

Weekly Report

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Ministry for Regulation Weekly Report – 12 June 2026

Week ending	12 June 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 ministerial actions this week.

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Papers delivered and under development

Delivered to the Minister for Regulation

Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2026-120	Vote Regulation 2026-27 – Responses to supplementary written questions	08/06/2026
MFR2026-122	Making, presenting & notifying the Regulatory Standards (Excluded Legislation) Notice 2026	10/06/2026
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
MFR2026-101	Removing offensive trades from the Health Act 1956	11/06/2026
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
MFR2026-117	Final steps for the Ministry for Regulation's Strategic Intentions	12/06/2026
MFR2026-124	Vote Regulation 2026/27 – Final briefing pack	12/06/2026

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Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2026-121	Information Release: Regulatory Standards Act – Key Advice Papers Batch 2	08/06/2026

Under development

Reference	Title	Due date
MFR2026-116	RTT Proactive Release 1/3 – RRT Weekly Reports	17/06/2026
MFR2026-100	Letter to Chief Executives on Regulatory Standards Act implementation	18/06/2026

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Announcements & Engagement

Ministerial Activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
June (TBC)	TBC	Publication of solar review recommendations	Media release/opportunity

Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
15/16 June (TBC)	Ministry for Regulation Strategic Intentions published
June (TBC)	Thought piece “Distortionary Costs of Regulation” - Chief Economist
16 June	Regulatory Impact Analysis team education webinar to RIANet
24 June	Regulatory Impact Analysis team education webinar to RIANet
1 July	Ministry for Regulation appears at Scrutiny week – Senior Leadership Team
3 July	New Zealand Association of Economists Conference presentation – Chief Economist

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Updates

Finance and Expenditure Committee Hearing Preparation

For information

On 16 June you are appearing before the Finance and Expenditure Committee for a 45-minute hearing for Vote Regulation Estimates 2026/27. Acting Chief Executive Andrew Royle and Deputy Chief Executive Paula Knaap will join you.

Responses to pre-hearing written questions from the Committee have been lodged by your office and we have provided pre-hearing preparation material in your weekend bag to support your appearance. We intend to discuss this with you at an agency meeting on 15 June 2026.

A second hearing will be held for the Ministry on 1 July 2026.

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

Hospitality Review

For information

This week we discussed the preliminary recommendations across all the workstreams with the Senior Officials Group. The review's supplementary papers have been circulated to the various agencies for feedback. The most complex workstreams s 9(2)(f)(iv) have also undergone external review, and we received their feedback this week.

There are 12 workstreams in the review, and all of them have supplementary papers that describe the regulatory problem, assess the current state, and analyse options to address the problem. They document the evidence and analysis undertaken over the course of the review. While not attached to the final report, we intend to publish them alongside the final report for those that want further detail on how we have landed on the recommendations we have.

Contact: Nicola Blackburn, Acting Manager Regulatory Reviews, s 9(2)(a)

Solar Panel Review

For information

We have largely completed the engagement phase of the review, with a small number of meetings taking place this week. We are now drafting the report and associated Cabinet paper.

As previously indicated, following agency consultation, we intend to provide you with a report and Cabinet paper on 2 July 2026, with the intention of the Cabinet paper being considered at EXP on 21 July 2026 and Cabinet on 27 July 2026.

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Offensive Trades Review

For information

This week, we provided your office with a briefing outlining our findings and recommendations for removing the 19 offensive trades listed in the Health Act 1956. We've also provided a Terms of Reference which formalises the review.

The Ministry of Health are engaging with the Parliamentary Counsel Office to progress an expedited approach to implementing our recommendations. As outlined in the briefing, and subject to approval from you and Minister Brown, we believe the changes meet the threshold outlined in the Cabinet Manual which allows Ministers to authorise drafting instructions where proposals are routine and do not involve new policy decisions.

We will be meeting with your advisors on 15 June 2026 to update them on progress and indicate next steps.

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

Artificial Intelligence in Regulatory Practice Guidance

For information

Since the Ministry published *Responsible AI in Action* on 27 May 2026, the guidance has continued to attract strong and growing interest across the regulatory system. It has been downloaded 1,852 times since publication.

We are receiving steady enquiries from regulatory organisations seeking support to understand AI use cases and how to begin implementation within their own agencies. This interest is also beginning to translate into speaking invitations.

Confirmed and upcoming engagements to date include:

- A presentation to the Department of Internal Affairs Regulatory Intelligence Group on the guidance and how to adopt AI responsibly
- A presentation to the Government Legal Network Emerging Tech Group, facilitated by Crown Law
- A presentation to the full Government Legal Network membership in July
- A further presentation requested by the Department of Internal Affairs Regulatory Services Group

This early engagement reflects genuine appetite across the regulatory system for practical guidance on adopting AI responsibly, and positions the Ministry well to support agencies as they move from interest to implementation.

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Red Tape Tipline (including the fuel tipline)

For information

As of 10 June 2026, the Ministry has received:

- 1,650 submissions on potential red tape issues (including five in the last week), and
- 128 fuel-related tips since the remit of the tipline expanded on 29 March 2026 (including one in the last week).

We are now progressing the deregulatory options agreed from the May deregulatory bundle: s 9(2)(f)(iv)



s 9(2)(f)(iv)



We're also working towards the next bundle of deregulatory options to be delivered to you in late July.

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Strategic Intentions 2026-2030

For information

The final version of the Ministry's Strategic Intentions for 2026/27 – 2029/30 is complete and has been provided to your Office. It can now be presented to the House as soon as is reasonably practical and no later than 30 June 2026 which meets your obligations in Section 39 of the Public Finance Act 1989. Once presented, the Ministry will publish the Strategic Intentions on our website.

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