

Regional Economic Development

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1. Provincial Development Unit (PDU) Dashboard updates

1.1 PDU proposals and payments for week ending 2 August 2020

New proposals received in week ending 2 August 2020*	112*
Total proposals received to 2 August 2020*	2,502*
Funds paid out in week ending 2 August 2020**	\$5.1m**

*Includes applications and expressions of interest. Please note that the total to date has only increased by 110 this week, as two previously-included proposals have been reclassified as non-PGF and excluded from this data.

** Payment amounts fluctuate from week to week as they depend upon invoices being received from recipients.

1.2 Progress of proposals received by the PDU as at 2 August 2020

Stage	Count*
Awaiting assessment	696
Being assessed	180
Unsuccessful	974
Approved	652
Total received	2,502*

* These include all proposals that have come through the PDU's application and decision-making process. Application numbers may differ from project numbers as multiple applications may result in a single project or vice versa.

1.3 PDU contracts signed to 2 August 2020

PDU contracts signed in week ending 2 August 2020*	3*
PDU contracts signed 1 July – 2 August 2020	18

* See Appendix 6 for contract details.

2. PGF Dashboard updates

2.1 Headline Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) numbers to 30 June 2020*

Pre-PGF reset commitments (PGF and RIO)	
Committed funding to 30 June 2020*	\$2,634.8m
Contracted funding to 30 June 2020*	\$2,044.9m
Paid to date to 30 June 2020*	\$634.1m

Post-PGF reset commitments (PGF and COVID-19 Response Worker Redeployment Package)	
Committed funding to 30 June 2020*	\$433.6m
Contracted funding to 30 June 2020*	\$149.4m
Paid to date to 30 June 2020*	\$39.4m

Total number of PGF contracts signed to 30 June 2020*	658
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* During the week, to support various queries, we provided some updated data to your office which reflected PDU activities undertaken in July 2020. As this excluded other PGF agencies, we continue to provide the full PGF data in this report by month, as at the end of June 2020.

2.2 Number of people working on PGF projects to 29 July 2020

	Current Jobs	Past Jobs	Total jobs	Expected jobs
Number of people working on PGF projects	6,473	6,636	13,109	15,159

* See Appendix 7 for a regional breakdown

3. Combined PDU and PGF Dashboard updates

PDU contracts signed 1 July-2 August 2020	18
PGF contracts signed to 30 June 2020	658
Total of PGF contracts signed to 30 June 2020 and PDU contracts signed 1 July-2 August 2020	676

Funding paid out via PDU 1-26 July 2020	\$43.9m
PGF funding paid to 30 June 2020	\$659.4m
Total of PGF funding paid to 30 June 2020 and funding paid out via PDU 1 July-2 August 2020	\$703.3m

4. Upcoming communication activities

Planned announcements to Minister's Office for release			
Date	Location	Announcement	Additional Information
10 - 14 August	Taranaki	Milestone event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forgotten Highway – State Highway 43 	USEC
	Te Tau Ihu	Infrastructure Reference Group (IRG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port Tarakohe Milestone event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Algae Centre 	Deputy Prime Minister
	Tai Tokerau (Dargaville)	IRG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kauri Trail Baylys Beach \$6 million sealing Kaipara roads PGF projects to be confirmed	Minister Jones

Media releases to be completed by 14 August			
	Multi-region	IRG and Crown Infrastructure Partners Programme of work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> development of announcements 	ongoing
	National	IRG PR to be written IRG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern Waikato Integrated Training Centre – joint with Minister Hipkins Kopu Marine Precinct 	Minister Jones

