



Weekly Report

Week ending:	17 May 2024	Priority:	Medium
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Recipient	Action sought
Hon David Seymour MINISTER FOR REGULATION	Note the contents of this report

Kathryn Rush
Contact: § 9(2)(a) [redacted]
Ministry for Regulation

Minister's comments:

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Actions

Action	Due date	Status update
Follow up on proposals from Federated Farmers and Animal and Plant Health NZ to explore regulatory system simplification for new agricultural chemicals.	31 May 2024	In progress.
Provide advice on streamlining and improvements to the regulatory policy process, including the Ministry for Regulation's potential role in early agency engagement.	July 2024	In progress
Propose solutions to triage public discourse on regulatory matters.	August 2024	
Provide advice on ways Cabinet office processes may need to be amended to allow Ministry for Regulation early sight and input to relevant Cabinet papers	TBC	In progress.

Briefings & Aides-Mémoire

Papers under development		Due date
2024-027	Talking points for the ECE Cabinet paper at SOU	24 May 2024
2024-040	Background on OECD Indicators of Regulatory Policy and Governance and Product Market Regulation Indicators surveys	24 May 2024
2024-038	Regulatory Standards Bill: options for principles and transparency mechanisms'	31 May 2024
2024-035	Speaking notes for 5 June engagement with ECE sector	31 May 2024
2024-034	Animal Veterinary Products	01 June 2024
2024-020	Meeting with the Attorney General, 11 June 2024	07 June 2024
2024-028	June Regular Update on the ECE Sector Review for Ministers	19 June 2024
Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
2024-015	Purpose and options for public recourse	17 May 2024
2024-026	Summary of existing inquiry and information gathering powers of Ministers and agencies	17 May 2024

2024-036	Budget 24 background and Q&A	17 May 2024
2024-039	Perception surveys for understanding performance – existing surveys	17 May 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(g)(i)

Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
30 May	N/A	Budget 24	Ministerial PR
Early June	Any location	Sector Review into ECE Cabinet paper and Terms of Reference through Cabinet process.	Ministerial PR Event at ECE Media opportunity
July	TBC	Keynote speech	Event Media opportunity

Contact: Denise Mackay, Communications and Engagement Lead. Ph.s 9(2)(a)

Establishing the Ministry for Regulation

Culture and People

- The Ministry now has one role under active recruitment with seven closing off recently. Shortlisting and interviews are underway for those seven roles.
- The Ministry is now 37 people strong made up of public service secondments, permanent staff, contractors, and fixed term staff.

- We have four streams of work addressing our workplace culture and organisational principles. These streams are being led by members of the leadership team.
- Work is progressing on our Te Reo Māori name with an approach and timeline being developed next week.

Contact: Bill Moses, Corporate Lead. Ph:s 9(2)(a)

Sector Review into Early Childhood Education

We understand that your office has started ministerial and coalition consultation on the Cabinet paper, with the paper to be lodged on 23 May for consideration at SOU on 29 May. We will be providing you speaking notes for SOU and a draft press release next week, for announcements following Cabinet decisions expected on 4 June. You are invited to attend the Early Childhood Advisory Committee on 5 June, which could provide an opportunity to announce the formal start of the review with the sector.

We met with the Teaching Council to understand their role in the regulation of early childhood education teachers and their views on opportunities for improvement. We also met with Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust to discuss specific considerations for Kōhanga Reo providers and how to engage with them through the review.

Contact: David Wansbrough, Sector Reviews Lead. Ph:s 9(2)(a)

Other sector reviews

We have met with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and Ministry for the Environment (MfE) to discuss the path to market for agricultural products. For the two main regulatory systems involved – Agricultural Compounds & Veterinary Medicines, run by MPI, and Hazardous Substances & New Organisms, run by MfE and the Environmental Protection Authority – there are several processes already underway reviewing different parts of those systems. We will provide an assessment of any additional value that a sector review could provide here.

This assessment will be provided alongside broader advice on potential sectors for the next review. We are seeking to meet with the agencies responsible for the relevant regulatory systems next week to help inform our assessments.

Contact: David Wansbrough, Sector Reviews Lead. Ph:s 9(2)(a)

Government Quarterly Plan

As previously reported, Cabinet has approved the Quarterly Plan for March-June, we are required to report fortnightly on our action.

The following update has been provided to DPMC:

Agency consultation on the draft Cabinet paper for the review closed on 3 May, alongside feedback on the draft Terms of Reference from some early childhood education sector representatives.

The Cabinet paper will be considered at SOU on 29 May.

The corresponding delivery status will remain 'amber' as the action is still in progress.

Contact: Kathryn Rush, Director Office of the CE. Ph: s 9(2)(a) |

Engagement on Earthquake Prone Building System Review

Last week, officials met with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's Building Policy team to discuss the development of terms of reference for the Earthquake Prone Building System Review. The draft terms of reference are intended to be considered by Cabinet committee in the coming weeks. s 9(2)(g)(i)

We requested ongoing discussion as the draft terms of reference are finalised and the Review begins.

Contact: Melleny Black, Policy Lead. Ph: s 9(2)(a)

Proactive release of Cabinet papers and advice relating to the establishment of MfR

Cabinet papers and associated advice relating to the establishment of the Ministry for Regulation have now been proactively released and published on both the Treasury and the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's websites and can be found here: [Treasury](#) and [Te Kawa Mataaho](#) (search: Ministry for Regulation).