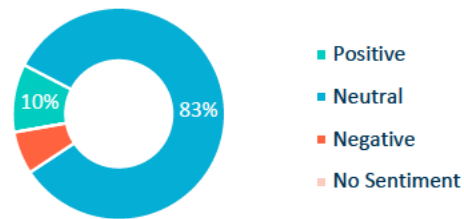
Traditional media coverage across the month

Across March, our media coverage dropped to 231 mentions (cf. 309 for Feb-23). While most of the mentions relate to ongoing coverage of the North Island severe weather events, coverage was also driven by our proactive media releases.

Coverage by theme across the month



Sentiment of coverage across the month



Note: To calculate the coverage volume, we count the number of theme tags that each story attracts. Some stories will have multiple theme tags assigned.

What generated coverage across the month?

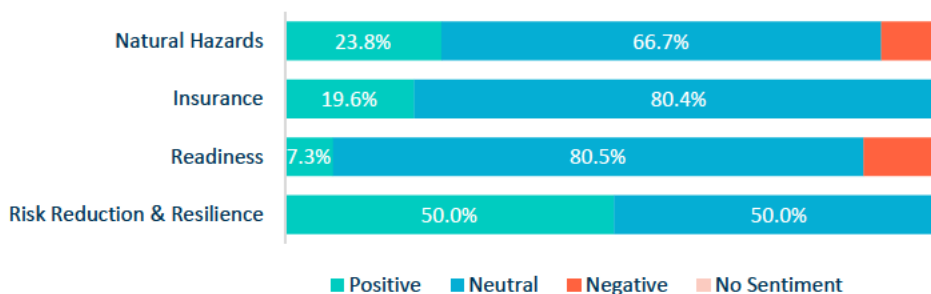
March was again a very active month for media engagement for Toka Tū Ake EQC, driven by regular, sensitive, and complex media queries around claims caused by the Upper North Island weather events, as well as our proactive media releases.

Of the published media stories, our Communications and Engagement team was particularly pleased with the reach of an opinion article on smarter land use by Dr Jo Horrocks. The article was published in the NZ Herald and Stuff and also received traction on several radio stations, which helps to establish Toka Tū Ake EQC as the leading expert in the national debate about natural hazards in land-use planning.

Other proactive releases included a project by the Toka Tū Ake EQC Fulbright Scholarship 2020 winner, who obtained close data from a large magnitude earthquake while studying in California, as well as a story on the Toka Tū Ake EQC funded 'Volcano Van' which will deliver natural hazard education to Auckland schools.

In addition to this, our Communications and Engagement team are supporting the award-winning AF8 (Alpine Fault 8) roadshow, part funded by Toka Tū Ake EQC, by pitching the roadshow to local media with local content. This supports our aim to get communities better prepared for an Alpine Fault Earthquake.

Sentiment of coverage by theme across the month



Of the published media stories 93% were positive or neutral.

Negative coverage this month, which accounts for 7% of total coverage, has identified further education opportunities about EQCover and our role in claims.

Educating media and the public on EQCover and our role in claims

Some articles claimed homeowners are 'waiting for Toka Tū Ake EQC' to progress their current claim, that Toka Tū Ake EQC doesn't pay out enough for land damage or that EQCover is difficult to understand.

In the background, our Communications and Engagement team continues to work hard to educate media and the public on the details of EQCover and ensure the right messages are being shared. Our team is in regular contact with journalists, correcting or clarifying details in stories and have developed a comprehensive fact sheet for communities and media.

