



# Weekly Report

**Week ending:** 18 October 2024

**Priority:** Medium

**Security classification:** In confidence

**Tracking number:** MFR2024-144

**Recipient**

**Action sought**

**Hon David Seymour**  
**MINISTER FOR REGULATION**

**Note** the contents of this report

Aisling Risdon  
Contact: s9(2)(a)  
Ministry for Regulation

**Minister's comments:**

# Actions

Action	Due date	Status update	
A2024-044	(Legally Privileged) MfR to plan for the joint Ministers meeting with the AG on 22 October	18 October	Completed and closed. MFR2024-143 provides a briefing ahead of the meeting.
A2024-043	s9(2)(f)(iv)		

# Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2024-143	Meeting with Attorney-General on Regulatory Standards Bill	18 October
MFR2024-128	ECE sector regulatory review licensing criteria initial findings	18 October

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2024-145	s9(2)(f)(iv)	25 October
MFR2024-146	s9(2)(f)(iv)	30 October
MFR2024-107	October update on Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review	1 November
MFR2024-139	s9(2)(f)(iv)	9 November
MFR2024-127	ECE sector regulatory review initial findings and recommendations	15 November
MFR2024-108	November update on Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review for 26 November Joint Ministers Meeting	22 November
MFR2024-140	s9(2)(f)(iv)	25 November
MFR2024-109	Draft report for the Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review	18 December

## Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
Later October	Wellington	TBC - update on ECE review	TBC – Joint PR (with relevant regulatory agencies) and supporting communications products
Later October	Wellington	Business NZ publish their report on reducing the compliance burden on small business	TBC - PR
Early November	Wellington	TBC – update on Ag Hort review	TBC – PR and supporting communications products
November	Wellington	TBC – public consultation on RSB opens	TBC – PR and supporting communications products
November	Wellington	TBC - one year since Minister Seymour received warrant as Minister for Regulation (potential for event)	TBC – PR and supporting communications products – an opportunity to highlight regulatory enhancements over the past year, and update on the Ministry’s progress
December	Wellington	TBC – ECE and Ag Hort regulatory review draft reports completed	TBC – PR and supporting communications products
December	Wellington	s9(2)(f) (iv) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Contact: Denise Mackay, Communications Lead. Ph. s9(2)(a) [REDACTED]

## Updates

## Workforce and Recruitment Update

*For information*

Recruitment activity remains busy with 19 positions being actively recruited. We have filled 38 (42%) of our permanent positions.

The Chief Economist advert closed on 13 October and we are currently shortlisting. Interest was high with a total of 61 applications. Following preliminary conversations with candidates, we expect formal interviews to be conducted between 28 October – 3 November.

**Appendix 1** shows our recruitment progress as at 14 October.

Contact: Abbey Macalister, Head of People and Operations. Ph: **s9(2)(a)**

## Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

*For information*

The Early Childhood Education Sector Regulatory Review continues to analyse and test initial findings and recommendations with the Ministry of Education, Education Review Office, Ministry of Health and Ministry for Primary Industries regulatory subject matter experts. The purpose of testing is to:

- Understand the level of agreement on our findings and recommendations.
- Document where there is disagreement on our findings and recommendations.
- Confirm where additional information is required.
- Describe the implications of our recommendations, including risks and trade-offs.
- Discuss the cost and time required for implementation.

To date, we have held 11 testing workshops covering regulatory monitoring, regulatory capability and performance, licencing criteria (multiple workshops), regulatory tools, curriculum, qualifications and ratios, regulatory strategy, approach, culture and leadership.

Our follow up visits to Te Kōhanga Reo, Puna Reo and Pacific Peoples centres have now been completed.

This week we have provided you with our initial findings on licencing criteria.

Contact: Justine Fitzmaurice, Project Manager, Early Childhood Education Review. Ph: **s9(2)(a)**

## Government Quarterly Plan

*For information*

The following updates were provided on 15 October for the report on the Government's Action Plan for Quarter 4. The Ministry has two actions this quarter – Actions 14 and 15.

**Action 14:** Release a discussion document on the Regulatory Standards Bill

### Update Required

Action #	Delivery Update <i>Please provide your progress update for this action</i>	Delivery Status
14	s9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]	Probable
<b>[If Applicable] Critical Contextual Information</b>		
s9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]		

Upcoming papers <i>Please list any Cabinet Papers due for consideration as part of completing your action</i>				
Paper name	Action #	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Committee Date
s9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

**Action 15:** Initiate a third regulatory sector review to identify and remove unnecessary red tape

Update Required		
Action #	Delivery Update <i>Please provide your progress update for this action</i>	Delivery Status
15	The Minister was presented with advice on 11 October with decisions anticipated to be taken in the upcoming fortnight.  Following agreement on the subject of the next regulatory review, work will be undertaken to scope and draft the terms of reference.	Probable
<b>[If Applicable] Critical Contextual Information</b>		
s9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]		

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Contact: Aisling Risdon, Head of Ministerial Services. Ph: s9(2)(a)

## Engagement with Insurance Sector

*For information*

The Ministry will attend a general insurance industry roundtable event, hosted by Suncorp and facilitated by the Insurance Council of NZ in Auckland on Wednesday 23 October. Gráinne Moss, Denise Mackay and an Auckland based policy advisor will attend. Gráinne will take the opportunity to provide an overview of the Ministry’s role and functions. The roundtable discussion will focus on emerging issues and concerns for the industry and New Zealanders. This format may prove to be a useful way for the Ministry to engage with a range of sectors and industries in the future.

