



Weekly Report to the Minister for Regional Economic Development

For the period 21 May to 25 May 2018

Date:	25 May 2018	Priority:	Medium
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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)		
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Robert Pigou	Acting Head of Investment Management	

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Provincial Development Unit

1. REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO OFFICIALS MEETING

1.1 Outstanding items from previous officials meetings

Item	Action	Who	By when	Status update
EDNZ applications	PDU staff to provide advice on status and progress of EDNZ applications to Under-Secretary Tabuteau	Robert Pigou	An update will be provided at the next officials meeting	Underway

2. PROVINCIAL GROWTH FUND PROGRESS UPDATES

2.1 Provincial Growth Fund Weekly Update

Robert Pigou

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As at 23 May 2018, 197 projects had been lodged in PipeDrive. This is an increase of 17 from last week. Of the 197 projects, 91 are Expressions of Interest (Eols) and 106 are applications.

3. PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT UPDATES

3.1 June Cabinet Paper

AJ Millward

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The Provincial Development Unit (PDU) is preparing a Cabinet paper, which at this stage is scheduled to go to the Cabinet Economic Development Committee on 20 June. We have discussed the scope of the paper with the Minister's office, and have prepared a short note for the Regional Economic Development Delegated Ministers meeting on 29 May. The paper will report progress on and seek decisions relating to some areas of further work identified in the February Cabinet paper (e.g. regional indicators, an evaluation plan). In particular, it may seek decisions about the release of the Investment Statement and options for the government holding equity stakes in some investments. It will also seek decisions on a number of policy and operational matters that will improve the implementation of the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF), including giving some decision rights to the Head of the PDU.

3.2 Economic Development, Science and Innovation Select Committee Hearing

AJ Millward

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The Minister has been invited to appear before the Economic Development, Science and Innovation Committee in his capacity as Minister for Regional Economic Development and Minister of Infrastructure. The hearing is scheduled for Thursday 7 June from 11.30am until 1.00pm. PDU and Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) staff are preparing information to support the Minister at this hearing and will also attend. A preparation session is scheduled with the Minister on Monday 28 May.

3.3 Engagement Strategy

AJ Millward

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The PDU is developing a stakeholder engagement strategy to promote the PGF to regions, sectors and commercial investors. We hope to discuss the high level framework for this strategy with you soon. The PDU will then work with your office and regional stakeholders to develop a detailed pro-active and coordinated engagement plan for you, the Under-Secretary, the Independent Advisory Panel and the PDU leadership team.

3.4 PDU contribution to MBIE views on the New Zealand Productivity Commission -- Low-emissions economy: Draft report

AJ Millward

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The PDU was asked to contribute to a whole of MBIE briefing on the Ministry's view on the New Zealand Productivity Commission's draft Low-emissions economy report. We outlined the parts of the report that are related to the PGF, and our work underway which complements their draft recommendations.

The report found that innovation in clean technologies, expanding horticulture to replace meat and dairy, and increasing forestry were important in order to transition New Zealand to a low emission economy. We identified that the PGF has invested in a feasibility study for 'H2 Taranaki Hydrogen Road Map' to help the region transition its economy to renewable energy production. Investments in future foods feasibility studies in Taranaki, the One Billion Trees programme and regional rail projects are also examples of PGF funding supporting projects which will assist in the just transition to a low emissions economy.

3.5 June 2018 In Principle Expense Transfer (IPET) Submission

AJ Millward

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The Minister for Regional Economic Development is required to approve an In Principle Expense Transfer from the Regional Economic Development appropriation for which you are responsible, to be included in the June 2018 submission for Vote Business, Science and Innovation (BSI). A briefing was submitted to your office on 24 May 2018 seeking your approval of up to ^{Confidential advice to G} to ensure all unspent funding is carried forward. On 5 June 2018, Hon David Parker as the Minister responsible for Vote BSI will provide a written submission to the Minister of Finance that will comprise of the consolidated IPET proposals. The final amount of the proposed transfer for Regional Economic Development will be confirmed through the 2018 October Baseline Update process.

