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## Retirement villages paid no tax - report

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According to *NBR*, a review of financial statements for Ryman Healthcare, Summerset and Metlifecare revealed that none had paid tax since at least 2007.

Over that period, the retirement care providers, which receive government-funded pay rises for staff, reported collective profits of \$2.29 billion and paid dividends of \$509 million, *NBR* said.

Finance Minister Steven Joyce told *NBR* the government had no plans for a specific review of the tax position for retirement villages.

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"However, Inland Revenue is reviewing sectors of the economy that appear to pay a low level of tax relative to their accounting profits.

"If this work reveals a policy problem for any of the sectors, including the retirement villages sector, the government would put this on the tax policy work programme."

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