



# Weekly Report

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<b>Week ending:</b>	27 September 2024	<b>Priority:</b>	Medium
<b>Security classification:</b>	In confidence	<b>Tracking number:</b>	MFR2024-132

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<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Action sought</b>
Hon David Seymour MINISTER FOR REGULATION	Note the contents of this report

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Aisling Risdon  
Contact: s9(2)(a)  
Ministry for Regulation

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**Minister's comments:**

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## Actions

Action	Due date	Status update
A2024-032	8 October	In progress. Decisions will be sought in MFR2024-110 due 8 October 2024
A2024-039	<div style="background-color: black; color: red; padding: 2px;">s9(2)(f)(iv)</div>	

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## Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2024-122	Crown Law advice on current version of the Regulatory Standards Bill	27 September

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2024-131	B-ready – Overview of New Zealand results	1 October
MFR2024-110	Draft Cabinet paper for Consultation: Improving Regulatory Policy Making	8 October
MFR2024-129	ECE sector regulatory review summary of all engagement - direct and indirect	11 October
MFR2024-125	Options for next regulatory review	11 October
MFR2024-130	s9(2)(f)(iv)	11 October
MFR2024-128	ECE sector regulatory review licensing criteria initial findings	18 October

## Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
Mid-October	Wellington	TBC - Update on ECE review	TBC - PR and supporting communications products
November	Wellington	TBC - One year since Minister Seymour received warrant as Minister for Regulation (potential for event)	TBC – PR and supporting communications products – An opportunity to highlight regulatory enhancements over the past year, and the Ministry's progress

Contact: Jade Lock, Acting Communications and Engagement Lead. Ph. s9(2)(a)

# Updates

## Recruitment update

*For information*

As at 27 September, the Ministry has 26 permanent staff with another eight already appointed and due to start in the coming weeks.

We have appointed the Deputy Chief Executive, Policy (Andrew Royle) and are in the final offer stages with candidates for the two remaining DCE positions. These appointments will likely be announced week beginning 30 September.

Advertisements are live for several roles including the Chief Economist, and Chief Advisor to the CE.

We have provided an updated current workforce and recruitment update in the A3 at the end of this report (**Appendix 1**). This includes the Ministry's organisational chart showing progress of recruitment to permanent roles.

Contact: Abbey Macalister, Head of People and Operations, Ph: s9(2)(a)

## Regulatory Response Team

*For information*

*New issues this week*

RRT #	Issue	Description
RRT2024-031	Sharing of car manufacturing data	To ensure New Zealand's policy landscape does not restrict data sharing in the automotive repairs sector (particularly in the EV market) to the extent that it results in anti-competitive behaviour.

*Closed issues this week*

RRT #	Issue	Updates
RRT2024-012	Buy now pay later late fee policies	MfR provided advice. Cabinet considered that advice and matter is now closed.
RRT2024-019	s9(2)(f) seek prevention of Biometrics Code of Practice	Privacy Commissioner will be engaging in further rounds of engagement in the future if a biometrics Code of Practice is progressed. We will advise the submitter to continue to engage with the Privacy Commissioner. We also engaged with MoJ about this. This matter is now closed.

*Priority issues*

We have identified five matters which the Ministry will be engaging with as a priority. We will provide updates on these issues each week.

RRT #	Issue	Updates
RRT2024-005	Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Regulations	RRT is investigating multiple issues raised by stakeholders about the shortcomings of the current AML regime, including compliance burden. We are also working with MoJ to help progress its AML/CFT legislative work programme.
RRT2024-010	Telecommunications service obligations (TSO) – outdated requirements	s9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]
RRT2024-014	Incorporated society re-registration costs	RRT has investigated this issue and are going to work with MBIE and the stakeholder who raised the issue on proposed options.
RRT2024-025	First responders and nurses' inability to provide medicines	s9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]
RRT2024-028	Lack of regulation of ACC's third-party administrator system	No further update this week. To be investigated by RRT and considered as part of other issues relating to ACC.

Contact: Tony Clark, Manager, Regulatory Reviews, Ph. s9(2)(a)

## Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

*For information*

The Agricultural and Horticultural Products Review has moved firmly into the analysis stage, with work well underway across the issues and causes, options, and economic workstreams.

We are continuing to analyse the submissions and group the issues into key themes. We are developing a plan to work through analysing and verifying the issues raised.

Agencies have provided feedback on high level initial options identified, and we are meeting with them to discuss their feedback and views. Insights from their experience, including where options have been considered in the past, will be useful in developing our analysis recommendations.

We have assessed three proposals for targeted quantitative economic analysis that we received from economic consultancy firms. We have selected Sense Partners as the preferred provider and they will commence work next week following conclusion of the contract arrangements.

Members of the Agricultural and Horticultural Products Review team met with the Department of Conservation on Tuesday 24 August to understand their perspective on access to products for

pest management purposes. They raised concerns consistent with other stakeholders and will be providing us with some further information on their experiences.

Contact: Tony Clark, Acting Agriculture and Horticulture Products Review Lead. Ph: s9(2)(a)

## Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

*For information*

All 2323 submissions have been read, tagged and analysed. On 11 October, we will provide you with a report summarising the themes from all engagement.

Testing of initial findings and recommendations has started with Ministry of Education, Education Review Office, Ministry of Health and Ministry for Primary Industry regulatory subject matter experts. The purpose of testing is to:

- Understand the level of agreement on our findings and recommendations
- Document where there is disagreement on our findings and recommendations
- Confirm where additional information is required
- Describe the implications of our recommendations, including risks and trade-offs
- Discuss the cost and time required for implementation.

Testing workshops will continue until the end of October. On 18 October, we will provide you with our initial findings on our analysis of the ECE licensing criteria, with a broader view of our findings presented to you on 15 November.

During September, the Early Childhood Education Sector Regulatory Review team has been working with Ministry of Education regional advisors responsible for Te Kōhanga Reo, the s9(2)(a) of Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust, and Ministry of Education Pasifika Advisors to confirm site visits. Site visits have now been confirmed for Te Kōhanga Reo on 2 and 3 October in the Waikato region; Puna Reo in the Manawatu 9 Oct and two Pacifica Centres in the Wellington region on 4 October.

We will provide the Early Childhood Education Sector Review monthly update to your office next week.

Contact: Justine Fitzmaurice, Project Manager, Early Childhood Education Review. Ph: s9(2)(a)

## Statement of appropriation

*For information*

As agreed by the Minister of Finance, the Ministry is exempt from producing an Annual Report for the 2023/24 financial year. Instead, we are required to produce a statement of appropriation which reports on the statement of expenditure against appropriations, statement of capital injections against appropriations, and statements of unappropriated expenditure and capital injections.

The chief executive also ensures that end-of-year performance information on each appropriation administered by the Ministry is provided in accordance with sections 19B and 19C of the Public Finance Act 1989. At the end of the financial year the statement and details as required by section 45A are provided and audited as if they were an annual report.

This statement of appropriation contains all information required of the Ministry to assure effective financial management in the 23/24 financial year. The statement of appropriation has the same requirements to be presented to the House within 15 days of the issue of the audit opinion.


As such the Secretary for Regulation asserts that this information has been prepared in accordance with sections 19C and 45A, taking into account the exemption provided by the Minister of Finance under section 45I(1).

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## Draft Cabinet paper consultations

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