



## Ministry for Regulation Weekly Report – 20 February 2026

<b>Week ending</b>	20 February 2026	<b>Priority</b>	Medium
<b>Security classification</b>	In confidence	<b>Tracking number</b>	MFR2026-035

<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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### Comments

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## Actions

Reference	Action	Due date	Status update
A2026-018	Provide options on next steps for the Product Labelling Review	February	In progress

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
MFR2026-005	Regulatory Standards Act: Exempting Government amendment papers from CAS requirements	18/02/2026
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MFR2026-031	Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets 31 December 2025	19/02/2026
MFR2026-032	Regulatory Standards Act implementation: Updated draft of section 26 guidance to share with Attorney-General	19/02/2026

### Delivered to the office of the Minister for Regulation

Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2026-033	How the Regulatory Standards Act applies to Local Government	20/02/2026

### Under development

Reference	Title	Due date
MFR2026-034	Meeting Cabinet's Impact Analysis Requirements - Second report	25/06/2026
MFR2026-030	Low Complexity Reviews Deregulatory Options Bundle - February 2026	25/02/2026
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## Announcements & Engagements

### Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
24 February	Auckland	NZ Building Industry Federation and GS1 New Zealand BA5 event	Speech: Digital labelling - implications for building and construction
26 February	Wellington	All of Local Government Conference	Speech: talking points on regulatory issues for local government
12 March (TBC)	Wellington	Hospitality Summit	Speech (TBC) to the hospitality industry
March (TBC)	Wellington	Announcement of Telecommunication Regulatory Review outcome	Joint announcement with Minister Goldsmith of the report findings and Cabinet decisions
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### Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
20 February	Chief Advisor meeting visiting Morgan Stanley
Throughout February	Hospitality sector engagement continues including regional visits
4 March	Chief Executive meeting American Chamber of Commerce in Australia health delegation
4 March	Senior Leadership team members meeting American Chamber of Commerce in Australia digital delegation
11 March	Chief Executive meeting head of Business Canterbury
12 March	Ministry event with MartinJenkins on AI use in regulation
12 March (TBC)	Ministry speaking at and hosting a workshop at Hospitality Summit
Throughout March	Extensive programme of university career expos

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

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## Updates

### Establishment of the Regulatory Standards Board

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#### *For information*

Interviews with the shortlisted candidates for the Board were completed this week. The calibre of the candidates was very high.

A briefing summarising the panel's assessment of the candidates will be provided to you on 27 February, along with a draft paper for the Appointments and Honours Committee (APH).

Please note the lodgement date for the APH paper is 19 March ahead of the APH meeting on 24 March.

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

### Hospitality Review

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#### *For information*

Our face-to-face engagement with stakeholders in Auckland and the Far North, including meeting with different businesses owners at their businesses, has been moved to next week due to flight cancellations this week. The following week we have in-person engagement in Queenstown and Central Otago.

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On Wednesday, the Member's Bill *Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Sales on Anzac Day Morning, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Christmas Day) Amendment Bill* passed its second reading. It will go through the Committee of the Whole House stage on the next Member's Day. We are watching progress of the Bill closely and will ensure our public consultation document reflects the outcome.

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

### Telecommunications Review

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#### *For information*

We understand that Minister Goldsmith has agreed to progress Recommendation 11 regarding simplifying the levy methodologies and to not progress Recommendation 12 regarding raising the levy threshold and that you support these decisions. We have provided your office with an updated Cabinet Paper reflecting these decisions so that Ministerial Consultation can commence.

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<sup>1</sup> MFR2025-310 refers

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The paper is due to be lodged on 26 February to be considered by the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO) on 4 March.

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

## Product Labelling Review

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### *For information*

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. We understand that you have seen and have provided feedback on the latest briefing. We are advised that the EOI process is expected to commence very soon. We will continue to engage with MPI throughout the trial.

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

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## Red Tape Tipline

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### *For information*

As of 18 February 2026, the Ministry has received a total of 1,537 submissions on potential red tape issues. We currently have 34 low-complexity reviews underway (relating to 192 public submissions). You will receive the next deregulatory bundle on 26 February 2026.

Some of the issues we are currently reviewing include:

- s 9(2)(f)(iv)
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We continue to focus on ways to improve the accessibility, information gathered and insights and action delivered via the Red Tape Tipline. Accordingly, we are making some improvements to the submission form alongside improvements to our internal processes.

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