



# Weekly Report

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

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

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**Minister's comments:**

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## Actions

Action	Due date	Status update
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	In progress
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	In progress
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	In progress

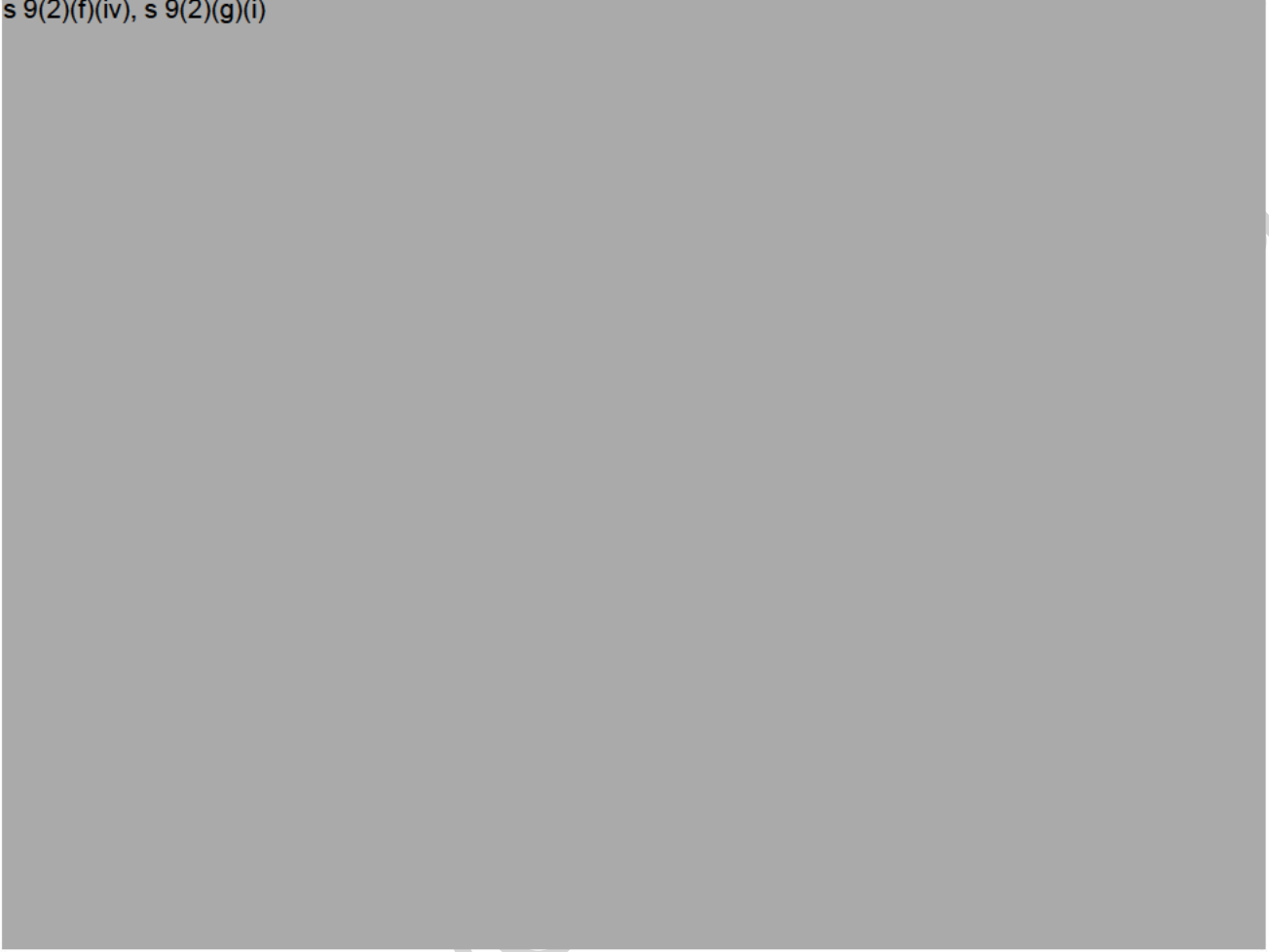
## Briefings & Aides-Mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
2024-042	Social Investment Ministerial Group Meeting 22 May	21 May 2024
2024-027	Talking for ECE Cabinet Paper going to SOU on 29 May	24 May 2024
2024-040	Background on OECD Indicators of Regulatory Policy and Governance and Product Market Regulation Indicators surveys	24 May 2024
2024-041	Sector Review Powers	24 May 2024

Papers under development		Due date
2024-035	Speaking notes for 5 June engagement with ECE sector	31 May 2024
2024-034	Advice on next sector reviews ( <i>note title change</i> )	31 May 2024
2024-020	Meeting with the Attorney General, 11 June 2024	07 June 2024
2024-038	Regulatory Standards Bill: options for principles and transparency mechanisms'	7 June 2024
2024-028	June Regular Update on the ECE Sector Review for Ministers	21 June 2024

# Draft Cabinet paper consultations

s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(g)(i)



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## Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
Early June	N/A	Sector Review into ECE Cabinet paper and Terms of Reference through Cabinet process.	Ministerial PR
12-15 June	Fielddays, Mystery Creek Hamilton	Announcement of second sector review	Ministerial PR Media opportunity Event
July	TBC	Keynote speech	Event Media opportunity

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

### Establishing the Ministry for Regulation

To date the Ministry has been reporting on the establishment activities it has undertaken each week. We now consider the Ministry to be sufficiently established that the remaining activities can be considered part of our business-as-usual activities. Therefore, we will no longer include a standing establishment update, and will only report on activities of significance.

