



Weekly Report

Week ending: 8 November 2024

Priority: Medium

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Recipient

Action sought

Hon David Seymour
MINISTER FOR REGULATION

Note the contents of this report

Aisling Risdon
Contact: **S 9(2)(a)**
Ministry for Regulation

Minister's comments:

Actions

Action		Due date	Status update
A2024-047	MfR to send Office proposals for potential future regulatory reviews	4 November	New action. Completed and closed.
A2024-046	S 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]	TBC	New action. In progress.

Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2024-152	Talking points for the Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee on 5 November	4 November
MFR2024-154	Meeting with Hon Shane Jones	4 November
MFR2024-153	Early Childhood Sector Regulatory Review Monthly Report October 2024	6 November
MFR2024-155	Cabinet report-back: performance of government spending funded by the waste disposal levy	8 November
MFR2024-149	S 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]	8 November
MFR2024-151	S 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]	8 November
MFR2024-157	Regulatory Response Issue - RRT2024-010 Telecommunications Services Order (TSO)	8 November

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2024-139	Meeting with Fonterra 19 November	14 November
MFR2024-127	ECE sector regulatory review initial findings and recommendations	14 November
MFR2024-108	November update on Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review for 26 November Joint Ministers Meeting	22 November
MFR2024-140	S 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]	25 November
MFR2024-109	Draft report for the Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review	18 December

Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
7 November	Wellington	Update on ECE review – ‘myth busting’	PR and supporting communications products
November	Wellington	<i>The Month of Regulation</i> – the Ministry’s engagement team are working with your office to propose and support a range of opportunities during the month of November (being the month you received your warrant as Minister for Regulation)	Various including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECE regulatory review updates • Ag Hort regulatory review updates • RSB public consultation opens • Regulatory Response positive outcomes (TBC) • Launch of capability building resources • Launch of the public portal for regulatory feedback
December	Wellington	TBC – ECE and Ag Hort regulatory review draft reports completed	TBC – PR and supporting communications products
24 December	Wellington	TBC - public consultation on RSB closes	TBC – PR and supporting communications products

Contact: Denise Mackay, Head of Engagement, S 9(2)(a)

Updates

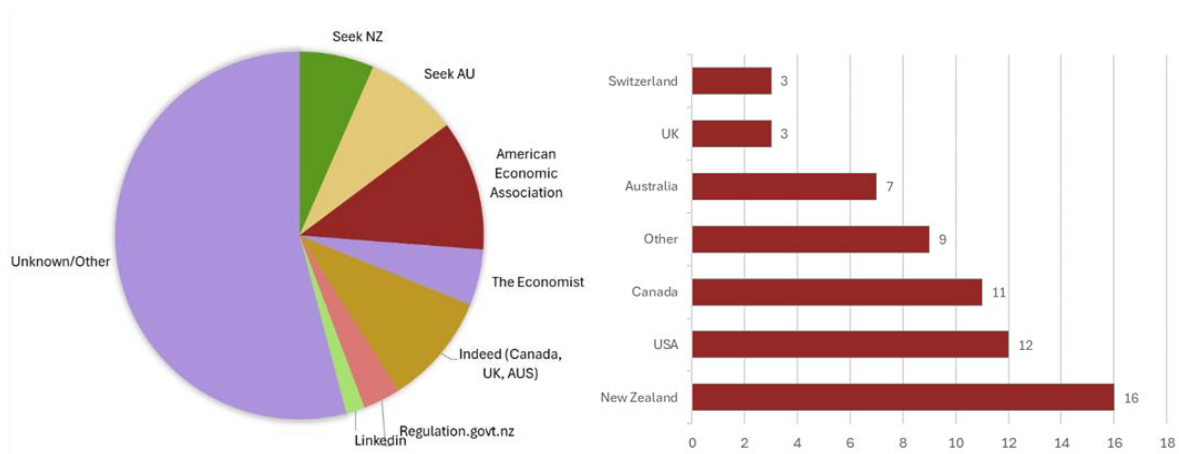
Workforce and Recruitment

For information

This week, the Ministry has 34 permanent employees, with another nine appointed and yet to start. **Appendix 1** shows current recruitment progress to the permanent organisational structure.

Another three key leadership roles have been advertised within the last week: Head of Regulatory System Capability, Head of Engagement, and Head of Digital and Insights.

Positive progress has been made in the recruitment for our Chief Economist. We received a good amount of interest in this role, with 61 applications in total from the below sources:



Of those 61, 12 people have participated in a first interview. Four have been progressed to a second formal interview which will be undertaken this month. We hope to have identified a preferred candidate and commenced pre-employment checks by the end of the month.

Contact: Abbey Macalister, Head of People and Operations, [S 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)

October Baseline Update

For information

On October 10 you wrote to Hon Nicola Willis, Minister of Finance with the October Baseline Update for Vote Regulation.

