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Weekly Report

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Hon David Seymour MINISTER FOR REGULATION		Note the contents of this report	

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Minister's comments:

Actions

Action		Due date	Status update
A2024-053	Provide information to support engagement with Ministers regarding the updated Cabinet circular	Mid-late January 2025	Closed – see MFR2025-002.
A2024-054	s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
A2024-055	Develop a comms plan for both the Early Childhood Education and the Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Reviews.	TBC	In progress

Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2025-009	Application of Light Vehicle Regulations to BYD Auto's Shark 6 Super Hybrid Ute	23 January
MFR2025-001	Advice on progressing changes to industrial hemp regulation	23 January
MFR2025-002	Communicating with your Ministerial colleagues regarding new Impact Analysis Requirements	23 January
MFR2025-004	Review of agencies' legislative bids for 2025	23 January
MFR2025-005	Letter from Telecommunications Forum	23 January
MFR2024-165	Anti-money laundering and counter-finance of terrorism (AML/CFT) compliance burden in relation to property transactions	24 January
MFR2025-003	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	24 January
MFR2025-010	Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review Timeline and Ministerial Touchpoints	24 January
MFR2025-014	Ministry for Regulation's role in the implementation of the Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review's Recommendations	24 January

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2025-006	Final report for the Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review	30 January
MFR2025-007	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	30 January
MFR2025-008	Regulation of Minimum Capital Requirements for Banks	30 January
MFR2025-012	Electronic Controlled Drug Register	30 January

Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
February	Wellington	AgHort: Release of summary of engagement and submissions for the AgHort regulatory review and the public release of final AgHort review report	Joint Minister's PR post Cabinet (TBC 24/2)
March	Wellington	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
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Updates

2025 Legislation Programme Bids

For your action

We have provided the Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO) the draft 2025 Legislation Programme bids your Office considered last week. Bids are due with Cabinet Office midday Wednesday 29 January. For PCO to properly advise on timing, we need confirmation from your office no later than 28 January on:

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



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Proposed Regulatory Standards Bill Consultation

For information

The submission period for the proposed Regulatory Standards Bill closed at 11:59pm on 13 January. There were high levels of engagement with the consultation process. The Ministry received approximately 23,000 submissions across all channels. Ministry officials will provide you with more detailed information on the submissions and next steps in the week beginning 27 January.

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Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

For information

The Agricultural and Horticultural Products Review team met with the Sector Reference Group (SRG) on 14 January 2025 to discuss changes made to the recommendations since we last engaged with them. In general, the SRG appreciated and supported the changes. They also raised the importance of noting to Ministers areas that the Review was unable to fully investigate in the time available – this will be included in the next briefing on the Review.

We are consulting with agencies on a draft paper for joint ministers to seek Cabinet endorsement of the Review's recommendations. The draft Cabinet paper will be sent to your office on 30 January before your planned meeting with the Minister for Food Safety and the Minister for the Environment on 3 February 2025 to agree to the recommendations and discuss feedback on the draft paper.

On 16 January 2025, the Environmental Protection Authority sent a letter to stakeholders regarding the hazardous substances queue. They were seeking information on products in the queue that could be prioritised and acknowledged some of the issues raised during the Review. The letter included some direct reporting on the current queue and sets out planned actions that signal early steps towards implementing some of the recommendations from the Review, including reprioritising funding to increase resource on assessing hazardous substance applications.

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Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

For information

The Early Childhood Education Review team met with Ministry of Education (MoE) and Education Review Office (ERO) to discuss the implementation of the recommendations. There are interdependencies that MoE and ERO are managing internally to ensure they are able to provide content for the Cabinet Paper. They will meet with their Minister this week to understand the prioritisation that needs to take place.

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Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review

For information

The Hairdressing and Barbering Review team has completed initial analysis and is in the engagement phase of the review.

Targeted direct engagement with business owners and groups representing regulated parties and regulators has commenced.

The engagement hub opened for targeted consultation with business owners, hairdressing and barbering professionals, and Environmental Health Officers on 17 January 2025 and closes on 31

January 2025. Representative groups with an interest in the review have also been invited to make a submission.

The team will review the current engagement approach and make changes if needed by 25 January (for example, if parts of the industry have not yet submitted at all). As of 22 January, we have received 20 submissions from business owners, 7 from hair and barber professionals, 25 from Environmental health officer and 2 from other interested parties.

The review's proposed reporting and Cabinet timeline is provided in briefing **MFR2025-010**.

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Regulatory Response / Red Tape Portal

For information

Next week we will be providing you with a detailed end of year update on the submissions received via the red tape portal for the period 19 November to 31 December. We will move to quarterly reporting thereafter.

The Regulatory Response Team have received a total of 521 submissions to 15 January 2025.

RRT #	Issue	Status update
RRT2024-0524	Application of Light Vehicle Regulations to BYD Hybrid Ute	You met with BYD representatives, and we have investigated this issue. An issues briefing is attached for your consideration (MFR2025-009)
RRT2024 issues: 030, 048, 051, 052, 198, 199	Property transactions and the AML regime	An issues briefing is attached for your consideration (MFR2024-165). Our overall recommendation is for you to write to Ministers McKee and van Velden on actions we have identified and to agree to us engaging further with DIA and MoJ. We will then provide you with further advice.
RRT2024-0540	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
RRT2024-026	Gift cards under the AML regime	We are working with your office to finalise the letters to your colleagues, the Associate Minister of Justice and the Minister of Internal Affairs as outlined in our briefing of 11 December 2024 (MFR2024-175).
RRT2024-0209, RRT2024-0221, RRT2024-0359	Electronic Drug Register	We had good engagement with Medsafe on the issue prior to Christmas and we will deliver an issues briefing for your consideration next week .

RRT #	Issue	Status update
RRT2024-114	Foreign Currency paper statements	We have concluded our investigation into this issue which related to customers not being able to opt out of paper statements for foreign currency accounts. We contacted the submitter and two banks as part of our investigation. This is an operational banking practice/policy not a regulatory requirement. We will not be progressing further.
RRT2024-0356	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
RRT2024-296 & 413	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	

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