



REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Weekly Report 2 July to 6 July 2018

Date:	6 July 2018	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	18-19 0027

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Shane Jones Minister for Regional Economic Development	Discuss at the next officials meeting	N/A
Fletcher Tabuteau Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister for Regional Economic Development	Discuss at the next officials meeting	N/A

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Nigel Bickle	Head of Regional Economic Development	<small>Privacy of natural persons</small> <div style="background-color: grey; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>	
Ben Dalton	Head of Regions and Project Delivery		
AJ Millward	General Manager Strategy and Governance		✓
Robert Pigou	Acting Head of Investment		



1. Provincial Growth Fund Proposals

Development of the Centre of Digital Excellence (CODE)

Comment:

The Dunedin Economic Development Agency (EDA) and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) are having regular fortnightly phone meetings to discuss CODE's progress and iron out any issues.

The CODE Governance Group has sent initial communications to key stakeholders early in the week beginning 2 July signposting the development of CODE.

Methodology for the CODE is being finalised. This will include one-on-one interviews and CODE design workshops with key stakeholders. The EDA will form an advisory group to oversee CODE's development, which will include an MBIE official.

CODE design workshops will extend to international firms at a later date – including Confidential information entrusted to the Government from Japan. Confidential information entrusted to the Government will likely be invited to co-design elements of the CODE with academics at the University of Otago. University of Otago is developing a proposal around course development and research and development for the CODE.

MBIE is working with Wellington's Computational Media Innovation Centre (CMIC) as to how they might be involved in the CODE.

Responsible Manager: Stephanie Weller, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps:

The business case will be completed and approved by local stakeholders in time to support the following government decision-making timeframes:

- September 2018 - Independent advisory panel
- October 2018 - Ministerial approval

Wairoa

Comment

Wairoa District Council (WDC) is being supported by the Provincial Development Unit (PDU) (Cameron Osmond and Evan Nathan) with strategic planning and Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) process guidance. A third planning workshop was held on 26 June 2018.

An application for Capability Support (\$250K) was approved at the last Senior Regional Officials meeting on 28 June 2018. The funding will support WDC to conduct studies that identify economic development opportunities, and to prepare subsequent PGF applications.

A draft funding agreement for the Capability Support project has been prepared. Cameron Osmond (MBIE) is working with the applicant to finalise the details.

Responsible Manager: Stephanie Weller, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps:

PDU will develop a plan to assist WDC to implement this project. This will be complete by 13 July 2018.

PDU will finalise details required for the funding agreement by 13 July 2018.



2. Provincial Development Unit

PipeDrive Update

Comment:

As at 2 July 2018, 289 projects have been lodged in PipeDrive. 23 projects are new this week. Of the 289 projects, 141 are Expressions of Interest (Eols), 146 are applications, and two have yet to submit either an Eol or an Application.

Responsible Manager: Robert Pigou, Privacy of natural persons

3. Māori Economic Development

Silviculture update

Comment:

A briefing on the labour shortages and opportunities in the Silviculture industry in the Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti has been drafted and consultation is being sought from MSD, MPI and relevant MBIE teams to identify linkages with current future government work programmes.

Responsible Manager: Hinemaui Rikirangi, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps:

The briefing incorporating feedback is due to you by 13 July 2018.

4. Skills and Employment

Future of Work meeting

Comment:

As you were unable to attend the Future of Work (FoW) Ministers' group meeting on Monday 2 July 2018, the Head of PDU, Nigel Bickie, attended with the PDU's Deputy Chief Executive (DCE) for Regions and Project Delivery, Ben Dalton; they noted for FOW Ministers the opportunity to utilise the PGF to get better work outcomes for local New Zealanders in the regions, and particularly in the surge regions.

Experience from the Sector Workforce Engagement Programme¹ and the small scale He Poutama Rangatahi initiative² is that there is significant demand for well-coordinated schemes that can provide more flexibility in funding, navigate across government, and strengthen connections to employers. This is particularly the case in the surge regions, where many individuals of all ages have experienced long-term unemployment and are far from work-ready.

