



26SR32 Status Report

Weekly update for the Minister of Revenue

Week ending: Friday 28 August 2026

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New topical issues

Policy	
Double tax agreement with Fiji	The second round of negotiations for a new double tax agreement (DTA) between New Zealand and Fiji successfully concluded on 13 August 2026. Officials will report to you for approval to sign the agreement at a later date. Following signing and ratification, the new DTA will replace the current (1976) DTA.
Operational	
Commissioner setting the FBT prescribed rate	Inland Revenue is intending to publish the Tax Administration (Fringe Benefit Tax, Interest on Loans) Determination 2026 in the week commencing 24 August 2026, subject to approval from our internal oversight group. The determination increases the fringe benefit tax prescribed rate of interest for employment-related loans from 5.77% to 6.07%. The new prescribed rate of 6.07% applies for the quarter beginning 1 October 2026 and subsequent quarters. Previously an Order in Council was required to update the rate. Legislation enacted earlier this year now enables the Commissioner to determine the rate. This is not a controversial item. Consistent with the long-standing administrative practice, the rate is being updated because there has been an increase in the Reserve Bank of New Zealand's floating first mortgage new customer housing rate of more than 20 basis points. This determination is secondary legislation. Therefore, this determination must be notified in the New Zealand Gazette and presented to the House of Representatives (within 20 working days after the day it was made). Once the determination has been published, we will provide a copy to your office for presentation to the House.
MSD Cabinet paper consultation – MSD services for the future programme report back	As part of its transformation Detailed Business Case [EXP-24-MIN-0079], MSD committed to report back annually to Cabinet. They have consulted us on their proposed Cabinet report back on programme progress. Our main feedback was to suggest that the paper is stronger around providing delivery assurance given it is a large IT based transformation, including around the improvements suggested and actions taken as a result of the Gateway review recommendations. This included covering the s 9(2)(g)(i) MSD has noted the key role of partners including government agencies in the transformation and therefore a key dependency for success is a need for those partners to continue to prioritise this work. Given agencies are needing to operate within tighter budgets, we also suggested the paper could benefit from a dependency section that covers this and other critical dependencies.

Upcoming Cabinet papers

New or updated items have been shaded.

Minister(s)	Paper	Meeting	Expected meeting date
MoR, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs	Order in Council for Approved Information Sharing Agreement between Inland Revenue and Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	LEG	~~20 August 2026~~ ~~31 August 2026~~ 27 August 2026
MoR	Taxation (Annual Rates for 2026–27, FBT Simplification, Foreign Investment Funds, and Remedial Measures) Bill: Approval for introduction	LEG	3 September 2026
MoR, Minister for Social Development and Employment	Order in Council to give legal effect to amended Approved Information Sharing Agreement between Inland Revenue and Ministry of Social Development.	LEG	~~7 September 2026~~ 3 September 2026

Bills

Bill title	
Taxation (Annual Rates for 2026–27, FBT Simplification, Foreign Investment Funds, and Remedial Measures) Bill	
Current status	
A draft version of the Bill was sent to the Ministry of Justice on 17 August 2026 for Bill of Rights Act vetting.	
Key upcoming dates	
3 September 2026	LEG Committee.
7 September 2026	Cabinet approval.
8 September 2026	Introduction of Bill to the House.
15 September 2026	Scheduled first reading of the Bill.

