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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:**

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## Actions

Action		Due date	Status update
A2025-086	Ministry to provide summary of departmental feedback on the RSB	20 March	Completed

## Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2025-027	Regulatory Standards Bill: Final Summary of Submissions	19 March
MFR2025-066	Regulatory Standards Bill: Updated draft Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation	19 March
MFR2025-064	Certification of Vote Regulation for Budget 2025	20 March
MFR2025-048	Talking points - Regulatory Reviews	21 March

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2025-063	Hairdressing and Barbering Industry Regulatory Review: Final report cover briefing	27 March
MFR2025-070	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	27 March
MFR2025-072	Meeting with the Regulations Review Committee: Talking Points	27 March
MFR2025-051	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	02 May

# Announcements & Engagements

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

## Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
late March/early April TBC	Wellington	Announcement of future regulatory reviews	Ministerial press release (TBC) Christchurch event (TBC)
April TBC	Wellington	ECE regulatory review: Next steps	Ministerial press release (post-Cabinet) Joint press release from MOE and ERO
16 April	Christchurch	Business Canterbury Lunch Event	Ministry for Regulation Chief Executive to attend with you – potential for business roundtable or meeting with local businesses
April - date TBC	Wellington	RSB: Announcement of Cabinet decisions and Summary of submissions report release	Ministerial press release and Ministry for Regulation website announcement
1 May	Tauranga	Tauranga Chamber of Commerce Event	Ministry for Regulation Chief Executive to attend with you – potential for business roundtable
22 May	Wellington	RSB: Cabinet paper, Bill and summary of submissions	Ministerial press release
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## Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
19 March	Website release of the Red Tape Portal quarterly report
19 March	Meeting with Spark
2 April	Chief Executive presentation to Foodstuffs Board
April – May	Collaborative web series with NZIER on regulation
8 May	Chief Executive presentation to Russell McVeigh SLT and Board
4 June	Chief Executive presentation to Council of Financial Regulators

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

# Updates

## Regulatory Standards Bill

*For information*

We provided you with further material to support ministerial consultation on 19 March 2025. We understand ministerial consultation is underway. We remain on track to lodge the Cabinet material for consideration by Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee (EXP). Any feedback from ministerial consultation will be incorporated as required.

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

## Future Reviews

*For information*

Following a series of meetings with regulated parties, senior officials, advisors, and your bilateral meetings with Ministers Hon Paul Goldsmith, s 9(2)(f)(iv) you have been provided with an aide-mémoire to support you taking an oral item to the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee meeting on 25 March 2025 (MFR2025-048). The talking points in the aide-mémoire will inform Cabinet of the purpose of a review, s 9(2)(f)(iv), and ways of working with Ministers and agencies.

We have also provided you with an A3 that you can share with your ministerial colleagues that explains what regulatory reviews are s 9(2)(f)(iv).

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

## Estimates and Supplementary Estimates information for Budget 2025

*For discussion*

This week we have provided you with material for Budget 2025 (MFR2025-064). The Budget process requires that you review the documentation for both the Supplementary Estimates 2024-25, and the Estimates 2025-26, and then confirm to the Minister of Finance that the material is fit for publication.

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The deadline for the Budget process requires that both the Supplementary Estimates 2024-25 and the Estimates 2025-26 are completed by 28 March 2025.

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

## Regulatory System Capability

*For information*

Since our last update, a special edition of the Ministry for Regulation newsletter was sent out on 17 March 2025, highlighting the work being done in Regulatory System Capability. The response to date has been positive:

- over 600 visits to the *RegRoom* and *Communities of Practice* webpage within 24 hours
- nearly 100 new logins to *RegRoom* in the same period, and
- growing interest from local government in our resources and learning opportunities.

This is a strong indication that engagement with the Ministry's regulatory capability work is increasing.

A more detailed update will be provided to you in the coming weeks once we have done some analysis on the broader trends and long-term engagement.

Contact: Alex McMinn, Head of Regulatory System Capability Ph: s 9(2)(a)

## Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

*For information*

In our last update we confirmed that you agreed with the roles and responsibilities proposed for yourself and the Ministry for Regulation around the implementation of the Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review (MFR2025-040).

Your intention was to be a joint minister for the May Cabinet paper (with the Ministry for Regulation leading this), with the Minister for Food Safety (Hon Andrew Hoggard) s 9(2)(f)(iv)

. After May 2025, our role would reduce to monitoring and providing second opinion advice and feedback upon requests.

We understand that your office has sought confirmation that Ministers Hoggard and Simmonds are supportive of this approach. However, at the Senior Officials Advisory Group meeting on 13 March 2025, their respective officials noted that they had not yet been advised of this matter. We would appreciate your office following up with Ministers Hoggard and Simmonds.

We are continuing to work with the Ministry for Primary Industries and the Ministry for the Environment to provide joint ministers with an update on a high-level timeline and s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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

## Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

*For information*

The *Cabinet Paper 1: Early Childhood Education Regulatory Sector Review recommendations and next steps* has been lodged for the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee meeting on 25 March 2025. The paper was lodged following minor feedback from the Prime Minister's office and other agencies and includes a Regulatory Impact Statement from the Ministry of Health for the removal of the Health (Immunisation) Regulations 1995.

