

Regional Economic Development

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1. Dashboard updates

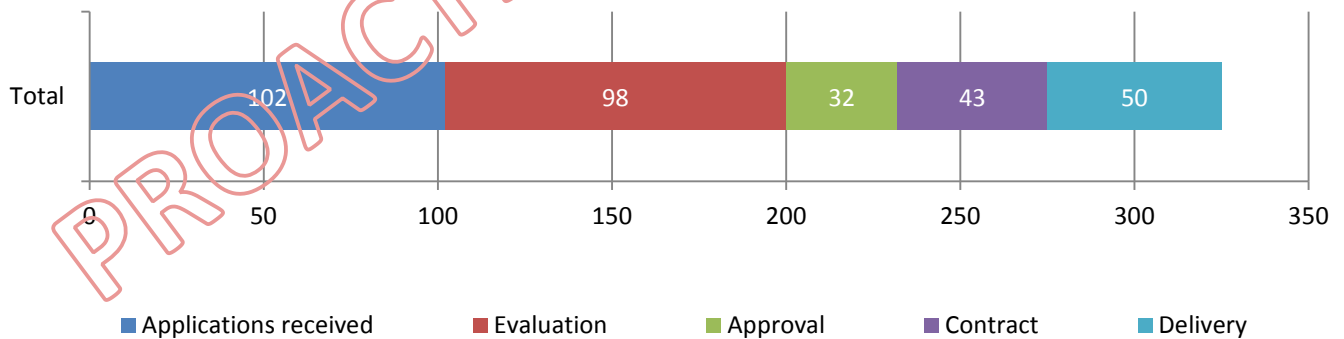
1.1 Status of applications

New projects this week	26
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Total number of projects	Expressions of interest (EOI)	Applications
601	276	325

Total funding approved to date	Total funding announced
\$416m	\$321m

1.2 Progress of applications as at 8 October



2. Regional Updates

2.1 Northland

PipeDrive update

As at 8 October, 121 applications and EOIs from Northland have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 65 are being assessed
- 28 have been approved
- 21 have been declined
- 3 are on hold
- 4 withdrawn EOI/Applications.

Commercial projects

In Northland, we are processing four separate Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) enquiries which relate to the construction of Commercial in the region. Three of those enquiries concern Commercial and the applicants are undertaking due diligence with various agencies.

Brief background:

1. Commercial Information - application declined

2. Commercial information - application declined

3. Commercial information - application declined

4. Commercial Information - application declined

Tai Tokerau Northland Economic Action Plan refresh

Northland Inc is currently in the process of refreshing the Tai Tokerau Northland Economic Action Plan (TTNEAP). The TTNEAP was published in February 2016 and is now undergoing a process to update the workstreams and actions that sit within the TTNEAP.

PGF funding package

The Provincial Development Unit (PDU) and agencies are currently working on a package of announcements for the New Year. This will be considered by Regional Economic Development Ministers before the end of the year.

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2.2 Taranaki

PipeDrive update

As at 8 October, 30 applications from Taranaki have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 12 are being assessed
- 16 have been approved
- 1 has been declined
- 1 is on hold.

Regional activity

The PDU Investment team has been active in the region finalising investment agreements for two projects - Taranaki Cathedral and Hiringa Energy.

Work is underway on the Taranaki Crossing Project feasibility work. The consultant commissioned by MBIE to undertake the feasibility work has begun consultation with regional stakeholders.

Upcoming announcements

There are no planned announcements in the region. PDU officials are working with the region on preparing what a potential next package of announcements could include, pending projects meeting the criteria of the PGF and aligning with the regions priorities.

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2.1 Tairāwhiti

PipeDrive update

As at 8 October, 41 Tairāwhiti applications and expressions of interest (EOI) are registered in PipeDrive. The status of those applications/EOI is:

- 18 have been approved
- 17 are pending
- 6 expressions of interest are being assessed.

Of the 17 pending applications:

- 8 are ready to go to RED Ministers for decision or recommendation

- 4 are on hold at the applicant's request
- 5 are undergoing assessment.

Delivery of PGF Funding Package

The region is focused on delivering approved projects, especially those comprising the recent PGF announcements on 7 September 2018. The PDU is working closely with the Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan (TEAP) steering group and individual project sponsors to clarify the terms of funding, prepare funding agreements and identify resource requirements necessary for delivery.