Upcoming reports

Policy

IR Reference	Referral to and/or action (sought from Ministers)	Title	Report Description	Cabinet Paper Committee & date	Due to Minister (week ending)
BN2026/185	MoR – Note	Information on the OECD Corporate Tax Statistics 2026	Discusses the OECD report “Corporate Tax Statistics 2026” and its findings.		21/08/2026
IR2026/237	MoR – Agree	Payment of employer deductions	Provides initial advice on aligning the filing and payment of employer deductions and on encouraging the use of PAYE intermediaries.		21/08/2026
s 9(2)(f)(iv)					
IR2026/256	MoR – Agree	Taxation (Annual Rates for 2026–27, FBT Simplification, Foreign Investment Funds, and Remedial Measures) Bill	Seeks approval for the introduction of the 2026–27 Annual Rates Bill.	LEG 03/09/2026	21/08/2026
s 9(2)(g)(i)					
s 9(2)(f)(iv)					
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IR Reference	Referral to and/or action (sought from Ministers)	Title	Report Description	Cabinet Paper Committee & date	Due to Minister (week ending)
IR2026/230	MoR – Note, Refer to MoF	Tax forecasts for 2026 Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Update	Details of the Treasury's tax forecasts for 2026 Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Update.		~~21/08/2026~~ 28/08/2026
s 9(2)(g)(i)					
BN2026/245	MoR – Note	How default assessments and the disputes process fit within Inland Revenue's compliance approach	Responds to a request for information about the use of default assessments and Commissioner-initiated notices of proposed adjustments (NOPAs) over time.		~~21/08/2026~~ 28/08/2026
s 9(2)(f)(iv)					
IR2026/194	MoR – Agree	Options to amend the Targeting Serious Crime AISA	Options to improve information sharing between Inland Revenue and other agencies using the Targeting Serious Crime AISA.		28/08/2026
IR2026/253	MoR – Agree	Information disclosure agreement between Customs and Inland Revenue: consultation with the Privacy Commissioner	Seeks Ministers' agreement in to enter into an information disclosure agreement between Customs and Inland Revenue for border cash report information, and approval for the Minister of Customs to formally consult the Privacy Commissioner before the agreement is signed and brought into effect.		04/09/2026
s 9(2)(f)(iv)					

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BN2026/244	MoR – Note, Refer to MoF	Tax monitoring report: Collections to July 2026 and near-final Revenue for the year to June 2026	Tax outturn monitoring report for July 2026 and revenue for June 2026 with variances reported against BEFU2026		04/09/2026
IR2026/205	MoR – Agree, Refer to MoF	Current GST issues – Further feedback from submissions	Briefs the Minister on submissions received on the GST officials' issues paper that were not included in the previous report.		04/09/2026
s 9(2)(f)(iv)					

Enterprise and Integrity Services (E&IS), CCS-I, CCS-B and TCO.

IR Reference	Referral to and/or action (sought from Ministers)	Title	Report Description	Legal requirement (yes or no, if yes when)	Due to Minister (week ending)
IR2026/239	Agree to recs and sign and forward to the Minister of Finance	(Budget Sensitive) Vote Revenue: 2026 Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Update for non-departmental expenditure appropriations	(Budget Sensitive) Seeking joint Minister approval of changes to non-departmental appropriations as part of the PREFU exercise	Treasury requirement	21/08/2026
IR2026/252	Note	IR Q4 performance report	A report on IR's performance during Q4 of 2025/26	No	21/08/2026
IR2026/250	Note	Draft Annual Report 2025/26	A near-final draft of IR's Annual report for 2025/26 ahead of finalising and audit sign off	No	04/09/2026
MoE reference	Note	Student Loan quarterly report Apr-June 2026	Report on performance of the Student Loan scheme in Q4 of 25/26. Report is sent to Minister for Tertiary Education, cc MoF, MfSDE, MoR	No	04/09/2026

Current and expected external consultation

Policy

New items or updates are shaded.

Project name	Expected consultation date	Type of consultation	Description
Investment Boost monitoring	Ongoing	Targeted (taxpayer stakeholders, MBIE and businesses within the scheme)	Most of the consultation has been completed, including with property council members, and agricultural and manufacturing sector stakeholders. More stakeholder engagement is envisaged, and uptake levels are still being monitored as part of the ongoing evaluation of the policy.
FamilyBoost & collecting fees information	17/08/2026–28/08/2026	Targeted (Ministerial Advisory Group, ECE providers and software providers)	Targeted consultation with the Ministerial Advisory Group on ECE funding review and with key software providers and ECE providers who we have engaged with previously on FamilyBoost. Consultation is focused on changes to the process for collecting fees information and processing FamilyBoost applications.
Future census work	Tranche one: August – September 2026 s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Public and targeted (CTG, DISPANZ, payroll providers and software providers)	We are proposing targeted consultation in two tranches. Tranche one: Confidential targeted consultation with stakeholders to share information on this work before the Stats NZ Cabinet paper is proactively released or there is a public announcement. This should help mitigate the risk of surprise and potential backlash from our stakeholders when the census work is announced. Stakeholders would include payroll and software providers represented by organisations like the Corporate Taxpayers Group (CTG) and Digital Service Providers ANZ (DISPANZ). s 9(2)(f)(iv)

