



Weekly Report

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Action sought

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MINISTER FOR REGULATION

Note the contents of this report

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Minister's comments:

Actions

Action		Due date	Status update
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A2025-268	RegRoom: Send Minister his log in details and a slide pack	August	In progress
A2025-269	Telco Review: formulate problem definition	August	In progress

Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date delivered
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MFR2025-194	Report on portfolios' compliance with Cabinet's impact analysis requirements	13 August
MFR2025-227	RRT Weekly Report 12 August 2025	13 August
MFR2025-222	Response to the Regulations Review Committee 30 July letter	14 August
MFR2025-228	Draft Annual Report 2025-25	14 August
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Papers under development		Due date
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MFR2025-229	Information release: CBC-25-SUB-0010 Telecommunications Sector Regulatory Review: Terms of Reference	28 August

Announcements & Engagements

Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
21 August	Wellington	Online public consultation starts on draft options for Telco	Ministerial PR MfR website and LinkedIn MfR key stakeholders' email
26 August	Christchurch	Ministerial address to the Canterbury Club	Speech
27-28 August	Australia	National Regulators Community of Practice conference: <i>Regulation 2025 to 2050: Disruption, Change, and Continuity</i>	Speech
TBC September	Wellington	Launch of 'Reg Room' event hosted by the Ministry	Minister to address small group of regulators
September	Auckland	Minister's speech to FSC conference	Speech

Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
19 August	Chief Executive webinar – IPANZ/Hapai voices from the centre
21 August (TBC)	Public consultation Telco review
27-28 August	Chief Executive presenting online/ Minister attending the National Regulators Community of Practice conference: <i>Regulation 2025 to 2050: Disruption, Change, and Continuity</i>
TBC late August	Publication of the first RIA compliance reporting on the Ministry website
TBC September	Reg Room Launch event and public sector communications campaign
10 September	Chief Executive panellist Financial Services Council Annual Conference - <i>small, strategic changes to financial regulation that can shape a better future for New Zealanders</i>

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Updates

Regulatory Standards Bill

For information

Advisors attended Finance and Expenditure Committee (FEC) on Wednesday S 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Telecommunications Review

For information

Following the joint ministers meeting this week, we are finalising the consultation document. It is anticipated that consultation will start in the last week of August. Draft communications material is being drafted to support your announcement of the start of the consultation.

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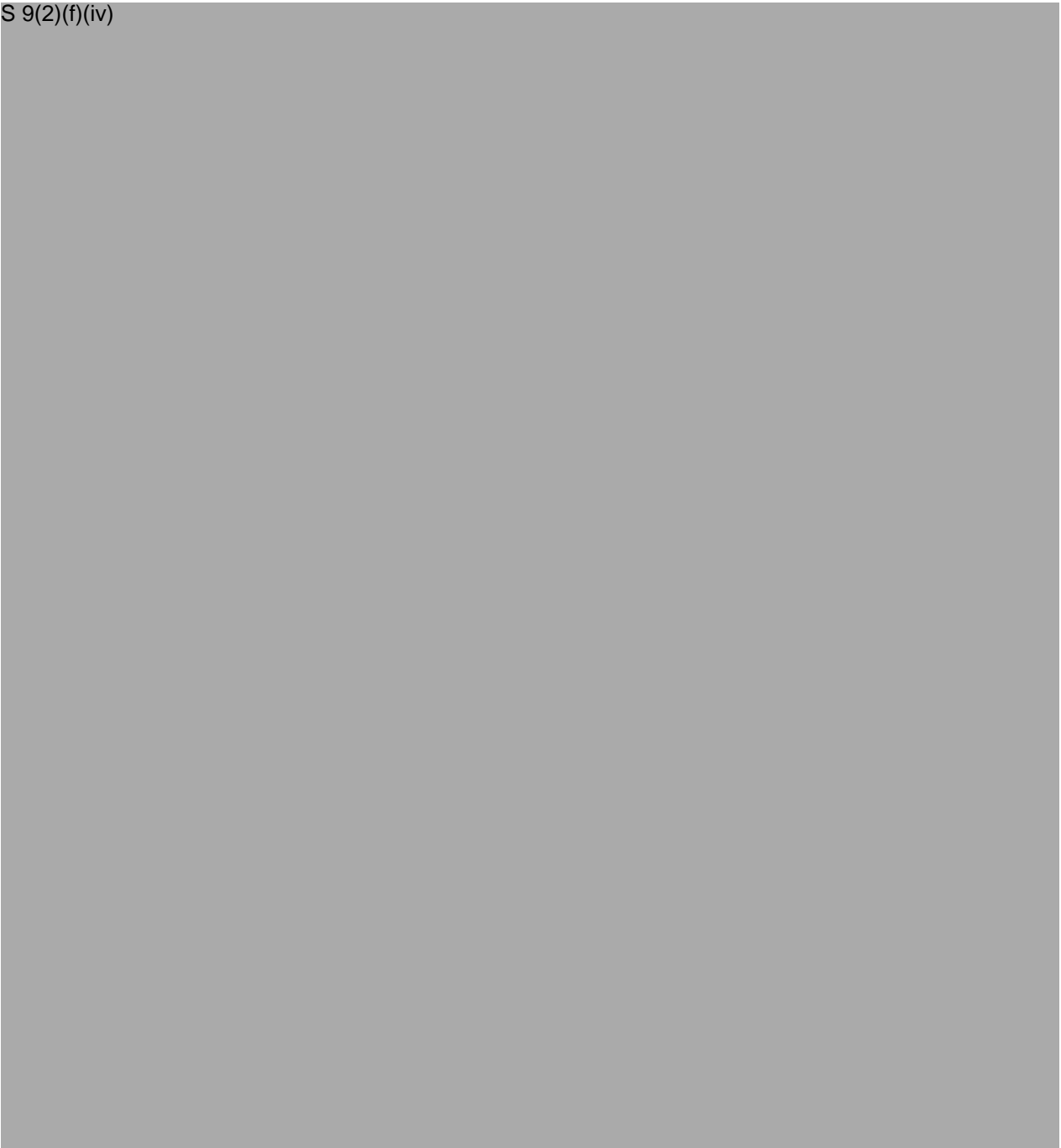
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Product Labelling Review

