



Proactively Released

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	Status update
A2025-144	Make changes to Ag/Hort cabinet paper	2 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 of correspondence and RRT	14 May	In progress

Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2025-108	Information release: Cabinet paper and attachments - Policy Approvals for progressing a Regulatory Standards Bill	6 May
MFR2025-115	Regulatory Standards Bill: Draft Cabinet paper to introduce Bill	8 May

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2025-112	Regulatory Standards Bill: Draft LEG paper and talking points for introduction	14 May
MFR2025-114	Information release: Paper 1 ECE Regulatory Sector Review Recs and Next Steps	14 May
MFR2025-095	Talking points for Cabinet Economic Policy Committee on 14 May 2025	15 May
MFR2025-107	Update on reporting on portfolios' compliance with Cabinet's impact analysis requirements	15 May
MFR2025-111	Topics and next steps for regulatory reviews 5 and 6	15 May
MFR2025-099	The OECD Regulatory Policy Outlook 2025 and iREG survey results - Key findings and insights	22 May
MFR2025-116	Talking points for Cabinet paper and Terms of Reference - Telecommunications Regulatory Review	15 May

Announcements & Engagements

Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
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TBC	Wellington	RSB introduction to House	Ministerial press release MfR social media post
TBC (post 26 May)	Wellington	AgHort implementation – next steps announced after Cabinet paper	Joint Ministerial proactive release MfR web content & social media post
TBC (post 26 May)	Wellington	Telco Terms of Reference released – engagement on review formally begins	Joint Ministerial proactive release MfR web content & social media post
28 May	Auckland	Hairdressing & Barbering review – announcement of Cabinet decisions	Ministerial press release & 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
12 May	DCE Paula Knaap presentation to Public Sector Assurance Forum
13 May	Head of Regulatory System Capability Alex McMinn - Kapiti Coast District Council regulator services leadership
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

Following Cabinet policy approval, we provided a draft of a LEG paper to your office on 8 May and remain on track for lodging the paper on 14 May. A pack containing first reading speech, legislative statement, disclosure statement, final communications material and any other material for introduction will be provided in draft to your office on 15 May for finalisation by 21 May.

The Waitangi Tribunal was notified of the policy decisions taken by Cabinet on 7 May.

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

Regulatory Response Team / Red Tape Portal

For information

As at 6 May 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 713 submissions on red tape issues, with 98 issues under active investigation. The latest Regulatory Response Team (RRT) report was provided to your office on 7 May (MFR2025-113).

We presented the draft Q3 reporting on red tape issues at a meeting with your advisors last week. You will receive an aide-mémoire next week on this matter. The reporting will be published on our website within the next two weeks.

We are currently working with your office on the issues/engagements outlined below:

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Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2025-113	RRT Weekly report for advisors	7 May
RRT2024-436	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	7 May

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

Telecommunications Review

For information

The draft Terms of Reference (ToR) has been updated to reflect feedback from joint ministers to include the methodology of the Telecommunications Development Levy (TDL) in scope of the review.

Ministerial and agency consultation has commenced and is due to end on 14 May. Following consultation, the ToR is expected to be considered at Cabinet Business Committee (CBC) on Monday, 26 May and at Cabinet on 3 June.

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

Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

For information

Departmental, Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO), and ministerial consultation on the current draft of the Cabinet paper closed on Tuesday 6 May.

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Other feedback is primarily technical and is being addressed.

Following conversations with Department of the Prime Minister Cabinet (DMPC) and your office, the Cabinet paper will now be considered at EXP on 20 May, and Cabinet on 26 May. This allows time for some changes to be made to the paper, including more directly linking the actions underway to the review recommendations, reflecting the actions in support of key themes for improvement, and significantly reducing the length of the paper.

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

Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review

For information

The recommendations in the final report were approved at EXP on 6 May 2025, and will be considered by Cabinet on Monday 12 May.

In the meantime, we are organising stakeholder meetings about the recommendations, and next steps, ahead of your public announcement at the end of the month.

We are also working on the drafting of public health guidance s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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

Future Reviews

For information

A briefing covering proposals for reviews #5 and #6 will be provided to your office by 15 May.

The briefing will:

- s 9(2)(f)(iv) and will seek your agreement on the next steps to commence the review
- Provide advice on other sectors/topics that we consider could be candidates for regulatory review #6

- s 9(2)(f)(iv) You requested that we map the work underway in the sector and identify what gaps a review could usefully fill – this will be covered in the briefing.

Officials can be available to discuss the this at the Agency meeting on 19 May 2025.

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

Summary of Forward Plan for Cabinet

For information

As we have multiple work streams with papers going to Cabinet this month, we have provided a summary of committee and Cabinet dates through to the first week of June for your reference.

Workstream	May			June
	12-May	19-May	26-May	2-Jun
RSB		Cabinet 19 May		
Ag/Hort Review		EXP 20 May	Cabinet 26 May	
H&B Review	Cabinet 12 May			
Telco Review			CBC 26 May	Cabinet 3 June

committee
Cabinet

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Government Quarterly Plan

For information

The following updates were provided on 6 May for the report on the Government's Action Plan for Quarter 2 (April - June) in consultation with your office. The Ministry for Regulation is responsible for one action this quarter – Action 8.

Action 8: Introduce the Regulatory Standards Bill to improve the quality of regulation by ensuring regulatory decisions are based on principles of good law-making and economic efficiency.

Update Required				
Action #	Delivery Update <i>Please provide your progress update for this action</i>	Delivery Status		
8	On 5 May, Cabinet agreed to the recommendations set out in the <u>Cabinet submission “Progressing a Regulatory Standards Bill: Policy Approvals” [CAB-25-MIN-0148 refers]. Cabinet will consider a draft of the Bill on 19 May, with introduction to the House planned for the same day.</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
Regulatory Standards Bill: Approval for introduction	8	Regulation	Cabinet	19 May

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