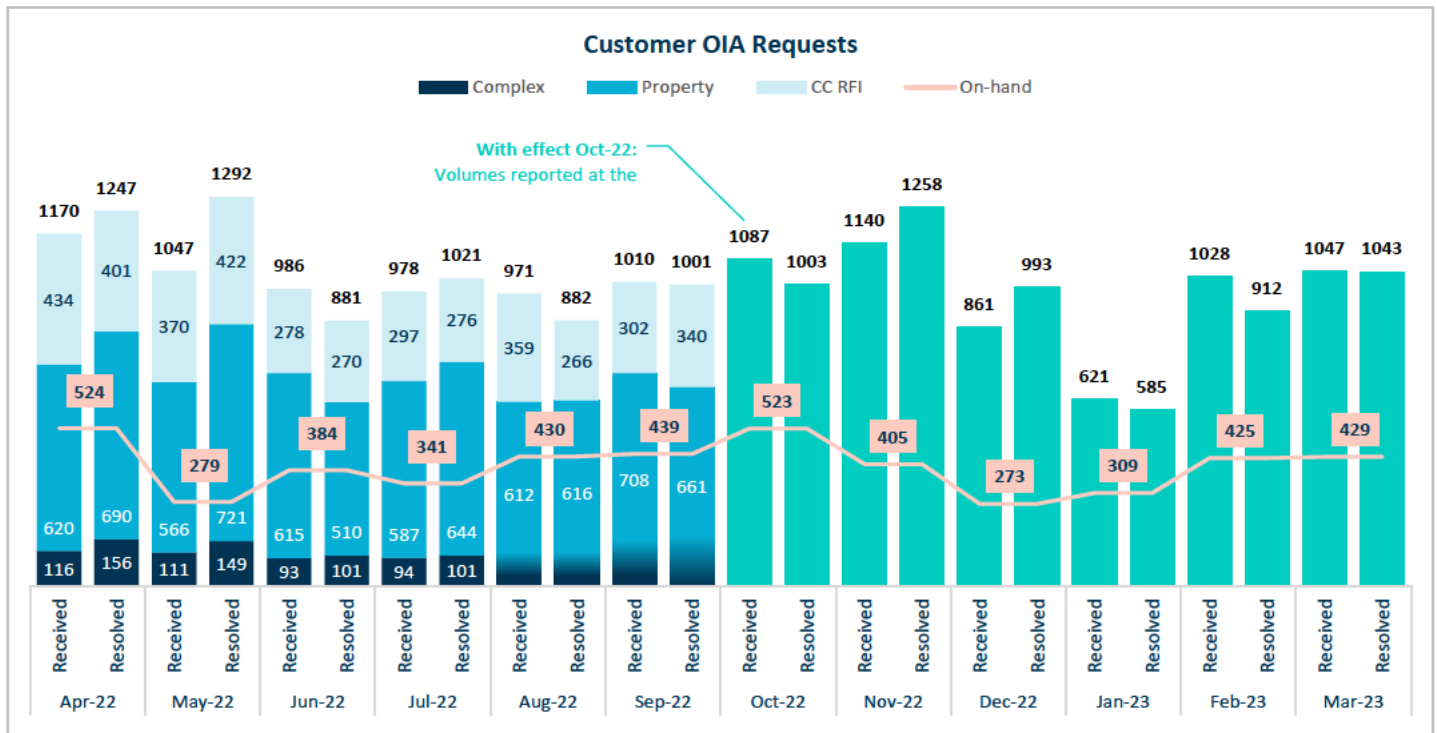
Our team also continues to facilitate interview requests to help homeowners better understand the claims process. In early March our Chief Readiness and Recovery Officer Kate Tod was interviewed on Radio New Zealand, advising what homeowners should expect from submitting claims for land damage, including working with their private insurer and why complex land damage may lead to delays in the process.

Section 7 - Official Information Act (OIA) Requests

From the start of the current financial year, reporting on customer requests for information has been widened to include all information requests we receive from customers.

Our widened reporting encompasses two other information request workstreams. One of these workstreams is for information requests for property related files, which is processed under either section 31A of the Earthquake Commission Act 1993 or the Official Information Act 1982. The other workstream covers information requests that our Contact Centre are able to resolve directly - in the chart below this workstream is referred to as 'CC RFIs'.

