

Regional Economic Development

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To: Hon Shane Jones

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Development



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1. Dashboard updates

1.1 Status of applications as at 1 August 2019

New projects this week	15
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1.2 Headline Numbers as at 30 June 2019 (monthly)

Total PGF funding committed	Total funding contracted	Total value of funding paid to date
\$2,365.04m	\$887.21m	Confidential advice to Government

1.3 PGF investment to date as at 30 June 2019 (monthly)

Approved	Unannounced
\$1,353.78m 370 projects	\$133.19m 45 projects

1.4 Job numbers as at 31 May 2019 (quarterly)

Number of jobs created	1,023
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1.5 Progress of applications and EOI as at 30 June 2019 (monthly)

Stage	Count**
EOI / Application received	219
Being processed	258
Unsuccessful	356
Approved	282
Total	1,115

* Approved projects also includes out of process projects that are managed by other PGF agencies. Application numbers and project numbers may differ, as an application may result in multiple projects.

2. Delivery of projects update

2.1 Top priority projects of interest

Project name	Region	Amount	Status	Description/ update
Māori Battalion Museum	Northland	\$14.5m	Contracted	Construction on the project is progressing well. All of the building consents have been received and the exhibition design is complete. The project is tracking to budget and on-time to meet the completion date of 31 January 2020.
Sky Waka Ruapehu Alpine Lift	Manawatū-Whanganui	\$10.0m	Contracted	<p>The official opening of the Sky Waka took place on Friday 26 July and was well attended by local businesses, local government, central government stakeholders and media.</p> <p>At the opening event, Under-Secretary Tabuteau also announced two PGF grants totalling \$525,000; Transitional Programme Manager - Ruapehu Regional Visitor Development Plan Implementation and The Sustainable Spatial Use of the National Park. These will support Ruapehu District Council with governance needs and a regional visitor plan project.</p>

2.2 Other projects

Project name	Region	Amount	Status	Description/ update
Aotearoa Social Enterprise Trust Food Processing Facility	Tairāwhiti	\$2.0m	With Applicant	We expect to have the contract executed within the next week, ASET have agreed to the contract and ECT is seeking standard legal advice. We will provide an update once this has been executed.
Clutha Gold Great Ride	Otago	\$6.5m	Out of Process	The Clutha Gold Great Ride project has now been transferred to the New Zealand Cycle Trail Enhancement and Extension Fund within MBIE. The PDU will be provided with quarterly updates on the progress of this project which will be shared with the Minister.
Dannevirke Rail Hub	Manawatū-Whanganui	\$4.40m	Out of Process	<p>PDU officials convened at a workshop in Dannevirke with KiwiRail, Tararua District Council, New Zealand Transport Agency and Central Hawke's Bay District Council to finalise the brief for an investigation into a rail hub in Dannevirke. During the workshop they agreed to the Governance Group members for this project, including a representative from the Ministry of Transport in an oversight capacity.</p> <p>Next steps include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documenting agreements from workshop re-scope, approach, governance and timeframes for the investigation component of this project. • Developing a draft brief for investigation to be undertaken, draft Terms of Reference for the steering group (membership to be MOT, NZTA, Kiwirail, PDU and Tararua DC). • Approval of the brief (steering group) and procurement of consultancy to undertake investigation. <p>The expectation is to have all steps completed by the end of August, and for the investigation to take approximately 5-6 months.</p>

2.3 Major upcoming project milestones

Project name	Description/ update
Food HQ Executive Director	Quarterly report due by end August
	Commercial Information
	Commercial Information
	Commercial Information
Manea Footprints of Kupe	Construction commences Final fit-out contracts executed
Maori Battalion	Building water tightness and fit-out commences
	Commercial Information
	Commercial Information
	Commercial Information
Hydrogen Supply Feasibility Study	Concept select report draft to be submitted to the Ministry
	Commercial Information
Marsden Aged Care	Final report due to be submitted to the Ministry
	Commercial Information

