

# Regional Economic Development

**Weekly Report**

**28 October – 1 November 2019**

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## 1. Dashboard updates

### 1.1 Status of applications as at 28 October 2019 (weekly)

<b>New projects this week</b>	11
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### 1.2 Headline Numbers as at 30 September 2019 (monthly)

Total PGF funding committed	Total funding contracted	Total value of funding paid to date
\$2,504.42m	\$1,180.41m	\$297.38

### 1.3 Job numbers as at 30 September 2019 (monthly)

<b>Number of jobs created</b>	1,922
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\*Based on information provided by funding recipients

### 1.4 Progress of applications and EOI as at 30 September 2019 (monthly)

Stage	Count*
EOI / Application received	199
Being processed	147
Unsuccessful	667
Approved	314
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,327</b>

\* Approved projects also includes out of process projects that are managed by other PGF agencies. Application numbers and project numbers may differ, as an application may result in multiple projects.

## 2. Upcoming announcements

Date	Region	Projects being announced	Additional information
26 Nov	Manawatū - Whanganui	BioForestry and Herb Farm	Details to be confirmed.
28 Nov	Southland	Southland package announcement	Details to be confirmed.
30 Nov	West Coast	Paparoa Track Opening	Department of Conservation (DoC) leading

## 3. Communications activities

Date	Region	Media projects
w/c 4 Nov	Hawke's Bay	Media coverage of progress in Te Koru Drug and Alcohol programme, funded by TAM.
6 Nov	Wairarapa	Media coverage of International Dark Sky Reserve Association visit to Wairarapa.
w/c 4 Nov	Rotorua	Whakarewarewa Forest update
w/c 4 Nov	Gisborne	Riverland – MPI lead

## 4. Delivery of projects update

### 4.1 Top priority projects of interest

Project name	Description/ update
Taranaki Crossing	<p>The contract with DOC for track upgrades and facility improvements on Mount Taranaki has now been executed. The steering group overseeing this project will be Chaired by an Iwi representative in Taranaki. <b>Commercial Information</b></p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$<b>Commercial Information</b>   <b>Region:</b> Taranaki   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>
Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua Whanganui	<p>This contract has now been executed by the Head of the PDU. The recipient will receive <b>Commercial Information</b> of the grant of \$12 million on the execution of the contract. The construction contract has been awarded to McMillan and Lockwood PN Limited from Palmerston North.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$12.000m   <b>Region:</b> Manawatū-Whanganui   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>
Mt Titirangi – Puhi Kai Iti Connection: Summit Redevelopment	<p>Demolition and site works for the redevelopment of the summit began in July 2019. Work to remove the earthquake-prone observatory building and stabilise the land continued throughout August with the removal of more than 8,000 cubic metres of earth in preparation for landscaping and planning of the new multi-purpose facility to begin. The next phase is to get the conceptual themes to be fed into the architectural design process. This will be led by iwi and will be well documented to ensure that the process is robust. This process is expected to begin in <b>Commercial Information</b> and be completed by <b>Commercial Information</b>.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$6.066m   <b>Region:</b> Tairāwhiti   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>
Upgrade of the Oparara Arches at Karamea Project	<p><b>Commercial Information</b></p> <p><b>Commercial Information</b></p> <p><b>Commercial Information</b></p> <p><b>Commercial Information</b> A further update will be provided after the next governance group meeting in November.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$5.700m   <b>Region:</b> West Coast   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>
Taranaki Cathedral	<p>The new contract has now been executed. The PDU will remain in close communication with the recipient throughout the development of the project.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$5.000m   <b>Region:</b> Taranaki   <b>Status:</b> Contracted</p>
Nelson Artificial Intelligence Institute (NAII)	<p>Minister Megan Woods recently announced that NAII, in partnership with Victoria University, is one of four successful projects in the latest Strategic Scientific Investment Fund (SSIF) round. This funding is for a specific project which will focus on developing new methods to deal with environmental datasets that are collected in large volumes over time. This is the first SSIF investment in a fund dedicated to data science research.</p> <p><b>Amount:</b> \$3.400m   <b>Region:</b> Top of the South   <b>Status:</b> With Applicant</p>

