



**MINISTRY OF BUSINESS,
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Weekly Report to the Minister for Regional Economic Development

For the period 9 April to 13 April 2018

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| Date: | 13 April 2018 | Priority: | Medium |
| Security classification: | In confidence | Tracking number: | 2872 17-18 |

| Action sought | | |
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| | 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 | Note the contents of this Weekly Report | N/A |

| Contact for telephone discussion (if required) | | | |
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1. REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO OFFICIALS MEETING

1.1 Outstanding items from previous officials meetings

| Item | Action | Who | By when | Status update |
|----------------------------|---|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Holding Company | Information on the process for setting up a holding company | Treasury | April 2018 | Briefing being prepared |
| Existing Funds and the PGF | How other government funds work with the PGF | Iain Cossar | 30 April 2018 | Briefing being prepared |

2. PROVINCIAL GROWTH FUND UPDATES

2.1 Provincial Growth Fund

Eliot Linforth-Hall

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As at 13 April 2018, 16 new queries, expressions of interest (Eols) and applications have been processed from the PGF portal into the pipeline since last week. In total, there are 131 queries, Eols and applications in the PGF pipeline.

The Provincial Development Unit (PDU) is also completing a series of new application documents and application assessment forms for \$0-\$1million, \$1-\$20million and over \$20million. Additionally, the PDU is on track to begin using its new pipeline tracking platform – Pipe Drive - on Monday 16 April. This will bring efficiencies to the processing, tracking and reporting functions of the Unit relating to Eols and applications.

2.2 Wairoa

Mark Feary

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The Senior Regional Official (SRO) for Hawke's Bay, Carl Crafar, and the PDU's Regional Lead for Hawke's Bay met with the CEO of the Wairoa District Council (WDC) last week. The purpose of the meeting was to:

1. Ensure all PGF queries, Eols and applications had been received;
2. Discuss capacity needed to convert queries and EOIs into PGF applications;
3. Identify next steps toward gaining approval and implementation of proposals.

The CEO confirmed that WDC had capability to complete EOIs/applications for the remaining four PGF referrals. However, it was noted that further resources may be required to develop business cases. Officials will meet again to determine the assistance required.

A PGF proposal for improving skills and employment opportunities for Wairoa youth from the WDC has now been signed-off by the Wairoa Partnership Group. Officials expect to receive the final proposal shortly.

2.3 Gisborne/Tairāwhiti

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The launch of the PGF in Gisborne on 23 February 2018 continues to generate a high level of interest and action amongst regional stakeholders.

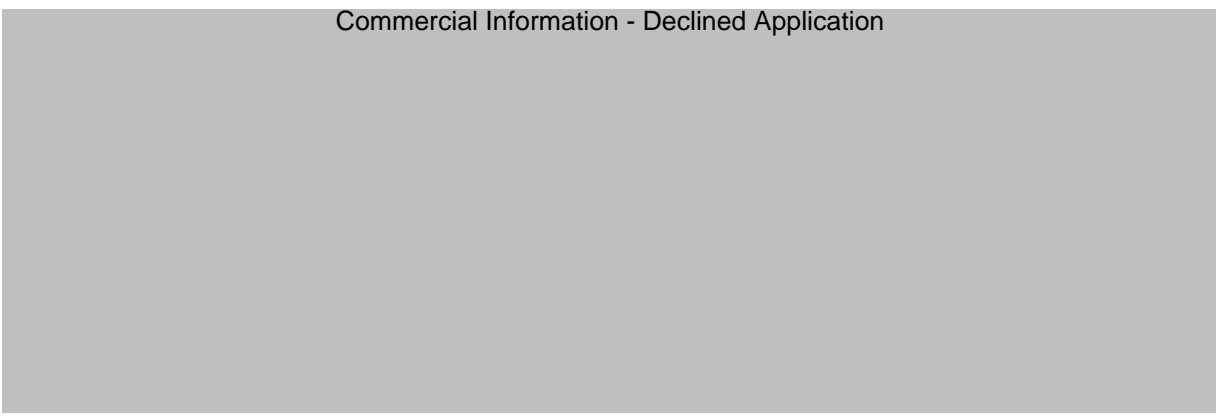
The development of a centre of excellence for wood processing is a high priority for the Gisborne region. On Wednesday 4 April Officials from MBIE and MPI accompanied Under-Secretary Fletcher Tabuteau to Gisborne to meet with the Wood Processors' and Manufacturers' Association of New Zealand, and later with the Gisborne Tairāwhiti Action Plan Steering Group.

2.4 Commercial Information - Declined Application

John Doorbar

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Commercial Information - Declined Application



2.5 Meeting with Minister Twyford re Northland

John Doorbar

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On 9 April, Officials from MBIE, MoT and MPI met with Minister Twyford to discuss transport, housing and regional economic development projects in Northland. The discussion focused on a programme of work leading to announcements by the Prime Minister in Northland on 1 June 2018. Ben Dalton, the SRO for Northland, has agreed to lead the work with input from agencies and to meet regularly with Ministers to update them on progress.