5. Delivery of projects update

5.1 Top priority projects of interest

Project name	Description/ update
<p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>Commercial Information - Declined Application</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
<p>Nelson Artificial Intelligence Institute</p>	<p>The Nelson Artificial Intelligence Institute (NAII) is re-locating to the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology campus, which will support opportunities to train in and develop artificial intelligence technology. This will help put Nelson on the map as a place to study and advance artificial intelligence technology. Products under development at NAII aim to increase the efficiency and environmental sustainability of operations including aquaculture, and commercial fishing. They include a model to detect and classify microscopic algae to help protect sea life. Other projects underway include developing cameras for the Department of Conservation that use artificial intelligence to detect predators such as mice.</p> <p>Amount: \$3.400m Region: Te Tau Ihu Status: Contracted</p>
<p>Te Pā Kainga o Rewa (Rewa's Village)</p>	<p>Basic site works are now underway for Ngāti Rehia's Rewa's Village based in Koriripo Basin in Kerikeri. These works include re-aligning pathways around the site and installing palisades. Plans have been submitted to council for the Whare Waka which will house a large waka at the entrance to the site.</p> <p>Amount: \$1.250m Region: Tai Tokerau Status: Contracted</p>

5.2 Other projects

Project name	Description/ update
Ōpōtiki Harbour Development Project	A formal welcome to the local community for HEB Contractors and Tonkin and Taylor was held on 22 July 2020 by Whakatōhea and Ōpōtiki District Council. It was followed by a detailed planning session. The early works agreement contract will be signed this week. A training base will be established at the new stockpile areas, where new employees will be provided safety and operational training.
	Amount: \$750,000 Region: Bay of Plenty Status: Contract complete
Kaimanawa Alpine Adventures	The contract for this project was executed last month. The project is well underway and making excellent progress. The weather conditions have slowed the building, but the project remains on track.
	Amount: \$596,800 Region: Waikato Status: Contracted
Katikati Regional Digital Hub	Construction and IT equipment procurement are now underway. A web portal is being developed to allow spaces in the Hub to be booked online. This will be followed by a programme of workshops and training activities for the Hub.
	Amount: \$400,000 Region: Bay of Plenty Status: Contracted
Regional Digital Hub, Woodville	The construction of the Hub is complete. The furniture has been purchased and the Tararua District Council is waiting on its delivery, and IT equipment is being procured.
	Amount: \$400,000 Region: Manawatū-Whanganui Status: Contracted
Kiwifruit Labour Co-ordinator	The PGF funded a full-time employee for ^{Commercial} years as a Kiwifruit Labour Coordinator with a focus on labour attraction strategies. Initially the role was to target New Zealanders and short-term migrants alike. However, with border closures causing concern of a labour shortage in the horticulture industry, the recipient had to pivot to secure harvest workers. To this end, the recipient liaised with Comm to form a Labour Coordination Centre (LCC) to match prospective employees with employers. The LCC was a key component in the successful harvest of kiwifruit this season and provided employment for a large number of locals out of work due to COVID-19.
	Amount: \$99,000 Region: Bay of Plenty Status: Contracted

6. Other updates

6.1 PGF reset

Fencing of waterways

Delegated RED Ministers approved \$9.9 million towards the first tranche of worker redeployment – fencing of waterways on 18 June 2020. The second tranche of submissions, totalling \$14.6 million, was approved at the RED Ministers meeting on 22 July 2020. The final tranche of approvals will be sought from you and Minister Robertson as the delegated RED Ministers during the pre-election period.

At the SLU Ministers meeting on 3 August 2020, it was decided that fencing of waterways applications from regional councils would be transferred to the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) under the Jobs for Nature Programme. PDU staff are working with MfE to ensure this occurs in a timely manner.