## 4.2 Other projects

Project name	Description/ update
Westport Airport Critical Infrastructure	Following on from last week's update, the transport plan for this project has been approved and the construction contract has been awarded to <b>Commercial Information</b> .
	<b>Amount:</b> \$2.074m   <b>Region:</b> West Coast   <b>Status:</b> Contracted
Port Tarakohe Business Case	The final costings for this project have been submitted and this project has come in at \$ <b>Commercial Information</b> .
	<b>Amount:</b> \$252,000   <b>Region:</b> Top of the South   <b>Status:</b> Contracted
Rail Freight Opportunities – Kawerau to Murupara	The final invoice for this project has been received and PDU officials expect to receive the final completion report in early <b>Commercial Information</b> . This will complete the project.
	<b>Amount:</b> \$250,000   <b>Region:</b> Bay of Plenty   <b>Status:</b> Contracted
Tai Tokerau Northland Economic Action Plan – Portfolio Management	The Tai Tokerau Northland Economic Action Plan (TTNEAP) Working Group had their monthly meeting in Dargaville on 24 October 2019. The TTNEAP Working Group was addressed by the Kaipara Mayor, Dr Jason Smith and the Kaipara Kickstart Project Manager, <b>Privacy of natural persons</b> . Both Mayor Smith and Ms Bussey spoke at length of the significant contribution (\$20.39 million) from the Provincial Growth Fund (supplemented with funding from National Land Transport Fund) is making to the district. The funding will be used to investigate wharves and water transport, extending and sealing roads, upgrade bridges, and <b>Commercial Information</b> .
	<b>Amount:</b> \$200,000   <b>Region:</b> Northland   <b>Status:</b> Contracted
Northland Skills and Employment Steering Group	The Northland Skills and Employment Steering Group are considering the workforce implications that will arise from Provincial Growth Fund investment in Northland. With just under \$ <b>Commercial</b> committed to the region to date, key investments have already been made in infrastructure, forestry, tourism, water and horticulture, skills and development, and others. This will not only translate into a substantial number of new jobs, but will also impact on wider issues such as skills development and training, immigration, housing, health and social services. <b>Commercial</b> .
	<b>Region:</b> Northland

### 4.3 Major upcoming project deliverables – due Commercial Information

Contract Title	Region	Condition
Whangarei Rolling Ball Clock	Northland	Ready for sod-turning ceremony.
Kai Iwi Lakes Visitor Amenities	Northland	Toilets and dump station completed.
Centre for Māori Innovation & Entrepreneurship	Waikato	Fit-out complete and Māori Innovation events in progress.
Business Case Development for Hawke's Bay Airfreight Initiative	Hawke's Bay	Final Report due to be submitted to the Ministry.
QRS Training Facility Feasibility Study Application	Hawke's Bay	Final Feasibility Study Report, and Final Report, due to be submitted to the Ministry.
Old Ghost Road Upgrade	West Coast	Task 2 - Hut renovations due to be completed.
Development Plan for Governance Structure of West Coast Ports	West Coast	Final Report due to be submitted to the Ministry.
West Coast Regional Cycle Trails Strategy Development	West Coast	Final Report due to be submitted to the Ministry.
New Zealand School of Applied Bio-Diversity	Taranaki	Final Feasibility Study due to be submitted to the Ministry.
SH1 – Rosebank Industrial Estate Slip Lane	Otago	Construction due to commence.

## 5. Policy Update

### Provincial Growth Fund Limited

On 29 October 2019, PGFL Directors officially met for PDU to provide an update on the work regarding the establishment and operationalisation of PGFL. Now that PGFL has been formally established as a Schedule 4A company under the Public Finance Act, PDU are now in the operational establishment phase to allow investments to be transferred to the company. We are aiming to confirm details of the operational processes to ensure that PGFL is ready to accept investments by [Commercial Information](#).

The Treasury will soon provide a briefing to the Minister of Finance seeking his approval to an indemnity for PGFL under the Public Finance Act. The briefing will be referred to you once it has been considered.

Contact: Isabel Poulson, Manager Strategy & Policy, 04 897 5364

### Update on addressing the harm of methamphetamine use work programme

On Wednesday 30 October, the PDU participated in a workshop on advancing the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee work programme. Discussion centred on how agencies in Wellington can support their regional representatives to effect real change in regions where communities suffer impacts from organised crime including harm from methamphetamine use. Tairāwhiti / Hawke's Bay will be the first focus of this work. Papers from the workshop will be prepared for a meeting on 15 November of Agency DCEs.

The Te Ara Mahi team are continuing to work with a provider in the Hawke's Bay to refine an employment and rehabilitation proposal supporting those who are impacted by harm from methamphetamine use.

