



Proactively Released

Weekly Report

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| Week ending: | 16 May 2025 | Priority: | Medium |
| Security classification: | In confidence | Tracking number: | MFR2025-118 |

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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 |
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| A2025-147 | 14 May | Complete. A plan has been developed and is underway. |
| A2025-163 | | |

Briefings & Aides-mémoire

| Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation | | Date Delivered |
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| MFR2025-112 | Regulatory Standards Bill: Draft LEG paper and talking points for introduction | 14 May |
| MFR2025-095 | Talking points for the Cabinet paper on the Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review Omnibus Bill | 15 May |
| MFR2025-111 | Topics and next steps for regulatory reviews 5 and 6 | 15 May |
| MFR2025-122 | Regulatory Standards Bill: Update on Waitangi Tribunal and issues arising from departmental consultation | 16 May |
| MFR2025-123 | Responses to Standard Estimates Questionnaire | 16 May |

| Papers under development | | Due date |
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| MFR2025-120 | Regulatory Standards Bill: Legislative statement and House pack for first reading | 20 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 | 22 May |
| MFR2025-119 | Forward plan for the telecommunications regulatory review | 29 May |

Announcements & Engagements

Ministerial activity

| Date | Location | Details | Opportunity |
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| s 9(2)(f)(iv) | | | |
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| TBC | Wellington | RSB introduction to House | Ministerial press release MfR social media post |
| TBC (post 26 May) | Wellington | Ag/Hort 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 |
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| 21 May | Chief Executive and Head of Regulatory System Capability meeting with Childspace and ECE academics |
| 29 May | DCE Policy – 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 Policy – one year update on MfR to ILANZ/Bell Gully GC Forum - Wellington |

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

Updates

Regulatory Response Team / Red Tape Portal

For information

As of 13 May 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 713 submissions on red tape issues. The latest RRT report was provided to your office on 14 May. We are investigating the issue received from your office in relation s 9(2)(f)(iv) (RRT2025-715) and contacted the submitter this week on 15 May 2025.

Quarter 3 (Q3) Reporting

- We are now reporting quarterly on the information we receive through the Red Tape Portal
- We have gathered key insights from the over 700 submissions and as our data builds over the coming quarters will be able to provide further insights as to what is occurring across regulatory systems
- These medium and longer-term insights will be one indicator of agencies regulatory stewardship maturity/capability
- Insights will also help inform areas for change and determine where improvements in regulatory practice are making a difference for New Zealanders and where more needs to change
- We will present the insights to you, the public, agencies, and be clear for submitters to understand what is happening with the submissions
- We have included example slides from the Q3 report to demonstrate some of the insights in **Appendix 1**. Please note, this is not the full report.
- The report also includes data and insights on submitter location, industry and sector and agency referrals
- Seven submission investigations completed in Q3 have resulted in change/a potential future regulatory review or action that would warrant a case study (**Appendix 2**). We intend to publish case studies/highlights relating to these seven submissions
- We will be publishing the enhanced reporting within the next two weeks and will provide details to your office when published.

The Ministry has received over 1000 written parliamentary questions and Official Information Act requests since the Ministry was established, many of which relate to the Red Tape Portal. Providing detailed information about the red tape submissions will enable us to more effectively respond to these requests and in some cases prevent the need for some of these questions.

We are awaiting further direction from your office on the following issues:

- s 9(2)(f)(iv) **MFR2025-109**
- s 9(2)(f)(iv) **MFR2025-087**

The following items have been sent to your office in the past week:

| Reference | Title | Date delivered |
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| MFR2025-109 | s 9(2)(f)(iv) | 12 May |
| DSCOR3057 | s 9(2)(f)(iv) | 14 May |
| MFR2025-117 | RRT Weekly Report | 14 May |

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

Telecommunications Review

For information

Ministerial and agency consultation has commenced on the draft Cabinet paper and draft Terms of Reference.

Your office has agreed that this material will be considered at Cabinet Business Committee (CBC) on 26 May 2025 with Cabinet confirming any decisions on 3 June 2025. We are preparing material for any public announcement and proactive release of the briefings and Cabinet papers.

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

Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

For information

We have updated the draft Cabinet paper to:

- emphasise the linkages between actions underway to implement the Review's recommendations and the three key areas for change;
- added additional recommendations for ACVM and HSNO targets; and
- reduce the length of the paper and strengthen the narrative.

The paper has been lodged for consideration at Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO) on 21 May and Cabinet on 26 May.

Talking points have been provided to your office and we will work with your office to prepare for media announcement and proactive release of the Cabinet paper once decisions are made.

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

Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review

For information

Following Cabinet's approval of the Review's recommendations, we are preparing material for the public announcement on 28 May 2025.

We are continuing to work with the Ministry of Health on the public health guidance, and meetings have been set up with key stakeholders ahead of the announcement to discuss the recommendations and next steps.

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

Scrutiny week - Estimates hearing preparation

For information

On Tuesday, 17 June 2025 you are attending the Estimates hearing for Vote Regulation with the Finance and Expenditure Committee (FEC) at 9:15-10:00am. As part of scrutiny you are required to provide responses to Standard Estimates Questions (SEQ) and Supplementary Written Questions (SWQ).

The SEQ must be returned to the FEC by 23 May. We have provided the SEQ for your review and feedback this week.

The SWQ must be returned to the FEC by 11 June. Due to your overseas travel, these will be provided to you no later than 28 May for your review and feedback.

We will also provide you with a draft “hot topics” pack on 29 May to support your preparation for the hearing and have arranged for a hearing prep meeting on 16 June when you have returned.

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