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Official information request

Our ref: R001307

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Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received by the Ministry for Regulation (Ministry) on 10 October 2025. You requested:

- 1. A list of all investigations that have been completed or are currently underway, that have occurred as a result of a direct commission from Minister Seymour's office, since the Ministry for Regulation's establishment.*
- 2. A copy of all correspondence from the Minister or Minister's office that forms any basis for commissioning these investigations.*

Request granted

I have decided to grant your request. We have interpreted part one of your request to be for investigations by the Ministry's Regulatory Response Team (RRT).

We have interpreted part two of your request to include any internal documents, emails, messages, and any other correspondence (the documents) concerning the commissioning of these RRT investigations. Given the large volume of information in scope in the documents and the Ministry's current resources, I have decided to release this information to you as a summary of the contents of the documents in accordance with section 16(1)(e) and (1A) of the OIA. The summary provided conveys the material points of the information relevant to your request.

The information you requested is enclosed as **Appendix A**.

Right of review

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact hello@regulation.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we may publish this response (with your details removed) on the Ministry for Regulation website.

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Aisling Risdon

Head of Ministerial Services
Ministry for Regulation

Appendix A – list of RRT investigations undertaken following a commission by the Minister for Regulation or his office, and basis for commissioning

Note: We have included investigations into issues that were raised directly with the Ministry and subsequently referred for further review by the Minister's office. In addition, many of the investigations commissioned directly by the Minister's office also stemmed from concerns or queries originally raised by members of the public.

Investigation	Basis for commissioning
Buy Now Pay Later	Concerns about regulatory overreach and consumer risks
Medicines: Exemption for authorised prescribers	Concerns with constraints on nurse practitioners to obtain medicines which are not yet approved by Medsafe
Telecommunications services order (TSO)	Outdated fax and dial up internet requirements
Application of light vehicle regulations to BYD Auto's Shark 6 Super Hybrid Ute	Concerns regarding impact on businesses of light vehicle regulations in New Zealand on new products entering the market
Egress	Fire egress rules conflicting with security measures advised by insurer, risking store closures
Interchange fees (Mastercard)	Clarification sought on legal basis for capping interchange fees
NZ emission trading scheme	Cement emissions regulations discouraging decarbonisation investment in the absence of a carbon border adjustment mechanism
Lead-free product requirements for plumbers	Lack of clear certification of lead-free products making it difficult for plumbers to identify compliant products
Climate-related disclosures	Climate disclosures regime benefits and risks to its removal
Trout farming	Evaluation of whether trout farming bans are justified or unnecessarily restrict economic and food production
Playground equipment standards	Correspondence to the Minister raised concerns about safety and compliance, potential risks, and regulatory adequacy
Personal electric vehicles	Inflexible and inconsistent regulatory regime
Bicycle helmet regulations	Assessing risks and benefits of removing bicycle helmet laws

Investigation	Basis for commissioning
Payments NZ decommissioning old EFTPOS terminals	Impact on businesses and consumers of retiring old EFTPOS terminals
Use of video capable glasses in remote work	Regulations blocking use, potential innovation and productivity loss
Further advice on overweight agricultural vehicles	Complexity of permits for overweight agricultural vehicles
Regulatory pathway to enable autonomous vehicle (AV) sandbox	Explore options for nationwide or local AV trials and identify Ministers with an interest in the issue and their likely considerations
Dietary supplements export issues	Concerns about the adequacy of current regulations, potential health risks, and consumer safety
Spray painting regulations - incorporation of standards into legislation	Misalignment between current technical standards and what is legally enforceable in New Zealand
Reporting of unpaid tax credits	Review of rules preventing IRD from listing unpaid tax businesses