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RRT Updates 12 March

The Regulatory Response Team have received a total of 652 submissions to 12 March 2025.

Briefings were provided to Advisors last week on s 9(2)(f)(iv) and Commercial Trout Farming (MFR2025-032). We have now received the signed briefing back on Commercial Trout Farming – to discuss.

Upcoming briefings will be provided in relation to Medical Conferences and s 9(2)(f)(iv)

An Aide Memoire was provided in last week's bag on Digital Labelling.

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2024-0554	Medical Conferences	- We will prepare an issues briefing on this issue for your consideration. - We have received a submission directly from BusinessNZ who raise a concern around Medsafe's interpretation of the requirements in the Medicines Act 1981 around "advertising" (as that relates to trade shows supporting medical conferences). We are investigating this issue and will be engaging with Medsafe on the concerns raised.	TBC
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
RRT2024-0532	Scaffolding Regulation	We met with the submitter on 10 March. We are also in discussions with MBIE about the issue. We will be providing an issues briefing on this issue shortly. To discuss.	TBC



New issues triaged to progress to investigation this week (as at 12/3/25)

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Priority/Investigate/Backlog
New issues are due to be triaged on 13/3/25 and will be reported next week			

Issues awaiting feedback

RRT #	Issue	Status update
RRT2024-0432	Commercial Trout Farming	We have provided advice on this matter last week. (MFR2025-032). This was provided to the Minister direct by advisors and we have now received the signed briefing. To discuss.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
RRT2024-0540	Digital Labelling	We have received your feedback and have prepared an Aide Memoire for the Minister on this issue last week's bag incorporating that feedback. Note change in reference (A2024-054 & MFR2025-046).
RRT2024-0564	Emissions Trading Scheme Industrial Allocation Regime	An issues briefing was included in the bag on 20 February (MFR2025-039).
RRT2024-269	Income Related Rent Subsidies	An issues briefing was provided in the bag on 13 February for consideration. (MFR2024-023).
RRT2024-0524	Application of Light Vehicle Regulations to BYD Hybrid Ute	- Is anything further required from MfR on this issue? - An issues briefing was provided in the bag on 23 January (MFR2025-009).
RRT2024 issues: 030, 048, 051, 052, 198, 199	Property transactions and the AML regime	An issues briefing was provided in the bag on 23 January (MFR2024-165).

Issues referred to other agencies are to be reported separately

RRT Updates 19 March

The Regulatory Response Team have received a total of 658 submissions to 18 March 2025.

A briefing was provided to Advisors last week on s 9(2)(f)(iv). **To discuss.**

Briefings will be provided in relation to Medical Conferences 20 March and Scaffolding Regulation this week 20 March.

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2024-0432	Commercial Trout Farming	We have received the signed advice back from the Minister (MFR2025-032) and have provided a draft letter from Minister Seymour to Ministers Jones and Potaka to the office for review. To discuss.	Letter to Ministers Jones and Potaka. Further support from MfR TBC
RRT2024-0554	Medical Conferences	We have prepared an issues briefing on this issue for your consideration this week (MFR2025-067). To discuss.	Minister Seymour to refer to Minister Brown, Minister of Health to request that he advise his officials to obtain policy decisions to make it possible to 'advertise' medicines in a controlled environment (such as medical trade shows and conferences) as part of the development of the Medical Products Bill.
RRT2024-0532	Scaffolding Regulation	We have prepared an issues briefing on this issue for your consideration this week (MFR2025-068). To discuss.	Write to Minister Van Velden, Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety, and request that her officials progress rapid changes to address this issue. Further support from MfR TBC



New issues triaged to progress to investigation this week (as at 19/3/25)

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Priority/Investigate/Backlog
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
RRT2024-0638	Undercharging of amusement devices permits by Councils	The submitter raises that current regulations made in 1978 allow councils to charge a maximum of \$10 for inspections of amusement devices. The submitter proposes increasing the charge, so rate payers are not cross-subsidising other businesses.	Investigate
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
RRT2024-0653	Council inefficiency in mailing out rates bills	Submitter complains of cost of Council sending out 16,000 letters about changes to a Proposed District Plan but would not email these out on request due to privacy laws.	Investigate
RRT2024-0657	Water regulation compliance for small communities	A small rural community is seeking an exemption from complying with water supplier obligations given the cost and compliance burden. The scheme serves approximately 75 domestic users.	Priority



Issues awaiting feedback

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s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
RRT2024-0564	Emissions Trading Scheme Industrial Allocation Regime	An issues briefing was included in the bag on 20 February (MFR2025-039).	
RRT2024-269	Income Related Rent Subsidies	An issues briefing was provided in the bag on 13 February for consideration. (MFR2024-023).	

Case studies to be prepared

RRT2024-0524	Application of Light Vehicle Regulations to BYD Hybrid Ute	- We will prepare a case study on electric vehicles. - An issues briefing was provided in the bag on 23 January (MFR2025-009).	
RRT2024 issues: 030, 048, 051, 052, 198, 199	Property transactions and the AML regime	- We will prepare a case study on AML (Gift Cards and Property Transactions). - An issues briefing was provided in the bag on 23 January (MFR2024-165).	

Issues referred to other agencies reported separately last week – any comments?



RRT Updates 26 March

The Regulatory Response Team have received a total of 663 submissions to 24 March 2025.

We have received feedback from the office on the following issues and proposed actions are outlined.

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2024-455; 495; 507	Government Identification/ Certification	We have received a number of submissions on identification requirements and desired improvements to how consumers can "do business with Government". We met with DIA on 24 March to understand the work they have underway as part of their Te Ara Manaaki programme. Initial indications are that there may be some regulatory barriers to progressing these changes. We will continue to work with DIA to build our understanding of this area and look to provide advice shortly.	To discuss
RRT2024-0432	Commercial Trout Farming MFR2025-032	- The Minister has signed the letter to send to the Minister for Conservation and Minister for Oceans and Fisheries. PR is being finalised. - The Minister has asked that it is made clear in the PR what we are seeking to legalise with a focus being on the sales of trout.	Letter to Ministers Jones and Potaka Further support from MfR as required
RRT2024-0554	Medical Conferences MFR2025-067	The Minister has agreed to write to Minister of Health cc the Minister for Tourism and Hospitality and the Minister for Economic Growth – who have also raised this with Minister Brown. A letter will be provided to the Office this week.	Minister Seymour to refer to Minister Brown, Minister of Health to request that he advise his officials to obtain policy decisions to make it possible to 'advertise' medicines in a controlled environment (such as medical trade shows and conferences) as part of the development of the Medical Products Bill.
RRT2024-0532	Scaffolding Regulation MFR2025-068	The Minister has agreed to write to Minister van Velden. A letter will be provided to the Office this week.	Write to Minister Van Velden, Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety, and request that her officials progress rapid changes to address this issue. Further support from MfR TBC



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s 9(2)(f)(iv)			

Issues awaiting feedback

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2024-0564	Emissions Trading Scheme Industrial Allocation Regime MFR2025-039	An issues briefing was included in the bag on 20 February. Min Office to check what has been signed. Can potentially be closed off. Submitter engaged with MFE officials on this issue around same time as drafting of the briefing .	
RRT2024-0269	Income Related Rent Subsidies MFR2024-023	An issues briefing was provided in the bag on 13 February for consideration. Last week this had not been considered.	TBC



New issues triaged to progress to investigation this week (as at 24/3/25)

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Priority/Investigate/Backlog
RRT2024-0633	Flood prone houses resource consent requirements.	Houses needed to be lifted approximately 1m following flooding to prevent future flooding, however, local council were reluctant to give consent because of 'potential flooding' and as a result GeoTec report was required + resource consent. Submitter proposes waiver for GeoTec and resource consent given changes to houses.	Backlog

*Note our next triage session is not until 27 March

Case studies to be prepared

RRT2024-0524	Application of Light Vehicle Regulations to BYD Hybrid Ute MFR2025-009
RRT2024 issues: 030, 048, 051, 052, 198, 199	Property transactions and the AML regime MFR2024-165
RRT2024-0432	Commercial Trout Farming MFR2025-032
RRT2024-0554	Medical Conferences MFR2025-067
RRT2024-0532	Scaffolding Regulation MFR2025-068
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	

Issues referred to other agencies reported separately – any comments?



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RRT Updates 3 April

As at 1 April 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 669 submissions on red tape issues, with 54 issues under active investigation.

We will shortly be providing a quarterly report on the Regulatory Response issues for the period between January and March 2025.

We have been working with the office to support engagement on several issues that the Minister has written to his colleagues about this week. This includes Outdated Scaffolding Regulation and Medical Conferences. We will continue to work with the office on engagements relating to s 9(2)(f)(iv), Commercial Trout Farming and s 9(2)(f)(iv)

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2024 (various)	AML MFR2024-165 & MFR2024-175	See update provided separately.	To discuss
RRT2024-455; 495; 507	Government Identification/ Certification	We have met with DIA on the work they have underway on how members of the public can "better do business with Government" in terms of common identity proofing (providing identification once for multiple purposes), identified regulatory barriers to Government making those improvements and how those could be addressed. Initial indications are that there may be some regulatory barriers to progressing these changes. We plan to provide initial advice on this issue in the next two weeks.	TBC

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2024-0504	Childcare subsidy shared care arrangements	We are currently investigating a submission regarding how childcare subsidies are administered by MSD where there are shared custody arrangements. The submission reports that the childcare subsidy is inequitable because it requires parents to agree on a principal caregiver and suggests reviewing and removing this requirement. We are unsure at this stage of our investigation of the scope or impact of the change (which would require an amendment to the Social Security Act).	TBC – the scope and impact of this change may not warrant intervention
RRT2024-0554	Medical Conferences MFR2025-067	We are also engaging with the Ministry of Health in relation to the changes which we understand may now be progressing on a faster timeframe via the Medicines Amendment Bill.	Minister Seymour has referred this issue to Minister Brown, Minister of Health to request that he advise his officials to obtain policy decisions to make it possible to ‘advertise’ medicines in a controlled environment (such as medical trade shows and conferences. Timing and vehicle TBC

Issues awaiting feedback

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
	Climate-related Disclosures regime MFR2025-070	This was discussed at advisors meeting on 2 April. We have undertaken an initial assessment of the Climate-related Disclosures (CRD) regime as a response to your office’s request for some high-level research into the rationale for banks not lending to some businesses for climate-related reasons. Specifically, we are looking at market failures, benefits and costs, thresholds and director liability settings.	TBC We consider a first principles review of the regime is needed to address design issues and ongoing challenges and it should be fed into our review pipeline.
RRT2024-0269	Income Related Rent Subsidies MFR2024-023	An issues briefing was provided in the bag on 13 February for consideration. Last week this had not been considered.	TBC



New issues triaged to progress to investigation this week (as at 02/04/25)

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Priority/Investigate/Backlog
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
RRT2024-0662	Resource Consent Threshold for Solar Installations	Local Council implement district plan that requires solar roof top installations over 20kwh to be approved by resource consent. Submitter raised that this limit could be as little as 30 panels and wants this threshold to be increased.	Investigate
RRT20204- 0663	Regulatory barriers in new pharmacy licensing	Licensing to open a new pharmacy needs to be approved	Investigate
RRT20204- 0664	Burdensome regulatory requirements in disability support	Submitter raised two issues. One related to the complicated process of switching from a property administrator to property manager under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988. Second related to the loss of potential earnings payments from ACC and additional disabilities (e.g. blindness).	Priority
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
RRT2024-0666	Paper duplication of electronically stored prescriptions for reconciliation	Submitter raised inefficient administrative burden due to the requirement to sign off paper prescriptions to receive reimbursement for drugs dispensed.	Investigate



Case studies to be prepared

RRT2024-0524	Application of Light Vehicle Regulations to BYD Hybrid Ute MFR2025-009
RRT2024 issues: 030, 048, 051, 052, 198, 199	Property transactions and the AML regime MFR2024-165
RRT2024-0432	Commercial Trout Farming MFR2025-032
RRT2024-0554	Medical Conferences MFR2025-067
RRT2024-0532	Scaffolding Regulation MFR2025-068
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	

Issues referred to other agencies reported separately – any comments?



RRT Updates 10 April

As at 7 April 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 681 submissions on red tape issues, with 73 issues under active investigation.

We intend to publish a quarterly report on the Regulatory Response issues for the Q3 FY2024/25 period (January - March 2025) by the end of April.

We will continue to work with the office on engagements relating to the issues outlined below:

- ☐ medical conferences,
- ☐ scaffolding regulation,
- ☐ s 9(2)(f)(iv)
- ☐ commercial trout farming and
- ☐ s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We are providing an update to the Minister on the Small Food Manufacturers submissions in the weekly report.

