



Weekly Report

Week ending:	14 June 2024	Priority:	Medium
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Recipient	Action sought
Hon David Seymour MINISTER FOR REGULATION	Note the contents of his report

Kathryn Rush
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Ministry for Regulation

Minister's comments:

Actions

Action	Due date	Status update
Provide meeting briefing and talking points to support ministerial conversations regarding the next sector review	7 June 2024	Completed
Provide advice on streamlining and improvements to the regulatory policy process, including the Ministry for Regulation's potential role in early agency engagement.	21 June 2024	In progress
Provide advice on powers implementation	27 June 2024	In progress
Share more information on the changes made to the G-REG programme, following the evaluation conducted in the last few years	27 June 2024	In progress
Ministry to look into TSO rapid review into copper network withdrawal	July 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
2024-038	Regulatory Standards Bill: options for principles and transparency mechanisms	14 June 2024
2024-053	Next steps for agricultural products regulatory review	14 June 2024

Papers under development		Due date
2024-028	June Regular Update on the ECE Sector Review for Ministers	21 June 2024
2024-047	Streamlining the regulatory policy process and improvements to RIA	21 June 2024

Draft Cabinet paper consultations

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



Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
1 August	Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington	Animal and Plant Health NZ (APHNZ) annual conference	Release terms of reference for agri-products regulatory review Speech Media opportunity

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

Updates

Statement of intent

For information

Departments publish strategic intentions (or a Statement of Intent) to support accountability to Parliament. The Statement of Intent is how the Ministry informs Parliament and the public of our strategic objectives over the medium-term, along with how it will manage its functions and operations to achieve or contribute to these objectives. Strategic intentions are part of a department's regular performance reporting.

A newly established department must provide its strategic intentions to its Minister as soon as practicable, but not later than six months after the date of establishment [s38(4)(b) PFA].

While Statements of Intent must cover a period of up to four years, we will be focusing on the activities over the next 12 months for our first publication. We have started the process and will provide a schedule to you next week with dates for your review of drafts.

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

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Sector Review into Early Childhood Education

For information

The ECE Sector Review team has been focusing on engagement, and engagement planning. On the morning of 13 June we met with several representative groups from across the sector, including private and community-based service providers, peak bodies and the union. We are progressing quickly with design of the formal submissions process which will open before the end of June, and have engagements scheduled with several sector groups over the next two weeks.

On Wednesday 5 June representatives of the ECE Review team ran a session at ECAC to answer questions about the Terms of Reference and to hear thoughts on what might be useful to look at as part of the review.

There was a good wide-ranging discussion, and attendees raised several points which we will follow up. These included but were not limited to:

- reducing the amount of paperwork for teachers and providers which could be done online
- the scope and lens of the review
- how we would engage and receive feedback and submissions
- some questions around regulations for paying relievers
- and whether the Ministry was also after some "quick wins" that could benefit the sector.

Some of the attendees at ECAC were part of a special Early Learning Regulatory Review Advisory Group meeting this week (13 June) where we explored some of these topics further.

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

Regulatory Triage and Response

For information

The Ministry has recently established a regulatory triage and response function within the Regulatory Reviews team. The purpose of this team is to serve as a vital connection between the public and regulatory processes within the Ministry for Regulation. Not all regulatory issues will require full sector reviews, and this team seeks to investigate and assess the scale and importance of issues that are raised with the Ministry with a view to provide insights and options for intervention and improvement.

The below table outlines the matters that we are currently investigating:

Source	Issue
Chapman Tripp	A request to consider aligning verification requirements of the Secondhand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Act 2004 with the AML/CFT requirements
Chapman Tripp	A request to consider changes to the Contract and Commercial Law Act 2017 to allow AV for remote administration of oaths and statutory declarations – i.e. continuing the COVID era approach.

Chapman Tripp	A request to consider amendments to the Kiwisaver regime to lessen unnecessary compliance in the event of withdrawals
Chorus	Consideration of the maintenance of copper connectivity and details of the fibre rollout requirements
Marlborough District Council	Reconsideration of the bar of kerbside recycling collection
Hawkes Bay councils	Consideration of audit requirements for long-term plans
General	Traffic management
Individual (dentist)	Highlighting duplication in requirements for Childrens Check from multiple government agencies

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Ministry for Regulation website

For information

The Ministry's interim website is now live at www.regulation.govt.nz. The interim website has been designed as a 'brochure' site, with a reduced amount of content and functionality. Work is underway on procuring a permanent website that will offer a far more comprehensive user experience. The Ministry's LinkedIn page has been live for three months, and now has over 2,600 followers, with almost 40% of them based in Wellington.

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

Engagements

For information

Gráinne was invited to speak at the Public Service Leadership Team on Thursday 13 June. She spoke to the group sharing an update on the Ministry including outlining what our key functions are, our progress to date, and our opportunities for the future. Gráinne encouraged the group to contact the Ministry about any regulatory issues they may be facing and to engage proactively with us when working through regulatory reform.

Gráinne met with the Chief Executive, Insurance Council of New Zealand. They are doing some work collecting data from members to understand and analyse the direct cost to consumers of their regulatory framework.

Melleny Black and members of the policy team, met with Bryce Wilkinson in his capacity as a former member of the Regulatory Responsibility Taskforce. The purpose of this meeting was to talk through how the core aims of the original taskforce draft Bill ^{s 9(2)(g)(i)}

There were brief discussions about the options for strengthening regulatory impact analysis. ^{s 9(2)(g)(i)}

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