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## Appendix 1 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date sent
1356 19-20	Briefing: Budget 2020 – Proposed Budget Bids for Regional Economic Development Portfolio	Jones	Robert Pigou	<small>Commercial Inform</small>

## Appendix 2 – Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
TBC	Event Briefing: Meeting with NZ Sock Co.	Jones	Nicki Sutherland	<small>Commercial Information</small>
TBC	Briefing: Aquaculture Projects	Jones	Isabel Poulson	
TBC	Regional Economic Development Ministers' Meeting pack - 7 November 2019	RED Mins	David van der Zouwe	
TBC	Event Briefing: Meeting to discuss the Ōpōtiki Harbour Development	Ardern, Peters, Jones, Robertson	Robert Pigou	
TBC	Quarterly DEV Report Back 1 July 2019 – 30 September 2019	DEV	Karen Walfisch	
TBC	Event Briefing: Stewart Island Announcements	Parker	Kate Styles	
TBC	Event Briefing: Manawatū-Whanganui and Southland in November	Jones	Kate Styles	

## Appendix 3 – Official Information Act requests

Ministerial OIA						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA346	Privacy of natural persons	12 Sep	1 Oct	8 Oct	Scoping (Office to advise extended date)	Documents in relation to WPQ responses
OIA350		14 Oct	15 Oct	N/A	Duplicate – Office to confirm cancellation	Under the OIA I seek copies of the following papers received by you, as mentioned in the answer to 30980.
OIA357		4 Oct	16 Oct	23 Oct	Gathering info (Minister's office confirming extension)	I refer to written question 30980 (2019). Under the official information act could I please request copies of the following papers
OIA363		7 Oct	24 Oct	29 Oct	Minister's Office	A list of the briefings and reports the Minister has received from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment between September 1, 2019 and September 30, 2019.
OIA368		15 Oct	5 Nov	10 Nov	Scoping	All correspondence, including emails reports, letters, aide memoir, submissions or applications between Minister Shane Jones, in his capacity as Minister for Forestry or Minister for the Provincial Growth Fund, and the company New Zealand Future Forest Products Limited
OIA371		1 Nov	14 Nov	19 Nov	Allocation	All information regarding the decision to fund <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Commercial Information</span> via the Provincial Growth Fund.

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-0540	Privacy of natural persons	28 Sept	1 Dec	9 Dec	Gathering Information	All papers – internal and external - generated by MBIE relating to the aviation connectivity fund idea.
1920-0433		25 Oct	8 Nov	25 Nov	Gathering Information	Under the OIA please may I see any correspondence or reports around the proposed garnet mine at Ruatapu on the West Coast from the past six months.
1920-0665		21 Oct	11 Nov	19 Nov	Drafting	To what does the <b>Commercial Information</b> figure refer?
1920-0660		21 Oct	11 Nov	19 Nov	Scoping	I am doing a bit of research on some provincial growth fund projects. I was wondering if there is an archive where I can find out more information about a specific funded item in the ever-growing list. Do I need to request these under the OIA, which I see is a route taken by some, or is there a place I can view documents. I am interested in the following projects: Far East Sawmill Mānuka Honey Appellation Society 5,706,270 announcement Marine Farming Association Capability Project (Golden Bay Mussel) PDU 18,000 An affordable and efficient dredging option for Port of Greymouth, (West Coast) PDU 800,000 25/09/2019 West Coast
1920-0647		18 Oct	11 Nov	18 Nov	Gathering Information	PGF Application Business case and or Project proposal and supporting docs funding agreement
1920-0640		16 Oct	7 Nov	14 Nov	Drafting	How much money has been allocated to Beyoncé through the PGF and what docs support that allocation?

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-0433	Privacy of natural persons	10 Sep	1 Nov	9 Nov	Gathering information	Commercial information – Privacy
1920-0598		9 Oct	31 Oct	7 Nov	Drafting	Could I please request all official documents and correspondence relating to Government decision to provide a loan to company LeaderBrand from the Provincial Growth Fund, as publicly announced on October 2?
1920-0569		4 Oct	28 Oct	4 Nov	Gathering Information	Please provide me with all briefings and correspondence regarding the decision to exempt the Provincial Growth Fund from paying tax.
1920-0428		3 Oct	22 Oct	1 Nov	Gathering Information	The release of information held in relation to this application. The response from the PGF to Commercial In. The justification if the application has been approved. The justification if the application has been denied.