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2024 (various)	AML MFR2024-165 & MFR2024-175	We will be providing a letter for Minister Seymour to provide to Minister McKee on these issues this week.	Letter from Minister Seymour to Minister McKee
RRT2024-455; 495; 507	Government Identification/ Certification	We have met with DIA on the work they have underway on how members of the public can "better do business with Government" in terms of common identity proofing (providing identification once for multiple purposes), identified regulatory barriers to Government making those improvements and how those could be addressed. Initial indications are that there may be some regulatory barriers to progressing these changes. We plan to provide initial advice on this issue next week.	TBC
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2024-0554	Medical Conferences MFR2025-067	We have engaged with the Ministry of Health this week. Minister Brown was granted delegated authority by Cabinet to make policy decisions in relation to the changes. This change will be progressed via the Medicines Amendment Bill. Timings are for the policy paper to be provided in June and for the change to go to Cab Leg Committee in July and be presented to the House when the Bill is considered in Committee of the Whole House stage likely in August 2025. MfR are looking to offer further support to MoH following a request for assistance.	Minister Seymour has referred this issue to Minister Brown, Minister of Health to request that he advise his officials to obtain policy decisions to make it possible to ‘advertise’ medicines in a controlled environment (such as medical trade shows and conferences.

Issues awaiting feedback

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
	Climate-related disclosures regime MFR2025-070	This was discussed at advisors meeting on 2 April the office will provide some comment back for consideration. We have undertaken an initial assessment of the Climate-related Disclosures (CRD) regime as a response to your office’s request for some high-level research into the rationale for banks not lending to some businesses for climate-related reasons. Specifically, we are looking at market failures, benefits and costs, thresholds and director liability settings.	TBC We consider a first principles review of the regime is needed to address design issues and ongoing challenges and it should be fed into our review pipeline.
RRT2024-0269	Income Related Rent Subsidies MFR2024-023	An issues briefing was provided in the bag on 13 February for consideration. Last week this had not been considered.	TBC



New issues triaged to progress to investigation this week (as at 07/04/25)

Other than two issues that were transferred internally from MfR policy to RRT this week we have no new issues that were triaged to investigate.

Case studies to be prepared

RRT2024-0524	Application of Light Vehicle Regulations to BYD Hybrid Ute MFR2025-009
RRT2024 issues: 030, 048, 051, 052, 198, 199	Property transactions and the AML regime MFR2024-165
RRT2024-0432	Commercial Trout Farming MFR2025-032
RRT2024-0554	Medical Conferences MFR2025-067
RRT2024-0532	Scaffolding Regulation MFR2025-068
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	

Issues referred to other agencies reported separately – any comments?



RRT Updates 17 April

As at 15 April 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 690 submissions on red tape issues, with 87 issues under active investigation.

We intend to publish a quarterly report on the Regulatory Response issues for the Q3 FY2024/25 period (January - March 2025) at the end of April/beginning of May. **This will be presented at the RRT advisors meeting on 30 April for feedback prior to publication.**

We are seeking updates from the Office on engagements relating to the issues outlined below:

- ☐ medical conferences,
- ☐ scaffolding regulation,
- ☐ s 9(2)(f)(iv)
- ☐ commercial trout farming and
- ☐ s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Issues briefings provided this week

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2024-455; 495; 507	Government Identification/ Certification MFR2025- 096	We provided advice on this issue on 15 April.	Minister Seymour to discuss the opportunity for the Ministry for Regulation to undertake a thought leadership role with the Minister for Digitising Government, Hon Judith Collins KC in the first instance

Direct Commissions received this week

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2025-0697	Lead-free products requirements for plumbers	We have advised the submitter we are investigating on 15 April.	TBC following investigation



Issues briefings/draft correspondence already provided – awaiting feedback

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2024- (various)	AML MFR2024-165 & MFR2024-175	We provided a letter for Minister Seymour to provide to Minister McKee on these issues on 11 April.	Letter from Minister Seymour to Minister McKee
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
RRT2024-055	Climate-related disclosures regime MFR2025-070	This was discussed at advisors meeting on 2 April the office will provide some comment back for consideration. We have undertaken an initial assessment of the Climate-related Disclosures (CRD) regime as a response to your office's request for some high-level research into the rationale for banks not lending to some businesses for climate-related reasons. Specifically, we are looking at market failures, benefits and costs, thresholds and director liability settings.	TBC We consider a first principles review of the regime is needed to address design issues and ongoing challenges and it should be fed into our review pipeline.
RRT2024-0269	Income Related Rent Subsidies MFR2024-023	An issues briefing was provided in the bag on 13 February for consideration. We have not received feedback on this paper.	TBC



New issues being investigated – potential issues briefings TBC

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Possible Ministerial Actions
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
RRT2024-0666	Pharmacy electronic dispensing data	This was a submission from a pharmacy who state they are spending approximately \$100,000 per year on staff and administration costs to manually submit and process prescription subsidy documents to Health NZ. All the medication is prescribed on an electronic cloud-based system. However, the data on this system is not accepted by the system that reimburses pharmacists for the drugs they dispense. Each month they spend several hours signing off duplicate paper prescriptions just to claim pharmacy funding. This appears on the face of it to be overly complex and burdensome with significant costs for the pharmacy. We have not yet undertaken our economic impact analysis but we anticipate this will apply to pharmacies nationwide.	TBC in issues briefing - Minister Seymour could recommend some specific regulatory changes to improve this area and to reduce compliance cost to pharmacies.
RRT2024-0470 & 0452	Outdated probate threshold	Two submitters (RRT2024-0452 and RRT2024-0470) suggested the probate threshold for small estates is outdated, causing a burden for executors/administrators, delays for the beneficiaries and unnecessary work for the Courts. One of the submitters suggested increasing the threshold to at least \$25,000, based on the level of increase in weekly median income from June 2009 to June 2023; or to ~\$21,000 using the Reserve Bank New Zealand (RBNZ)’s inflation calculator. There is a ground for adjusting the threshold of small estates to reflect inflationary changes since this was last undertaken in 2009. Using the RBNZ’s inflation calculator, the threshold should be set at \$21,894.48 in FY2024 Q4 or round up to 22,000 in FY2025. We are of the view that the Administration (Prescribed Amounts) Regulations in 2009 should be amended to adjust the threshold and also to enable/require regular updates of the threshold to reflect inflationary changes every five or ten years.	TBC in issues briefing - Minister Seymour could recommend this specific regulatory changes to reduce the regulatory burden on those administering small estates. This is also likely to result in a reduction in Court time spent processing applications. We have not yet engaged with MoJ on this issue.

New issues triaged to progress to investigation this week (as at 15/04/25)

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Priority/Investigate/Backlog
RRT2024-0679	Use of brodifacoum disincentivising pest control of deer	Submitter says that food safety regulations state that feral deer cannot be harvested within two kilometers of where brodifacoum has been used for three years. The submitter believes this regulation hinders effective management of feral deer and possums. Feral deer populations are increasing, and landowners use feral venison recovery to manage these populations and offset costs. However, the use of brodifacoum prevents this, leading many landowners to avoid using it and instead resort to less efficient methods for possum control. Brodifacoum is mainly used in bait stations. Brodifacoum can be used on deer farms, and venison from these farms is exempt from the regulation. It is a common, highly effective pesticide for controlling possums and rodents, available over the counter. It is an anticoagulant toxin and apparently poses low risk to humans.	Investigate
RRT2024-0681	Cost and consenting of small solar generation	Submitter raised that resource consent requirements for small solar farms are cost prohibitive. Solar farms of 5 mega watts require the same process as 120 mega watts. Submitter suggested simplifying the consenting requirements for smaller solar farms, especially those not connected to the grid. We are already looking at a number of issues raised in relation to solar energy and this issue will be considered alongside those.	Investigate

Issues referred to other agencies (batch 2 provided 16 April 2025) – any feedback?



Case studies to be prepared

RRT2024-0524	Application of Light Vehicle Regulations to BYD Hybrid Ute MFR2025-009
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RRT2024-0532	Scaffolding Regulation MFR2025-068
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	



RRT Updates 30 April

As at 28 April 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 704 submissions on red tape issues, with 97 issues under active investigation.

We intend to publish a quarterly report on the Regulatory Response issues for the Q3 FY2024/25 period (January - March 2025) at the beginning of May.
This is being presented at the RRT advisors meeting that relates to this report on 30 April for feedback prior to publication.

A joint press release with Minister Brown was issued yesterday on the Medical Conferences issue:
<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/huge-benefits-available-medical-conferences>

We have seen some uptake on the release to date here:
<https://insidegovernment.co.nz/medical-trade-show-rules-to-be-re-diagnosed/>
<https://www.nzdoctor.co.nz/article/undoctored/huge-benefits-available-medical-conferences>

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- ☐ scaffolding regulation,
- ☐ s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
- ☐ commercial trout farming and
- ☐ s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]

No issues briefings were provided this week & no direct commissions were received



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Issues briefings/draft correspondence already provided – awaiting feedback

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RRT2024-455; 495; 507	DIA's Digital Identity programme of work MFR2025- 096	We provided advice on this issue on 15 April .	Minister Seymour to discuss the opportunity for the Ministry for Regulation to undertake a thought leadership role with the Minister for Digitising Government, Hon Judith Collins KC in the first instance
RRT2024 (various)	AML MFR2024-165 & MFR2024-175	We provided a letter for Minister Seymour to provide to Minister McKee on these issues on 11 April .	Letter from Minister Seymour to Minister McKee
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s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
RRT2024-0666	Pharmacy electronic dispensing data	This was a submission from a pharmacy who state they are spending approximately \$100,000 per year on staff and administration costs to manually submit and process prescription subsidy documents to Health NZ. All the medication is prescribed on an electronic cloud-based system. However, the data on this system is not accepted by the system that reimburses pharmacists for the drugs they dispense. Each month they spend several hours signing off duplicate paper prescriptions just to claim pharmacy funding. This appears on the face of it to be overly complex and burdensome with significant costs for the pharmacy. We have not yet undertaken our economic impact analysis but we anticipate this will apply to pharmacies nationwide.	TBC in issues briefing - Minister Seymour could recommend some specific regulatory changes to improve this area and to reduce compliance cost to pharmacies.

New issues being investigated – potential issues briefings TBC – any feedback?

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2024-0470 & 0452	Outdated probate threshold	Two submitters (RRT2024-0452 and RRT2024-0470) suggested the probate threshold for small estates is outdated, causing a burden for executors/administrators, delays for the beneficiaries and unnecessary work for the Courts. One of the submitters suggested increasing the threshold to at least \$25,000, based on the level of increase in weekly median income from June 2009 to June 2023; or to ~\$21,000 using the Reserve Bank New Zealand (RBNZ)’s inflation calculator. There is a ground for adjusting the threshold of small estates to reflect inflationary changes since this was last undertaken in 2009. Using the RBNZ’s inflation calculator, the threshold should be set at \$21,894.48 in FY2024 Q4 or round up to 22,000 in FY2025. We are of the view that the Administration (Prescribed Amounts) Regulations in 2009 should be amended to adjust the threshold and also to enable/require regular updates of the threshold to reflect inflationary changes every five or ten years.	TBC in issues briefing - Minister Seymour could recommend this specific regulatory changes to reduce the regulatory burden on those administering small estates. This is also likely to result in a reduction in Court time spent processing applications. We have not yet engaged with MoJ on this issue.

Issues referred to other agencies batch 2 provided 16 April 2025 – any feedback?



New issues triaged to progress to investigation this week (as at 28/04/25)

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Priority/Investigate/Backlog
RRT2025-0706	Non-compliance in New Zealand's Electrical Product Safety Regulation	Submitter says there is wide-spread non-compliance of businesses with Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010. The submitter is concerned that compliant businesses are at a competitive disadvantage given the higher costs, delays etc associated with compliance.	Investigate
RRT2025-0705	Requirement for road worthiness of ATVs onerous	Minister Seymour spoke briefly to a company representative at an event in Christchurch who complained about the requirement that his all terrain vehicles register as "road going motor vehicles".	Priority
RRT2025-0698	Restriction on building sheds close to property boundaries	The submitter is an architect for townhouse developments. The submitter raised that planners are insisting on bike sheds being included within the proposed development. This is not allowed as the sheds would be too close to the boundary. We have received two other submission in the portal related to the application of the 'height to boundary ratio' and how this is restricting the construction of small garden sheds. Given the two other similar issues raised with us we will follow up with MBIE.	Investigate



Case studies to be prepared – coordinate with engagements and publication of Q3 report

RRT2024-0524	Application of Light Vehicle Regulations to BYD Hybrid Ute MFR2025-009
RRT2024 issues: 030, 048, 051, 052, 198, 199	Property transactions and the AML regime MFR2024-165
RRT2024-0432	Commercial Trout Farming MFR2025-032
RRT2024-0532	Scaffolding Regulation MFR2025-068
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	

Case studies published

RRT2024-0554	Medical Conferences MFR2025-067
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RRT Updates 7 May

As at 6 May 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 713 submissions on red tape issues, with 98 issues under active investigation.

We presented the draft Q3 reporting at the advisor's meeting last week and provided some screenshots to the office today. We will provide a draft Aide Memoire shortly in relation to Q3 reporting on Red Tape issues. We will be publishing the reporting on our website within the next two weeks.