Project name	Description/ update
Manawatu River Loop at Foxton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Foxton Business and Visitor Destination Plan submitted to the Ministry for review and comment, • Peer Review of the GHD Report, including the impact on the aquatic environment; and • Foxton Business and Visitor Destination Plan.
	<p>Commercial Information</p> <p>Commercial Information</p> <p>Commercial Information</p>
Transforming Te Apiti into a Major Tourism Destination	Final feasibility study and final report to be submitted to the Ministry
Port Tarakohe	Final business case completed and submitted to the Ministry
Hawke's Bay Airfreight	Stage two of business case completed and submitted to the Ministry
	<p>Commercial Information</p> <p>Commercial Information</p> <p>Commercial Information</p> <p>Commercial Information</p>
NZ School of Applied Biodiversity	Draft feasibility study to be submitted to the Ministry
	Commercial Information
Taranaki Innovation Precincts	Final report to be submitted to the Ministry

Te Hiku (Far North) Water Solutions Project - Pre-Feasibility Study	Final report to be submitted to the Ministry
Ohaeawai Visitor Centre Feasibility Study	Final feasibility study and report to be submitted to the Ministry
Maruawai Precinct Project	Commencement of construction phase

3. Policy update

3.1 PGF Limited

<p>PGF Limited directors have now been formally appointed on the board commencing their term on 1 August 2019.</p> <p>Next week you will receive a briefing for your approval to the PGF Limited constitution and for the company to be registered with the Companies Office. The briefing will also seek to confirm operational aspects relating to the establishment of PGF Limited in order to progress the Order in Council for the company to be added in Schedule 4A of the Public Finance Act</p>	
Contact:	Isabel Poulson, Manager Strategy & Policy, <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>

Appendix 1 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
	Confidential advice to Government	Minister Jones USEC	Karen Walfisch	1 Aug
BR/19/91	Confidential advice to Government	Ministers Jones + Nash	Robert Pigou	1 Aug
3742 19-20	Transfer of funding for Clutha Gold Cycle Trail	Ministers Davis, Jones + Robertson	Martin Cavanagh	24 Jul
0293 19-20	Meeting with Gore District Council Mayor	Minister Jones USEC	Kate Styles	29 Jul

Appendix 2 – Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
0148 19-20	Joint briefing with DOC – Approval sought for a revised approach to deliver the Taranaki Crossing project	TBC	TBC	TBC
TBC	Briefing: Request for information \$100 mil Whenua Fund	Minister Mahuta	Ben Dalton	12 Aug
TBC	Event Briefing August 13-16 Recess	Minister Jones	TBC	5 Aug
0338 19-20	Confidential advice to Government	Minister Jones	Robert Pigou	2 Aug

Appendix 3 – Official Information Act requests

Ministerial OIA						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA301	Privacy of natural persons	8 Jul	23 Jul	30 Jul	Consultation	<p>Please provide information of tax payers funds used in the funding or development of kiwifruit orchards or purchasing Sungold (G3) licence within the last 24 months and those planned for the next 24 months. This may be under the provincial growth fund or another Māori development strategy.</p> <p>Details requested include,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many orchards per region • \$\$ involved per region • Hectares involved per region • Funding model, Gift, Interest free loan, Interest bearing loan Hectares of Sungold (G3) License involved
OIA296		22 Jul	15 Aug	22 Aug	Scoping	I would like to request under the OIA any information and communications regarding the Minister's Meeting with PEPANZ on 14-May.
OIA308		31 Jul	14 Aug	14 Aug	Scoping	<p>Copy of all reports you have received from officials regarding Westland Dairy Co-operative since 1 July 2018.</p> <p>Where information is withheld, I request you provide the title and date of the communication/document withheld.</p>

