



Weekly Report

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Recipient	Action sought
Hon David Seymour MINISTER FOR REGULATION	Note the contents of this report

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Minister's comments:

Proactively Released

Actions

Action	Due date	Status update
Provide advice on the purpose and role of the Legislation Design and Advisory Committee (LDAC).	May 2024	Completed.
Develop a strategy for engaging with the ECE sector.	May 2024	Completed.
Simplify the ECE sector review Terms of Reference (ToR) principles.	May 2024	Underway. Will be delivered with the Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation on 7 May 2024.
Provide advice on streamlining and improvements to the regulatory policy process, including the Ministry for Regulation's potential role in early agency engagement.	July 2024	
Propose solutions to triage public discourse on regulatory matters.	August 2024	

Briefings & Aides-Mémoire

Papers under development		Due date
2024-018	Updated ECE regulatory sector review Cabinet paper for ministerial and coalition consultation	7 May 2024
2024-019	Measuring success	10 May 2024
2024-015	Purpose and options for public recourse	10 May 2024
2024-020	Meeting with the Attorney General, 11 June 2024	7 June 2024
Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
2024-014	The purpose and role of Legislation Design and Advisory Committee	3 May 2024
2024-017	ECE sector review engagement approach	3 May 2024
2024-016	Regulatory Standards Bill: Possible approaches to embedding regulatory responsibility principles	3 May 2024
2024-023	RIA non-compliance cases for the week beginning 29 April 2024	3 May 2024

2024-022	Meeting with FFNZ, APHANZ, and AgritechNZ on 6 May	3 May 2024
2024-024	Visit to the Ministry for Regulation on 7 May	3 May 2024

s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(g)(i)



Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
7 May 3.30 – 3.50pm	Wellington Ministry for Regulation	Informal meet and greet with the Ministry for Regulation team (including those who transitioned from Treasury and MBIE on 1 May). Note – officials meeting will be held onsite before the meet and greet.	
Late May/early June	Any location	Sector Review into ECE Cabinet paper and Terms of Reference through Cabinet process.	Ministerial PR Event at ECE Media opportunity

Updates

Establishing the Ministry for Regulation

Culture and People

- A mihi whakatau to welcome the new team members was held at our offices on 1 May involving the Ministry, MBIE, Treasury and the Public Service Commission. The welcome was dual purpose allowing the Commission to welcome the Ministry into their offices as well as the Ministry welcoming staff from Treasury and MBIE. A few photographs from the event are included below.
- With the new team members, we were able to hold the second of our on-going organisational vision and planning workshops. Further sessions are planned over the next three weeks, culminating in an offsite at the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) collaboration hub on 6 June.
- Your visit to the Ministry offices has been planned for 7 May.
- We are advertising for two permanent roles (Principal and Senior Legal Advisors).
- The Ministry now has 30 team members with two vacancies at interview or offer stage, and another 8 actively or about to be recruited.

Transfer of information and technology

- Memoranda of understanding have been drafted between the Ministry and each of MBIE and the Treasury to enable continued use of agency information and laptops whilst information migration activities are underway. These agreements will remain open until the end of the financial year, or until completion of the information migration (whichever comes first).
- We are working on options for an interim website for use from mid-May.
- An exemption from publishing an annual report for this financial year was approved by the Minister of Finance on 24 April with an additional note that next year's annual report should cover the 4 months from this year.



Contact: Bill Moses, Corporate Lead. Ph.s 9(2)(a)

Sector Review into Early Childhood Education

Agency consultation on the draft Cabinet paper and terms of reference closed on 3 May. Feedback was also requested on the draft terms of reference from the Early Learning Regulatory Review Advisory Group and the Early Childhood Advisory Committee by the same deadline. We will provide a summary of the sector and agency feedback received, alongside the updated Cabinet paper and terms of reference, on Tuesday 7 May. Ministerial and coalition consultation will need to be undertaken from 8 May to 15 May, ahead of lodging on 16 May for consideration at Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee on 22 May.

The Steering Group for the review met on 2 May. They discussed a set of simplified assessment criteria to guide the review, the scope of regulatory systems (in whole or in part) that should be in scope of the review, and the sector engagement strategy. The simplified set of assessment criteria will be included in the updated Cabinet paper and terms of reference provided on Tuesday 7 May, and a briefing on the sector engagement strategy has been provided this week for your consideration [Briefing 2024-017 refers]. The approach to scope of the review will be reflected in the analytical frameworks under development.

The team has also continued work on analytical frameworks for the first principles review of the regulatory system, and the review of regulatory issues, which will set out how the review will be undertaken. An overview of these will be provided to you by 17 May for your reference ahead of Cabinet consideration of the terms of reference.

Contact: Hannah McGlue, Acting Sector Reviews Lead. Ph:s 9(2)(a)

Quarterly Plan

As previously reported, Cabinet has approved the Quarterly Plan for March-June, we are required to report fortnightly on our action.

The following update will be provided to DPMC:

A Cabinet paper seeking approval to initiate the first review will go to Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee on 22 May. Agency consultation on the draft paper was undertaken from 19 April to 3 May, with ministerial and coalition consultation planned from 8 May to 15 May.

The corresponding delivery status will remain 'amber' as the action is still in progress.

Contact: Kathryn Rush, Director Office of the CE. Ph:s 9(2)(a)

Establishment Milestones Update – 1 May

On 12 February 2024 you received a briefing from the Public Services Commission on the proposed phases and milestones for the establishment of the Ministry for Regulation. The four phases have been assigned milestone dates of: 1 March, 1 May, 1 July, and 1 October.

Below is an update on progress against the 1 March and 1 May milestones.

Milestone	Status
By 1 March	
Ministry legally established	Complete
Establishment CE engaging with you on work programme and priorities, including Budget process	Establishment CE continues to engage on these
Initial establishment team operational	Complete
Establishment CE becomes system leader for Regulatory Stewardship	Complete
Establishment CE becomes responsible for the Regulatory Standards Bill	On 1 May, the full responsibility was transferred from Treasury to the Ministry for Regulation.
Establishment CE assumes accountability for design of sector reviews	Complete
By 1 May	
Agreed a detailed description of the Ministry's functions and future operating model	The Ministry has begun the design phase and will be engaging with the transferring teams over the coming weeks before finalisation.
Engaged with the Establishment CE on approaches to working with key stakeholders and any mechanisms that may be set up	Begun and on-going
Proposed scope and plan for the first sector review and cabinet processes finalised	Complete
Regulatory Standards Bill timeframes and priority clarified	Complete
RIA function, staff and funding moved from TSY to the Ministry with technical workaround in place to maintain operations	Complete
Establishment CE becomes head of profession and role of delivering G-Reg. Staff will move from MBIE to the Ministry. Club Funding will continue to be managed by MBIE	Complete
Ministry input for Budget 24 will be complete	Complete

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Update on Regulatory CEs Meeting

On Monday 29 April Caralee McLeish held an out of cycle meeting of the Regulatory CEs group to introduce the new Ministry and hand over leadership of the group to Gráinne Moss. Gráinne presented briefly on the Ministry's high level work programme and answered questions. The meeting was positive, and the chief executives present provided valuable comment. The team that has transferred from the Treasury to the Ministry has been supporting the Secretary of the Treasury in this role and will continue to provide support now that the Ministry has taken over this role. Meetings are likely to be held quarterly.

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Engagements

We continue to meet with a range of leaders wishing to explore areas of joint work and understand the role of the Ministry. Recent meetings include with representatives from Business NZ and s 9(2)(a) who was formally at the Productivity Commission. Business NZ has invited us to present to their Major Companies group next Wednesday.

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