

Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

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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	14
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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 EOIs 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. Upcoming announcements

Date	Location of announcement	Projects being announced	Additional information
12 Aug	Tauranga, Bay of Plenty	Tomokanga/Archway project	
13 Aug	Rotorua, Bay of Plenty	Government Garden Cultural Quarter	PM to attend with Minister Jones
14 Aug	Te Awamutu, Waikato	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart Waikato • Te Waka Waikato EDA • Historical Maritime Park 	
15 Aug	Whangarei, Northland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He Poutama Taitamariki Programme • The NGEN Room • Lifetalk 	Minister Jackson to attend with Minister Jones
16 Aug	Kaikohe, Northland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerating our Capability 	
26 Aug (TBC)	Invercargill, Southland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invercargill – Our City for tomorrow 	
29 Aug	Manukau, Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWEP Employment Hubs 	Minister Jackson only
23 Sep	Napier, Hawkes Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Innovation Hub • Apollo Foods 	USEC only

3. Schedule of recent and upcoming recommendations

3.1 Summary of projects up for consideration at 14 August 2019 Independent Advisory Panel meeting

Project title	Region	Description of project	PGF investment
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FOR APPROVAL

Confidential information entrusted to the Government

FOR DECISION

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DECLINE

Confidential information entrusted to the Government



3.2 Decisions made at 31 July 2019 Senior Regional Officials meeting

Project title	Description of project
Rangatahi Pathways to the Trades Initiative (HPR) (Tairāwhiti)	SROs approved funding of \$425,000 from HPR.
Generation Programme (HPR) (Tairāwhiti)	SROs approved \$90,000 from HPR.
ASET Poutama Rangatahi Programme (HPR) (Tairāwhiti)	SROs approved funding of \$63,000 from HPR.
The NGEN Room Project (HPR) (Northland)	SROs approved \$990,000 from HPR.
Kuru Contracting Workforce Development (TAM) (Tairāwhiti)	SROs approved \$736,016 from TAM.

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The Food Factory (Top of South)	SROs approved a grant of \$778,000 from the PGF subject to conditions.
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Tai Tokerau Northland
Economic Action Plan
Portfolio Management –
Second Year (Northland)

SROs approved EDA grant funding of \$200,000 from the
PGF subject to conditions.

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4. Delivery of projects update

4.1 Top priority projects of interest

Project name	Amount	Description/ update
Kaipara Kickstart: Kaipara Roads	\$14.460m	Kaipara District Council agreed the final form of the contract on 6 August. It has been included in council papers for their meeting on 29 August.
	Region: Northland Status: With Regional Team	
Confidential information entrusted to the Government - withdrawn application		
Tairāwhiti Rooding	\$137m	The deliverables for the project are progressing well. Gisborne District Council is in the process of submitting its second payment claim to New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).
	Region: Tairāwhiti Status: Contracted	
New Zealand Chinese Association Ventnor Memorial Project	\$100k	Senior Regional Officials (SROs) approved the applicant's request to increase their funding from \$40,000 to \$100,000 due to the strengthening work required. PDU officials expect to now be able to contract this project as quickly as possible.
	Region: Northland Status: Drafting Contract	

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Hundertwasser Arts Centre	\$13.940m	<p>MBIE's Commercial Advisory Pool Manager, Andrew Howie, met with the Hundertwasser project group on 24 July. He has reported to the PDU that site progress is going well. Efforts are being made to mitigate costs and the applicant is still on track to have the [redacted] firmed-up by late August. [redacted] Confidential information entrusted to [redacted]</p>
Region: Northland Status: Contracted		
Accelerating Aquaculture Development in Whakatohea Rohe Moana	\$950k	<p>The first spatial workshop occurred last Thursday for this project and was attended by Cawthron, Moana Project, Waikato/ Wellington and Auckland Universities, Hapū and Iwi Members, Ōpōtiki District Council and Toi Economic Development Agency.</p> <p>There were broad-ranging discussions including policy, environmental changes, development options, aquaculture opportunities and climate change.</p> <p>The project board for this project has met twice and they have agreed to a terms of reference.</p>
Region: Bay of Plenty Status: Contracted		
Confidential advice to Government		
Kawerau Putauaki Industrial Hub	\$2.0m	<p>The applicant has advised the PDU that once it receives the final costs for roading for stage one of the project, the final request for payment will be submitted. [redacted] Confidential information entrusted to the [redacted] Government</p>
Region: Bay of Plenty Status: Contracted		
Taranaki's Historic Cathedral Project	\$5.0m	<p>PDU officials met with the project team on 29 July and agreed a framework to revise the funding agreement so that it can now proceed quickly. Physical works will also be able to be brought forward.</p>
Region: Taranaki Status: Contracted		

4.2 Other projects

Project name	Amount	Description/ update
Centre of Digital Excellence (CODE)	\$10.0m	On 5 September 2019, the opening of the Centre of Digital Excellence (CODE) will be announced in Dunedin. CODE will support the development of the gaming sector, including its use for health applications. This project is part of Labour's manifesto from the 2017 elections.
		Region: Otago Status: With applicant
Confidential information entrusted to the Government - withdrawn application		
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Wairoa to Napier Railway	\$6.2m	The physical works relating to this project are ongoing. PDU officials are working with KiwiRail to confirm a new end date for the project.
		Region: Hawke's Bay Status: Contracted
Whanganui Port Development	\$3.0m	The business case for this project has now been completed. PDU officials expect to receive several applications relating to the port by the end of the month.
		Region: Manawatū-Whanganui Status: Pre-contract - Approved

