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You're invited to a
Transparency International New Zealand
seminar on integrity in the NZ state services.
Where? Lvl 2, James Smith Building, Cuba St.
When? Wednesday 5th December, at 5pm.

Strengthening Trust and Reinforcing the Spirit of Service in the State Services

This is a guest presentation as part of the TINZ Annual General meeting, 5th December at 5pm, level 2, James Smith Building, Cnr Cuba and Manners St, Wellington. All are welcome to attend.

Strengthening trust is one of the development goals for the State Services. As such agencies are being expected to refocus on integrity.

On 30 November 2007, *Standards of Integrity and Conduct* - a new code of conduct issued by the State Services Commissioner - comes into force for 120 agencies in the State Services.

The code reflects the enduring values of government service, freshly expressed.

Trust involves public perceptions of the State Services and the perceptions which State servants have of their colleagues. During 2007 SSC has undertaken surveys to measure these perceptions; the outside-in and the inside-out views.

Mr Beith Atkinson from the SSC will provide an overview of these aspects of the work of SSC (further material available on <http://www.ssc.govt.nz/code>).

Mr Beith Atkinson

His primary responsibility with SSC is to promote trustworthy behaviour in the State Services through the Commissioner's mandate to set standards of integrity and conduct. In practice this has involved the development and implementation of the code and providing guidance to agencies and their staff.

A lawyer by training, he joined State Services Commission in 1972 for his first "real" job, in the days when SSC employed all public servants; the days of the Public Service Manual and the Classification List.

His OE involved ten years prosecuting in Scotland [for almost all of that time he served also as an officer with 51st Highlanders] and 2.5 years as the Attorney General in Tuvalu before returning to the Parliamentary Counsel Office. He has subsequently worked with the Commerce Commission, Internal Affairs, Labour, and Justice.

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