



REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Weekly Report 17 September to 21 September 2018

Date:	21 September 2018	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	1103 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
Nigel Bickle	Head of Provincial Development Unit	Privacy of natural persons	
Mark Jacobs	Acting Head of Regional Development		
AJ Millward	General Manager Strategy and Governance		✓
David van der Zouwe	Acting Head of Investment Management		



1. Provincial Growth Fund Proposals

West Coast

Relationship with Development West Coast

Development West Coast (DWC) is the Provincial Development Unit's (PDU)'s key contact point with its stakeholders in the region. The PDU is developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DWC.

The PDU is establishing an Application Advisory Group comprised of business, iwi, community and local government to prioritise Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) applications against the region's strategic priorities. This will help to progress PGF applications that will support the region's economic development strategy. As part of the prioritisation process, the region's mayors will be consulted before any decision is made to advance an application.

Cabinet paper – West Coast Package

Work is underway on a Cabinet paper seeking approval for a \$35 million tourism package, designed to attract more visitors to the Buller District and extend their length of stay and spend.

We expect the paper to be considered by the Cabinet Economic Development Committee on 31 October 2018.

This tourism package forms part of the larger West Coast package to be announced in November 2018.

Responsible Manager: Mark Jacobs, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps

We are working to set up the Application Advisory Group and finalise the MOU with DWC.

West Coast package to be announced in November 2018.

Bay of Plenty

Rotorua announcements – 24 September 2018

On 24 September the Under-Secretary for Regional Economic Development will be in Rotorua to announce that the PGF will invest \$19.9 million towards the redevelopment of the Rotorua Lakefront and \$7.92 million towards the development of the Whakarewarewa Forest.

We are working with Rotorua Lakes Council, Bay of Connections and Iwi to confirm arrangements for the announcement. A full briefing and run-sheet, a draft press release and talking points have been provided to the Under-Secretary's office.

Responsible Manager: Mark Jacobs, Privacy of natural persons

Next Steps

Rotorua package to be announced on 24 September 2018.



2. Provincial Development Unit

Project Status Update

Comment:

As at 17 September 2018, 537 projects had been lodged in PipeDrive. Twenty eight are new projects as of this week. Of the 537 projects, 251 are Expressions of Interest and 284 are applications. As of 17 September 2018, \$416 million of funding has been approved (including \$137 million Tairāwhiti roading package).

Responsible Manager: David van der Zouwe, Privacy of natural persons

Upcoming Regional Economic Development Ministers meetings

Comment:

The Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) met in Opōtiki on 17 September to review a number of PGF proposals prior to consideration by Regional Economic Development (RED) Ministers on 18 October 2018. Eight proposals will be considered:

- Leaderbrand (East Coast)
- Waipua package – 4 applications (East Coast)
- Confidential information entrusted to the Government
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- National Driver Training Centre (Manawatu-Whanganui/Horowhenua)
- Confidential information entrusted to the Government
- Miro Berryfruit (Bay of Plenty)
- Te Tai Tokerau Tuia Encounters 250 (Tai Tokerau/Northland)
- Ruatapu Garnet Project (West Coast)
- Opuke Thermal Pools and Spa (Canterbury).

The final RED Ministers meeting for 2018 is on 5 November. At this meeting, proposals considered by the IAP on 16 October will be considered. The Minister's Office is working to schedule RED meetings for 2019.

Responsible Manager: AJ Millward, Privacy of natural persons



3. Media and Communications Schedule

Event or announcement date	Activity	Speech / media release due	MBIE Contact
24 September 2018	Rotorua investment package announcement	A draft press release and talking points has been provided to the Under-Secretary's office	Jarred Griffiths
29 November 2018	West Coast investment package announcement	Minister Jones' office will be provided with communications material	Yvette McKinley
TBC	Chatham Islands Airport business case	A press release will be provided to Minister Jones' office	Yvette McKinley



4. Upcoming Meetings and Events

Meeting / Event	Support
Monday, 24 September 2018	
Rotorua Announcements - USEC	Briefing provided 20 September
Tuesday, 25 September 2018	
Wednesday, 26 September 2018	
3.30pm-4.30pm Weekly meeting with PDU officials - Minister Jones	
4.30pm-5.30pm Weekly meeting with PDU officials - USEC	
Thursday, 27 September 2018	
9.00am-9.30am Meeting with Bathurst Resources Ltd - USEC	Briefing due 25 September
Friday, 28 September 2018	
9.00am-6.00pm India NZ Business Council Summit - USEC	Briefing provided 21 September

