



Ministry for Regulation Weekly Report – 15 May 2026

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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
A2026-099	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.	18/05/2026	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

None delivered to the Minister this week.

Delivered to the office of the Minister for Regulation

Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2026-106	Information Release: Telecommunications Sector Regulatory Review - key advice papers	11/05/2026
MFR2026-088	Report - The State of New Zealand's Regulatory Systems: Revealing the structure and scale of regulation	18/05/2026

Under development

Reference	Title	Due date
MFR2026-090	Low Complexity Reviews May bundle	21/05/2026
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
MFR2026-100	Letter to Chief Executives on Regulatory Standards Act implementation	21/05/2026
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
MFR2026-080	AI in Regulatory Practice Guidance	25/05/2026
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		



Announcements & Engagement

Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
15 May	Wellington	Announce Regulatory Standards Act statutory guidance jointly with Minister Bishop as Attorney General	Joint 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
13-27 May	Hospitality Review targeted engagement on options
20 May	Launch of Artificial Intelligence guidance for regulators
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 NZ quarterly business update
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	

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

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Updates

Fuel security response

For information

The Ministerial Oversight Group for the Fuel Response (MOG) made a range of decisions on 8 May 2026, including approving a package of regulatory relief proposals. Those regulatory relief proposals were all transport-related, and different proposals were agreed for activation in different Phases of the Fuel Response. The proposals with the greatest potential for fuel savings were agreed for Phase 4 because they involve trade-offs that would only become appropriate if New Zealand was experiencing, or was very close to experiencing, fuel supply shortages.

The package is being presented to the full Cabinet on 18 May 2026. However, given that the MOG had delegated power to make the decisions, the recommendations to Cabinet on the transport-related proposals are noting recommendations only.

s 9(2)(g)(i)



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

Regulatory Standards Board establishment

For information

On Wednesday 13 May 2026 we hosted an induction session with Board Chair Paul Ridley-Smith and member Carl Hansen.

A further induction session is scheduled with all Board members on 27 May 2026 where you will have the opportunity to meet all Board members.

Work continues to operationalise the Board ahead of the 1 July start date.

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

Product Labelling Review

For information

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



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

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Hospitality Review

For information

The Review is currently undertaking targeted sector engagement on options for change across 4 out of 12 Review workstreams. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Discussion documents and surveys for the Review were sent out on Friday 15 May 2026 and responses are sought by the evening of Thursday 28 May 2026. The documents have only been sent to previously engaged stakeholders.

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

Mapping New Zealand's Regulatory Landscape Review

For information

We provided your office with the draft Review report on 12 May 2026 and will provide the final report next week. We continue to work with your office to organise the launch event on 20 May 2026 where the Review's findings will be presented.

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

Solar Panel Review

For information

You publicly announced the Review on 7 May 2026, generating media coverage that day and in the following days.

We are continuing to engage with agencies and the sector. We have recently received feedback from agencies on our initial identification of issues and options for change. We will undertake broader engagement with sector stakeholders from 18-29 May 2026. This will include:

- targeted interviews with a range of individual sector participants and representative bodies, and
- the opportunity for any consumer, regulated party, or other interested group to provide feedback via a short online survey.

We provided your office with a briefing on 15 May 2026 outlining emerging findings and opportunities to improve the solar approval and installation process.

We are also working with your office to support your speech at the Electrify Queenstown event on 18 May 2026.

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

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Red Tape Tipline (including the fuel tipline)

For information

As of 13 May 2026, the Ministry had received:

- 1,624 submissions on potential red tape issues (including nine in the last week), and
- 119 fuel-related tips since the remit of the tipline expanded on 29 March 2026 (though no new ones in the last week).

We are working towards the next bundle of deregulatory options to be delivered to you on 21 May 2026.

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