1920-0430	Privacy of natural	7 Sep	25 Oct	1 Nov	Sign-out	Commercial information – Privacy
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Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
						Commercial information – Privacy
1920-0428	Privacy of natural persons	9 Sep	15 Oct	22 Oct	Gathering Information	All correspondence and material between Eastland Community Trust, Provincial Growth Unit and the Minister relating to the 19.5million PGF announcement regarding the Wood Cluster Centre of Excellence dated between 1 January 2019 and 1 September 2019

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-0250	Privacy of natural persons	15 Aug	2 Oct	9 Oct	Review	Under the Official Information Act, I request all held information including; expression of interests (EOI), funding application and it's supporting documents i.e. letters of support, all project planning/program documents, and all held correspondence between MBIE and all parties related to following projects announced on 15 August 2019: NGEN Room (He Puna Marama Trust) \$990,000 Life Talk (Kamo Driving School) \$396,000 He Poutama Taitamariki \$2.5 million (HPT) Thank you MBIE.
1920-0247		14 Aug	2 Oct	9 Oct	Review	Under the Official Information Act, I request all held information including; Expression of Interests, the funding application and it's supporting documents i.e. Letters of Support, all project planning documents, and all held correspondence between MBIE and all parties related to the Secondary School Employer Partnership (SSEP) project which was funded \$449,300 through Te Ara Mahi fund announced 14 August 2019 by Hon Shane Jones.
1920-0227		13 Aug	1 Nov	8 Nov	Gathering information	Ruapehu Alpine Lifts - questions



## Appendix 4 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ2522	Privacy of natural persons	24 Jun	15 Aug	Kawakawa Rail River Foreshore / <b>Commercial Information</b>
SJ2849		2 Aug	23 Aug	Oji Fibre Solutions signs MoU with Licella- iQ Renew to investigate new plastic recycling technology
SJ2757		17 Jul	20 Aug	Proposal to construct a wind farm on the northern reaches of Kaimai Ranges
SJ2945		11 Sep	23 Sep	MGM Modules
SJ3028		13 Sep	26 Sep	PGF Application Waste to Energy in Partnerships with Councils and Government
SJ3168		11 Oct	1 Nov	Kaitaia Hospital
SJ3166		11 Oct	1 Nov	Letters providing Kaipara Moana Remediation Indicative Business Case to Min
SJ3173		14 Oct	4 Nov	Our recent meeting in Wellington with Hon Stuart Nash, and subsequent opportunities
SJ3181		15 Oct	5 Nov	Alert re dump sites in coromandel harbour
SJ3191		17 Oct	7 Nov	Electricity by catalytic transmutation
SJ3196		17 Oct	8 Nov	Under The Vine Youth Training Programme
TR19.256		25 Oct	8 Nov	<b>Commercial Information</b>
SJ3221		21 Oct	11 Nov	The decline in the West Coast
SJ3211		21 Oct	11 Nov	<b>Commercial Information</b>

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ3203	Privacy of natural persons	18 Oct	11 Nov	It is Time to Have a Long-term Partner from China
SJ3228		23 Oct	13 Nov	Financial sustainability for the West Coast
SJ3241		24 Oct	14 Nov	Gravel Extraction – Waioeka & Otara Rivers, Bay of Plenty Region
SJ3265		31 Oct	21 Nov	Tekapo -Mackenzie
SJ3260		31 Oct	21 Nov	Bankable Feasibility Study for Global Olivine's Zero waste-to-energy plant under your Waste Minimization Fund

## Appendix 5 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Office	Question
PQ 36934 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	1 Nov	6 Nov	Which projects funded by the Provincial Growth Fund, if any, have involvement with N.Z. Future Forest Products Ltd?
PQ 36935 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	1 Nov	6 Nov	Which projects funded by the Provincial Growth Fund, if any, are co-funded by N.Z. Future Forest Products Ltd?
PQ 36937 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	1 Nov	6 Nov	What funding applications to the Provincial Growth Fund, if any, have had supporting material provided by N.Z. Future Forest Products Ltd?

### Written Parliamentary Questions

Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Office	Question
PQ 36938 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	1 Nov	6 Nov	Have any officials from the Provincial Development Unit engaged with any directors, employees or representatives of N.Z. Future Forest Products Ltd in relation to applying for funding from the Provincial Growth Fund; if so, when?
PQ 36941 (2019)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	1 Nov	6 Nov	What correspondence, if any, has the Minister received from any directors, employees or representatives of N.Z. Future Forest Products Ltd?

## Appendix 6 – Proactive Release

Documents for Proactive Release			
Name / Document Type	Quantity	Due for release	Status
Cabinet Papers	6	Commercial Information	Sign-out
Regional Economic Development Weekly Reports	9		Sign-out
	84		Preparing
Applications	215		Various
Funding Agreements	226		Various
Regional Economic Development Ministers Meeting Papers	203		Review
Position Papers	0		N/A
Senior Regional Officials Meeting Papers	177		Collation
Independent Advisory Panel Meeting Papers	223		Collation
30 September Job Data	1		With M&R

Documents Released This Week	
Tracking Number	Document Title
N/A	
N/A	
N/A	
N/A	