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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	

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Ministry for Regulation

Minister's comments:

Actions

Action		Due	Status update
A2025-124	Hairdressing and Barbering: Provide view on a timeline with regulation revocation completed without waiting for guidance.	16 April	Complete
A2025-146	Map out the external products (e.g. annual report, Estimates)	2 May	Complete
A2025-144	Make changes to Ag/Hort cabinet paper	8 May	In progress
A2025-145	Organise a meeting on MfR analytical framework for assessing good regulation	9 May	In progress
A2025-147	Develop a plan to get through the backlog on correspondence and RRT	14 May	In progress
A2025-108	s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	15 May	In progress

Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2025-103	Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review Final Cabinet Paper	29 April
MFR2025-086	Updated draft Terms of Reference and draft Cabinet paper for Telecommunications sector review	2 May

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2025-095	Talking points for Cabinet Economic Policy Committee on 14 May 2025	8 May
MFR2025-099	The OECD Regulatory Policy Outlook 2025 and iREG survey results - Key findings and insights	8 May

Announcements & Engagements

Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
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TBC	Wellington	RSB introduction to House	Ministerial press release MfR web content / social media post
1 May	Tauranga	Tauranga Chamber of Commerce Event	Ministry CE to attend event with you and will also hold a business roundtable following your event
6 May TBC	Wellington	RSB – announcement of Cabinet decisions	Ministerial release MfR web content and social media post, release of Summary of submissions and TIA
12 May TBC	Auckland	Hairdressing and Barbering review – announcement of Cabinet decisions	Ministerial press release and media event MfR stakeholder comms; web content and social media post
29 May	Hamilton	Business Chamber Lunch	MfR to provide options for business visits and regional RRT data

Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
8 May	Chief Executive presentation to Russell McVeagh SLT and Board
12 May	DCE Paula Knaap presentation to Public Sector Assurance Forum
29 May	DCE Andrew Royle – one year update on MfR to ILANZ/Bell Gully GC Forum - Auckland
4 June	Chief Executive presentation to Council of Financial Regulators
5-6 June	Chief Executive meet with visiting Deputy-Director General of Health (Health Regulation) Singapore – NZ regulation approach
11 June	Chief Executive on conference panel at APHANZ conference
26 June	DCE Andrew Royle – one year update on MfR to ILANZ/Bell Gully GC Forum - Wellington
19 August	IPANZ webinar series – Chief Executive presentation as part of public service leaders' series.

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

Updates

Regulatory Standards Bill

For information

This week we provided a revised Cabinet paper on Wednesday for lodging for Monday's Cabinet meeting.

Waitangi Tribunal grants Regulatory Standards Bill urgency application – Wai 3440

The Tribunal has granted the application for urgent inquiry into the RSB claim, with a one-day hearing on Friday 6 June. This decision does not affect the government's ability to introduce the RSB at any point, s 9(2)(g)(i)

The next Crown steps in the inquiry are lodging the RIS and TIA within 48 hours of Cabinet drafting approval, then lodging Crown evidence by Wednesday 21 May. The inquiry is limited to whether either the process for developing the content of the RSB or the consultation process were a breach of the Treaty.

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

Regulatory Response Team

For information

As at 28 April 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 704 submissions on red tape issues, with 97 issues under active investigation.

We provided your advisors with an overview of the next quarter's reporting on 30 April. We will be providing you with an aide-mémoire next week with high level information on the Q3 reporting. We will then be incorporating any feedback on the draft report and publishing that information on our website in early May, including highlights of key pieces of work completed in the last quarter.

On 29 April, your joint press release with Minister Brown on the \$90million economic opportunity from Advertising at Medical Conferences was released, and was warmly welcomed on social media by BusinessNZ CEO Katherine Rich, and received coverage in trade media.

Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2025-105	RRT Weekly report for 30 April	30 April 2025
MFR2025-102	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	30 April 2025

Contact: Lucy Pritchard, Principal Advisor, Regulatory Reviews s 9(2)(a)

Telecommunications Review

For information

Targeted engagement on the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) ended on Monday, 28 April 2025. You and Minister Goldsmith have been provided with an updated ToR along and a draft Cabinet paper.

Following a request from Ministers' offices regarding the timeframe, the paper is now due to be considered by the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee (EXP) at its meeting on Tuesday, 20 May 2025. Ministerial and agency consultation, subject to joint ministers' approval is due to occur between 7 and 14 May.

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

Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

For information

There has been a strong media response following your post-Cabinet announcements last week.

Broadly the sector welcomed the recommendations and was encouraged to see action to remove compliance costs and address long-standing issues such as clarity of roles between regulators.

Concerns, particularly around consultation, centred on recommended licensing criteria revisions and flexibility of qualification requirements.

The Ministry of Education (MoE) will undertake consultation as part of their response and implementation of the recommendations.

We are continuing to work with MoE in relation to Recommendation 9: Revise licensing criteria to ensure they are proportionate, effective, and support quality without overburdening providers. MoE are carrying out further analysis on each of the licensing criteria, as we recommended, and have shared their findings with us.

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As MoE drafts new wording for licensing criteria, we will continue to provide feedback where the wording is not aligned to the intentions of the recommendations.

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

Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

For information

We have worked with your office and across agencies to address your feedback on the draft Cabinet paper.

We understand that the Minister for Food Safety has requested the addition of further proposals into the Cabinet paper, with this to be developed in parallel to ministerial consultation on the paper.

An updated copy was sent to your office on 30 April for ministerial consultation between 1 to 6 May 2025. We are undertaking departmental and Parliamentary Counsel Office consultation in parallel with ministerial consultation, with the aim to lodge the paper on 8 May for Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO) consideration on 14 May 2025.

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

Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review

For information

The Cabinet paper and associated documents have been lodged ahead of EXP on 6 May 2025.

Work is continuing with the Ministry of Health on implementation, and we are working on a communications plan to inform public announcements on the Review.

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