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Dear Stephen Davis

Thank you for your enquiry of 11 May 2016 about Auckland Council representation reviews.

You have asked whether Auckland Council has conducted a representation review since it was established and when Auckland Council is required to notify the next representation review.

By way of background, Auckland Council was established under special legislation that took into account the particular requirements of the amalgamation, including the appropriate timing of representation reviews. Section 103 of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 provided that the Council must review its representation arrangements no earlier than after the completion of the 2013 local body elections, but no later than 8 September 2018.

The Council has not as yet conducted a representation review. As with any other council, any representation review that is to be conducted must be notified no later than 31 August in the year before an election.

You may wish to stay in touch with Auckland Council's plans for its first representation review by following any announcements on the Council's website or by asking a question online at www.aucklandcouncil.custhelp.com/app/ask.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely

Hon Louise Upston

Associate Minister of Local Government