

# The foundation from which we stand strong, together

Toka: (noun) rock, large stone, boulder

Tū: (verb) to stand, take place, set in place, establish

Ake: (particle) to raise upwards



EQC Toka Tū Ake 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.

# Our dashboard explained

Our dashboard provides a monthly snapshot of EQC Toka Tū Ake progress across its operational spectrum as well as how we are tracking in relation to the performance measures in our *Statement of Performance Expectations 2023-24*.

Below is a summary of each section.

### Section 1 - Statement of Performance Expectations (SoPE) measures - monthly monitoring

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 2023-2024* 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-2023-2024/

### Section 2 - Canterbury\* (Output 1.1)

This section tracks the progress of outstanding claims arising from the Canterbury sequence of earthquakes 2010-11 ('Canterbury') including claims EQC Toka Tū Ake is managing on behalf of Southern Response. 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, complexity, and 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).

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

### 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 - Claims relating to natural hazard events (excluding Canterbury & Kaikōura) (Outputs 1.2 and 1.3)

This section covers all claims to the scheme that are not related to the 2010-11 Canterbury earthquake sequence and the 2016 Kaikōura earthquake. Here, we track our claims management progress by how many we have received during the month (inflow), how many we have settled in the month (resolved), and how many remain open (on hand). The measures in this section address the timeliness, quality and cost of claims resolution for all other events.

There are two output classes in this section for this financial year. Output class 1.2 excludes claims relating to the Upper North Island weather events of January and February 2023, which are reported separately under Output class 1.3.

The data in this section is organised by the type of natural disaster damage for which a claim may be lodged (namely earthquake, landslip, 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)

Section 3 includes reporting, at an aggregate level, of claims managed by the NDRM insurers under the NDRM from 30 June 2021 onwards. Under the NDRM, homeowners now lodge their disaster claim directly with the NDRM insurers who manage the settlement process on behalf of EQC Toka Tū Ake ('Insurer Managed').

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

### Section 4 - Resilience (Outputs 2.1 and 2.2)

This section monitors progression of the EQC Toka Tū Ake contribution to reducing risk and building resilience to natural hazards in New Zealand through collaboration and sharing information with New Zealanders and other agencies.

Output 2.1 focuses on how well our resilience programme is facilitating improved analysis and public understanding of natural hazard risk. Output 2.2 is focused on innovating through technology to enhance loss modelling and public understanding of natural hazard risk.

To measure the quality of information we provide, we seek feedback to understand its value to our stakeholders. We also measure the impact activities have on the number of New Zealanders who are taking action to prepare for natural hazard events. The section also monitors the perceptions of key stakeholders around the quality and relevance of the outputs of our investment in research (usefulness, useability 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 perception 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 occurs on a quarterly basis.

### Section 5 - Homeowner Focus (subsets of Outputs 1.1-3)

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

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

The large majority\*\* of homeowner satisfaction surveys are conducted on our behalf by InMoment, who survey homeowners on our behalf every fortnight.

# Our dashboard explained (cont.)

### Section 5 - Homeowner Focus (subsets of Outputs 1.1-3) cont.

Homeowner satisfaction results are now reported by month the homeowner was surveyed, previously reporting was based on month claim closed ie. there is now no lag in our reporting on homeowner satisfaction results as was the case in previous financial years.

This section also summarises the volume of customer contacts through our primary channels of phone, email or post and customer satisfaction with the service provided by our Contact Centre.

\*\*We also survey homeowners involved in our Government on-sold support package. Our survey agent for this is Verian (formerly Kantar Public).

#### Section 6 - Media

This section monitors the volume and sentiment of EQC Toka Tū Ake media coverage and what's driving that coverage. We also report on the sentiment of coverage across four themes: Natural Hazards; Insurance; Readiness; and Risk Reduction and Resilience. Social media reporting will eventually be reintroduced in this financial year.

### 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 EQC Toka Tū Ake and/or operational activities (Organisational OIAs). Our compliance rate for both request types is monitored and reported here.

This section also provides a visibility each month of any notices of investigation into a complaint received by the Ombudsman as well as visibility of the volume of requests received to draft a response for the Minister's Office.

### **Section 8 - Data Protection**

This section provides a monthly update on EQC Toka Tū Ake 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 the EQC Toka  $T\bar{u}$  Ake 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.

### Sequence of footnotes (why do some footnotes appear to be missing?)

The footnotes included in our dashboard, and the numbering of these, are taken directly from our *Statement of Performance Expectations 2023-2024* (SOPE 2023-2024) to ensure our dashboard is aligned to SOPE 2023-2024. There are some footnotes contained within our SOPE 2023-2024 that are not relevant to our dashboard and are therefore not included. For example, this applies to footnotes 1-4, which is why the footnote numbering begins from 5 onwards.

### Is there any information we exclude from the dashboard before we make it publicly available?

Yes there is. Before the dashboard is made publicly available we exclude a section on Kaikoura. This section is excluded due to commercially sensitive insurer data.

### **Output One - Recovery after an event**

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

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

The measures in this output class are a continuation from the 2022-2023 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 homeowner 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 homeowner focus measures look at a homeowner's recent experience to test the effectiveness of our continuous improvement initiatives.

### Performance measures | Timeliness



The open claim has been settled (closed) from the perspective of the homeowner and/or EQC Toka Tū Ake. An open claim may be classified as settled where the homeowner 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 NDRM insurers. To count as reopened, EQC Toka Tū Ake needs to have triaged the request and accepted the possibility of further activity being required.

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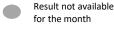
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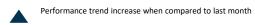
Outstanding Canterbury Claims between EQC Toka Tū Ake and Southern Response<sup>8</sup>

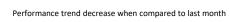
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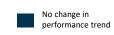
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Does not include claims in litigation or where a homeowner appoints a third party to represent them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>This agreement between the Crown and EQC Toka Tū Ake records the terms and conditions on which EQC Toka Tū Ake administers the government policy that allows homeowners of on-sold over-cap properties in Canterbury to receive an ex gratia payment from the Crown towards the cost of having their homes repaired.

<sup>8</sup>This outlines the agency mandate, terms and principles for EQC Toka Tū Ake settling claims as an agent for Southern Response.

# **Output One - Recovery after an event (cont.)**

### Performance measures | Timeliness



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>This measure includes results where complaints will take longer than two months to resolve provided an alternative timeframeis agreed with the homeowner.

reopened within six months<sup>10</sup>

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8%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>This will not include claims re-opened for administrative purposes (such as for making a payment or insurer facilitation).

# Output 1.2: Claims relating to natural hazard events (excluding 2010-11 CES & Upper North Island weather events: Jan-Feb-23)

**Output 1.2** is focused on claims to the scheme that occurred after the 2010-2011 Canterbury earthquake sequence. These measures address the timeliness, quality and cost of claims resolution for all other events, including claims management services provided by NDRM insurers under the NDRM from 30 June 2021 onwards.