Relationship with the Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan (TEAP)

The PDU expects the relationship with the TEAP steering group to strengthen with the appointment of Apryll Parata as Principal Regional Lead for the PDU. Apryll was formally introduced to the TEAP steering group by the Senior Regional Official (SRO) at the TEAP meeting on Wednesday 10 October 2018. Apryll's whakapapa, experience and government connections will provide an added dimension to economic development when she returns to the region in November 2018.

Emphasis on employment, training and the Māori Economy

The TEAP steering group is commencing a process to refresh its February 2017 Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan - Te Huarahi Hei Whai Oranga. The region has informed the SRO of two areas it wants to strengthen. These are:

- Employment and Training pathways and actions and
- Further integration of the Tairāwhiti Māori Economic Strategy – Kimihia he Oranga.

A third area for refresh is advancing the regional digital economy following broadband roll-out.

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2.2 Top of the South

PipeDrive update

As at 8 October, 18 applications from Top of the South have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 11 are being assessed
- 5 have been approved
- 1 has been declined
- 1 withdrawn.

Regional Update

The PDU is currently working with applicants to confirm arrangements and funding for the 2077 Te Tau Ihu Regional Growth Strategy, led by Wakatū Inc in partnership with Nelson, Tasman, Marlborough Mayors, iwi Chairs, Nelson Regional Development Agency, and business.

A number of initiatives within the Blue Economy are being progressed with the PDU. Earlier this year the development of a Blue Shell Mussel processing plant received PGF support, which has been welcomed by the sector.

Commercial information - application under consideration

The Tasman District Council 'Waimea Water Augmentation Scheme Bill' regarding the Waimea Community Dam is currently before the Governance and Administration Select Committee who are seeking Public Submissions regarding transfer of Crown Land to enable the Dam to proceed.

Mahitahi Co-lab

The PDU Regional Senior Adviser co-locates with the Nelson Regional Development Agency. They have recently moved to the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) campus, which has resulted in the opening of the Mahitahi Co-lab, an innovation hub for businesses, entrepreneurs, NMIT staff and students.

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3. Other Updates

3.1 Māori Housing Cabinet paper

Māori Housing Cabinet paper - PDU feedback

The Minister of Housing and Urban Development and the Minister for Māori Development are currently considering a draft Cabinet paper on the Māori Housing Work Programme. The Māori Housing Work Programme was approved by Cabinet as part of the Housing and Urban Development strategic approach in May 2018 [CAB-18-MIN-0242 refers]. The Māori housing Cabinet paper outlines how Māori housing needs and aspirations will be addressed in the Government's Housing and Urban Development work programme. The paper also provides details about three specific Māori housing priorities: addressing barriers to building on Māori land, ensuring Māori benefit from KiwiBuild and improving rural and substandard housing.

There are clear connections between the Government's Māori housing and regional economic development objectives, and the PGF is identified as a complementary initiative. The PDU provided comments on the initial draft of the Cabinet paper and we understand that our feedback has been incorporated into the updated draft. Ministers Twyford and Mahuta intend for the Cabinet paper to be considered by the Cabinet Economic Development Committee on 31 October 2018.

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3.1 Risk and Assurance

PGF evaluation framework

On 10 October, staff from Te Puni Kōkiri, the Maori Economic Development Unit and PDU met to coordinate work on outcomes and measures for both He kai kei aku ringa and the PGF. The next steps are to maintain dialogue both during detailed design of the PGF evaluation framework, and on an ongoing basis to improve Māori outcome measures.

An update on this work will be provided in the upcoming DEV report back.

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3.2 Social Media

Grow Regions Facebook page

The Facebook page for the PDU (@GrowRegions) will go-live on 18 October. This will be used to supplement existing communications channels and will be a key tool for proactive communication with stakeholders and the public. We plan to share engaging stories about the work Government is doing in the regions and the investments being made by the PGF.

