



Weekly Report

Week ending:	9 August 2024	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In confidence	Tracking number:	MFR2024-096
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
s9(2)(f)(iv)		
A2024-017	Provide further advice on the proposal for the 'hook' in the plan for early-stage analysis	TBC
In progress		
s9(2)(f)(iv)		

Briefings & Aides-Mémoire

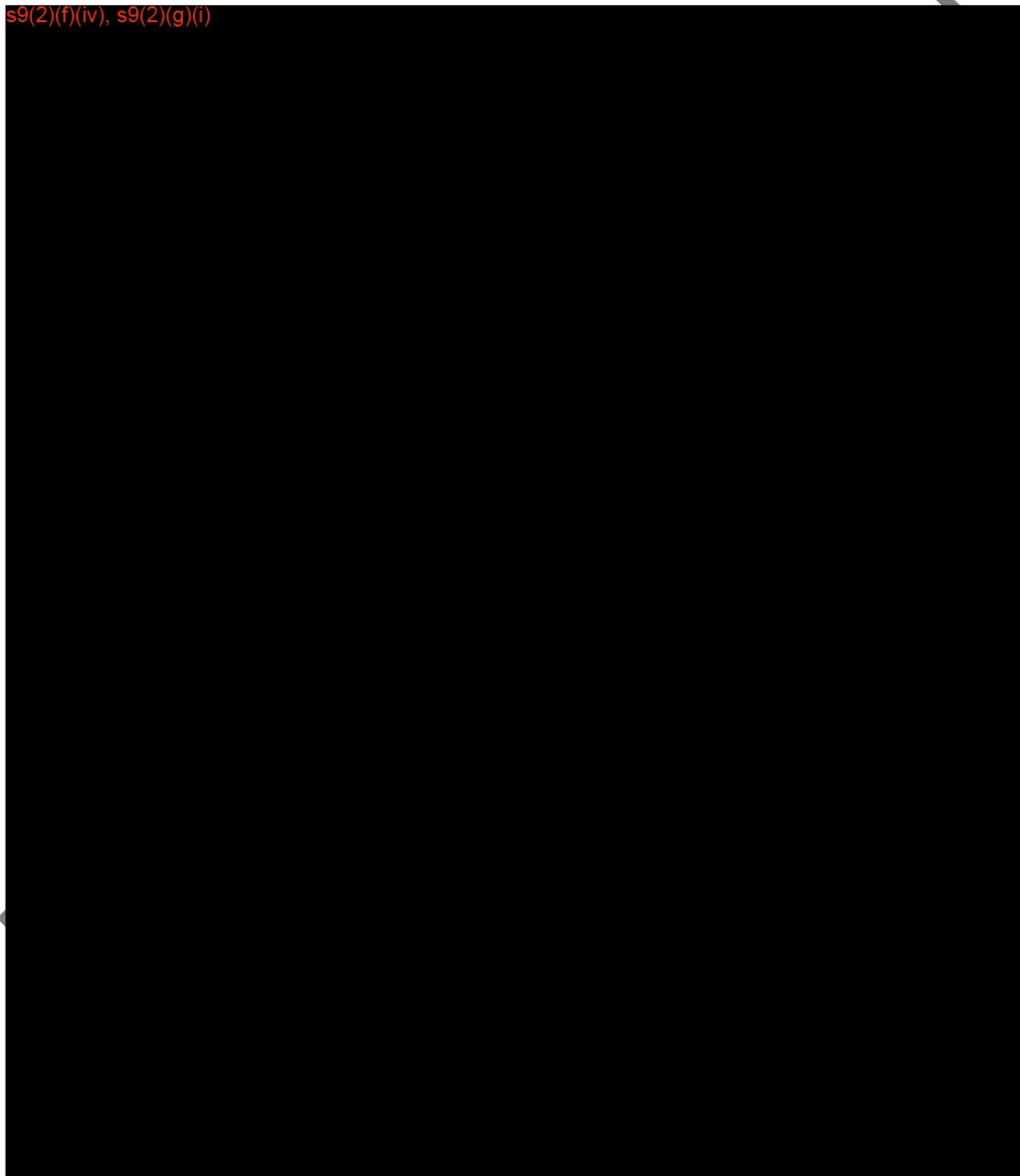
Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2024-092	Progressing the Regulatory Standards Bill	6 August 2024
MFR2024-090	Approach to economic analysis in the Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review	9 August 2024
MFR2024-085	Draft Strategic Intentions	9 August 2024