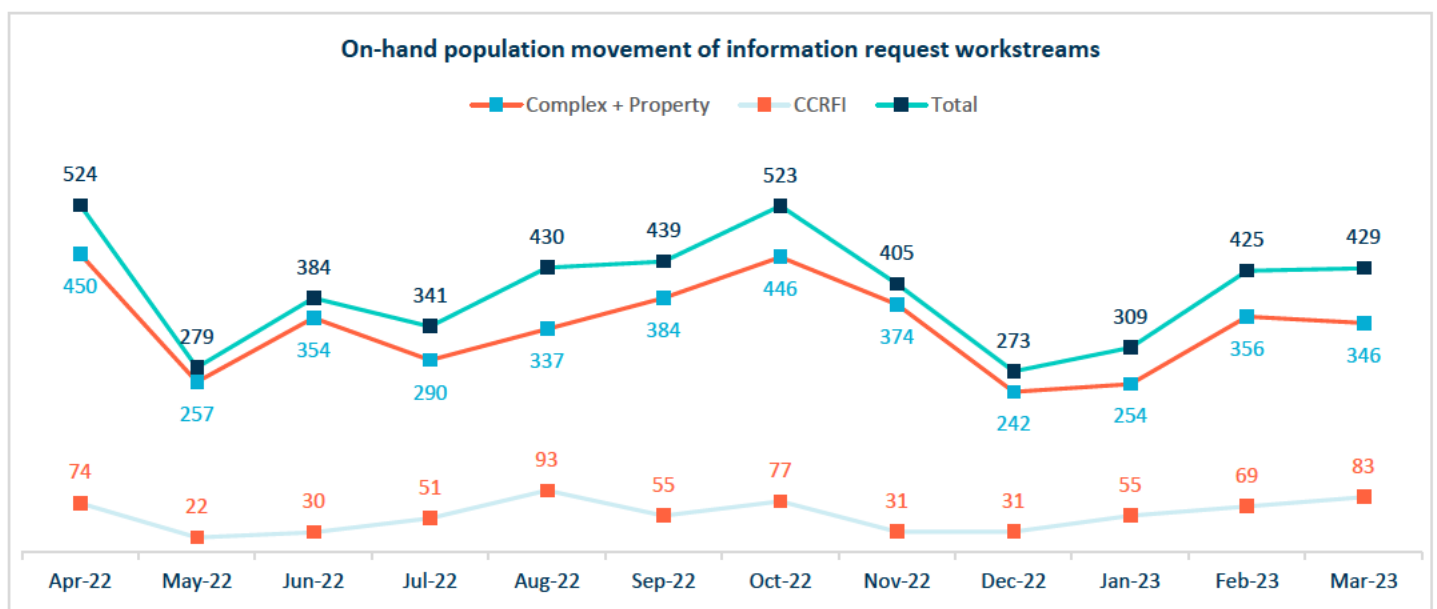
From October 2022, we have been reporting received and resolved volumes at the total level, moving away from reporting volumes at a workstream level.



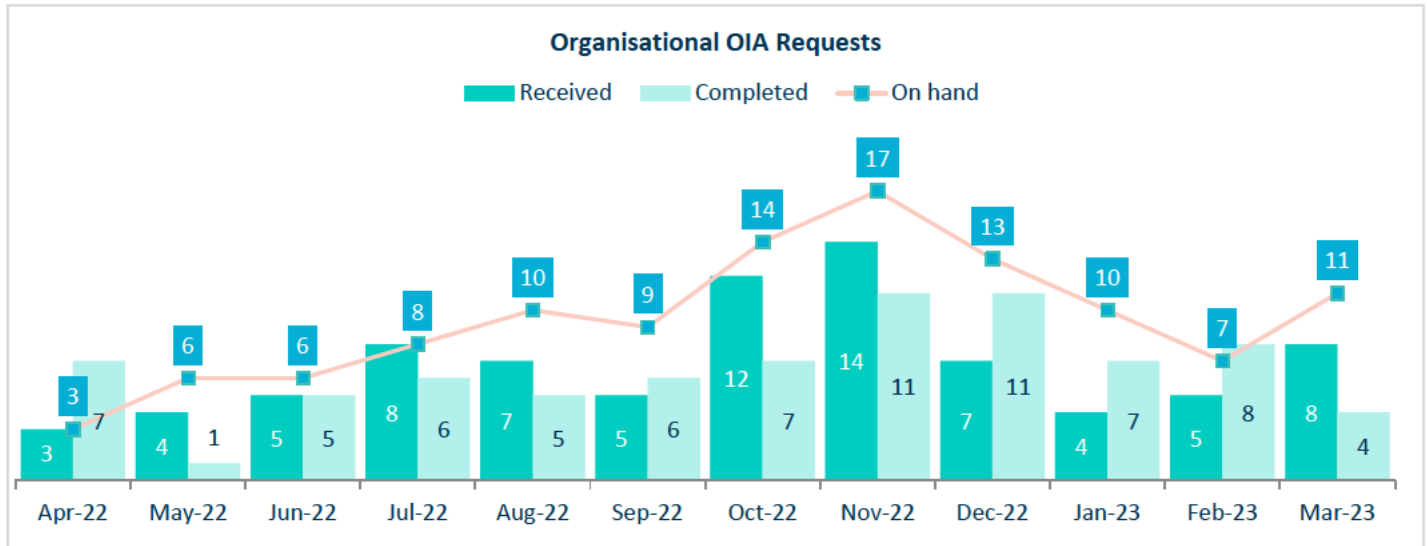
Across March, our Customer OIA and Contact Centre Teams received 1,047 new OIA requests (cf. 1,028 for Feb-23). Coupled with the 425 requests on hand from last month and resolution of 1,043 requests this month, we have 429 requests on hand at month end.

