

*Honours and Awards*

His Excellency the Governor-General has announced the award of The Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct to:

Peter John Joseph MECHEM, lately Wellington City Corporation Passenger Transport Department.

For services on the morning of 22 April 1976 when the fully laden passenger bus he was driving went out of control down Bowen Street in the City of Wellington. He remained calm and showed initiative by directing the vehicle into a grass bank thereby averting serious injuries and possible loss of life not only to his passengers but to pedestrians and other road users. It is obvious that the safety of his passengers and others was foremost in his mind.

Dated at Wellington this 2nd day of September 1976.

D. C. WILLIAMS, Official Secretary, Government House.

*Insurance Companies' Deposits Act 1953—Proposed Release of Deposits*

THE Northern Assurance Company Limited, the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company Limited, and the Union Assurance Company Limited have each given notice to the Public Trustee that it has ceased to carry on insurance business in New Zealand and proposes, pursuant to section 19 of the above-mentioned Act, to withdraw the deposits which have been made by it with the Public Trustee.

The Public Trustee therefore gives notice, pursuant to section 19 (3) of the above-mentioned Act, that being satisfied that the liabilities of each of the above-mentioned companies in respect of the class of insurance business designated as Class 1 in the First Schedule to the above-mentioned Act have been provided for, he proposes to release to each of the above-mentioned companies, on or after 15 October 1976, the amount deposited by it in respect of Class 1 insurance business.

Any objections to the release of the deposits should be lodged with the Public Trustee, Lambton Quay, Wellington, on or before 30 September 1976.

Dated at Wellington this 24th day of August 1976.

N. C. KELLY, Public Trustee.

*Insurance Companies' Deposits Act 1953—Proposed Release of Deposits*

THE Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation Limited has given notice to the Public Trustee that it has ceased to carry on insurance business in New Zealand and proposes, pursuant to section 19 of the above-mentioned Act, to withdraw the deposits which have been made by it with the Public Trustee.

The Public Trustee therefore gives notice, pursuant to section 19 (3) of the above-mentioned Act, that being satisfied that the liabilities of the above-mentioned company in respect of the classes of insurance business designated as Classes 1 and 2 in the First Schedule to the above-mentioned Act have been provided for, he proposes to release to the above-mentioned company, on or after 15 October 1976, the deposits made by it in respect of Classes 1 and 2 insurance business.

Any objections to the release of the deposits should be lodged with the Public Trustee, Lambton Quay, Wellington, on or before 30 September 1976.

Dated at Wellington this 24th day of August 1976.

N. C. KELLY, Public Trustee.

*Insurance Companies' Deposits Act 1953—Proposed Release of Deposits*

THE Insurance Office of Australia Limited has given notice to the Public Trustee that it has ceased to carry on insurance business in New Zealand and proposes, pursuant to section 19 of the above-mentioned Act, to withdraw the deposits made by it with the Public Trustee.

The Public Trustee therefore gives notice, pursuant to section 19 (3) of the above-mentioned Act, that being satisfied that the liabilities of the above-mentioned company in respect

of the classes of insurance business designated as Classes 1, 2, and 4 in the First Schedule to the above-mentioned Act have been provided for, he proposes to release to the above-mentioned company, on or after 15 October 1976, the deposits made by it in respect of Classes 1, 2, and 4 insurance business.

Any objections to the release of the deposits should be lodged with the Public Trustee, Lambton Quay, Wellington, on or before 30 September 1976.

Dated at Wellington this 24th day of August 1976.

N. C. KELLY, Public Trustee.

*Insurance Companies' Deposits Act 1953—Proposed Release of Deposits*

ATLAS ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED, British Traders Insurance Company Limited, Guardian Assurance Company Limited, and Royal Exchange Assurance have each given notice to the Public Trustee that it has ceased to carry on insurance business in New Zealand and proposes, pursuant to section 19 of the above-mentioned Act, to withdraw the deposits which have been made by it with the Public Trustee.

The Public Trustee therefore gives notice, pursuant to section 19 (3) of the above-mentioned Act, that being satisfied that the liabilities of each of the above-mentioned companies in respect of the class of insurance business designated as Class 1 in the First Schedule to the above-mentioned Act have been provided for, he proposes to release to each of the above-mentioned companies, on or after 15 October 1976, the amount deposited by it in respect of Class 1 insurance business.

Any objections to the release of the amounts deposited should be lodged with the Public Trustee at the Public Trust Office, Lambton Quay, Wellington, on or before 30 September 1976.

Dated at Wellington this 25th day of August 1976.

N. C. KELLY, Public Trustee.

*Transfer by the Housing Corporation of New Zealand to the Rural Banking and Finance Corporation of New Zealand of a Certain Guarantee Given by the Minister of Finance to the State Advances Corporation of New Zealand*

PURSUANT to section 41 of the Rural Banking and Finance Corporation Act 1974, the Housing Corporation of New Zealand hereby transfers to the Rural Banking and Finance Corporation of New Zealand all its interest rights and powers under the guarantee given by the Minister of Finance to the State Advances Corporation of New Zealand on 17 May 1968, pursuant to section 19 of the State Advances Corporation Act 1965, which guarantee was vested in the Housing Corporation of New Zealand, pursuant to section 49 of the Housing Corporation Act 1974.

Dated this 10th day of August 1976.

The Housing Corporation of New Zealand by:

ERNEST COLIN SMITH,

Acting for the said Corporation, pursuant to section 15 of the Housing Corporation Act 1974.

*Customs Notice—Exchange Rates*

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the Customs Act 1966, that the following exchange rates to the New Zealand dollar relate to imported goods shipped from the country of export on and after 1 September 1976:

Australia	.....	0.80 Dollar
Austria	.....	17.90 Schilling
Bangladesh	.....	15.23 Taka
Belgium	.....	39.17 Franc
Brazil	.....	11.11 Cruzeiro
Burma	.....	6.69 Kyat
Canada	.....	0.95 Dollar
China	.....	1.92 Renminbi
Denmark	.....	6.09 Krone
Egypt	.....	0.42 Pound
Fiji	.....	0.88 Dollar
Finland	.....	3.83 Mark
France	.....	4.89 Franc
French Polynesia	.....	88.90 FP Franc
Greece	.....	35.60 Drachma
Hong Kong	.....	4.84 Dollar
India	.....	8.84 Rupee
Israel	.....	8.18 Pound
Italy	.....	830.10 Lira
Jamaica	.....	0.91 Dollar