



# Weekly Report

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**Action sought**

**Hon David Seymour**  
**MINISTER FOR REGULATION**

**Note** the contents of this report

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**Minister's comments:**

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## Actions

| Action        |                                                            | Due date | Status update |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| A2025-268     | RegRoom: Send Minister his log in details and a slide pack | August   | Complete.     |
| s 9(2)(f)(iv) |                                                            |          |               |
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## Briefings & Aides-mémoire

| Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation |                                                                                   | Date delivered |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| MFR2025-255                                     | Regulatory Standards Bill - Response to question from FEC                         | 15 September   |
| MFR2025-260                                     | List of potential opportunities to progress deregulatory options                  | 17 September   |
| MFR2025-243                                     | Draft Product Labelling Review Terms of Reference                                 | 18 September   |
| MFR2025-256                                     | Submission to the 2026 Review of the Standing Orders                              | 18 September   |
| s 9(2)(f)(iv)                                   |                                                                                   |                |
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| MFR2025-262                                     | Government response to review of electricity market performance<br>Talking Points | 19 September   |

| Papers under development |                                                   | Due date     |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| MFR2025-244              | Final Hospitality Review Terms of Reference       | 25 September |
| s 9(2)(f)(iv)            |                                                   |              |
| MFR2025-245              | Final Product Labelling Review Terms of Reference | 30 September |
| s 9(2)(f)(iv)            |                                                   |              |

# Announcements & Engagements

## Ministerial activity

| Date               | Location                        | Details                                                                                       | Opportunity                                                          |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 30 September – TBC | N/A                             | Product Labelling review - publishing of terms of reference and summary of engagement to date | Ministerial Press Release / Ministry web copy / LinkedIn             |
| 10 October – TBC   | TBD – business / training venue | Announce next review                                                                          | Joint ministerial media stand up / Press Release + Ministry web copy |

## Ministry for Regulation activity

| Date               | Details                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 25 September       | Closure of public consultation on Telecommunication Review options.                                                                          |
| 30 September – TBC | Publish terms of reference and summary of engagement Product Labelling Review and accompanying Ministry publicity                            |
| 10 October – TBC   | Announce next review - publish terms of reference                                                                                            |
| 22 October         | NZIER webinar – Manager Regulatory Stewardship. NZIER third in a series. Topic: Regulatory Stewardship – fit for purpose in a changing world |

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

# Updates

## Telecommunications Review

*For information*

The Review team has so far received eight submissions in response to the consultation. We understand that most regulated parties are still preparing their submissions, and we expect to receive the majority of submissions in the final week of the consultation. Submissions close on 25 September 2025. The submissions will inform the Review's key findings and draft recommendations, 9(2)(f)(iv)

Contact: Cherie Engelbrecht, Acting Manager, Regulatory Reviews S 9(2)(a)

## Industrial Hemp

*For information*

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## Product Labelling Review

*For information*

We have completed final consultation with agencies on the draft Terms of Reference. We provided this to you on 18 September 2025 for your approval alongside a Summary of Engagement Report and are awaiting any feedback you may have for officials.

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

## Hospitality Review

*For information*

We expect to provide you with the final version of the Terms of Reference on 25 September 2025, following targeted Ministerial consultation. We have already received Minister Stanford's feedback and updated the document accordingly. We are awaiting confirmation from your office on further feedback from your Ministerial colleagues, any feedback needs to be received by 24 September, noting that any delays may affect our planned delivery of the finalised Terms of Reference for the 25 September deadline.

Our communications team will work with your office on a potential date and location for the announcement before the Review formally begins on 6 October.

Contact: Nicola Blackburn, Acting Manager, Regulatory Reviews S 9(2)(a)

## Regulatory Response Team / Red Tape Tipline

### *For information*

As of 17 September 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 1268 submissions on red tape issues. We currently have 35 investigations underway (relating to 178 public submissions).

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## Shout-out from the Irish

### *For information*

This year we have been growing our relationship with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (DoETE) in Ireland. We see them as a like-minded agency and that there are opportunities for us to each learn from each other's work.

As part of growing this relationship, we have shared our thoughts on work DoETE are doing on competitiveness and productivity. Their work has culminated in an Action Plan that has now been agreed by their Government and published (link below), which includes a full page about the Ministry for Regulation and Regulatory Standards Bill<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> See page 73: <https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/publications/publication-files/action-plan-on-competitiveness-and-productivity.pdf>