They exclude claims relating to the Upper North Island weather events of January and February 2023, which are included in output 1.3.

### **Output 1.2: Performance measures | Timeliness**

Ref	Measure	Target	YTD Result	Progress - Year to Date	Status/Trend
				Target	
	Claims ladged between 1 January 2022			N=4581, 74%	
1.2.1	Claims lodged between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023 are settled	≥70%	74%	N=38, 92%	
	within six months		, -	N=4543, 74%	<del></del>
				0% 25% 50% 75%	100%
				■ Total ■ EQC Toka Tū Ake ■ Insurer Managed	

### Commentary relating to SoPE measure 1.2.1

**Explanatory note:** Performance for this measure is based on the final result as at 30 June 2024. Monthly results provide an indication of whether or not EQC Toka Tū Ake and the NDRM insurers are tracking in line with the trajectory expected to achieve the target for this measure by 30 June 2024. This result reflects the revision to the performance measure, introduced in Mar-24, acknowledging claims generated for the Upper North Island weather events (reported from 1 July 2023) have 12 months for settlement to be realised.

### Output 1.2 | Performance measures | Homeowner focus

Ref	Measure	Target	YTD Result	Progress - Year to Date	Status/Trend
1.2.2	Surveyed homeowners are satisfied with their overall claims experience	≥60%	52%	N=454, 52% N=20, 55% N=434, 52%	
1.2.3	Surveyed homeowners agreed EQC Toka Tū Ake (or its partner):			0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%  ■ Total ■ EQC Toka Tū Ake ■ Insurer Managed	
	was easy to interact with during their claim	≥70%	71%	N=389, 71% N=15, 67% N=374, 71%  0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	<b>A</b>
	<ul> <li>provided clear and concise communication, and homeowners were clear on next steps for their claim</li> </ul>	≥70%	65%	N=442, 65% N=18, 50% N=424, 66%	<b>A</b>
	<ul> <li>acted as experts with the skills, knowledge and desire to help them</li> </ul>	≥70%	68%	N=440, 68% N=16, 63% N=424, 68%	•
1.2.4 <sup>11</sup>	Complaints are resolved within two months or within such longer period as the complainant and private insurer agree	90%	95%	N=111, 95% N=0, 0%  N=111, 95%  0% 25% 50% 75% 100%  Total EQC Toka Tū Ake Insurer Managed	

### Commentary relating to SoPE measure 1.2.4

Recent improvements to the complaints result is due to the incorporation of information received from the NDRM insurers, confirming where agreements are in place with homeowners that extend beyond two months, for resolution of their complaints.

<sup>11</sup>Excludes complaints that fall into the external dispute resolution process to align with Fair Insurance Code terminology.

# **Output One - Recovery after an event (cont.)**

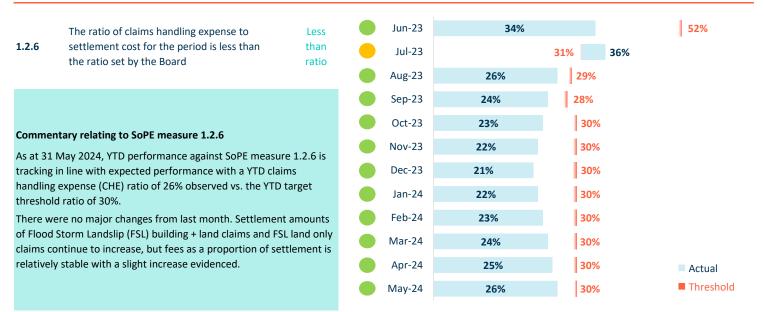
### Output 1.2 | Performance measures | Homeowner focus (cont.)



### Commentary relating to SoPE measure 1.2.5

Note: This result is adjusted to exclude the claims reopened for administrative purposes as confirmed by EQC Toka Tū Ake Operations and the NDRM insurers.

### Output 1.2 | Performance measures | Quantity



### Notes

- This measure is specific to claims managed by the NDRM insurers under the Natural Disaster Response Model (NDRM), which commenced on 1 July 2021.
- The threshold is recalibrated each month.
- The methodology used to calculate this measure was approved by the Board on 12 May 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>Measure excludes administrative reopens.

# Output One - Recovery after an event (cont.)

### Output 1.3 - Claims relating to Upper North Island weather events: January - February 2023

We have introduced a new measure for the response to the impacts of severe weather events in the Upper North Island (including the Auckland Anniversary Weekend floods in January 2023 and Cyclone Gabrielle in February 2023). This measure reflects the increased complexity and timeframe to resolve many of the claims where there is significant land damage.

### Output 1.3 | Performance measures | Timeliness

1.3.1 Claims lodged between 1 January 2023 and 30 June 2023 are settled within 12 months

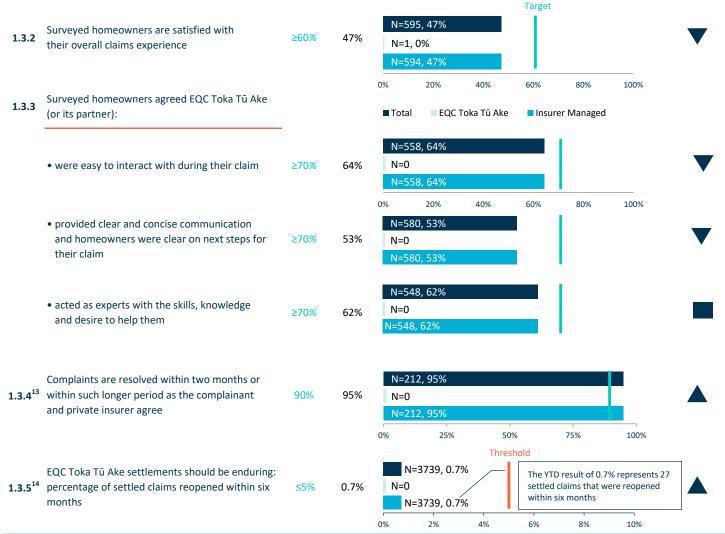
≥70% 78%



### Commentary relating to SoPE measure 1.3.1

We have now shifted from reporting an indicative to an actual YTD result. Now that 12 months have elapsed since January and February 2023, we're able to report on settlement performance for claims lodged during January-May (N=7,148). Our indicative reporting up to this point shows that we have 276 claims 'in progress' that will eventually come into scope for this measure and, of that population, we've settled 82%.

### Output 1.3 | Performance measures | Homeowner focus



# Commentary relating to SoPE measure 1.3.4

Recent improvements to the complaints result is due to the incorporation of information received from the NDRM insurers, confirming where agreements are in place with homeowners that extend beyond two months, for resolution of their complaints.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>Excludes complaints that fall into the external dispute resolution process to align with Fair Insurance Code terminology.

