

The Government will continue to give full attention to meeting the special needs of the Maori people. Maori housing, land development, and trade training schemes for young people will continue to receive special consideration. The active involvement of Maori owners in the control and management of their land will be further encouraged by the continuing transfer of Maori reserved lands to the control of incorporations or trustees.

Pacific Island peoples living in New Zealand will receive further assistance in housing and social welfare fields. A new emphasis in community and youth development are activities that will also be supported.

The Government is continuing its efforts to improve the quality of housing and housing finance in New Zealand. As a result of its policies accommodation is now much more readily available in all parts of the country. Increased attention in this coming year will continue to be given to the housing of the elderly and the rehabilitation and renewal of obsolescent housing.

The Government intends to introduce a Toxic Substances Bill which will strengthen the law relating to the production, importation and distribution of toxic substances. It is also intended to introduce a Bill which will provide for the organisation of post-graduate medical education.

The Government will continue to implement its stated policy of developing a comprehensive health service, with emphasis on community based health measures and preventive services. These innovations are being introduced after consultation with local and professional interests and voluntary organisations.

The Accident Compensation Commission is presently in the course of reviewing and reappraising accident compensation legislation. Anomalies have become apparent in the scheme and it is proposed to introduce legislation in this Session to deal with some of these.

Several amendments are proposed to the Education Act 1964. The principal amendment will seek enabling powers for local controlling authorities who agree to a reorganised form of district administration of education. A major consolidation of the Act is in the course of preparation and it is hoped to be able to introduce this measure for recess study.

The Government intends to introduce at this Session the final Bill to complete the lengthy and complex task of revising and consolidating the Municipal Corporations Act and the Counties Act into a single major piece of local government legislation.

A thorough revision and consolidation of the Public Works Act 1928 has been undertaken by a review committee whose report has recently been published. The comments of interested parties will be carefully studied before the Bill is drafted. It will be introduced late in the coming Session for reference to a select committee and recess study.

A Bill establishing a film commission will be introduced to promote the making of New Zealand films. This will represent an important step in developing an industry which last year clearly demonstrated its capacity to provide good entertainment for both local and overseas audiences.