



Weekly Report

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Recipient

Action sought

Hon David Seymour
MINISTER FOR REGULATION

Note the contents of this report

Aisling Risdon

Contact: s 9(2)(a)

Ministry for Regulation

Minister's comments:

Actions

Action		Due date	Status update
A2025-070	Investment Summit speech	6 March	In progress. An outline speech has been provided to you (MFR2025-044).

Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2025-040	Roles of the Minister and Ministry for Regulation in implementation of the Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review	24 February
MFR2025-042	Regulatory Standards Bill: Options for next steps following public consultation	24 February
MFR2025-037	Information release: ECO-25-SUB-0006 Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review: Progressing Recommendations	25 February
MFR2025-019	Information release: CAB-24-SUB-0462 Regulatory Review of the Hairdressing and Barbering Industry	25 February
MFR2025-044	Outline for Investment Summit speech	27 February
MFR2025-050	Regulatory Standards Bill: Decisions needed to proceed based on the discussion document proposal	28 February
MFR2025-053	Draft Cabinet paper - Paper 1: Early Childhood Education Regulatory Sector Review recommendations and next steps	28 February

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2025-033	Regulatory Standards Bill: Draft Cabinet paper	6 March
MFR2025-043	Hairdressing and Barbering Industry Regulatory Review: Draft Findings	6 March
MFR2025-045	Final speech for Investment Summit + slides	6 March
MFR2025-046	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	6 March
MFR2025-027	Regulatory Standards Bill: Final Submissions analysis findings	19 March

Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
Early March	Wellington	Red tape portal quarterly report publication	MfR website
3 March	Wellington	Minister to visit to Ministry for Regulation Ministerial Press release	Ministry for Regulation 1 st Birthday
6 March	Queenstown	Queenstown Chamber of Commerce business lunch	MfR CE to join Minister – potential for business roundtable before lunch
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
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16 April	Christchurch	Business Canterbury Lunch Event	MfR CE to join Minister – potential for business roundtable
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
1 May	Tauranga	Tauranga Chamber of Commerce Event	MfR CE to join Minister – potential for business roundtable

Contact: Joe Stockman, Head of Engagement. Ph. s 9(2)(a)

Updates

Regulatory Standards Bill

For information

We've provided two briefings MFR2025-042 and MFR2025-050 to you this week seeking decisions on next steps. The team continues to undertake submission analysis and policy development to support your Cabinet paper which is proposed for 8 April 2025.

Contact: Andrew Royle, Deputy Chief Executive, Policy, Ph: s 9(2)(a)


Government Quarterly Plan

For information

The following updates were provided on 25 February for the report on the Government's Action Plan for Quarter 1 (January-March). The Ministry for Regulation is responsible for two actions this quarter – Actions 20 and 21.


Action 20: Take Cabinet decisions on the Regulatory Standards Bill

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



Action 21: Begin the fourth regulation sector review

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



Contact: Aisling Risdon, Head of Ministerial Services, Ph: s 9(2)(a)


Developing options for future regulatory reviews

For information

At the Agency meeting on 25 February 2025, you agreed that a pipeline of Review topics will be developed with the areas of focus being on:

- issues faced by regulated parties in the telecommunications sector;
- s 9(2)(f)(iv)
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s 9(2)(f)(iv)



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

Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

For information

Cabinet endorsed the Review's recommendations on 24 February. You announced Cabinet decisions and the publication of the Review's Report on 27 February in Invercargill with Minister Simmonds. We are monitoring reactions and feedback from the sector and the public.

s 9(2)(f)(iv). The Senior Officials Advisory Group met on 27 February to continue discussing agencies' roles and responsibilities in the implementation phase of the Review, Ways of Working for the renewed Senior Officials Group s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We received your direction on roles of the Minister and Ministry for Regulation in implementation of the Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review (refer MFR2025-040). We have informed the Senior Officials Group about your decisions.

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

Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

For information

The companion Cabinet papers from the Ministry for Regulation (MfR) and Ministry of Education (MoE) are under development and drafts of each are scheduled to be provided to you on 3 March for feedback before wider agency and Ministerial consultation.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We are also supporting MoE with project planning for implementing licensing criteria changes.

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

Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review

For information

The Hairdressing and Barbering Review team are working on drafting findings and developing options. For noting, you will be provided with the Review's initial report on 6 March, followed by the final report on 27 March. The initial report will cover the Review's draft findings and options for change subject to consultation.

Contact: Hannah McGlue, Manager, Regulatory Reviews. Ph. s 9(2)(a)

Regulatory Response / Red Tape Portal

For information

As at 24 February 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 613 submissions on red tape issues.

Upcoming briefings/advice will be provided to your office in relation to s 9(2)(f)(iv)

s 9(2)(f)(iv) (MFR2025-041), s 9(2)(f)(iv) (MFR2025-036) and s 9(2)(f)(iv) (MFR2025-032).

Contact: Lucy Pritchard, Principal Advisor, Reviews and System Capability. Ph. s 9(2)(a)

Appendix A

Action 21: Begin the fourth regulation sector review

Update Required		
Action #	Delivery Update <i>Please provide your progress update for this action</i>	Delivery Status
21	<u>A draft Cabinet paper on future reviews is out for ministerial consultation for with an intention to be lodged on 27 March for Cabinet on 31 March.</u>	s 9(2)(g)(i)

Upcoming papers <i>Please list any Cabinet Papers that support the closure of your action item</i>				
Paper name	Action #	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Committee Date
Future Regulatory Reviews	21	Regulation	Cabinet	31 March