



Ministry for Regulation Weekly Report – 27 February 2026

Week ending	27 February 2026	Priority	Medium
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Recipient	Action sought
Hon David Seymour Minister for Regulation	Note 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
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
MFR2026-034	Second report on portfolios' compliance with Cabinet's impact analysis requirements	25/02/2026
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MFR2026-039	Regulatory Standards Act implementation: Updated draft section 26 guidance for referral to Attorney-General	25/02/2026
MFR2026-030	Low Complexity Reviews Summary - February 2026	26/02/2026
MFR2026-037	RSA Implementation: Summary of underpinning analysis document	26/02/2026
MFR2026-042	Regulatory Standards Board – assessment of interviewed candidates	27/02/2026

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Reference	Title	Date delivered
nil	(A2026-043) Additional content ahead of GS1 event	23/02/2026
nil	Regulatory Standards Board chew session 26 February 2026	25/02/2026

Under development

Reference	Title	Due date
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MFR2026-038	RSA Implementation: Initial Exclusion Notice Cabinet Paper for ministerial consultation	05/03/2026
MFR2026-040	Talking Points for Telecommunications Review Cabinet Paper	05/03/2026

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Announcements & Engagements

Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
10 March (TBC)	Wellington	Announcement of Telecommunications Regulatory Review outcomes	Announcement of the report findings and Cabinet decisions
12 March	Wellington	Hospitality Summit	Speech (TBC) to the hospitality industry
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Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
4 March	Chief Executive meeting American Chamber of Commerce Australian health delegation
4 March	Senior Leadership Team members meeting American Chamber of Commerce Australian digital delegation
11 March	Chief Executive meeting the head of Business Canterbury
12 March	Ministry event with Martin Jenkins on AI use in regulation
12 March (TBC)	Ministry speaking at and hosting a workshop at the Hospitality Summit
13 March	Deputy Chief Executive Policy presenting at the Government Legal Network Conference
24 March	Chief Economist presenting at the Environment and Resource Management Law Update Conference
25 March	Chief Economist guest lecture at the Auckland University of Technology - first year economics course
25 March	Deputy Chief Executive Organisational Enablement and Chief Economist presenting at MinterEllisonRuddWatts' thought leadership event with private sector clients
Throughout March	Extensive programme of university career expos

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Updates

Meeting with Enterprise Singapore

For information

Ministry For Regulation officials met online with Singaporean counterparts to share ideas and build understanding of how each jurisdiction is approaching its regulation portfolio work. We shared progress on implementing the Regulatory Standards Act and undertaking reviews. There was significant interest in both and follow up requests for information on our approach to both selecting and undertaking reviews.

From the Singaporeans, we heard about recent pro-business initiatives to bring together business, Ministers and senior public service views; working with cross-Ministerial groups; mandating specific lead agencies to deal with issues that fall between agencies; the value of international comparators; and licensing work to drive consistent service standards across agencies (e.g. efforts to standardise a maximum 30-day time limit to process licence applications); extending the life of approvals (e.g. defaulting to longer licencing periods including considering "lifetime" approvals); and efforts to reduce the need for sequential regulatory approvals and duplication arising from citizens' engagement with multiple agencies.

Contact: Andrew Royle, Deputy Chief Executive Policy, S 9(2)(a)

Hospitality Review

For information

Our face-to-face engagement with stakeholders in Auckland and the Far North was incredibly successful. Stakeholders were engaged and supportive of the Review and gave us good ideas about how to address the identified issues. Next week we have in-person engagements in Queenstown and Central Otago.

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Telecommunications Review

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Product Labelling Review

For information

The Review team met with you on 3 February 2026 to discuss your feedback on the report. We met with your advisors this week to discuss our updates based your feedback.

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 expression of interest 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

For information

As of 25 February 2026, the Ministry has received a total of 1,546 submissions on potential red tape issues. We currently have 33 low-complexity reviews underway (relating to 195 public submissions). You have received the latest deregulatory bundle of issues this week (MFR2026-030 refers).

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