4. INFORMATION ON UPCOMING PROVINCIAL GROWTH FUND PROPOSALS

4.1 28th Māori Battalion

John Doorbar

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The Waitangi National Trust Board continues to undertake consultation with the representatives of A, B, C and D Companies along with the support of ^{Privacy of natural persons} and ^{Privacy of natural persons}. They are meeting with the D Company representatives in Wellington on Saturday 26 May and possibly at another Hui in the South Island.

On 21 May, the Senior Regional Officials (SROs) approved \$297,000 for further design work for the museum on the condition that a central government representative joins the museum project control group to oversee and support the procurement process.

The final business case for the museum will be signed off by the Waitangi National Trust Board at their meeting on 15 June. A full application for the PGF for the museum is expected to be ready for PGF Ministers to consider on 2 July.

4.2 Wairoa

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The PDU is working closely with Wairoa District Council (WDC) on a range of projects, in summary:

Youth Employment Support Programme (Job Shop), the contract for \$150,000 has been signed by PDU and is with the WDC for their signature. The first payment will be made on receipt of an invoice from the Council.

PDU staff spent the day on 24 May working with the Council team on the \$250,000 Capability Support proposal. PDU is completing the application in consultation with Kitea Tipuna (WDC). The funding will be associated with key economic development themes emerging from today's workshop. These include extracting economic potential from the region's natural assets (river and land) and infrastructure (rail). The application will be ready for assessment by the PDU Investment team by mid next week.

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) is completing their strategic business case for improvements to [Confidential information entrusted to the Government]. The PDU are working closely with NZTA to progress this work and to identify any opportunities to support the project.

On 21 May, SROs considered the proposal for the [Confidential information entrusted to the Government]. The proposal was declined as there was not a clear commercial case for the investment, in particular how it would lift productivity, create jobs and attract commercial activities. The Mayor of Wairoa has advised that he will write to the PDU to seek a review of that decision and to understand what they need to do to improve the proposal.

4.3 Chatham Islands

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On Tuesday 22 May PDU received a letter signed by Alfred Preece (Mayor Chatham Islands Council), Phil Seymour (Chair Chatham Island Enterprise Trust) Maui Solomon (Chair Hoktehi Moriori Trust) and John Kamo (Chair Ngati Mutunga) confirming their willingness to work together to achieve better outcomes for the Chatham Islands. The Chatham Islands leaders have identified the three key priorities as:

- 1) Airport extension;
- 2) [Confidential information entrusted to the Government]; and
- 3) [Confidential information entrusted to the Government].

PDU staff will meet with the Mayor and three Chairs next week in the Chatham Islands to discuss the PGF and details of the projects that they would likely submit for consideration.

4.4 Kaikōura/Blenheim Visit

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On 17-18 May, staff from MBIE and NZTA had a series of meetings with stakeholders about two cycle trails; one from Christchurch to Waipara, and the other from Kaikōura to Picton (previously referred to as the Coastal Pacific Cycle trail). Stakeholders met with the

following: Kaikōura District Council, Marlborough District Council, Enterprise North Canterbury, Waimakariri District Council, Environment Canterbury, Hurunui Trails Trust and the Marlborough Kaikōura Trail Trust.

Both of these trails will likely submit proposals seeking feasibility funding from the PGF for the trails. Additional and complimentary cycle trails in the Top of the South are also in early stages of development. PDU staff will support applicants through this process and keep you updated.

4.5 Milford Connectivity

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On the 7-8 May, meetings were held between MBIE and local stakeholders (NZTA, Downers, NZ Police, St John's Ambulance, Department of Conservation, Southland District Council and Milford Sound Tourism) that are proposing a 120km fibre optic link between Te Anau and Milford Sound along SH94. The link will benefit tourism, road safety, environmental and geological monitoring and communities along the route. It is anticipated the proposal will become a PGF application led by the Southland District Council. MBIE will follow progress and update you on any developments. Note the Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media has also been updated.

