



REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Weekly Report 20 August to 24 August 2018

Date:	24 August 2018	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	0658 18-19

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)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
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Ben Dalton	Head of Regions and Project Delivery		
AJ Millward	General Manager Strategy and Governance		✓
Robert Pigou	Acting Head of Investment Management		



1. Provincial Growth Fund Proposals

Wairoa

Comment:

The Provincial Development Unit (PDU) continues to support organisations in Wairoa to develop proposals to be considered for Provincial Growth funding. Development of future proposals will benefit from the \$250,000 capability funding awarded to the Wairoa District Council, which was announced earlier this month.

On Wednesday 22 August, John Sproat (Independent Advisory Panel member) and the PDU Regional Advisor joined the Mayor to visit local timber mills, food producers, and rope makers. PDU management received positive feedback about the visit which has been provided to your office.

Responsible Manager: Ben Dalton, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps:

We will continue to support the region and update you on progress.

Manawatū-Whanganui

Comment:

As at 23 August, 12 applications and 11 Expressions of Interest (Eoi) have been lodged for the region in PipeDrive. Of the applications seven are under active consideration and five have been approved with a total funding commitment of \$20,285,000. The Whanganui Rail Upgrade and the Ruapehu Alpine Lift proposals each received a commitment of \$ Commercial Information.

The PDU is working with organisations in the region to progress applications ahead of potential announcements to be made in November. At this stage the announcement is likely to be tourism and infrastructure focused.

Staff from the PDU will visit the region on 5 September to talk about the region's water scheme. We will advise you and your office of any outcomes from this visit.

Responsible Manager: Ben Dalton, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps:

We will provide you with information on further announcements in Manawatū next week.

Tairāwhiti

Comment:

Progress is being made to prepare for the announcement of the Tairāwhiti investment package on Friday 7 September 2018. The package will be in excess of \$ Commercial Information and include a significant investment for roading resilience (up to \$ Commercial Information, including up to \$137 million from the PGF). The focus on roading reflects the underinvestment in roading infrastructure in Tairāwhiti and the importance of adequate roading to increase productivity in the region.

Other components of the package include investments in tourism infrastructure and product development, and primary industries. The investment package is focused on improving regional productivity and employment. The PDU will work with the region to implement initiatives to ensure employment opportunities are maximised.

Responsible Manager: Ben Dalton, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps:

The PDU is working with your office on the announcement details and communications.



2. Provincial Development Unit

PipeDrive Update

Comment:

As at 20 August 2018, 440 projects have been lodged in PipeDrive, 13 of these are new this week. Of the 440 projects, 214 are EoI and 225 are applications. Of the 225 applications, 100 have had funding committed.

Responsible Manager: Robert Pigou, Privacy of natural persons

Update on the focus for the PGF July – December 2018

Comment:

In July, the PDU outlined our approach to support the successful delivery of the PGF. This focused on four key areas:

1. Speed up processing to provide certainty to applicants
2. Targeted engagement for regions and sectors
3. Value over volume
4. Integrated investment packages for the regions.

We have made substantial progress on these key areas since July:

- Updated application forms have been adopted to simplify the process for applicants and improve the quality of applications received by the PDU. This includes the introduction of an accelerated process for low-value applications (Under \$100,000).
- Cabinet agreed in July to changes to support the implementation of the PGF. This included delegating decision-making to the Head of the PDU to decline applications that do not meet PGF criteria. This has resulted in efficiencies from an assessment and decision-making perspective.
- A new Senior Regional Official (SRO) operating model has been implemented that reflects the needs of each region and supports greater coordination across government and within the regions. All regions (with the exception of Top of the South/Te Tau Ihu) now have a dedicated SRO. An induction to the PGF has been held for the SROs and their first meeting to review investment proposals will be held on 30 August 2018.
- On 2 August, we successfully launched the Investment Statement and Guide to the PGF. At the same time, the revised PGF website was also launched. Since the launch on 2 August, there have been 25,000 visits to the PGF website.
- The PDU's operating model has been finalised and departmental funding for PGF agencies has been approved by Ministers.
- Engagement in the regions and across key sectors has commenced to promote the PGF and support the development of quality applications. The PDU has been involved in Tourism events, banking and regional forums.

