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Weekly Report

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Action sought

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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
A2025-091	Ministry to prepare talking points EXP meeting on 1 April	28 March	Completed. See MFR2025-076

Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2025-075	Draft Cabinet Paper – Future Regulatory Reviews for Ministerial and agency consultation	24 March
MFR2025-076	Talking points for Cabinet paper Policy Approvals for Progressing a Regulatory Standards Bill	27 March
MFR2025-077	Revised Cabinet Paper - Future Reviews and Talking points	27 March
MFR2025-078	RRT Weekly Report 26 March 2025	27 March
MFR2025-063	Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review	28 March

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2025-070	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	3 April
MFR2025-072	Meeting with the Regulations Review Committee: Talking Points	3 April
MFR2025-051	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	2 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
March/April TBC	Wellington	Announcement of future regulatory review(s)	Ministerial press release (TBC) Christchurch event (TBC)
TBC	Wellington	ECE regulatory review: Recommendations considered by Cabinet	Ministerial press release (post-Cabinet)
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

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
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. s 9(2)(a)

Updates

Regulatory Standards Bill

For information

All papers were lodged for EXP on Thursday 27 March 2025, and talking points have been provided to your office. We understand your office has been talking to the Leader of the House's office about timetabling, and we remain on track for introduction in May. With the milestones of lodging this week now behind us, we are working towards:

- finalising drafting and preparing for LEG committee
- supporting House processes, particularly our systems (including automation) for submission analysis and preparation of our departmental report
- planning implementation alongside House processes (for example, necessary guidance, secondary legislation instruments, and Board appointments) - we want to get ahead of these requirements so that implementation can roll out as fast as possible after commencement
- supporting Crown Law in the Waitangi Tribunal proceedings

The Regulations Review Committee meeting has been deferred until 9 April 2025, and we will provide talking points for you this week.

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

Scrutiny week – Estimates hearing confirmed

For information

The Finance and Expenditure Committee will hold a 90-minute hearing for Vote Regulation for the upcoming round of Budget Estimates. The format is different this year with two hearings. As the Minister for Regulation, you have been invited to attend the Finance and Expenditure Committee from **9.15am to 10.00am on Tuesday, 17 June 2025**. The Ministry has been invited to an independent session immediately following from 10.00am to 10.45am.

The Ministry will support you and your office with preparation for the hearing. We will follow a similar approach to last year which includes providing you with a briefing pack and facilitating a preparatory session with you and Ministry officials. We will work with your office and confirm details with you closer to the time.

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

Government Quarterly Plan

For information

The following updates were provided on 25 March 2025 for the report on the Government's Action Plan for Quarter 1 (January-March). The below updates for Actions 20 and 21 were prepared in consultation with your office.

Action 20: Take Cabinet decisions on the Regulatory Standards Bill

Update Required		
Action #	Delivery Update <i>Please provide your progress update for this action</i>	Delivery Status
20	A draft Cabinet paper is currently out for ministerial consultation with an intention to be lodged on Thursday 27th for EXP on Tuesday 1 April.	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
POLICY APPROVALS FOR PROGRESSING A REGULATORY STANDARDS BILL	20	Regulation	EXP	1 April

Action 21: Begin the fourth regulation sector review

Update Required		
Action #	Delivery Update	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

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

Future Reviews

For information

A draft Cabinet paper on reviews 4 and 5 was provided to you on 24 March. Targeted ministerial and agency consultation was undertaken between 23 and 25 March. The paper was lodged on 27 March for consideration at Cabinet on 31 March.

In parallel to this, officials are progressing with engagement with regulated parties.

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

Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

For information

Following a discussion at the Senior Officials Advisory Group on 27 March 2025, officials understand that there has been engagement with the office of Ministers Hoggard and Simmonds on ministerial and agencies' roles and responsibilities s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Work is continuing between the Ministry for Regulation, the Ministry for Environment, and Ministry for Primary Industries to provide joint ministers with a plan for a high-level timeline and s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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

Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

For information

Paper 1: Early Childhood Education Regulatory Sector Review recommendations and next steps was discussed at EXP on 25 March. All recommendations were noted, endorsed, agreed to and the Minister was invited to report back before the end of 2025.

Paper 2: Response to the Early Childhood Education Regulatory Sector Review, is expected to be considered at EXP on 1 April 2025.

Officials are continuing to provide Ministry of Education Programme Management support as they work through the Licensing Criteria amendments.

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

Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review

For information

The Final Report has been provided to you for decisions this week. The team are now working on the Cabinet paper and planning implementation with agencies.

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

Regulatory Response / Red Tape Portal

For information

At 24 March 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 663 submissions on red tape issues. A number of those have been investigated, action taken, and are now complete.

The number of submissions has stabilised. This is allowing us to focus more on investigations hence the increase in the number of active investigations at any one time.

Currently 61 issues are under active investigation. These investigations are looking at a wide range of issues including health & safety regulation, issues impacting retail businesses, health/medical products, and government identification requirements including how information is shared between agencies.

Following the advice we provided last week, we have prepared correspondence on the following matters this week.

Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2025-078	RRT Weekly Report 26 March 2025	27 March
MFR2025-067	Medical Conferences – Draft correspondence to Minister of Health cc Minister for Tourism and Hospitality and Minister for Economic Growth	21 March
MFR2025-068	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	20 March
MFR2025-041		13 March
MFR2025-036		5 March

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