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

### Sector Review into Early Childhood Education

The Cabinet paper and draft terms of reference were lodged on 23 May for consideration at SOU on 29 May. We have drafted some talking points to support you for the SOU meeting, they will be in the weekend bag.

Ministerial consultation on the Cabinet paper and draft terms of reference closed on 22 May. The only feedback received was from the Minister of Education, and related to:

- What previous reviews have been undertaken, and petitions that may have been brought regarding the regulations.
- What were the intended outcomes of regulation, and how had this been reflected in contractual arrangements.

We have incorporated these questions into the terms of reference, though we have not adopted the language of “contractual arrangements” because the financial arrangements do not involve direct contracts. We will examine the rules and conditions that are attached to financial arrangements.

Next week (31 May), we will also provide a draft press release to support announcements after Cabinet on 4 June, as well as talking points for your attendance at the Early Childhood Advisory Committee on 5 June.

We are discussing mechanisms for agreeing quick wins with the Ministry of Education on Monday 27 May. We have already identified some potential options but need a mechanism to ensure that any changes don't create new problems.

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

## Agricultural products as a potential review topic

Our initial scan confirms that the path to approval for agricultural compounds is complex – spanning several regulatory systems and regulators – and takes considerable time. Given the contribution of agriculture to the economy, any improvements could have considerable benefits, provided risks to human health and trade continue to be managed.

There are already several processes reviewing parts of these systems: a comprehensive reform of gene technology regulations and creating a new biotechnology regulator (led by Minister Collins); an independent review into Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (led by Minister Hoggard); and an intended review of hazardous substances regulation (led by Minister Simmonds). There is a Gene Technology Ministerial Group (composed of Ministers Collins, Hoggard, Simmonds, Patterson, McClay, Reti and Potaka) that sits across the gene technology part of this work but not the other related pieces.

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We are continuing to engage and want to discuss how we take this forward with you. In proposing any additional activity, we also need to consider the value that a sector review could add given the work already underway, and the capacity of regulated parties and regulators to engage in another concurrent process.

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At our next meeting with you, we would like to discuss whether you would like to engage with other Ministers about these options, or whether you would want to seek to join the existing Gene Technology Ministerial Group.

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

### Encouraging early engagement with MFR on regulatory proposals

Following discussions with Cabinet Office, we have provided brief text to be incorporated into the Cab Guide noting the role of the Ministry for Regulation and encouraging early engagement with us on regulatory proposals. The text submitted makes clear that such engagement should be in addition to what would be required for the RIA process.

The Cab Guide provides procedural guidance to officials on the operation of Cabinet and Cabinet committees and supporting their ministers in relation to such processes.

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## Ministry for Regulation Director to participate in International Association on Regulation and Governance Conference

On June 16-17th, Lisa Docherty, Director - Government Regulatory Practice Initiative here at the Ministry, will be a virtual panel member for the International Association of Regulation of Governance Conference, hosted by the University of Pennsylvania. This is a collaboration between the National Regulators Community of Practice (auspiced by ANZSOG), G-REG and the Institute of Regulation (UK).

They will deliver a panel discussion on the topic *Communities of practice: shaping regulatory futures on the local and the global stage*.

This brings together Australia, New Zealand and UK perspectives on the changing world of regulatory collaboration and capability building, including:

- Breaking new ground in local regulatory peer learning, how do established and emerging communities of practice build core regulatory capability to respond to a changing world? What have we learnt so far, where we are going and how will this shape the future of regulation?
- What is regulatory diplomacy and how do new ways of thinking about international relationships and collaboration shape global regulatory norms and frameworks? How we work together to share ideas and resources, enabling solutions to shared problems.

Contact: Lisa Docherty, Director - Government Regulatory Practice Initiative Ph:s 9(2)(a)

## Engagements

The Ministry is regularly being approached by individuals, and various sectors and interest groups to discuss opportunities for regulatory reform. We welcome the opportunity to engage with the New Zealand public and specific sectors to understand the impacts of regulation on their lives, businesses and industries. We see this as one of our mechanisms for gathering insights to inform future sector reviews and opportunities for regulatory improvements. Meetings have been scheduled in the coming weeks and we will report on these as they occur.

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