



Regional Economic Development Weekly Report

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Updates

Māori Innovation Fund procurements

We have just finished two procurements under Te Pūnaha Hiringa, the Māori Innovation Fund. The two programmes are:

- Pakihi 101: this programme sought a supplier to deliver a programme of approximately 200 small business skills workshops to Māori all across New Zealand over 18 months. The contract is worth Commercial Information.
- Rangatahi entrepreneurship: this programme will increase rangatahi Māori (Year 12 and 13) participation in youth entrepreneurship programmes in schools over three years. The contract is worth Commercial Information.

Successful supplier: Te Wānanga o Aotearoa / Aotahi / Crowe Horwath

Successful supplier: Young Enterprise Trust / Māori Women's Development Inc.

Both procurements followed a robust open tender process. The procurement panels for each were made up of representatives of MBIE, Māori Economic Development Advisory Board, and other government agencies. The policy for both programmes was approved by the previous Ministers in March 2017. Privacy of has delegated authority to approve the funding allocation.

The next steps are to negotiate contracts with the successful suppliers. Until contracts are concluded the names of the successful parties remain in confidence. Both programmes will begin in the new year and we will work Ministers' offices on announcements at that stage.

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Kōkiri: Māori accelerator

The 10 teams selected to participate in Kōkiri, the pilot Māori business accelerator programme, were announced on 7 December at a small event with sponsors. The accelerator is funded through the Māori Innovation Fund. It is run by a consortium led by Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, overseen and supported by Callaghan Innovation. 106 applications were received from teams wishing to join the accelerator and a strong regional focus was achieved - highlighting areas of startup business interest beyond the main centres throughout New Zealand and with one from Australia. Applications covered range of sectors including software development; AR/VR; artificial intelligence; education tech; social enterprise, conservation/environment; manufacturing/hardware. Many applications have a strong focus towards a social/conscious business outcome.

The 20 shortlisted teams were provided one-to-one coaching in preparation for their pitch last week to the selection panel. Unsuccessful applicants will be provided follow up support to connect them into Maori business networks where required.

The Kōkiri accelerator launches on 12 February 2018. We will work with Ministers' offices to facilitate Ministerial attendance at that event.

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October Baseline Update Submission for Communications (under the Infrastructure portfolio)

The Minister of Finance has written to you and to the Minister for Broadcasting, Communications, and Digital Media, approving updated baselines for the previous Communications portfolio as part of the October Baseline Update (OBU) process. The Minister of Finance has asked that other appropriation Ministers for Vote Business, Science and Innovation be informed of the outcome of your joint OBU submission. Minister Curran's office will be informing the private secretaries in other Ministers' offices about the OBU outcome, to conclude the matter.

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Media and Communications Schedule

Timing	Events and Announcements	Proposed activity
25 Jan 18	Ratana birthday commemoration	Opportunity to make announcements
6 Feb 18	Waitangi Day Commemorations	Opportunity to make announcements
Feb 18 - TBC	Waikato Regional Economic Development Action Plan launch	Your office will be provided with communications material
Feb 18 - TBC	Taranaki Action Plan launch	Your office will be provided with communications material

Upcoming Regional Visits

Timing	Region	Proposed activity
Week ending 15 Dec 17	Manawatū/Whanganui	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Whanganui Innovation HubWhanganui Port RedevelopmentMeeting and visit to Lismore forest
Week ending 22 Dec 17	West Coast	TBC

Upcoming Briefings

Due Ministers Office	Title	Sign Out Manager
11 Dec 17	FINAL Cabinet paper on Provincial Growth Fund: Principles, Criteria, Investment framework	John Doorbar
20 Dec 17	Strategic procurement benefitting Māori	Hinemaua Rikirangi

Ministerial Official Information Act Requests

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