With the impending launch of the Natural Hazards Portal, preparations are well underway to manage an anticipated increase in requests for information.

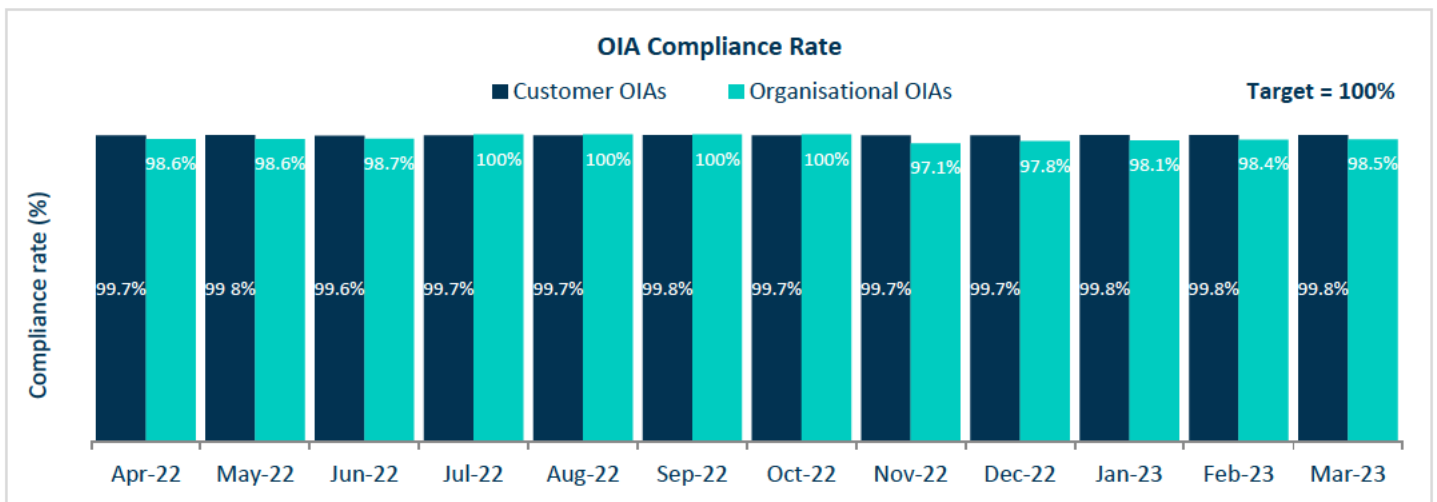
The chart below shows the month-on-month population movement of the three customer information request workstreams.



Section 7 - Official Information Act (OIA) Requests (cont.)



Across March, our Government Relations Team received 8 new high level OIA requests (cf. 5 in Feb-23). Coupled with the 7 requests on hand from last month and 4 completed requests this month, the team have 11 requests on hand at month end.



Across March, our Customer OIA Team reported two non-compliant responses. Given the large volume of information requests managed by the team, the YTD compliance remains stable at 99.8%.

During the same period, our Government Relations Team achieved 100% compliance, raising YTD compliance to 98.5%.

Ombudsman review of complaints received

Across March, we received no notices of investigation into complaints received by the Ombudsman.

