

Regional Economic Development

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1. Dashboard updates

1.1 Status of applications

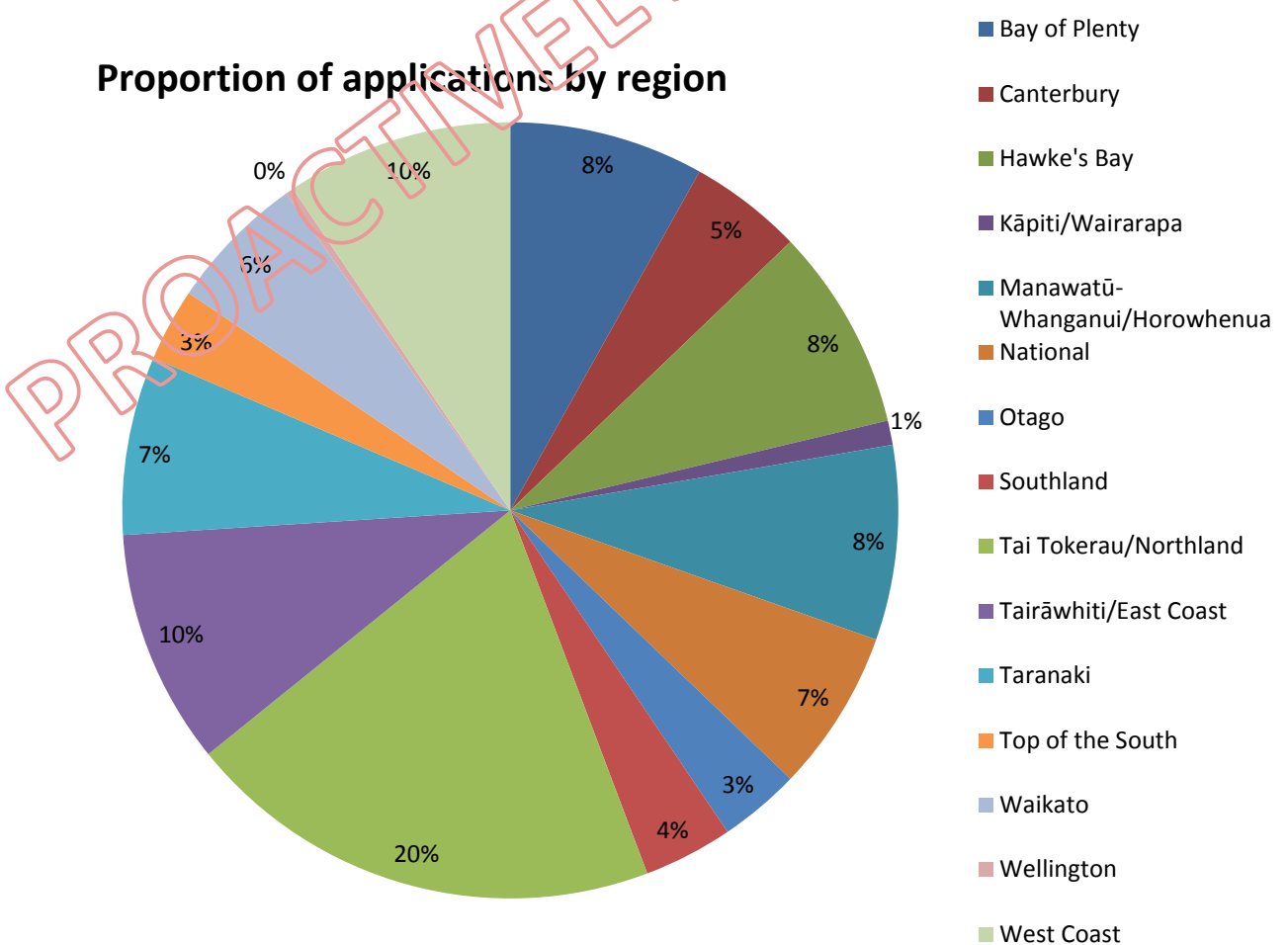
New projects this week	19
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Total number of projects	Expressions of interest	Applications
556	258	296

Total funding approved to date	\$416m
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1.2 Applications by region – as at 24 September 2018

Proportion of applications by region



2. Regional Updates

2.1 Otago/Southland

Pipedrive update

As at 27 September 2018, 18 applications from the Otago region have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications are:

- 6 Expressions of interest/Applications received
- 5 being assessed
- 4 have been approved
- 3 have been unsupported or declined

As at 27 September 2018, 29 applications from the Southland region have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications are:

- 12 Expressions of interest/Applications received
- 7 being assessed
- 7 have been approved
- 3 have been unsupported or declined or withdrawn

Oreti Managed Aquifer Recharge (Southland)

The applicant has advised the Provincial Development Unit (PDU) that an application to the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) is expected imminently.

