



Weekly Report

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

Kathryn Rush
Contact: s9(2)(a)
Ministry for Regulation

Minister's comments:

Actions

Action		Due date	Status update
A2024-022	Provide copy of full PRMI report to the office when available	10 July 2024	Complete
A2024-019	Make changes to ECE Monthly update A3	12 July 2024	Complete
A2024-020	Draft letter for Attorney-General	12 July 2024	Complete
A2024-008	Provide advice on powers implementation	Ongoing	In progress. This action will be removed as part of ongoing work stream on the Bill.
A2024-015	Consider best time to begin updating the public on ECE review facts and figures	TBC	In progress
A2024-016	s9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
A2024-017	Provide further advice on the proposal for the 'hook' in the plan for early-stage analysis	TBC	In progress
A2024-021	Provide options on PCO drafting	TBC	

Briefings & Aides-Mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
2024-070	Summary of consultation feedback on the terms of reference and Cabinet paper for the Agricultural Products Regulatory Review	9 July 2024
2024-075	Meeting with Steel Construction NZ	12 July 2024

Papers under development		Due date
2024-064	Options for engagement on the Regulatory Standards Bill	TBC
2024-069	Key Points of Strategic Intentions document	19 July 2024

Draft Cabinet paper consultations

Draft Cabinet papers that we have been consulted on will appear here. Our intent is to leave papers on this table for your reference until we are confident they have been discussed at Cabinet, after which they will be removed.

s9(2)(f)(iv)

Contact: Melleny Black, Policy Lead. Ph. s9(2)(a)

Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
Week of 22 July	Wellington	Update on engagement progress for the ECE regulatory review	PR
1 August	Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington	Animal and Plant Health NZ (APHNZ) breakfast event (before the organisation's annual conference). Minister Hoggard scheduled to attend the breakfast event.	PR (release terms of reference for agri-hort products regulatory review) Speech Media opportunity

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
9 August	ECC Conference 2024 Christchurch	Early Childhood Council annual conference – anticipating 300 ECE professional to attend. Note: Ministry officials will host a workshop during conference on 10 August	Speech PR
29 August	Employers and Manufacturers Association (EMA) Auckland	Guest speaker at a regular EMA Policy Forum event	Speech

We are actively working with your office to explore event and engagement opportunities over the next two-three months that you could participate in.

Contact: Denise Mackay, Communications and Engagement Lead. Ph. s9(2)(a)

Updates

Ministry for Regulation participation in MBIE/Business NZ roundtable events

For information

As discussed with your office, officials from the Ministry for Regulation are scheduled to attend roundtable meetings with small and medium sized enterprises and manufacturers who have been invited to discuss their compliance burdens with government. The events will occur from 18 – 31 July in various locations. Event organisers, MBIE’s Small Business Services and Business New Zealand, will facilitate the meetings and provide a general structure to the conversation. We understand representatives from Inland Revenue will also attend.

It is likely that the conversations will shed light on the nature of compliance issues facing small and medium sized businesses. We will provide you with a summary of the meetings once they have concluded. We understand MBIE and Business New Zealand will compile a report from the round table events for publication later this year.

Contact: Denise Mackay, Communications and Engagement Lead. Ph. s9(2)(a)

Government Quarterly Plan

For information

The Ministry for Regulation has a confirmed action on the next Government Quarterly Plan. The first update with detailed milestones has been provided to DPMC as follows:

Number	Action Item	Action	Due Date	Milestones
15	Initiate the second regulatory sector review to identify and remove unnecessary red tape	Cabinet approval to initiate the regulatory review for the approval path for agricultural products	29 July 2024	The Cabinet paper for the review is scheduled for agency consultation beginning 2 July and ministerial consultation beginning 10 July; to be considered at EXP on 23 July; considered by Cabinet on 29 July; and announced on 1 August, subject to Cabinet approval.

Contact: Aisling Risdon, Ministerial Lead, Ph. s9(2)(a)

Regulatory Sector Review into Early Childhood Education

For information

The Ministry’s engagement hub went live on Friday, 5 July and as of noon Thursday, 11 July had attracted 261 responses. We consider this to be a high response rate. Responses can be received via questionnaire or by uploaded written submission. The questionnaires are being translated into te reo Māori. A breakdown of the submissions is below, including some information about the demographics of those who have submitted. We have received one written submission so far.

Responses at 12:00pm, 11 July 2024:

Service providers	9
People who work in ECE	126
Parents and caregivers	112
Other interested	14
Total	261

For parents and caregivers:

- The majority have children who attend centre-based services (92%)
- The majority have children who attend ECE more than 21 hours per week (75%)
- Most have children in the 3 years to 5 years age bracket (65%)
- Respondents are from a spread of locations across New Zealand

For people who work in ECE:

- The majority are qualified teachers (81%)
- The majority work in centre-based ECEs (51% private ECEs and 24% community-based)
- The majority have worked in ECEs for more than 11 years (70%)

For service providers

- We expect service providers' responses to increase substantially in coming weeks. Service providers are likely to be working across their leadership teams and Boards to fill in the questionnaire.
- Just over half are centre based ECEs, with the remaining being home-based and one university service.
- There is a mix of responses from services that operate one or a small number of services to two that operate more than 100 services.

Other interested people:

- A significant number of these responses are from people who used to work in ECE (40%) and academics and researchers (20%).

Contact: Bryan Wilson, Acting Sector Review Lead. Ph: s9(2)(a)

Regulatory Response Team

For information

No new matters have arisen this week. The team currently has 10 matters actively under review, with material being provided to your office for a response to s9(2)(f)(iv) following your meeting with them. We will also write to s9(2)(f)(iv) with our findings and keep the matter under review.

Development of an opportunity for members of the public to participate in the engagement hub is progressing.

Contact: Andrew Royle, Legal Lead. Ph: s9(2)(a)

Engagements

For information

Ministry officials continue to engage broadly. Of note this week, Establishment CEO met with:

- the **Commerce Commission** on a wide range of topics including sharing skills and talent and their recruitment process for senior economists;
- Tracey Kai, CE of the **Electricity Networks Aotearoa**, which represents 27 lines companies, to understand their role and to establish contacts should the electricity sector become an option for a future regulatory review;
- **Richard Westlake**, director and chair on various boards, including New Zealand Forest Research Institute Ltd (trading as Scion), who is considered by many in the agricultural sector to have a deep experience in regulation of the sector.

Contact: Gráinne Moss, Secretary for Regulation and Chief Executive. s9(2)(a)

Recruitment

For information

We have developed and launched our external facing careers hub and to date almost 300 people have registered interest. We are advancing with permanent recruitment now that our final structure has been confirmed. We will be advertising up to eight roles including the three Deputy Chief Executive roles Friday 19th July.

Contact: Gráinne Moss, Secretary for Regulation and Chief Executive. s9(2)(a)

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