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2024-078	s9(2)(f)(iv)	16 August 2024
MFR2024-078	Regulatory Standards Bill: powers and obligations for regulatory reviews	16 August 2024
MFR2024-079	Streamlining & strengthening options	19 August 2024
MFR2024-086	Further advice on improvements to the Regulatory Impact Analysis system	6 Sept 2024
MFR2024-084	s9(2)(f)(iv)	TBC

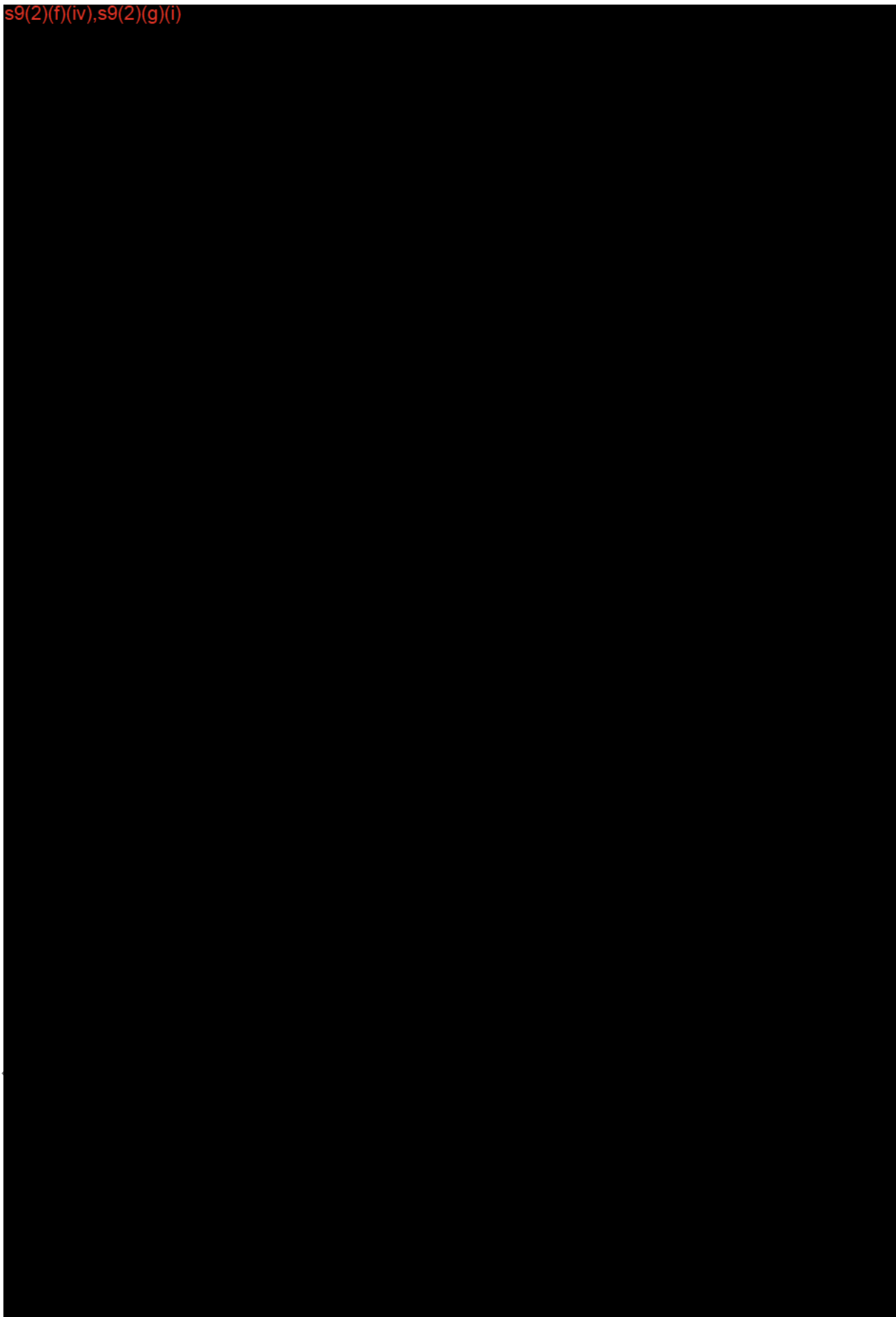
Papers under development		Due date
MFR2024-064	Options for engagement on the Regulatory Standards Bill	TBC