Contact: Howie Duffy, Programme Manager, Privacy of

Appendix 1 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire and Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date sent
2021-0378	Under-Secretary Rangiuuru and Kaingaroa Announcements - 31 July 2020	Jones/USEC	Nicki Sutherland	29 July
2021-0081	Provincial Growth Fund: DEV Report back - 30 June 2020	Jones/USEC	Karen Walfisch	30 July
2021-0406	RED Ministers Meeting Pack	RED Ministers	David van der Zouwe	4 August

Appendix 2 – Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings, Aides Memoire and Reports

Tracking #	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
2021-0461	Further information on proposed options to transition Provincial Growth Fund Limited into an active company	Jones, Robertson, Shaw, USEC	Robert Pigou	5 August

Appendix 3 – Official Information Act requests

Ministerial OIAs					
Tracking #	Name	Date received	Due to Minister	Status	Request
OIA436	Privacy of [REDACTED]	4 Jun	17 Jun	Scoping	Oparara Project biodiversity protection plans and implementation
OIA446	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	21 Jul	3 Aug	Review	All papers relating to water storage and management projects

Departmental OIAs

Tracking #	Name	Date received	Due to Minister	Due to requestor	Status	Request
1920-1621	Privacy of [redacted]	18 May	24 Aug	31 Aug	Drafting	Documentation relating to Te Ara Mahi projects
1920-1622	Privacy of [redacted]	18 May	24 Aug	31 Aug	Drafting	Te Ara Mahi projects announced on 18 May 2020 documentation / applications
1920-1718	Privacy of natural [redacted]	8 Jun	29 Jun	7 Aug	Review	Comms re: KCDC application \$4.6m gateway to Kāpiti project
1920-1747	Privacy of [redacted]	11 Jun	27 Aug	3 Sep	Drafting	Water storage funding decisions
1920-1753	Privacy of [redacted]	12 Jun	31 Jul	7 Aug	Minister's Office	Repurposing of PGF funds due to COVID-19.
2021-0142	Privacy of [redacted]	17 Jul	14 Aug	31 Aug	Scoping	PGF \$1.86 million over 2 years to deliver programme for shearing training
2021-0151	Privacy of [redacted]	3 Jul	14 Aug	28 Aug	Gathering Information	Far North District Council Sweetwater bore and pipeline PGF application/s
2021-0218	Privacy of natural [redacted]	14 Jul	8 Aug	25 Aug	Scoping	St Mary's Church New Plymouth Funding
2021-0223	Privacy of [redacted]	28 Jul	25 Aug	25 Aug	Scoping	Docs re: Central Region Major Projects Skills Hub
2021-0226	Privacy of [redacted]	28 Jul	25 Aug	28 Aug	Scoping	Applications for the Kerikeri projects that were announced last Friday
2021-0228	Privacy of [redacted]	25 Jul	21 Aug	28 Aug	Scoping	All info re: Ahi Komau PFG Application
2021-0241	Privacy of natural [redacted]	31 Jul	28 Aug	31 Aug	Scoping	PGF- Formal application form/ reporting/ financial points
2021-0242	Privacy of [redacted]	31 Jul	28 Aug	31 Aug	Scoping	info re: PGF grant to Midway Surf Life Saving Club

Departmental OIAs

Tracking #	Name	Date received	Due to Minister	Due to requestor	Status	Request
2021-0250	Privacy of [REDACTED]	23 Jun	21 Jul	3 Sep	Scoping	KCDC's 2020 application under PGF

