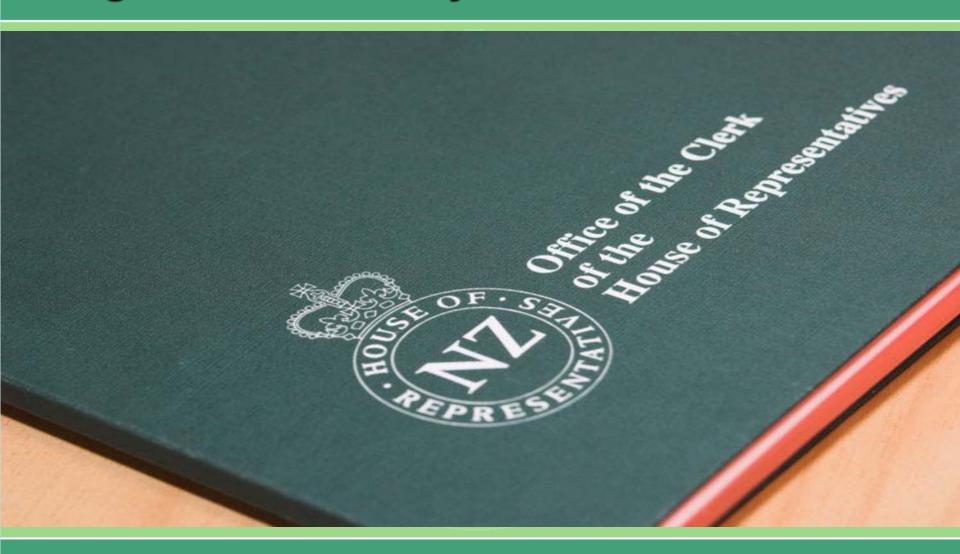
### **Legislation Advisory Committee Seminar**



# Overview of legislative system

- Update on changes to legislative process in 50<sup>th</sup> Parliament
- Assess their impact so far
- Influencing legislative capacity

# Legislative business

Oct 2011 June 2012

Bills before House 109 98

Government bills 95 81

6 months 6 months to average 30 June

Bills assented to 40 51

### **Standing Orders Committee 2011 Review**

#### **Themes**

- Government's need for more House time to advance its policy platform with less resort to urgency
- Need to improve legislative scrutiny

# Balanced package of reforms

- Extended sittings
- Urgency only to fast-track urgent bills
- More effective management of House time through negotiation in Business Committee
- Debating matters of importance in committee of the whole House
- Instructions to select committees to reduce time for consideration of bills to be debated
- Government enhance pre-introduction scrutiny of legislative proposals

# Impact on legislative capacity

- Most significant changes since 1996
- Concerns over lack of legislative capacity
  - Increasing sitting time
  - Committee of the whole House sitting concurrently
- Business Committee management of House business the key

### Influencing legislative capacity

- Legislating to be seen to do something
- Uncoordinated legislative proposals
- Confidence and supply agreements

House time a scarce commodity

use wisely

## **Questions?**

