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Official information request

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Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request to the Ministry for Regulation (Ministry) received on 14 May 2026. You requested:

1. *An updated excel table of all submissions to the red tape tipline from November 2024 to present, including the sector they are in (eg. Manufacturing, food, tourism, local government). Please include the date when each submission was made, the broad nature of the submission and include double-ups where more than one individual or group has raised the same red-tape issue. (Please see this previous OIA/excel spreadsheet as a guide.) <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/assets/Publication-Documents/20250327-OIA-Response-Submissions-to-red-tape-tipline-from-19-Nov-2024-19-Feb-2025-by-date-sector-actions-taken-R00829.pdf>*
2. *All briefing papers, agendas, meeting notes, minutes or other documents relating to red tape issues that have been received by the tipline and considered by Minister Seymour for formal review, and in some cases have been put to Cabinet for potential changes to regulation, for example the [Residential and small to medium scale solar review](#), [Hairdressing and barbering industry regulatory review](#), [Product labelling regulatory review](#), Flour dust standards, industrial hemp, commercial trout farming, red tape for small detached buildings and [Hospitality Sector Review](#)*
3. *The total number of submissions received on potential red tape issues to date, and how many of those issues have moved to low-complexity or higher level reviews. Please include a detailed summary of the submissions that have resulted in further action by the ministry and what action entailed (eg. Changes to regulation, recommendations to Cabinet.)*

4. *The low complexity reviews summaries provided to Minister Seymour in the past six months.*

On 12 June 2026, we extended the time to respond to your request to 3 July 2026 because responding to your request required a search through a large quantity of information.

I have decided to partially grant your request.

Item 1: All submissions to the Red Tape Tipline

A table of all submissions to the Tipline, broken down by sector (where applicable) is attached separately as **Annex A**. This spreadsheet includes submissions received prior to the launch of the Tipline on 19 November 2024.

The submission form for the Tipline was updated in March 2026, which allows submitters to select the area of regulation their submission applies to, and any relevant secondary legislation. Accordingly, **Annex A** is split into two tabs to distinguish between submissions received before and after the Tipline form was updated. Any relevant themes are shown in column D. Some submissions do not follow a specific theme or fall into a specific sector. 'General Feedback' refers to general feedback about the Ministry or its work.

Additionally, due to the way submissions were tagged up to March 2026, not all submissions have been categorised with a theme or sector. In instances where this occurs, column D of those items is left blank. I must therefore refuse this part of your request (in part) under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist.

Items 2 and 4: All documents relating to red tape issues

Attempting to provide you with a copy of all material you have requested would place undue strain on our resources due to the significant amount of information in scope.

Your request encompasses emails, Tipline submissions, communication with stakeholders, and more. We estimate this to comprise at least 4,000 files potentially in scope of your request.

Due to the substantial amount of work that would be required to research and collate this information, we are refusing your request under section 18(f) of the OIA. We estimate it would take a minimum of 133 hours to compile the potential information in scope. Diverting resources to undertake this work would unreasonably impact the Ministry's ability to carry out its other operations.

However, we have attempted to meet your request in another way by providing information which was able to be collated without difficulty, attached as **Annex B**. This information was already compiled for the purposes of other OIA requests where the same or similar information was requested for specific issues. This includes material relating to:

- Flour dust standards

- Telecommunications
- Garden sheds
- Early childhood education
- Trout farming
- Product labelling
- Agricultural and horticultural products
- Bicycle helmets.

Where information is withheld from these documents, the applicable section of the OIA is outlined in the document.

Briefings concerning red tape issues that were considered by the Minister for Regulation Hon David Seymour or his office are listed in **table 1** below. Nine of these documents are withheld under the following section of the OIA:

- 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

As required by section 9(1) of the OIA, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding the information requested is outweighed by the public interest. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case.

Some of these documents are currently being prepared for release on the Ministry's website¹. Accordingly, these documents are refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information will soon be made publicly available.

Table 1: Briefings related to red tape issues

Reference	Date	Title	Decision
RRT2024-012	14/08/2024	Buy Now Pay Later (BNPL)	Refused – 18(d)
RRT2024-025	13/09/2024	Medicines Exemption for authorised prescribers	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2024-149	08/11/2024	Incorporated society re-registration costs	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2024-157	08/11/2024	Telecommunications Services Order (TSO)	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2024-164	22/11/2024	Regulation of kina fishery	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2024-175	11/12/2024	Anti-Money Laundering (AML) compliance burden in relation to gift cards	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2024-177	12/12/2024	Temporary Traffic Management Regulatory Review Update	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-009	23/01/2025	Application of Light Vehicle Regulations to BYD Auto's Shark 6 Super Hybrid Ute	Refused – 18(d)

¹ <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/about-us/our-publications/>