They have focused the application on unlocking the potential for horticulture in the Oreti catchment. As Managed Aquifer Recharge opens up secondary water allocation, it is of direct relevance to developing Iwi-owned land throughout New Zealand.

The applicant has further advised it includes a study of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems by ESR, the first of its kind in New Zealand.

Contact Mark Jacobs, Manager Regional Investment, Privacy of natural persons

2.2 Manawatū-Whanganui

Pipedrive update

As at 24 September 2018, 33 applications from Manawatū-Whanganui have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications are:

- 6 Expressions of interest
- 10 being assessed
- 6 have been approved
- Of the remainder, 6 were declined and 5 are on hold

Regional Activity

On 8 November 2018, Te Hahi O Ratana will be celebrating their centenary. This is a very significant and important celebration for the region, especially Māori in the hahi.

Announcement for Minister's Visit

We are working on a package of announcements for Manawatū-Whanganui, currently scheduled for November 2018.

Applications will be considered by Senior Regional Officials and Regional Economic Development Ministers in October. Your office will receive a document which outlines the projects that are under consideration for the announcement package in November 2018.

Contact Mark Jacobs, Manager Regional Investment, Privacy of natural persons

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3. Other Updates

3.1 Digital Enablement

Digital Enablement guidance information

Guidance information on digital enablement opportunities for Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) investments has been prepared for use for the PDU by MBIE's Digital Economy team with input from the Digital Economy and Digital Inclusion Ministerial Advisory Group.

This work was requested by the previous Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media in late May and is signalled in the Investment Statement for the PGF. The three page resource expands on the publicly available information on digital enablement through the PGF. It gives an indication of the sort of opportunities the PGF may be able to support, and links to research reports about New Zealand's needs for digital enablement and 'what works' in terms of projects.

The resource is intended for in-house use by PDU to support its engagement with regions, assessment of applications, and as an input into future public communications. The guidance has been approved for use by PDU by Minister Faafoi as Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media.

Contact AJ Millward, GM Strategy and Governance, Privacy of natural persons

3.2 BNZ/PwC events

BNZ/PwC regional events

The BNZ and PwC are partnering to provide a service offering to potential PGF applicants. The concept is that PwC can help clients/ applicants more fully develop their applications before they are submitted to the PGF. BNZ will seek to work with clients/applicants to provide options around PGF co-funding contributions.

To promote this offering, the PDU has been asked by BNZ and PwC to attend a series of regionally based functions. At these functions the PDU, represented by an Investment Director, will deliver a presentation. BNZ and PwC also give presentations.

As at 20 September 2018, four functions have been held. Attendees have been a mix of applicants and stakeholders (councils, council commercial arms, and government officials including PDU staff and the Under-Secretary).

Location	Number of attendees
Hastings	46
Gisborne	67
Palmerston Nth	95
Whanganui	44

As with other private sector relationships, we have made it clear to both BNZ and PwC that this is not an exclusive arrangement. The PDU will be working with all major banks and professional services firms.

Contact David van der Zouwe, Acting Head of Investment Management, Privacy of natural persons

3.3 Māori Economic Development Advisory Board (MEDAB)

MEDAB update

The Māori Economic Development Advisory Board (MEDAB) is meeting on October 8 2018. At this meeting, three retiring board members will be farewelled and two new board members will be welcomed.

A key agenda item is a strategic discussion on the proposed Māori Economic Development outcomes framework and a new approach for cross-agency support of He kai kei aku ringa (HKKAR). There will also be a session with PDU to work on a Māori engagement strategy for the Provincial Growth Fund.

Based on feedback from MEDAB, the HKKAR strategic outcomes framework and targets will be revised and an update briefing for Ministers will be provided by the end of November.

Contact Hinemaua Rikirangi, Te Tumu Whakarae Maori Economic Development, Privacy

Appendix 1 – Upcoming Meetings and Events

Meeting / Event	Support
Monday, 1 October 2018	
Tuesday, 2 October 2018	
Wednesday, 3 October 2018	
3.30pm-4.30pm Minister Jones – PDU Officials meeting	
4.30pm-5.30pm USEC – PDU Officials meeting	
Thursday, 4 October 2018	
Friday, 5 October 2018	

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
- 26 - Accelerate 25 Lead Team Meeting

November

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

December

- 6 - Independent Advisory Panel meeting

Appendix 2 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire and Reports

Tracker number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
1006 18-19	Event briefing and a speech for the India NZ Business Council Summit, 28 September	USEC	Isabel Poulson	24 September 2018
1133 18-19	Event briefing for meeting with Bathurst Resources Ltd, 27 September	USEC	Susan Baas	25 September 2018
1184 18-19	Joint Aide Memoire: Update on PGF Crown Company	Minister Jones	Isabel Poulson	27 September 2018