September

- 26 - BNZ/PwC seminar in Tauranga
- 27 - BNZ/PwC seminar in Whakatāne
- 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

- 9 - World Indigenous Business Forum in Rotorua (USEC)
- 16 - Independent Advisory Panel meeting
- 18 - RED Ministers meeting
- 18 - DEV PGF Cabinet paper
- 25 - Senior Regional Officials meeting

December

- 6 - Independent Advisory Panel meeting



5. Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire and Reports

Tracker number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
1005 18-19	Event briefing for meeting with Kay Read, SRO for Bay of Plenty, 19 September	USEC	Mark Jacobs	17 September 2018
1068 18-19	Status of PGF funding	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	19 September 2018
1031 18-19	Event briefing for announcements in Rotorua on 24 September	USEC	Isabel Poulson	20 September 2018
1006 18-19	Event briefing and a speech for the Under-Secretary at the India NZ Business Council Summit, 28 September	USEC	Isabel Poulson	21 September 2018

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

Tracker number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Delivery Date
TBC	Event briefing for meeting with Bathurst Resources Ltd, 27 September	USEC	AJ Millward	25 September 2018
TBC	Further information on EDAs	USEC	Isabel Poulson	5 October 2018
TBC	Cabinet paper – PGF investment growth and development of the regions	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	8 October 2018
TBC	Briefing for RED Ministers meeting, 18 October	Minister Jones	Robert Pigou	11 October 2018



7. Ministerial Servicing

Parliamentary Questions					
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Status	Question
PQ 22297 (2018)	David Seymour	17 Sep 2018	20 Sep 2018	Sent to Minister's office	How many applications for funding through the Provincial Growth Fund have officials from the Provincial Development Unit recommended be declined but were subsequently approved by Ministers, and which projects do these applications relate to?
PQ 22296 (2018)	David Seymour	17 Sep 2018	20 Sep 2018	Sent to Minister's office	How many applications for funding through the Provincial Growth Fund have panel members from the Independent Advisory Panel recommended be declined but were subsequently approved by Ministers, and which projects do these applications relate to?
PQ 22294 (2018)	David Seymour	17 Sep 2018	20 Sep 2018	Sent to Minister's office	How many applications for funding through the Provincial Growth Fund have officials from an agency other than the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment recommended be declined but were subsequently approved by Ministers, and which projects do these applications relate to?



Ministerial OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA113	Privacy of natural persons	7 Aug 2018	21 Sep 2018	28 Sep 2018	Sign out	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
OIA137		9 Sep 2018	26 Sep 2018	3 Oct 2018	Drafting	Deferring Cabinet report back on progress with the Provincial Growth Fund, I also request the agenda, minutes and associated papers prepared for the following meetings: Meeting with Hon Peters and Hon Twyford re rail 20 August 2018, Meeting with Whangarei mayor Sheryl Mai and Council CE Rob Forlong 21 August 2018
OIA142		17 Sep 2018	3 Oct 2018	10 Oct 2018	Drafting	Update on establishing a holding company for the PGF delivered to the Minister on 8 August 2018
OIA122		27 Aug 2018	10 Oct 2018	17 Oct 2018	Collating documents	Under section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982 I request the following information: Any and all advice, written and verbal, received regarding funding decisions relating to the Waitangi National Trust since November 2017 Any and all advice, written and verbal, you have given to any government Minister or government Ministry regarding funding decisions relating to the Waitangi National Trust since November 2017 All correspondence relating to funding decisions regarding the Waitangi National Trust since November 2017



Ministerial OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA124	Privacy of natural persons	31 Aug 2018	15 Oct 2018	22 Oct 2018	Consultations	I request a copy of the following documents: Update on Irrigation Acceleration Fund appropriation, PGF proposals for review, Provincial Growth Fund approval for package of three land restoration projects under One Billion Trees programme, the agenda, minutes and associated papers prepared for the following meetings: Meeting with Dunedin Mayor Dave Cull, MBIE weekly officials meeting
OIA127	Privacy of natural persons	28 Aug 2018	16 Oct 2018	23 Oct 2018	Collating documents	I request a copy of the following document: Progress update on PGF proposal as at 14 August 2018, I also request the agenda, minutes and associated papers prepared for the following meetings: 13 August RED delegated Ministers meeting, 15 August MBIE weekly officials meeting