Draft Cabinet paper consultations

s9(2)(f)(iv), s9(2)(g)(i)



s9(2)(f)(iv), s9(2)(g)(i)



Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
29 August	Employers and Manufacturers Association (EMA) Auckland	Guest speaker at a regular EMA Policy Forum event. Note: CE Gráinne Moss will also attend this event as a guest.	Speech
1 September	Wellington (TBC)	Engagement on ECE review has closed – opportunity to acknowledge and thank participation and feedback, and outline anticipated next steps	Event Media opportunity PR

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Updates

Recruitment

For information

Advertisements for our three Deputy Chief Executive vacancies closed on 9 August, with over 100 applications received across the three roles. Shortlisting will occur over the next 2 weeks with initial interviews expected to commence by the end of August. Offers are expected to be made to preferred candidates approximately mid-September.

We have appointed two of our corporate tier 3 roles: Head of People & Operations and Head of Ministerial Services. Interviews are underway for the leadership roles within the Regulatory Reviews group, with many high calibre applicants being considered. Offers are expected to be made to preferred candidates by the end of August.

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Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

For information

On 9 August the review team provided a briefing to Joint Ministers that set out the economic analysis that would be undertaken as part of the review and a draft Economic Analysis Issues Paper to generate further targeted stakeholder input (MFR2024-090). We are seeking to discuss the workstream and the issues paper with you at the Agency meeting on 13 August.

On 6 and 7 August, the Environmental Protection Authority held introductory sessions on the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms regulatory system. These helped set some foundational understanding of the regulatory system for the review team, and provided an opportunity to ask a range of detailed questions on how it operates. These followed on from an equivalent session on the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines regulatory system last month.

On 5 August a member of the review team attended a panel discussion on global dairy subsidies, organised by Dairy Companies Association of New Zealand (DCANZ). While the review is not concerned with subsidies, it provided an opportunity to understand some of the economic considerations that will be relevant for the Review. DCANZ is working with the Ministry for Primary Industries on an economic model to estimate the impacts of dairy subsidies.

The review team also met with a further part of MPI to understand the trade and market access implications of the use of agricultural and horticultural products. We will be engaging with them later in the review to understand the impacts our options may have for global trade partners and the regulators of importing countries.

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Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

For information

This week, the review team visited s9(2)(ba)(i) and s9(2)(ba)(i) and held a hui with Puna Reo. David Wansbrough and Neil Miller will attend the Early Childhood Council conference in Christchurch on 9-10 August, including hosting a workshop on the second day.

Next week, we have meetings scheduled with Kohanga Reo National Trust and with Linda Meade.

As of 6 August, the breakdown of submissions received is:

Parents and caregivers	508
People who work in ECE	570
Service providers	62
Other interested people	33
total	1,173

The Ministry will provide your office with some detailed analysis next week from the submissions received so far.

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Regulatory Response Team

For information

There is one new matter that the team is responding to

Source	Issue
Minister's Office	Mandatory requirement of building consent is to install a 45,000 Litre tank on rural property for Fire Service to access in case of fire. The cost of the tank and installation is on the property owner.

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