Contact: Denise Mackay, Communications Lead. Ph. s9(2)(a)

## Regulatory Response Team

*For information*

RRT #	Issue	Update
<b>RRT2024-025</b>	Medicines Exemption for Authorised Prescribers and Emergency Responders	<span style="color: red;">s9(2)(f)(iv)</span> [Redacted]
<b>RRT2024-036</b>	WorkSafe Exposure Standard for flour dust	<span style="color: red;">s9(2)(f)(iv)</span> [Redacted]
<b>RRT2024-010</b>	Telecommunications Service Obligations (TSO)	<span style="color: red;">s9(2)(f)(iv)</span> [Redacted]
<b>RRT2024-003</b>	Duplication of Children’s Check	<span style="color: red;">s9(2)(f)(iv)</span> [Redacted]

Contact: Tony Clark, Manager, Regulatory Reviews. Ph. s9(2)(a)

# Draft Cabinet paper consultations

Draft Cabinet papers that we have been consulted on will appear here. Only new papers or papers with updated commentary will be included in this table.

Contact: Andrew Royle, Deputy Chief Executive – Policy. Ph. s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(f)(iv)



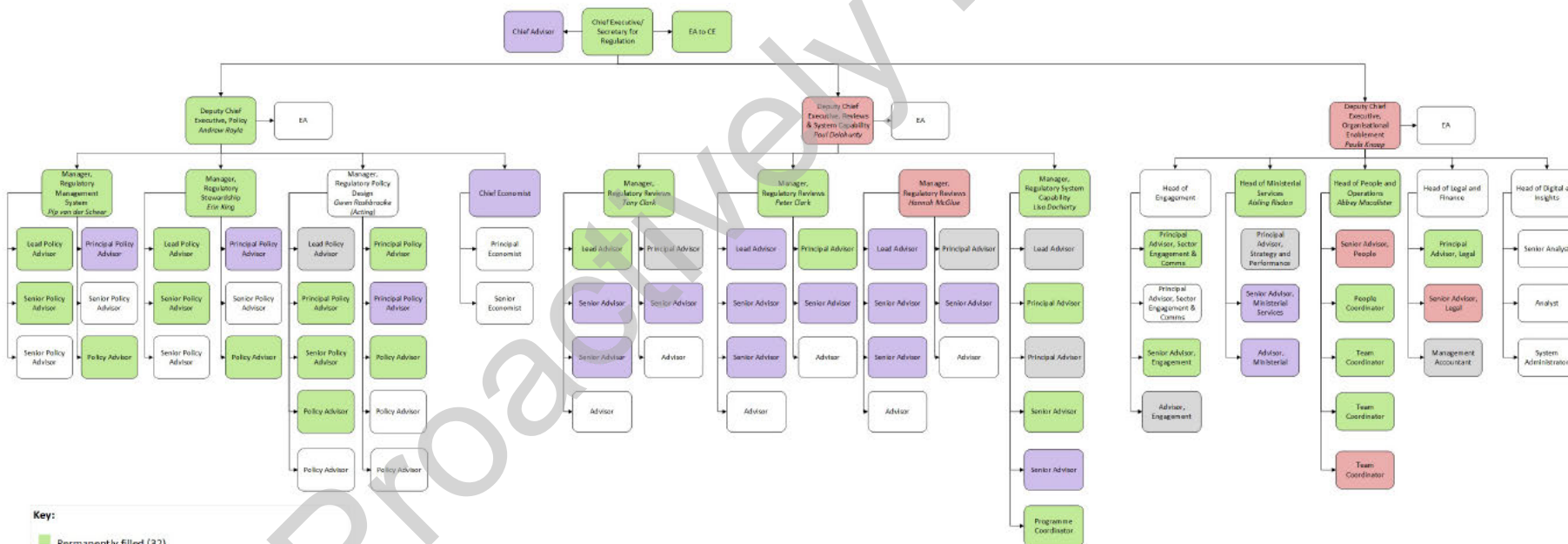
# Recruitment Update

14 October 2024

Current staffing breakdown	
Total staff	75
Permanent	31
Fixed-term	26
Secondments	6
Contractors	12

Permanent recruitment progress	
Total permanent roles in Ministry structure	91
Filled	32 (35%)
Appointed but not started	6 (7%)
Recruitment in progress	19 (21%)
Vacant, recruitment yet to start	34 (37%)

- 1193 people have registered their interest with the Ministry's Careers Hub
- The MfR Careers Hub job conversion rate – the percentage of people who view the ad and go on the apply for the job - is 7%; this is a strong rate
- We have had 24.4k visitors to the Careers Hub since its launch on 2 July



**Key:**

- Green: Permanently filled (32)
- Purple: In recruitment process (19)
- Red: Appointed and yet to start (6)
- Grey: In planning – to be advertised within next 3 weeks (7)