Ministerial OIA

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA312	Privacy of natural persons	1 Aug	20 Aug	20 Aug	Scoping	All correspondence and material between Eastland Community Trust, MBIE and the Minister relating to the 19.5million PGF announcement regarding the Wood Cluster Centre of Excellence.
OIA313	Privacy of natural persons	1 Aug	20 Aug	20 Aug	Scoping	All information including emails, letters and reports relating to the 19.5million investment for the Wood Cluster Centre of Excellence located in Tairāwhiti, since 1 October 2017.
OIA309	Privacy of natural persons	31 Jul	20 Aug	20 Aug	Scoping	<p>Under section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982 I request the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any communications and briefings regarding the NZ Tech TechLeaders luncheon on 5 June 2019 • Any communications and briefings regarding the NZ Contemporary China Research Centre event on 12 June 2019 • Any communications and briefings regarding the meeting with CIP and Hon Kris Faafoi on 13 June 2019 • Any communications and briefings regarding the meeting with Lanzatech and Hon David Parker on 13 June 2019 • Any communications and briefings and notes taken at the meeting with Hon Nanaia Mahuta and Hon Kris Faafoi on 25 June 2019

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1691	Privacy of natural persons	22 May	13 Jun	5 Jul	Review	All information relating to the feasibility study undertaken by the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment for KiwiRail on freighting logs by rail from Te Wera and Stratford to New Plymouth, and Port Taranaki.
1819-1790		30 May	15 Jul	19 Jul	Sign-out	I have now re-read the Cabinet papers publicly released about the Provincial Growth Fund. I can find no reference to the exclusion of Porirua City or more generally, metropolitan Wellington. I would therefore request the Cabinet reference and associated minute. I would also like advice provided by officials that support this Government position - specifically the policy rationale. I do this under the Official Information Act. It may be that I simply haven't accessed the right Cabinet papers but I would appreciate a link to the appropriate records.
1819-1838		19 Jun	10 Jul	31 Jul	Review	Can you advise me what applications were made to the Provincial Growth Fund and what were approved/accepted, for all applications relating to the Kāpiti Coast District?

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-1896	Privacy of natural persons	27 Jun	18 Jul	8 Aug	Consultation	We are interested in what, if any, progress has been made towards the establishment of a dry dock in New Zealand that is larger than the dry dock in Auckland. We request any information in respect of this. We specifically request any information since 2017 in respect of a possible dry dock in Whangarei or a dry dock Picton (Shakespeare Bay). This includes any written information of any type, including but not limited to, memos, briefings, Cabinet Papers, Cabinet Committee papers, letters, emails, designs and aide memoires. We specifically and additionally request the recollections of Robert Pigou of his conversations with officials and colleagues in the seven days prior to 27 June 2019, to the extent that they relate to dry docks.
1920-0014		3 Jul	23 Jul	20 Aug	Review	All held information including; Expression of Interests, the funding application and it's supporting documents i.e. Letters of Support, all project planning documents, and all held correspondence between MBIE and all parties related to the 'Nga Pumanawa Tupuna' project which was funded \$948,000 through He Poutama Rangatahi announced 2 July 2019 by Hon Willie Jackson.

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Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-0018	Privacy of natural persons	3 Jul	25 Jul	9 Aug	Review	<p>I request the following information relating to the Provincial Growth Fund within the boundaries of the Kāpiti Coast District Council territorial authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many applications are currently under consideration by the Provincial Growth Fund in Kāpiti? • How many applications have been approved in Kāpiti but are waiting for a public announcement to be made (as of 2 July 2019)? • How many applications have been declined in Kāpiti? • How many applications have been received from the Kāpiti Coast District Council and how many of this are still under consideration, have been approved, or been declined?
1920-0128		26 Jul	15 Aug	22 Aug	Scoping	<p>I would like to request information pertaining to a Provincial Growth Fund Project; Maungatapere Berries/Onyx Capital Limited. I would like to request all information and documentation that was presented to the Government, Minister of Regional Economic Development, Provincial Growth Fund, Provincial Growth Unit and its staff from the Applicant (Maungatapere Berries/Onyx Capital Limited) that was used to assess the project.</p>

