ANSWERS:

EDUCATION & AUCKLAND'S HOUSING CRISIS

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3. Education impacts of the Auckland housing crisis

What will you do?	To address the teacher shortage in Auckland?	To reduce the need for families to move so often? Student transience affects learning.
act	The Auckland teacher shortage is caused by a perfect storm of union mandated 'pay everyone the same' teacher salaries and high house prices. ACT believes that great teachers should be paid a lot more – making teaching a more attractive career option for high achievers. ACT also has an ambitious plan to allow up to 500,000 new houses to be built in Auckland.	The Auckland housing crisis was caused by the bad policies of National, Labour and Auckland Council. ACT will remove this red tape, opening up more land and allowing a massive increase in the rate of homebuilding. This will turn a seller's/landlord's market into a buyer's/renter's market, improving affordability and quality across the entire housing stock.
Green	The Greens support the new Government creating a workforce plan which would address short-term and long-term shortages. We think Auckland needs a plan to assist with affordable teacher housing near schools, extra financial incentives where there are acute shortages, and student loan relief for teachers who teach in areas which are under staffed.	We will make rental accommodation more secure by introducing a Warrant of Fitness for all rental homes, increasing renter rights, removing the obligation on tenants to pay leasing fees, setting default tenancy term at 3 years, and limiting rent increases to no more than once a year. Our Home for Life plan will make 10,000 new homes over ten years available to people who can't afford a deposit or a normal commercial mortgage, through progressive ownership rent-to-buy arrangements. We would also allow anyone who is earning over the repayment threshold of $19,000 to defer part or all of their mandatory 12 percent student loan repayment into a housing deposit savings account.
Labour	As more teachers approach retirement age we face the prospect of a critical teacher shortage unless urgent action is taken to avoid it. We recognise that critical teacher shortages already exist in parts of New Zealand, especially in Auckland right now. Labour will immediately instigate a review of	In the first term, the Labour Government will ease the housing shortage by building affordable homes and selling them at cost to first home buyers, building state houses, and implementing modern rules around urban limits and density controls. We will also improve the quality of housing by requiring all rentals to be fit to live in, and invest in insulation and heating grants paid for by closing the speculators' tax loophole.

	teacher supply policy relating to Auckland in consultation with those in the profession. We will implement a comprehensive teacher supply programme. It will include raising the standard of initial teacher education, providing greater financial incentives to enter and stay in the teaching profession, and addressing the workload issues that are driving many fantastic teachers out of the profession.	Labour has made clear commitments to tackle child poverty, deal with homelessness and transience and close the ever widening gap between rich and poor.
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māori PARTY	We will increase the number of Teach NZ scholarships for Māori medium teachers who are teaching STEM subjects, te reo Māori, Māori history and culture. To further help teachers in training, the Māori Party will write off the living cost component of all student loans. To further incentivise teaching as a career we will explore the viability of writing off the total student loan for those who work in a job equivalent to their qualification in Aotearoa for a period of five years.	With the increasing cost of living in Auckland, housing security has become a big issue for families. To help alleviate the pressure the Māori Party will improve tenants' rights by prioritising a review of the rental sector to ensure whānau have access to suitable, habitable homes and tenure security at a fair price. We will review the Residential Tenancies Act 1986 to restore equity to the tenant and landlord relationship and ensure whānau can enjoy greater housing security. We will introduce housing navigators to support whānau to get into homes, and support tenants and landlords with understanding their rights.
National NATIONAL.ORG.NZ	While overall there is no national shortage of teachers, Auckland is experiencing some supply pressure as a "mini baby-boom" moves through the education system and the city grows. There is no one measure that will enable the right quality teachers to be in the right place at the right time which is why we have a range of initiatives to address supply pressures. In discussion with Auckland principals, we have agreed to extend the voluntary bonding scheme to Auckland teachers. Just last month, we announced a new $3 million package to help address supply issues. We're investing $2 million to help with relocation costs for returning NZ-trained or overseas teachers, and $1 million to support more Auckland schools who commit to employing beginner teachers in permanent positions. In May's Budget we announced we will invest $5.2 million in the innovative teacher training programme Teach First NZ; to attract more high-quality graduates in subjects that are hard to staff, such as maths, science and technology.	

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NEW ZEALAND FIRST	In the short term we will look at a "recruitment and retention" fund for New Zealand teachers. We would look to use the recently announced government funding that Minister Kaye has said they will pay overseas teachers to come to New Zealand. This is only one part of a three pronged teacher shortage: Auckland teachers due to housing, certain subject teachers due to non-existent workforce planning and competition with other industries, and teacher shortages due to isolation in parts of New Zealand.	NZ First has a large and comprehensive housing policy which includes work towards long term lease agreements and supporting our young families into their first home. We have pledged to raise the minimum wage to $20/hour over the next three years (currently the living wage is $20.20). By removing competition with non-New Zealanders for purchase and by lowering immigration overall thereby removing some of the competition for rental accommodation, we will work to increase availability also with direct involvement of the state.
TOP	TOP's tax on assets will eventually restore housing affordability. We will change residential tenancy regulations to restrict the conditions under which a landlord can evict a tenant. Sale of a property is not necessarily a legitimate reason for eviction. This will provide tenant families with the long-term security so far offered only to those who buy their own home. We will introduce a rental Warrant of Fitness and improved building standards. TOP will expand the supply of social and affordable rental housing by gifting Housing NZ stock to non-profit community housing providers.	