



Weekly Report

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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
s9(2)(f)(iv)		
A2024-017	Provide further advice on the proposal for the 'hook' in the plan for early-stage analysis	TBC
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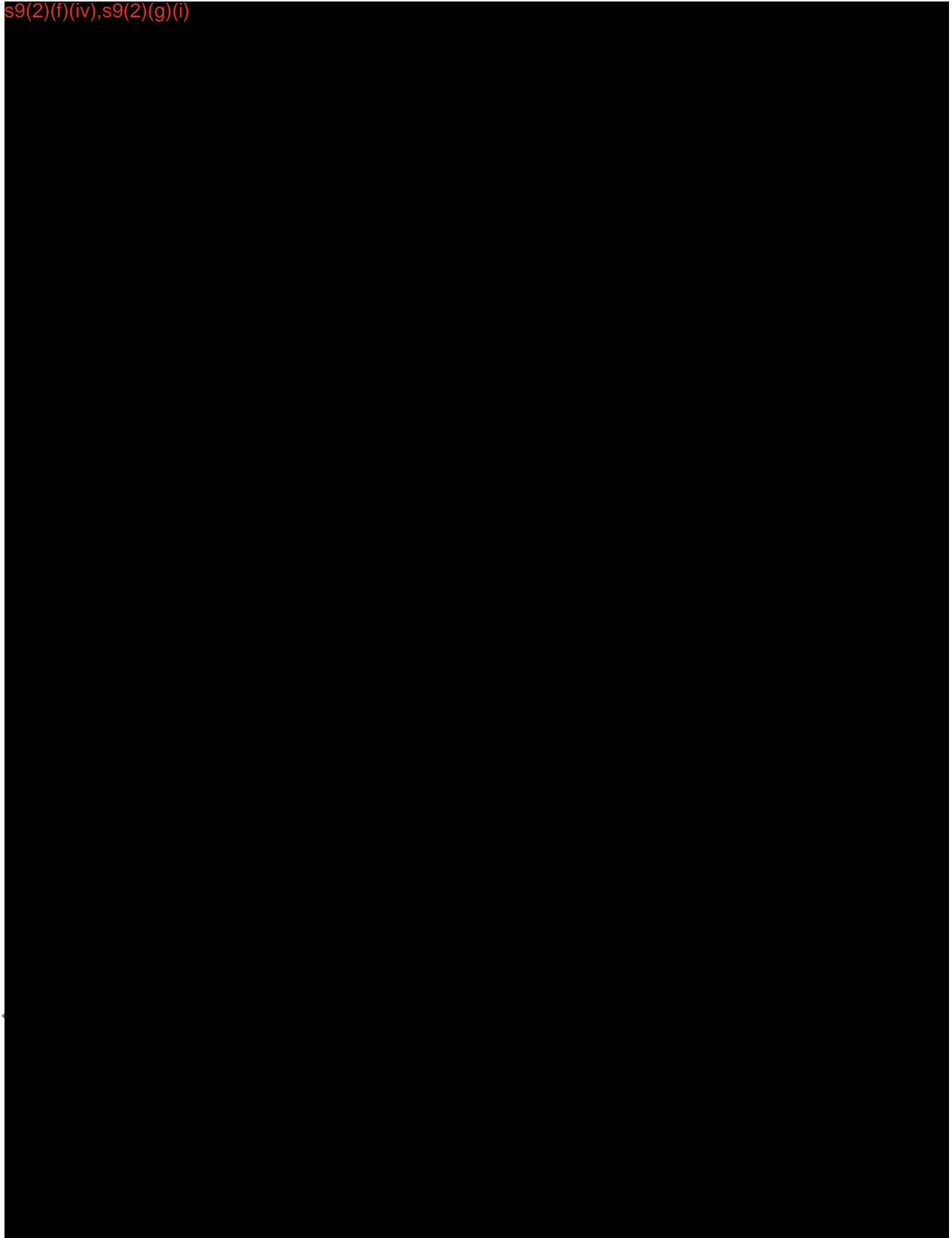
Briefings & Aides-Mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2024-095	s9(2)(f)(iv)	14 August 2024
MFR2024-098	Early Childhood Education Regulatory System Review: initial qualitative insights from surveys	16 August 2024

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2024-079	Streamlining & strengthening options	19 August 2024
MFR2024-078	Regulatory Standards Bill: powers and obligations for regulatory reviews	22 August 2024
MFR2024-086	Further advice on improvements to the Regulatory Impact Analysis system	6 Sept 2024
MFR2024-084	s9(2)(f)(iv)	TBC
MFR2024-064	Options for engagement on the Regulatory Standards Bill	TBC

Draft Cabinet paper consultations

s9(2)(f)(iv),s9(2)(g)(i)



s9(2)(f)(iv),s9(2)(g)(i)



Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
29 August	Employers and Manufacturers Association (EMA) Auckland	Guest speaker at a regular EMA Policy Forum event. Note: CE Gráinne Moss will also attend this event as a guest.	Speech

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
Week of 2 September	Wellington	Engagement on ECE review has closed – opportunity to acknowledge and thank participation and feedback, and outline anticipated next steps.	Speech at ECAC meeting on 4 Sep PR

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Updates

Engagements

For information

Recently the Chief Executive has met with senior staff at the Institute of Directors, the New Zealand Grain and Seed Trade Association to discuss relevant aspects of the agricultural and horticulture review, and the Auditor General and the Retirement Commissioner about the Ministry’s remit.