Appendix 4 – Ministerial Correspondence

Tracking #	Name	Due to Minister	Subject
SJ3672	Privacy of [REDACTED]	31 Mar	Disappointed with the decision for a proposed dam in the Wairarapa
SJ4172	Privacy of [REDACTED]	15 May	Requesting funds for Commercial Information due to impacts of COVID-19
SJ5261	Privacy of [REDACTED]	15 Jul	Unlock Adventure Park, Porirua project in Wellington
SJ5388	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	17 Jul	Support for the South Waikato region and digital hubs
SJ5639	Privacy of [REDACTED]	17 Jul	PGF and my businesses eligibility for receiving potential grants
SJ5678	Privacy of [REDACTED]	23 Jul	Funding for Olivine company which has technology for furnacing rubbish
SJ5686	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	24 Jul	PGF funding for Wool insulation company
SJ5696	Privacy of [REDACTED]	24 Jul	Funding for the ruataniwha dam to be built
SJ5712	Privacy of [REDACTED]	24 Jul	PGF app to establish the Wairua Wellness Centre Limited
SJ5726	Privacy of [REDACTED]	24 Jul	Proposal for Auckland's Water Crisis solutions general response required
SJ5761	Privacy of [REDACTED]	24 Jul	Fraser Park Community Trust Shovel ready project transfer to the PGF
SJ5783	Privacy of natural persons [REDACTED]	24 Jul	Developing Public Private Infrastructure Development in the Far North
SJ5795	Privacy of [REDACTED]	24 Jul	New proposal for funding for developing PPE in NZ
SJ5807	Privacy of [REDACTED]	24 Jul	Request for funding for the Te Puke Sports and Recreational Club
SJ5818	Privacy of [REDACTED]	27 Jul	Support for increasing the waste levy
SJ5822	Privacy of [REDACTED]	28 Jul	Waharoa Economic and Social Wellbeing
SJ5824	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	28 Jul	Funding of Turangi Christmas in the park

Tracking #	Name	Due to Minister	Subject
SJ5825	Privacy of [REDACTED]	29 Jul	proposal for transporting end of life tyres to recycling plant in Wiri
SJ5827	Privacy of [REDACTED]	31 Jul	Scoping of proposal for asset purchasing for Bol Diving School
SJ5861	Privacy of [REDACTED]	31 Jul	Proposal for Paihia based tourism operator to fund FNHL maintenance costs
SJ5869	Privacy of [REDACTED]	31 Jul	Maritime on-water training for disadvantaged NZ youth - PGF
SJ5894	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	3 Aug	Funding for Export Fishing business
SJ5902	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	3 Aug	PGF funding for [REDACTED] Commercial Information [REDACTED]
SJ5928	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	7 Aug	Disproportionate distribution of PGF to Far North based on Population %
SJ5940	Privacy of [REDACTED]	7 Aug	Requesting a \$4,500 grant from the RGF
SJ5943	Privacy of [REDACTED]	7 Aug	PGF application consideration request for [REDACTED] Commercial [REDACTED]
SJ5944	Privacy of [REDACTED]	7 Aug	Rivenguard face mask technology distribution proposal
SJ5950	Privacy [REDACTED]	7 Aug	Shearing Training Company request for funding
SJ5984	Privacy of [REDACTED]	7 Aug	Concerns with funding for Lindvart Park Sports Complex refurbishment
SJ5994	Privacy of [REDACTED]	14 Aug	Concerns for PGF application for funding for the Kāpiti Gateway
SJ5999	Privacy of [REDACTED]	14 Aug	PGF proposal - Bridge Maintenance Stimulus Package
SJ6007	Privacy of [REDACTED]	14 Aug	Wanting support for PGF application - national survey of aggregates
SJ6012	Privacy of [REDACTED]	14 Aug	Application for Kāpiti Gateway project by Kāpiti Coastal District Council
SJ6014	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	14 Aug	PGF application for converting farm into a metal quarry