Responsible Manager: AJ Millward, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps:

The focus for the PDU along with PGF agencies is to develop integrated investment packages for the regions, with packages for Tairāwhiti and West Coast shortly to be finalised. The packages consist of workforce, sector and infrastructure components.



The Waikato Regional Economic Summit

Comment:

The Waikato Regional Economic Summit will be held on 30-31 August 2018 in Hamilton, Waikato.

The Summit will identify the priority areas of economic growth throughout the Waikato region, and will be attended by approximately 300 people from central and local government, Iwi, and industry.

Minister Jackson, Minister Jones, Minister Mahuta, and Under-Secretary Fletcher Tabuteau have confirmed that they will attend. Minister Sepuloni may be attending. Minister Jones and the Under-Secretary will be speaking at the event.

Responsible Manager: Stephanie Weller, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps:

Officials will provide a background event briefing to all Ministers, and the Under-Secretary. Talking points and key information will be provided for Minister Jones, and a full speech will be drafted for the Under-Secretary.

Visit to the Eastern Bay of Plenty

Comment:

On 21 August Minister Robertson, Minister Twyford, Minister Jackson and Under-Secretary Tabuteau visited the Eastern Bay of Plenty to meet with the Regional Growth Leadership Group. Minister Mahuta visited the Group on 22 August.

A range of matters were discussed:

- Core infrastructure projects (waste water projects)
- Estimated jobs by each infrastructure project
- Potential 'phasing' options, to accelerate job creation
- Possibility of focusing on four key sectors initially to achieve regional realignment of jobs and GDP to the national average
- Infrastructure management capability and funding
- Aligning social services and training establishments to four core sectors
- An employment strategy to support the region to ensure workforce requirements are met to deliver on projects

The meetings were highly constructive, establishing strong relationships and a platform to move forward in a coordinated manner.

It was acknowledged the three way partnership (Opotiki, Whakatane and Kawerau) was a successful structure for progressing regional development in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

Responsible Manager: Stephanie Weller, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps:

Officials will continue to work with the region to progress individual projects through the PGF process.

3. Sector Workforce Engagement Programme (SWEP)

Road Freight Transport

Comment:

The Road Freight Transport (RFT) Industry has continued to work with SWEP to address the current and expected Heavy Truck Driver shortage.

Recent activity includes:

Next Steps:

SWEP will continue to work with the RFT industry.



3. Sector Workforce Engagement Programme (SWEP)

- Minister Jackson met with the industry reference group to discuss long standing labour market issues and the strategies being implemented to address these.
- Minister Jackson visited the Road Safety Truck that was parked in parliament grounds last week. The truck is currently used to travel the country delivering road safety messages around trucks. There are preliminary plans to expand this to a careers truck for the transport industry.
- SWEP was involved in the planning, set up and running of the Transport Careers Expo in Tauranga over two days. A number of school students, jobseekers and those wanting a career change came through and interest was shown in the industry cadetship.
- Announcement of a new level 3 Commercial Road Transport Programme at Ara in Timaru. SWEP has been on the working group for this programme and the region has created a strong industry led model which will pilot a group employment scheme.
- Recruitment has started for a Transport Careers Coordinator in Tairāwhiti. The main funder is the Ministry of Social Development with SWEP also contributing. The Coordinator will be employed by the Eastland Wood Council and aligns with the Generation Wood programme that is funded by He Poutama Rangatahi.

Responsible Manager: Nathan Grennell, Privacy of natural persons



4. Media and Communications Schedule

Event or announcement date	Activity	Speech / media release due	MBIE Contact
24 August	Proactive release of two RED Weekly Reports (via website): week ending 3 August and week ending 10 August	Release has been approved	Jarred Griffiths
29 August	Tairāwhiti package of funding announcements with Minister Jones and the Prime Minister in attendance	Minister Jones' office will be provided with media releases and Q&A	Yvette McKinley
31 August	National Aquarium of New Zealand funding announcement	Under-Secretary's office has been provided a PR.	Yvette McKinley