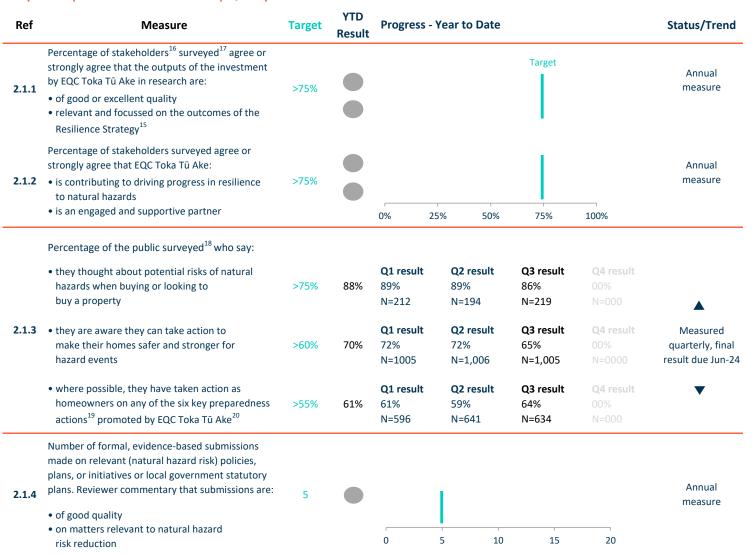
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>Measure excludes administrative reopens.

# **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 inform and enable choices and decisions that reduce the vulnerability and exposure of New Zealanders to natural hazards. We will also prepare for the changes to our resilience functions under the NHI Act.

### Output 2.1 | Performance measures | Quality



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>EQC-Resilience-Strategy-2019-2029

### Key:

Result not available for the month

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>Stakeholders include central government, local government, science and research, insurance industry and design, planning, and construction professionals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>Quantitative surveys are undertaken by Research First Ltd, an independent organisation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>Quantitative surveys are undertaken by A C Neilsen, an independent organisation .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>The key preparedness actions are: secure tall furniture, secure hot water cylinder, remove or replace hazardous chimneys, sec ure foundations, know how to turn off mains gas, and know how to turn off mains water.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>This action measure is calculated by summing the count of people who said 'yes' to each of the six actions, divided by the su m of the count of eligible people who answered for each action (excludes those who said not applicable).

# **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 - Year to Date	Status/Trend	
	Deliver the following milestones for loss modelling:					
2.2.1	• Implement new earthquake fragility models in PRUE <sup>21</sup>	ved	•	Off-track. Tsunami exposure assessment capability is available via a RiskScape pipeline. Development work on additional fragility and exposure models is ongoing but will be delayed due to issues with model performance and	Binary measure	
	<ul> <li>Deliver exposure assessment capability for tsunami (building only) and rainfall induced landslip</li> </ul>	Achieved		resource constraints with our external partners.		
2.2.2	A Business Case for Stage 2 of the Natural Hazards Portal is costed and presented to the EQC Toka Tū Ake Board.	Achieved	•	Achieved. A Business Case was presented to the Board for the May 2024 Meeting.	Binary measure	
<sup>21</sup> PRUE	is our loss model based on the RiskScape® risk modelling	software de	veloped by	GNS and NIWA.		
Key:						
	Result Off-track Monitor	Result	Achieved			

# **Output Three - Risk Financing**

Output 3.1: Maintain a reinsurance programme that supports the delivery of affordable residential natural disaster insurance protection

Our **Risk financing** output supports our core legislative functions to collect premiums payable for insurance under the Earthquake Commission Act 1993, administer the NDF and obtain reinsurance. In combination with the Crown guarantee<sup>22</sup>, this ensures financial resources are available to meet people's claims when they fall due. The NDF is also used to invest in research and education and operate the scheme.

### **Performance measures**

Ref	Measure	Target	YTD Result	Progress - Year to Date	Status/Trend
3.1.1	Reinsurance protection for 2024-2025 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 2024		Achieved	Annual measure
3.1.2	Annual consultation with the Crown on risk appetite occurs prior to purchasing reinsurance for 2024-2025	Achieved		Achieved, the Treasury were consulted during the 2024/25 renewal.	Annual measure
3.1.3	An annual review of the risk financing strategy is conducted	30 June 2024		Achieved, the Board reviewed the Risk Financing Strategy at its June 2024 meeting and approved an update of the strategy for the 2024/25 financial year.	Annual measure
Outpu	t 3.2 - Managing the NDF				
3.2.1	The level of premiums collected compared to annual financial budget	100%	100%	\$779.3  0 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800  Premiums collected YTD (\$m)	.0 Annual measure
3.2.2	The NDF is managed in accordance with directions from the Minister	100%	100%	FYTD - fully compliant	Annual measure

<sup>22</sup>Section 16 of the EQC Act provides that, if the assets of EQC Toka Tū Ake are not sufficient to meet its liabilities, the Crown will provide EQC Toka Tū Ake with a grant or advance to meet the shortfall.

### Key:

Result achieved

# **Output Four: Readiness for an event**

**Readiness** is about ensuring EQC Toka  $T\bar{u}$  Ake 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 maximising the effectiveness of our NDRM, running scenario exercises, planning for business continuity and identifying areas for improvement. The National Reference Group provides us with invaluable perspectives and input into this work.

### Ensuring capacity and readiness for an event

Ref	Document and present to the Board the lessons L learned from the 2023 Upper North Island weather events  Achieved Achieved. Martin Jenkins & Associates Identh independent review of the NDRN North Island weather events. The Board the final review report in mid-May 2024 developing an implementation plan to developing an implementation plan to developing and implementation plan to developing and implementation plan to develop the second developed developing and developed			Progress - Year to Date	Status/Trend	
4.1			Achieved. Martin Jenkins & Associates have completed an indepth independent review of the NDRM's response to the North Island weather events. The Board was provided with the final review report in mid-May 2024. We are now developing an implementation plan to deliver lessons learned from this review and our other event scenarios. We will provide the Board with the implementation plan in September 2024.	Annual measure		
4.2	NDRM insurers attest they have surge plans to support the NDRM to respond to a natural hazard event with up to 100,000 homeowner claims	as per measure	•	On track. Attestation has been provided by all NDRM insurers for the 6 months ended 31 Dec 2023. All NDRM Insurers have attested that "Appropriate surge plans are in place to support (proportionately in line with the NDRM insurers market share) the NDRM to respond to a natural hazard event with up to 100,000 EQC Toka Tū Ake customer claims." No issues requiring actions were identified.	Annual measure	
4.3	EQC Toka Tū Ake and NDRM insurers further develop the NDRM's efficiency and effectiveness as a claims model by completing projects in the approved implementation plan <sup>23</sup>	Achieve 90% of 2023-24 milestones	•	The Insurer Engagement Workplan (IEW) is ON TRACK. In total there are eight projects included in the IEW for FY23-24. Of these projects, seven are in-flight with no material delays noted against any of the critical project workstreams. The remaining project [One Off Repairs] is the subject of a paper going to the September Board.	Annual measure	
4.4	New Zealanders have increasing trust and confidence in EQC Toka Tū Ake	Results match or are higher than the FY22-23 result	•	The result for this measure is based on the annual Public Sector Reputation (PSR) Index Report. Our index score for FY23-24 is 94, matching our previous PSR index score for FY22-23.	Annual measure	
	pproved implementation plan will outline projects and init nce framework.	iatives that	will develo	p the NDRM. The plan will also include any issues identified for action	n through the NDR	
ey:	Result not available					