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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
1819-0108	Privacy of natural persons	23 Jul 2018	11 Sep 2018	17 Sep 2018	Consultation	All documents, including the application, emails, concerning the Dunedin Waterfront Project's PGF application
1819-0275		23 Aug 2018	13 Sep 2018	20 Sep 2018	Collating documents	Items relating to funding Waitangi National Trust since November 2017
1819-0271		23 Aug 2018	13 Sep 2018	20 Sep 2018	Sign out	All info regarding the decision to set aside \$30million for all weather racing tracks
1819-0338		29 Aug 2018	19 Sep 2018	26 Sep 2018	Collating documents	Delegated Regional Economic Development Ministers meeting, Agency comments on PGF proposals for RED Ministers Meeting on 13 August
1819-0339		31 Aug 2018	21 Sep 2018	28 Sep 2018	Collating documents	Protecting the term Manuka honey: intellectual property issues, Visit to Waikato, 10 August 2018, Update on Taranaki Just Transitions Workshop and Next Steps, Bay of Connections Forum, 3 August 2018
1819-0335		31 Aug 2018	N/A	28 Sep 2018	Consultation	Report on the Charitable Status for EDAs
1819-0365		6 Sep 2018	N/A	4 Oct 2018	Drafting	There is a stretch of land near to my house that I understand has been applied for money for from the Regional Growth Fund. I was wondering if the applications to this fund are public knowledge because I would love to understand what the applicant sees as a plan for this piece of land.



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Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office (if applicable)	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0363	Privacy of natural persons	6 Sep 2018	N/A	4 Oct 2018	Drafting	To date, how many applications to the Provincial Growth Fund have been received from the Kāpiti Coast District Council and separately from organisations, individuals, or businesses in the region covered by the Kāpiti Coast District Council? Of these applications, how many have been declined by the Provincial Growth Fund? Of the applications that have been declined, what were the reasons given for each being declined
1819-0411		12 Sep 2018	N/A	10 Oct 2018	Scoping	Copies of Make Way for Taranaki project & Environment impact report etc.
1819-0418		14 Sep 2018	N/A	12 Oct 2018	Scoping	Follow up to DOIA 1819-0101 copies of documents not included & updated dates
1819-0296		27 Aug 2018	9 Nov 2018	16 Nov 2018	Collating documents	Applications, cases and advice that PDU has provided regarding fund recipients



Documents for Proactive Release

Tracking Number	Name	Due to Minister's Office	Due for release	Status
0688 18-19	Regional Economic Development Weekly report for week ending 24 August 2018	7 Sep 2018	14 Sep 2018	Published
0811 18-19	Regional Economic Development Weekly report for week ending 31 August 2018	21 Sep 2018	28 Sep 2018	Minister's office
0889 18-19	Regional Economic Development Weekly report for week ending 7 September 2018	21 Sep 2018	28 Sep 2018	Minister's office
0978 18-19	Regional Economic Development Weekly report for week ending 14 September 2018	21 Sep 2018	28 Sep 2018	Minister's office
3286 17-18	Northland Announcements – 1 June 2018	28 Sep 2018	5 Oct 2018	Consultation

