

In December, 1937, it was decided that, in order to facilitate the work of the Advisory Council, the Technical Advisory Committee would examine the reports of all Technical Committees and report thereon to the Council. Since then it has reviewed seventeen reports.

All miscellaneous specifications, publications, journals, and reports received have been referred to this committee for direction to the various committees.

**Building Divisional Council (Three Meetings).*

*†Plumbing Committee	..	..	..	..	..	..
Plumbing Supplies Sub-committee	..	..	..	..	..	2 meetings.
†Plumbing By-laws Sub-committee	..	..	..	..	..	..
*†Timber Committee	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Paints Committee	..	..	..	..	..	4 meetings.
*Timber Building Code Committee	..	..	..	..	..	2 meetings.
†General Construction Sub-committee	..	..	..	..	..	..
†Foundations Sub-committee	..	..	..	..	..	..
*†Ceramic Committee	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Other than Timber Building Code Committee	..	..	..	..	..	1 meeting.
Technical Sub-committee	..	..	..	..	..	22 meetings.
†Structural Welding Sub-committee	..	..	..	..	..	..
*†Heating and Ventilation Committee	..	..	..	..	..	..
*†Flats and Apartment House By-laws Committee	..	..	..	..	..	..
*†Fire-prevention Committee	..	..	..	..	..	..
						34 meetings.

Owing to the manner in which the work of the Building Divisional and Building Code Committees was interrelated, a conference of these two committees was called on the 28th October, 1937, and as a result the Building Divisional Council was established with a view to bringing the building section of standards activity under one direction. This necessitated consequential adjustments to the related committees, and, as the Divisional Council was to be chiefly responsible for directing the work associated with the standardization of local-body by-laws, it was found necessary to institute eight additional committees and sub-committees to prepare the provisions for different sections of this work. The Building Divisional Council, at its initial meeting after its reconstruction, gave the necessary direction concerning the additional committees required and for the co-ordination of their work. Pending advancement of the provisions in course of preparation by its committees to a stage when these can be considered by the Council, it will not have occasion to meet.

**Plumbing Committee.*

Plumbing Supplies Sub-committee	..	..	..	..	2 meetings.
Plumbing By-laws Sub-committee	..	..	..	..	..

The Plumbing Supplies Sub-committee has undertaken the preparation of standard specifications for flushing-cisterns, household taps, and general plumbing supplies, which will form part of a Standard Model Code for Plumbing By-laws. A draft specification for flushing-cisterns is about to be circulated to affected interests for comment.

**Paints and Coatings Committee (Four Meetings).*

A careful examination has been made by this committee of seven draft British and twelve draft Australian standard specifications relating to paints, in addition to four British and sixteen Australian standard specifications, and it has recommended three draft standard specifications for adoption.

Detailed consideration is being given to a New Zealand standard specification for "Red Lead Paint for Structural Steelwork," as well as to specifications for "Red Lead Paint for General Purposes."

**Other than Timber Building Code Committee (One Meeting).*

Technical Sub-committee	..	..	..	..	22 meetings.
Structural Welding Sub-committee	..	..	..	..	..

The Technical Sub-committee is engaged on a revision of N.Z.S.S. 95, New Zealand Model Building By-law, Sections I–X. The Revision of Sections I–III, to be reissued as Parts I–IV, of this standard has been completed, and the parent committee has endorsed the amended provisions, which will be issued when legal scrutiny has been finalized.

The Structural Welding Sub-committee has been instituted to prepare a draft Model Code, which will form part of the New Zealand Model Building Code.

* Referred to in section on "Standardization of Local-body By-laws."

† These committees have been instituted so recently that they have not yet had opportunity to meet.