

1. [27 November 2008 - New early childhood regulations to be delayed](#)

"We will delay the introduction of the new regulations for six months while we review them and consult further with the sector and parents.

2. [3 December 2008 - ACC blow-out sparks Ministerial Inquiry](#)

Mr Key says the terms for the Ministerial Inquiry will be firmed up over the coming days.

3. [5 December 2008 - Auditor General asked to investigate school bus tender process](#)

Education Minister Anne Tolley has requested that the Auditor General initiate an inquiry into the Ministry of Education school bus transport tendering process.

4. [10 December 2008 - Briefing highlights need for RMA reform](#)

A strong consensus is building around the need for significant reform of the Resource Management Act according to Environment Minister Nick Smith.

5. [16 December 2008 - Delay of Standards Review](#)

Education Minister Anne Tolley today announced further consultation on the implementation of new NCEA standards.

6. [17 December 2008 - Minister welcomes new ICT group](#)

Communications and Information Technology Minister Steven Joyce has welcomed the formation of a new information and communications technology industry group - NZICT.

7. [17 December 2008 - Minister unhappy at extra \\$12m for new court](#)

Mr Power says part of that process will be a review by independent quantity surveyors in February as to how costs are tracking. Their report is expected by March.

8. [18 December 2008 - Minister working with taxi industry in wake of death](#)

Transport Minister Steven Joyce has asked officials to work with the taxi industry to explore options available to improve driver safety.

9. [20 December 2008 - Investigation into timber allegations – update](#)

"I have received a report on the investigation into allegations concerning the use of non load-bearing timber for trusses and frames," says Building and Construction Minister Maurice Williamson.

10. [20 December 2008 - Minister decides board of inquiry best process for Turitea wind farm proposal](#)

Environment Minister Nick Smith today announced his decision to refer the Mighty River Power proposal for a 131-turbine wind farm at Turitea, near Palmerston North, to an independent Board of Inquiry.

11. [23 December 2008 - Environmental footprinting expertise funded](#)

Proposals are being sought to establish New Zealand's first professorship for the study of the environmental footprint of our primary products, the Minister of Agriculture & Forestry Hon David Carter announced today.

12. [10 January 2009 - Ice fall tragedy: DOC to review safety procedures](#)

The Department of Conservation will review its safety procedures at Fox Glacier after yesterday's tragedy in which two Australian tourists died in an ice fall at the toe of the glacier, says Conservation Minister Tim Groser.

13. [16 January 2009 - Prime Minister's Summit on Employment](#)

Prime Minister John Key wants action from the Prime Minister's Summit on Employment to be held on 27 February in Auckland.

14. [28 January 2009 - Moving resources to the health frontline](#)

Health Minister Tony Ryall has announced the membership of a Ministerial Group to advise on improving the quality and performance of the public health system.

15. [30 January 2009 - Minister wants report on Waterview alternatives](#)

Transport Minister Steven Joyce has asked officials to investigate alternatives to the proposed tunnel option for the Waterview Connection following a new cost estimate that is significantly more than originally estimated.

16. [4 February 2009 - Affordable Housing: Enabling Territorial Authorities Act 2008 to be reviewed](#)

Housing Minister, Phil Heatley, said today that along with proposed reforms of the Resource Management Act, the Local Government Act and the Building Act, which will reduce impediments and excessive costs imposed on councils and the building industry, the Government also intends to take a close look at the Affordable Housing: Enabling Territorial Authorities Act 2008.

17. [10 February 2009 - Disability consultation on funding transfer](#)

The transfer of day services funding from the Ministry of Health to the Ministry of Social Development has been put on hold for three months.

18. [14 February 2009 - Property managers review underway](#)

A public consultation document aimed at gathering information and views on the activities of property managers has been released, Justice Minister Simon Power announced today.

19. [18 February 2009 - Damning parole report - Minister demands accountability](#)

Corrections Minister Judith Collins today asked the State Services Commissioner to establish who is accountable for serious failings identified by the Auditor-General's report into the management of offenders on parole.

20. [19 February 2009 - Fono looks for Pacific solution to jobs dilemma](#)

Minimising the impact of the global economic recession on Pacific people is the goal of tomorrow's fono called by Minister of Pacific Island Affairs, Hon Georgina te Heuheu.

