



# Weekly Report

<b>Week ending:</b>	10 May 2024	<b>Priority:</b>	Medium
<b>Security classification:</b>	<b>In Confidence</b>	<b>Tracking number:</b>	2024-030

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Action sought</b>
<b>Hon David Seymour</b> <b>MINISTER FOR REGULATION</b>	<b>Note</b> the contents of this report

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Ministry for Regulation

**Minister's comments:**

Proactively Released

## Actions

Action	Due date	Status update
Simplify the ECE sector review Terms of Reference (ToR) principles.	May 2024	In progress. On the agenda for 14 May MfR officials meeting.
Follow up on proposals from Federated Farmers and Animal and Plant Health NZ to explore regulatory system simplification for new agricultural chemicals.	31 May 2024	
Provide advice on streamlining and improvements to the regulatory policy process, including the Ministry for Regulation's potential role in early agency engagement.	July 2024	
Propose solutions to triage public discourse on regulatory matters.	August 2024	
Provide advice on ways Cabinet office processes may need to be amended to allow Ministry for Regulation early sight and input to relevant Cabinet papers	TBC	

## Briefings & Aides-Mémoire

Papers under development		Due date
2024-015	Purpose and options for public recourse	17 May 2024
2024-026	Summary of existing inquiry and information gathering powers of Ministers and agencies	17 May 2024
2024-027	Talking points for the ECE Cabinet paper at SOU	17 May 2024
2024-020	Meeting with the Attorney General, 11 June 2024	07 June 2024
2024-028	June Regular Update on the ECE Sector Review for Ministers	19 June 2024
Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
2024-018	Updated ECE regulatory sector review Cabinet paper for ministerial and coalition consultation	7 May 2024
2024-032	RIA non-compliance for week beginning 6 May	10 May 2024

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## Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
Late May	Any location	Sector Review into ECE Cabinet paper and Terms of Reference through Cabinet process.	Ministerial PR Event at ECE Media opportunity
30 May	N/A	Budget 24	Ministerial PR

## Updates

### Establishing the Ministry for Regulation

#### *Culture and People*

- The Ministry now has 8 roles under active recruitment, or about to be recruited.
- This week we engaged with Ministry staff on the development of a permanent structure to best support our on-going functions.
- Work to develop a Te Reo name for the Ministry has commenced.

Contact: Bill Moses, Corporate Lead. Ph. s 9(2)(a)

## Sector Review into Early Childhood Education

We have received your feedback on the draft Cabinet paper and Terms of Reference for the Early Childhood Education regulatory sector review [Briefing 2014-018] and will provide revised versions in the weekend bag. We can discuss these further at our weekly meeting on 14 May. We would also like to discuss timing and support for any announcements following Cabinet decisions, including how they will fit around Budget announcements.

Your office will need to undertake ministerial and coalition consultation on the Cabinet paper and lodge the paper the Thursday prior to the SOU meeting its intended for.

We met with Mana Mokopuna | Children and Young Person's Commission about the review. They are interested in supporting the review and offered to look for supporting data and reports. They agreed with us that it is not feasible or useful to seek to engage children directly for this review, but offered to look for any existing material that provided the voice of children.

On 8 May, the Regulations Review Committee heard a complaint about recent changes to person responsible requirements. The Ministry of Education responded to the complaint and said that while a full rewrite of the regulations was already intended, including for the person responsible requirements, it would be more appropriate to wait until the regulatory sector review is completed.

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

## Other Sector Reviews

Following your meeting with agriculture sector stakeholders on 6 May about the regulatory path to approval for animal and plant health products, we will meet with the relevant government agencies to understand their views and any work that is already underway. We will come back to you with our advice by the end of May.

Separately, we are developing advice on the next sector review. We are also considering what criteria we should apply when choosing potential sectors for future reviews. As part of that, we will review the proposals that have been sent to your office and to the Ministry.

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

## Measuring Success

On 8 May 2024 officials met with your office to discuss thinking to date on how to measure the success of the Ministry. We are working on a three-track approach which includes:

1. developing measurement tools in areas where we have direct levers to influence outcomes (sector reviews, regulatory capability, regulatory system maturity)
2. working with others on measurement options where we play a supporting role in the system (new legislation and the RIA process, building public trust and confidence), and
3. collating and elevating the work of others where they are leading on measurement within their own regulatory systems.

As background to support future conversations on this subject, we will provide you with a briefing note on relevant existing mechanisms for measuring sentiments of regulatory agencies, regulated parties and the public. We will also provide a further briefing note on the position of New Zealand in OECD rankings for Indicators of Regulatory Policy and Governance (IREG) and Product Market Regulation Indicators (PMRI) and the extent to which these could be used to measure the success of the Ministry.

Contact: Melleny Black, Policy Lead. Ph: s 9(2)(a)

## Chief Executive on leave

Gráinne Moss, Chief Executive will be on leave from Friday 10 May, returning to work on 29 May 2024.

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Andrew Royle will be the Acting Chief Executive during this time.

Contact: Kathryn Rush, Director Office of the CE. Ph: s 9(2)(a)

## Engagements

This week Gráinne presented to Business New Zealand's Major Companies Group on the Ministry's role, as part of their regular engagement programme. She also met with Brian Young, the CE of International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ), a Crown Entity to explore the place of accreditation in regulatory systems.

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