We are seeking updates from the Office on engagements relating to the issues outlined below:

- ☐ scaffolding regulation (following meeting between Minister van Velden and the submitter on 8 May),
- ☐ s 9(2)(f)(iv)
- ☐ commercial trout farming (to be advised by the Office following discussions between minister's offices) and
- ☐ s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Issues briefings provided this week

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2024-0470 & 0452	Outdated probate threshold MFR2025-109	We will provide an issues briefing on this issue by 9 May. We have now confirmed MoJ have undertaken some consultation late last year to increase the threshold. We will reflect that in our advice and the draft letter to Minister Goldsmith.	Minister Seymour could recommend this specific regulatory change to reduce the regulatory burden on those administering small estates be progressed promptly.

Direct Commissions received this week

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2025-714	Delays to repairing and replacing playground equipment	The submitter raised the significant delays to repairing and replacing playground equipment, which in their view is caused by strict adherence to a voluntary New Zealand Playground Standard (NZS 5828:2015). The submitter points to a local playground slide in Rotorua that has been out of use for 18 months due to the need to import a replacement from Germany that meets the Standard.	TBC following investigation
RRT2025-715	Exportation of Dietary Supplements	The submitter raised difficulties relating to exporting dietary supplements under the Food Act and Medicines Act which are not for domestic consumption. The submitter has sought legal advice and proposes regulatory changes to resolve these.	TBC following investigation

Draft correspondence/information provided to the office this week

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Confirmed Ministerial Actions
Various	Regulation of Small Food Businesses	We provided an update on this issue to the office on 6 May. Office to confirm if they require a formal update by way of an issues briefing.	TBC
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
RRT2024-043	Rental Vehicle Association – various DSCOR3057	We will provide a revised draft letter to the submitter for consideration by 8 May.	Write to submitter.

Issues briefings already provided – awaiting feedback

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2024-455; 495; 507	DIA's Digital Identity programme of work MFR2025-096	We provided advice on this issue on 15 April – awaiting response from the office/request to engage with Minister Collins.	Minister Seymour to discuss the opportunity for the Ministry for Regulation to undertake a thought leadership role with the Minister for Digitising Government, Hon Judith Collins KC in the first instance
RRT2024-055	Climate-related disclosures regime MFR2025-070	This was discussed at advisors meeting on 2 April the office will provide some comment back for consideration. We have undertaken an initial assessment of the Climate-related Disclosures (CRD) regime as a response to your office's request for some high-level research into the rationale for banks not lending to some businesses for climate-related reasons. Specifically, we are looking at market failures, benefits and costs, thresholds and director liability settings.	TBC We consider a first principles review of the regime is needed to address design issues and ongoing challenges and it should be fed into our review pipeline.

Issues briefings in development

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2025-0697	Lead-free products requirements for plumbers	Preparing issues briefing. We have met with MBIE to understand the issue further. We are in the process of analysing this information and will be contact with the submitter once we have a way forward. Our initial view is that MBIE has carried out an appropriate process with options that provide flexibility of compliance for the industry.	TBC in issues briefing
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
RRT2024-0666	Pharmacy electronic dispensing data	Preparing issues briefing. We met with HealthNZ on 5 May. HealthNZ agree with our analysis that these processes are outdated and cumbersome. They are confirming some additional information to us but we think the scale of the issue may not be as widespread as initially thought, but we will know more detail soon. We think the responsibility for this sits with HealthNZ but with some overlap with Medsafe. We will be able to confirm the extent of the overlap when we have more information from HealthNZ.	TBC in issues briefing - Minister Seymour could recommend some specific regulatory changes to improve this area and to reduce compliance cost to pharmacies.

Issues referred to other agencies batch 2 provided 16 April 2025 – any feedback?



New issues triaged to progress to investigation this week (as at 7/05/25)

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Priority/Investigate/Backlog
No new issues triaged last week. Next triage 8/5/25			

Case studies to be prepared

RRT2024-0524	Application of Light Vehicle Regulations to BYD Hybrid Ute MFR2025-009
RRT2024 issues: 030, 048, 051, 052, 198, 199	Property transactions and the AML regime MFR2024-165
RRT2024-0432	Commercial Trout Farming MFR2025-032
RRT2024-0532	Scaffolding Regulation MFR2025-068
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	

Case studies published

RRT2024-0554	Medical Conferences MFR2025-067
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RRT Updates 14 May

As at 13 May 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 713 submissions on red tape issues. We are updating our reporting on open investigations and will provide an update on the number of investigations next week.

We will provide a draft Aide Memoire for you to consider in relation to Q3 reporting on Red Tape issues. We will be publishing the reporting on our website within the next two weeks.

We are seeking updates from the Office on engagements relating to the issues outlined below:

- ☐ scaffolding regulation (following meeting between Minister van Velden and the submitter on 8 May; submitter is chasing),
☐ s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]
- ☐ commercial trout farming (to be advised by the Office following discussions between minister’s offices) and
☐ s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]

Issues briefings provided this week

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2024-0470 & 0452	Outdated probate threshold MFR2025-109	We provided an issues briefing on 12 May . Awaiting feedback.	Minister Seymour could recommend this specific regulatory change to reduce the regulatory burden on those administering small estates be progressed promptly.



Direct Commissions received this week

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
TBC	Use of smart glasses	Received 13/5 – the submitter has advised that when they tried to obtain Meta's Ray-Ban Meta smart glasses they were informed that New Zealand's current legislation doesn't support the use of such devices due to privacy and data protection concerns.	TBC following investigation
TBC	Complexity of overweight permits for agricultural vehicles	Received 13/5 – the submitter consider the permitting for agricultural vehicles is overly complex and out of touch with the scale of agricultural machines. Due in Minister's weekend bag 22 May	TBC following investigation
TBC	NZTA Infringement paperwork	We have been requested to support on a response to this issue (DSCOR7885).	Write to submitter – MfR to support with draft content.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



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Draft correspondence/information provided to the office this week

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Confirmed Ministerial Actions
RRT2024-043	Rental Vehicle Association – various DSCOR3057	We provided a draft letter for consideration on 12 May – any feedback? We will engage with NZTA when confirmed.	Write to submitter. MfR to engage with NZTA.

Issues briefings/correspondence already provided – awaiting feedback

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
Various	Regulation of Small Food Businesses	We provided an update on this issue to the office on 6 May. Office to confirm if they require a formal update by way of an issues briefing.	TBC
RRT2024-455; 495; 507	DIA's Digital Identity programme of work MFR2025-096	We provided advice on this issue on 15 April – awaiting response from the office/request to engage with Minister Collins.	Minister Seymour to discuss the opportunity for the Ministry for Regulation to undertake a thought leadership role with the Minister for Digitising Government, Hon Judith Collins KC in the first instance
RRT2024-055	Climate-related disclosures regime MFR2025-070	This was discussed at advisors meeting on 2 April the office will provide some comment back for consideration. We have undertaken an initial assessment of the Climate-related Disclosures (CRD) regime as a response to your office's request for some high-level research into the rationale for banks not lending to some businesses for climate-related reasons. Specifically, we are looking at market failures, benefits and costs, thresholds and director liability settings.	TBC We consider a first principles review of the regime is needed to address design issues and ongoing challenges and it should be fed into our review pipeline.

Issues briefings in development

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2025-0714	Stringent Playground equipment standards need adjusting	The submitter, concerned about the prolonged closure of a local playground slide in Rotorua, requests a review of the New Zealand Playground Standards (NZS 5828:2015). The slide has been out of use for 18 months due to the need to import a compliant replacement from Germany, causing significant delays and depriving children of play opportunities. The submitter highlights that while the standard is voluntary, strict adherence has led to unnecessary costs and financial burdens on local councils. They urge the department to assess the standard's suitability and consider modifications for more practical and cost-effective maintenance and repair solutions.	TBC following investigation
RRT2025-715	Exportation of Dietary Supplements	The submitter raised difficulties relating to exporting dietary supplements under the Food Act and Medicines Act which are not for domestic consumption. The submitter has sought legal advice and proposes regulatory changes to resolve these.	TBC following investigation
RRT2025-0697	Lead-free products requirements for plumbers	Preparing issues briefing. We have met with MBIE to understand the issue further. We are in the process of analysing this information and are due to meet with the submitter on 15 May . Our initial view is that MBIE has carried out an appropriate process with options that provide flexibility of compliance for the industry.	TBC in issues briefing
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
RRT2024-0666	Pharmacy electronic dispensing data	We met with HealthNZ on 5 May. HealthNZ agree with our analysis that these processes are outdated and cumbersome. We have chased HealthNZ for the further information but this has not yet been received. We think the scale of the issue may not be as widespread as initially thought, but we will know more detail soon. We think the responsibility for this sits with HealthNZ but with some overlap with Medsafe. We will be able to confirm the extent of the overlap when we have more information from HealthNZ.	TBC in issues briefing - Minister Seymour could recommend some specific regulatory changes to improve this area and to reduce compliance cost to pharmacies.



New issues triaged to progress to investigation this week (as at 13/05/25)

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Priority/Investigate/BacklogRR
RRT2025-0708	Overregulation of s 9(2)(a) street vendor	The submitter saw an article about the man who has been selling s 9(2)(a) and is now being told by the Council that he required to register and pay associated fees. The submitter wants a carve out for small suppliers for almost all regulations unless it's a high risk food and clarify what is allowed to be sold where (e.g. article says a person can sell at their gate without a license). This will be investigated as part of the small food businesses investigation (including small home cake makers).	Investigate (as part of small food business investigation)
RRT2025-0709	AML compliance obligations - inconsistency of management and storage of information	The submitter is a property investor who experiences AML compliance in a number of ways (e.g. through banks, lawyers, accountants) raised general complaints around AML compliance. Specifically the submitter raised concerns around inconsistencies they perceive in how the information is collected and stored.	Investigate (as part of AML investigation)
RRT2025-0710	Regulations relating to motorhomes based on vehicle weight.	The submitter, a motorhome rental business, faces significant regulatory challenges due to how Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) is determined upon importation. Some motorhomes are imported at 3550kg instead of 3500kg to avoid Clean Car Policy costs, leading to higher compliance costs, limited servicing options, and resale restrictions. Reclassifying to 3500kg is complex and costly, despite no physical differences. A practical solution would allow reclassification without modifications, reducing costs and improving resale viability. The submitter seeks consideration to address this inefficiency.	Investigate (as part of existing investigation into similar issues – some recent Rule changes proposed in relation to motorhomes)
RRT2025-0711	Disproportionate fees for small food businesses	The submitter, a small cake business owner with profits under \$30k, finds the new and current costs imposed on small businesses unsustainable. They are required to pay the same fees as larger establishments, making it difficult to stay in business. The submitter requests a profit-based sliding scale for fees to ensure they can continue operating and providing for their family while maintaining food safety standards.	Investigate (as part of small food business investigation)
RRT2025-0717	Small law firm AML compliance	The submitter raised concern that they are forced to register and comply with AML requirements.	Investigate (as part of AML investigation)

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Case studies to be prepared

RRT2024-0524	Application of Light Vehicle Regulations to BYD Hybrid Ute MFR2025-009
RRT2024 issues: 030, 048, 051, 052, 198, 199	Property transactions and the AML regime MFR2024-165
RRT2024-0432	Commercial Trout Farming (TBC) MFR2025-032
RRT2024-0532	Scaffolding Regulation MFR2025-068
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Case studies published

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RRT Updates 21 May

- As signaled in last week's report we are adjusting the way that we are reporting on active investigations. We have redefined an "investigation" as active work on an issue, which may cover one or more submissions from the public or commissions from your office. These numbers will continue to be refined as we consolidate and complete investigations and open new ones.
- We have **received 14 submissions this week** from Wednesday the 14th of May to Tuesday the 20th of May, giving us **a total of 737 submissions** received through the red-tape portal and direct commissions from your office.
- To date, **we have responded to and closed 497 of these submissions.**
- The Ministry **currently has 35 open investigations, covering 144 of 240 open submissions.**

We are considering whether the small/cake food submissions are to be scoped as part of the hospitality review – subject to Cabinet decisions on future reviews.

