



Weekly Report

Proactively Released

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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 date	Status update
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Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation	Date delivered
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Papers under development		Due date
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MFR2025-273	Talking points for meeting with Hon Goldsmith on 15 October re Telecommunications Recommendations	9 October
MFR2025-274	Information Release: Product Labelling Regulatory Review - Key Advice Papers relating to the Terms of Reference and Summary of Engagement	9 October
MFR2025-266	Vote Regulation: October Baseline Update	10 October

Announcements & Engagements

Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
10 / 13 October	Auckland / Wellington	Announce next review	Joint ministerial media stand up/ Press Release + Ministry web copy
October - November	Various	Ongoing Ministerial engagement with hospitality sector	Regional events with chambers / hospitality businesses.

Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
6 October – TBC	Publish terms of reference and summary of engagement Product Labelling Review and accompanying Ministry publicity
10 / 13 October	Announce next review - publish terms of reference and engagement hub opens for consultation
22 October	New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER) webinar – <i>Regulatory Stewardship – fit for purpose in a changing world</i> (Manager, Regulatory Stewardship to speak)

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Monthly highlights for September 2025

Delivery Highlights

Enactment and implementation of the Regulatory Standards Bill (RSB)

- Implementation work continued at pace, including advice to you on new proposed processes around consistency accountability statements, embedding RSB principles in the policy system and the approach to granting exemptions
- Further advice provided to the Finance and Expenditure Committee (FEC) throughout September in response to FEC questions and in relation to drafting revisions

4 Sector Reviews per annum

Telecommunications

- Public consultation completed, with feedback from 28 submitters currently being analysed

Product Labelling

- Summary of engagement prepared and submitted to you

Hospitality

- Final terms of reference, incorporating feedback from Ministerial consultation, signed off

16 Deregulatory outcomes

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- Batch of 6 new deregulatory opportunities identified and presented to you for your approval to progress

Building system capability

- RegRoom launched at Wellington event
 - Ministerial press release on RegRoom launch, noting international praise for content
 - Two new learning modules published through the RegRoom to raise regulator capability
- Chief Executive on panel at Financial Services Council Annual Conference
- Chief Executive presented guest lecture at Victoria University of Wellington School of Government

Updates

Regulatory Standards Bill

For information

We have initiated engagement with agencies for the purposes of identifying legislation that may be suitable for exemption from the RSB, via the issuing of a Notice.

This is in line with the proposed approach set out in MFR2025-252 *Regulatory Standards Bill - revised process for developing advice on exemptions*. The approach, in summary, will involve:

- Engaging with agencies to identify possible exemptions during October, with reference to the framework contained in MFR2025-235 *Regulatory Standards Bill - Proposed framework for considering exemptions*;
- Subsequent to agency engagement, providing you with advice on possible exemptions;
- Subject to your decisions on this advice, drafting a Cabinet paper seeking approval for the contents of an initial Notice, with agency and Ministerial consultation on the draft Cabinet paper occurring after Royal Assent of the Bill.

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Early Childhood Education (ECE) Review

For information

As commissioned by your office, we are providing input into a briefing that the Ministry of Education is developing on proposed changes to the licensing criteria for ECE centre-based services. You are due to receive the briefing on 10 October 2025.

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Agricultural and Horticultural Review

For information

Following your meeting with the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for Food Safety on 30 September 2025, we are supporting agencies to provide an informative report on the implementation of the Review's recommendations. This will be provided for the third Sector Leaders Forum meeting on 13 October 2025 and shared with you as Joint Review Minister.

We are meeting with the Independent Chair of the Sector Leaders Forum on 6 October 2025 to brief him on the Review, its recommendations, and our expectations for the forum and his role.

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Telecommunications Review

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Industrial Hemp

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Product Labelling Review

For information

The Terms of Reference for the Review has now been formally confirmed following Ministerial consultation. Agencies have been notified of this outcome.

We plan to publicly release the Terms of Reference on our website and our LinkedIn page on 6 October 2025. Once the Terms of Reference is publicly released, we will email all stakeholders who participated in the consultation process to inform them that the scope has now been confirmed.

The Review team has commenced investigations into key issues and is actively engaging with agencies as the work progresses.

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Hospitality Review

For information

Agencies have been sent the finalised Terms of Reference. Starting on the week of 6 October 2025, we will be undertaking stakeholder engagement including meeting with Hospitality New Zealand, Restaurant Association of New Zealand, and the Hotel Council Aotearoa ahead of the Review's announcement.

Our communications team has provided your office with a draft press release and supporting information. We await confirmation of the announcement date and location.

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Regulatory Response Team / Red Tape Tipline

For information

As of 1 October 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 1,289 submissions on red tape issues. We currently have 31 investigations underway (relating to 194 public submissions).

Some of the issues the Ministry is currently investigating include:

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