



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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Ministry for Regulation

Minister's comments:

Actions

Action	Due date	Status update
Follow up on proposals from Federated Farmers and Animal and Plant Health NZ to explore regulatory system simplification for new agricultural chemicals.	31 May 2024	Completed. Included in advice on next sector review.
Provide advice on ways Cabinet office processes may need to be amended to allow Ministry for Regulation early sight and input to relevant Cabinet papers	May 2024	Completed. Instruction has been incorporated into Cabinet guide.
Further investigate agricultural products. Particularly, to establish what you can buy at the moment and who are the impacted regulatory parties? What regulatory systems do they identify?	June 2024	Will include as part of scoping next steps.
Provide advice on streamlining and improvements to the regulatory policy process, including the Ministry for Regulation's potential role in early agency engagement.	June 2024	In progress
Provide advice on powers implementation	June 2024	In progress.
Propose solutions to triage information received (e.g. correspondence, complaints) on regulatory matters.	August 2024	In progress, trialling approaches

Briefings & Aides-Mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
2024-034	Advice on next sector reviews	31 May 2024

Papers under development		Due date
2024-020	Meeting with the Attorney General, 11 June 2024	07 June 2024
2024-048	Material for check in discussion on regulatory policy process streamlining	07 June 2024
2024-038	Regulatory Standards Bill: options for principles and transparency mechanisms'	14 June 2024
2024-047	Streamlining the regulatory policy process and improvements to RIA	21 June 2024
2024-028	June Regular Update on the ECE Sector Review for Ministers	21 June 2024

Draft Cabinet paper consultations

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



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



Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
5 June	Khandallah Little School	Announcement of regulatory sector review of early childhood education.	Event Ministerial PR Media opportunity
12-15 June	Fieldays, Mystery Creek Hamilton	Announcement of second sector review	Ministerial PR Media opportunity Event
July	TBC	Keynote speech	Event Media opportunity

Early Childhood Advisory Committee (ECAC) meeting 5 June

Following your formal announcement of the regulatory sector review of early childhood education (the review) at the Khandallah Little School, including a media stand-up, you are scheduled to attend an in-person meeting of the Early Childhood Advisory Committee (ECAC). ECAC is a group of sector representatives that provide advice to the Ministry of Education and is working with the Ministry for Regulation on the review. The meeting will provide you an opportunity to discuss the

recently announced sector review and terms of reference, outline your early childhood education priorities, and engage in questions with the group.

The Ministry for Regulation's sector review team will spend an hour with ECAC group following your session. ECAC will be able to provide the sector review team with their experience, advice and expertise on areas for improvement in the regulatory system. As part of a broader engagement plan, the Ministry for Regulation will continue to engage with ECAC and other early childhood education advisory groups established by the Ministry of Education.

Contact: Denise Mackay, Communications and Engagement Lead. Ph.s 9(2)(a)

Updates

Organisation Design

A proposed permanent structure has been designed. Consultation will commence with our workforce on 7 June 2024 closing on 21 June 2024.

The current plan is for the permanent structure to be effective 1 July 2024. Once a permanent structure is confirmed, we will commence recruitment for key roles including senior leaders.

More information on the proposed structure will be shared in the 7 June weekend bag.

Contact: Gráinne Moss, Secretary for Regulation and Chief Executive. Ph.s 9(2)(a)

Sector Review into Early Childhood Education

The Cabinet paper was considered by SOU on 29 May and will be considered by Cabinet on 4 June. We have been engaging with your office on arrangements for announcements on 5 June. We have also been liaising with the Ministry of Education and the Education Review Office on communication channels to help push the announcement out. You are scheduled to attend the Early Childhood Advisory Committee session on 5 June from 1pm, and Ministry for Regulation officials have an hour to discuss the sector review with that committee following your session.

Some providers have written to your office raising concerns about the approach to building regulation following the Loafers Lodge tragedy. There is a particular issue around door handle heights, which need to be below a certain height to ensure safe exit (required by the Building Code) but which also need to ensure that children cannot open them themselves and leave a centre (required by ECE licensing criteria). We will consider this issue as part of the review, and the team have already begun investigating it.

Similarly, we are also considering the laundry temperature issue raised by stakeholders as part of the review and have already begun investigating.

Contact: David Wansbrough, Sector Reviews Lead. Ph.s 9(2)(a)

Future sector reviews

Following our discussion with you on 28 May, we have refined the proposals to review the path to market for products in agriculture. We have also engaged further with sector stakeholders (Animal and Plant Health New Zealand, and Agritech New Zealand), and liaised with the relevant agencies. Our advice is set out in briefing 2024-034 and recommends that you discuss options with Ministers Hoggard and Simmonds.

Contact: David Wansbrough, Sector Reviews Lead. Ph:s 9(2)(a)

Government Quarterly Plan

We are required to report fortnightly on our action in the Quarterly Plan for March-June. The following update has been provided to DPMC:

The Cabinet paper for the review was considered at SOU on 29 May. It is scheduled to be considered by Cabinet on 4 June and announced on 5 June subject to Cabinet approval.

The delivery status will remain 'amber' until Cabinet has approved the terms of reference.

A draft action has been proposed for the next quarterly plan due by 1 September 2024.

Initiate the second regulatory sector review to identify and remove unnecessary red tape

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

Engagements

On 29 May, Gráinne Moss hosted Debby Buttle (MPI) Inspector-General Regulatory Systems, for a lunch and learn session with our staff. Debby set up this role at MPI and was able to share some of the lessons she has learned and her enthusiasm for improving regulatory practice.

Gráinne also attended the Trans-Tasman Dinner hosted by the Australian High Commissioner, in association with CyberCX. The guest speaker at this event was the Hon. Victor Dominello, previously the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation for New South Wales.

Gráinne also attended a meeting at the invitation of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment to discuss the Commissioner's reports on approaches to environmental policy. This was a useful opportunity for the Ministry to get early sight of the Commissioner's work, and vice versa, and to discuss approaches to regulatory system improvements.

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