5. Upcoming Meetings and Events

Meeting / Event	Support
Monday, 27 August 2018	
Tuesday, 28 August 2018	
2.30pm-3.30pm USEC –Meeting with officials regarding capability building in the regions	AJ Millward, Robert Pigou and David van der Zouwe to attend
Wednesday, 29 August 2018	
Thursday, 30 August 2018	
Senior Regional Officials meeting	For information
USEC – Attending Waikato Economic Development Summit	Briefing due 28 August 2018 PDU officials and Senior Regional Official for Waikato will be present
8.45am-10.45am Minister Jones - Opening address at Waikato Economic Development Summit	
11.30am-1.15pm Minister Jones - Lunch with Tainui Group CEO Chris Joblin, and visit to Ruakura inland port	
1.30pm-2.30pm Minister Jones - Meeting with Māori Food and Health Cluster	
2.45pm-3.45pm Minister Jones - Meeting with Tristram Marine	
4.00pm-5.15pm Minister Jones - Good George Brewery – tour and meeting with Managing Director Darrel Hadley and team	
7.00pm-9.00pm Minister Jones - Dinner with Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency Executive Board	
Friday, 31 August 2018	
9.35am-10.15am Minister Jones - Speech at Property Council New Zealand National Conference 2018	Treasury preparing key messages for speech
USEC – Visit to Napier	Briefing due 29 August 2018



September

- 3 - Confidentiality
- 3 - RED Ministers meeting
- 7 - Tairāwhiti visit
- 17 - Independent Advisory Panel meeting
- 27 - Senior Regional Officials meeting

November

- 5 - RED Ministers meeting
- 16 - Independent Advisory Panel meeting
- 22 - Senior Regional Officials meeting
- 29 - West Coast visit

October

- 16 - Independent Advisory Panel meeting
- 18 - RED Ministers meeting
- 25 - Senior Regional Officials meeting

December

- 6 - Independent Advisory Panel meeting

6. Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire and Reports

Tracker number	Title	Minister/USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
0464 18-19	Event briefing for Eastern Bay of Plenty meeting on 21 August 2018	USEC	Ben Dalton	20 August 2018

7. Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings, Aides Memoire and Reports

Tracker number	Title	Minister/USEC	Signed out by	Delivery Date
0437 18-19	Event briefing for attending the Waikato Economic Development Summit on 30 August 2018	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	27 August 2018
N/A	Speech notes for the Waikato Economic Development Summit on 30 August 2018	USEC	AJ Millward	27 August 2018
N/A	List of Economic Development agencies and their charitable status	USEC	AJ Millward	28 August 2018
0673 18-19	Briefing for RED Ministers meeting 3 September 2018	Minister Jones	Robert Pigou	28 August 2018
TBC	Information for Visit to Napier	USEC	Ben Dalton	29 August 2018
0656 18-19	PGF Cabinet papers	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	30 August 2018



8. Ministerial Servicing

Ministerial OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA111	Privacy of natural persons	7 Aug 2018	22 Aug 2018	28 Aug 2018	Minister's office	Letter regarding Flexi-Wage and the Provincial Growth Fund, Agenda and papers for RED officials Meeting 20 June, PGF Information for Wider RED Ministers 22 June, the proactive release of advice
OIA112		7 Aug 2018	23 Aug 2018	30 Aug 2018	Consultation	Event briefing for meeting with Min Faafoi re: Kāpiti Air Services, Progressing RB12/MBSF Expansion, Wider RED Ministers Agenda and papers Advice on hospital related requests for PGF funding, Manawatū-Whanganui Provincial Growth Fund Announcements
OIA117		15 Aug 2018	29 Aug 2018	5 Sep 2018	Consultation	List of briefings referenced in parliamentary questions regarding Northland
OIA113		7 Aug 2018	30 Aug 2018	6 Sep 2018	Collating documents	Event briefing for Acting PM's visit to Taranaki, Update on West Coast economic development issues, Factors impacting on the international competitiveness of New Zealand's sawmilling industry, Engagement with Taranaki by the Provincial Development Unit and the Just Transition Unit
OIA120		17 Aug 2018	5 Sep 2018	12 Sep 2018	Collating documents	I request a copy of the Investment Statement



Ministerial OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA104	<small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	26 Jul 2018	10 Sep 2018	17 Sep 2018	Consultation	A copy of: Accelerating processing of low-value PGF applications, How Ministers are informed of Provincial Growth Fund proposals, RED Officials meeting 27 June – agenda and papers – 25 June, IAP Advice for 2 July RED Ministers meeting – 28 June, RED Ministers meeting 2 July – agenda and papers – 28 June