4.3 Major upcoming project milestones due by end of August

Project name	Description/ update
Manea Footprints of Kupe	Construction commences Final fit-out contracts executed
Maori Battalion	Building water tightness and fit-out commences
General Manager Transitional Economies	Commercial Information
Taranaki Cathedral	Commercial Information
Hydrogen Supply Feasibility Study	Concept select report draft to be submitted to the Ministry
Raukokore Irrigation	Update from PM confirming Aquatinc have supported decision-making at two hui with community business owners and other stakeholders.
Maruawai Precinct Project	Commercial Information

Final reports due to be submitted

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Commercial Marsden Aged Care Commercial Information Commercial Information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Information Project - Pre-Feasibility Study Taranaki Innovation Precincts Transforming Te Apiti into a Major Tourism Destination Commercial Information
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Draft business case / feasibility study due to be submitted

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Information Commercial Information NZ School of Applied Biodiversity Hawke's Bay Airfreight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manawatu River Loop at Foxton Commercial Information
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Final business case / feasibility study / strategy / plan due to be submitted

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Information Port Taranaki Transforming Te Apiti into a Major Tourism Destination Commercial Information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Information Commercial Information Manawatu River Loop at Foxton Commercial Information
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5. Policy update

5.1 PGF Limited

We have sent a briefing for approval by Minister Jones and Minister Robertson relating to further matters to confirm for the establishment of PGF Limited. These matters relate to registering PGF Limited with the Companies Office, the proposed constitution, and aspects to confirm in order to progress the Order in Council for PGF Limited to be added in Schedule 4A of the Public Finance Act, and the management agreement between PGF Limited and PDU.

Contact:	Isabel Poulson, Manager Strategy & Policy, <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>
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Appendix 1 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
0345 19-20	Event Briefing August 13-16 Recess	Minister Jones	Nicki Sutherland	9 Aug
0331 19-20	Prime Minister's PGF and RCHF announcements at Rotorua Museum 13 August 2019	Prime Minister Ardern Minister Jones	Nicki Sutherland	6 Aug
0338 19-20	Confidential advice to Government	RED Mins	Robert Pigou	5 Aug
MPI#1157	MPI Manuka Honey Appellation Society Trademark Project	RED Mins	Karen Adair	5 Aug
0253 19-20	Te Ara Mahi Proposals for Review	RED Mins	David van der Zouwe	5 Aug
0254 19-20	PGF Proposals for Review	RED Mins	David van der Zouwe	5 Aug
0362 19-20	Geo40 Ltd loan terms notification update	RED Mins	David van der Zouwe	5 Aug

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

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
	Commercial information - withdrawn projects	Minister Jones	Ben Dalton	TBC
0398 19-20	Further matters to confirm for establishing Provincial Growth Fund Limited	Minister Jones + Minister Robertson	Isabel Poulson	8 Aug
0333 19-20	Briefing: Request for information \$100 mil Whenua Fund	Minister Mahuta + Minister Jones	Ben Dalton	12 Aug
TBC	Event Briefing: Meeting with TTR Ltd	USEC	Nicki Sutherland	21 Aug
0425 19-20	Kiwirail Hillside Workshops	TBC	Robert Pigou	5 Sep

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
OIA296	Privacy of natural persons	22 Jul	15 Aug	22 Aug	Consultation	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	Consultation	Copy of all reports you have received from officials regarding Westland Dairy Co-operative since 1 July 2018. Where information is withheld, I request you provide the title and date of the communication/document withheld.
OIA312		1 Aug	20 Aug	20 Aug	Consultation	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		1 Aug	20 Aug	20 Aug	Consultation	All information including emails, letters and reports relating to the 19.5million investment for the Wood Cluster Centre of Excellence located in Tairawhiti, since 1 October 2017.

Ministerial OIA

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA309	Privacy of natural persons	31 Jul	20 Aug	20 Aug	Consultation	<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

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1819-1790	Privacy of natural persons	30 May	15 Jul	19 Jul	Consultation with Minister's Office	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.
1920-0014		3 Jul	23 Jul	20 Aug	Drafting	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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Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-0128	Privacy of natural persons	26 Jul	15 Aug	22 Aug	Consultation	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.

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Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
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
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
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

Ministerial Correspondence

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2744	Privacy of natural persons	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	16 Aug	The Koura Rua at Port Gisborne
SJ2752		17 Jul	16 Aug	Growing mass bamboo over all of Northland - Maximum Carbon Sequestration Method
SJ2757		17 Jul	16 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
SJ2803		26 Jul	16 Aug	Singapore Trash Video
SJ2802		26 Jul	16 Aug	The Floatel Solution - application criteria
SJ2791		26 Jul	16 Aug	Major PGF investment to help address NZ's plastics challenges
SJ2790		26 Jul	16 Aug	Northland rubbish issues
SJ2789		26 Jul	16 Aug	Daniel's Business Plan
SJ2784		26 Jul	16 Aug	Miro LP letter
SJ2780		26 Jul	8 Aug	Sent for and on behalf of Mayor Little - Progress update

Ministerial Correspondence

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2787	Privacy of natural persons	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
SJ 2791		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 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
SJ2879		9 Aug	30 Aug	Bridging the urban-rural divide
SJ2876		9 Aug	30 Aug	HEMPLIME Buildings
SJ2875		9 Aug	30 Aug	Letter to Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance
SJ2868		9 Aug	30 Aug	Dipton Community Project
SJ2869		9 Aug	30 Aug	Northland Biocoal Project
SJ2870		9 Aug	30 Aug	Closing of meat waste facilities in the regions

Appendix 5 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question

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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

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