SJ6025	Privacy of [REDACTED]	17 Aug	[REDACTED] Commercial Information application for PGF funding
SJ6029	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	17 Aug	Funds for new Effluent Treatment System for Mangonui Haulage
SJ6031	Privacy of [REDACTED]	17 Aug	Can you consider potential covered Dargaville swimming pool
SJ6036	Privacy of [REDACTED]	17 Aug	Declined [REDACTED] Commercial Information - Declined [REDACTED]
SJ6039	Privacy of [REDACTED]	17 Aug	Is any of the PGF fund being used for Cycling infrastructure in Northland
SJ6044	Privacy of [REDACTED]	17 Aug	Stewart Island Energy suggestions - PDU funding
SJ6046	Privacy of [REDACTED]	19 Aug	Opportunity to build a HCB Boat Building Facility in Whangarei
SJ6047	Privacy of [REDACTED]	19 Aug	Funds for vineyards in Northland
SJ6070	Privacy of [REDACTED]	19 Aug	Restoration of the steam ferry "Toroa"
SJ6077	Privacy of [REDACTED]	19 Aug	Methamphetamine Addiction funding for Feilding and the Manawatu
SJ6078	Privacy of [REDACTED]	19 Aug	PGF funding for Olive Natural Skincare Brand
SJ6090	Commercial [REDACTED]	21 Aug	Funding to assist the ManaiaSAFE Forest School with training programme
SJ6091	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	21 Aug	'Shovel-ready' suggestion for an industrial sewing machine project
SJ6092	Privacy of [REDACTED]	21 Aug	Inquiry around funding for reducing Methamphetamine harm
SJ6093	Privacy of [REDACTED]	21 Aug	Issues with road works for the new Waipapa roundabout
SJ6100	Privacy of natural [REDACTED]	21 Aug	Project brief for greenhouse at Marsden Point & the RED Minsters meeting

Appendix 5 – Parliamentary Questions due this week

Written Parliamentary Questions			
Tracking #	From	Question	Status
PQ 14968 (2020)	Michael Woodhouse	What are the titles and dates of all briefings and advice, if any, the Minister has received 1 to 31 July 2020?	Sent
PQ 14969 (2020)	Michael Woodhouse	What are the dates of the Weekly Reports the Minister has received from the Ministry of Health, if any, from 1 to 31 July 2020?	Sent
PQ 14970 (2020)	Michael Woodhouse	What are the titles and dates of all aides memoire and reports, if any, the Minister has received from 1 to 31 July 2020?	Sent
PQ 14971 (2020)	Michael Woodhouse	What are the titles and dates of all Cabinet Committee papers, if any, the Minister took to Cabinet Committees from 1 to 31 July 2020?	Sent
PQ 14973 (2020)	Chris Bishop	What are the titles and dates of all Cabinet papers, if any, the Minister took to Cabinet from 1 to 31 July 2020?	Sent
PQ 15040 (2020)	Michael Woodhouse	When can I expect a reply to Question for Written Answer 9404 (2020)?	Sent
PQ 15063 (2020)	Michael Woodhouse	Further to the Minister's response to WPQ 13981 (2020) what are the titles of all the papers that supported the proposals considered at the Regional Economic Development Ministers meeting scheduled for 22 July 2020?	Sent
PQ 15064 (2020)	Michael Woodhouse	Further to the Minister's response to WPQ 13981 (2020) were the 60 plus proposals considered at the Regional Economic Development Ministers meeting scheduled for 22 July 2020, if not, how many were considered?	Sent

Appendix 6 – PDU contracted projects for the week ending 2 August 2020

Project contract signed in week ending 2 August 2020		
Contract number	Project	Date signed
Commercial	Raglan Wharf Redevelopment	27 July 2020
Commercial	Raukokore/Waihau Bay Macadamia Trees	28 July 2020
Commercial	Moana House	30 July 2020

Appendix 7 – Worker figures by region

Updated worker figures by region				
Region	Current jobs	Previous jobs	Total jobs	Expected jobs
Bay of Plenty	768	363	1,131	3,484
Canterbury	52	44	96	146
Hawke's Bay	375	256	631	586
Manawatū-Whanganui	401	669	1,070	517
National (including other agencies)	1,927	2,256	4,183	2,649
Northland	1,316	1,762	3,078	3,233
Otago	211	69	280	249
Southland	219	71	290	983
Tairāwhiti	474	626	1,100	959
Taranaki	141	82	223	248
Te Tau Ihu	129	95	224	211
Waikato	156	120	276	1,409
Wairarapa - Kāpiti - Chathams	81	36	117	136
West Coast	223	187	410	349
TOTAL	6,473	6,636	13,109	15,159