



Weekly Report

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Recipient

Action sought

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
A2025-070 Investment Summit speech	6 March	Complete. A draft was provided to your Office on 5 March for comment. A final draft will be provided to you by your office.

Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2025-046	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	5 March
MFR2025-043	Initial Briefing on Hairdressing and Barbering Review Draft findings	6 March
MFR2025-055	Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets – 31 December 2024	6 March
MFR2025-056	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	6 March
MFR2025-033	Regulatory Standards Bill: Draft Cabinet paper	7 March

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2025-057	Talking points: Meeting with Hon Goldsmith, Minister for Media and Communications	10 March
MFR2025-041	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	13 March
MFR2025-048	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	13 March
MFR2025-051	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	14 March
MFR2025-027	Regulatory Standards Bill: Final Submissions analysis findings	19 March

Announcements & Engagements

This section has been amended from 7 March 2025 to include information about the Ministry's engagement activity.

Ministry activity

Pre-engagements on the fourth sector review are being planned.

During the past week the Ministry met with:

- The Telecommunications Forum (at their request), to discuss the Telecommunications Development Levy
- The New Zealand Transport Agency, to discuss co-ordinated communication around regulatory issue publicity
- The New Zealand Law Association, to discuss the Regulatory Standards Bill.

Upcoming Ministry activity is listed below.

Date	Details
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting with Spark• Pride parade: Gráinne will take part in the Wellington Pride Parade as one of the 3 Public Sector Pride CEs
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CEO presentation to Foodstuffs Board• Collaborative web series with NZIER on regulation
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CEO presentation to Russell McVeigh SLT and Board
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CEO presentation to Council of Financial Regulators

Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
12 March	AKL	Investment summit	Ministerial speech Potential ministerial press release
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
16 April	Christchurch	Business Canterbury Lunch Event	MfR CE to join Minister – potential for business roundtable / meeting with local businesses
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
1 May	Tauranga	Tauranga Chamber of Commerce Event	MfR CE to join Minister – potential for business roundtable
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			

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

Updates


Regulatory Standards Bill

For information

Following our meeting on Monday 3 March, and your detailed decisions on RSB design, the team is preparing the Cabinet paper for your review and discussion at our meeting next week. Agency consultation is anticipated to commence in the middle of next week, following your approval of the Cabinet paper. We have been in discussions with your office to ensure all necessary support is in place for Ministerial consultation.

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

s 9(2)(f)(iv)




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

Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

For information

On 27 February, joint ministers announced Cabinet decisions and the publication of the Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review's (the Review) Report. Media coverage has been consistently positive and has reflected the sector's reactions. In general, the sector has welcomed the Report's recommendations barring one relevant to cost recovery under the Hazardous Substance & New Organisms Act 1996, which was expected.

You have agreed with the roles and responsibilities proposed for yourself and Ministry for Regulation around the implementation of the Review (MFR2025-040). s 9(2)(f)(iv)



s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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

Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

For information

Following your agreement to the draft Early Childhood Education Sector Review Cabinet paper, the Ministry will commence agency consultation on 7 March. Agency consultation will run concurrently with Ministerial consultation both ending on 13 March. The final Cabinet Paper is due to be lodged on 20 March for the Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee (EXP) on 25 March.

In addition, we are working with the communications teams from Ministry of Education, Education Review Office and Ministry of Health to develop a communications approach for announcement following Cabinet approval.

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

Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review

For information

This week we have provided you with the draft findings from the hairdressing and barbering regulatory review, which we are continuing to synthesise with engagement findings and the results of our desktop analysis (MFR2025-043). Note the briefing does not provide advice about a recommended option. We will recommend a preferred option in the Final Report of the Review, which we will provide to you on 27 March 2025.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We are scheduled to discuss the advice and options in an extended agency meeting on 17 March.

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

Regulatory Response / Red Tape Portal

For information

As at 6 March 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 640 submissions on red tape issues. After an initial influx of submissions following the launch of the portal last year, the submission volumes appear to be stabilising. We have received 147 new issues in 2025, with 62 and 71 submissions through the portal for January and February, respectively. The average submissions received per day this year remains steady, between 2-3 per day.

Following your press release on 1 March which referenced the 'Red-Tape Tipline', we have received some new media interest in the red tape portal including requests for portal statistics such as themes.

We have provided the below advice to your office this week:

Regulatory Response Issues Papers delivered this week		Date Delivered
MFR2025-032	RRT2024-0432 s 9(2)(f)(iv)	4 March
MFR2025-036	RRT2024-0570 s 9(2)(f)(iv)	5 March

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