

## Ministry for Regulation Weekly Report – 23 January 2026

<b>Week ending</b>	23 January 2026	<b>Priority</b>	Medium
<b>Security classification</b>	In confidence	<b>Tracking number</b>	MFR2026-009

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Action sought</b>
Hon David Seymour <b>Minister for Regulation</b>	<b>Note</b> the contents of this report

### Contact for discussion if required

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Aisling Risdon	Head of Ministerial and Strategic Services	s 9(2)(a)

### Comments



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## Actions

Reference	Action	Due date	Status update
A2025-403	RSA exclusions: MfR to revisit RSA exclusion categories	22/01/2026	Partially complete – MFR2026-011
A2025-387	Product Labelling: MfR to provide more information on first principles/zero-basing analysis done as part of the review	29/01/2026	In progress
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Contact: Aisling Risdon, Head of Ministerial and Strategic Services, s 9(2)(a)

## Papers delivered and under development

### Delivered to the Minister for Regulation

Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2026-001	Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation on implementing the Regulatory Standards Act	22/01/2026
MFR2026-004	Further advice on Regulatory Review 8	22/01/2026
MFR2026-010	Telecommunications Regulatory Review revised draft Cabinet paper	22/01/2026
MFR2026-012	Confirming the shortlist for interview of the Regulatory Standards Board	22/01/2026

### Delivered to the Minister's office

Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2026-011	Update on approach to exclusions to the Regulatory Standards Act 2025	22/01/2026

### Under development

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2026-006	Illustrative examples of analysis in draft Regulatory Standards Act templates	26/01/2026
MFR2026-007	Further decisions to exclusions to the RSA	28/01/2026
MFR2025-313	Product Labelling Review Final Report	29/01/2026
MFR2026-013	Draft Strategic Intentions 2026/27-2029/30	29/01/2026
MFR2026-005	Regulatory Standards Act: Exempting Government amendment papers from CAS requirements	05/02/2026

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## Announcements & Engagements

### Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
TBC Cabinet 11 February	Wellington	Announcement of Telecommunication Regulatory Review outcomes	Work with Minister's office on when/what decisions announcement would look like

### Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
January	Ongoing Hospitality Review sector engagement
March	University career expos , Auckland, Waikato, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin
24 March	Chief Economist presentation - Environment and Resource Management Law Update Conference

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

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## Updates

### Regulatory Standards Board establishment

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*For information*

Applications for the Regulatory Standards Board closed on 14 January 2026, with 138 applications received.

Overall, we found the quality of the applicants to be of a very high quality.

You received a briefing this week confirming a shortlist of candidates suitable for interview and seeking your selection of 18 candidates to progress to interview by the panel [MFR2026-012 refers].

Interviews are scheduled to start on the week of 9 February 2026.

Contact: Anshuman Chakraborty, Head of Legal & Board Establishment, s 9(2)(a)

### Hospitality Review

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*For information*

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Your office extended an invitation to Ministers for us to meet with them to take them through the issues and our proposed approach to the Review. Minister Hoggard has said there is no need for a meeting. We are meeting with Minister McKee on 29 January 2026; and your office is following up on the invitation with Minister Upston.

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Contact: Hannah McGlue, Manager Regulatory Reviews, s 9(2)(a)

### Telecommunications Review

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*For information*

Following further discussions between your office and Minister Goldsmith's office we have provided you with an updated Cabinet Paper and a cover briefing outlining the changes from our original recommendations. We understand that Minister Goldsmith will not see the advice until next week, as he is not receiving any papers this weekend. The Cabinet Paper is due to be considered at the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee on 11 February 2026.

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

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## Product Labelling Review

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### *For information*

The final report draft was sent to agencies on 16 January 2026, with feedback due by 23 January 2026. We will provide you with the report and Cabinet paper on 30 January 2026.

We are continuing to engage with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and other key agencies on the digital labelling trial under the Food Act 2014. Consultation on that trial closed on 19 December 2025 and MPI is currently reviewing the submissions and preparing a summary of them for Ministers. We understand MPI is also developing a process to take expressions of interest in participating in the trial, and we will continue to engage with them about progress on this.

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

## Future reviews

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### *For information*

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We are currently working on terms of reference for Review 7 and have provided you with a briefing this week about the possible topics for Review 8 [MFR2026-004 refers], which we would like to discuss with you at our next Agency meeting on 27 January 2025.

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

## Red Tape Tipline

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### *For information*

As of 21 January 2026, the Ministry has received a total of 1,511 submissions on potential red tape issues. We currently have 64 low-complexity reviews underway (relating to 188 public submissions). You will receive the next deregulatory bundle in February.

Some of the issues we are currently reviewing include:

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