



Weekly Report

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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 date	Status update
A2025-260	Confirm Work Programme internally and provide memo/briefing with final Work Programme for Minister's signature	August	In progress
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Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date delivered
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MFR2025-213	Regulatory Standards Bill – Updated Cabinet paper and departmental report	30 July
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MFR2025-207	Regulatory Reviews Framework - Scope and Approach	31 July
MFR2025-206	Regulatory Standards Bill: Examples of assessing proposed legislation against the takings principle	1 August

Papers under development		Due date
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MFR2025-209	RegRoom official launch	7 August
MFR2025-148	August update on the Telecommunications Regulatory Review	7 August
MFR2025-204	Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets Declaration – 30 June 2025	11 August
MFR2025-194	Report on portfolios' compliance with Cabinet's impact analysis requirements	13 August

Announcements & Engagements

Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
31 July	Wellington	Publication of red tape tipline quarterly report	MfR website
TBC week starting 4 August	Wellington	Joint announcement with Minister Penk on garden sheds, with events of tipline quarterly report	Ministerial PR
TBC August	Wellington	Update on Telecommunications Review – scene setting for online public consultation	Ministerial PR MfR website and LinkedIn MfR key stakeholders' email
21 August	Wellington	Online public consultation starts on draft options	Ministerial PR MfR website and LinkedIn MfR key stakeholders' email
26 August	Christchurch	Ministerial address to the Canterbury Club	Speech
27-28 August	Australia	National Regulators Community of Practice conference: <i>Regulation 2025 to 2050: Disruption, Change, and Continuity</i>	Speech

Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
5 August	Chief Executive – Guest speaker at the Financial Markets Authority 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 webinar – IPANZ/Hapai voices from the centre
TBC 21 August	Public consultation Telecommunications 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>

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

Updates

Regulatory Standards Bill

For information

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The paper was lodged on 31 July for Cabinet on Monday 4 July.

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

Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

For discussion

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

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Telecommunications Review

For information

We have finished direct engagement with stakeholders to gather information to help inform a set of options. We are currently working through our initial draft findings and options with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, and the Commerce Commission.

We will provide you with a briefing on 7 August 2025 prior to our meeting with you on 12 August 2025 and the joint Ministers' meeting on 13 August 2025.


Public consultation is due to begin in the final week of August on options for change.

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

Industrial Hemp

For information

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We will provide you with an update on next steps as soon as possible.

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

Product Labelling Review

For information

On 21 July 2025 Cabinet agreed for product labelling to be the Ministry's next regulatory review. We provided you last week with a forward plan and engagement approach to the Terms of Reference (MFR2025-191).

The Product Labelling questionnaire went live on 30 July 2025, and the link has been sent to our stakeholders. We are in the process of scheduling and meeting with targeted regulated parties and industry groups.

Contact: Justine Fitzmaurice, Manager, Regulatory Reviews | s 9(2)(a)

Regulatory Response Team / Red Tape Portal

For information

As of 29 July 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 834 submissions. We currently have 37 investigations underway (relating to 125 public submissions). We have closed 644 submissions and have 65 submissions awaiting closure or investigation.

Q4 and FY24/25 reporting

We have published our Q4 and the FY24/25 full year statistics for the Red Tape Portal on the Ministry’s website². This reporting includes insights and data on:

- the overall number of submissions we have received
- the key themes and industry sectors of submissions
- a summary of what we have done with each submission (including referrals)
- demographic information on submitters.

Key messaging to support this reporting (including announcements about garden sheds) will be released on 4 August 2025, pending agreement with your office.

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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, and encompasses only those that we will be providing advice to you or your office on shortly:

Table 2: Issues under investigation

Title	Source	Investigation stage
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² <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/about-us/our-publications/red-tape-submissions-quarterly-report-202425-quarter-4-1-april-30-june/>

Title	Source	Investigation stage
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Swimming pools (frequency of inspections/compliance requirements) (MFR2025-186)	Investigation into public submissions	Investigating
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