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# Weekly Report

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<b>Hon David Seymour</b> <b>MINISTER FOR REGULATION</b>		<b>Note</b> the contents of this report	

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**Minister's comments:**

## Actions

Action	Due date	Status update
A2024-054	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Complete. Advice provided to your office on 14 February.
A2025-059	ECE: Finalise approach and implementation timelines with Minister	12 February 2025
A2024-055	Develop a comms plan for both the Early Childhood Education and the Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Reviews	20 February 2025
		Partially complete. The ECE plan is still in progress.

## Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation	Date Delivered
MFR2025-022	Talking points for Cabinet Economic Policy Committee on 19 February 2025
MFR2025-018	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
	14 February

Papers delivered to the Office of the Minister for Regulation	Date Delivered
MFR2025-020	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
MFR2025-023	14 February
MFR2025-025	14 February
MFR2025-028	14 February

Papers under development	Due date
MFR2025-026	Regulatory Standards Bill: Interim submissions analysis findings
MFR2025-029	Vote Regulation: March Baseline Update
MFR2025-007	Options for the Ministry for Regulations role post regulatory reviews
MFR2025-027	Regulatory Standards Bill: Final Submissions analysis findings
MFR2025- 028	Regulatory Standards Bill: Draft Cabinet paper
	20 February
	20 February
	28 February
	3 March
	6 March

# Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
February	Wellington	Red tape portal update	MfR webpost
February	Wellington	AgHort: Release of summary of engagement and submissions and the public release of final review report	Joint Minister's PR post Cabinet (TBC 24/2)
March	Wellington	Visit to Ministry for Regulation	Acknowledge one year anniversary of the Ministry's establishment
6 March	Queenstown	Queenstown Chamber of Commerce business lunch	MfR CE to join Minister – potential for roundtable pre/post lunch
March	Wellington	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	
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16 April	Christchurch	Business Canterbury Lunch Event	MfR CE to join Minister – potential for roundtable
1 May	Tauranga	Tauranga Chamber of Commerce Event	MfR CE to join Minister – potential for roundtable


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# Updates

## 2025 Legislation Bids finalised

*For information*

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## Regulatory Standards Bill

*For discussion*

The Ministry continues to undertake the submission analysis. An initial submission analysis report will be delivered next week on 20 February, with a final summary submissions report delivered during the week of 3 March. We are scheduled to meet with you on 24 February to discuss the report and next steps.


Contact: Pip Van der Scheer, Manager, Regulatory Management System, s 9(2)(a)

## Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

*For information*

Ministerial consultation on the draft Cabinet paper ended on 12 February. The final paper was lodged on 13 February for consideration at Economic Policy Committee on 19 February. Talking points for both this meeting and Cabinet have been provided for your consideration.

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Contact: Peter Clark, Manager, Regulatory Reviews. Ph: s 9(2)(a)

## Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

### *For information*

The review team continues to work with the Ministry of Education, Education Review Office and Ministry of Health to deliver a Cabinet paper in March.

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A governance group has been set up to oversee policy development and implementation with the Ministry of Education, the Education Review Office and the Ministry for Regulation with Chief Executives and Deputy Chief Executives.

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## Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review

### *For information*

The Hairdressing and Barbering Review team is working through analysis of submissions as well as data and information from other government agencies. We discussed the direction of the Review, timing and initial insights with your advisors on Wednesday 12 February. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

The final number of submissions at the close of the deadline on 3 February 2025 were:

- 54 from business owners
- 32 from hair and barber professionals
- 44 from Environmental Health Officers
- 4 from other interested parties. (previously reported 12, note that 8 of these have been re-categorised to the above categories)

The Review is awaiting data from ACC and WorkSafe to capture what these agencies know about the level of public health risk posed by the hairdressing and barbering industry. We have also met with the Health and Safety Policy Team at MBIE. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We will continue to engage with MBIE on this as required.

You will be provided with the Review's initial report on 6 March, followed by a final report on 27 March and draft Cabinet paper on 15 April. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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## Regulatory Response / Red Tape Portal



### *For information*

As at 11 February 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 577 submissions on red tape issues. We are working with your office on engagement material to support the public release of a red tape issues summary report later this month.

This week we provided your office with three briefings s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Following recent media coverage of the [Red Tape Portal](#)<sup>1</sup>, we saw a spike in submissions this week.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.waikatotimes.co.nz/nz-news/360573082/governments-red-tape-tip-line-gets-hundreds-submissions-and-surprise-top-theme>