We are seeking updates from the Office on engagements relating to the issues outlined below:

- ☐ scaffolding regulation (following meeting between Minister van Velden and the submitter on 8 May; submitter is chasing and has now written to Ministers (20 May)),
- ☐ s 9(2)(f)(iv)
- ☐ s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Issues briefings/Aide Memoire provided this week

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2025-0740	Complexity of overweight permits for agricultural vehicles MFR2025-121	We are providing an Aide Memoire on this issue in this week's bag. Further work will be undertaken as required following the meeting between the Minister and submitters on 27 May.	TBC following investigation

Direct Commissions received this week

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
TBC	Removal of requirement for the use of bike helmets	We received this commission on 20 May. We have been asked to provide advice by 30 May. To discuss.	TBC following investigation

Draft correspondence/information provided to the office

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Confirmed Ministerial Actions
RRT2024-043	Rental Vehicle Association – various DSCOR3057	Based on the feedback we received on the draft letter on 19 May, we will be finalising a letter to Min Chris Bishop and edited letter to the submitter to provide to the office by 22 May .	Write to submitter and prepare a letter to Minister of Transport. MfR to engage with NZTA.
RRT2024-455; 495; 507	DIA's Digital Identity programme of work MFR2025-096	We have provided a draft letter to Minister Collins to the office on 20 May .	Minister Seymour to discuss the opportunity for the Ministry for Regulation to undertake a thought leadership role with the Minister for Digitising Government, Hon Judith Collins KC in the first instance
RRT2024-0725	NZTA Infringement paperwork	We have prepared a response on this issue to go from MfR. Our ministerial services team will also provide draft correspondence to the office to respond to the submitter (ref DSCOR7885).	Write to submitter – MfR to support with draft content.

Issues briefings/correspondence already provided – status TBC

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2024-055	Climate-related disclosures regime MFR2025-070	This was discussed at advisors meeting on 2 April the office will provide some comment back for consideration. We have undertaken an initial assessment of the Climate-related Disclosures (CRD) regime as a response to your office's request for some high-level research into the rationale for banks not lending to some businesses for climate-related reasons. Specifically, we are looking at market failures, benefits and costs, thresholds and director liability settings.	TBC We consider a first principles review of the regime is needed to address design issues and ongoing challenges and it should be fed into our review pipeline.



Issues briefings in development

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2025-0728	Use of smart glasses	The submitter has advised that when they tried to obtain Meta's Ray-Ban Meta smart glasses they were informed that New Zealand's current legislation doesn't support the use of such devices due to privacy and data protection concerns.	TBC following investigation
RRT2025-0714	Stringent Playground equipment standards need adjusting	The submitter, concerned about the prolonged closure of a local playground slide in Rotorua, requests a review of the New Zealand Playground Standards (NZS 5828:2015). The slide has been out of use for 18 months due to the need to import a compliant replacement from Germany, causing significant delays and depriving children of play opportunities. The submitter highlights that while the standard is voluntary, strict adherence has led to unnecessary costs and financial burdens on local councils. They urge the department to assess the standard's suitability and consider modifications for more practical and cost-effective maintenance and repair solutions.	TBC following investigation
RRT2025-715	Exportation of Dietary Supplements	The submitter raised difficulties relating to exporting dietary supplements under the Food Act and Medicines Act which are not for domestic consumption. The submitter has sought legal advice and proposes regulatory changes to resolve these.	TBC following investigation
RRT2025-0697	Lead-free products requirements for plumbers	Preparing issues briefing. We met with the submitter on 15 May . We are considering the additional information they provided and will be preparing an issues briefing.	TBC in issues briefing
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
RRT2024-0666	Pharmacy electronic dispensing data	We met with HealthNZ on 5 May. HealthNZ agree with our analysis that these processes are outdated and cumbersome. We have now received further information from HealthNZ which we are considering. They may have identified that one of the aspects the submitter raised is not required.	TBC in issues briefing - Minister Seymour could recommend some specific regulatory changes to improve this area and to reduce compliance cost to pharmacies.

New issues triaged to progress to investigation this week (as at 20/05/25)

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Priority/Investigate/BacklogRR
There are no new issues triaged this week. New items will be reported next week			



Case studies to be prepared

RRT2024-0524	Application of Light Vehicle Regulations to BYD Hybrid Ute MFR2025-009
RRT2024 issues: 030, 048, 051, 052, 198, 199	Property transactions and the AML regime MFR2024-165
RRT2024-0432	Commercial Trout Farming (TBC) MFR2025-032
RRT2024-0532	Scaffolding Regulation MFR2025-068
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
RRT2024-0470 & 0452	Increasing probate threshold MFR2025-109 – pending response from Minister Goldsmith
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	

Case studies published

RRT2024-0554	Medical Conferences MFR2025-067
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RRT Updates 28 May

We have received **8 submissions last week** from Monday 19 May to Monday 26 May, giving us a total of **745** submissions received through the red-tape portal, direct commissions from your office or another channel. To date, **we have responded to and closed 501** of these submissions. The **Ministry currently has 37 open investigations**, covering 142 of 244 open submissions.

The Q3 reporting will be published today (**28 May**).

We are seeking updates from the Office on engagements relating to the issues outlined below:

☐ s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Issues briefings/Aide Memoire provided this week

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2025-0742	Removal of requirement for the use of bike helmets	We received this commission on 20 May. We will be providing advice by 30 May. To discuss.	TBC following provision of advice



Direct Commissions received this week

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2025-0741	NZ Personal Electric Vehicle regulations	RRT received this commission on 21 May.	TBC following investigation
RRT2025-0743	Updates to Eftpos technology costing businesses	RRT received this commission on 22 May. We will be providing advice by early next week.	TBC following investigation

Draft correspondence/information provided to the office

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Confirmed Ministerial Actions
RRT2024-043	Rental Vehicle Association – various DSCOR3057	Based on the feedback we received on the draft letter on 19 May, we will be finalising a letter to Min Chris Bishop and edited letter to the submitter to provide to the office (this is currently with the Ministerial Services team for review).	Write to submitter and prepare a letter to Minister of Transport. MfR to engage with NZTA.
RRT2025-0740	Permitting Overweight Agricultural vehicles MFR2025-121	We have provided (23 May) an Aide Memoir to support Minister's meeting with representatives from Rural Contractors New Zealand (RCNZ) on 27 May.	TBC if further action is required (to discuss)



Issues briefings in development

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2025-0728	Use of Video capable glasses in remote work	Owner of a small engineering company looked into purchasing Meta-Ray-Ban Meta smart glasses for their employees so they can live stream their work to him in real time, so he can guide them through aspects of the work remotely, while allowing the employee to use both hands. The submitter is facing data protection and privacy regulations in implementing their idea.	TBC following investigation
RRT2025-0714	Stringent Playground equipment standards need adjusting	The submitter, concerned about the prolonged closure of a local playground slide in Rotorua, requests a review of the New Zealand Playground Standards (NZS 5828:2015). The slide has been out of use for 18 months due to the need to import a compliant replacement from Germany, causing significant delays and depriving children of play opportunities. The submitter highlights that while the standard is voluntary, strict adherence has led to unnecessary costs and financial burdens on local councils. They urge the department to assess the standard's suitability and consider modifications for more practical and cost-effective maintenance and repair solutions.	TBC following investigation
RRT2025-715	Exportation of Dietary Supplements	The submitter raised difficulties relating to exporting dietary supplements under the Food Act and Medicines Act which are not for domestic consumption. The submitter has sought legal advice and proposes regulatory changes to resolve these.	TBC following investigation
RRT2025-0697	Lead-free products requirements for plumbers	Preparing issues briefing. We met with the submitter on 15 May . We are considering the additional information they provided and will be preparing an issues briefing.	TBC in issues briefing
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
RRT2024-0666	Pharmacy electronic dispensing data	We met with HealthNZ on 5 May. HealthNZ agree with our analysis that these processes are outdated and cumbersome. We have now received further information from HealthNZ which we are considering. They may have identified that one of the aspects the submitter raised is not required.	TBC in issues briefing - Minister Seymour could recommend some specific regulatory changes to improve this area and to reduce compliance cost to pharmacies.

New issues triaged to progress to investigation this week (as at 27/05/25)

*note this does not include direct commissions reported separately)

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Priority/Investigate/BacklogRR
RRT2025-0722	WorkSafe interpretation of scaffolding health and safety requirements	The submitter raised in their view WorkSafe's misapplication of the scaffolding safety guidelines for platforms under 1 metre. The submitter raises that WorkSafe's interpretation contradicts the legislation which states that handrails are not required (MfR have not yet verified this). The submitter thinks that current scaffold access designs are impractical for low heights, and long-standing safe practices like scaffold surfing are being restricted, further reducing productivity. These enforcement issues are significantly impacting labour efficiency and project timelines across the industry, with potentially large economic consequences. The letter urges urgent attention to align WorkSafe's interpretation with the regulations.	Priority
RRT2025-0725	Speeding infringements regime	Submitter raises the inefficiency of receiving speed camera infringement notices by post with 4 sheets of A4 paper and the requirement to do a statutory declaration if someone else was driving the car at the time.	Investigate as part of existing investigation - RRT2024-043.
RRT2025-0731	Suggestion to update electrical standards to reflect electric vehicle and solar technology	The submitter raised that electrical regulations, and standards need updating urgently to cover current technology (e.g. electrical vehicles and solar). The submitter views this as creating issues for electrical safety, and for people being uncertain about their obligations.	Investigate as part of existing investigations.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



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Potential Engagements

RRT2024-0524	Application of Light Vehicle Regulations to BYD Hybrid Ute MFR2025-009
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s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
RRT2024-0470 & 0452	Increasing probate threshold MFR2025-109 – pending response from Minister Goldsmith
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
RRT2024-455; 495; 507	DIA's Digital Identity programme of work MFR2025-096 – pending response from Minister Collins

Case studies published

RRT2024-0554	Medical Conferences MFR2025-067
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RRT Updates 4 June

We have received **9 submissions last week** from Tuesday 27 May to Tuesday 3 June, giving us a total of **754** submissions received through the red-tape portal, direct commissions from your office or another channel.

To date, **we have responded to and closed 525** of these submissions.

The **Ministry currently has 52 open investigations**, covering 165 of 229 open submissions.

Issues briefings/Aide Memoire provided this week

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Confirmed Ministerial Actions
RRT2025-0742	Removal of requirement for the use of bike helmets	We provided advice on 30 May.	TBC following provision of advice

Direct Commissions received this week

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2025-0740	Permitting Overweight Agricultural vehicles MFR2025-121	We have provided (23 May) an Aide Memoir to support Minister's meeting with representatives from Rural Contractors New Zealand (RCNZ) on 27 May. We have now received a commission to investigate and provide further advice on this matter.	TBC following investigation



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Issues briefings in development

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2025-0743	Updates to Eftpos technology costing businesses	RRT received this commission on 22 May. We will be providing advice this week .	TBC following investigation
RRT2025-0741	NZ Personal Electric Vehicle regulations	We received this commission on 21 May.	TBC following investigation
RRT2025-0728	Use of Video capable glasses in remote work	Owner of a small engineering company looked into purchasing Meta-Ray-Ban Meta smart glasses for their employees so they can live stream their work to him in real time, so he can guide them through aspects of the work remotely, while allowing the employee to use both hands. The submitter is facing data protection and privacy regulations in implementing their idea.	TBC following investigation
RRT2025-0714	Stringent Playground equipment standards need adjusting	The submitter, concerned about the prolonged closure of a local playground slide in Rotorua, requests a review of the New Zealand Playground Standards (NZS 5828:2015). The slide has been out of use for 18 months due to the need to import a compliant replacement from Germany, causing significant delays and depriving children of play opportunities. The submitter highlights that while the standard is voluntary, strict adherence has led to unnecessary costs and financial burdens on local councils. They urge the department to assess the standard's suitability and consider modifications for more practical and cost-effective maintenance and repair solutions.	TBC following investigation
RRT2025-715	Exportation of Dietary Supplements	The submitter raised difficulties relating to exporting dietary supplements under the Food Act and Medicines Act which are not for domestic consumption. The submitter has sought legal advice and proposes regulatory changes to resolve these.	TBC following investigation
RRT2024-0666	Pharmacy electronic dispensing data	We met with HealthNZ on 5 May. HealthNZ agree with our analysis that these processes are outdated and cumbersome. We have now received further information from HealthNZ which we are considering. They may have identified that one of the aspects the submitter raised is not required.	TBC in issues briefing - Minister Seymour could recommend some specific regulatory changes to improve this area and to reduce compliance cost to pharmacies.

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Possible Ministerial Actions
RRT2025-0697	Lead-free products requirements for plumbers	Preparing issues briefing. We met with the submitter on 15 May . We are considering the additional information they provided and will be preparing an issues briefing.	TBC in issues briefing

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Draft correspondence/information provided to the office

RRT #	Issue	Status update	Confirmed Ministerial Actions
RRT2024-043	Rental Vehicle Association – various DSCOR3057	Based on the feedback we received on the draft letter on 19 May, we will be finalisng a letter to Min Chris Bishop and edited letter to the submitter to provide to the office (this has now been provided to the office – any feedback?).	Write to submitter and prepare a letter to Minister of Transport. MfR to engage with NZTA.

New issues triaged to progress to investigation this week (as at 03/06/25

*note this does not include direct commissions reported separately)

RRT #	Issue	Status update / Issue Description	Priority/Investigate/BacklogRR
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No new issues to note from triage this week. Triage held on 4 June 2025 and will be reported next week.

