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<b>Minister</b>	Hon Michael Wood	<b>Portfolio</b>	Workplace Relations and Safety
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<b>List of documents that have been proactively released</b>		
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23 January 2020	<i>Whakaari/White Island - reviewing policy settings</i>	Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment
9 March 2020	<i>Aide Memoire: Targeted Review of Adventure Activity Regulations</i>	Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment
14 August 2020	<i>Whakaari/White Island eruption: cross government response</i>	Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment
3 September 2020	<i>Targeted review of the adventure activities regulatory regime: stakeholder engagement</i>	Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment
1 October 2020	<i>Weekly Report: Whakaari/White Island eruption: targeted review of the adventure activities regulatory regime</i>	Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment
26 November 2020	<i>Targeted review of the adventure activities regulatory regime</i>	Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment
3 December 2020	<i>Weekly Report: Targeted review of the adventure activities regulatory regime: release of the report</i>	Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment

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## MBIE Health and Safety Weekly Report

For the period from 25 September – 1 October 2020

<b>Date:</b>	1 October 2020	<b>Priority:</b>	Routine
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Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Andrew Little <b>Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety</b>	Note the content of this report	N/A

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## 1. ACTIONS FROM OFFICIALS MEETING

Item	Action	Agency	By when	Status update

## 2. HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY UPDATES

Out of Scope

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### 2.2 Whakaari/White Island eruption: targeted review of the adventure activities regulatory regime

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MBIE officials are working on the targeted review of the adventure activities regulatory regime in response to the Whakaari eruption on 9 December 2019. The review focuses on whether weaknesses exist in the regime when adventure activities take place in naturally hazardous environments.

Natural hazards are defined as physical disasters that are onset quickly, covering geophysical, meteorological, hydrological and climatological hazards. Our indicative analysis suggests that the majority of registered adventure activity operators offer activities that take place in naturally hazardous environments. Officials are continuing work to understand the level of risk different natural hazards present, with a particular emphasis on complex natural hazards. This analysis will enable us to understand the size and nature of the problem. In parallel, we are mapping the bodies and instruments involved in the regime to understand its implementation. This will be tested further during stakeholder engagement.

Communication materials have been developed to support engagement taking place in October (briefing 2021-0743 refers). An article outlining the scope of the targeted review of adventure activities and the wider work taking place across government is now live on MBIE's website (<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/business-and-employment/employment-and-skills/health-and-safety/targeted-review-of-adventure-activities>). Victims, families and operators were informed of the targeted review prior to the article going live.

MBIE officials are undertaking interviews with key stakeholders (WorkSafe, Adventure Activities Registrar, JAS-ANZ, certifying bodies and TIA proposed) in October.