TCO

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Project name	Expected consultation date	s 6(c), s 9(2)(ba)(i)	Description
Income tax – bank cash incentive payments (CIPs) for banking customers	23/07/2026 – 03/09/2026		This item considers the income tax treatment of CIPs (aka cashbacks) paid by banks to borrowers of mortgage loans who are “cash basis” persons under the financial arrangements rules. The rules in this area can be complex and involve compliance costs. The focus of the item is on CIPs paid in connection with bank loans to buy residential property. It does not consider CIPs paid in connection with business loans. We expect largely positive reaction to the item. For cash basis persons whose borrowings are private (e.g., to buy their family home), the item confirms that the receipt of CIPs do not result in any practical income tax consequences. For cash basis persons whose borrowings are used to derive income (e.g., buying a residential rental property), the item confirms CIPs are not taxable income in the year of receipt and but are included as taxable income in the income year the loan is repaid (as part of a “wash up” calculation). This might generate some negative reaction.
s 6(c), s 9(2)(ba)(i)			

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Payments to non-resident software suppliers		Estimated public consultation from 24/08/2026		This item refreshes current guidance from 2003 on the classification and income tax implications of cross-border payments to non-resident software suppliers. The refresh will include additional material on the classification and implications of cloud computing transactions not included in the 2003 guidance.

Upcoming meetings/events

Date	Meeting/Events title
25/08/2026	Minister of Revenue meeting
01/09/2026	Joint Ministers Meeting with Minister of Finance - TSPWP
01/09/2026	Minister of Revenue meeting
02/09/2026	Speak at Senior Technical Tax Conference (at Inland Revenue Featherston Street)
07/09/2026	Minister of Revenue meeting (via Teams)
09/09/2026	Speak at CLE Tax Law Conference
14/09/2026	Going for Growth Ministerial Group: Innovation, Technology and Science
15/09/2026	Minister of Revenue meeting
22/09/2026	Minister of Revenue meeting
05/10/2026	Minister of Revenue meeting
19/10/2026	Minister of Revenue meeting
19/10/2026	Joint Ministers Meeting with Minister of Finance - TSPWP

Official Information Act requests

MoR OIAs

Ref no.	Date due to MoR office	Statutory deadline	Requester	Subject
MOIA TBC [27OIA1186]	11/09/2026	18/09/2026	s 9(2)(a) FYI.org.nz	Copies of IR2026/138, BN2026/228, BN2026/223, BN2026/222, BN2026/219, BN2026/209 and BN2026/191

CIR OIAs – For Minister's office to note or consultation

Ref no.	Date due to MoR office	Statutory deadline	Requester	Subject
27OIA1091	Received	25/08/2026	s 9(2)(a) Newsroom	Copies of BN2026/176, BN2026/185, BN2026/178, and IR2026/138
27OIA1121	24/08/2026	25/08/2026	Member of the Public	Information on Compliance funding and measures, performance and incentive payments, clawback and recovery funds, and personal information
27OIA1106	26/08/2026	27/08/2026	s 9(2)(a) RNZ	Number of receiving carers and liable parents with children aged 16, 17 or 18 years old
27OIA1135	26/08/2026	03/09/2026	s 9(2)(a) NZME	Copies of IR2026/161, BN2026/176 and BN2026/182
27OIA1131	26/08/2026	02/09/2026	Parry Field Lawyers	Policy options considered but not progressed in the development of the Changing donation tax credit policy settings

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27OIA1134	27/08/2026	03/09/2026	s 9(2)(a) Christian Broadcasting Association	Between 1 January 2023 and present: the tax-exempt status of religious organisations or churches, including advice on income tax exemptions under the Income Tax Act 2007 as they apply to religious entities
27OIA1120	28/08/2026	31/08/2026	Member of the public	All communications between IR and the Labour Party Leaders' Office, from 3 February 2025 to 3 August 2026
27OIA1144	04/09/2026	07/09/2026	Member of the public	Meetings held with Labour, Green and Te Pati Māori MPs or Staff since 10 February 2025