Potential Engagements

RRT2024-0524	Application of Light Vehicle Regulations to BYD Hybrid Ute MFR2025-009
RRT2024 issues: 030, 048, 051, 052, 198, 199	Property transactions and the AML regime MFR2024-165
RRT2024-0432	Commercial Trout Farming (TBC) MFR2025-032
RRT2024-0532	Scaffolding Regulation (TBC) MFR2025-068
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
RRT2024-0470 & 0452	Increasing probate threshold MFR2025-109 – pending response from Minister Goldsmith
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
RRT2024-455; 495; 507	DIA's Digital Identity programme of work MFR2025-096 – pending response from Minister Collins

Case studies published

RRT2024-0554	Medical Conferences MFR2025-067
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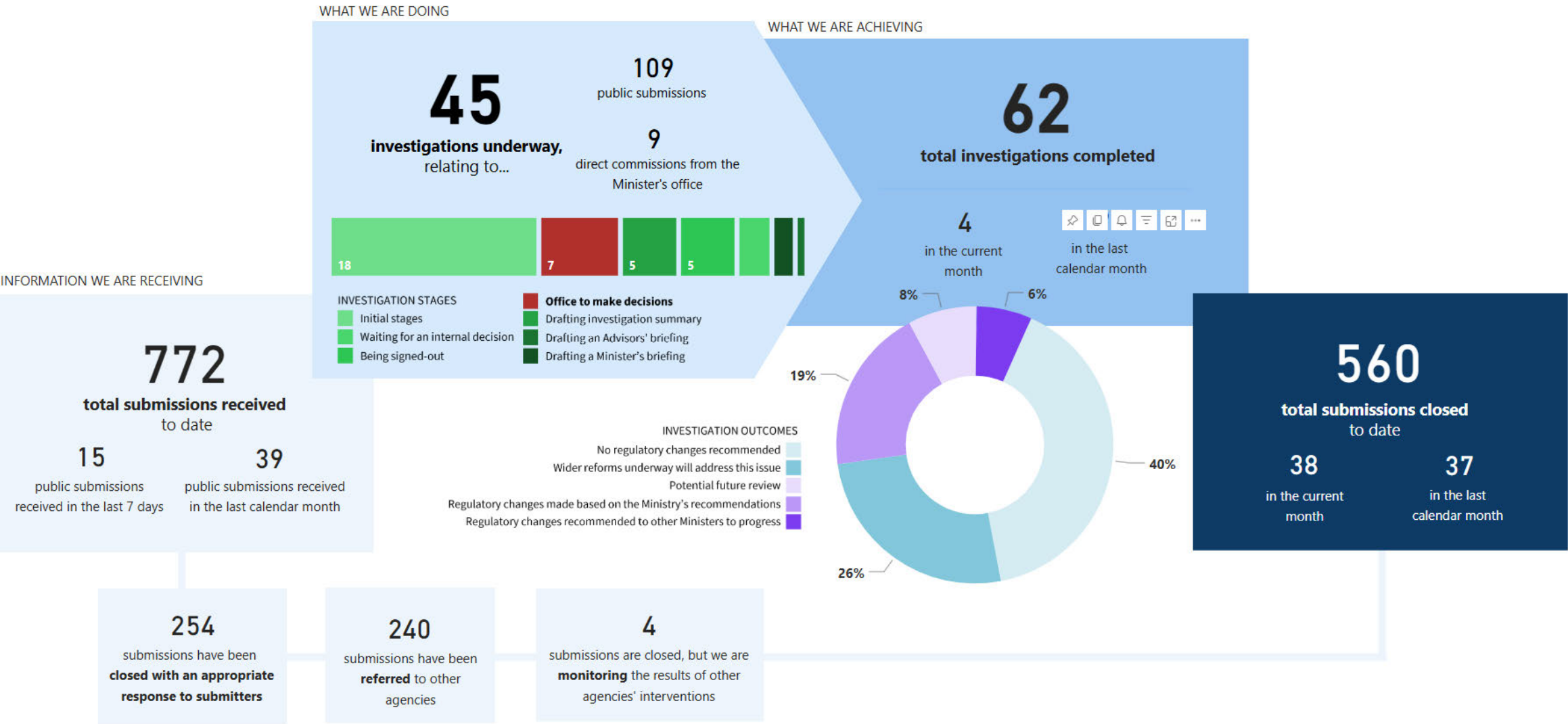


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RRT Updates

Week beginning 9 June 2025

DRAFT Weekly RRT Dashboard



Provided this week

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New issues accepted this week

	 Submitted date	 RRT #	 Submission title	 Triage Panel decision date ↓	 Submission summary
	May 31	RRT2025-0756	Nutritional labelling requirements for small food businesses	6/9/2025	This relates closely to our existing investigation in relation to small food manufacturers and/or product labelling. We will address through those mechanisms.
	June 04	RRT2025-0761	Petroleum tank certifications	6/9/2025	
	May 21	RRT2025-0747	Lack of enforcement of Electrical (Safety) Regulations 2010	6/4/2025	
	May 19	RRT2025-0742	Bicycle helmet regulations	6/4/2025	
	May 21	RRT2025-0741	NZ Personal Electric Vehicle regulations	6/4/2025	We are investigating this issue and a briefing to advisors will be prepared.
	May 22	RRT2025-0743	Updates to Eftpos technology costly	6/4/2025	Advice on this issue will be provided by 11/6.
	May 27	RRT2025-0752	Increase in costs associated with reward-based credit cards	6/4/2025	
	May 13	RRT2025-0740	Overweight Agricultural Permitting System	6/4/2025	We are investigating this issue and a briefing to advisors will be prepared.
Count 8					

Briefings on the way to the office soon

 Work Title	 Type of work	 Stage of work	 Final product	 Final product ...	 Commentary	 Related portal...
Meta-RayBan smart glasses	 Commission from the Minister's o...	Drafting Advisor Briefing	Advisors' Briefing	6/13/2025		RRT2025-0728
Overweight Agricultural Vehicles	 Commission from the Minister's o...	Drafting Ministers Briefing	Minister's Briefing	6/19/2025		RRT2025-0747
Regulation of Personal Electric Vehicles	Commission from the Minister's o...	Drafting Ministers Briefing	Minister's Briefing	6/13/2025		RRT2025-0741

Potential engagement opportunities

 Work Title	 Type of work	 Related portal submissions
Increased Probate Threshold	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0452 RRT2024-0470
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
Government's Digital Identity Programme	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0495 RRT2024-0507
Trout farming	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0432
Outdated scaffolding regulations that need modern... 	Commission from the Minister's office	RRT2024-0532
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		

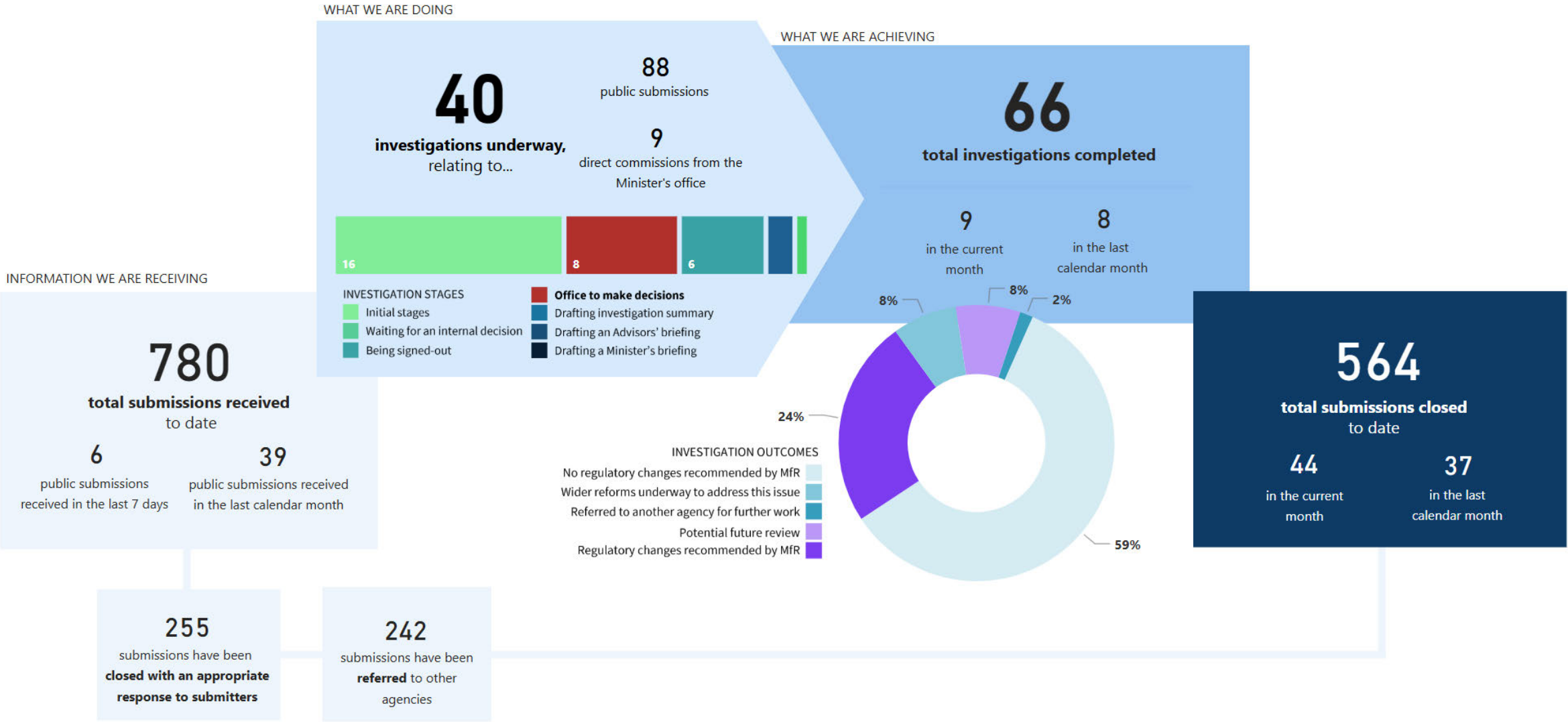


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RRT Updates

Week beginning 16 June 2025

Weekly RRT Dashboard



Provided since the last meeting

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

New issues accepted this week

	 Submitted date	 RRT #	 Submission title	 Triage Pan... 	 Submission summary
s 9(2)(f)(iv)					
	June 8	RRT2025-0769	Solar power export limits	6/16/2025	Submitter has a solar power system for their home which exceeds the allowed 5kw export limit to export power back to the grid. Submitter proposes increasing the export limit from 5Kw to 8-10Kw for newer systems.
	June 11	RRT2025-0775	Compensation for plasma donations	6/16/2025	Proposal from the submitter to compensate plasma donors given the cost and reliance on overseas donors which puts patients at risk. New Zealand currently prohibits compensation and the submitter views this as more costly than compensating donors.
Count		3			

Briefings on the way to the office soon

 Work Title	 Type of work	 Stage of work	 Final product	 Final prod...	 Commentary	 Related po
Overweight Agricultural Vehicles	 Commission from the Minister's office	Sitting for internal sign-out	Minister's Briefing	June 25	Waiting for Ministerial letter to be signed out	RRT2025-0740
Playground equipment standards	 Commission from the Minister's office	Drafting Advisor Briefing	Advisors' Briefing	6 days from now		RRT2025-0714
Regulation of Personal Electric Vehicles	 Commission from the Minister's office	Sitting for internal sign-out	Minister's Briefing	June 25		RRT2025-0741

Potential engagement opportunities

 Work Title	 Type of work	 Related portal submissions
Increased Probate Threshold	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0452 RRT2024-0470
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
Government's Digital Identity Programme	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0495 RRT2024-0507
Insulin Pump Funding	 Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0591
Trout farming	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0432
Outdated scaffolding regulations that need modernisation	 Commission from the Minister's office	RRT2024-0532
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
AML	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0064 RRT2024-0067
Building Act change to enable small buildings without consent (garden sheds)	 Responding to submitters	RRT2024-0147 RRT2024-0611



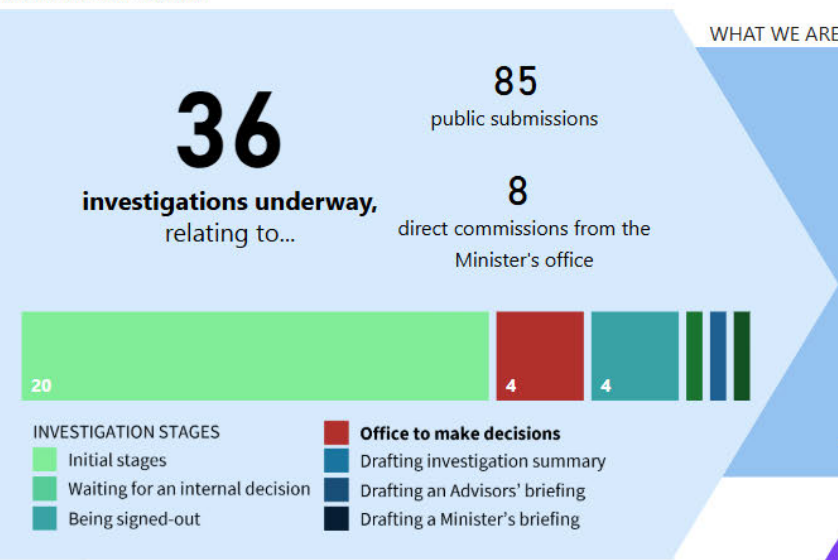
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RRT Updates

