



# Weekly Report

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**Priority:** Medium

**Security classification:** In confidence

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**Recipient**

**Action sought**

**Hon David Seymour**  
**MINISTER FOR REGULATION**

**Note** the contents of this report

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**Minister's comments:**

# Actions

| Action    | Due date      | Status update |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| A2024-046 | S 9(2)(f)(iv) |               |

# Briefings & Aides-mémoire

| Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation |  | Date Delivered |
|---|--|----------------|
| MFR2024-158                                     | Revised Cabinet impact analysis circular   | 21 November    |
| MFR2024-162                                     | Draft Cabinet paper on a proposed regulatory review of the hairdressing and barbering industry                                     | 19 November    |
| MFR2024-168                                     | Delivering on Ministry establishment expectations, Strategic Intentions and Public Service Commission Chief Executive Expectations | 21 November    |

| Papers under development |  | Due date    |
|--------------------------|--|-------------|
| MFR2024-108              | November update on Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review for 26 November Joint Ministers Meeting   | 26 November |
| MFR2024-164              | Regulation of Kina fishery   | 26 November |
| MFR2024-166              | Talking Points on Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review for Joint Ministers meeting on 29 November | 26 November |
| MFR2024-140              | Meeting with Real Estate Institute of New Zealand (REINZ) 4 December 2024  | 28 November |
| MFR2024-165              | S 9(2)(f)(iv)  | 28 November |
| MFR2024-109              | Draft report for the Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review   | 12 December |
| MFR2024-167              | Early Childhood Sector Regulatory Review Draft Report  | 12 December |

## Upcoming events/announcements

| Date            | Location   | Event  | Opportunity  |
|-----------------|------------|--|--|
| November        | Wellington | <i>The Month of Regulation</i> – the Ministry’s engagement team are working with your office to propose and support a range of opportunities during the month of November (being the month you received your warrant as Minister for Regulation) | Various including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECE regulatory review updates</li> <li>• Ag Hort regulatory review updates</li> <li>• RSB public consultation opens</li> <li>• Regulatory Response positive outcomes (TBC)</li> <li>• Launch of the public portal for regulatory feedback</li> <li>• Launch of capability building resources</li> <li>• Foreword in the Ministry’s stakeholder newsletter</li> </ul> |
| December        | Wellington | Release of Cabinet circular relating to the paper Improving Regulatory Policy Making   | We will work with your office to provide communications approach and materials for a potential announcement  |
| December        | Wellington | TBC – ECE and Ag Hort regulatory review draft reports completed and received by Minister   | TBC – PR and supporting communications products  |
| 13 January 2025 | Wellington | TBC - public consultation on RSB closes  | TBC – PR and supporting communications products  |

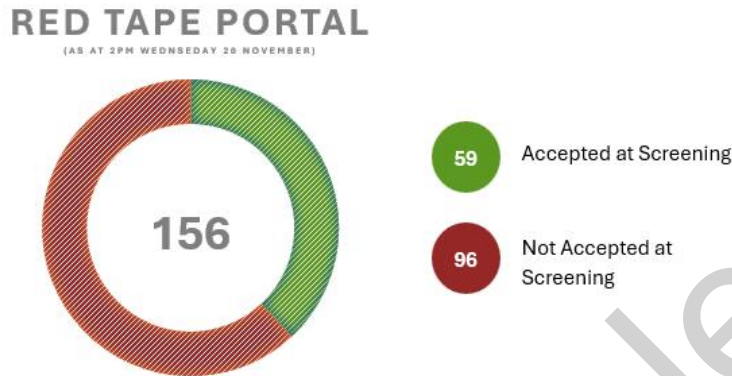
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# Updates

## Regulatory Response

*For information*

The following information is current to **2pm Wednesday, 20 November**.



- The Ministry for Regulation has received **156 submissions** through the online portal for public feedback on red tape issues (Red Tape Portal). Of these 59 (38%) passed the initial screening point. The balance did not pass the initial screening point as they were not related to a regulatory matter or contained unusable material.
- **Of the 59 submissions that passed the initial screening point:**
  - 27% were submitted on behalf of an organisation, and the rest were from individuals.
  - 76% of submitters have told us they have not previously contacted another organisation about their issue - showing that about three quarters of those who have engaged with the online portal were prompted to raise their regulatory concern for the first time.
  - We have received submissions relating to a range of sectors and services. The most common sector continues to be "Construction" - making up 19% of the red tape issues we have received.
  - "Education and Training" is the second most common sector raised by submitters - making up 14% of the red tape issues we have received.

### Note:

- These are preliminary numbers based on the initial processing of Red Tape Portal data and may change as a result of further analysis.
- We will provide a more accurate and detailed picture of portal submissions as we further analyse the data.

## Matters in progress

| RRT #                              | Issue  | Next steps/Action taken   |
|------------------------------------|--|---|
| RRT2024-024                        | Issues raised on the kina fishery regulations    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>We have worked constructively with MPI colleagues on issues raised by the submitter.</li><li>S 9(2)(f)(iv)</li><li></li></ul> |
| RRT2024-044                        | Regulation of Hemp Industry                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>We further engaged with the submitter on 15/11 to understand their issue.</li><li>S 9(2)(f)(iv)</li><li></li></ul>            |
| RRT2024-issues: 030, 048, 051, 052 | AML compliance burden from property transactions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>We have started contacting submitters to understand their issues further.</li><li>S 9(2)(f)(iv)</li></ul>                     |

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## Engagements

*For information*

The Ministry hosted a webinar about Emerging Trends in Regulation. There were approximately 150 attendees. The webinar panellists were EU Ambassador Lawrence Meredith, Dr Grant Pink, an experienced regulatory practitioner and academic from Australia, and Dr Julie Nind, who works on international regulatory cooperation issues at the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment. The webinar was facilitated by the Chief Executive.

Dr Pink also visited the Ministry for Regulation and met with officials to discuss regulatory matters.

The Deputy Chief Executive, Policy spoke at a ComplyWith conference and to Public Service Chief Legal Officers this week. He also met with the New Zealand Law Society (NZLS) executive team regarding opportunities to connect with the legal sector and their clients on reform initiatives, and NZLS's own reform proposals as a regulator.

The CEO presented to a the Senior Leadership Team at MBIE (Tier 2 and Tier 3) and CEO and DCE Policy met with the Senior Leadership Team of the Commerce Commission.

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## Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

*For information*

The Early Childhood Education Sector Regulatory Review has shared the first full draft of the report with Ministry of Education and Education Review Office for their review. We received their feedback this week for consideration and refinement of the final draft report.

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## Positive feedback from NZIER on regulatory practice essentials quick guides

*For information*

We are developing our working relationship with the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER), including exploring collaboration through their Public Good Programme. The institute has been very complimentary about our recently released Regulatory Practice Essentials quick guides and they will be endorsing and promoting them through their networks of regulated parties and regulators.

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# Draft Cabinet paper consultations

Draft Cabinet papers that we have been consulted on will appear here. Only new papers or papers with updated commentary will be included.

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