



# Weekly Report

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<b>Week ending:</b>	5 July 2024	<b>Priority:</b>	Medium
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<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

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**Minister's comments:**

## Actions

Action	Due date	Status update
Provide further advice on the proposal for the 'hook' in the plan for early-stage analysis	TBC	
s9(2)(f)(iv)		
Consider best time to begin updating the public on ECE review facts and figures		In progress
Draft cover note for distribution of ECE review update to relevant Ministers	5 July 2024	Completed (in bag)

## Briefings & Aides-Mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
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 the preferred option for a Regulatory Standards Bill	5 July 2024
2024-068	New Zealand's performance in the OECD's 2023 Product Market Regulation Indicators	5 July 2024
2024-071	Distribution of ECE review update to relevant Ministers	5 July 2024
2024-072	Information release for review: Cabinet paper SOU-24-SUB-0050 – Terms of Reference for the ECE regulatory review	5 July 2024

Papers under development		Due date
2024-070	Summary of consultation feedback on the terms of reference and Cabinet paper for the Agricultural Products Regulatory Review	9 July 2024
2024-064	Options for engagement on the Regulatory Standards Bill	12 July 2024
2024-069	Key Points of Strategic Intentions document	19 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.



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## Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
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.

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# Updates

## Permanent Org Structure – Next steps

*For information*

Planning for recruitment to the permanent structure is now underway with a selection of vacancies identified as a priority, including the three Deputy Chief Executives. We have partnered with an external agency (INSIDE Recruitment) to facilitate a robust advertising and selection process for the three DCE roles. Other vacancies will be advertised by our People team over the coming weeks and months using a variety of channels, including our own careers hub.

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## Report back on 1 July Establishment Milestones

*For information*

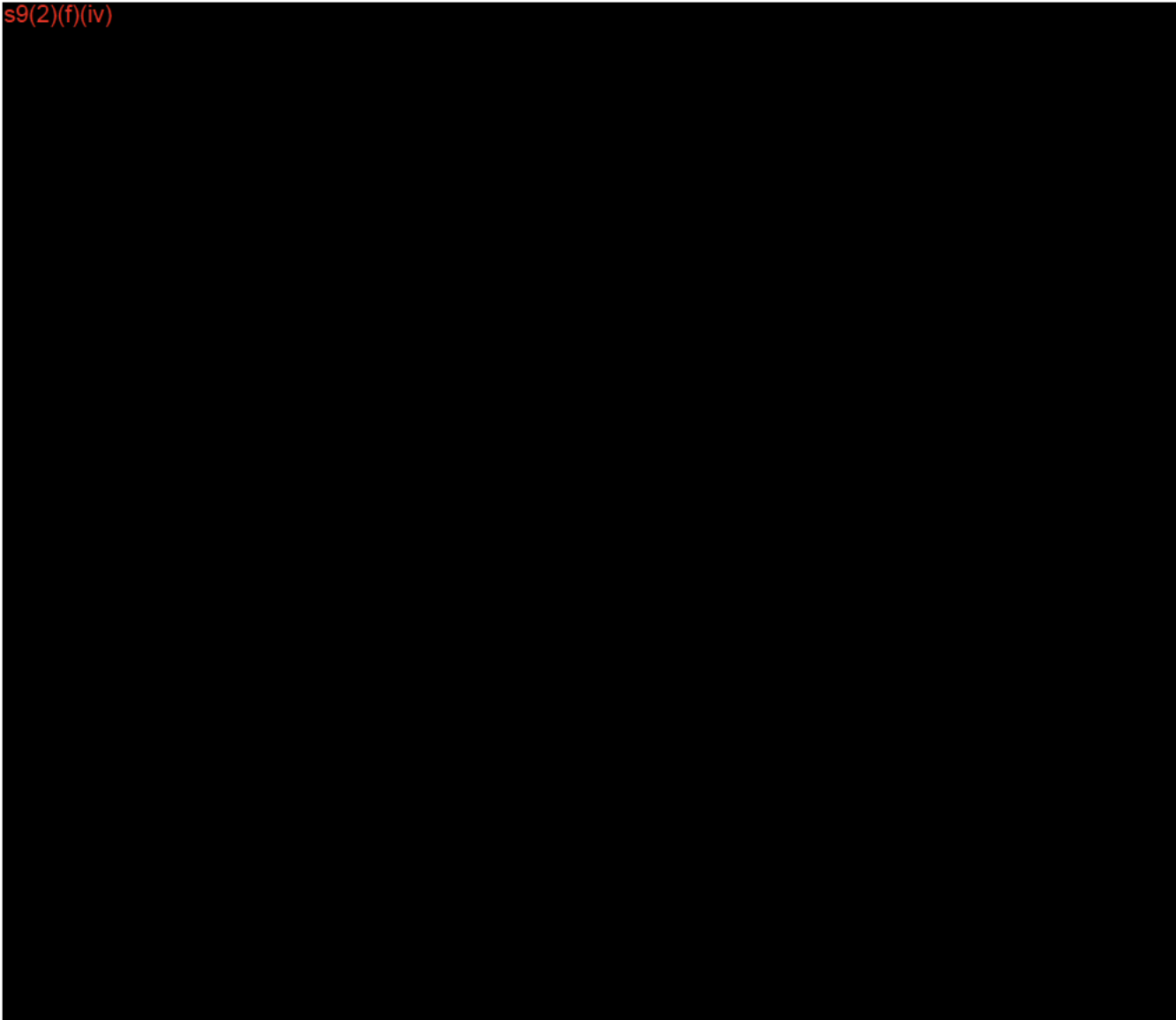
On 12 February 2024 you received a briefing from the Public Services Commission on the proposed phases and indicative milestones for the establishment of the Ministry for Regulation. Those phases and milestones were split into four and arranged by date: 1 March, 1 May, 1 July and 1 October. We provided an update on the March and May milestones in the weekly report of 3 May.

