



Regional Economic Development Weekly Report

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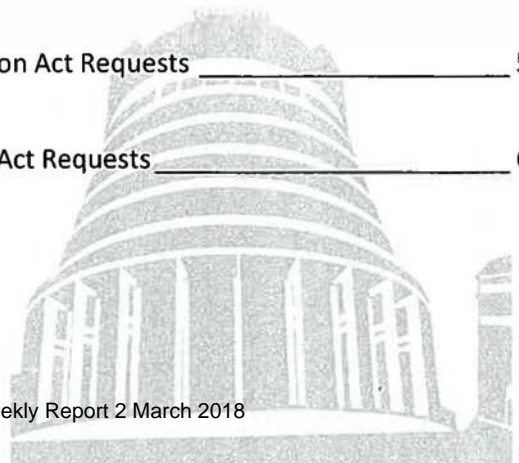
Hon Shane Jones
Minister for Regional Economic Development

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Updates

Māori Innovation Fund (MIF): Pakihi 101 & Increasing Rangatahi services agreements signed

Two services agreements to boost Māori business through Te Pūnaha Hiringa: Māori Innovation Fund (MIF) were finalised this week – Pakihi 101 Maori Small Business Workshops and the Increasing Rangatahi Entrepreneurship programme.

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and consortium partners (Aotahi, Crowe Horwath, ColabNZ, and EY Tahi) will provide 200 small business workshops in 25 locations around the country over the next 22 months through the Pakihi 101 programme.

Young Enterprise Trust in partnership with Māori Women's Development Inc will attract 430 additional Year 12 and 13 rangatahi Māori into their Young Enterprise Scheme over the next three years through the Increasing Rangatahi Entrepreneurship programme.

In March 2017, Ministers responsible for the MIF agreed to allocate Commercial Information and Commercial Information respectively to the programmes. The programmes have been announced on GETS (Government Electronic Tenders Service).

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Hinemaua Rikirangi

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PGF Proposals - Update

MBIE is managing the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) (PGF@mbie.govt.nz) inbox. Since the launch of the PGF we have received over 50 enquiries and 16 proposals. We are asking Ministry for Primary Industries, NZTA and NZTE to share their proposals through the PGF inbox.

MBIE is working to have a database to manage the enquiries and allocate proposals to the appropriate person and agency. All government agencies will be able to access and we can track progress of enquiries and proposals through this portal. This is expected to be operational within two weeks.

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Stephanie Weller

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Aotearoa Māori Business Awards

The Aotearoa Māori Business Awards will be held in the evening of 4 May 2018 in Auckland. Hosted by the University of Auckland, these are widely considered the premier Māori business awards. We anticipate you will be invited. MBIE is sponsoring at least the Māori Woman Business Leader Award through *He kai kei aku ringa* (HKKAR), and through this sponsorship the Māori Economic Development Advisory Board will host a table.

We are developing a proposal suggesting that HKKAR Ministers and/or Under-Secretary Tabuteau host a pre-awards event, as an opportunity to meet with Māori business award nominees. We will provide further information in the coming weeks.

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Budget 2018 – Draft Estimates of Appropriations (under the Infrastructure portfolio)

A draft of the Main Estimates of Appropriations 2018/19, and Supplementary Estimates of Appropriation 2017/18 for your Infrastructure portfolio will be provided to you by 15 March 2018. We seek your approval of these documents by 23 March 2018 for inclusion in the Estimates of Appropriations for Vote Business, Science and Innovation (Vote BSI). The final Estimates documents for Vote BSI will be provided to the Vote lead Minister, Hon David Parker, by 9 April 2018 for him to submit (on behalf of portfolio Ministers in the Vote) to the Minister of Finance by the due date of 12 April.

Contact Person:

Jane Tier

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Funding to support improved skills and employment for Wairoa Youth

Wairoa District Council is developing a proposal for improving skills and employment opportunities for Wairoa youth. It now has a person on board to develop the proposal, and will submit a final version to MBIE before the end of April 2018. The funding is to be administered by the Wairoa Community Partnership Group (WCPG) - supported by the Wairoa District Council.

This proposal intends to utilise the \$150,000 funding announcement made by you on 22 November 2017. Wairoa is keen to consult with the community and ensure the WCPG supports the final proposal.

Delays in developing the proposal have occurred because of the Christmas break and key Wairoa personnel not being available during January and February. WCPG are very keen to lead this work and MBIE is supporting.

The district has now recruited a contractor to develop the proposal (using funding provided by MBIE) and is on track to meet the April 2018 deadline. Officials from MBIE, TPK, MSD and MPI are supporting the Wairoa district to deliver on this and wider projects.

