



## Updated Cabinet paper: “Implementation of the Regulatory Standards Act: Strengthening and streamlining processes for making and reviewing regulation”

<b>Date</b>	3 March 2026	<b>Priority</b>	Medium
<b>Security classification</b>	In confidence	<b>Tracking number</b>	MFR2026-045
<b>Attachments</b>	Annex 1: draft Cabinet paper		

### Action sought

Required from	Action
Peter Clark Private Secretary, Minister for Regulation	<b>Note</b> the enclosed information <b>Commence</b> ministerial consultation

### Contact for discussion if required

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Minister’s office to complete

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Noted          | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs change      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For discussion | <input type="checkbox"/> No further action |

Comments

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### Background

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1. In January we provided a draft Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation: "Implementation of the Regulatory Standards Act: Strengthening and streamlining processes for making and reviewing regulation" [MFR2026-001].
2. The statutory guidance has now been shared with the Attorney-General, and so we are providing you with an updated draft of the Cabinet paper for the purposes of ministerial consultation for when the Attorney-General's approval is received.

### Changes made to the draft Cabinet paper

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3. We have made the following changes to the draft Cabinet paper:
  - **Including a proposal to revoke the Climate Implications of Policy Assessment (CIPA) circular:** On 27 February you requested that we update the Cabinet paper to include a proposal to revoke this circular, which we have now done. Note we have left a section in square brackets (at paragraph 28) for the Minister's office to include a rationale for revoking the circular. We have engaged with the Ministry for the Environment to alert them to the proposal.
  - **Including a Ministry of Justice comment on the removal of disclosure statements:** We have incorporated a comment in the consultation section from the Ministry of Justice on the removal of disclosure statements and the implications for disclosure of certain matters (such as offences and penalties, courts jurisdiction, and privacy issues). The Ministry of Justice have made minor updates to their comment.
  - **Minor changes relating to regulatory system stewardship and review of legislation:** We have made minor changes in this section in line with the policy intent following questions raised by agencies. The text remains consistent with the Minister's decisions in briefing MFR2025-277.

### Next steps

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4. Once the statutory guidance is approved by the Attorney-General, we understand ministerial consultation will proceed. Once we have received confirmation from you that ministerial consultation has proceeded, we will share the updated Cabinet paper and the statutory guidance with agencies.

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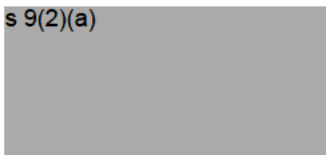
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5. Subject to the results of ministerial consultation, we are aiming for the Cabinet paper to be considered at EXP on 24 March.

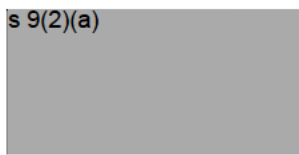
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