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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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Minister's comments:

Actions

Action	Status update	Status update
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Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2025-184	Regulatory Standards Bill: Initial advice in response to submissions on the Bill	8 July
MFR2025-185	RRT Weekly Report 9 July 2025	9 July
MFR2025-187	Sector Reviews in the 2025/26 Financial Year	9 July
MFR2025-188	Regulatory Standards Bill – Draft Cabinet paper updating on approach to departmental report	9 July
MFR2025-147	Results of targeted engagement for telecommunications regulatory review	10 July

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2025-163	Response to Post-hearing questions: Estimates 2025-26	17 July
MFR205-183	Ministerial Satisfaction Survey	17 July
MFR2025-148	August update on the Telecommunications Regulatory Review	7 August

Announcements & Engagements

Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
July (TBC)	Wellington	Announcement of next sector review following Cabinet decision scheduled for 21 July	Ministerial PR Ministry website and LinkedIn
11 July	Kerikeri	Ministerial visit	
5 August	Auckland	Ministerial visit	Ministry will work with your office to identify suitable visit opportunities in the area
August (TBC)	Wellington	Update on Telco-scene setting for public consultation through online platform starts 22 August (date TBC)	Ministerial PR Ministry website and LinkedIn Ministry key stakeholders' email
August (TBC)	Wellington	Publication of red tape tipline quarterly report	Ministry website and LinkedIn
27-28 August	Australia	National Regulators Community of Practice conference: <i>Regulation 2025 to 2050: Disruption, Change, and Continuity</i>	

Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
W/C 7 July	Monthly update to external Telco stakeholders
W/C 14 July	Hairdressing and Barbering guidance due from Health officials Ministry to publicise with own stakeholders directly via email and publicly via LinkedIn and its website
31 July	Hairdressing and Barbering revocation of regulation takes effect Ministry to publicise with own stakeholders directly via email and publicly via LinkedIn
5 August	Chief Executive - Guest speaker at the FMA Board meeting in Auckland
6 August	Chief Economist – Guest lecturer Canterbury University (Economics Department)
13 August	Chief Executive - panellist with other central agency CEs - Crown Board Chairs Forum
19 August	Chief Executive - IPANZ/Hapai voices from the centre webinar
22 August (TBC)	Public consultation Telco review
27-28 August	Chief Executive presenting online/ Minister attending the National Regulators Community of Practice conference: <i>Regulation 2025 to 2050: Disruption, Change, and Continuity</i>

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Updates

Regulatory Standards Bill

For information

The Finance and Expenditure Select Committee hearings concluded on 10 July 2025. We were watching the livestream throughout to inform our summary of submissions. This week we provided you with the draft Cabinet paper to enable you to carry out consultation with your Ministerial colleagues between 10 July and 14 July 2025, and to lodge the paper to go straight to Cabinet on 21 July 2025.

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Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

For information

The Sector Leaders' Forum met for the second time on 10 July 2025. We attended the meeting as an observer. The key points covered in the meeting included:

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- Progress has been made on appointing an independent chair, with the intention for them to be in place for the next Forum meeting in September.
- Sector representatives signalled the importance of communicating the changes that are being made, the timeline for change, and demonstrating the impact that has resulted.
- Several areas were discussed where sector and agencies could work more collaboratively to support improving approval times.

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Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review

For information

The revocation of the Health (Hairdressers) Regulations 1980 was gazetted on 3 July 2025, with the revocation coming into force on 31 July 2025. The Ministry of Health is progressing the public health guidance for the industry through its internal sign-out processes, after our drafting of the guidance and leading it through consultation with industry stakeholders and infection control experts.

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Telecommunications Review

For information

Targeted engagement with stakeholders has largely been completed. You and Minister Paul Goldsmith received a briefing on 10 July 2025, summarising the key themes and direction of travel for the review (MFR2025-147).

Key findings and options are now being developed, with Ministers due to receive this advice by 7 August 2025.

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Future Reviews

For information

Ministerial and coalition consultation on the Future Reviews Cabinet concluded on 7 July 2025. Following discussions with you on 8 July 2025, the paper was updated to reflect feedback and lodged on 10 July 2025. The paper will be discussed by the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee on 14 July 2025, and by Cabinet on 21 July 2025.

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Regulatory Response Team / Red Tape Portal

For information

The Ministry has received a total of 807 submissions to date. We currently have 35 investigations underway, investigating issues relating to 101 public submissions. We have closed 636 submissions. The latest RRT report was provided to your office on 9 July (MFR2025-185).

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

Table 1: Issues awaiting further direction from your office

Title	Source	Date advice sent	Action awaited
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We are actively investigating the following issues. This is not a full view of all investigative work that is occurring, only those that we will be providing you or your office with advice on shortly.

Table 2: Issues under investigation

Title	Source	Investigation stage
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Playground equipment standards (RRT2025-0714)	Commission from your office	Drafting Advisor briefing
Lead-free product requirements for plumbers (RRT2025-0697)	Commission from your office	Drafting Advisor briefing
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Swimming pool fencing compliance (RRT2024-0719)	Commission from your office	Drafting Advisor briefing

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