Contact: Gráinne Moss,

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 Ministry has now completed this action and has provided the below update to DPMC.

Update Required		
Action #	Delivery Update <i>Please provide your progress update for this action.</i>	Delivery Status
15	<u>The Cabinet paper: "Approval Path for Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review: Terms of Reference" was approved by Cabinet on 29 July. The review formally commenced, and the Ministry for Regulation started receiving submissions on 1 August 2024.</u>	Completed
[If Applicable] Critical Contextual Information		
<u>The review formally commenced on 1 August 2024 following the Minister’s announcement at the Animal and Plant Health New Zealand Conference. The submission portal will remain open until 8 September. Direct engagement with industry and interest groups will begin on Tuesday, 20 August 2024.</u>		

The Ministry's te reo Māori name

For information

The Ministry has been working with Te Taura Whiri | The Māori Language Commission about a te reo Māori name that the Ministry will use alongside our existing English name. Te Taura Whiri have suggested the name *Te Manatū Waeture*.



Ministry for Regulation Te Manatū Waeture

The name, as suggested by Te Taura Whiri, defines the Ministry's core purpose – to elevate the quality of regulatory systems and ensure that agencies align with best practice. Manatū asserts the Ministry's authoritative and guiding role. Waeture is the translation of the word regulation. The word also infers the clearing of pathways, the breaking down of complexity, and the elimination of barriers to enhance efficiency.

We propose to begin updating our channels with the new logo from early next week. Over recent years, the way English and Māori have been displayed on logos has changed. The most recent logo development has been for the newly formed Social Investment Agency. The approach taken has been to use equal weighting for both languages. The guidance on te reo Māori signage is provided by Te Puni Kōkiri.

We will provide background information about the te reo Māori name on our website for those who may wish to read it. There has been no cost to obtain the new name or to design the updated logo. We will not be launching the name or hosting any events as part of the implementation.

We will continue to refer to ourselves as the Ministry for Regulation, but people may choose to use our Māori name.

We will provide your office with additional information to assist with any stakeholder queries, should you get any.

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Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

For information

We have updated the economic issues paper to address your feedback, and, subject to feedback from Ministers Hoggard and Simmonds, we expect to publish the updated paper on 26 August.

We sent out invitations for online meetings with stakeholders in the week of 19 August, and we have had a strong positive response for attendance. The meetings next week will focus on agriculture and horticulture primary producers, product manufacturers and primary product exporters. These meetings will be key in understanding the issues and challenges that industry experience, and potential solutions. Meetings in the following week are being scheduled for environmental, public health and R&D stakeholders.

On 13 August the review team met with Medsafe to understand the work they have underway to streamline medicine approvals process, and leveraging overseas approvals by trusted regulators to

minimise duplication. While there are differences between the risks managed across systems, similar regulatory systems may provide useful lessons or examples.

The review team have also joined the cross-agency gene-technology officials group to ensure we are across any implications that changes to gene-technology regulation will have for the approval of agricultural and horticultural products.

On 14 August, Gráinne Moss and Peter Clark met with the New Zealand Grain and Seed Trade Association to discuss their concerns about a new group standard for treated seeds, about which they have written to both joint ministers for the review and the Ministry. We indicated that we had followed-up on the matter with the Environmental Protection Authority, but that, while we questioned the merit of the timing of the consultation, we have no statutory authority to intervene with a regulator exercising their responsibilities. The association have since provided further information and contacts that will be used as part of the review, and they are looking forward to the upcoming stakeholder meetings. They also expressed their thanks for the Ministry taking the time to talk through this with them.

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Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

For information

Last week we visited the s9(2)(ba)(i), met the s9(2)(ba)(i), presented at the Early Childhood Council (ECC) Conference in Christchurch, and met the Ministry for Primary Industries twice on food safety and Food Act implementation. We have also met with the Ministry of Health (MoH) a number of times as we seek to understand how MoH interacts and influences ECE providers.

We attended the Early Childhood Council annual conference in Christchurch on 9-10 August and hosted a 90-minute workshop on the regulatory review attended by about 40-50 people. Our aim was to describe what the review would do and not do, and to explain our approach. There was a high level of engagement, lots of questions, and vigorous discussion.

On Wednesday we spent two hours with the Kohanga Reo governance group. They are preparing a submission for us. As with all groups we've spoken to, they have very high expectations from the review.

Next week we are visiting two home based services in Feilding and Hamilton predominantly serving rural areas, a campus-based service at Massey University in Palmerston North, a Samoan language provider, and a Ministry of Education regional director. We are having a follow up meeting with the Teaching Council on English language requirements.

We have attached a short briefing at the halfway point of the submission process to summarise what we have heard so far and to assess whether any adjustments are required to our engagement approach and targeting. Given the high level of interest we do not think we need to change our approach. We have provided your office with a set of slides summarising who we have heard from in the questionnaire.

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