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# Weekly Report

<b>Week ending:</b>	30 May 2025	<b>Priority:</b>	Medium
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<b>Recipient</b>		<b>Action sought</b>	
<b>Hon David Seymour</b> <b>MINISTER FOR REGULATION</b>		<b>Note</b> the contents of this report	

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**Minister's comments:**

## Actions

Action		Due	Status update
A2025-181	RSB: Draft a Ministerial consultation plan for the future stages of the RSB	30 May	In progress
A2025-182	Future reviews: Work up the next four future reviews options for Cabinet approval	June	In progress
A2025-192	Future reviews: MfR to work with MO on earlier Cabinet date	June	In progress
A2025-193	RSB: Provide factual information for letter that Minister will send to coalition partners	June	In progress
A2025-194	RSB: Prepare information to support Ministerial engagement	June	In progress
A2025-195	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	June	In progress

## Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2025-135	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	26 May
MFR2025-138	Draft Responses to Supplementary Written Questions	28 May
MFR2025-139	RSB: Initial briefing to select committee and responses to RRC	28 May
MFR2025-140	Interchange Issue	28 May
MFR2025-131	Draft Cabinet Paper on Sector Reviews in the 2025/26 Financial Year	29 May
MFR2025-137	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	29 May
MFR2025-130	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	30 May

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2025-134	Information Release: Regulatory Standards Bill - post-introduction of the Bill	4 June
MFR2025-119	Forward plan for the telecommunications regulatory review	5 June
MFR2025-129	Information release: ECO-25-SUB-0075 - Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review Omnibus Bill	5 June
MFR2025-126	Information release: EXP-25-SUB-0047 Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review Recommendations	12 June

# Announcements & Engagements

## Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
3 June	Wellington	Telco Terms of Reference (ToR) released – engagement on review formally begins	No announcement – MfR posting ToR on website, and informing stakeholders directly
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## Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
4 June	Chief Executive presentation to Council of Financial Regulators
5-6 June	Chief Executive to 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 | s 9(2)(a)

# Updates

## Regulatory Standards Bill

*For information*

The Bill had its first reading on 22 May 2025 and was referred to the Finance and Expenditure Committee (FEC). Submissions are now open for a period of four weeks. We continue to engage with the clerks to plan the approach to supporting the select committee process. We will keep your office informed as we find out further details, including on timeframes. FEC's decisions on timeframes will also enable us to do more detailed planning, together with your office, to support the progress of the Bill.

On Wednesday 28 May, we provided you with the draft initial briefing to FEC on the Bill, and the proposed responses to questions from the Regulations Review Committee for your awareness (MFR2025-139).

Contact: Pip Van Der Scheer, Manager, Regulatory Management System | s 9(2)(a)

## Future Reviews

*For information*

We have provided you with a draft Cabinet paper that seeks approval for the next four sector reviews. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

The only EXP meeting in June is on the 24<sup>th</sup>. If ministerial engagement is completed by 13 June, the Cabinet Paper can be sent to your office for lodging on 18 June.

We are continuing to engage with relevant agencies on these reviews and will undertake formal agency consultation in parallel with ministerial consultation.

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

## Telecommunications Review

*For information*

At its meeting on 3 June, Cabinet is expected to endorse the Cabinet Business Committee approval of the draft Terms of Reference on 26 May.

We understand that rather than public announcements following Cabinet decisions, your preference is for the Ministry to advise stakeholders of the Terms of Reference for this Review and start engagement. Preparation for this is well advanced and will start shortly after Cabinet decisions have been confirmed.

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

## Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review

### *For information*

Key stakeholders were advised of the findings of the Review ahead of your public announcement on Wednesday.

While some did not agree with the outcome, they were appreciative of the thorough process the Ministry had run. All groups we engaged with will take up the opportunity to review the draft guidance ahead of publication. This was anticipated and factored into the timeline.

Work continues on the draft guidance and the Order in Council to revoke the current regulations.

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

## Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

### *For information*

The Agricultural and Horticultural Review Omnibus Bill Cabinet paper was confirmed by the Economic Policy Committee on 21 May and confirmed by Cabinet on 26 May, and joint Ministers announced Cabinet decisions on 27 May.

We will monitor sector responses to Cabinet decisions and provide advice accordingly. We have proactively released the February Cabinet paper and key advice papers and are currently preparing to release the May Cabinet paper and relevant briefings.

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

## Industrial Hemp

### *For information*

The Ministry has been progressing analysis to support a targeted review of the industrial hemp regulations. We have engaged with some industry representatives to seek early information to inform policy analysis. We are looking for opportunities to accelerate the next steps and will advise your office on that next week.

On 29 April, you received a joint letter from the relevant industry groups expressing disappointment on the narrow scope of the review compared to the breadth of actions set out in their Hemp Industry Strategic Proposal for Regulatory Change (2023). We have engaged with a range of agencies to do an assessment of the Strategic Proposal, to both confirm the scope of our review and to understand cross-government work underway that may address broader issues. We have engaged with your office on this assessment, and how best to respond to the letter you received.

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## Regulatory Response Team / Red Tape Portal

### For information

Eight submissions from the public have been received through the Red Tape Portal in the week Monday 19 May to Monday 26 May.

The Ministry has received a total of 745 submissions on red tape issues. We are investigating issues relating to 142 public submissions. We have closed 501 submissions. The latest RRT report was provided to your office on 28 May (MFR2025-133).

The Q3 RRT reporting was published on the Ministry's website on 28 May 2025.

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

Title	Source	Date sent	Action awaited
Bicycle helmet regulations (RRT2025-0742) (MFR2025-136)	A direct commission from your office	To be sent by 30 May 2025	Decision on next steps
s 9(2)(f)(iv) (RRT2024-0470& 0452) (MFR2025-109)	Public submissions	12 May 2025	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
s 9(2)(f)(iv) (RRT2024-0455,0495,0507) (MFR2025-096)	Public submissions	15 April 2025	
s 9(2)(f)(iv) (RRT2024-0436) (MFR2025-087)	Public submission	10 April 2025	
s 9(2)(f)(iv) (RRT2024-0356) (MFR2025-041)	Public submission	28 March 2025	
s 9(2)(f)(iv) (RRT2024-0532) (MFR2025-068)	Public submission	28 March 2025	
s 9(2)(f)(iv) (RRT2024-0570) (MFR2025-036)	Public submission	28 March 2025	

We are actively working on the following issues. This is not a full view of all investigative work happening, only those that we will be providing you or your office with advice on:

Title	Source	Investigation stage
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## Draft Cabinet paper consultations

*For information*

Title	Probable Committee	Comment
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