



Ministry for Regulation Weekly Report – 8 May 2026

Week ending	8 May 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
A2026-099	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

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Papers delivered and under development

Delivered to the Minister for Regulation

Reference	Title	Date delivered
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Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2026-102	Package of non-statutory material to support implementation of the Regulatory Standards Act and new Cabinet Office circular	08/05/2026

Under development

Reference	Title	Due date
MFR2026-100	Letter to Chief Executives on Regulatory Standards Act implementation	12/05/2026
MFR2026-106	Information Release: Telecommunications Sector Regulatory Review - key advice papers	13/05/2026
MFR2026-088	Draft Report - The State of New Zealand's Regulatory Systems: Revealing the structure and scale of regulation	14/05/2026
MFR2026-089	Solar Energy Regulatory Review – initial findings and recommendations	14/05/2026
MFR2026-090	Low Complexity Reviews May bundle	14/05/2026

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Announcements & Engagement

Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
May TBC	Wellington	RSA implementation / new circular	Ministerial Press release
18 May	Queenstown	Electrify Queenstown Conference	Speech on Solar progress and Sandbox
20 May	Parliament	Regulatory mapping event	Announcement at Parliament

Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
May TBC	Regulatory Standards Act implementation/new circular – Ministry comms
20 May	Announcement of regulatory mapping
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 New Zealand quarterly business update

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Contact: Cuwan van der Wat (Acting) Head of Communications and Engagement, s 9(2)(a)

Updates

Fuel security response

For information

The package of regulatory proposals for fuel relief in the transport portfolio was approved by the Ministerial Oversight Group (MOG) Ministers on 8 May. This was the same package of proposals that had been considered previously. s 9(2)(g)(i)

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In parallel with this work, we are continuing to work with agencies and local authorities to find ways for local authorities to improve their fuel efficiency. In this regard, many local authorities are already responding with various initiatives to improve fuel efficiency but we believe there are further opportunities to broaden the adoption of those initiatives across the sector.

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Regulatory Standards Board establishment

For information

As of 1 May 2026, the appointments of all Regulatory Standards Board (the Board) members commenced. Work is progressing to operationalise the Board ahead of 1 July to ensure the Board can attend to matters as soon as Part 2 of the Regulatory Standards Act 2025 comes into force.

On Wednesday, 13 May, the Ministry is hosting an induction session with the Board Chair. As part of the induction, you are scheduled to meet the Chair, Paul Ridley-Smith.

A further induction session is scheduled for all Board members on 27 May at which you will also have the opportunity to meet all members.

We are also pleased to share that Elisa Eckford has been appointed to the role of Lead Advisor to the Regulatory Standards Board. Elisa brings invaluable knowledge and understanding of the Act and is exceptionally well placed to support the Board in carrying out its functions.

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Telecommunications Review

For information

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

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Product Labelling Review

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

Hospitality Review

For information

Progressing the review

On Monday, we met with your office and discussed the regulatory issues we have identified in the Review and the options we are considering to address them. This led to a discussion about the Cabinet timeline upon delivery of the final report on 3 July 2026.

Our proposed approach is to provide you and Minister Upston, once you have considered the recommendations, with a draft Cabinet paper s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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We are finalising the Review report and plan to provide you with a draft by 14 May 2026. We met with the Senior Officials Group to discuss key messages and received some good feedback on how this work can be used in the wider system. The Ministry's Chief Executive briefed the Public Service Leadership Team on 7 May 2026. We have also reached out to agencies whose mapping visuals will be used in the report for feedback.

We continue to engage with your office to organise the Minister's event at which the Review's findings will be presented. We understand that this event is scheduled for 20 May 2026.

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Solar Panel Review

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We are continuing engagement with sector stakeholders and agencies. We have identified several opportunities for simplifying and streamlining the installation process and early thinking on potential solutions.

You have signed off the Terms of Reference [MFR2026-097] and formally announced the solar review on 7 May 2026. We will provide you with a briefing on 15 May 2026 outlining emerging findings and opportunities to improve the solar approval and installation process prior to your attendance at the Electrify Queenstown event on 18 May 2026.

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Red Tape Tipline (including the fuel tipline)

For information

As of 6 May 2026, the Ministry has received

- 1,615 submissions on potential red tape issues, and
- 119 fuel-related tips since the remit of the tipline expanded on 29 March 2026 (7 new tips since 1 May 2026).

We continue to prioritise resources in this area on the fuel related tips and are working towards the next bundle of deregulatory options to be delivered to you before the end of May, as per last week's update.

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