Contact Person:

Mark Feary

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Media and Communications Schedule

Timing	Events and Announcements	Proposed activity
16 Mar 18	Investment into wharf upgrades at Paihia, Russell and Opuia in Northland and the Kerikeri airport	Minister Jones's office has developed draft media releases
19 Mar 18 – TBC	Opotiki Harbour Development project announcement	Your office will be provided with communications material
6 April 2018	Taranaki Economic Action Plan launch	Your office will be provided with communications material
June 18 - TBC	Waikato Regional Economic Development Action Plan launch	Your office will be provided with communications material

Upcoming Regional Visits

Timing	Region	Proposed activity
14 March	Otago	Potential announcement
15 March	Bay of Plenty	Potential announcement
16 March	Northland	Potential announcement
March	Southland	TBC
March	West Coast	TBC
April	Taranaki	Launch of the Economic Action Plan

Upcoming Briefings

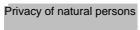

Due Ministers Office	Title	Sign Out Manager
6 April 2018	Meeting with BECA	Stephanie Weller

Ministerial Correspondence

Requestor's Name	Tracking number and Request	Due to Minister	Sign Out Manager
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Departmental Official Information Act Requests

Requestor's Name	Tracking number / Request	Due to Requestor	Status	Sign Out Manager
<small>Privacy of natural persons</small> 	DOIA 1718-1071 - All information regarding the Renew Energy waste management project in Buller Including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all correspondence with, and any information provided to, any Minister regarding the project • all correspondence with the Ministry for the Environment regarding the project 	25 March 2018	Response being formed	John Doorbar
<small>Privacy of natural persons</small> 	DOIA 1718-1092 - I am requesting under the Official Information Act any briefing, documentation or communications about the \$4.6 million for the Manea Footprints of Kupe Cultural Heritage and Education Centre, as announced by Shane Jones and Kelvin Davis on February 23rd, sent or received by the Ministry. There has been a proactive release of two Cabinet papers on the Provincial Growth Fund but I am requesting all of the supporting documentation for the project, along with any other relevant documentation etc.	30 March 2018	Response being formed	John Doorbar

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Ministerial Official Information Act Requests

Requestor's Name	Tracking number and Request	Due to Minister	Status	Sign Out Manager
Privacy of natural persons	SJ OIA13 A list of briefing topics requested by you as Minister of X since 26 October 2017	9 March 2018	Response being formed	John Doorbar
	SJ OIA32 NZTE NZ Investment Attraction Slide Pack, Investment Attraction, Education NZ - New Zealand's International Education Industry, Notes on He Poutama Rangatahi, Economic Development Agencies of New Zealand structure, funding, and current levels of Government support, He kai kei aku ringa Rangatahi Event at Waitangi 2018 " as referenced in his response to written question 1356 (2018)	15 March 2018	Response being formed	John Doorbar
	SJOIA34 I request a copy of all advice you have sent or received regarding the establishment of the Independent Advisory Panel for the Provincial Growth Fund. I would expect this to include all emails, briefings and aide memoires you or your officials have sent to or received from Ministers, government departments or any other organisation in relation to this matter. I am particularly interested in correspondence, including any advice you or your officials received from the SSC, in relation to fee structures for the panel appointees. I am also interested in how the membership of the Advisory Panel was put together, did you seek nominations, if so, from whom? I specifically request copies of all draft and final papers prepared for Cabinet and/or Cabinet committees as well as draft and final communication plans prepared for the announcement. Where information is withheld, I request you provide the title and date of the communication/document withheld, the reason for refusal and the grounds in support of that reason as required by section 19(a)(i) and (ii) of the Official Information Act.	23 March 2018	Response being formed	John Doorbar
	SJOIA35 All information regarding the Renew Energy waste management project in Buller held by you or your office. Including, but not limited to, all internal and external correspondence, briefings, aides-memoir, documents taken to cabinet or cabinet committees, text messages, meeting notes, talking points	26 March 2018	Response being formed	John Doorbar

SJOIA37 He Poutama Rangatahi: tackling entrenched NEET rates in four regions * Meetign with Michael Gleissner from Creswell NZ Ltd, 13 November * Regional Economic Development weekly report week ending 17 November * Information regarding how Central Government's regional development programme will affect FOMA members * Initial advice on establishing the provincial growth fund * Regional Economic Development weekly report week ending 24 November * Regional growth programme evaluation report and Government's response * Regional Economic Development weekly report week ending 1 December * Regional Economic Development weekly report week ending 8 December * Strategic procurement benefitting Maori * Update on the development of the provincial growth fund * Treasury report: Establishing the provincial growth fund * Treasury report: Further fiscal decisions for the provincial growth fund	28 March 2018	Response being formed	John Doorbar
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