Appendix 3 – Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings, Aides Memoire and Reports

Tracker number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
1163 18-19	Event briefing for the World Indigenous Business Forum 2018, 9 October	USEC	Hinemaua Rikirangi	3 October 2018
TBC	Further information on EDAs	USEC	Isabel Poulson	5 October 2018
1077 18-19	October baseline update: RED and Infrastructure portfolio	Minister Jones	Nigel Bickle	8 October 2018
TBC	Cabinet paper – PGF investment growth and development of the regions	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	8 October 2018
TBC	Event briefing and speech for the EDNZ Conference, 18 October	USEC	Isabel Poulson	9 October 2018
1155 18-19	Briefing for RED Ministers meeting, 18 October	Minister Jones	Robert Pigou	11 October 2018
1148 18-19	Event briefing for travel to Japan, 22-23 October	USEC	Isabel Poulson	11 October 2018

Appendix 4 – Official Information Act requests

Ministerial OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA142	Privacy of natural persons	17 Sep 2018	3 Oct 2018	10 Oct 2018	Sign off	Update on establishing a holding company for the PGF delivered to the Minister on 8 August 2018
OIA145		21 Sep 2018	4 Oct 2018	11 Oct 2018	Consultation	I request a copy of the Regional Economic Development Weekly Report for the week ending 29 June.
OIA144		21 Sep 2018	4 Oct 2018	11 Oct 2018	Consultation	I request a copy of the following document: PGF proposals for review 29 August 2018 Where information is withheld, I request you provide the reason for refusal and the grounds in support of that reason as required by section 19(a)(i) and (ii) of the Act.
OIA128		29 Aug 2018	8 Oct 2018	15 Oct 2018	Consultation	1. 9 August Aide memoire: Delegated Regional Economic Development Ministers meeting, 13 August 2. 10 August Briefing: Agency comments on PGF proposals for RED Ministers Meeting on 13 August Where information is withheld, I request you provide the reason for refusal and the grounds in support of that reason as required by section 19(a)(i) and (ii) of the Act.
OIA122		27 Aug 2018	10 Oct 2018	17 Oct 2018	Consultation	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
OIA130	Privacy of natural persons	31 Aug 2018	11 Oct 2018	18 Oct 2018	Consultation	1. 6 August Briefing: Protecting the term manuka honey: intellectual property issues 2. 8 August Briefing: Visit to Waikato, 10 August 2018 3. 18 July Update on Taranaki Just Transitions Workshop and Next Steps 4. 31 July Bay of Connections Forum, 3 August 2018 Where information is withheld, I request you provide the reason for refusal and the grounds in support of that reason as required by section 19(a)(i) and (ii) of the Act.
OIA146		25 Sep 2018	12 Oct 2018	19 Oct 2018	Scoping	I request the following information: All Briefings and Aide Memoires prepared for the Minister and his Office regarding Marae connectivity
OIA124		31 Aug 2018	15 Oct 2018	22 Oct 2018	Scoping	I request a copy of the following documents: 1. 6 August Briefing: Update on Irrigation Acceleration Fund appropriation 2. 6 August Briefing: PGF proposals for review 3. 6 August Briefing: Provincial Growth Fund approval for package of three land restoration projects under One Billion Trees programme In addition, I also request the agenda, minutes and associated papers prepared for the following meetings: 4. 19 July Meeting with Dunedin Mayor Dave Cull 5. 8 August MBIE weekly officials meeting
OIA127		28 Aug 2018	16 Oct 2018	23 Oct 2018	Drafting	I request a copy of the following document: 1. 15 August Progress update on PGF proposal as at 14 August 2018 I also request the agenda, minutes and associated papers prepared for the following meetings: 2. 13 August RED delegated Ministers meeting 3. 15 August MBIE weekly officials meeting

Ministerial OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA149	Privacy of natural persons	26 Sep 2018	17 Oct 2018	24 Oct 2018	Scoping	I request a copy of the following documents: 1. Briefing: Climate Change Ministers Meeting 5 September 2018, 4 September 2018 2. Briefing: External Permanent and Long-Term Migration July 2018, 4 September 2018 3. Briefing: Tairāwhiti Provincial Growth Fund Announcements 7 September 2018, 5 September 2018