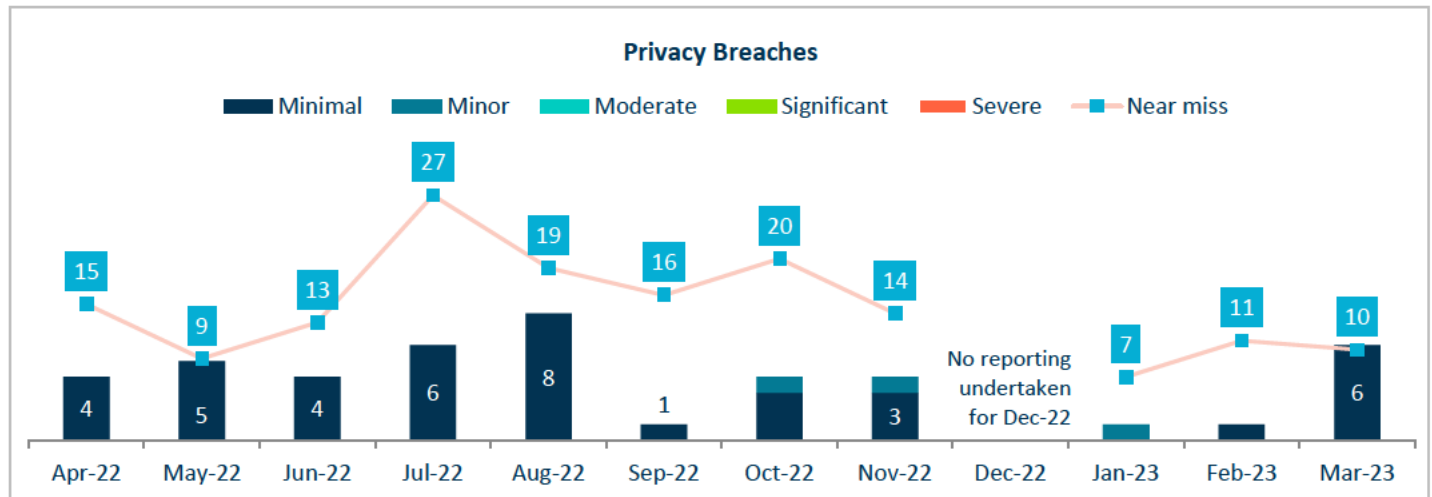
Ministerial correspondence

Across March, we received one request to draft a response for the Minister's Office.

Section 8 - Data Protection

Six privacy breaches (vs. 1 in Feb-23), all rated of minimal severity, were recorded by the Risk and Compliance Team in March. The reported breaches were assessed against the Government Chief Privacy Officer (GCPO) categorisation system and no serious harm appears to have arisen as it is considered contained.

Note: With effect from Nov-21, the definition of a 'near miss' incident has been amended to exclude documents that were incorrectly uploaded and removed on CMS within the same day. The rationale for this change is the low level of risk posed by these incorrect uploads (identified straight away and then rectified quickly), and to ensure the focus remains on 'near miss' incidents that pose a larger potential risk.



Privacy breaches

The six breaches reported this month relate to: 'incorrect email address used (2); wrong document sent (2); and wrong email or letter content (2).

Breach severity categories

Following the new Privacy Act 2020, which came in to effect on 1 December 2020, all breaches are now assessed against the Government Chief Privacy Officer Tool (GCPO). The GCPO categorisation system allows for transparent internal and external reporting on privacy incidents, and allows for benchmarking and direct comparisons of reported incidents across government agencies. The new rating categories are: 'Minimal', 'Minor', 'Moderate', 'Significant', and 'Severe'.

