

Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

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Development



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1. Dashboard updates

1.1 Status of applications as at 15 August 2019

New projects this week	27
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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 information entrusted to the 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. Priority updates

2.1 Manawatū-Whanganui

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Contact:	Kate Styles, Manager Regional Development Central/South <small>Privacy of natural persons</small>

3. Upcoming announcements

Date	Location of announcement	Projects being announced	Additional information
23 Aug	Nelson	The Food Factory Te Tau Ihu Portfolio Advisors Nelson AI	USEC only
26 Aug (TBC)	Invercargill, Southland	Invercargill – Our City for tomorrow	
29 Aug	Manukau, Auckland	SWEP Employment Hubs	Minister Jackson only
23 Sep	Napier, Hawkes Bay	Food Innovation Hub Apollo Foods	USEC only

4. Delivery of projects update

4.1 Top priority projects of interest

Project name	Amount	Description/ update
Rotorua Whakarewarew a Forest Park	\$7.00m	This project is on track and the community feedback has been very positive. The area is now fenced off and the main contract has started this week, with construction due for completion in April 2020. Rotorua District Council would like to have the park open again by Crankworx 2020.
		Region: Bay of Plenty Status: Contracted
Centre of Digital Excellence (CODE)	\$10.00m	The CODE announcement has now been moved to a (still to be confirmed) date in October to coincide with other possible Otago announcements. Dunedin City Council is currently reviewing the final version of the contract before execution.
		Region: Otago Status: With applicant
Multi-Modal Distribution Hub	\$20.00m	On 6 August 2019 PDU officials met with KiwiRail management, the Putauaki Trust, Kawerau District Council and Seqal to discuss the Kawerau Putauaki Industrial Development. The total PGF funded costs for the Kawerau Container Terminal as approved by Cabinet in October 2018 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roothing and infrastructure improvements to date Confidential • Confidential information entrusted to the Government <p style="text-align: center;">Confidential information entrusted to the Government</p>
		Region: Bay of Plenty Status: Contracted
Matai Labs Medical Imaging Research	\$6.00m	The funding agreement has been executed and the project has commenced. PDU officials will attend Matai's formal opening event, taking place on 16 August 2019.
		Region: Tairāwhiti Status: Contracted

4.2 Other projects

Project name	Amount	Description/ update
Port Tarakohe	\$252k	The PGF funded the Tasman District Council to develop a business case for the upgrade of Port Tarakohe to prepare for a significant increase in mussels over the next ten years. The Council has consulted with the public on the draft business case. The consultation continues to attract significant interest, particularly from the Golden Bay community. Concerns raised include road/cycle safety around the port, risks to the Blue Penguins, access to recreational berth facilities and pollution and noise. The full business case will go to the Council for consideration on 29 August 2019. Confidential information
Region: Top of the South Status: Contracted		
Tairāwhiti Railway Tourism Feasibility	\$600k	The latest Steering Group Meeting took place on 7 August 2019. During the meeting, the progress report from BERL was discussed with the Ministry of Transport (MOT), New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and KiwiRail.
Region: Tairāwhiti Status: Contracted		
Rail Freight Opportunities – South Port	\$250k	This rail freight opportunities project is one of the three projects originally funded by the PGF for investigation by KiwiRail. PDU officials will be attending the first Steering Group meeting on Monday, the group is made up of Southland Regional Council, Clutha District Council and Confidential information. We will update you on the outcome of this meeting.
Region: Southland Status: Contracted		
Rail Freight Opportunities – Kawerau to Murupara	\$250k	PDU officials received a draft version of the rail freight opportunities project in the Bay of Plenty from KiwiRail. The next stage of this project is for KiwiRail to work on an A3 to show the connection across the three components as the Confidential information separately at different times. Further work is being undertaken to finalise Confidential information with the first Confidential information due in September.
Region: Bay of Plenty Status: Contracted		
Te Waiariki Ngawha Springs Enhancement and Redevelopment Project	\$1.790m	The applicant has signed the contract for this project on 14 August 2019 and it is in the process of being executed by PDU officials.
Region: Northland Status: With applicant		

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	Commercial Information
Maruawai Precinct Project	Commercial Information

Final reports due to be submitted	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Information Commercial Information 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

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

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

5. Policy update

5.1 PGF Limited

The PDU has sent a briefing for approval relating to the establishment of PGF Limited, specifically matters relating to the registration of PGF Limited with the Companies Office, the proposed constitution for PGF Limited, progressing 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.

MBIE's Entity Performance and Investment team will also be sending you a briefing containing a draft Letter of Expectations for you send as shareholding Minister to the PGF Limited Board.