We are working with the Ministry of Education and the Education Review Office on engagement material to support announcements post-Cabinet.

We continue to support Ministry of Education officials as they work through implementation planning for the recommendations.

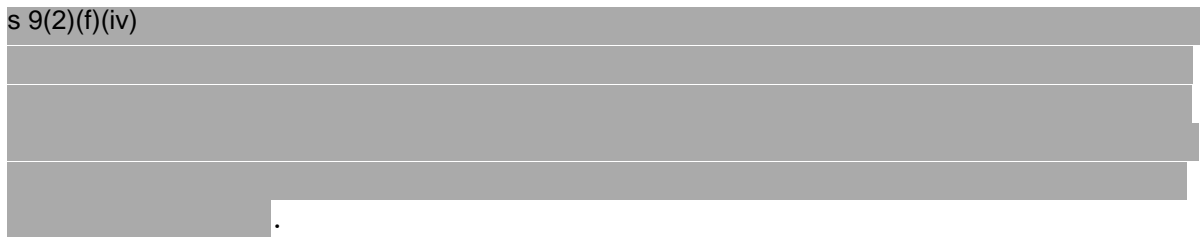
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## Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review

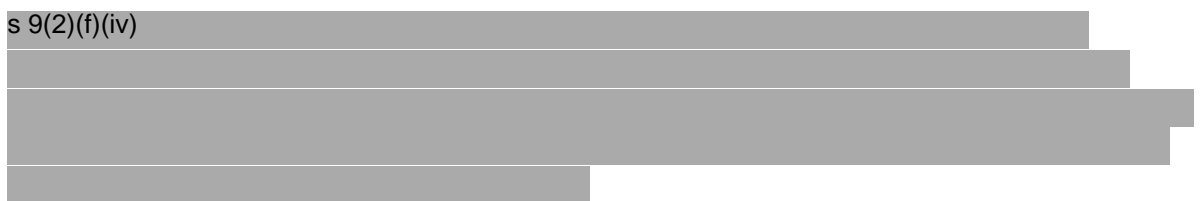
### *For information*

Following our meeting with you on 17 March 2025 where we discussed the Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review's (the Review) findings and options for reform, we are on track to provide you with the Review's Final Report on 27 March 2025. As per your direction at the 17 March meeting, the Final Report and associated cover briefing will have some consideration of issues raised by submitters about the requirements of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (SSAA).

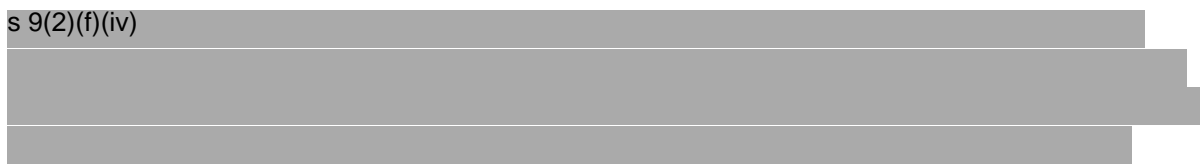
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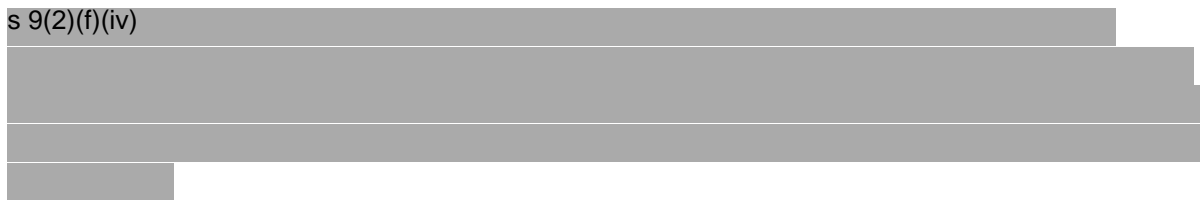
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Our Cabinet paper timeline remains unchanged – with the intention for you to take policy decisions to the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee on 6 May 2025, and Cabinet on 12 May 2025. You will receive a draft Cabinet paper for consultation on 10 April 2025.

Final consultation with stakeholders on options for reform is ongoing and being considered in our final analysis.

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

## Regulatory Response / Red Tape Portal

*For information*

As at 19 March 2025, the Ministry has received 658 submissions on red tape issues, with 59 of these under active investigation, including 10 issues (one investigation) relating to anti-money laundering.

The investigations are looking at a wide range of issues raised by submitters, including health and safety regulations, issues impacting retail businesses, health/medical products, and government identification requirements including information-sharing between agencies.

Last week we sent your office a briefing (MFR2025-041) s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We provided the below advice or material to your office this week:

Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2025-067	RRT2024-554 - Advertising of unapproved medicines at medical conferences and trade shows	20 March
MFR2025-068	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	20 March
MFR2025-069	RRT Weekly Report 19 March	20 March
n/a	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	20 March

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