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Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office (if applicable)	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0076	Privacy of natural persons	17 Jul 2018	N/A	24 Aug 2018	Sign out	All information in relation to Hiringa Energy Limited's PGF application
1718-1884		28 Jun 2018	20 Aug 2018	27 Aug 2018	Sign out	All funding applications, business cases, briefings, and funding agreements for PGF recipients
1819-0101		20 Jul 2018	N/A	5 Sep 2018	Consultation	A copy of all unredacted documents and correspondence between Mokihinui Lyell Backcountry Trust and MBIE and the relevant Ministers office (Regional Economic Development Minister Shane Jones). DOC West Coast (or DOC Westport) and MBIE (and the Regional Economic Development Minister Shane Jones) during the period of October 2017 and 1 August 2018
1819-0108		23 Jul 2018	11 Sep 2018	17 Sep 2018	Consultation	All documents, including the application, emails, concerning the Dunedin Waterfront Project's PGF application
1819-0261		21 Aug 2018	N/A	18 Sep 2018	Collating documents	Copy of Te Hua O Te Kawariki Trust Manea Footprints of Kupe Business Plan



Documents for Proactive Release

Tracking Number	Name	Due to Minister's Office	Due for release	Status
0415 18-19	Regional Economic Development Weekly report for week ending 3 August 2018	17 Aug 2018	24 Aug 2018	Approved
0534 18-19	Regional Economic Development Weekly report for week ending 10 August 2018	17 Aug 2018	24 Aug 2018	Approved
0637 18-19	Regional Economic Development Weekly report for week ending 17 August 2018	24 Aug 2018	31 Aug 2018	Sign Out
3286 17-18	Northland Announcements – 1 June 2018	31 Aug 2018	7 Sep 2018	Consultation

Ministerial Correspondence

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ1394	Privacy of natural persons	30 Jul 2018	24 Aug 2018	Waste management initiative
SJ1396	Privacy of natural persons	30 Jul 2018	27 Aug 2018	About Time Project - Whangarei
SJ750	Privacy of natural persons	30 Jul 2018	27 Aug 2018	Community stock water schemes and the PGF
SJ1453	Privacy of natural persons	21 Aug 2018	7 Sep 18	Tasman District Council and the Waimea Dam
SJ1449	Privacy of natural persons	21 Aug 2018	7 Sep 18	Tasman District Council and the Waimea Dam
SJ1451	Privacy of natural persons	21 Aug 2018	7 Sep 18	Tasman District Council and the Waimea Dam
SJ1464	Privacy of natural persons	21 Aug 2018	7 Sep 18	Tasman District Council and the Waimea Dam



Ministerial Correspondence

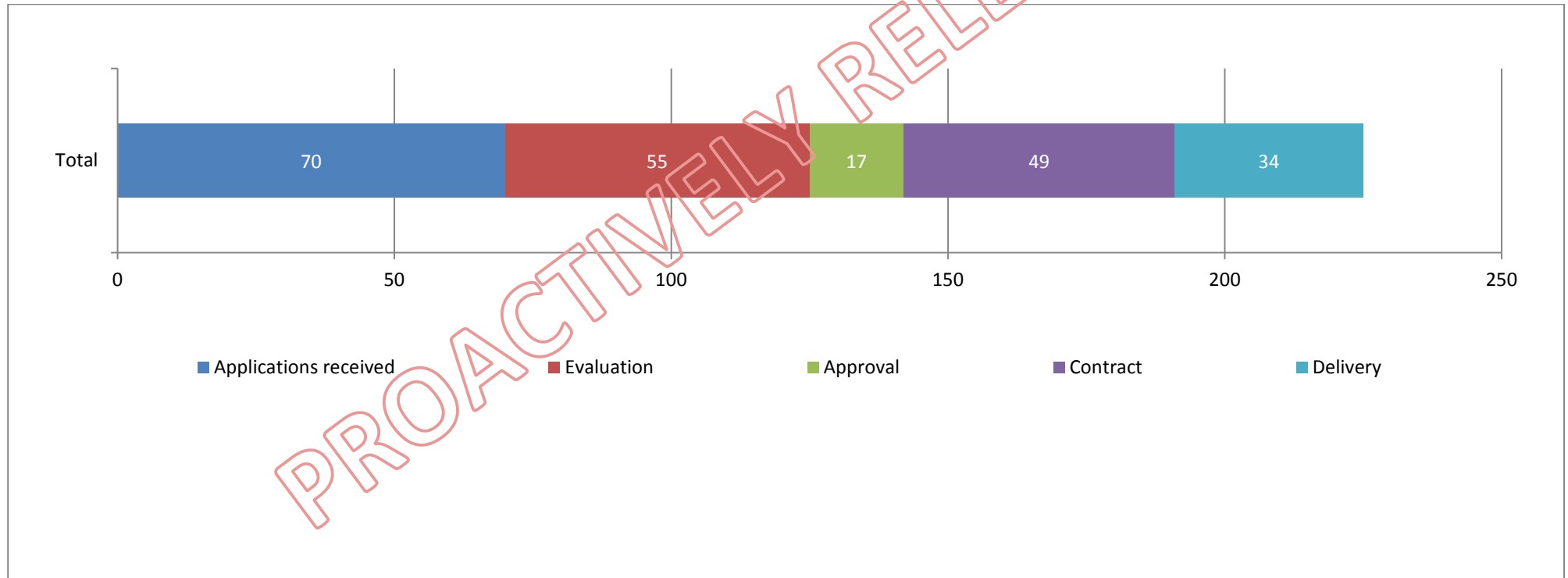
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ1429	Privacy of natural persons	21 Aug 2018	7 Sep 18	Tasman District Council and the Waimea Dam
SJ1469		21 Aug 2018	7 Sep 18	Tasman District Council and the Waimea Dam
SJ1470		21 Aug 2018	7 Sep 18	Tasman District Council and the Waimea Dam
SJ1428		21 Aug 2018	10 Sep 18	West Coast Regional Council

