



Weekly Report

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Recipient

Action sought

Hon David Seymour
MINISTER FOR REGULATION

Note the contents of this report

Kathryn Rush
Contact: s 9(2)(a)
Ministry for Regulation

Minister's comments:

Actions

Action		Due date	Status update
A2024-023	Talking points for ECC conference on 9 August	2 August	In progress
A2024-025	Provide advice on obligations and options for translation of sector review collateral	2 August	In progress
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			
A2024-017	Provide further advice on the proposal for the 'hook' in the plan for early-stage analysis	TBC	In progress
s9(2)(f)(iv)		TBC	In progress.

Briefings & Aides-Mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2024-077	Alternative approach to providing for regulatory responsibility principles	26 July 2024
MFR2024-083	Information pack for launch of Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review Terms of Reference	26 July 2024

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2024-081	Early Childhood Education Sector Review: Monthly Update, Issue 1	2 August 2024
MFR2024-084	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	9 August 2024
MFR2024-085	Draft Strategic Intentions	9 August 2024
MFR2024-078	Regulatory Standards Bill: powers and obligations for regulatory reviews	16 August 2024

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2024-086	Further advice on improvements to the Regulatory Impact Analysis system	2 Sept 2024
MFR2024-064	Options for engagement on the Regulatory Standards Bill	TBC

Draft Cabinet paper consultations

s 9(2)(f)(iv)



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Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
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
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

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

Updates

Recruitment

For information

Advertisements for the three Deputy Chief Executive roles have been live for one week. There has been strong interest in all three roles with our agency partner (*INSIDE*) managing expressions of interest and candidate care. Interviews for other permanent roles are underway with appointments expected in the coming weeks.

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

Engagements

For information

This week the team focused on inter-agency engagements. Officials met with staff at The Treasury, Maritime New Zealand, and MBIE to talk about our role and how we will work together, with representatives from the Charter School Agency to share our experience about setting up a new agency, and the Chief Executive was asked to speak to Public Service Secretaries from the Solomon Islands on best practice for working with Ministers.

Other external engagements included meeting with the CE and Deputy CE of BestStart, the largest early childhood education (ECE) provider, to discuss the ECE review, and a meeting with Raewyn Bleakley, Chief Executive of the Food and Grocery Council to discuss regulation in the grocery sector and the role of the Ministry.

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

Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

For information

This week your office put out a press release which summarised the submissions we have received so far and announced that the consultation period has been extended by two weeks. NZEI Te Riu Roa and the Labour/Greens/Te Pāti Māori put out a press releases opposing the review.

Next week, the review team begins visiting early childhood education centres. They will begin with centres in the Wellington region early in the week, then meeting Pacifica providers in Auckland on Wednesday. We will also be engaging with s 9(2)(a) the Early Childhood Council ahead of their conference on 9-10 August where you are speaking, and we are hosting a workshop.

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

Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

For information

The team is finalising planning for the launch on 1 August. We will send you a timeline and forward plan for Ministers next week to ensure sufficient time to align calendars for joint Ministers meetings.

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

Government Quarterly Plan

For information

As previously reported, the Ministry has one action (Action #15) on the Government Quarterly Plan for Quarter 3:

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

The first fortnightly update, in the new reporting format, has been provided to the Delivery Unit at DPMC as follows:

Update Required		
Action #	Delivery Update <i>Please provide your progress update for this action</i>	Delivery Status
15	<i>The Cabinet paper and draft Terms of Reference were lodged on 18 July for EXP on 23 July and will be presented to Cabinet on 29 July.</i>	Probable
[If Applicable] Critical Contextual Information		
<i>This update was written prior to EXP and on the assumption it passed through.</i>		

Upcoming papers <i>Please list any Cabinet Paper due for consideration in the next month.</i>				
Paper name	Action #	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Committee Date
Cabinet paper SOU-24-SUB-0050 – Terms of Reference for the ECE regulatory review	15	Regulation	EXP	23 July 2024
Cabinet paper SOU-24-SUB-0050 – Terms of Reference for the ECE regulatory review	15	Regulation	Cabinet	29 July 2024

Contact: Aisling Risdon, Ministerial Lead, Ph:s 9(2)(a)

Regulatory Response Team

For information

The following table shows updates on previously reported matters.

Source	Issue	Update
9(2)(ba)(i)		

Contact: Andrew Royle, Legal Lead. Ph:s 9(2)(a)

Proactively released