Week beginning 23 June 2025

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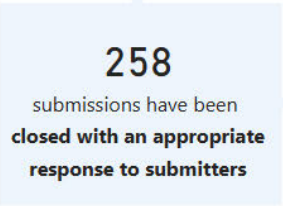
WHAT WE ARE DOING



WHAT WE ARE ACHIEVING



INFORMATION WE ARE RECEIVING



Provided since the last meeting

 Work Title	 Related po...	 Type of work	 Stage of work	 Date p... ↓	 Final product	 Commentary
Government's Digital Identity Programme	RRT2024-0495 RRT2024-0507	Investigation into public submissions	Office to make decisions	4/15/2025	Ministerial Letter	Letter from Seymour to Collins sent. Awaiting response. Responses to submitters being drafted.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)						
Outdated scaffolding regulations that need modernisation	 RRT2024-0532	Commission from the Minister's office	Office to make decisions	3/28/2025	Advisors' Briefing	We have heard from MBIE this week (wb 9/6). They are progressing legislative changes next month.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)						

New issues accepted this week

	 Submitted date	 RRT #	 Submission title	 Triage Pan... ↓	 Submission summary
	June 16	RRT2025-0778	Duplication of food grade lubricant standards	6/23/2025	Submitter claims there is unnecessary duplication of food grade lubricant standards as in New Zealand there is a requirement to get MPI approval, as opposed to accepting internationally recognised standards.
	6 days ago	RRT2025-0780	Unnecessary audits of fire systems and inspectors by local councils	6/23/2025	Submitter says there is duplication of fire protection services auditing checks with the Council auditing fire safety auditors and requiring payment from the building owner.
	6 days ago	RRT2025-0781	Restrictions on hunting and sale of wild venison	6/23/2025	Submitter raised the issue that wild deer cannot be harvested within 2km of brodifacoum drops and this is hindering pest control efforts and leading to waste as animals are not hunted or left to waste if hunted.
	6 days ago	RRT2025-0782	Restrictions on crew carrying Powders Liquid, Aerosols and Gels on international flights.	6/23/2025	Submitter raised that flight crews are subject to the Civil Aviation Authority's strict 100ml carry on limit on liquids, powders, gels and aerosols. This is out of step internationally and especially burdensome for short trips, requiring checked-in bags.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)					
Count 6					

Briefings on the way to the office soon

	 Work Title	 Type of work	 Stage of work	 Final product	 Final prod...	 Commenta...	 Related portal...
	Playground equipment standards	 Commission from the Minister's office	Drafting Advisor Briefing	Advisors' Briefing	July 4		RRT2025-0714
	Regulation of Personal Electric Vehicles	 Commission from the Minister's office	Drafting Ministers Briefing	Minister's Briefing	Tomorrow		RRT2025-0741

Potential engagement opportunities

 Work Title	 Type of work	 Related portal submissions
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
 Government's Digital Identity Programme	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0495 RRT2024-0507
 Trout farming	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0432
 Outdated scaffolding regulations that need modernisation	 Commission from the Minister's office	RRT2024-0532
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
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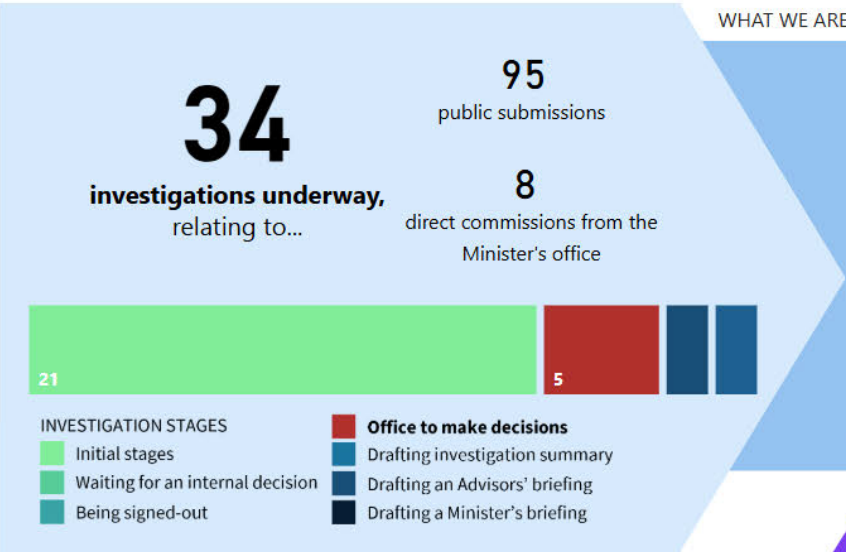
RRT Updates

Week beginning 1 July 2025

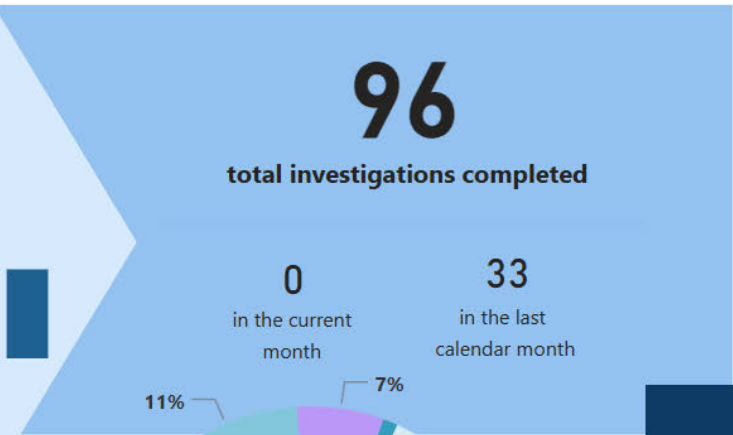
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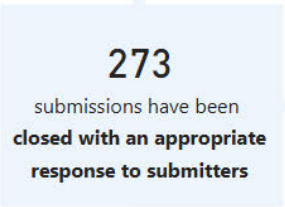
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WHAT WE ARE ACHIEVING



INFORMATION WE ARE RECEIVING



Provided since the last meeting

	Work Title	Related po...	Type of work	Stage of work	Date provi...	Final product	Commentary
s 9(2)(f)(iv)							
	Regulation of Personal Electric Vehicles	 RRT2025-0741	Commission from the Minister's office	Office to make decisions	6/26/2025	Minister's Briefing	
	Overweight Agricultural Vehicles	 RRT2025-0740	Commission from the Minister's office	Office to make decisions	6/25/2025	Minister's Briefing	
	Government's Digital Identity Programme	RRT2024-0495 RRT2024-0507	Investigation into public submissions	Office to make decisions	4/15/2025	Ministerial Letter	Letter from Seymour to Collins sent. Awaiting response. Responses to submitters being drafted.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)							

New issues accepted this week

	 Submitted date	 RRT #	 Submission title	 Triage Pan... 	 Submission summary
	6 days ago	RRT2025-0798	Council and Worksafe duplicate requirements for amusement devices inspections	6/30/2025	This relates to an existing investigation
	5 days ago	RRT2025-0801	Outdated prescribing requirements for pharmacies	6/30/2025	This relates to an existing investigation
Count 2					

Briefings on the way to the office soon

 Work Title	 Type of work	 Stage of work	 Final product	 Final prod...	 Commenta...	 Related portal...
Playground equipment standards	 Commission from the Minister's office	Drafting Advisor Briefing	Advisors' Briefing	Friday		RRT2025-0714
Lead-free product requirements for... ...	 Commission from the Minister's office	Drafting Advisor Briefing	Advisors' Briefing	July 10		RRT2025-0697

Potential engagement opportunities

 Work Title	 Type of work	 Related portal submissions
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
 Government's Digital Identity Programme	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0495 RRT2024-0507
 Trout farming	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0432
 Outdated scaffolding regulations that need modernisation	 Commission from the Minister's office	RRT2024-0532
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
 AML	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0064 RRT2024-0067
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RRT Updates

Week beginning 7 July 2025

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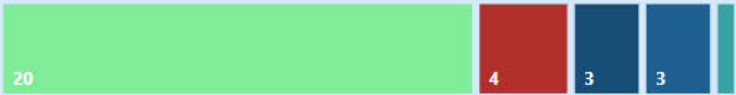
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WHAT WE ARE DOING

35
investigations underway,
relating to...

98
public submissions

8
direct commissions from the
Minister's office



INVESTIGATION STAGES

Initial stages
Waiting for an internal decision
Being signed-out

Office to make decisions

Drafting investigation summary
Drafting an Advisors' briefing
Drafting a Minister's briefing

INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES

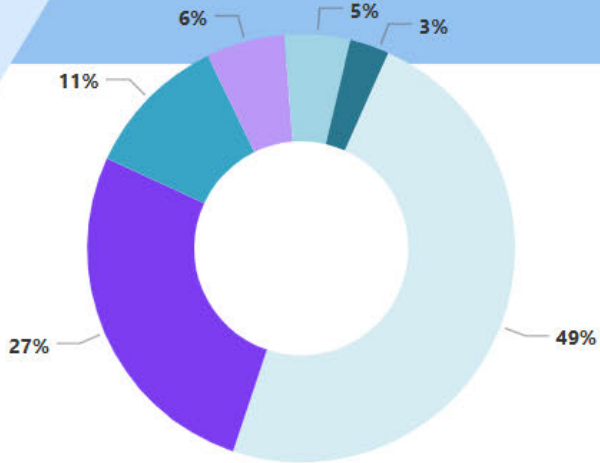
No regulatory changes recommended by MfR
Issue out of scope of RRT
Wider reforms underway to address this issue
Referred to another agency for further work
Potential future MfR review
Regulatory changes recommended by MfR

WHAT WE ARE ACHIEVING

101
total submissions investigated

10
in the current
month

33
in the last
calendar month



INFORMATION WE ARE RECEIVING

807
total submissions received
to date

4
public submissions
received in the last 7 days

45
public submissions received
in the last calendar month

273
submissions have been
closed with an appropriate
response to submitters

262
submissions have been
referred to other
agencies

636
total submissions closed
to date

10
in the current
month

111
in the last
calendar month

Provided since the last meeting

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

New issues accepted this week

	 Submitted date	 RRT #	 Submission title	 Triage Pan... ↓	 Submission summary
s 9(2)(f)(iv)					

Briefings on the way to the office soon

 Work Title	 Type of work	 Stage of work	 Final product	 Commentary	 Related portal...
Maximum daily dose restrictions for dietary supplements	... 	Investigation into public submissions	Drafting Ministers Briefing	Minister's Briefing	RRT2024-0695 RRT2024-0458
Playground equipment standards		Commission from the Minister's office	Drafting Advisor Briefing	Advisors' Briefing	RRT2025-0714
Lead-free product requirements for plumbers		Commission from the Minister's office	Drafting Advisor Briefing	Advisors' Briefing	RRT2025-0697
NZTA restrictions on remote e-scooter operation (Oct 2024)		Investigation into public submissions	Drafting Ministers Briefing	Minister's Briefing	RRT2024-038

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We are working on problem definition briefings for a range of issues that could be higher-complexity investigations that we intend to seek Ministerial direction on. This includes

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Potential engagement opportunities

Work Title	Type of work	Related portal submissions
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
Government's Digital Identity Programme	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0495 RRT2024-0507
Trout farming	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0432
Outdated scaffolding regulations that need modernisation	Commission from the Minister's office	RRT2024-0532
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
AML	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0064 RRT2024-0067
Building Act change to enable small buildings without consent (garden sheds)	Bespoke response to submitters	RRT2024-0147 RRT2024-0611



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RRT Updates

Week beginning 14 July 2025

Weekly RRT Dashboard

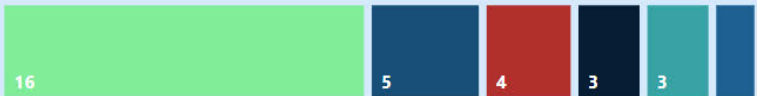
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WHAT WE ARE DOING

36
investigations underway,
relating to...