for the month

# Section 2 - Settlement of the 2010-11 Canterbury earthquake sequence claims

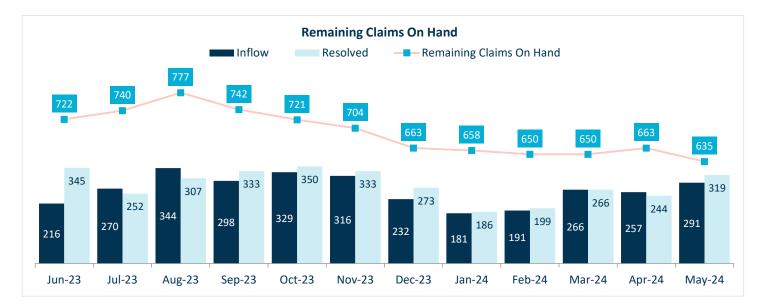
During May, 319 claims were settled, offset by inflow of 291 claims. At month end we have 635 open Canterbury claims on hand (cf. 663 at EOM Apr-24), a reduction of 28 from last month.

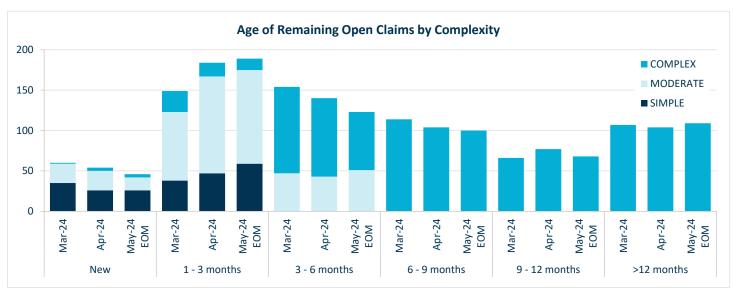
This month, 73% of claims were settled within 3 months of reopening. During the same period, 6% of settlements this month were 'aged claims' (claims older than 12 months).

Sampling of inflow across the month also shows that 78% are categorised as 'simple' claims i.e., closed or forecast to close in <3 months. A further 26% are classified as 'standard' complexity (3-6 month forecast duration), and 2% classified as 'complex' (>6 month forecast duration). Closure forecast accuracy this month was 80% (cf. 71% last month).

Missed damage remains the top homeowner-initiated reopen category, accounting for 75% of reopens this month. Drainage/plumbing related reasons remain the biggest driver of claims reopened for missed damage.

The age profile of remaining claims reveals that 37% are <3 months old while aged claims (>12 months old) account for 17%. Settling aged claims remains an ongoing focus, currently we have 109 aged claims (cf. 104 last month) and 168 aging claims (68 claims aged 9-12 months and 100 claims aged 6-9 months).





Resolution of aged claims continues to be a key priority for our settlement teams. Movement of our Canterbury claim population by age bracket across the month is summarised below:

- Claims aged >12 months ▲5% to 109 (cf. 104 last month)
- Claims aged 6-12 months ▼8% to 168 (cf. 181 last month)
- Claims aged 3-6 months ▼12% to 123 (cf. 140 last month)
- Claims aged <3 months ▼1% to 235 (cf. 238 last month)</li>

# Section 2 - Settlement of the 2010-11 Canterbury earthquake sequence claims (cont.)



### Missed Damage, 71.8%

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

### Homeowner Complaint, 2.7%

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

### Additional Payment, 2.4%

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 homeowner, 3.1%

Claim is reopened as the homeowner has returned with information previously requested by EQC Toka Tū Ake to progress the claim.

# Repair Methodology, 8.0%

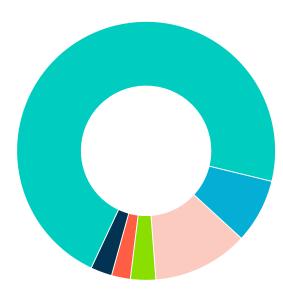
Claim has been reopened as the homeowner has concerns regarding elements of the repair methodology\* or strategy that was recommended or followed, to settle natural disaster damage in accordance with EQC Act.

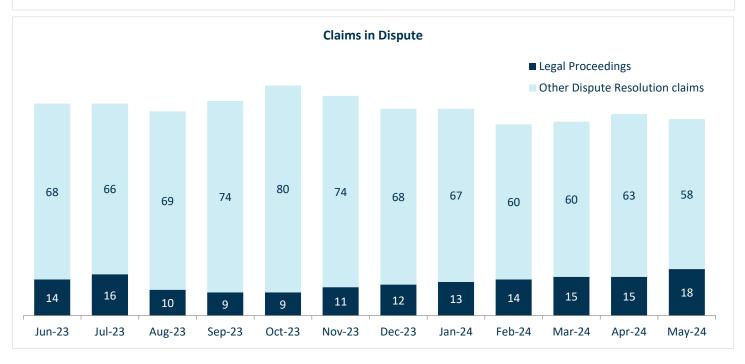
\* Methodology: determining a repair strategy for damage relating to Natural Disaster using appropriate qualified specialist assessments.

### Repair Quality, 12.0%

The homeowner has identified defects or quality issues with repairs previously completed and managed by EQC Toka Tū Ake\* that need to be assessed to settle Natural Disaster Damage in accordance with the EQC Act.

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





As at month end, we have 18 Canterbury claims that are subject to legal proceedings (cf. 15 at Apr-24 EOM). Our population of other claims requiring dispute resolution currently stands at 58 (cf. 63 at Apr-24 EOM).



# Section 2 - Settlement of the 2010-11 Canterbury earthquake sequence claims (cont.)

WIP - Work in Progress

Jun-23

-5

Aug-23

Jul-23

**Note:** 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.

Nov-23

Dec-23

Jan-24

Feb-24

Mar-24

Apr-24

May-24

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Oct-23

The chart above plots the flow of On-Sold EOIs through the value chain. To date, we have completed the assessment of 5,602\* applications ('total closed' (5,278) + 'WIP post-settlement' (324)) of which:

- 1,650 have received an On-Sold settlement agreement or have been resolved without the need to pay Crown funds ('Completed EQC Payment' (566) + 'Monitor and Report' (1084));
- 761 have been transferred to EQC Toka Tū Ake operations to be managed as they're unlikely to exceed the EQC cap, or do not fit the On-Sold eligibility criteria; and
- 1,033 have been closed due to insufficient information.