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1920-0167	Privacy of natural persons	2 Aug	21 Aug	28 Aug	Scoping	<p>the following information in relation to the SWEP (Road Transport Sector): 1. Copies of any advice provided to the Minister, or similar internal documents, recommending this programme should proceed. Please include any expectations of the programme in terms of sustainable employment outcomes. 2. The date the programme was formally launched. 3. The number of participants that have taken part in the programme to date by geographical region, (Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Hawkes Bay, Manawatu, Wellington, Nelson/Marlborough, Canterbury, West Coast, Otago and Southland) 4. The number of programme participants that have gained full time employment (30-hours or more per week) in the industry as a direct result of taking part in the programme. 5. The number of programme participants, who having gained full time employment in the industry and were still working the industry 3-months after commencing their employment. 6. The cost of the programme to date to MBIE. 7. The number of hours MBIE staff have incurred in relation to the establishment, and ongoing maintenance of the programme. (Please also advise if the dollar value of these hours is included in the overall cost of the programme to MBIE to date.) 8. Copies of any updates of the programme provided to the Minister, or extracts from any wider reports, provided that report the progress of the programme to the Minister.</p>
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Appendix 4 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2445	Privacy of natural persons	17 Jun	8 Jul	Support for unsuccessful PGF application for at-risk youth hostel/programme
SJ2539		25 Jun	25 Jul	Westland dairy company
SJ2626		3 Jul	24 Jul	Trash video
SJ2628		3 Jul	24 Jul	PGF Investment to address NZ plastic challenges
SJ2643		3 Jul	24 Jul	Plastic Waste Solutions: 174 - 176 Neilson St Onehunga Auckland
SJ2646		3 Jul	24 Jul	Provincial Growth Funds Waste Plastics Solution: PLASTOIL
SJ2649		3 Jul	24 Jul	Waste disposal
SJ2615		3 Jul	24 Jul	Start-up business funding for recycling enterprises
SJ2590		3 Jul	24 Jul	Regional Economic Development
SJ2686		9 Jul	30 Jul	Plastic waste – treatment and disposal
SJ2667		9 Jul	30 Jul	Recycling in Northland
SJ2688		9 Jul	30 Jul	Plastic recycling
SJ2655		9 Jul	2 Aug	Job Training, Low Cost Housing, Export, Regional Development
SJ2559		9 Jul	2 Aug	Say No to Waikato's request for funds

Ministerial Correspondence

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2647	Privacy of natural persons	9 Jul	2 Aug	World Series Shearing (WSS)
SJ2697		15 Jul	6 Aug	Otago Field Days
SJ2699		15 Jul	6 Aug	Far North Development Suggestions
SJ2714		15 Jul	6 Aug	TuMaira solar waiu factory
SJ2731		15 Jul	6 Aug	Container pools
SJ2740		15 Jul	6 Aug	Rural mental health retreat proposal
SJ2746		15 Jul	6 Aug	Kiwirail Stratford- Okahakura railway
SJ2744		15 Jul	6 Aug	Oceans NZ Blog Post on Plastic Waste
SJ2734		15 Jul	6 Aug	Dunedin Waterfront Development
SJ2748		17 Jul	8 Aug	Waste Plastic to Diesel Equipment
SJ2751		17 Jul	8 Aug	The Koura Rua at Port Gisborne
SJ2752		17 Jul	8 Aug	Growing mass bamboo over all of Northland - Maximum Carbon Sequestration Method
SJ2757		17 Jul	8 Aug	Proposed wind farm will generate enough power for a city the size of Napier
SJ2760		17 Jul	8 Aug	Patea Taranaki
SJ2761		17 Jul	12 Aug	Proposed Waste to Energy Plant on the West Coast
SJ2768	17 Jul	12 Aug	Buller District waste to energy project	