103 public submissions

8 direct commissions from the
Minister's office



INVESTIGATION STAGES

Initial stages
Waiting for an internal decision
Being signed-out

Office to make decisions

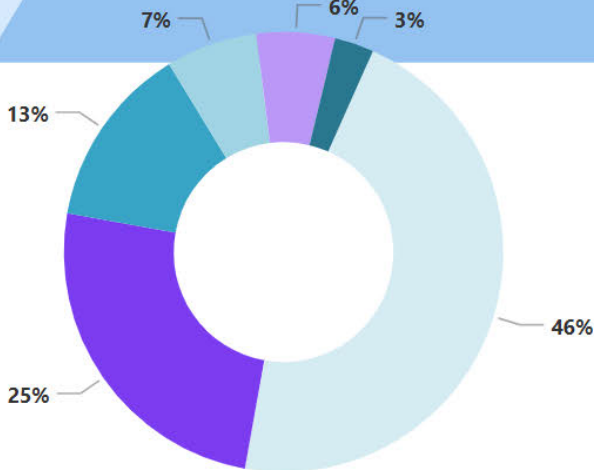
Drafting investigation summary
Drafting an Advisors' briefing
Drafting a Minister's briefing

WHAT WE ARE ACHIEVING

104
total submissions investigated

12 in the current
month

33 in the last
calendar month



INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES

No regulatory changes recommended by MfR
Issue out of scope of RRT
Wider reforms underway to address this issue
Referred to another agency for further work
Potential future MfR review
Regulatory changes recommended by MfR

INFORMATION WE ARE RECEIVING

818
total submissions received
to date

8 public submissions
received in the last 7 days

45 public submissions received
in the last calendar month

640
total submissions closed
to date

13 in the current
month

111 in the last
calendar month

274
submissions have been
closed with an appropriate
response to submitters

262
submissions have been
referred to other
agencies

Provided since the last meeting

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

New issues accepted this week

Submitted date	RRT #	Submission title	Triage Panel decision date ↓	Submission summary
July 8	RRT2025-0813	Requirement for WoF for light trailers	7/14/2025	Added to existing investigation on NZTA related issues.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)				
Count 6				

Briefings on the way to the office soon

Work Title	Type of work	Stage of work	Final product	Commentary	Related portal...
Playground equipment standards	 Commission from the Minister's office	Drafting Advisor Briefing	Advisors' Briefing		RRT2025-0714
Lead-free product requirements for plumbers	 Commission from the Minister's office	Drafting Ministers Briefing	Advisors' Briefing		RRT2025-0697

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

- We are also working on a consolidated briefing on the land transport issues we have received.
 - We are discussing our advice on dietary supplements (maximum daily doses and export exemptions) at this week’s advisor’s meeting.
 - As discussed last week, we are working on problem definition briefings for a range of issues that could be higher-complexity investigations that we intend to seek Ministerial direction on. This includes
- s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Potential engagement opportunities

Work Title	Type of work	Related portal submissions
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
Government's Digital Identity Programme	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0495 RRT2024-0507
Trout farming	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0432
Outdated scaffolding regulations that need modernisation	Commission from the Minister's office	RRT2024-0532
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
AML	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0064 RRT2024-0067
Building Act change to enable small buildings without consent (garden sheds)	Bespoke response to submitters	RRT2024-0147 RRT2024-0611



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RRT Updates

Week beginning 21 July 2025

Weekly RRT Dashboard

Last update on
Jul 22, 2025

WHAT WE ARE DOING

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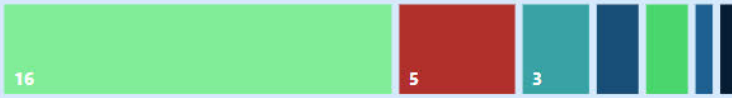
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relating to...

117

submissions,
including

8

direct commissions from the
Minister's office



INVESTIGATION STAGES

- Initial stages
- Waiting for an internal decision
- Being signed-out

- Office to make decisions
- Drafting investigation summary
- Drafting an Advisors' briefing
- Drafting a Minister's briefing

INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES

- No regulatory changes recommended by MfR
- Issue out of scope of RRT
- Wider reforms underway to address this issue
- Referred to another agency for further work
- Potential future MfR review
- Regulatory changes recommended by MfR

WHAT WE ARE ACHIEVING

105

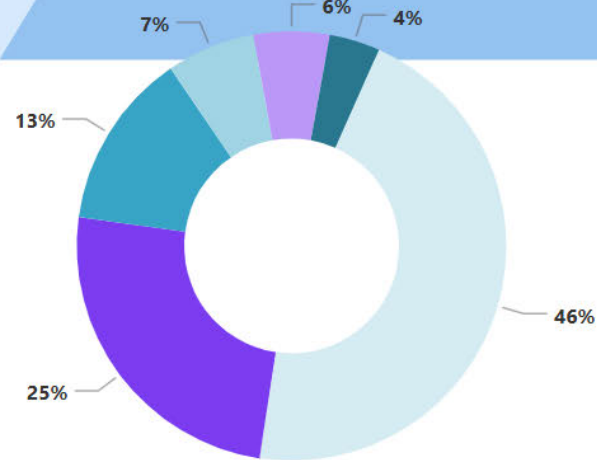
total submissions investigated

13

in the current
month

33

in the last
calendar month



INFORMATION WE ARE RECEIVING

823

total submissions received
to date

5

public submissions
received in the last 7 days

45

public submissions received
in the last calendar month

275

submissions have been
closed with an appropriate
response to submitters

263

submissions have been
referred to other
agencies

643

total submissions closed
to date

16

in the current
month

111

in the last
calendar month

27

submissions awaiting
closure

36

public submissions
awaiting investigation

Other updates

- We will be presenting the Q4 24/25 and FY24/25 data at the RRT advisor's meeting on the 23/07.

Provided since the last meeting

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

New issues accepted this week

Submitted date	RRT #	Submission title	Triage Panel decision date ↓	Submission summary
5 days ago	RRT2025-0824	Dental costs due to high taxation and over-regulation (July 25)	7/22/2025	Submitter thinks that high taxation and import costs of medical and dental devices may be the cause of high dental costs in New Zealand. They suggest that high import costs are caused by the over-regulation of medical devices.
Count 1				

Briefings on the way to the office soon

Work Title	Type of work	Stage of work	Final product
Dietary supplements export issues	Commission from the Minister's o...	Drafting Ministers Briefing	Minister's Briefing
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			

- We are working on problem definition briefings for a range of issues that could be higher-complexity investigations that we intend to seek Ministerial direction on. This includes s 9(2)(f)(iv)
- We are also working on a consolidated briefing on the land transport issues we have received.

Potential engagement opportunities

Work Title	Type of work	Related portal submissions
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
Government's Digital Identity Programme	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0495 RRT2024-0507
Trout farming	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0432
Outdated scaffolding regulations that need modernisation	Commission from the Minister's office	RRT2024-0532
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
AML	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0064 RRT2024-0067
Building Act change to enable small buildings without consent (garden sheds)	Bespoke response to submitters	RRT2024-0147 RRT2024-0611



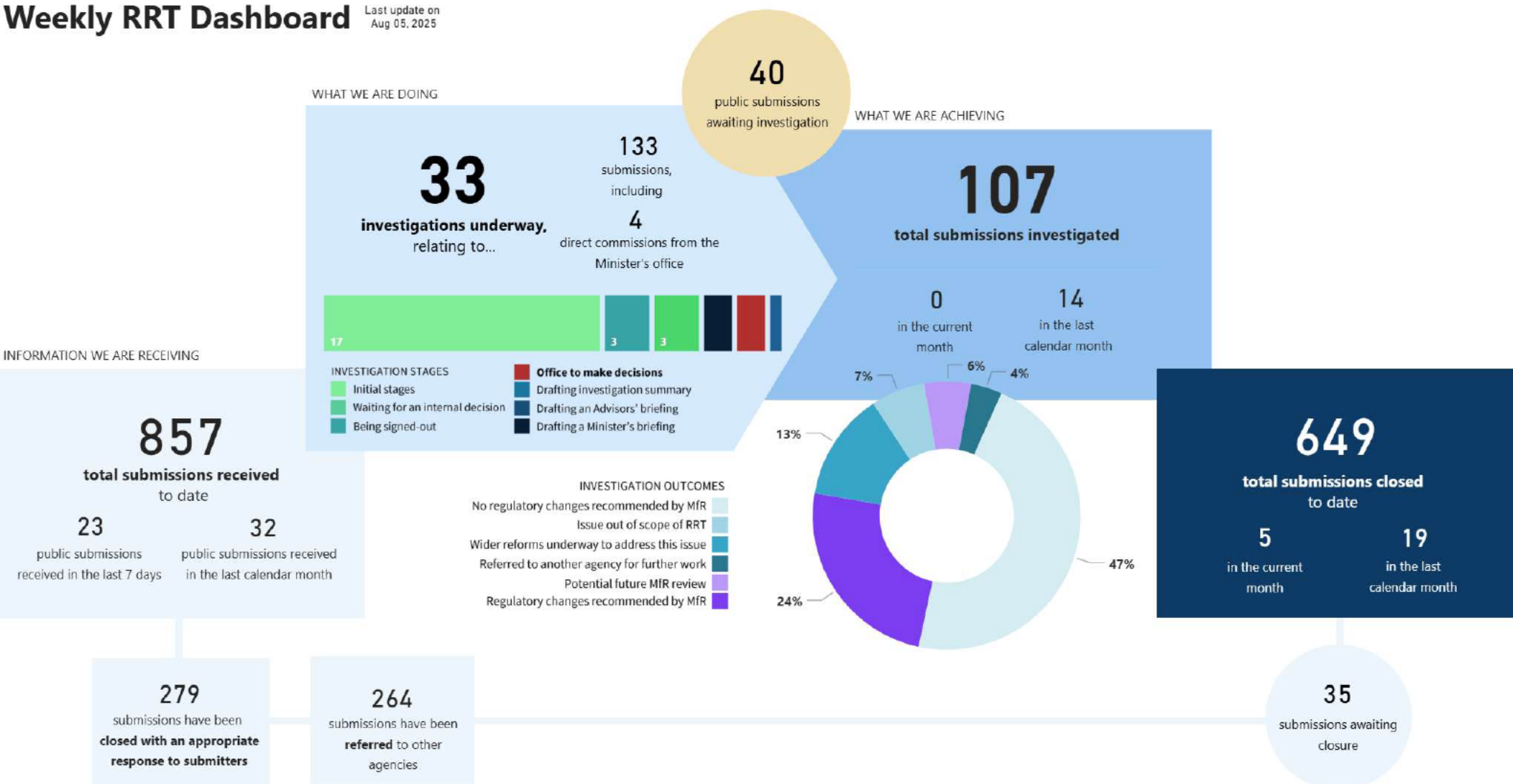
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RRT Updates

Week beginning 4 August 2025

Weekly RRT Dashboard

Last update on
Aug 05, 2025



Issues awaiting decisions from the Office

Provided since the last meeting

Work Title	Related portal...	Type of work	Stage of work	Date provi... ↓	Final product	Commentary
Dietary supplements export issues	 RRT2025-0715	Commission from the Minister's office	Office to make decisions	7/24/2025	Minister's Briefing	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)						
Regulation of Personal Electric Vehicles	 RRT2025-0741	Part of overarching bundle	Office to make decisions	6/26/2025	Minister's Briefing	Briefing on transport issues being provided by 8/8/25
Overweight Agricultural Vehicles	 RRT2025-0740	Part of overarching bundle	Office to make decisions	6/25/2025	Minister's Briefing	Briefing on transport issues being provided by 8/8/25

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



New issues accepted this week

Submitted date	RRT #	Submission title	Triage Panel decision date ↓	Submission summary
s 9(2)(f)(iv)				
Count 1				





Key issues under investigation

- We are investigating:

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



- Regulatory requirements for small business helicopter operators
- Restrictions on the hunting and sale of wild venison

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



- We are continuing to work on a consolidated briefing on the land transport issues we have received, and are engaging further with NZTA and MoT on tangible changes before providing a briefing.
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Potential engagement opportunities

Work Title	Type of work	Related portal submissions
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
Government's Digital Identity Progra... 	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0495 RRT2024-0507
Trout farming	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0432
Outdated scaffolding regulations tha... 	Commission from the Minister's office	RRT2024-0532
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
AML	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0064 RRT2024-0067
Building Act change to enable small ... 	Investigation into public submissions	RRT2024-0147 RRT2024-0611



