

Weathertightness remediation

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the process for addressing weathertightness failure?

Our approach includes a desktop exercise to review all existing information the Ministry has available. The information may include:

- conversations with the school staff
- previous building survey reports
- information gathered during the annual school visits; and
- any other building condition assessments.

Once the existing information has been reviewed, the Ministry will usually organise a remediation inspection by an appropriately briefed Registered Building Surveyor. The onsite inspection will include meeting with the principal, caretaker or other staff members with knowledge of the weathertightness issues.

Your property adviser will be able to advise you further on the process.

When will the repairs be undertaken?

The work will be delivered in the following timeframe:

- urgent or high risk repairs will be addressed as quickly as possible; or
- where repairs are not required urgently, projects will be scheduled within the school's 5YA cycle or included in another capital work programme currently underway at the school.

Why are you doing remediation inspections?

We want to accelerate the process of remediation and find the most effective solution for repair. Where weathertightness failures and consequential damage are found to be localised, the revised remediation approach can help reduce potential disruption to the school.

Are the patches made by destructive testing investigations going to be fixed?

Yes. Repair of the patches from previous testing will be included in the weathertightness remediation projects. Where previous invasive testing has been undertaken and the current outcome is that no weathertightness remediation is required, the Ministry will pay the full cost to repair the invasive testing and of the remediation inspection.

If a school has exhausted their 5YA funding, how will weathertightness repairs be paid for?

Talk to your property advisor. There are existing processes in place to cover this kind of situation.

Further Information

For further information on weathertightness remediation go to:

www.education.govt.nz/weather-tightness-failure/

If you have any questions relating to funding or the weathertightness remediation process, please contact your property advisor.