Below is an update on progress against the PSC indicative milestones to 1 July.

Indicative Milestone	Status
<b>By 1 July</b>	
Cabinet will have agreed a plan for the Ministry's priorities, work programme and operating model	Cabinet has previously agreed its intentions for the Ministry. We have advised you on the key functions the Ministry will need to have to deliver on those. Further functions are being refined as part of policy work on the Bill and RIA system. The establishment CE has been engaging with you on the operating model, work programme and central agency role.
The substantive CE will have been appointed and be engaging with you on the full operating model and work programme for the Ministry, and plans for building the Ministry as a central agency	Appointment process for the substantive CE is underway (by PSC). The establishment CE has been engaging with you on the operating model, work programme and central agency role.
The substantive CE will have a blueprint for the new organisation and will commence replacing secondees with longer term staffing, decisions on the location of the Ministry and substantive arrangement for its corporate services	The establishment CE has finalised the organisational structure and has commenced recruitment process for senior staff including Tier 2 roles. Substantive arrangements for the Ministry's corporate services (including location) are well underway.

Indicative Milestone	Status
<b>By 1 July</b>	
Setting up for the second sector review will have commenced	Commenced.
Depending on legislative priority and drafting availability, you expect the Regulatory Standards Bill to be introduced to Parliament	s9(2)(f)(iv)
The Ministry will know its ongoing funding arrangements following Budget 24 and will be planning accordingly. This will include replacing the G-REG club funding model with appropriation funding.	Budget is known. Planning is underway; finalisation of the organisation structure was a first step to the more detailed budgeting process. Replacement of G –Reg club funding model complete.

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Contact: Bryan Wilson, Acting Sector Review Lead. Ph: s9(2)(a)

## Agricultural Products Regulatory Review

The draft Cabinet Paper and terms of reference were revised to respond to the feedback from Joint Ministers. On 2 July we started both agency consultation on the draft Cabinet Paper and sector consultation on the draft terms of reference, with responses due by midday on 9 July. We will provide an Aide Memoire to Joint Ministers on 9 July that summarises the feedback received, and any changes made, and provide updated copies for Ministerial and Coalition consultation, which is due to start on 10 July.

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## Regulatory Response Team

The team currently has 10 matters active, and 1 matter now under light-touch monitoring (the matters raised by s9(2)(f)(iv), as reported above).

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

Source	Issue
s9(2)(f)(iv)	We are discussing the application of standards with sector bodies, especially in instances of NZ regulators deviating from international standards / best practice, and the role of non-government industry standards operating alongside govt standards. This may inform our future work programme.

## Engagements

*For information*

Aside from meeting with representatives from s9(2)(f)(iv), Gráinne also met with the executive leadership team at ANZ bank to discuss the Ministry’s role and purpose and Toitū te Waiora (the Workforce Development Council for Community, Health, Education and Social Services) to discuss input to the ECE sector review relating to ECE qualifications.

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