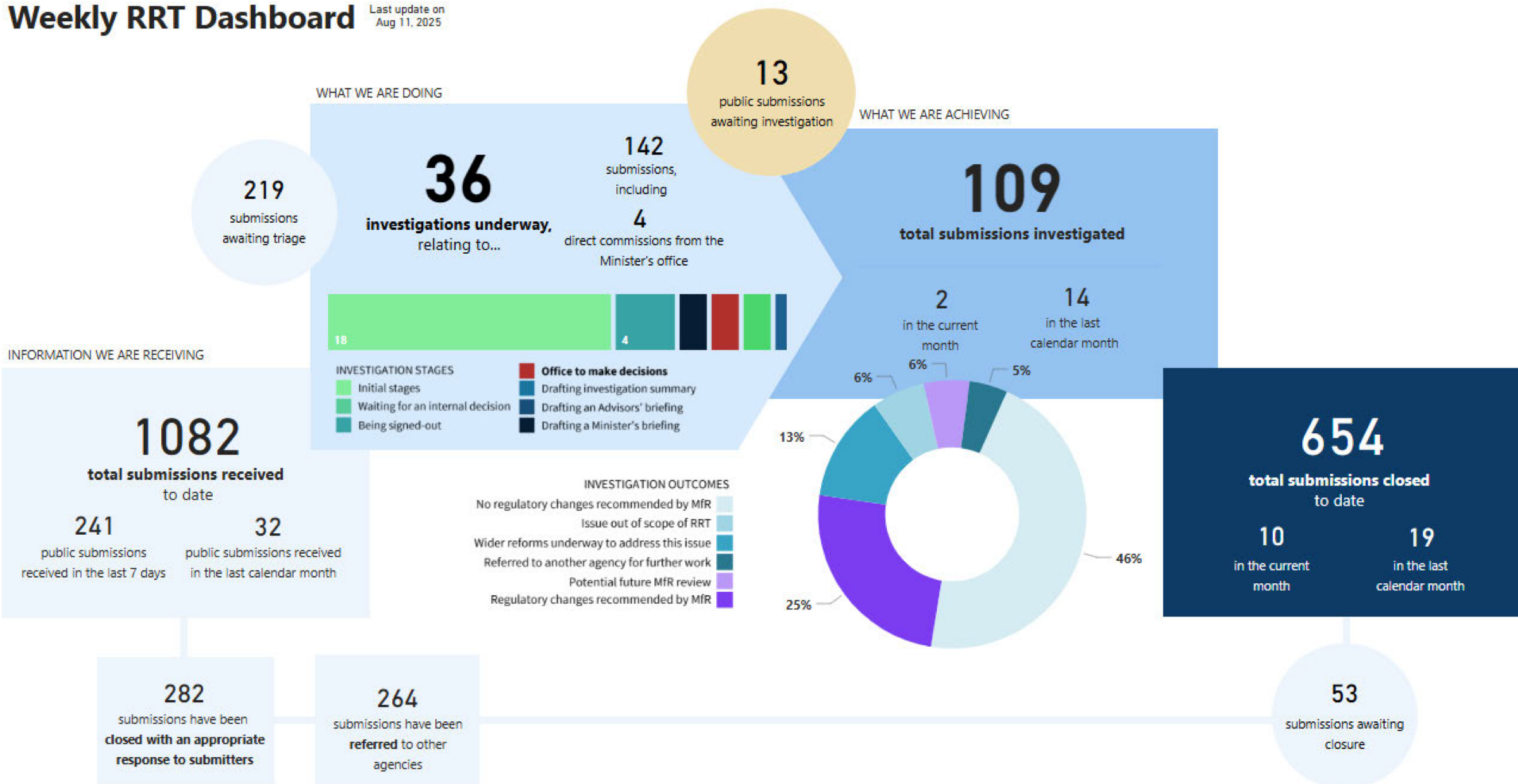
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RRT Updates

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Provided since the last meeting

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

New issues accepted this week

As a result of media coverage of the Red Tape Portal last week, we are receiving a high volume of new submissions and a verbal update has been provided at the agency meeting on 12 August. We will provide more detailed information next week when we have got further through triaging the new submissions.

Briefings on the way to the office soon

Work Title	Type of work	Stage of work	Final product	Commentary	Related portal...
Land transport issues bundle	 Investigation into public submissi...	Drafting Ministers Briefing	Minister's Briefing		RRT2025-0813 RRT2025-0799

The first bundle briefing for the Minister in line with the Regulatory Review Framework discussed at Agency meeting on 4 August, will be provided in the Minister’s bag on 4 September 2025. It is *likely* to include consideration of s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]
[redacted] Other issues may be included based on analysis being progressed over the next few weeks.

Potential engagement opportunities

 Work Title

 Type of work

 Related portal submissions

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Government's Digital Identity Progra...

Investigation into public submissions

[RRT2024-0495](#)
[RRT2024-0507](#)



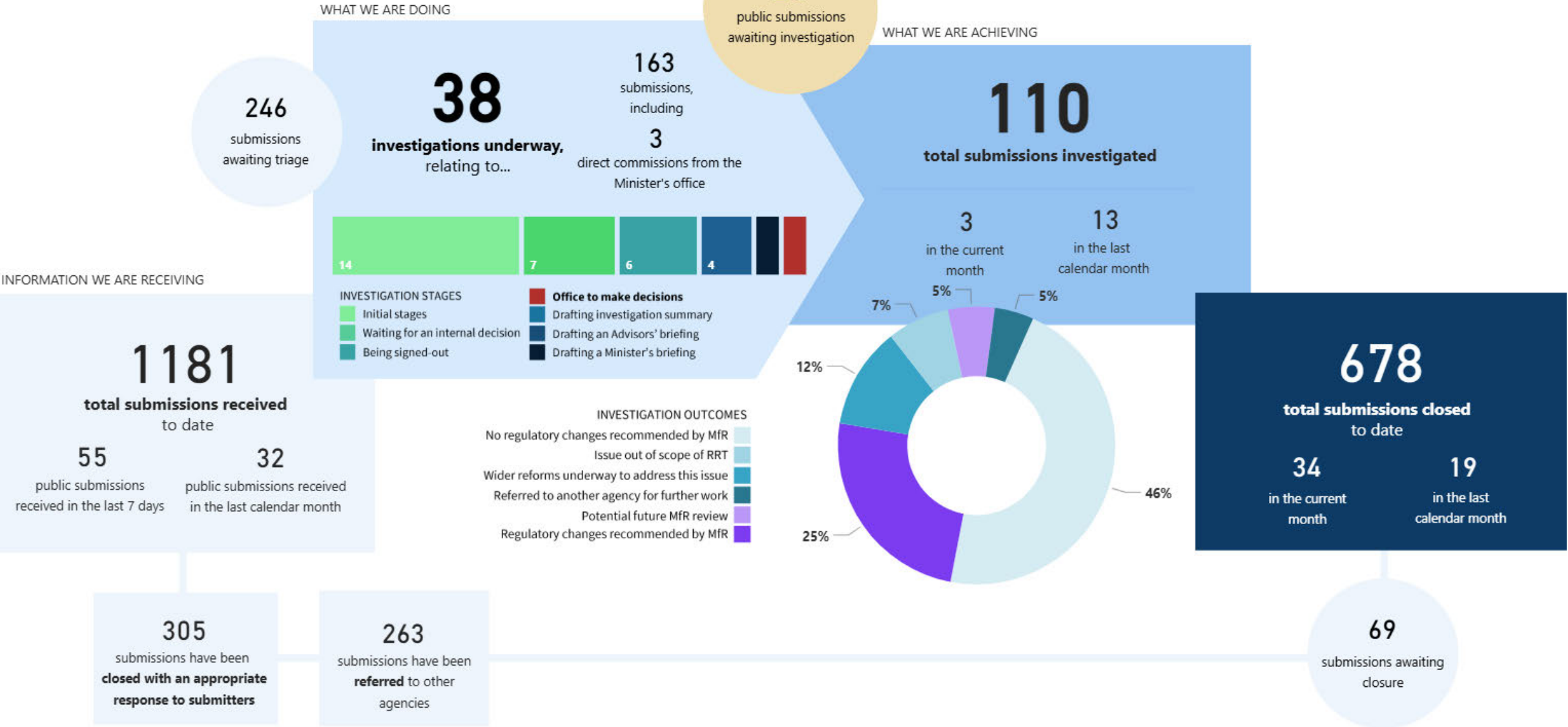
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New issues accepted this week

Submitted date	RRT #	Submission title	Triage Panel decision date ↓
August 5	RRT2025-0846	Food Safety audit requirements for small food businesses	8/19/2025
August 5	RRT2025-0869	Soakpit requirements for rural properties	8/19/2025
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
August 7	RRT2025-0991	Diesel storage tank certification thresholds	8/19/2025
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
August 5	RRT2025-1022	Case Worker allocation for people on supported living payments	8/19/2025
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
August 5	RRT2025-0895	Homekill regulations	8/18/2025
August 6	RRT2025-0940	Guidance on building variation tolerance creating difficulty getting insurance	8/18/2025
August 6	RRT2025-0960	Permits for falcon training proposed under the Wildlife Act	8/18/2025
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
August 8	RRT2025-1016	Fire extinguisher inspection frequency	8/18/2025
August 9	RRT2025-1047	Regulatory overlap in milk harvesting systems	8/18/2025
Count 13			

More issues will be accepted over the next couple of weeks. This includes considering the submissions about building consent regulation.

Briefings on the way to the office soon

Work Title	Type of work	Stage of work	Final product	Commentary	Related portal...
Land transport issues bundle	 Investigation into public submissi...	Drafting Ministers Briefing	Minister's Briefing		RRT2025-0813 RRT2025-0799

We will provide you with a briefing in early September with recommendations for deregulatory outcomes that can be pursued, in addition to a summary of the types of issues coming through the Red Tape Portal and what decisions we are making about them. This briefing will cover s 9(2)(f)(iv)
 There may be additional issues in here, if so, we will update you next week and are happy to discuss any of these in further detail.

Potential engagement opportunities

T Work Title	✓ Type of work	↔ Related portal submissions
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
Government's Digital Identity Progra...		Investigation into public submissions RRT2024-0495 RRT2024-0507



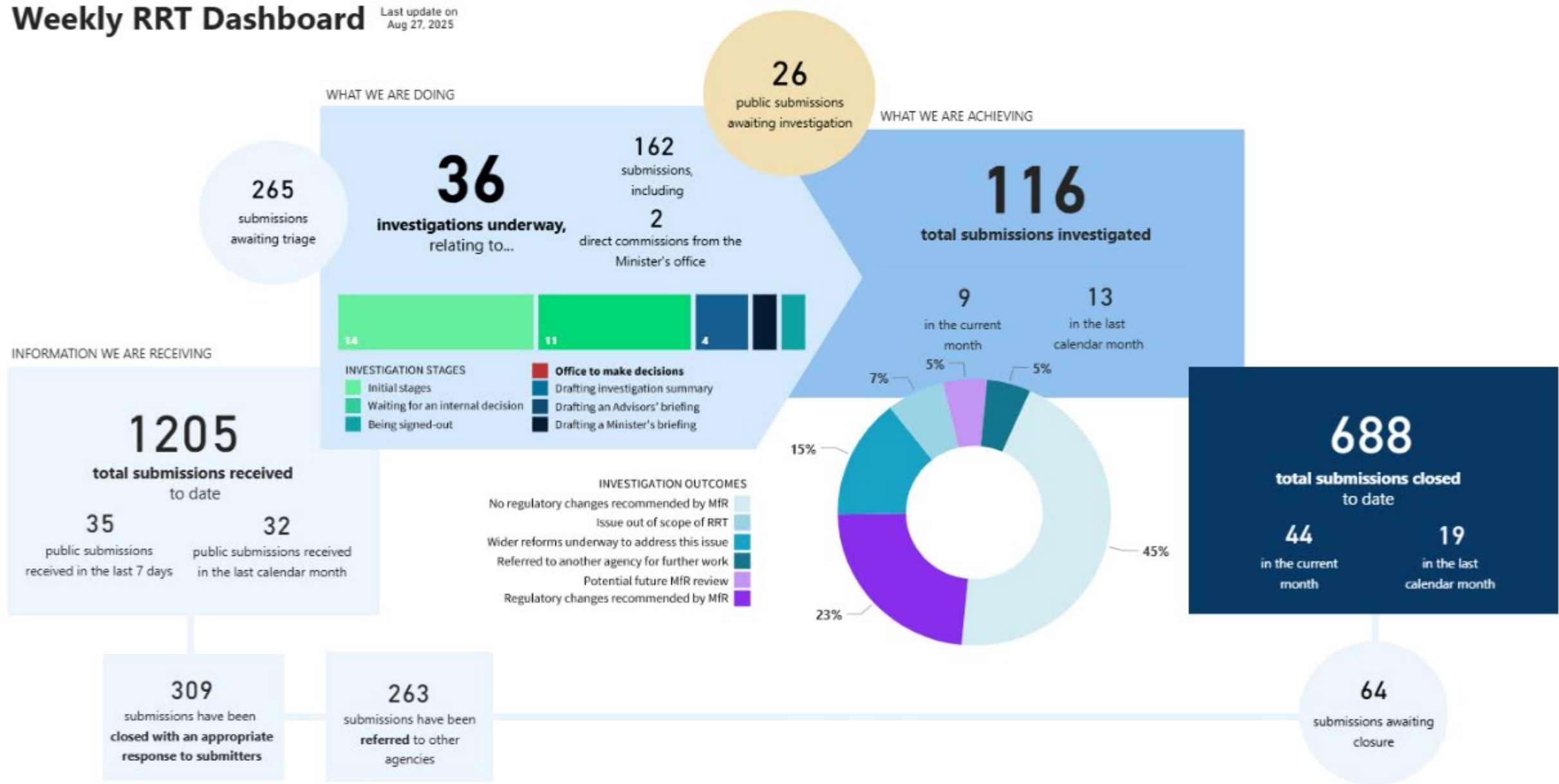
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