21. [19 February 2009 - Housing Minister announces review of the Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill](#)

Housing Minister Phil Heatley today announced that he is reviewing aspects of Labour's Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill (No 2).

22. [5 March 2009 – Foreshore and Seabed review announced](#)

The terms of reference and members of the Government's ministerial panel to review the Foreshore and Seabed Act have been announced by Attorney-General Christopher Finlayson today.

23. [5 March 2009 – Clampdown on red tape underway](#)

The Building Act and the laws covering swimming pools and shop trading hours are included in a government-wide review of red tape and unnecessary bureaucracy.

24. [24 March 2009 – Holiday trade the employee's choice](#)

Plans to give employees the choice to cash in the fourth week of their annual holidays will be included in the review of the Holiday's Act this year, says Minister of Labour Kate Wilkinson.

25. [25 March 2009 – Government review to include corporate trustees](#)

Issues raised in a recent Companies Office report about the role of corporate trustees in failed finance companies are to be addressed as part of a significant review into the Securities Act, Commerce Minister Simon Power said today.

26. [28 March 2009 – Minister welcomes blue cod management group](#)

Fisheries Minister Phil Heatley has used an address to recreational fishers in Waikawa, Marlborough, to announce the formation of a Blue Cod Management Group, whose work he trusts will see the four year ban on fishing for blue cod in the Marlborough Sounds lifted sooner than its scheduled expiry of October 2012.

27. [30 March 2009 – Rural GPs to have more say on how funding best spent](#)

Rural GPs and the Ministry of Health are to jointly look at frontline support for rural primary care.

Mr Ryall told delegates at the NZ Rural General Practitioners' Network conference in Wellington this weekend that the Rural GP Network and the Ministry group would look at how to use the different components of rural primary care funding to best support rural general practice.

28. [2 April 2009 – Ministerial Review of Electricity Market](#)

The Energy and Resources Minister, Gerry Brownlee, says a Ministerial review of the electricity sector will start work immediately.

29. [2 April 2009 – Electoral finance reform consultation papers released](#)

Justice Minister Simon Power has released scope and milestone papers to mark the beginning of the review into electoral finance reform.

30. [3 April 2009 – Government announces review of legal aid](#)

The Government is to undertake a fundamental review of the legal aid system, Justice Minister Simon Power announced tonight.

31. [3 April 2009 – Minister welcomes expert panel to oversee probation](#)

Corrections Minister Hon Judith Collins today welcomed the appointment of the chairperson and members of the expert panel to oversee improvements to the Department of Corrections' Community Probation and Psychological Service (CPPS).

32. [21 April 2009 – Review of business assistance](#)

The government is beginning a wider review of government business assistance programmes while also initially changing the way New Zealand Trade and Enterprise delivers business assistance to high growth firms.

33. [21 April 2009 - Defence Review Terms of Reference announced](#)

The Terms of Reference for the Defence Review to be conducted this year were announced today by Defence Minister Wayne Mapp and Associate Defence Minister Heather Roy.

34. [9 May 2009 – New Tax Working Group to assist government](#)

Finance Minister Bill English and Revenue Minister Peter Dunne today welcomed the establishment of a Tax Working Group, which will assist the government in considering the key tax policy challenges facing New Zealand.

35. [19 May 2009 – Pig farm investigation underway](#)

Agriculture and Biosecurity Minister David Carter has confirmed that animal welfare investigators are carrying out an inspection of the pig farm at the centre of TVNZ's 'Sunday' programme.

36. [21 May 2009 – PM appoints chief science advisor](#)

Prime Minister John Key has appointed distinguished scientist Professor Peter Gluckman to be the first Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor.

37. [23 May 2009 – Mark Ford to lead Auckland Transition Agency](#)

Local Government Minister Rodney Hide today announced that Mark Ford would chair the Auckland Transition Agency (ATA).

38. [25 May 2009 – Government announces Infrastructure Board](#)

Infrastructure Minister Bill English has announced appointments to the new National Infrastructure Advisory Board.

39. [30 May 2009 – Panel to help improve access to high cost medicines](#)

The government has announced a panel to recommend how to improve access to high-cost, highly specialised medicines in New Zealand.