5. PAPERS DELIVERED FROM PDU THIS WEEK

Tracker Number	Title	Minister/USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
3426 17-18	Briefing Update on Prime Minister's Visit to Northland, 1 June 2018	Minister Jones	John Doorbar	18 May 2018
3186 17-18	Meeting with Ron Mark MP, the Mayor of the Tararua District and Connect Tararua	Minister Jones	Jane Tier	18 May 2018
3396 17-18	Event briefing for <small>Confidential information entrusted</small> meeting Wed 23 May	Minister Jones	Stephanie Weller	21 May 2018
3006 17-18	How tourism funding interacts with the Provincial Growth Fund	Minister Jones	Richard Davies	21 May 2018
3233 17-18	Charitable status of EDAs and their tax obligations	USEC	John Doorbar	23 May 2018
3236 17-18	Provincial Growth Fund Applications and other Government Funding	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	23 May 2018
3523 17-18	Māori Innovation Fund Reference information	USEC	Hinemaua Rikirangi	23 May 2018
3286 17-18	Northland Announcements – 1 June 2018	Minister Jones	Ben Dalton	24 May 2018
3498 17-18	Northland Three Wharves Project (Paihea, Russell, Opua)	Minister Jones	Ben Dalton	24 May 2018
3510 17-18	Event Briefing: Under-Secretary's Visits to Nelson, Christchurch and Invercargill, 28 May to 30 May 2018	USEC	AJ Millward	24 May 2018

6. UPCOMING PAPERS FROM PDU

Tracker Number	Title	Minister/USEC	Signed Out By	Date expected
3303 17-18	Estimates 2018	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	25 May 2018
TBC	Kerikeri Airport blessing and sod turning	Minister Jones	Stephanie Weller	28 May 2018
2823 17-18	Ongoing resourcing for the PDU and other agencies to administer the PGF	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	30 May 2018
2824 17-18	Draft Investment Statement	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	30 May 2018
3380 17-18	Event briefing for the Northland announcements on 1 June 2018	Minister Jones	Ben Dalton	30 May 2018
3524 17-18	Kapiti Coast PGF applications	Minister Jones	John Doorbar	30 May 2018
3494 17-18	Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise conference opening in Auckland on 12 June 2018	USEC	Stephanie Weller	31 May 2018
TBC	Kōkiri Māori accelerator in Auckland on 15 June 2018	USEC	Hinemaua Rikirangi	31 May 2018
TBC	Information for meeting with Tourism Export Council NZ on 14 June 2018	USEC	Richard Davies	7 June 2018
TBC	How Ministers are informed of PGF proposals	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	8 June 2018
TBC	Cabinet paper seeking further decisions on the PGF	Minister Jones	Nigel Bickle	14 June 2018

7. UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Date	Details	Minister/USEC	Briefing
28 May	PDU Leadership Team – PGF Investment Statement	Minister Jones	Material to be provided at the meeting
28 May	PDU Leadership Team – Estimates hearing preparation	Minister Jones	Briefing due 25 May
29 May	Regional Economic Development Ministers Meeting	Minister Jones	Briefing sent 24 May
30 May	Kerikeri Airport blessing and sod turning	Minister Jones	Briefing due 28 May
31 May	Meeting with Andrew Hamilton, CEO The Icehouse in Parnell	USEC	Briefing due 25 May
1 June	Northland announcements	Minister Jones	Briefing due 30 May
7 June	Economic Development Select Committee - Regional Economic Development portfolio and Infrastructure portfolio Estimates Hearing	Minister Jones	Briefing due 25 May
12 June	Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise Conference opening in Auckland	USEC	Briefing due 31 May
14 June	Meeting with Tourism Export Council NZ	USEC	Briefing due 7 June
15 June	Kōkiri Māori accelerator in Auckland	USEC	Briefing due 31 May
15 June	Site visit to MBIE Auckland offices	USEC	N/A
18 June	Independent Advisory Panel meeting	For information	N/A
19 June	Meeting between the Deputy PM, Minister Jones and the West Coast Mayors and Chair	Minister Jones	Briefing to be provided
22 June	Launch of Pakihi	Minister Jones/USEC	Briefing to be provided
30 June	Launch of the Wairarapa Economic Strategy	Minister Jones/USEC	Briefing to be provided
22 June	Hawkes Bay Matariki Event	Minister Jones/USEC	Briefing to be provided
2 July	RED Ministers Meeting	Minister Jones	Briefing due 26 Jun
3 Aug	Bay of Connections Forum	Minister Jones/USEC	Briefing to be provided
15 Aug	Independent Advisory Panel meeting	For information	N/A
21 Aug	Eastern Bay of Plenty Meeting	Minister Jones	TBC
30 & 31 Aug	Waikato Economic Summit	Minister Jones/USEC	Briefing to be provided
3 Sept	RED Ministers meeting	Minister Jones	Briefing due 28 Aug
16 Oct	Independent Advisory Panel meeting	For information	N/A
5 Nov	RED Ministers Meeting	Minister Jones	Briefing to be provided
6 Dec	Independent Advisory Panel meeting	For information	N/A

8. MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS SCHEDULE

Date	Details	Communications material
1 June	Multiple Northland-related investment announcements	Minister Jones' office will be provided with communications material
6 June TBC	Hawke's Bay related investment announcement - TBC	Minister Jones' office will be provided with communications material
15 June	Ruapehu Alpine Lifts	Minister Jones' office will be provided with a draft media release
22 June	Hawke's Bay Matariki event and investment announcements	Under-Secretary's office will be provided with communications material
June TBC	Bay of Plenty-focused announcements on the Big Moves Projects, Visitor Economy Strategy and the Regional Cruise Gateway - TBC	Minister Jones' office will be provided with communications material
July TBC	Provincial Growth Fund Investment Statement	Minister Jones' office will be provided with communications material

9. MINISTERIAL SERVICING

9.1 Written Parliamentary questions

Member	Tracker	Question	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due for reply
Hon Paul Goldsmith	PQ 10747 (2018)	As of today, how much money has been paid out to recipients of the Provincial Growth Fund in total?	24 May 2018	24 May 2018
Hon Paul Goldsmith	PQ 10745 (2018)	As of today, how much money has been paid out for each project announced out of the Provincial Growth Fund?	24 May 2018	24 May 2018

9.2 Departmental Official Information Act requests

Tracking number	Requestor	Summary of request	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor
1718-1391	Privacy of natural persons	All documentation prepared for Ministers, the Cabinet, or the Independent Advisory Panel in relation to all approved projects under the Provincial Growth Fund. All internal MBIE emails in relation to the approval of the 'waste-to-energy plant' in the Buller District and the 'Manea Footprints of Kupe Cultural Heritage and Education Centre' in Hokianga projects since the Provincial Growth Fund was announced by the Government	8 May 2018	15 May 2018
1718-1380		Any emails or other correspondence with the Serious Fraud Office relating to or referencing an investigation or inquiry into Privacy of natural persons	15 May 2018	22 May 2018
1718-1071		All information regarding the Renew Energy waste management project in Buller	16 May 2018	23 May 2018

Tracking number	Requestor	Summary of request	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor
1718-1349	Privacy of natural persons	Any advice given to the govt or any Minister assessing the risk and or benefits of the Provincial Growth Fund including but not limited to memos, letters, and reports or briefing papers. Any advice regarding the process for approving funding for projects. A list of all projects considered for funding in the rounds already made public. Any and all advice regarding all projects considered so far for funding for the Provincial Growth Fund. Any discussion or advice on how the success of the specific projects could be measured or how success of the Provincial Growth Fund could be measured	17 May 2018	26 Apr 2018