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9. PGF Update

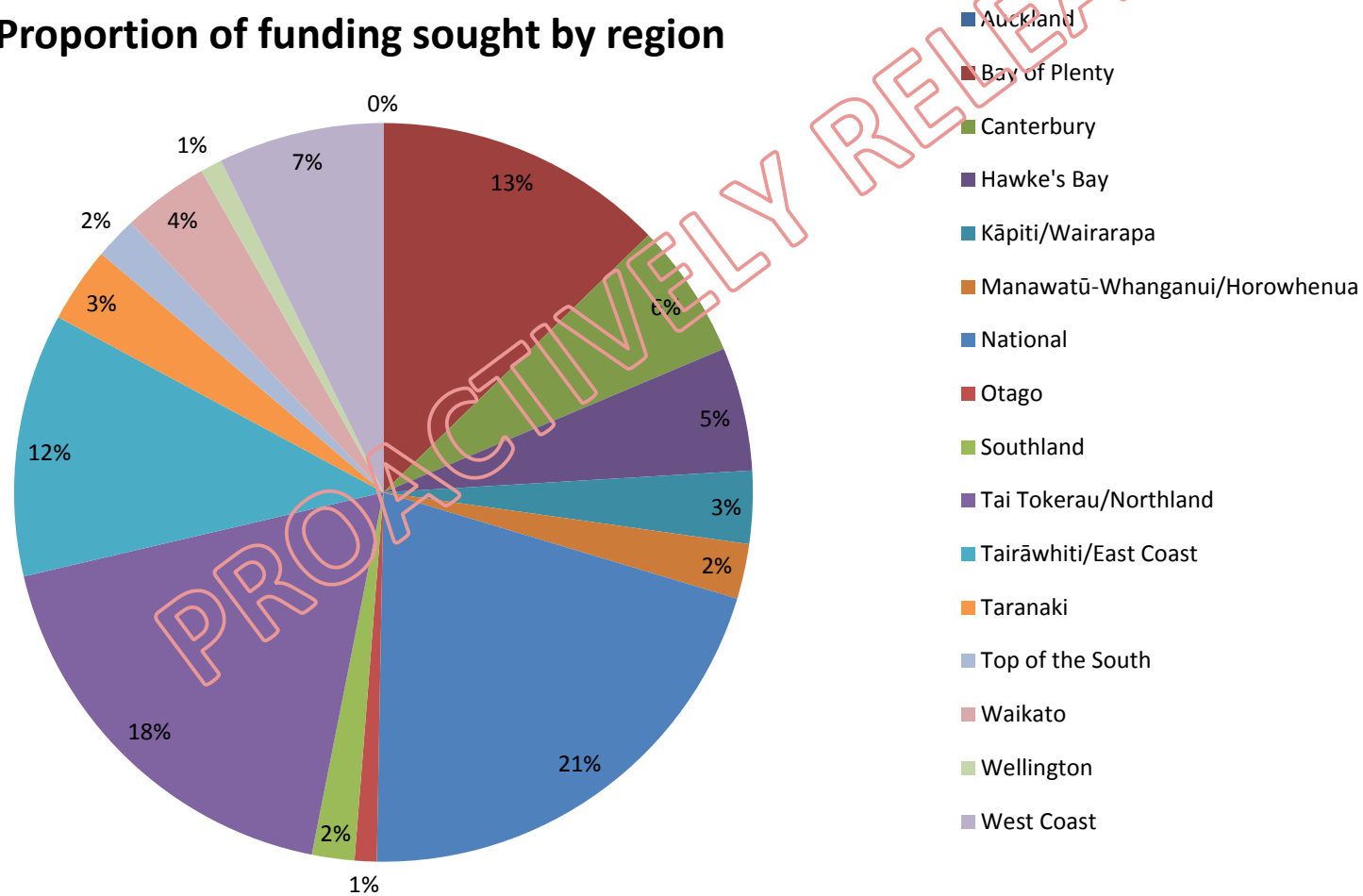
Progress of applications – 20 August 2018