Reference	Date	Title	Decision
MFR2024-165	24/01/2025	Anti-money laundering and counter-finance of terrorism (AML/CFT) compliance burden in relation to property transactions	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-012	30/01/2025	Electronic Controlled Drug Register	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-020	14/02/2025	Digital Labelling - removing regulatory burdens on business and consumers	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-023	14/02/2025	Council social housing tenants ineligible for Income Related Rent Subsidies	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-039	20/02/2025	NZ Emission Trading Scheme	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-078	27/02/2025	RRT Weekly Report 26 March 2025	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-032	04/03/2025	De-regulation of Commercial Trout Farming in New Zealand	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-036	05/03/2025	Title withheld	Withheld – 9(2)(f)(iv)
MFR2025-046	05/03/2025	Digital Labelling - removing regulatory burdens on business and consumers	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-061	12/03/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-041	13/03/2025	Title withheld	Withheld – 9(2)(f)(iv)
MFR2025-068	20/03/2025	Outdated Scaffolding Regulations	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-069	20/03/2025	RRT Weekly Report 19 March 2025	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-070	31/03/2025	Climate-related disclosures regime	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-082	02/04/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-083	02/04/2025	RRT AML Summary	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-093	09/04/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-087	10/04/2025	Reviewing financial assurance requirements for state schools	Withheld – 9(2)(f)(iv)
MFR2025-096	15/04/2025	DIA's Digital Identity programme of work	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-101	16/04/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-102	30/04/2025	Additional information on the Climate-related Disclosures regime	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-105	30/04/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-109	12/05/2025	Increasing probate threshold	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-117	14/05/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-125	21/05/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-133	28/05/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-136	30/05/2025	Bicycle Helmet Regulations	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-142	04/06/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-153	05/06/2025	Further advice on overweight agricultural vehicles	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-144	10/06/2025	Payments NZ Decommissioning Old EFTPOS Terminals	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-155	10/06/2025	Pharmac insulin pump scheme	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-146	11/06/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-143	17/06/2025	Ray-Ban Meta smart glasses	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-159	18/06/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-169	24/06/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)

Reference	Date	Title	Decision
MFR2025-173	26/06/2025	Defining the problems with the regulation of Personal Electric Vehicles and options for future work on the issue	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-168	27/06/2025	Regulatory pathway to enable autonomous vehicle sandbox	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-175	02/07/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-185	09/07/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-192	15/07/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-180	18/07/2025	Lead-free products requirements for plumbers	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-181	18/07/2025	Playground Equipment Standards	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-201	22/07/2025	RRT Weekly Report 24 July 2025	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-196	24/07/2025	Evaluating regulatory pathways to enable dietary supplement exports	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-218	05/08/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-225	11/08/2025	Title withheld	Withheld – 9(2)(f)(iv)
MFR2025-227	12/08/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-233	22/08/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-210	29/08/2025	Resolving Land Transport issues raised through the Red Tape portal	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-240	29/08/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-241	04/09/2025	Low Complexity Reviews Deregulatory Outcomes September 2025	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-249	05/09/2025	RRT Updates	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-250	05/09/2025	Potential opportunities to progress deregulatory options	Withheld – 9(2)(f)(iv)
MFR2025-260	17/09/2025	List of potential opportunities to progress deregulatory options	Withheld – 9(2)(f)(iv)
MFR2025-270	02/10/2025	Title withheld	Withheld – 9(2)(f)(iv)
MFR2025-271	10/10/2025	Title withheld	Withheld – 9(2)(f)(iv)
MFR2025-288	23/10/2025	Low Complexity Reviews Deregulatory Options October 2025	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-292	24/10/2025	Further information on school board elections	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2025-328	04/12/2025	Low complexity review options December 2025	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2026-030	26/02/2026	Low complexity reviews summary - February 2026	Refused – 18(d)
MFR2026-105	06/05/2026	Title withheld	Withheld – 9(2)(f)(iv)
MFR2026-090	21/05/2026	Low complexity briefing May 2026	Refused – 18(d)

Item 3: Total submissions received and a summary of action taken

As of 14 May 2026, the Ministry has received a total of 1,637 submissions to the Red Tape Tipline since establishment.

Your request for a summary of submissions that have resulted in further action by the Ministry is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist. Submissions to the Red Tape Tipline are not assessed on an individual basis, and we often receive multiple submissions on the same topic or regulatory issue.

Insights are gathered from the Red Tape Tipline to identify opportunities to remove outdated or unnecessary requirements, to clarify how regulatory requirements work, or to identify patterns or recurring friction points across the regulatory system. These insights may inform regulatory reviews, such as the Telecommunications Review and Residential and Small-to-Medium-Scale Solar Review, as well as our wider intelligence-gathering activities as the system steward for regulation.

Information about changes resulting from some of the submissions received through the Tipline can be found on our website: <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/our-work/what-weve-done/delivering-value-for-kiwis/>.

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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