2.6 Pipeline project – Kaikōura and Hurunui visit by officials 4/5 April

Abby Cheeseman

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Officials from MBIE and MPI with Independent Advisory Board Chair, Rodger Finlay visited Kaikōura and Hurunui Districts to meet with Mayors, CEs and relevant local stakeholders on 4/5 April.

This visit involved a series of meetings with stakeholders to understand the remaining land and building damage post-earthquake, and discuss potential tourism and economic development opportunities. Actions from the meetings include:

1. A further follow up visit from officials regarding the proposed cycle trail from Picton to Kaikōura. This will include officials from the New Zealand Cycle Trail Team, the New Zealand Transport Agency, and MBIE.
2. MBIE will work with Mayors and the Canterbury Mayoral Forum on a proposal for feasibility funding to explore options with the harbour, airport, heritage trail and a marine research centre.
3. MBIE and MPI will work further with Mayors around options of land remediation and potentially a tailored afforestation scheme that will address their specific needs for damaged land, plantation forestry, other tree planting options or retiring the land.

Officials will keep you updated on progress.

3. OTHER UPDATES

3.1 Draft Estimates of appropriation

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MBIE Finance worked with the Treasury to finalise the Estimates documents (Supplementary for 2017/18 and Main for 2018/19), reflecting Cabinet decisions about the Regional Economic Development appropriations. Officials worked with the Minister's Office on content for the Overview section of the Main Estimates, which sets out the composition of the \$1 billion of funding for the Provincial Growth Fund in 2018/19.

The Minister has reviewed and approved the RED Estimates. The RED Estimates, along with all the other portfolios within Vote Business, Science and Innovation, will go to the Minister for Economic Development (as Vote Lead Minister) on Monday 16 April for sign off by the end of next week.

4. UPCOMING PAPERS FROM PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT

4.1 Upcoming papers from the Ministry to the Minister for Regional Economic Development

| Tracker Number | Title | Minister/USEC | Signed Out By | Date expected |
|----------------|--|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 2926 17-18 | Event Briefing – Aotearoa Maori Business Leaders Awards and pre-event | Minister Jones | Hinemaua Rikirangi | 18-Apr-18 |
| 2896 17-18 | Letter to State Services Minister regarding IAP fee structure | Minister Jones | Nigel Bickle | 18-Apr-18 |
| TBC | Meeting with ATEED | Minister Jones | Stephanie Weller | 18-Apr-18 |
| AM18-0325 | Salmon Farming opportunities in Southland | Minister Jones | Stephanie Weller | 20-Apr-18 |
| TBC | Paul Maunder, Te Puawai Co-operative Society - West Coast economic forum | Minister Jones | Stephanie Weller | 20-Apr-18 |
| 2914 17-18 | Opportunities relating to 4CB | Minister Jones | Hinemaua Rikirangi | 20-Apr-18 |

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| TBC | Meeting with three West Coast Mayors on 24 April | Minister Jones | Stephanie Weller | 20-Apr-18 |
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| TBC | RED delegated Ministers meeting on 3 May 9.30am | Minister Jones | Nigel Bickle | 27-Apr-18 |
| TBC | Advice on a holding company for the PGF | Minister Jones | Treasury | April-18 |
| 2823 17-18 | Ongoing resourcing for the PDU and other agencies to administer the PGF | Minister Jones | Nigel Bickle | May-18 |
| 2824 17-18 | Draft Investment Statement | Minister Jones | Nigel Bickle | May-18 |
| 2821 17-18 | Regional baseline measures and outcomes (CAB 18 MIN 0045) | Minister Jones | Nigel Bickle | Jun-18 |
| 2822 17-18 | Evaluation Plan for the PGF | Minister Jones | Nigel Bickle | Jun-18 |
| TBC | Options for managing any equity shares the government takes in projects through the Fund (CAB 18 MIN 0045). | Minister Jones | Nigel Bickle | Jun-18 |

5. UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

| Date | Details | Minister/USEC | Briefing |
|-----------|---|-------------------------|---|
| 16-Apr-18 | GPS summit with Ministers Twyford and Genter | Minister Jones | N/A |
| 17-Apr-18 | Primary Sector Ministers Panel, Te Hono National Summit | Minister Jones | PDU and MEDU providing input into NZTE briefing |
| 24-Apr-18 | Meeting with three West Coast Mayors in Wellington | Minister Jones/ USEC | Briefing due 20 April 2018 |
| 28-Apr-18 | Keynote speaker: West Coast economic forum | Minister Jones | Briefing due 20 April 2018 |
| 30-Apr-18 | Hon Phil Twyford and KiwiBuild Unit officials re NZ Super Fund and potential investment in affordable housing | Minister Jones | N/A |
| 3-May-18 | Regional Economic Ministers meeting | Minister Jones | Briefing due 27 April 2018 |
| 16-Jun-18 | Kōkiri Māori accelerator | Minister Jones/ USEC | Information will be provided closer to the time |
| June 18 | Hawkes Bay Matariki Event | Minister Jones/ USEC | Information will be provided closer to the time |
| June 18 | Northland Announcements | Minister Jones/ USEC | Information will be provided closer to the time |
| Aug 18 | Waikato Economic Summit | Minister Jones/ USEC | Information will be provided closer to the time |

6. MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS SCHEDULE – RED and ED

| Date | Details | Communications material |
|-----------|--|---|
| 17-Apr-18 | Launch of manufacturing report – Minister Parker | Minister Parker's office will be provided with communications material |
| TBC | Bay of Plenty event and announcement on Visitor Economic Strategies – Minister Jones | Minister Jones' office will be supplied with press release and supporting communications material |

7. MINISTERIAL SERVICING

7.1 Ministerial Correspondence

| Requestor | Tracker | Topic | Date due to Minister's Office | Date due for reply |
|----------------------------|---------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Privacy of natural persons | SJ770 | Wairarapa and the Provincial Growth Fund | 2-May-18 | 4-May-18 |

7.2 Written parliamentary questions received for the week ending 13 April 2018

| Member | Minister | Question | Date due to Minister's Office | Date due for reply |
|----------------|----------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Maureen Pugh | RED | Can the Minister confirm that \$36.8m funding is still available to fund all of the projects in the West Coast Economic Development Action Plan? | 18-Apr-18 | 19-Apr-18 |
| Paul Goldsmith | RED | 165 PQS around the PGF | 24-Apr-18 (extended) | 26-Apr-18 |

7.3 Departmental Official Information Act Requests

| Tracking number | Requestor | Summary of request | Date due to Minister's Office | Date due to requestor |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1718-1179 | Privacy of natural per | Funding provided to Te Arawa River Iwi Trust | 6-Apr-18 | 13-Apr-18 |
| 1718-1391 | Privacy of natural per | Documentation in relation to approved projects in the PGF | 9-Apr-18 | 16-Apr-18 |
| 1718-1349 | Privacy of natural persons | Advice given to minister regarding the Provincial Growth Fund | 17-Apr-18 | 24-Apr-18 |

| Tracking number | Requestor | Summary of request | Date due to Minister's Office | Date due to requestor |
|-----------------|--|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1718-1380 | Privacy of natural per [Redacted] | Information regarding an individual linked to PGF and SFO investigation | 24-Apr-18 | 1-May-18 |
| 1718-1391 | Privacy of natural per [Redacted] | Documents and emails re approved projects under the Provincial Growth Fund | 24-Apr-18 | 1-May-18 |
| 1718-1092 | Privacy of natural persons [Redacted] | The Manea Footprints of Kupe Cultural Heritage Centre | 26-Apr-18 | 3-May-18 |
| 1718-1071 | Privacy of natural persons [Redacted] | Request for information regarding Renew Energy waste management project | 16-May-18 | 23-May-18 |

7.4 Ministerial Official Information Act Requests

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| SJ-OIA51 | Privacy of natural persons [Redacted] | Every Weekly Report received by you as Minister of Regional ED since 1 Feb | 11-Apr-18 (to be extended) | 18-Apr-18 |
| SJ-OIA53 | Privacy of natural persons [Redacted] | Announcement of \$1.8 million grant to Kerikeri Airport | 16-Apr-18 | 23-Apr-18 |
| SJOIA40 | Privacy of natural persons [Redacted] | The recommendations funding cabinet paper referenced in WPQ 1349 (2018) | 19-Apr-18 | 26-Apr-18 |
| SJOIA43 | Privacy of natural persons [Redacted] | Multiple papers following response to WPQ 1347 (2018) | 19-Apr-18 | 26-Apr-18 |
| SJOIA41 | Privacy of natural persons [Redacted] | Two particular briefings following response to WPQ 1350 (2018) | 19-Apr-18 | 26-Apr-18 |
| SJOIA42 | Privacy of natural persons [Redacted] | Two particular briefings following response to WPQ 1348 (2018) | 19-Apr-18 | 26-Apr-18 |
| SJOIA39 | Privacy of natural persons [Redacted] | Regional Growth Initiatives MYA - Manea Footprints of Kupe Cultural Herita | 19-Apr-18 | 26-Apr-18 |
| SJ-OIA57 | Privacy of natural persons [Redacted] | List of papers received between 01 Feb and 31 Mar 18 | 24-Apr-18 | 1-May-18 |