Sep-23

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

- **Pre-settlement** 376 EOIs on hand that are being reviewed for eligibility or are being managed through our On-Sold assessment/settlement process ('Pre-settlement'), including 69 Awaiting Agreements with Customers.
- Post-settlement 324 (refer to reporting change notation above for definition).
- \* These numbers exclude applications with status of 'Awaiting Agreement Customer', as these applications are treated as WIP (Agree and execute settlement agreement).



SOW - Scope of Works

# Section 3 - Claims relating to natural hazard events

In this section we report on the progress of settling claims related to natural hazard events that occurred after the 2010-11 Canterbury earthquake sequence (2010-11 CES). There are two parts to this section:

- a.) Historic claims that we manage directly that pre-date the Natural Disaster Response Agreement (NDRA)
- b.) Claims that the NDRM insurers manage directly under the NDRA

As a proportion of the overall population, the historic claims that we manage directly that pre-date the NDRA is relatively small, whereas claims managed directly by the NDRM insurers under the NDRA represents the vast majority of claims relating to natural hazard events after the 2010-11 CES.

The first part of this section reports on the small population of historical claims that we manage directly.

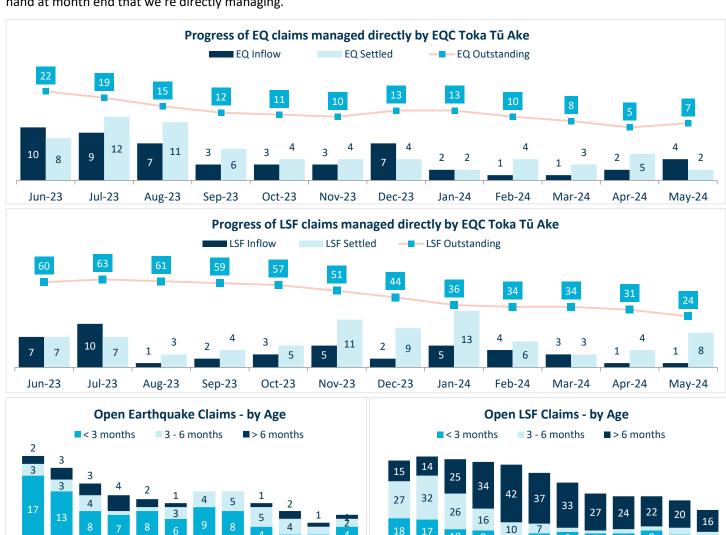
### Historic claims managed directly by EQC Toka Tū Ake

This population of claims pre-date the Natural Disaster Response Agreement (NDRA) and are not linked to either the 2010-11 CES or the remaining tail of the 2016 Kaikōura earthquake event claims.

### Population movement across the month

Across May, inflow included 5 new and reopened claims (cf. 3 for Apr-24). The loss cause profile of this month's inflow was 80% Earthquake (EQ) related and 20% Landslip, Storms and Flood (LSF) related.

This month we settled 10 claims. Coupled with an on-hand population of 36 at the end of last month, we have 31 claims on hand at month end that we're directly managing.



Note: Inflow refers to claims lodged as well as reopened

Oct-23

Sep-23

Jul-23

May-24

Jun-23

Jul-23

Aug-23

Oct-23

May-24

Jan-24

# Section 3 - Claims relating to natural hazard events (cont.)

### Claims managed directly by the NDRM insurers under the Natural Disaster Response Agreement (NDRA)

The second part of this section reports on how the NDRM insurers are progressing the settlement of claims that they directly manage under the Natural Disaster Response Agreement (NDRA). The NDRM insurers, under the NDRA, manage the vast majority of claims relating to natural hazard events that are not linked to either the 2010-2011 Canterbury earthquake sequence or the remaining tail of 2016 Kaikōura earthquake event claims.

### How many claims have we received since the start of the NDRA?

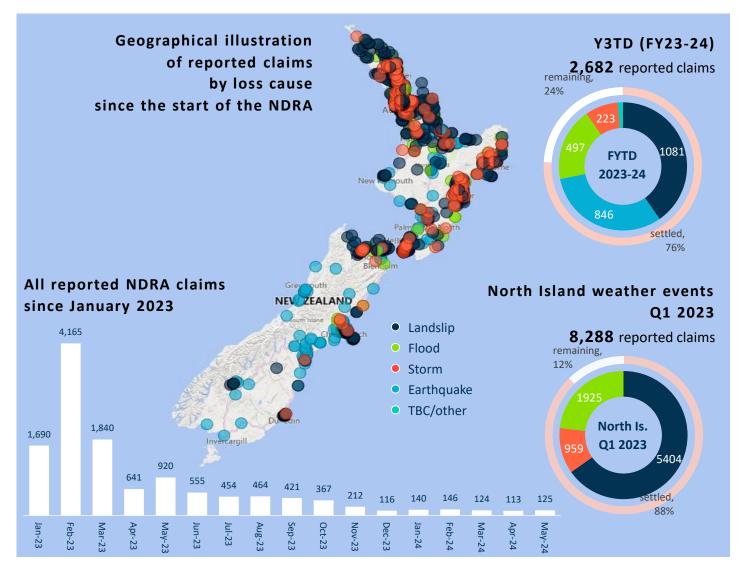
Since the commencement of the NDRA, we've received 17,862 claims (cf. 17,739 reported last month). Over 81% of reported claims are related to a weather event.

### Progression of claims relating to natural hazard events (excluding the 2010-11 CES)

In this financial year, we're focused on reporting the progress that the NDRM insurers, as a whole, are making on claims:

- lodged in this financial year.
- relating to the Upper North Island weather events of Q1-2023.

The following visual provides a summary of progress against these two claim populations along with a geographical illustration of all reported claims since the start of the NDRA.



Note: Due to updated information received from NDRM insurers, the reported claims total for Apr-24 has been revised in May-24.

# Section 4 - Resilience

# **Progress summary**

On our Resilience Three Year Priorities (2019-22)

### Reporting on the progression of our Resilience Three Year Priorities is provided on a quarterly basis

The quarterly frequency of our progress reporting takes into account that the nature of the work undertaken to progress our *Resilience Three Year Priorities* is more suited to quarterly progress reporting. Our next quarterly update will be provided in the EQC Toka Tū Ake Performance Dashboard - June 2024.

The following priorities are what we'll be reporting progress on each quarter.





A renewed focus on the strategic value of data and information









Perceptions of EQC Toka Tū Ake

### Section 5 - Homeowner Focus

### Homeowner engagement under the Natural Disaster Response Agreement (NDRA)

Under the NDRA, which came into effect on 30 June 2021, homeowners now lodge their disaster claim directly with the NDRM insurers who manage the settlement process on behalf of EQC Toka Tū Ake ('Insurer Managed' claims). EQC Toka Tū Ake continues to directly manage historical claims ('EQC Toka Tū Ake Managed' claims) relating to damage prior to 30 June 2021.

