

**Ministry for Regulation Weekly Report – 24 April 2026**

Week ending	24 April 2026	Priority	Medium
Security classification	Commercial in confidence	Tracking number	MFR2026-091

Recipient	Action sought
Hon David Seymour Minister for Regulation	Note the contents of this report

Contact for discussion if required

Name	Position	Phone number
Aisling Risdon	Head of Ministerial and Strategic Services	s 9(2)(a)

Comments

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Actions

Reference	Action	Due date	Status update
A2026-098	Ministry for Regulation to engage with Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors to understand further the issues they raised directly with the Minister and provide a report back to the Office.	08/05/2026	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
MFR2026-086	Fuel response – Regulatory relief workstream update	20/04/2026
MFR2026-092	Fuel response – Regulatory relief workstream update 23 April	23/04/2026
MFR2026-084	Regulatory Standards Act Implementation: Statutory guidance for final sign-off	24/04/2026

Delivered to the office of the Minister for Regulation

Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2026-076	Annex one – Regulatory Standards (Excluded Legislation) Notice 2026	20/04/2026

Under development

Reference	Title	Due date
MFR2026-081	Information Release: Regulatory Standards Board Appointments - Key advice papers	28/04/2026
MFR2026-080	AI in Regulatory Practice Guidance	29/04/2026
MFR2026-088	Draft Report - The State of New Zealand's Regulatory Systems: Revealing the structure and scale of regulation	14/05/2026
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MFR2026-090	Low Complexity Reviews May bundle	14/05/2026

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Announcements & Engagement

Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
27 April	Wellington	Government acts on regulatory feedback to boost fuel resilience	Ministerial press release
29 April	Wellington	Announcement of Regulatory Standards Act and new Cabinet Circular implementation	Ministerial press release
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May (TBC)	Parliament	Regulatory mapping event (TBC)	
May (TBC)	Parliament	Sandbox launch event (TBC)	
May (TBC)	TBC	Solar panels announcement	Announcement at event Full communications package

Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
29 April	Announcement of Regulatory Standards Act and new Cabinet Circular implementation – public and private sector communications
6 May	Victoria University School of Government – Review Manager guest lecturer on regulatory reviews
21 May	Deputy Chief Executive, Organisational Enablement - panellist at GovTech
22 May	Chief Executive speaking at Commerce Commission Board event
25 May	Chief Executive speaking at Business NZ quarterly business update
May (TBC)	Regulatory mapping event (TBC)
May (TBC)	Sandbox launch event (TBC)
May (TBC)	Solar panels announcement communications

Contact: Erina O'Donohue Head of Communications and Engagement, s 9(2)(a)

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Updates

Fuel security response

For information

The Ministry continues to coordinate the work on the regulatory relief package for the fuel crisis and to progress an initiative to encourage local authorities to adopt more fuel-efficient approaches to the inspections s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED] We are providing you with twice-weekly updates on this work, which describe the progress of the cross-agency work and the Ministry's part in it in more detail.

Contact: Adam Jackson, Chief Advisor to the Chief Executive, s 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]

Regulatory Standards Board establishment

For information

On Monday 20 April, in conjunction with your announcement of the appointments of the Chairperson and members to the Regulatory Standards Board, the Gazette notice (2026-go2077). required under legislation was published.¹

Development of the induction programme is well underway with the Chairperson, Paul Ridley-Smith's, induction booked in for 13 May 2026. The members' induction will follow on 27 May 2026. You are scheduled to attend both.

Work is currently underway by the Ministry to establish the secretariat function and support for the Board. The team will work closely with the Board Chairperson to develop the Board's initial operating model in the lead up to 1 July.

Contact: Aisling Risdon, Head of Ministerial and Strategic Services, s 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]

Telecommunications Review

For information

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We continue to work with the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment and the Commerce Commission on implementation of the review recommendations.

Contact: Liam Taylor, Acting Manager Regulatory Reviews, s 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]

¹ <https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2026-go2077>

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Product Labelling Review

For information

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

Hospitality Review

For information

Options analysis, including an assessment of costs and benefits, continues. We are on track to test these options through targeted engagement next month.

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

Mapping New Zealand's Regulatory Landscape Review

For information

We are continuing to develop the Review report and refine our main themes, findings, and recommendations. This week, we consulted with the Senior Officials Group to obtain their input on some of the artefacts and emerging themes from the Review. We also met with the Ministry's External Advisory Group, who we had asked to review the work, and who were very complimentary about it.

We plan to brief your office the week of 27 April 2026 with findings and recommendations and expect to provide you with a draft report by 14 May. During this time, the Chief Executive will be briefing her colleagues at the Public Service Leadership Team meeting on 7 May. We continue to engage with your office to organise an event at which the Review's findings will be presented.

Contact: Liam Taylor, Acting Manager Regulatory Reviews, s 9(2)(a)

Medium Complexity Reviews

For information

We are continuing to progress medium complexity reviews into solar panels s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Solar panels

We have commenced engagement with sector stakeholders and agencies. We met with Rewiring Aotearoa and had a very productive discussion on the challenges and regulatory barriers to solar installation in New Zealand. We have also met with the Ministry for Business, Innovation and

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Employment and the Electricity Authority. We are working with your office to provide input for the review announcement on 7 May and your speech at Electrify Queenstown on 18 May.

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

Red Tape Tipline (including the fuel tipline)

For information

As of 22 April 2026, the Ministry has received

- 1,604 submissions on potential red tape issues, and
- 107 fuel-related tips since the remit of the tipline expanded on 29 March 2026.

We continue to prioritise resources in this area on the fuel related tips.

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Draft Cabinet paper consultations

Below are two draft Cabinet papers we have recently been consulted on that we wanted to bring to your attention.

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s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(f)(iv)		