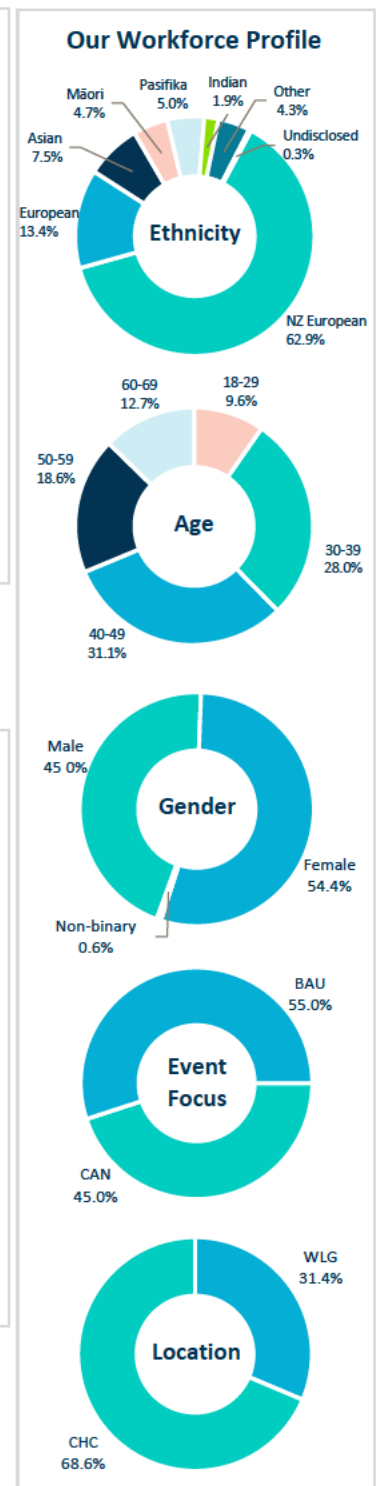
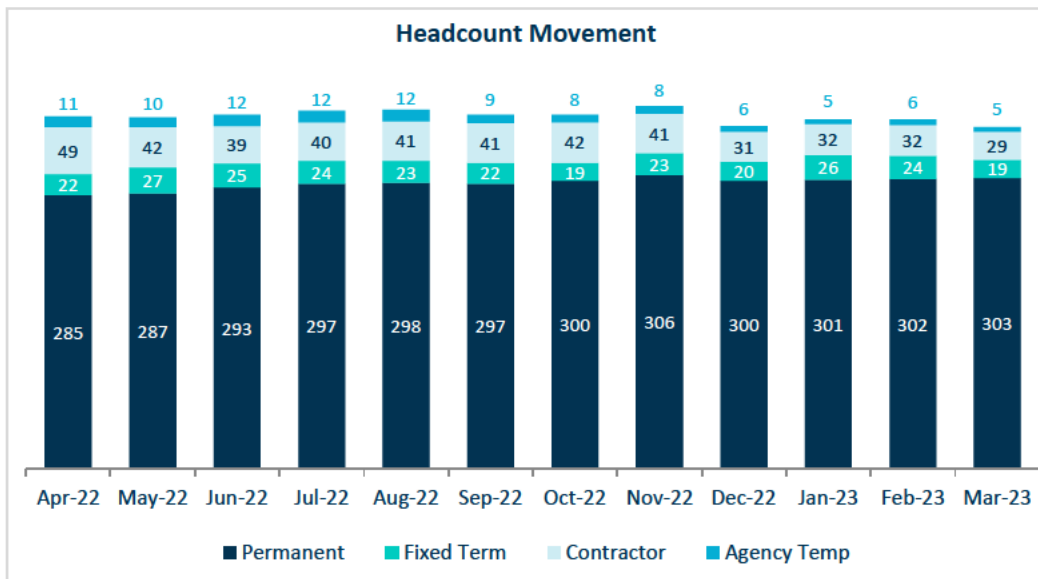
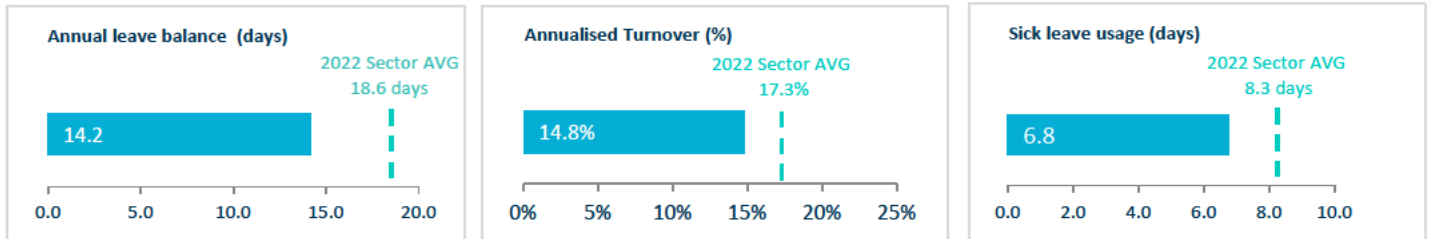
Below is an explanation of each rating:

