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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:

IN-CONFIDENCE

Actions

No actions for this week.

Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2025-051	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	3 April
MFR2025-072	Meeting with the Regulations Review Committee: Talking Points	3 April

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2025-073	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	7 April
MFR2025-084	Draft Cabinet paper on Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review	10 April
MFR2025-070	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	11 April
MFR2025-080	Ministerial Satisfaction Survey March 2025	11 April
MFR2025-081	Invitation to speak at National Regulators Community of Practice (NRCoP) on 27-28 August 2025	11 April

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
April TBC	Wellington	Announcement of future regulatory review(s)	Ministerial press release (TBC) Christchurch event (TBC)
April TBC	Wellington	ECE regulatory review: Recommendations accepted 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
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 MfR web content
29 May	Hamilton	Business Chamber Lunch MfR CO in attendance	

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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
11 June	Chief Executive on conference panel at APHANZ conference

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

Updates

Release of the OECD's Regulatory Policy Outlook

For information

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) *Regulatory Policy Outlook* will be published in the early hours of Thursday 10 April (NZT). This will make public the results of the *Indicators for Regulatory Policy Governance* survey (iREG) that assesses the quality of members' regulatory management systems.

We will provide you with a draft press release for your consideration by 10am on Thursday 10 April, followed by a report that provides you with key findings by 24 April.

Contact: Erin King, Manager, Regulatory Stewardship | s 9(2)(a)

Vote Regulation – Information for the Estimates of Appropriations

For information

Following your confirmation of the estimates of appropriations for Vote Regulation to the Minister of Finance, the Treasury has completed their review of the Vote Regulation information without any issues raised. Some minor amendments for clarity that are not material changes were recommended and these have been incorporated.

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

Future Reviews

For information

Following Cabinet noting that Review Four will focus on the telecommunications sector, we have provided you and the Minister for Media and Communications, Hon Paul Goldsmith, with a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for consideration (MFR2025-073).

You have a meeting with Minister Goldsmith on Wednesday 9 April at 7:30pm to discuss the draft ToR. Once joint Ministers have confirmed the ToR, we will undertake targeted consultation with telecommunications providers and other stakeholders.

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

Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

For information

It was agreed at the Senior Officials Advisory Group meeting on 27 March 2025 that the Ministry for Regulation's role will be limited to oversight, monitoring and providing feedback following the May Cabinet paper.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

The Agricultural and Horticultural Products Sector Leaders Forum, the establishment of which was a key recommendation from the Review, met for the first time on 3 April 2025. The agenda for this meeting included the draft Terms of Reference, and legislative and operational changes to implement the Review recommendations.

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

Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

For information

The Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee (EXP) confirmed their endorsement of the recommendations contained in Paper 1: Early Childhood Education Regulatory Sector Review recommendations and next steps. This paper was provided to Cabinet on 31 March 2025.

We understand that Paper 2: Response to the Early Childhood Regulatory Sector Review has been lodged for Cabinet on 7 April. Ministry officials will be meeting with your office on Monday 7 April to discuss an approach to any subsequent announcements.


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

Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review

For information

You agreed to the four recommendations in the Final Report of the hairdressing and barbering review.

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

Regulatory Response / Red Tape Portal

For information

As at 1 April 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 669 submissions on red tape issues, with 54 issues under active investigation.

We intend to publish a quarterly report on the Regulatory Response issues for the Q3 FY2024/25 period (January - March 2025) by the end of the month.

We have been working with your office this week to support engagement on several issues that you have written to your ministerial colleagues about this week. This includes outdated s 9(2)(f)(iv) and medical conferences. We will continue to work with your office on engagements relating to s 9(2)(f)(iv), and s 9(2)(f)(iv).

In relation to **medical conferences**, we are also engaging with the Ministry of Health in relation to the changes s 9(2)(h).

We plan to provide advice to your office on the following issues in the next two weeks:

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2025-082	RRT Weekly Report 3 April	2 April
MFR2025-083	RRT AML Issues Update- Summary for RRT Advisors Meeting – 3 April 2025 <i>*Related to MFR2024-165: AML/CFT compliance burden in relation to property transactions</i>	2 April

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

Draft Cabinet paper consultations

Draft Cabinet papers that we have been consulted on will appear here.