### Are there any significant changes to our FY23-24 homeowner experience reporting from last year?

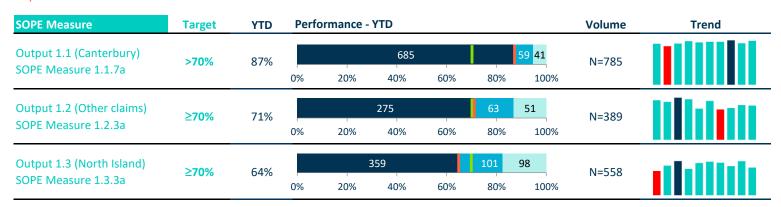
With the introduction of Output Class 1.3, we'll be measuring homeowner satisfaction for homeowners impacted by the severe weather events in the Upper North Island (including the Auckland Anniversary Weekend floods) in January 2023 and Cyclone Gabrielle in February 2023.

We are also now reporting results across FY23-24 by the month the homeowner was surveyed which means that there is now no lag in the reporting of homeowner satisfaction results. Previously we'd reported on results on a month claim closed basis which meant there was a lag in our reporting.

#### **Overall experience: Homeowner responses FYTD** Line markers **Trendline** Surveyed homeowners are satisfied **High Point** Year end Rating 4-5 Rating 3 Rating 1-2 with their overall **KEY** YTD result **Low Point Target** Target Below target claims experience **SOPE Measure Performance - YTD** YTD Volume **Trend Target** Output 1.1 (Canterbury) 644 119 >60% 71% N=913 SOPE Measure 1.1.6 20% 40% 60% 80% 0% 100% 236 117 Output 1.2 (Other claims) 52% N=454 ≥60% SOPE Measure 1.2.2 20% 40% 60% 80% 0% 100% Output 1.3 (North Island) 281 149 47% N=595 ≥60% SOPE Measure 1.3.2 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

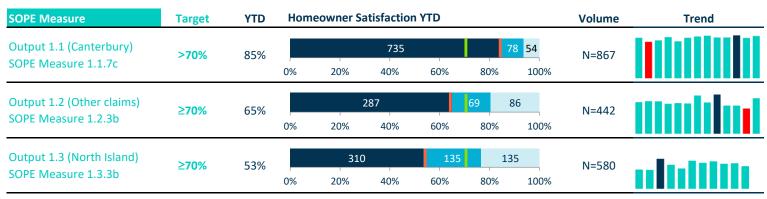
### **Ease of interaction:**

Surveyed homeowners agree EQC Toka Tū Ake (or its partner, Outputs 1.2-3) were easy to interact with during their claim experience.



### **Quality of communication:**

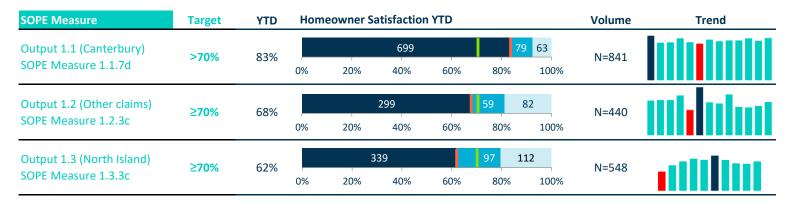
Surveyed homeowners agree EQC Toka Tū Ake (or its partner (Outputs 1.2-3)) provided clear and concise communication and homeowners were clear on next steps for their claim



# **Section 5 - Homeowner Focus (cont.)**

### **Acted as experts:**

Surveyed homeowners agree EQC Toka Tū Ake (or its partner (Outputs 1.2-3)) acted as experts with the skills, knowledge and desire to help them



### Responsiveness to individual needs and situations: (Canterbury only)

Surveyed homeowners agree EQC Toka Tū Ake was responsive to their individual needs and situation during their recent claim experience

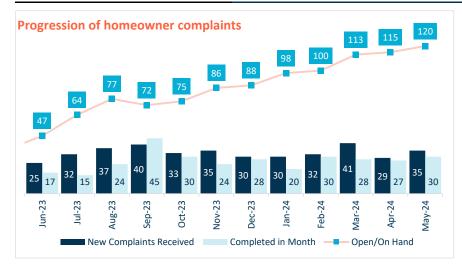
SOPE Measure	Target	YTD	Homeowner Satisfaction YTD					Volume	Trend
Output 1.1 (Canterbury) SOPE Measure 1.1.7b	>70%	86%	0% 20	7 0% 40%	58 60%	80%	100%	N=877	

### Why are there differences in the trendlines for the above SOPE measures?

- Some trendlines are longer because they're a continuation of an SOPE measure from the previous financial year and so we're able to provide a view of performance for the month across a 12 month period.
- Other trendlines are shorter because they're new SOPE measures for this financial year.
- You'll also notice that some trendlines have gaps. One reason that there is a gap is because there were no respondents to the survey
  question associated with that SOPE measure. The other reason, as is the case with SM 1.3.3, is that we had not introduced the survey
  question for that associated SOPE measure into our survey script in time for reporting at the start of this financial year.

# Section 5 - Homeowner Focus (cont.)





### Overall this month

We received 35 new complaints offset by 30 resolved, leaving 120 open on hand at month end.

### Canterbury

There were 5 new complaints received this month, none were resolved, and 10 open on hand at month end.

### Other claims, including NDRA\*

We received 30 new complaints offset by 30 resolved, leaving 110 open on hand at month end.

\*Apr-24 figures revised to include changes in status of complaints as well as any additional complaints, as advised by the NDRM insurers in May-24.

### What's the nature of the complaints that we have on hand for insurer managed claims?

From the information received to date from the NDRM insurers, the predominant complaint themes overall continue to be *Timeframes, Damage not covered by the Act,* and *Assessment Outcome (repair strategy or costs)*. For the Upper North Island weather event, *Timeframes* continues to be the largest driver to date, representing nearly 45% of the complaints. *Act Coverage* is more predominant for non-Upper North Island weather event claims.

### For claims that we are directly managing:

- The complexity profile of our on hand complaints includes: simple (2); standard (7); and complex (1).
- The categorisation of these on hand complaints includes: service related (2); process related (3); and technical (5).

### Total call, email and post volume

	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Customer calls
Outbound - Inbound Ratio	10:90	10:90	12: 88	10: 90	12: 88	11:89	service
Grade of Service	94%	89%	85%	77%	92%	93%	Across May, our grade of service was 93% (cf.
Abandonment Rate	0.5%	0.9%	0.9%	3.5%	0.8%	0.7%	92% last month).
Roll Over No Answer	5	12	16	58	13	11	Actual inbound calls for the month (N=1,646)
Total Calls	1,136	1,411	2,077	1,843	1,814	1,846	was close to forecast
Total Email and Post	2,066	3,070	3,727	3,615	3,425	3,114	(N=1,819).

# **Customer experience**

The customer experience this month remains high at 95% (cf. 98% last month) across

767 customers surveyed this month (cf. 365 surveyed last month).

Grade of service is defined as calls being answered within 20 seconds.