Applications by region – 20 August 2018

Proportion of funding sought by region



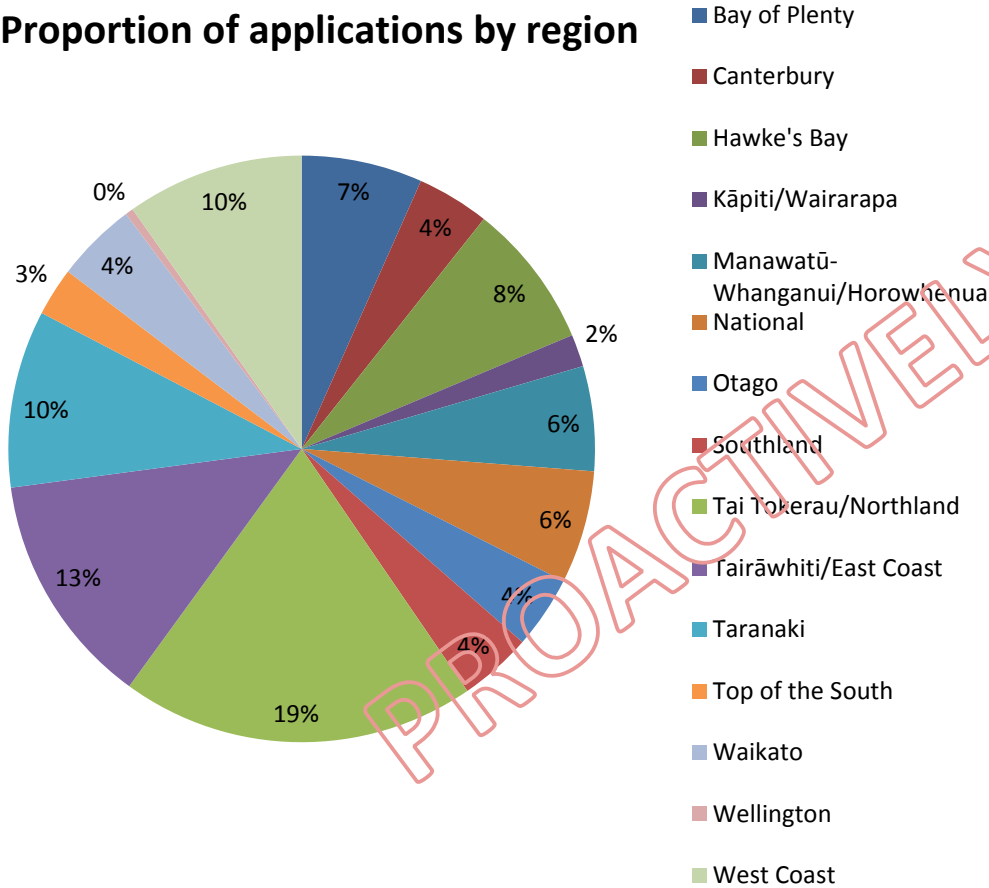


Applications by sector – 20 August 2018

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Proportion of applications by region



Proportion of applications by sector

