



Weekly Report

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Hon David Seymour
MINISTER FOR REGULATION

Action sought

Note the contents of this report

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Minister's comments:

Actions

Action		Due date	Status update
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A2025-327	RSB Board: MfR to scope draft Terms of Reference for the Board	October	In progress
A2025-328	Progressing deregulatory options: MfR to further develop options and discuss with the Office	17 October	In progress

Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date delivered
MFR2025-274	Information Release: Product Labelling Regulatory Review - Key Advice Papers relating to the Terms of Reference and Summary of Engagement	9 October
MFR2025-275	Regulatory Standards Bill Implementation: Supporting early impact of the Regulatory Standards Board	9 October
MFR2025-279	Updated view of Ministry for Regulation position in relation to changes to the Licensing Criteria for centre-based services proposed by the Ministry of Education	9 October
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MFR2025-278	Information Release: Regulatory Standards Bill – proactive release of material following Select Committee report-back on the Bill	10 October

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2025-273	Talking points for meeting with Hon Goldsmith on 15 October re Telecommunications Recommendations	13 October
MFR2025-266	Vote Regulation: October Baseline Update	16 October
MFR2025-277	Regulatory Standards Bill: proposed approach to implementing Subpart 3 - regulatory stewardship and plans for regularly reviewing legislation	23 October
MFR2025-268	Further decisions on non-statutory requirements to support the Regulatory Standards Bill [name TBC]	23 October
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Announcements & Engagements

Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
10 / 13 October TBC	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
10 / 13 October TBC	Announce next review - publish terms of reference and engagement hub opens for consultation
13 October	First Agricultural and Horticultural Sector Leaders Forum with new independent chair
October- November	Ongoing engagement direct and online with Hospitality sector
22 October	New Zealand Institute of Economic Research webinar – Manager Regulatory Stewardship: <i>Regulatory Stewardship – fit for purpose in a changing world</i>
23 October	Institute of Directors Wellington Branch – Chief Executive - Guest speaker at next Senior Directors and Distinguished Fellow lunch - Reflections on journey to date
3 November	Business New Zealand – Chief Executive - 25th Anniversary of the Voice of Business
5 November	Rā Ratonga Tūmatanui Public Service Day Awards 2025 Chief Executive

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Updates

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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 (MoE) is developing on proposed changes to the Licensing Criteria for Early Childhood Education (ECE) centre-based services. You are due to receive the briefing on 10 October 2025. We are also starting conversations with MoE and the Education Review Office around the report due back by December 2025 on the implementation of the review to the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee.

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Telecommunications Review

For information

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We plan to discuss our advice with you at the Agency meeting this week, prior to the joint Ministers meeting on Wednesday. Talking points will be provided to support the meeting with Minister Goldsmith.

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

Product Labelling Review

For information

The Product Labelling Review Terms of Reference (ToR) and Summary of Engagement Report were publicly released on 6 October 2025. These documents were also sent via email to all stakeholders who participated in the consultation. Prior to publication, the ToR was shared with the Australian High Commissioner, via the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, along with an invitation to engage should they have any follow-up questions.

The Review team is continuing its investigations across all scope areas. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Hospitality Review

For information

This week we had successful meetings with Hospitality New Zealand, the Restaurant Association, and the Hotel Council of New Zealand, who are all welcoming news of the review. We are also in the process of organising meetings with the organisations representing chefs, speciality coffee businesses, and food trucks, as well as Clubs New Zealand and the New Zealand Alcohol Beverage Council.

Material to support the announcement has been prepared and is ready for release once a date and location have been confirmed.

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Regulatory Response Team / Red Tape Tipline

For information

As of 8 October 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 1,311 submissions on red tape issues. We currently have 31 investigations underway (relating to 194 public submissions).

Some of the issues we are currently investigating are:

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Early in Careers Recruitment Update

The recruitment and selection processes for our internship and graduate roles has now concluded.

We have appointed four summer interns through two existing public service internship programmes. Two have been appointed through the Analytics and Research in Government (ARG) programme (coordinated by the Ministry of Social Development) and two have been appointed through the Tupu Tai policy internship programme (coordinated by the Ministry of Business,

Innovation and Employment). The interns will join us for 11 weeks beginning in mid-November. The interns will be joining three teams:

- Digital and Insights
- Policy
- Regulatory Reviews

We have also appointed five graduates as part of our inaugural graduate programme. We received a large number (372) of high-quality applicants and ran a robust process to select the final five.

Appendix 1 provides an overview of the candidates and process, including more detail about our successful applicants.

Our graduates will be joining the following teams in February 2026 for a two-year programme:

- Economics
- Reviews and System Capability
- Ministerial Services
- Digital and Insights

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Draft Cabinet paper consultations

Draft Cabinet papers that we have been consulted on will appear here.

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New or updated papers

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