9.3 Ministerial Official Information Act Requests

Tracking number	Requestor	Summary of request	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor
SJOIA69	Privacy of natural persons	Request copy of briefing "Event briefing – Launch of the Taranaki Regional Economic Development Action Plan – Tapuae Roa Make Way For Taranaki" dated 3 April 2018	18 May 2018	25 May 2018
SJOIA70	Privacy of natural persons	A list of all briefings, reports, aide memoirs, weekly bullets/reports, and memos received by the Minister in his capacity as Forestry, Infrastructure & Regional Development Minister between 1 April 2018 and 30 April 2018	22 May 2018	29 May 2018
SJOIA58	Privacy of natural persons	Minutes recorded and any notes taken during the Ministers meetings with MBIE head of Regional Economic Development on March 13, Meeting with PGF Independent Advisory Panel 13 March and Meeting with Ngai Tahu Representatives	24 May 2018	31 May 2018
SJOIA63	Privacy of natural persons	Briefing to support the Minister in Economic Development Workstream Meeting, Briefing to support the Minister in Infrastructure Workstream Meeting, NZTE Provincial Growth Fund Meeting, Agenda - Weekly MBIE Officials Meeting, National Survey of Employers (NSE) 2016/17, Event Briefing: Employers and Manufacturing Association, Leasehold Products to Assist Households in Home Ownership	24 May 2018	31 May 2018
SJOIA62	Privacy of natural persons	Regional Economic Development Weekly Report week Ending 16 March 2018, Agenda RED Officials Meeting 21 March 2018, External Permanent and Long-Term Migration - February 2018, Treasury Report: Treasury Publications, RED Estimates Briefing, Regional Economic Development Weekly Report week Ending 23 March 2018	24 May 2018	31 May 2018
SJOIA61	Privacy of natural persons	BNZ/NAB Board and Client Dinner - 6 March 2018, Meeting with Mayor and CE of Kaikoura District Council, 6 March, Taranaki Economic Actions Plan – Proposals for consideration, New Zealand Initiative Retreat 8 March,	24 May 2018	31 May 2018

Tracking number	Requestor	Summary of request	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor
	Privacy of natural persons	Event Briefing - LGNZ meeting 8 and 9 March, Regional Economic Development Weekly Report week Ending 9 March 2018		
SJOIA60		Minutes recorded and any notes taken during the Ministers meetings with Minister Faafoi, Rino Tirikatene MP, Kaikoura Mayor Winston Gray, KDC Chief Executive Angela Oosthuizen and Hurunui Mayor Winton Dalley on 6 March	24 May 2018	31 May 2018
SJOIA59		Minutes recorded and any notes taken during the Ministers meetings with Ministers Robertson and Parker and Advisors on March 20, Meeting with Minister Robertson, Parker and Twyford on 21 March, and Meeting with MBIE Weekly officials meeting 22 March with Minister Robertson, Treasury and MBIE officials	24 May 2018	31 May 2018
SJOIA71		Costs relating to the Independent Advisory Panel, including travel/accommodation, remuneration, anticipated number of meetings and length of time of the panel	29 May 2018	5 Jun 2018
SJOIA64		Recommendation for funding from the Regional Growth Initiative Fund and Provincial Growth Fund dated 9 February 2018	31 May 2018	7 Jun 2018
SJOIA74		Opportunities relating to 4CB	6 Jun 2018	13 Jun 2018
SJOIA75		Regional Economic Development Weekly Report week ending 29 March 2018, Papers for RED Minister Meeting on 2 May 2018	6 Jun 2018	13 Jun 2018
SJOIA76		Further decisions on Provincial Growth Fund appropriations dated 27 March	6 Jun 2018	13 Jun 2018
SJOIA77		Marae Connectivity – Provincial Growth Fund application. He kai kei aku ringa – Ministers Roles and Upcoming Opportunities in Maori Economic Development	6 Jun 2018	13 Jun 2018
SJOIA78		He Poutama Rangatahi first tranche funding April 2018	6 Jun 2018	13 Jun 2018