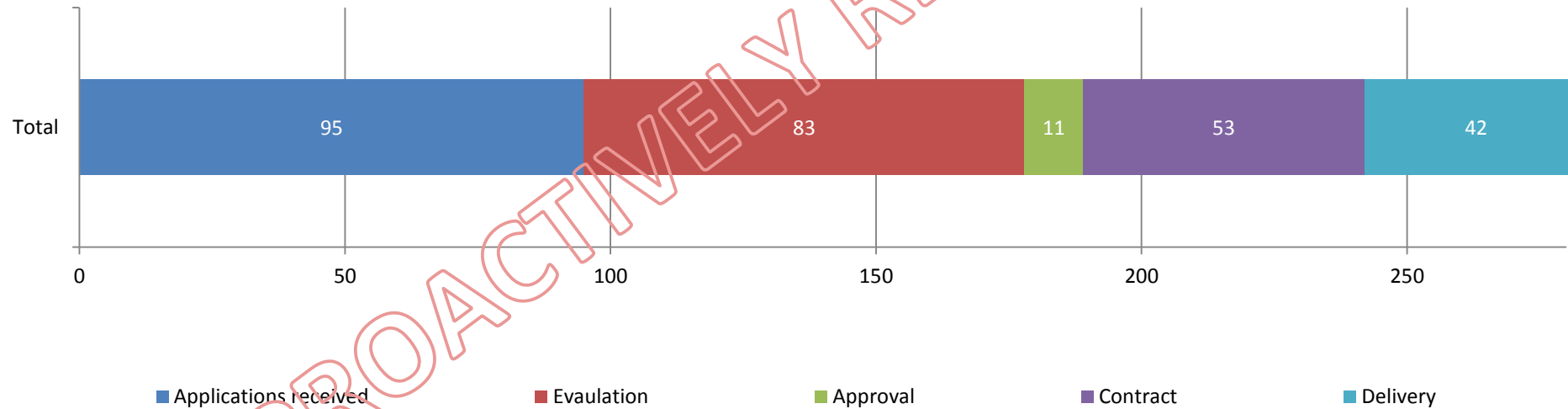
Ministerial Correspondence

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ1165	<small>Privacy of natural persons</small>	17 Sep 2018	21 Sep 2018	Energy from waste - Renew Energy Ltd
SJ1607		11 Sep 2018	8 Oct 2018	Development in the West Coast



8. PGF Update

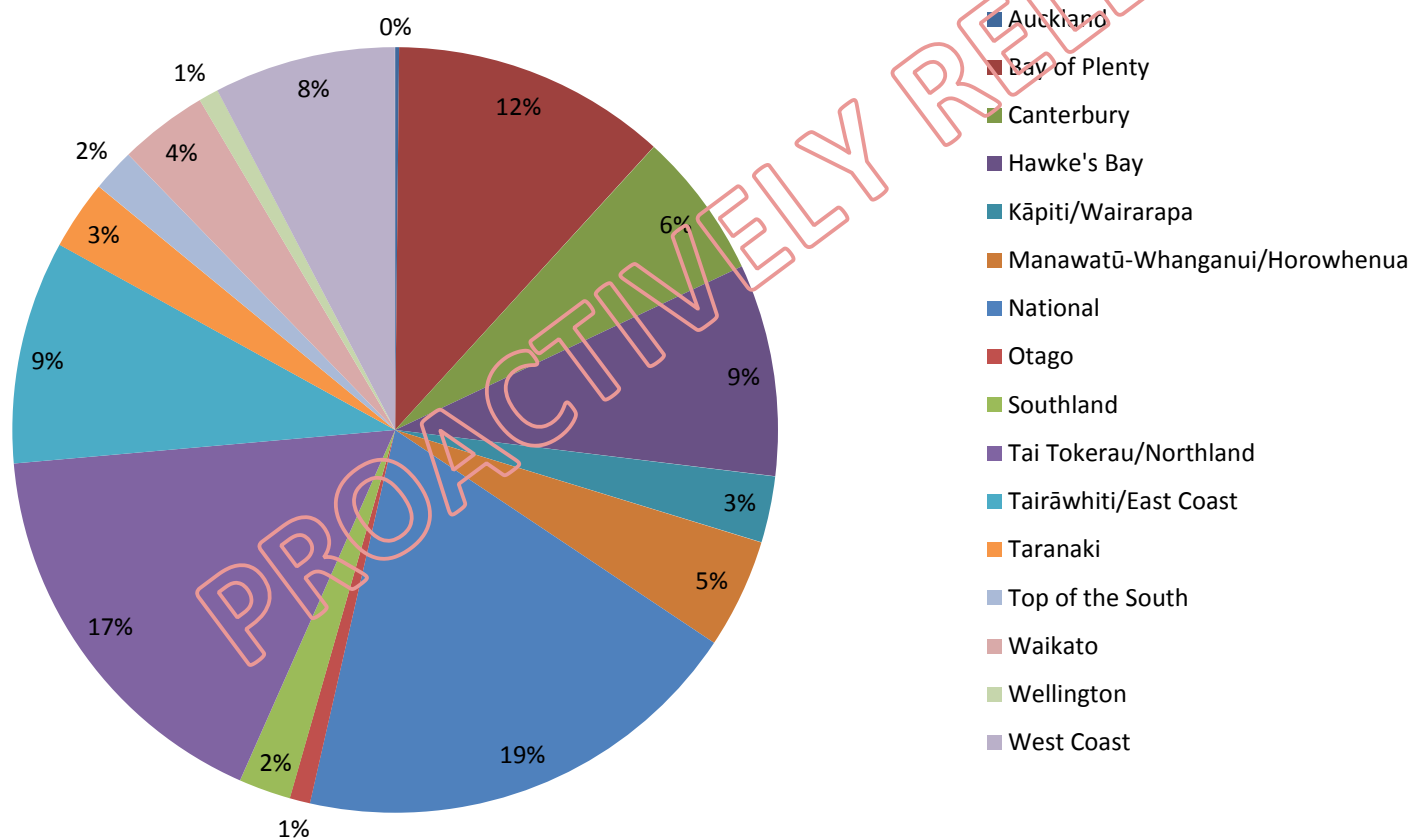
Progress of applications – 17 September 2018





