



Ministry for Regulation Weekly Report – 6 March 2026

Week ending	6 March 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

No items currently awaiting action.

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Papers delivered and under development

Delivered to the Minister for Regulation

Reference	Title	Date delivered
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MFR2026-038	RSA Implementation: Further decisions on initial exclusion notice and draft Cabinet paper for ministerial consultation	05/03/2026
MFR2026-040	Key Messages for Telecommunications Review Cabinet Paper	05/03/2026

Delivered to the office of the Minister for Regulation

Reference	Title	Date delivered
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MFR2026-045	Updated Cabinet paper: "Implementation of the Regulatory Standards Act: Strengthening and streamlining processes for making and reviewing regulation"	05/03/2026
MFR2026-048	Product labelling review - revised draft Cabinet paper recommendations in relation to digital labelling	06/03/2026

Under development

Reference	Title	Due date
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MFR2026-051	Meeting with the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment	10/03/2026

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Announcements & Engagements

Ministerial activity

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

Date	Details
11 March	Chief Executive meeting head of Business Canterbury
12 March	Ministry event with Martin Jenkins on Artificial Intelligence use in regulation
12 March	Hospitality Review Manager speaking at and hosting a workshop at Hospitality Summit
13 March	Deputy-Chief Executive Policy presenting at Government Legal Network Conference
24 March	Chief Economist presenting at Environment and Resource Management Law Update Conference
25 March	Chief Economist guest lecture Auckland University of Technology: First year economics course.
25 March	Deputy-Chief Executive Organisational Enablement and Chief Economist presenting at Minter Ellison Rudd Watts' thought leadership event with private sector clients.
25 March	Deputy-Chief Executive Organisational Enablement, Chief Economist and Head of People and Operations panel event for the Auckland University of Technology investment club.
Throughout March	Extensive programme of university career expos

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Updates

Agricultural and Horticultural Products Review

For information

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Contact: Paul Delahunty, Deputy Chief Executive Reviews and System Capability, s 9(2)(a)

Hospitality Review

For information

This week we met with stakeholders in Queenstown and Central Otago. As with our trips in the north, stakeholders were engaged and supportive of the Review. There were plenty of good ideas on how to address issues related to alcohol licensing and food safety.

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You are scheduled to speak at the Hospitality Summit between 10:15 and 10:30am on 12 March 2026. We are also running a workshop in the afternoon where we will ask attendees to consider the question: If you had the opportunity to rewrite the way the alcohol licensing system works, what would you change, and how would a better system operate?

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Telecommunications Review

For information

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We have updated the Cabinet paper to reflect Minister Goldsmith's feedback. The paper was lodged on 5 March 2026 to be discussed at ECO on 11 March. We have provided you with talking points ahead of the meeting and have an oral briefing scheduled with you on 9 March.

The Ministry is preparing a plan for the release of the Review report as well as supporting communications collateral. The Cabinet paper seeks approval for two decisions to be delegated to you, Minister Goldsmith, and Minister Willis.

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Product Labelling Review

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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 provided feedback on the latest briefing. We are advised that the Expression of Interest process is expected to commence very soon and will be open for three weeks. We will continue to engage with MPI throughout the trial.

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Mapping the Regulatory Landscape Review

For information

Our in-depth analysis is well underway, drawing on our own data and research as well as data from the Parliamentary Counsel Office and Public Service Commission. This analysis is being driven by 24 metrics that we have developed for phase 1.

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Red Tape Tipline

For information

As of 4 March 2026, the Ministry has received a total of 1,555 submissions on potential red tape issues. We currently have 31 low-complexity reviews underway (relating to 193 public submissions).

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Establishment of the Board

For information

The Ministry is drafting the Cabinet Paper for you to take to the Appointments and Honours Committee on 24 March, to approve the appointment of your preferred board members. At least five days have been factored in for ministerial consultation, as agreed with your office.

Following Cabinet's approval of the committee's decision on 30 March, your recommendations to appoint will be sent to the Governor-General, for her to make the appointments.

We will discuss the Ministry's arrangements to support the board with you on 17 March.

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