Severe	Significant	Moderate	Minor	Minimal
Breach of sensitive or highly sensitive information with serious potential or actual harm. Indication of systemic failure that could undermine government systems. The incident will significantly affect the reputation of and undermine trust and confidence in the public sector. The incident will get ongoing media coverage.	Information is sensitive or highly sensitive with serious potential or actual harm. There will be measurable and ongoing negative impact on individuals and/or agencies with potential long-term loss of trust and confidence in the agency. Possible indication of systemic failure that could undermine government systems. The incident will get ongoing media coverage.	Information is not sensitive or highly sensitive. Potential or actual harm is more than minor. Customers and clients may stop using, or be reluctant to use, a service or delivery channel. The incident may get media attention or cause reputational risk due to the number of people rather than the information involved.	Small number of people are affected with minor potential or actual harm. Little or no indication of systemic problems. The incident may get short-term minor or isolated media interest.	Small number of people are affected with little or no potential or actual harm. Little or no indication of systemic problems. The incident most likely won't get media interest.

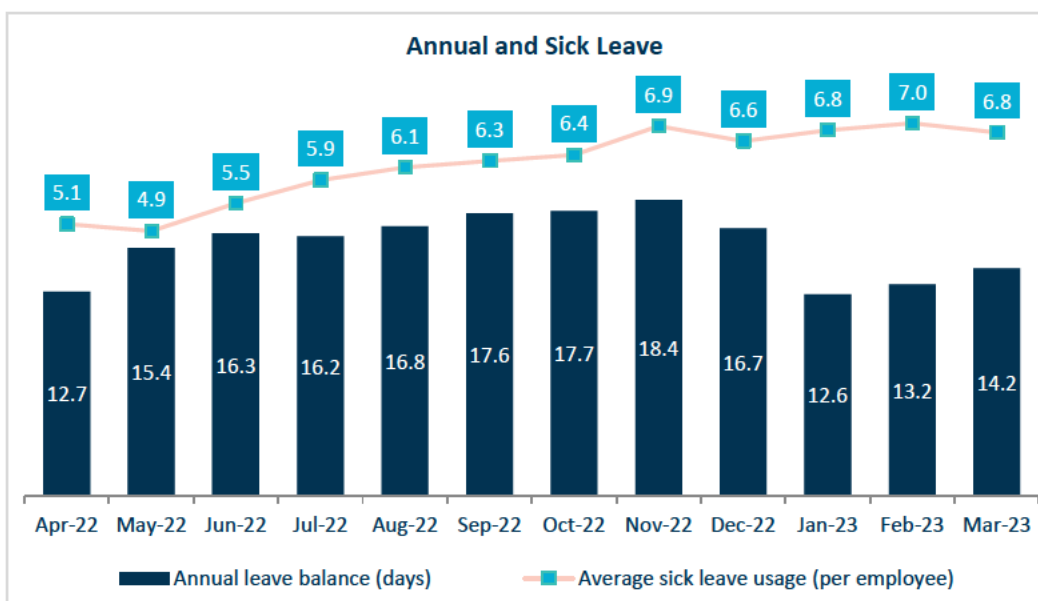
Section 9 - Our People

Across March, our permanent workforce headcount increased by 1, while our temporary headcount decreased by 5. During the month, our average annual leave balance rose to 14.2 days (cf. 13.2 in Feb-23), remaining below the 2022 public sector average of 18.6 days. Average sick leave usage decreased slightly by 0.2 days to 6.8 days and remains below the 2022 public sector average of 8.3 days. Meanwhile, annualised turnover ('voluntary turnover') dropped to 14.8% (cf. 15.9% in Feb-23), falling below the 2022 public sector average of 17.3%.

Our People at a glance - Toka Tū Ake EQC's performance against Public Service Sector Averages



Over the month, our permanent employee population increased by 1 while our temporary employee population decreased by 5.



As reported above, our average annual leave balance rose to 14.2 days (cf. 13.2 at EOM Feb-23), remaining below the 2022 public sector average of 18.6 days.

In the same period, average sick leave decreased slightly from last month by 0.2 days to 6.8 days against a 2022 public sector average of 8.3 days.