



Weekly Report

MFR2026-072

Ministry for Regulation Weekly Report – 2 April 2026

Week ending	2 April 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 actions this week.

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
MFR2026-066	Recommendations to the Governor General for the Regulatory Standards Board	30/03/2026
MFR2026-069	Advice on Options for Medium-Complexity reviews	01/04/2026
MFR2026-068	Product Labelling Regulatory Review – draft Cabinet paper for Ministerial Consultation	02/04/2026

Under development

Papers under development		Due date
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
MFR2026-070	Revised draft circular on expectations for good-law making	08/04/2026
MFR2026-073	Information Release: Cabinet papers on Regulatory Standards Act implementation	08/04/2026
MFR2026-074	Certification of Vote Regulation for Budget 2026	09/04/2026
MFR2026-062	Ministerial Satisfaction Survey for the period 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026	16/04/2026

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Announcements & Engagements

Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
April (TBC)	Wellington	Regulatory Standards Act implementation	Ministerial press release, Ministry for Regulation web copy and release of the Cabinet paper
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
April (TBC)	Wellington	Announcement of Regulatory Standards Board membership and launch of Board complaints portal (TBC)	Ministerial press release, Ministry for Regulation web copy on biographies, Board complaints portal goes live (TBC)

Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
April	Regulatory Standards Act implementation communications to public sector

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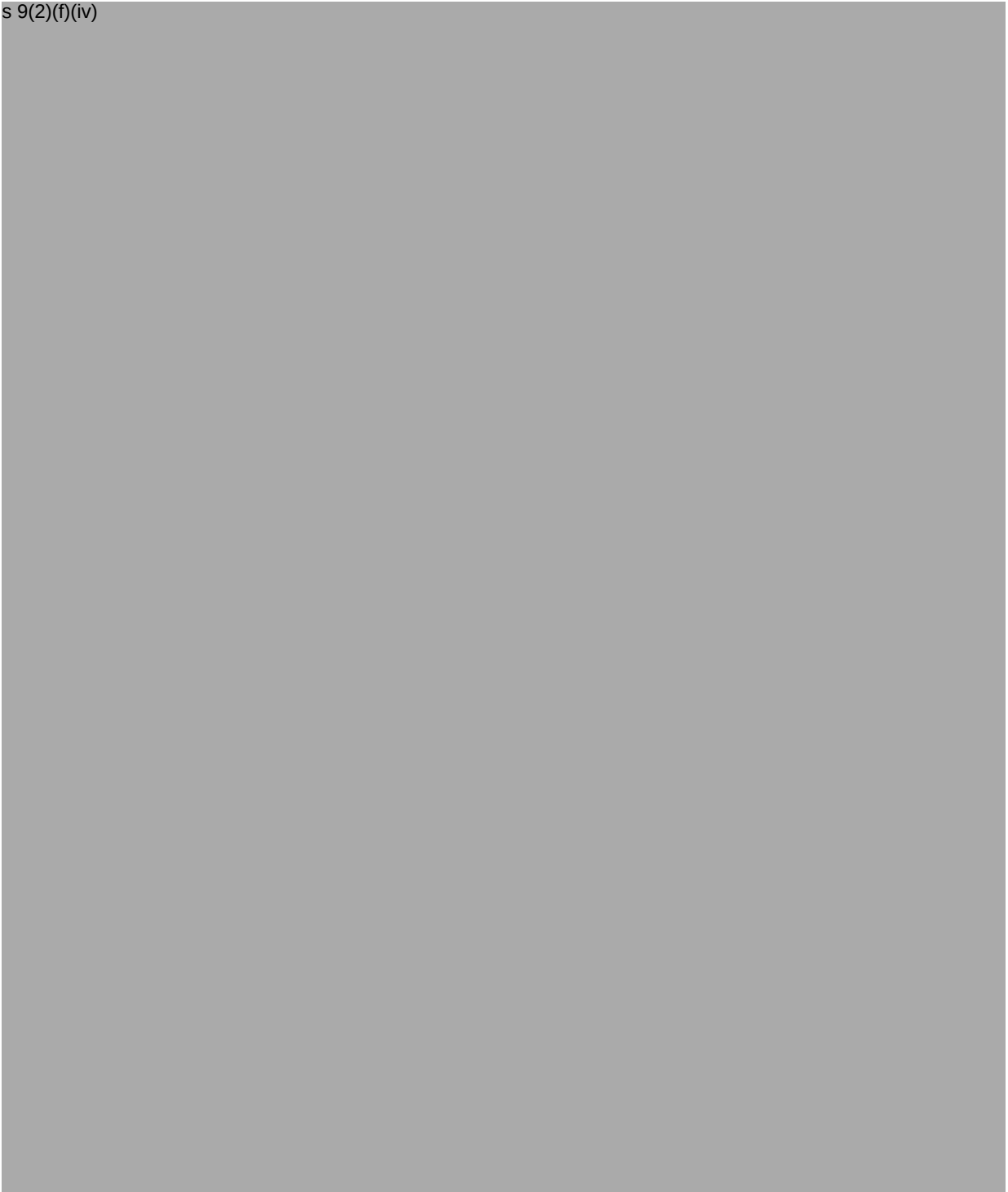
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Updates

Hospitality Review

For information

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We are also working through other related issues such as s 9(2)(f)(iv) and how we reduce the administrative burden on hospitality businesses who are currently required to provide the same information to various parts of local and central government, often within the same regulatory system.

Work is also continuing in the other workstreams and we are developing a series of supplementary papers that will support the final report.

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Telecommunications Review

For information

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

Product Labelling Review

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

Mapping New Zealand's Regulatory Landscape

For information

We have identified and collected information about 259 entities in the regulatory landscape. The information has been collected from a range of sources, including the entities' annual reports, New Zealand's legislation database and information we hold in our own database.

We are currently carrying out an AI-assisted analysis of that information using a set of 24 metrics, so that we can draw insights to drive future work. Those metrics cover a range of different angles including, for example, FTE numbers, institutional form and regulatory powers.

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Future reviews

For information

Following our discussion on 24 March 2026, we have provided you with advice this week on the three medium complexity reviews that could be undertaken s 9(2)(f)(iv)

The advice includes the topics you selected: solar panels, s 9(2)(f)(iv)

To deliver changes ahead of the election we recommend proceeding with the reviews through agreement with Joint Ministers rather than going to Cabinet. We are looking to have decisions on these and will discuss them with you at the agency meeting of 7 April 2026 to enable us to progress with next steps.

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

Red Tape Tipline (including Fuel Savings Tipline)

For information

As of 31 March 2026, the Ministry had received a total of 1,577 submissions on potential red tape issues. We currently have 30 low-complexity reviews underway.

On 29 March 2026 the Ministry expanded the Red Tape Tipline to accept submissions on fuel savings as a part of the Governments fuel response. As of 1 April 2026, we had received 92 ideas from individuals (90%) and organisations (10%) through the tipline and other channels. The distribution is evenly split between regulatory and non-regulatory ideas. A portion of the ideas received are only relevant for phases 3 and 4 of the Fuel Response Plan 2026.

A shortlist of ideas is being brought together to share with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on Thursday 2 April 2026. This will feed into a paper for Ministers next week. The shortlist of ideas will also be shared with your office, along with further information on any ideas we consider particularly promising. Updates are being provided to your office daily and we are working closely with MBIE colleagues. This expansion of the tipline's scope is intended to be temporary and we will continue to keep it under review and seek your direction on its continuation.

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