These individuals need help in reskilling or overcoming practical barriers to employment to meet the current and future needs of local employers. At the same time local employers need help to be able

Next Steps:

The PDU is leading the establishment of a governance group of DCE's from relevant agencies.

We will provide you with an update ahead of the next RED Ministers meeting with options on how the PGF can leverage better employment outcomes for locals, through drawing together relevant support from across the government system.

¹ The Sector Workforce Engagement Programme works with employers to improve access to reliable and appropriately skilled staff.

² The He Poutama Rangatahi initiative funds projects to support NEET (youth who are no longer in the education system and are not working or being trained for work) aged 15 to 24 who are far from employment and need significantly more support than mainstream programmes can provide in order to become work-ready.



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to invest in employing NEET and others at risk of long-term unemployment.

Addressing these issues in a substantial and coordinated way requires a cross agency approach with senior leadership from, at least, MBIE/PDU, the Tertiary Education Commission, Ministry of Social Development, and the Ministry of Education. An outcome of the FoW meeting is the urgent development of fit for purpose central governance arrangement to drive this work.

Responsible Manager: Ben Dalton, Privacy of natural persons

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5. Upcoming Meetings and Events

Time / Meeting with / Purpose	Support
Monday 9 July	
Tuesday 10 July	
Wednesday 11 July	
3:30pm-4:30pm Minister Jones: PDU Officials meeting	
Thursday 12 July	
Acting PM and USEC in New Plymouth for Taranaki announcements	Briefing due 10 July 2018
Friday 13 July	

July

Taranaki visit (USEC)
West Coast visit (USEC)
Northland visit
Dunedin visit
Launch Investment Statement
Independent Advisory Panel meeting

August

Bay of Connections forum
Independent Advisory Panel meeting
Bay of Plenty visit
East Coast visit
Manawatu-Whanganui visit
Waikato Economic Summit

September

RED Ministers meeting
Waikato visit (USEC)
Wairarapa, Kapiti visit
Independent Advisory Panel meeting

October

Independent Advisory Panel meeting
Southland, Dunedin visit
Kaikohe visit
East Coast visit (USEC)



6. Media and Communications Schedule:

Event or announcement date	Activity	Speech / media release due	MBIE Contact
12 July 2018	Acting PM and USEC to announce Hiringa Energy Investment and one other investment into the Taranaki region	Under-Secretary and Minister Jones' office will be provided with communications material	Julia Paterson-Fourie
16 July 2018	Provincial Growth Fund Investment Statement	Minister Jones' office will be provided with communications material	Eleanor Laban
19 July 2018	Announcement on the Dunedin Waterfront and Otago Economic development strategy investments	Minister Jones' office will be provided with communications material	Julia Paterson-Fourie
20 July 2018	4 x West Coast announcements	Under-Secretary's office will be provided with communications material	Emma Blackmore



7. Completed Briefings, Aide Memoire and Reports

Tracker number	Title	Minister/USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
3859 17-18	Paper to support RED Delegated Ministers meeting on 2 July	Minister Jones	Nigel Bickle	29 June 2018
3979 17-18	Just Transition Unit & Provincial Development Unit engagement with Taranaki	Minister Jones/Minister Woods	AJ Millward Gus Charteris	29 June 2018
3878 17-18	Information about EcoKiwi Recycling	Minister Jones/Minister Parker	John Doorbar	2 July 2018
3985 17-18	Accelerating processing of low-value PGF applications	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	2 July 2018
3498 17-18	Event briefing for meeting with Andrew Clennett from Hiringa Energy on 5 July	Minister Jones	Stephanie Weller	3 July 2018
3997 17-18	Information on the PGF for conversation with Rangimahora Reddy	USEC	Stephanie Weller	4 July 2018

8. Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings, Aide Memoire and Reports

Tracker number	Title	Minister/USEC	Signed out by	Delivery Date
18-19 0012	Event briefing for Acting PM and USEC's visit to Taranaki	Acting PM/USEC	John Doorbar	10 July 2018
3804 17-18	Reported labour shortages in the Silviculture industry in the Hawkes Bay	Minister Jones/USEC	Hinemaui Rikirangi	13 July 2018
2823 17-18	Ongoing resourcing for the PDU and other agencies to administer the PGF	Minister Jones	Nigel Bickle	19 July 2018
3240 17-18	Event briefing for meeting with Tourism Export Council NZ	USEC	Richard Davies	29 July 2018



9. Ministerial Servicing

Ministerial OIAs					
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Request / Status Update
SJOIA84	Privacy of natural persons	26 Jun 2018	11 Jul 2018	18 Jul 2018	Copy of 17 May Briefing re: meeting with Mark Butcher
SJOIA86		26 Jun 2018	16 Jul 2018	18 Jul 2018	Copy of Weekly Report for week ending 22 June
SJOIA88		28 Jun 2018	19 Jul 2018	23 Jul 2018	Documents received regarding Independent Advisory Panel
SJOIA92		29 Jun 2018	23 Jul 2018	26 Jul 2018	Documents for PGF 28th May, IAP advice on Howard League and PGF funding

Departmental OIAs					
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1718-1794	Privacy of natural persons	14 Jun 2018	5 Jul 2018	12 Jul 2018	Copy of all advice sent re PGF/Howard League Driver License Initiative
1718-1812		16 Jun 2018	N/A	13 Jul 2018	
1718-1827		18 Jun 2018	9 Jul 2018	16 Jul 2018	
1718-1870		26 Jun 2018	17 Jul 2018	24 Jul 2018	Regional Economic Strategies for Horowhenua, Manawatu, Wanganui and Taranaki
1718-1884		28 Jun 2018	19 Jul 2018	26 Jul 2018	A copy of funding applications, business cases and funding for PGF



Ministerial Correspondence

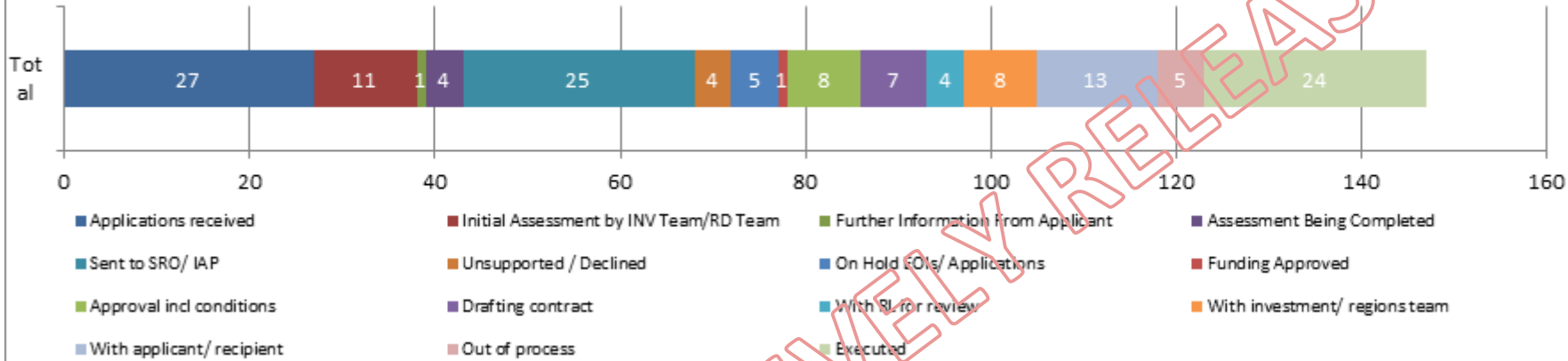
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SJ1220	Privacy of natural persons	29 Jun 2018	6 Jul 2018	Possible RGF projects on the East Coast
SJ956		26 Jun 2018	10 Jul 2018	Marsden Point Naval facility
SJ974		13 Jun 2018	11 Jul 2018	Air NZ cancelling flights in NZ and not offering alternative travel plans
SJ1064		18 Jun 2018	16 Jul 2018	Supporting NZ Local owned companies over international corporates
SJ1089		18 Jun 2018	16 Jul 2018	Opōtiki Harbour Development
SJ1090		18 Jun 2018	16 Jul 2018	Opōtiki Harbour Development
SJ629		28 Jun 2018	19 Jul 2018	Relocatable custodial workman camps
SJ1185		29 Jun 2018	20 Jul 2018	NXT fuels discovering a new important resource which is under reported
SJ1196		29 Jun 2018	20 Jul 2018	Regional development could be constrained by future changes at the TEC
SJ971		29 Jun 2018	20 Jul 2018	Registering my involvement in the Major Capital Projects programme.
SJ978		29 Jun 2018	20 Jul 2018	For more housing NZ should look to other areas other than Auckland