Ministerial Correspondence

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2803	Privacy of natural persons	26 Jul	9 Aug	Singapore Trash Video
SJ2802		26 Jul	9 Aug	The Floatel Solution - application criteria
SJ2801		26 Jul	9 Aug	Proposed new residential rehab for Northland: Arapohue Healing and Recovery Centre
SJ2799		26 Jul	9 Aug	Provincial Growth Fund or Provincial Conflict?
SJ2791		26 Jul	30 Jul	Major PGF investment to help address NZ's plastics challenges
SJ2790		26 Jul	9 Aug	Northland rubbish issues
SJ2789		26 Jul	9 Aug	Daniel's Business Plan
SJ2784		26 Jul	8 Aug	Miro LP letter
SJ2780		26 Jul	8 Aug	Sent for and on behalf of Mayor Little - Progress update
SJ2787		26 Jul	8 Aug	Waste to Energy
SJ2817		26 Jul	12 Aug	Queenstown Bed Tax
SJ2808		26 Jul	12 Aug	Our Sons and Regional Economic Development
SJ2803		29 Jul	8 Aug	Singapore Trash Video (waste template plus note that auckland is excluded)
SJ 2802		29 Jul	8 Aug	The Floatel Solution - application criteria
SJ 2801		29 Jul	8 Aug	Proposed new residential rehab for Northland: Arapohue Healing and Recovery Centre
SJ 2799		29 Jul	8 Aug	Provincial Growth Fund or Provincial Conflict?

Ministerial Correspondence

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ 2791	Privacy of natural persons	29 Jul	8 Aug	Major PGF investment to help address NZ's plastics challenges
SJ 2790		29 Jul	8 Aug	Northland rubbish issues
SJ 2789		29 Jul	8 Aug	Daniel's Business Plan (TAM plus app procesS)
SJ 2784		29 Jul	8 Aug	Miro LP letter
SJ 2780		29 Jul	8 Aug	Sent for and on behalf of Mayor Little - Progress update
SJ 2787		29 Jul	8 Aug	Waste to Energy
SJ 2817		31 Jul	12 Aug	Queenstown Bed Tax - I suggest an acknowledgement letter only. There could be value in linking in with MBIE tourism on a response
SJ 2808		31 Jul	12 Aug	Our Sons and Regional Economic Development - Suggest you address via templated responses about the role of PGF and the application process
SJ 2806		31 Jul	12 Aug	University of Maryland Accelerated Mass / Moananui
SJ2826		2 Aug	27 Aug	Funding Enquiry for EBOP
SJ2849		2 Aug	23 Aug	Oji Fibre Solutions

Appendix 5 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question
PQ 28180 (2019)	Lawrence Yule	31 Jul	5 Aug	What briefings, meetings, or reports, if any, has the Minister received in relation to the announcement of the Provincial Growth Fund investment in the Wood Cluster Centre of Excellence, by date, title and author?
PQ 28176 (2019)	Lawrence Yule	31 Jul	5 Aug	What meetings, briefings or discussions, if any, has the Minister held with Eastland Community Trust between 1 October 2017 and 20 July 2019?
PQ 28178 (2019)	Lawrence Yule	31 Jul	5 Aug	What is the breakdown of the \$19.5 million investment in the Wood Cluster Centre of Excellence announced through the provincial growth fund, by loan and grant amounts?
PQ 28159 (2019)	Lawrence Yule	31 Jul	5 Aug	How many jobs is the \$19.5 million investment in the Wood Cluster Centre of Excellence.

Appendix 6 – Proactive Release

Documents for Proactive Release			
Name / Document Type	Quantity	Due for release	Status
Applications	257	From 8 August	Various
Funding Agreements	257	From 8 August	Various
Independent Advisory Panel Meeting Papers	2 document sets	From 8 August	Collation
Regional Economic Development Ministers Meeting Papers	3 document sets	From 8 August	Collation
Regional Economic Development Weekly Reports	5	From 8 August	At Minister's Office

Documents Released This Week	
Tracking Number	Request
	Provincial Growth Fund Position Paper – Feasibility Studies
	Provincial Growth Fund Media Briefing