Contact: Gwen Rashbrooke, Manager, Regulatory Policy Design | s 9(2)(a)

New or updated papers

Title	Probable Committee	Comment
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		


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s 9(2)(f)(iv)		

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Contact: Ben Temple, Lead Advisor, Policy | s 9(2)(a)

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

Instances of Cabinet papers where quality criteria not met

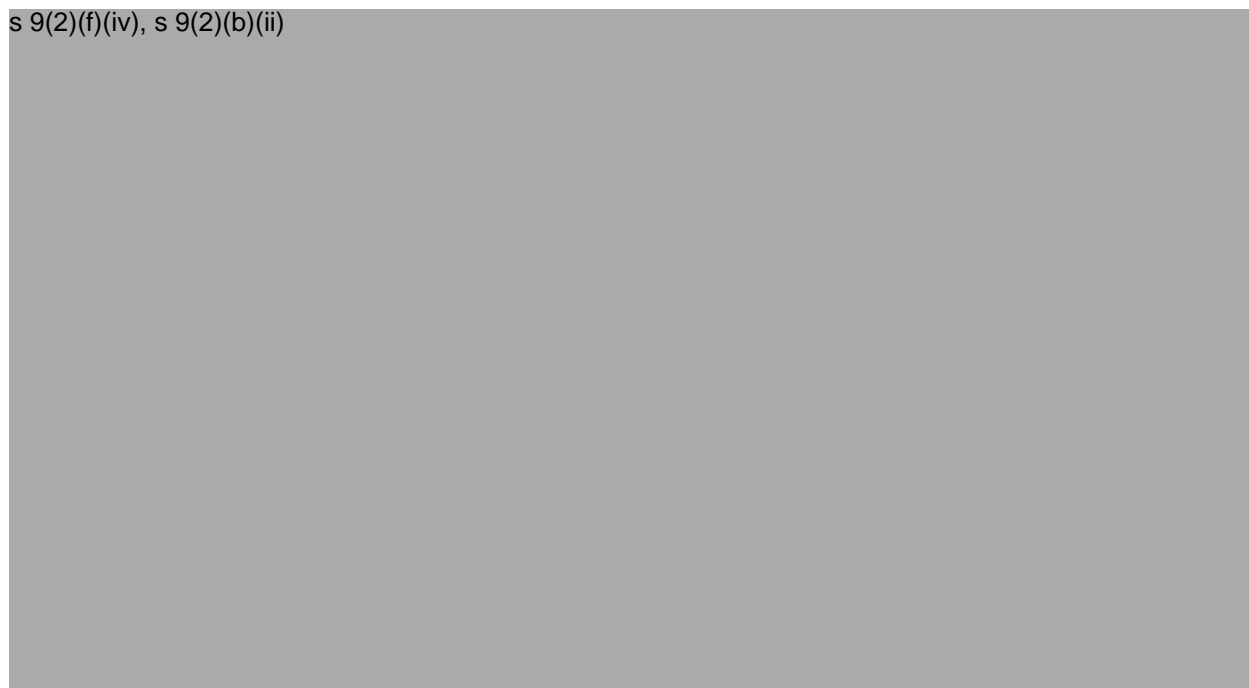
s 9(2)(f)(iv)



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Instances of Cabinet papers where no RIS has been provided

s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(b)(ii)



s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Disqualification of sentenced prisoners from voting

The Minister of Justice has prepared a paper seeking Cabinet agreement to repeal section 86A of the Electoral Act 1993 (the Act). This section was inserted in the Act by the Electoral (Registration of Sentenced Prisoners) Amendment Act 2020, to enable prisoners serving a sentence of imprisonment of less than three years to register to vote. The proposal intends to disqualify these prisoners from voting (this does not include prisoners on remand who have not yet been sentenced).


We understand that this paper will be considered by the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee on 9 April. No Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been completed to accompany this Cabinet paper, and the proposal is not exempt. The Ministry of Justice and the Ministry for Regulation have agreed that supplementary analysis will be developed and provided to Cabinet's Legislation Committee later this year.

Contact: Gwen Rashbrooke, Manager, Regulatory Policy Design | s 9(2)(a)

Emerging Cabinet Regulatory Proposals

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