### **Explained: Customer experience rating**

**Explained: Grade of service** 

Customers are invited to complete a survey after every call to rate their experience on a scale of 1-7. The descriptors used for the scale are as follows:

1 and 2 = negative; 3 and 4 = neutral; and 5,6,7 = positive.

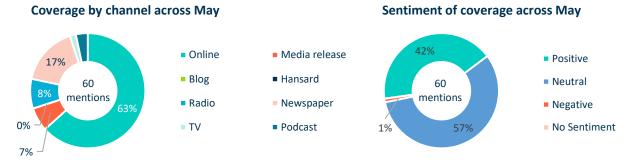
Overall rating is the total positive ratings divided by total responses.

# Section 6 - Media Coverage

### Traditional media coverage across the month

During May, we continued to garner a steady amount of positive and neutral media mentions of EQC. This month, as well as research stories, we distributed two public education releases which resulted in positive national coverage with practical resilience advice.

Sentiment of coverage across the month was again predominantly neutral at 57%, 1% negative, with the balance of sentiment positive at 42% (cf. 63% neutral and 37% positive last month). Coverage by channel this month shows that six out of every ten mentions this month occurred online, while almost a fifth of this month's coverage occurred through the newspaper channel.



**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.

### 42% of mentions in the media this month attracted positive coverage (cf. 37% last month), including:

- Earthquakes: Homeowners urged to check houses
- New survey reveals flooding, natural disaster risk key concerns for homebuyers, insurer says
- · Calls for seismically resilient builds
- Engineer has sorted earthquake protection for houses
- · Seismologists are applying AI to a historic set of data to detect small shake

### 57% of mentions in the media this month attracted neutral coverage (cf. 63% last month), including:

- Council to buy out Nelson homes affected by slips from private land
- A risky business so is it time to rethink insurance?

### 1% of mentions in the media this month that attracted negative coverage (cf. none last month)

• Canterbury earthquakes: "I completely disagree," says surveyor

### Media releases this month

We distributed three media releases this month:

- 1 May Recent earthquakes a reminder to check your home is safe and secure.

  Following recent earthquakes felt across the North Island, we distributed a media release encouraging homeowners to make some simple checks on their homes, and to take actions that will help keep their whānau and properties safe.
- **15 May** Because they can't protect themselves 40,000 parents to now receive baby quake safe material in Plunket partnership. We distributed a media release on a strengthened partnership between EQC Toka Tū Ake and Whānau Āwhina Plunket that will see more new parents than ever receive vital quake safety information to help keep their tamariki protected from harm if an earthquake strikes.
- **21 May** <u>Tech-savvy scientists are helping New Zealanders prepare for natural hazards</u>. During Tech Week, we distributed a media release celebrating EQC funded research projects that are using technology, such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and space satellites, to increase Aotearoa New Zealand's resilience to natural hazards.

### Media enquiries this month

• We responded to two media enquiries this month. One to *Insurance Business Australia* about the use of Registered Professional Surveyors in assessing natural hazard damage to buildings, and one responding to a Stuff media enquiry about cost saving measures.

# Section 6 - Media Coverage (cont.)

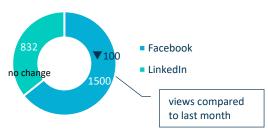
### Our social media profiles

Both our social media profiles on social media channels, LinkedIn and Facebook, continue to grow. Across May, our following on LinkedIn rose to 7,569 followers (84 new followers) while our following on Facebook also increased, rising to 4,533 followers (24 new followers).

Across May, we posted 15 times on LinkedIn attracting 372 interactions, while on Facebook we posted 15 times attracting 539 interactions.

Across the month, we attracted 832 profile views on LinkedIn and 1.5k profile views on Facebook.

# Social media profile views this month



### Social media profile followership



### Analysis of content published on our social media profiles this month

- Science and research focus: We posted 8 times about science and research, with the tech week AI story and the post about Engineers setting off for Taiwan being our most successful posts this month.
- We posted the least about our people, but when we did, people loved it: The two people focused stories (Pink shirt day and NZ sign language week) this month excelled, as did other research and science posts where the imagery featured real people.
- **Increased social voice:** We saw a record number of re-posts and shares across our channels this month, which tells us our content this month has relevance to our audience and is engaging them in the right way.
- Facebook the power of paid advertising vs organic: We did two paid advertising campaigns this month one for land cover and one for post storm support in Auckland. Both of these campaigns delivered excellent results for the budget spent. People find our content engaging and useful, but they aren't likely to see if we post it only on our newsfeed. If it's put in front of them either in a paid ad or by a share from our partners, we see much better results.

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

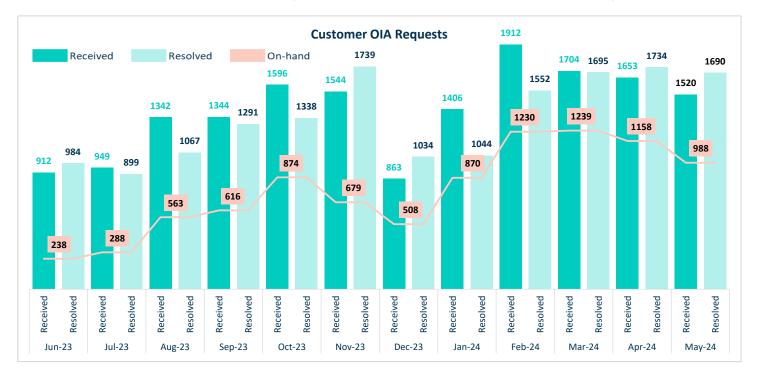
Our team continues to seek opportunities to educate the media and the public. We regularly use our responses to journalists as a chance to provide broad details of EQCover, the Natural Disaster Fund, and our insurance partnership to aid understanding.

# 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:

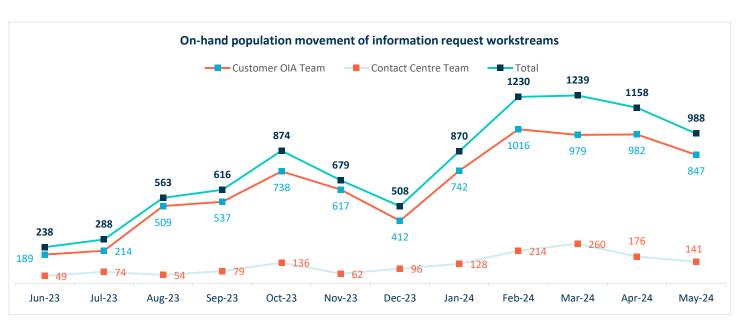
- One of our workstreams is for information requests for property related files, which is processed under either section 31A of the Earthquake Commission Act 1993 or the Official Information Act 1982; and
- Our other workstream covers information requests that our Contact Centre are able to resolve directly.