[S 9\(2\)\(f\)\(iv\)](#)

Contact: Aisling Risdon, Head of Ministerial Services, [S 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)

Government Quarterly Plan

For information

The following updates were provided on 5 November 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	<p>Agency and Ministerial consultation has been undertaken for the draft Cabinet paper Approval to consult on a proposed approach to the Regulatory Standards Bill and discussion document Have your say on the proposed Regulatory Standards Bill.</p> <p>This paper has been lodged for EXP on 5th November and Cabinet on 11th Nov, with the intention of undertaking six weeks’ public consultation on the proposal from 12 November.</p>	Probable		
[If Applicable] Critical Contextual Information				
N/A				
Upcoming papers <i>Please list any Cabinet Papers that support the closure of your action item</i>				
Paper name	Action #	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Committee Date
EXP-24-SUB-0059 Proposed Approach to the Regulatory Standards Bill: Release of Discussion Document	14	Regulation	EXP	5 Nov

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	<p>Advice has been provided to the Minister on options for the third regulatory review. The Minister is awaiting further information from the Ministry on three shortlisted options before taking final decisions in the coming weeks.</p>	Probable
[If Applicable] Critical Contextual Information		
S 9(2)(f)(iv)		

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Paper name	Action #	Lead Portfolio	Committee	Committee Date
TBC				

Contact: Aisling Risdon, Head of Ministerial Services, S 9(2)(a)

Regulatory Response

For information

New matters

RRT #	Issue	Item Description
RRT2024-044	Regulation of Hemp Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]
RRT2024-045	Streamlining Health Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]
RRT2024-046	International Student Code of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

Matters in progress

RRT #	Issue	Next steps/Action taken
RRT2024-005 and RRT2024-026	Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has been agreed that we will support the long-term policy work, and we committed resource to do this. We have been part of scoping workshops that were held on 5 and 6 November. We are working with MoJ on specific issues raised to see if we can deliver quick wins.

Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

For information

The Early Childhood Education Sector Regulatory Review has now completed our initial findings and recommendations cross-agency testing workshops and is currently considering feedback from the ECE Regulatory Review Steering Group (the Steering Group) on the broader initial findings and recommendations.

Our next briefing will be delivered to you on 14 November and will share these initial findings and recommendations, including an update on the second tranche of licensing criteria.

This week we have provided you with MFR 2024 -153 - *Early Childhood Education Sector Regulatory Review Monthly Update - October* that shows a summary of cross-agency engagement during the workshop testing phase.

Overall, work on the report continues to progress well. We will present you with a final draft report for your consideration on 13 December.

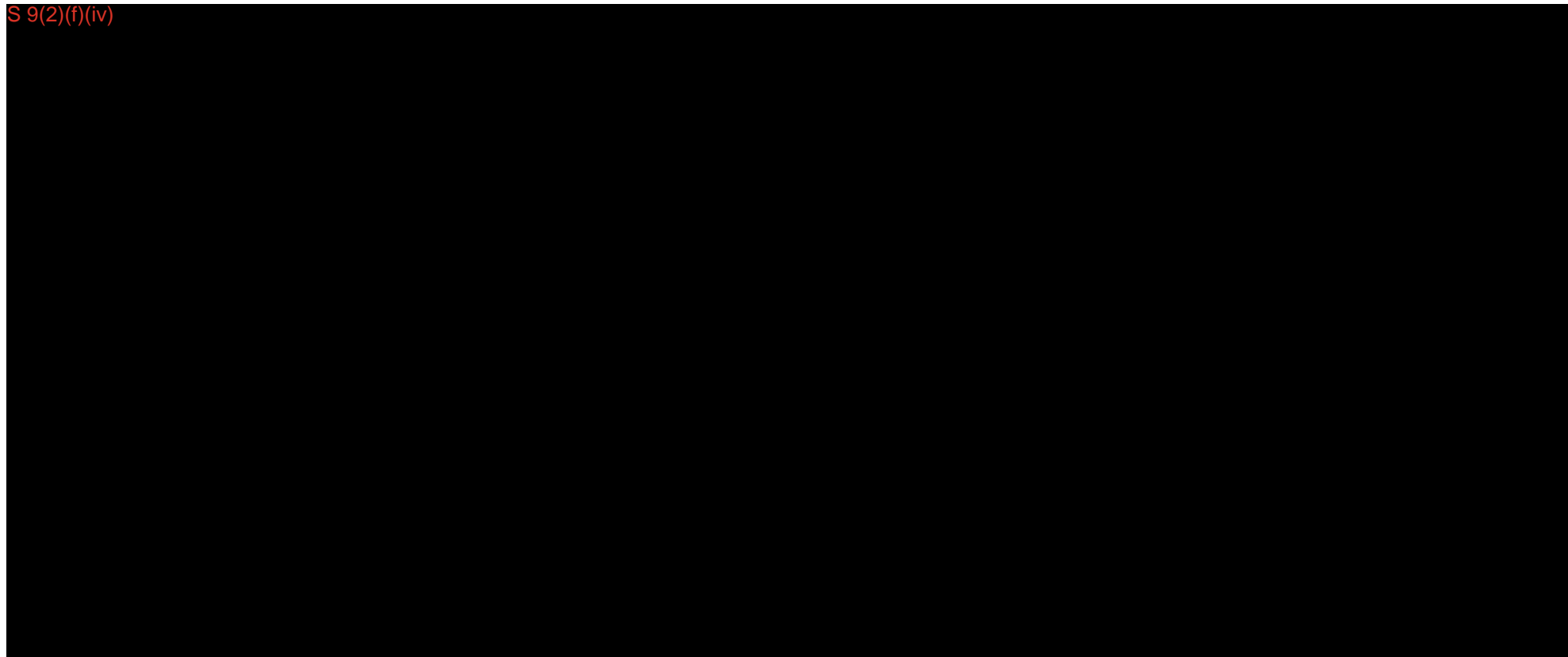
Contact: Justine Fitzmaurice, Project Manager, Early Childhood Education Review. **S 9(2)(a)**

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: Gwen Rashbrooke, Manager – Regulatory Policy Design, S 9(2)(a)

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