Contact: Isabel Poulson, Manager Strategy & Policy, Privacy of natural persons

5.2 Confidential information entrusted to the Government

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Appendix 1 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date sent
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
0331 19-20	Prime Minister's PGF and RCHF announcements at Rotorua Museum 13 August 2019	Prime Minister Arden + Minister Jones	Nicki Sutherland	6 Aug
0345 19-20	Event Briefing August 13-16 Recess	Minister Jones	Nicki Sutherland	9 Aug
0333 19-20	Briefing: Request for information \$100 mil Whenua Fund	Minister Mahuta + Minister Jones	Ben Dalton	15 Aug
0398 19-20	Further matters to confirm for establishing Provincial Growth Fund Limited	Minister Jones + Minister Robertson	Isabel Poulson	16 Aug
0400 19-20	PGF Limited: Letter of Expectations	Minister Jones + Minister Robertson	Michael Bird	16 Aug

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

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
TBC	Event Briefing: Top of the South announcements	USEC	Kate Styles	20 Aug
TBC	Event Briefing: Meeting with TTR Ltd	USEC	Nicki Sutherland	21 Aug
0425 19-20	Kiwirail Hillside Workshops	Minister Jones	Robert Pigou	5 Sep
TBC	Event Briefing: Maori Legal, Business and Government Forum	Minister Jones	Ben Dalton	12 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	Drafting	I would like to request under the OIA any information and communications regarding the Minister's Meeting with PEPANZ on 14-May.
OIA312		1 Aug	20 Aug	20 Aug	Drafting	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	Drafting	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.

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	Sign-out	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
1920-0128	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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Departmental OIAs

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):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
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Appendix 4 – Ministerial Correspondence

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Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2522	Privacy of natural persons	24 Jun	15 Aug	Kawakawa Rail River Foreshore / Ashby's Boat Yard
SJ2588		3 Jul	20 Aug	Hawkes Bay Regional Water Security Programme PGF application
SJ2590		3 Jul	20 Aug	Regional Economic Development
SJ2604		3 Jul	20 Aug	Create a job not take a job
SJ2615		3 Jul	20 Aug	Start-up business funding for recycling enterprises
SJ2625		3 Jul	20 Aug	I can help with the plastic.
SJ2638		3 Jul	20 Aug	eMana Limited
SJ2646		3 Jul	20 Aug	Provincial Growth Funds Waste Plastics Solution: PLASTOIL
SJ2746		15 Jul	20 Aug	Kiwirail Stratfor- Okahakura railway
SJ2751		17 Jul	20 Aug	The Koura Rua at Port Gisborne
SJ2752		17 Jul	20 Aug	Growing mass bamboo over all of Northland - Maximum Carbon Sequestration Method
SJ2757		17 Jul	20 Aug	Proposed wind farm will generate enough power for a city the size of Napier
SJ2760		17 Jul	20 Aug	Patea Taranaki
SJ2761		17 Jul	20 Aug	Proposed Waste to Energy Plant on the West Coast

Ministerial Correspondence

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2780	Privacy of natural persons	29 Jul	20 Aug	Sent for and on behalf of Mayor Little - Progress update
SJ2784		29 Jul	20 Aug	Miro LP letter
SJ2789		29 Jul	20 Aug	Daniel's Business Plan
SJ2790		29 Jul	20 Aug	Northland rubbish issues
SJ2799		29 Jul	20 Aug	Provincial Growth Fund or Provincial Conflict?
SJ2802		29 Jul	20 Aug	The Floatel Solution - application criteria
SJ2803		29 Jul	20 Aug	Singapore Trash Video
SJ2806		29 Jul	20 Aug	University of Maryland Accelerated Mass / Moananui
SJ2826		2 Aug	27 Aug	Funding inquiry for EBOP
SJ2849		2 Aug	23 Aug	Oji Fibre Solutions signs MoU with Licella- iQ Renew to investigate new plastic recycling technology
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
SJ2875		9 Aug	30 Aug	Letter to Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance
SJ2876		9 Aug	30 Aug	HEMPLIME Buildings
SJ2879		9 Aug	30 Aug	Bridging the urban-rural divide

Ministerial Correspondence

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2890	Privacy of natural persons	14 Aug	4 Sep	Bay of Islands Exploration Centre unsuccessful EOI
SJ2892		14 Aug	4 Sep	Flax Fiber / NZ Wool
SJ2900		14 Aug	4 Sep	Support request
SJ2908		16 Aug	21 Aug	Great Barrier Island

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Appendix 5 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question
PQ 29370 (2019)	Chris Bishop	12 Aug	16 Aug	Is it correct, as reported on Newstalk ZB, that the government makes "quarterly attempts to measure progress" in relation to jobs created by the Provincial Growth Fund; if so, are these attempts publicly reported?
PQ 29545 (2019)	Matt King	12 Aug	16 Aug	When will an up-to-date list of announced Provincial Growth Fund projects and recipients be uploaded to the Grow Regions website?

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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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