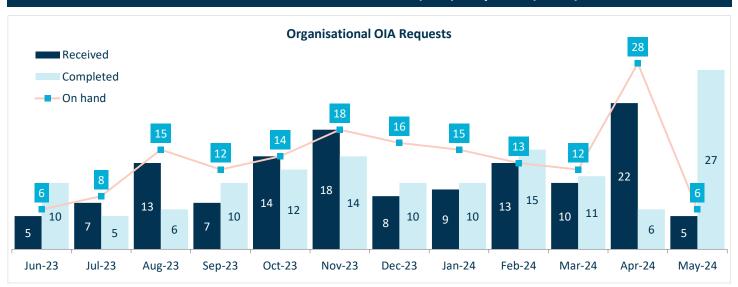
Across May, our Customer OIA and Contact Centre Teams received 1,520 new OIA requests (cf. 1,653 for Apr-24). Coupled with the 1,158 requests on hand from last month and resolution of 1,690 requests this month, we have 988 requests on hand at month end.

The number of OIA requests received in May 2024 is nearly twice as high as it was in May 2023. 73% of the information released this month was in response to requests for property pack information, demonstrating how active the real estate market is, which continues to fuel the high level of requests received this month. The increased volume of requests since the portal's inception indicates that the portal is still actively promoting buyers' and sellers' crucial due diligence.

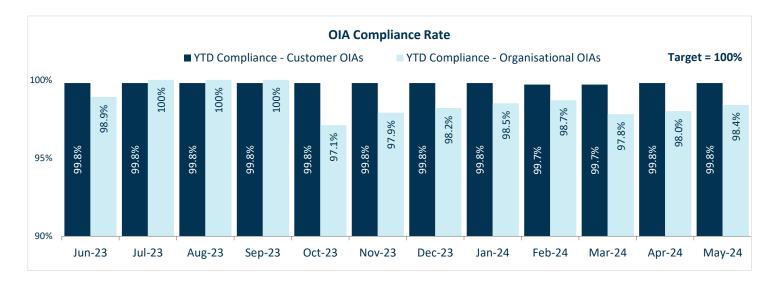
The chart below shows the monthly on hand population movement of our two customer information request workstreams.



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



Across May, our Government Relations Team received 5 new high level OIA requests (cf. 22 in Apr-24). Coupled with the 28 requests on hand from last month and 27 completed requests this month, the team have 6 requests on hand at month end.



Across May, our Customer OIA and Contact Centre teams achieved a compliance rate of 99.9% across 1,690 completed responses with 2 non-compliant responses reported. The compliance rate for the FYTD remained steady at 99.8%, unchanged from last month.

During the month, our Government Relations Team achieved a 100% compliance rate across 27 completed responses, raising the FYTD compliance slightly to 98.4% (cf. 98% at the end of last month).

### Ombudsman review of complaints received

Across May, we received no notices of formal investigation or final opinion from the Ombudsman. In total, across the FYTD, we have received 7 formal notices of investigation, including a revision of 1 from April.

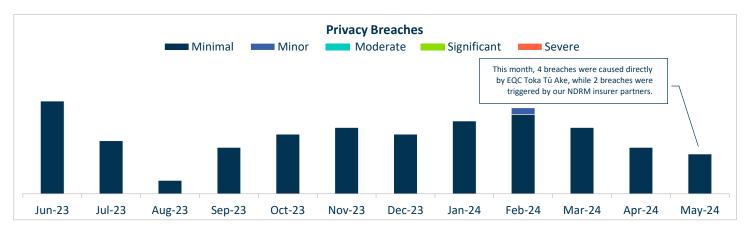
### Ministerial correspondence

Across May, we received three requests to draft a response for the Minister's Office. Across the FYTD, we have received a total of 20 requests.

### Section 8 - Data Protection

Across May, 6 privacy breaches (cf. 7 for Apr-24) were reported by the Risk and Compliance Team.

All reported breaches were assessed against the Government Chief Privacy Officer (GCPO) categorisation system and none have met the serious harm threshold requiring reporting to the Office of the Privacy Commissioner.



### **Privacy breaches**

Of the 6 reported breaches across May, 4 occurred within EQC Toka Tū Ake while 2 were attributable to the NDRM insurers. The review of insurer breaches concludes that despite increased incidents related to North Island weather events, the ratio of privacy breaches to open claims by NDRM insurers was not significant or concerning. However, the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) requested a further privacy incident review, to identify what good looks like for privacy incident management. The team will report back to the ELT in July.

### **Privacy Assessments**

Across May, 4 new privacy assessments were received by the Risk and Compliance team, while 4 assessments were completed. As at end of May 2024, there are currently 3 assessments in progress.

### **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'.

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

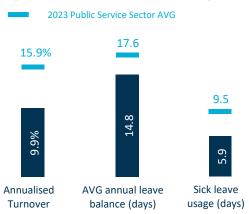
Across May, our permanent workforce headcount was unchanged at 345, and our temporary headcount remained at 10.

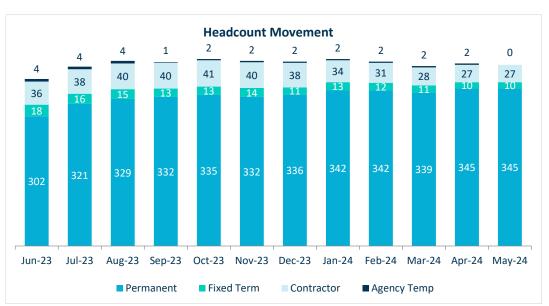
Note: Our permanent workforce headcount of 345 equates to 341.02 FTE.

Across the month, our average annual leave balance this month decreased slightly by 0.1 days to 14.8 days, remaining below the 2023 public sector average ('sector average') of 17.6 days. During the same period, average sick leave usage also rose slightly by 0.1 days to 5.9 days remaining below the sector average of 9.5 days. Annualised turnover ('voluntary turnover') decreased this month by 1.0% to 9.9%, remaining under the sector average of 15.9%.

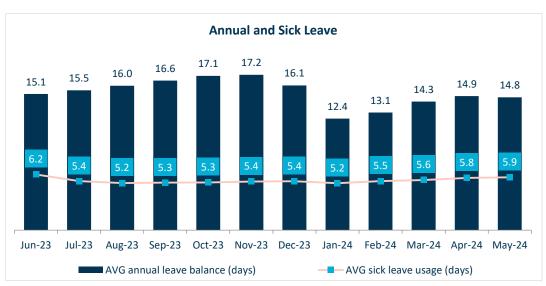
Our People, Culture, and Capability team continues to actively work with our people leaders to understand employee departure causes, future requirements, and the importance of productive conversations to address retention issues. Regular feedback from people leaders is also part of staff development plans to foster positive employee engagement.

# Our People at a glance -Comparison of EQC Toka Tū Ake averages against Public Service Sector averages





This month our permanent headcount remained unchanged compared to last month. Our contractor and fixed term headcounts also remained stable.



This month, our average annual leave balance decreased by 0.1 days to 14.8 days.

The average annual leave balance across all employees as at 31 May 2024 is 14.75 days. In order to implement and actively manage leave plans for employees with larger balances, PC&C is proactively collaborating with people leaders.

