



# 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:**

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## Actions

Action	Due date	Status update
Share more information on the changes made to the G-REG programme, following the evaluation conducted in the last few years	27 June 2024	Completed. Incorporated into 2024-057.
Provide further advice on the proposal for the 'hook' in the plan for early-stage analysis	TBC	
Ministry to look into TSO rapid review into copper network withdrawal	July 2024	In progress

## Briefings & Aides-Mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
2024-059	Draft terms of reference and Cabinet paper for Agricultural Products Regulatory Review	24 June 2024
2024-058	Timeline for development of Strategic Intentions	27 June 2024
2024-065	Meeting with Vector Limited	27 June 2024

Papers under development		Due date
2024-028	Early Childhood Education Sector Review: Monthly Update, Issue 1	1 July 2024
2024-057	Approach to capability uplift	5 July 2024
2024-060	Decision-making and implementation mechanisms for regulatory reviews	5 July 2024
2024-063	Further advice on preferred option for a Regulatory Standards Bill	5 July 2023
2024-064	Options for engagement on the Regulatory Standards Bill	12 July 2024

## Draft Cabinet paper consultations

Draft Cabinet papers that we have been consulted on will appear here. Our intent is to leave papers on this table for your reference until we are confident they have been discussed at Cabinet, after which they will be removed.

Portfolio	Title	Probable Committee	Comment
Media and Communications (MCH)	Immediate actions to support New Zealand's media and content production sector	Cabinet 1 July 2024	<p>The Minister for Media and Communications is seeking Cabinet agreement to targeted actions to support the media and content production sector: repeal restrictions on when advertisements can be broadcast on linear television and radio, s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>Our feedback noted our support of the proposed repeal of advertising restrictions and that we did not have comment on the change to funding criteria proposed.</p>

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

## Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
5 July	Business NZ – hosted by Chapman Tripp Auckland	Business NZ CEO Forum 45-minute speaking slot 'Red tape and regulation'	Speech
1 August	Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington	Animal and Plant Health NZ (APHNZ) breakfast event (before the organisation's annual conference). Minister Hoggard is also scheduled to attend the breakfast event.	Release terms of reference for agri-products regulatory review Speech Media opportunity
29 August	Employers and Manufacturers Association (EMA) Auckland	Guest speaker at a regular EMA Policy Forum event	Speech

We are actively working with your office to explore event and engagement opportunities over the next two-three months that you could participate in.

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

# Updates

## Permanent Org Structure Final Decisions

*For information*

We have had excellent engagement on our discussion document which resulted in 81 items of feedback for consideration and 83 "reactions" or "votes" on comments via our interactive consultation tool. We have now made some changes to the proposed structure to incorporate the helpful and insightful feedback we received which included the need to shift resources and slim down the corporate functions, increase resource on sector reviews and system capability uplift. We will communicate next week the final decisions to the organisation and have already put actions in place to begin the permanent recruitment for the key leadership roles. We will provide the final communications to your office for reference.

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

## Publication of the OECD's Product Market Regulation Indicators

*For information*

The OECD is set to release the results of their Product Market Regulation Indicators (PMRI) survey on 10 July at 11:30pm.

The PMRI survey runs every five years and measures how policies promote or inhibit competition in the general economy, and in a number of particular markets for products and services. Countries' responses to the survey's questions are scored and are then used to create numerical indicators. There are several low-, medium-, and high-level indicators representing particular areas of regulation, as well as an economy-wide summary indicator. We have briefed you previously about previous PMRI results and the OECD's Indicators of Regulatory Policy and Governance (*Briefing 2024-040*).

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We expect that there may be media attention on the PMRI. We will provide you with a report on the expected results ahead of the OECD launch. This will be aligned with similar briefings being provided by other agencies to the Minister of Finance and MBIE Ministers responsible for the regulatory systems covered in the survey.

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

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## Sector Review into Early Childhood Education

In the week ending 27 June 2024, we met with:

- Evolve Education Group
- Te Rito Maioha ECNZ
- Kids First Kindergartens
- ECE Reform
- Home based ECE providers
- Montessori Aotearoa New Zealand

These engagements have been successful with stakeholders communicating their support and offering to encourage their communities and whānau of children in ECE to engage with the review by way of submissions.

In the next week we continue to engage with sector groups including Advocates for Early Learning Excellence and Barnardos.

The online portal for submissions is scheduled to go live through the Ministry website next week.

Visits to early childhood education service providers are scheduled for end of July and beginning of August after the school holidays (6 July to 21 July).

Contact: Bryan Wilson, Acting Sector Review Lead. Ph:s 9(2)(a)

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## Regulatory Response Team

As advised last week, we have established a small dedicated cross-Ministry team (sourced from shared resource with other teams) to help unravel some of more burdensome regulatory issues, including matters brought to our attention through correspondence to you or the Ministry, and other matters that are raised with us (e.g. through engagement). This may inform our pipeline of sector reviews although, where possible, we will also work with other agencies to look for quick wins. The team operates within part of our larger Regulatory Review group.

The team currently has nine matters open.

The following table shows new matters picked up by the team this week:

Source	Issue
Ministry of Justice / Chapman Tripp (on behalf of the firm)	The Ministry has been invited to assist the Ministry of Justice in its work relating to AML-CFT reform. This has also been a matter on which you and the Ministry have received correspondence.

## Engagements

*For information*

Grainne and Peter Clark (Principal Advisor, Regulatory Reviews) met with Dr Graeme Jarvis, Chief Executive Officer of Medicines New Zealand Inc., an industry body that advocates for improved access to modern medicines. Medicines New Zealand wished to discuss opportunities and challenges of regulation in the human health sector.

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