

Weekly Report

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Ministry for Regulation Weekly Report – 19 June 2026

Week ending	19 June 2026	Priority	Medium
Security classification	In confidence	Tracking number	MFR2026-125

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

There are no outstanding ministerial actions.

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
MFR2026-126	Draft Cabinet paper: Removing offensive trades from the Health Act 1956	18/06/2026

Delivered to the office of the Minister for Regulation

Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2026-116	RTT Proactive Release 1/3 – RRT Weekly Reports	17/06/2026

Under development

Reference	Title	Due date
MFR2026-100	Letter to Chief Executives on Regulatory Standards Act implementation	02/07/2026
MFR2026-127	Solar installation regulatory review - draft report and Cabinet paper for ministerial consultation	02/07/2026
MFR2026-128	Low Complexity Reviews Deregulatory Options Bundle - July 2026	28/07/2026

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Announcements & Engagement

Ministerial Activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
July (TBC)	TBC	Publication of solar review recommendations	Media release/opportunity
July (TBC)	TBC	Next review announcement	Media release/opportunity
July (TBC)	TBC	Offensive Trades	Media release/opportunity
1 July	TBC	Regulatory Standards Board coming into effect	Media release TBC
22 July	Michael Fowler Centre Wellington	Animal and Plant Health Association New Zealand Annual Conference Leaders' Breakfast (Michael Fowler Centre)	TBC support for speech

Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
24 June	Regulatory Impact Analysis team education webinar to RIANet
June/ July (TBC)	Thought piece "Distortionary Costs of Regulation" - Chief Economist
June / July (TBC)	Thought piece "Seeing the system, not just the rules" - Chief Executive
1 July	Ministry for Regulation appears at Scrutiny week - Senior Leadership Team
3 July	New Zealand Association of Economists Conference presentation - Chief Economist
6 July	Department of Finance Australia - Meeting to discuss regulatory mapping - Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive Policy
22 July (TBC)	New Zealand Institute of Economic Research Webinar - Regulatory Mapping - Chief Executive
24 July	Business NZ Chief Executive Officer Forum presentation – Chief Executive – <i>note Minister also attending</i>

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

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Updates

Hospitality Review

For information

We are continuing to draft the final report and incorporate agency and external feedback into the supplementary papers.

Ahead of a discussion with your Advisors on Monday, this week we have sent our provisional recommendations to your office - noting that they are still being actively worked through. We are providing the provisional recommendations at this stage to provide visibility about how we are tracking, but they are high-level and have been provided without written context. We will provide the context orally when we meet your advisors. The final report will also provide the relevant context, including explaining how we arrived at our recommendations.

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

Mapping the Regulatory Landscape Review

For information

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On 22 June 2026, Acting Chief Executive, Andrew Royle will present the review's findings at the Going for Growth ministerial meeting. The presentation will raise the profile of the review among ministers and invite them to consider opportunities to collaborate in future regulatory initiatives using the tools and knowledge developed through the review.

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

Offensive Trades Review

For information

We met with the Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO) to discuss using an expedited pathway (i.e. joint Ministerial decisions) to progress an Offensive Trades Order to remove the 19 offensive trades listed in Schedule 3 of the Health Act 1956.

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We discussed the outcome of this conversation with your office on 15 June 2026 and agreed to progress a joint Cabinet paper with the Minister of Health, seeking approval for this proposal.

We have provided you with a draft Cabinet paper and could lodge that paper for the Cabinet Business Committee (CBC) meeting on 6 July 2026, the Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) meeting on 23 July 2026, and the Cabinet meeting on 27 July 2026. This would be the earliest opportunity for the paper to be considered by Cabinet, and we understand that your office has discussed this timing with Minister Brown's officials.

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To meet the timeframes outlined above, we would need approval from yourself and Minister Brown by 24 June 2026 to undertake agency and Ministerial consultation in parallel between 24 and 30 June 2026.

Contact: Justine Fitzmaurice, Manager Regulatory Reviews, 027 326 1943

Solar Panel Review

For information

We are in the final stages of drafting the review report and associated Cabinet paper.

The next steps are:

- agency consultation, running from 19 June to 25 June 2026 (Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, WorkSafe, Ministry for the Environment, Electricity Authority, Commerce Commission, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Treasury, and Parliamentary Counsel Office)
- the draft report and Cabinet paper, to be provided to your office on 2 July 2026, and
- Ministerial consultation, which we recommend undertaking between 6 July and 13 July 2026 (inclusive, to account for Matariki, which falls on 10 July),

With this timeline, the Cabinet paper would be able to be lodged by 16 July 2026 for consideration at the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee (EXP) on 21 July 2026 and by Cabinet on 27 July 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 17 June 2026, the Ministry has received:

- 1,661 submissions on potential red tape issues (an increase of eleven in the last week), and
- 128 fuel-related tips since the remit of the tipline expanded on 29 March 2026 (no change in numbers in the last week).

On 11 June we provided letters to your office relating to:

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Your office confirmed on 16 June the letters had been delivered to the relevant Ministers.

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

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