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0335	Privacy of natural persons	31 Aug 2018	N/A	28 Sep 2018	Consultations	Charitable Status for EDAs
1819-0365		6 Sep 2018	N/A	4 Oct 2018	Approval	I was wondering if the applications to this fund are public knowledge
1819-0363		6 Sep 2018	N/A	4 Oct 2018	Approval	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?
1819-0411		12 Sep 2018	N/A	10 Oct 2018	Collating documentation	We are interested in receiving a copy of the 'Make Way For Taranaki' project purposed budget

Departmental OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0418	Privacy of natural persons	14 Sep 2018	N/A	12 Oct 2018	Sign out	Follow up to previous OIA
1819-0464		22 Sep 2018	N/A	19 Oct 2018	Collating documentation	Please provide all records the Ministry has on the Regional Development Funding application for the upgrade of the Russell Wharf
1819-0481		24 Sep 2018	N/A	23 Oct 2018	Scoping	Information between MLBT, DOC, MBIE, Regional Economic Development Minister Shane Jones, Minister of Tourism Kelvin Davis, etc. Information available between 15 to 25 September that applies to the above request is sought
1819-0469		24 Sep 2018	15 Oct 2018	23 Oct 2018	Scoping	I request a copy of the following information, applicable to all projects announced from 27 August 2018 to the date this request is received. 1. A copy of the funding applications, business cases and funding agreements for each of the projects announced as recipients of funding under the Provincial Growth Fund. 2. A copy of all advice the Provincial Development Unit has provided to the Independent Advisory Panel on Provincial Growth Fund recipients. 3. A copy of all advice the Provincial Development Unit has provided to the Minister for Regional Economic Development on Provincial Growth Fund recipients
1819-0488		26 Sep 2018	17 Oct 2018	25 Oct 2018	Collating documentation	I request a copy of all material the Independent Advisory Panel of the Provincial Growth Fund has produced, including all meeting meetings, agendas, advice and notes prepared from the establishment of the IAP to the date this request is received

Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0485	Privacy of natural persons	26 Sep 2018	17 Oct 2018	25 Oct 2018	Scoping	I request a complete list of all projects that have been announced as Provincial Growth Fund recipients as at 26 September 2018
1819-0275		23 Aug 2018	1 Nov 2018	8 Nov 2018	Collating documentation	I request the following information: Any and all advice, written and verbal, received regarding funding decisions relating to the Waitangi National Trust
1819-0296		27 Aug 2018	9 Nov 2018	16 Nov 2018	Scoping	I request a copy of the following information, applicable to all projects announced from 28 June 2018 to the date this request is received. 1. A copy of the funding applications, business cases and funding agreements for each of the projects announced as recipients of funding under the Provincial Growth Fund. 2. A copy of all advice the Provincial Development Unit has provided to the Independent Advisory Panel on Provincial Growth Fund recipients. 3. A copy of all advice the Provincial Development Unit has provided to the Minister for Regional Economic Development on Provincial Growth Fund recipients

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Appendix 5 – Ministerial correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ1607	Privacy of natural persons	11 Sep 2018	8 Oct 2018	Development West Coast Trust

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Appendix 5 – Parliamentary Questions

Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question
PQ 23563 (2018)	Barbara Kuriger	26 Sep 2018	1 Oct 2018	What specific measures is the Minister undertaking in his portfolio to ensure that the rural proofing policy is applied to the decision making processes of both himself and his Ministry?
PQ 23453 (2018)	Barbar Kuriger	26 Sep 2018	1 Oct 2018	What specific examples of rural proofing have occurred in the Minister's portfolio?
PQ 23904 (2018)	David Seymour	26 Sep 2018	3 Oct 2018	How many applications for funding through the Provincial Growth Fund are officials from the Provincial Development Unit considering?
PQ 24024 (2018)	Hon Nathan Guy	26 Sep 2018	3 Oct 2018	How many papers, if any, since 13 June 2018 has the Minister taken to Cabinet or Cabinet committees that have been rural proofed or had regard to the principles of The Rural Proofing Policy?
PQ 23905 (2018)	David Seymour	26 Sep 2018	3 Oct 2018	How many applications for funding through the Provincial Growth Fund have officials from the Provincial Development Unit recommended be declined?

Appendix 6 – Documents for proactive release

Documents for Proactive Release				
Tracking Number	Name	Due to Minister's Office	Due for release	Status
DOIA 1718-1884	<p>Part release of the Large OIA the following information has been released:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Briefing - 3286 17-18 Northland Announcements 1 June 2018 ○ NZTA Twin Coast Discovery Route application ○ The Howard League Driver License Initiative application ○ 2037 17-18 Recommendations for funding from the Regional Growth Initiative Fund and Provincial Growth Fund – 9 February 2018 ○ Taranaki Business Cases ○ Gisborne Tourism Product Development and Punakaiki Master Plan 		27 September 2018/on going	Partial release