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Expressions of Interest and Applications

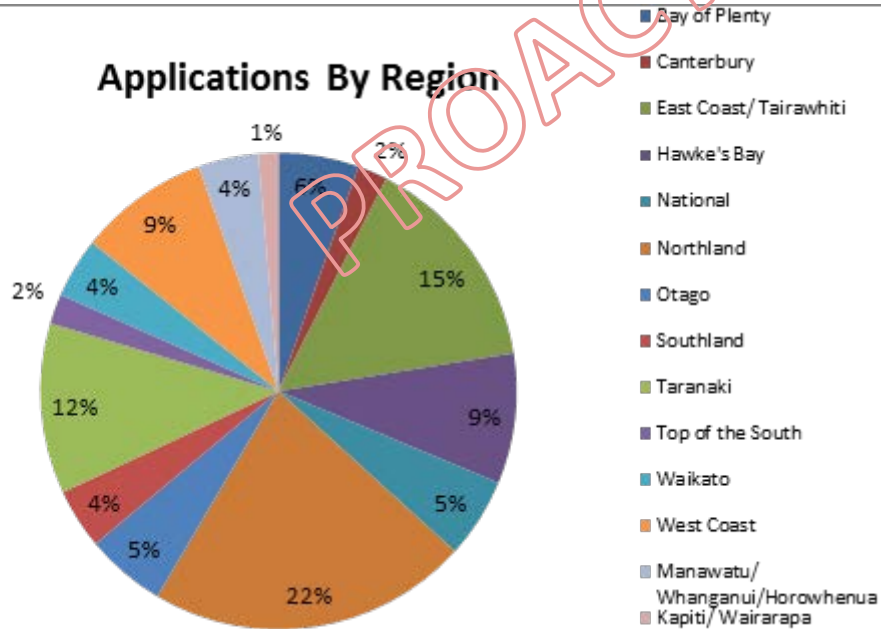
1. Progression of Applications

Applications progression through Stages (By Number)