For information

We are continuing to engage widely with affected businesses, industry groups and other stakeholders to understand regulatory 'pain points' associated with product labelling requirements, as advised in last week's report.

As of 13 August, we have met with 29 representatives from the following groups:

Date of Meeting	Method (Group / Individual)	Name of Organisation	Sector
6 August	Group	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Industry representation
6 August	Individual		Cross-sector enabler
8 August	Group		Retail trade sector
11 August	Group		Agriculture and Horticulture
12 August	Group		Business services/industrial supplies
13 August	Individual		Industry Representation
13 August	Individual		Building Industry

As of 12 August, we have received 36 questionnaire responses. Below is a breakdown of sector representation across submissions, noting that some submissions cover multiple sectors.

Sector	Submissions representing sectors
Agriculture / Forestry / Fishing	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Manufacturing	
Retail Trade	
Transport / Postal / Warehousing	
Construction	
Wholesale Trade	
Accommodation & Food Services	
Information / Media / Telecommunications	
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	
Administrative & Support Services	
Education & Training	

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University of Canterbury Guest Lecture

For information

On 6 August 2025, the Ministry's Chief Economist, Kevin Counsell, presented a guest lecture to the University of Canterbury Department of Economics and Finance. The lecture was well attended by both students and faculty. The lecture, "Inside the economics of regulation", included an outline of the role of the Ministry and the work of the Ministry's economics team.

The lecture set out some principles for how, at the Ministry, we apply robust economic thinking and analysis to regulatory problems, including understanding the benefits of competitive markets, the role of market failure and government failure, and the way we assess trade-offs using cost-benefit analysis. The lecture concluded with active participation in the Q&A, with students and faculty alike posing insightful questions that demonstrated genuine interest and engagement with the topic and the work of the Ministry.

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Regulatory Response Team / Red Tape Portal

For information

As of 11 August, the Ministry has received a total of 1082 submissions on red tape issues. We currently have 36 investigations underway (relating to 142 public submissions and 4 commissions from your office). We have received 241 public submissions in the past 7 days. The latest RRT report was provided to your office on 12 August [MFR2025-227 refers].

We are actively investigating the following issues – this is not a full view of all investigative work that is occurring and these items appearing on the list below does not mean they will result in recommendations for deregulatory action.

We will provide you with a briefing on 4 September with recommendations for deregulatory outcomes that can be pursued, as well as a summary of the types of issues coming through the Red Tape Portal and what decisions we are making about them. Below is a list of some of the issues that we are investigating, noting that not all of these will lead to a recommendation for deregulatory action.

Table 1: Issues under investigation

Title	Source	Investigation stage
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Swimming pools (frequency of inspections/compliance requirements) (MFR2025-186)	Investigation into public submissions	Investigating

Title	Source	Investigation stage
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