Funding by region – 17 September 2018

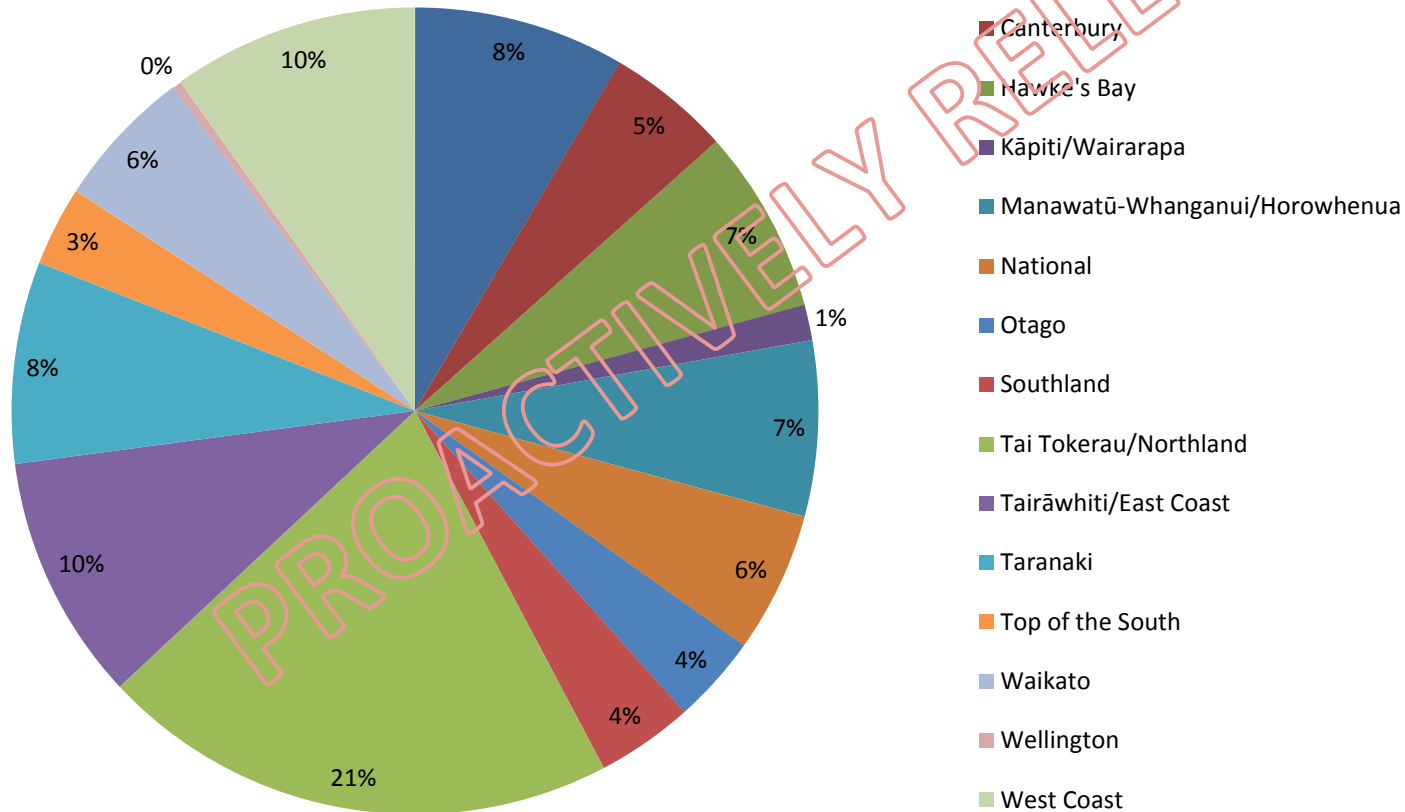
Proportion of funding sought by region





Applications by region – 17 September 2018

Proportion of applications by region





Applications by sector – 17 September 2018

Proportion of applications by sector