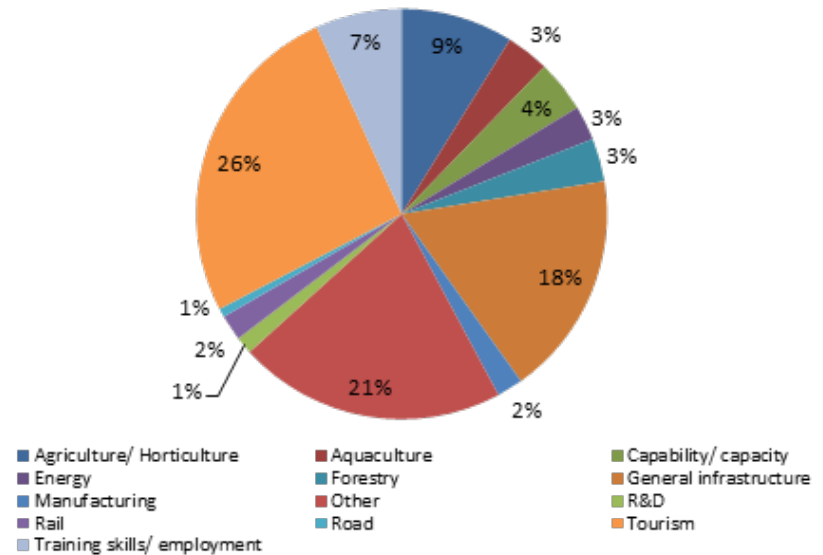


2. Breakdown of funding and applications in regions and sectors

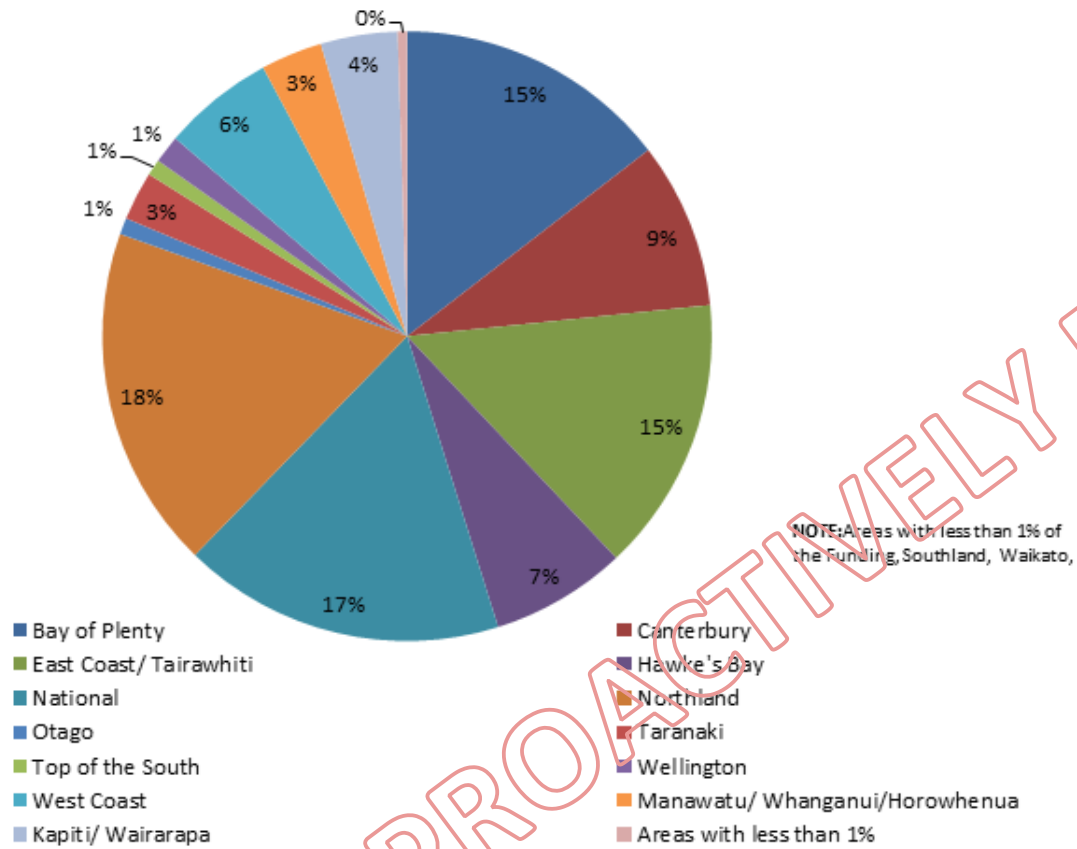
Applications By Region



Applications By Sector



Total Funding sought by Region Applications and Eol



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