Question 1.1

Please find link to New Zealand Disability Strategy...

<http://www.odi.govt.nz/nzds/>

Question 1.2

I am having real difficulty in finding out what the current budget is for their implementation.

Question 1.3

This is the most recent review on implementation and it's not good enough in my humble opinion.

Review of progress with implementation 2001 to 2007

<http://www.odi.govt.nz/nzds/>

Question 1.4

This is all I could find relating to this question. That is another problem here in NZ information is not easy to find. That appears to be deliberate.

**Addressing diversity of need** - by acknowledging that, in addition to common issues, there is huge diversity among disabled people. It is also important to address the specific needs of disabled people’s families. Objectives in this theme are: 11 - Promote participation of disabled Māori, 12 - Promote participation of disabled Pacific peoples, 13 - Enabled disabled children and youth to lead full and active lives, 14 - Promote participation of disabled women in order to improve their quality of life, and 15 - Value families, whānau and people providing ongoing support. Specific action improving the lives of people with intellectual disabilities (such as outlined in the National Health Committee’s To Have an Ordinary Life report, September 2003) is included in this group.

<http://www.odi.govt.nz/nzds/about-the-strategy.html>

Question 1..5

**Promoting participation by disabled people in all areas of life** - by identifying and maximising opportunities in all sectors of the community. This requires government agencies to take disability issues into account when making decisions in a wide range of sectors; for example, addressing longstanding barriers in transport, sports and recreation, relationship services or companies regulations. Objectives in this theme are: 3 - Provide the best education for disabled people, 4 - Provide opportunities in employment and economic development for disabled people, 8 - Support quality living in the community for disabled people, and 9 - Support lifestyle choices, recreation and culture for disabled people.

One thing they never mention is making sure disabled people have enough finances especially a Social Security benefit to participate in society. There is never anything left to allow participation in society once all bills and costs are paid.

[http://www.odi.govt.nz/nzds/about-the-strategy..html](http://www.odi.govt.nz/nzds/about-the-strategy.html)

Question 2.1

New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990

19 Freedom from discrimination

[New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 No 109 (as at 01 July 2013), Public Act 19 Freedom from discrimination – New Zealand Legislation](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1990/0109/latest/DLM225519.html)

Human Rights Act 1993

Part 1A Discrimination by Government, related persons and bodies, or persons or bodies acting with legal authority

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1993/0082/latest/DLM304457.html>

21 Prohibited grounds of discrimination

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1993/0082/latest/DLM304475.html>

It is in law but our government still writes laws that discriminate and our government agencies write policies that still discriminate. Just like the US and UK they ignore the covenants they have signed thinking they are above international law.

Question 2.2

We have a government department that was turned into a SOE which then became profit driven rather than service driven and that is another thing that has been forced upon us through US interference.

The SOE is now called Housing NZ Corporation which use to be very good at housing people who couldn't afford alternative housing. But under this current model it is selling off large amounts of housing while people still struggle to get affordable housing. What they should be doing is allowing low income people to buy them like they use to do in the early 80's and before hand. They have forced people into market rental housing which is over priced and they have not increased the accommodation supplement since 2005 even though housing costs have doubled since then. A  2 bedroom property in Auckland in 2005 was renting for $220 per week in the cheapest area, they are now renting for $440+ per week.

Question 2.3

Our Prime Minister John Key is often on TV denying there is a housing crisis yet people are living in cars and other inappropriate circumstances.

In this video the Minister for Social Housing Paula Bennett claims there is no cap on the accommodation which is not true it is capped at  a certain amount in different areas. She is also the one behind selling off of government owned (people owned really) housing. She was also behind the harsh welfare reforms hitting recipients now. Her welfare reforms came about after she had spent 6 weeks in the US getting some training.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/money/74586998/More-NZ-retirees-will-become-homeless-without-action-on-housing-Salvation-Army>

Disabled dumped in rest homes

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/news/67925111/Disabled-dumped-in-rest-homes>

Question 2.4

This is all I could find on this question....

1. Affirmative Action Review

<http://www.odi.govt.nz/nzds/work-plans/2005-06/dpt-archives.html>

Question 2.5

We have a Human Rights Commission who will look into discrimination issues if it is not part of legislation. If it is a piece of legislation that discriminates they will not help you. You also have to Prove the discrimination which is not always easy even though it is obvious.

We also have a Disability Rights Commissioner but he is part of the Human Rights Commission and the public do not have good access to him and his powers seem limited also.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO1109/S00028/first-disability-rights-commissioner-appointed.htm>

Question 2.6

Once again the Human Rights  Commission was set up for this but they have very limited powers.

Also the dealing I have had with them have not been what I would have expected.

Question 3.1

9 G: Investigate opportunities for technology to increase disabled people’s participation in work, community and political life, including through both assistive and access to mainstream technology.

[http://www.odi.govt.nz/what-we-do/ministerial-committee-on-disability-issues/disability-action-plan/2015-actions-implementation/09-g-investigate-opportunities-for-technology-to-increase-disabled-peoples-participation-in-work-community-and-political-life.html](http://www.odi.govt.nz/what-we-do/ministerial-committee-on-disability-issues/disability-action-plan/2015-actions-implementation/09-g-investigate-opportunities-for-technology-to-increase-disabled-peoples-participation-in-work-community-and-political-life.ht)

Make your communications accessible

[http://www.odi.govt.nz/resources/guides-and-toolkits/make-your-communications-more-accessible/index.html](http://www..odi.govt.nz/resources/guides-and-toolkits/make-your-communications-more-accessible/index.html)

Transport

<http://www..odi.govt.nz/nzds/progress-reports/july06-june07/transport.html>

Question 3.2

**Measures and Timeframes**

Review public access areas at Regional Offices and Head Office and itemise services available to assist people with disabilities to access building, services, and resources by 31 December 2005.

Produce brochure marketing services for visitors with disabilities by June 2006.

This is just one government dept. Finding information is a nightmare.

<http://www.odi.govt.nz/nzds/work-plans/2005-06/dpt-archives.html>

I am finding completing this questionnaire impossible because the information required is not easily found or available online.

Kind regards

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