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Appendix 1 – Upcoming Meetings and Events

Meeting / Event	Support
Monday, 15 October 2018	
11.30am-12.00pm Minister Jones meeting with Hon Hipkins on the PGF Cabinet Paper on Skills and Infrastructure investments	Ben Dalton, AJ Millward and Nigel Bickle to attend
Independent Advisory Panel meeting	
Tuesday, 16 October 2018	
6.30pm-7.00pm Minister Jones Meeting with Hon Parker, O'Connor and Jackson re PGF Cabinet Paper on Skills and Infrastructure Investments	AJ Millward, Stacey O'Dowd and Luke Southorn to attend. Carolyn Tremain and Nathan Grennell TBC
Wednesday, 17 October 2018	
10.00am-10.30am Minister Jones and Minister Parker meeting with Robert Pigou, Head of Investment on 8 Rivers project in Taranaki	Briefing due 15 October
3.30pm-4.30pm Minister Jones weekly meeting with PDU Officials	
4.30pm-5.30pm USEC weekly meeting with PDU Officials	
Thursday, 18 October 2018	
DEV PGF Cabinet	
12.30pm-1.00pm Minister Jones meeting with Ngai Tahu on forestry and regional economic development (TBC)	None requested
4.30pm-5.30pm Minister Jones meeting with Bathurst Resources Ltd	Briefing due 15 October
9.30am-10.00am USEC presenting at the Economic Development NZ Conference	Briefing has been provided
Friday, 19 October 2018	
10.30am-11.30am Minister Jones presenting at Economic Development NZ Conference	Briefing due 17 October

October

- 24 – DEV report back
- 25 - Senior Regional Officials meeting
- 26 - Accelerate 25 Lead Team Meeting
- 31 - RED budget bilateral

December

- 6 - Independent Advisory Panel meeting

November

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

Appendix 2 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire and Reports

Tracker number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
1077 18-19	2018 October Baseline Update Submission: Infrastructure, and Regional Economic Development Portfolios	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	8 October 2018
1284 18-19	Event briefing and speech for the EDNZ Conference, 18 October	USEC	Isabel Poulson	9 October 2018
1309 18-19	Meeting with Mitsui Co NZ Ltd, 10 October	USEC	Isabel Poulson	9 October 2018
1155 18-19	RED Ministers PGF proposals for review, October	Joint Ministers	Robert Pigou	11 October 2018
1283 18-19	Final Cabinet paper: PGF Investment in Skills and Infrastructure	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	11 October 2018

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

Tracker number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
TBC	Information on <small>Confidential information</small> project for meeting, 17 October	Minister Jones	Robert Pigou	12 October 2018
1148 18-19	Event briefing for travel to Japan, 22-23 October	USEC	Isabel Poulson	15 October 2018
TBC	Information for meeting with Bathurst Resources Ltd (BRL), 18 October	Minister Jones	Susan Bass	15 October 2018
TBC	Joint PDU and Treasury Report: Holding Company Establishment	Minister Jones	Isabel Poulson	16 October
TBC	Event briefing and speech for the EDNZ Conference, 19 October	Minister Jones	Isabel Poulson	17 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
OIA124	Privacy of natural persons	31 Aug 2018	15 Oct 2018	22 Oct 2018	Consultation	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	Consultation	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
OIA149		26 Sep 2018	17 Oct 2018	24 Oct 2018	Consultation	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
OIA144		21 Sep 2018	18 Oct 2018	25 Oct 2018	Drafting response	I request a copy of the following document: PGF proposals for review, 29 August 2018.

Ministerial OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA156	Privacy of natural persons	9 Oct 2018	24 Oct 2018	31 Oct 2018	Scoping	I request the agenda, minutes and any associated papers prepared for the following meetings: 1. Meeting with Treasury and MBIE Officials, 13 September 2018 2. Meeting with Minister Mark and officials RE: Maori Battalion Museum, 13 September 2018
OIA151		1 Oct 2018	25 Oct 2018	1 Nov 2018	Consultation	I request a copy of the following documents: Any reports, briefings, related correspondence and communications regarding the Far East Saw Mill in Tairāwhiti
OIA152		1 Oct 2018	25 Oct 2018	1 Nov 2018	Consultation	I request a copy of the following documents: 1. Briefing: Meeting on matters relating to Economic Development Agencies, 11 September 2018 2. Briefing: Tourism Infrastructure Fund review proposed changes, 12 September 2018
OIA153		1 Oct 2018	29 Oct 2018	5 Nov 2018	Consultation	I request a copy of the following documents: 1. Briefing: Progress report on the Regional Business Partner Business Programme, 10 September 2018 2. Briefing: Maori Battalion Museum Progress and next steps, 11 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	12 Oct 18	Consulting with Minister's office	Copy of Charitable Status for EDAs report
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	Consultation	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	Consultation	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	Consultation	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	Consultation	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	Consultation	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
SJ1680	Privacy of natural persons	1 Oct 2018	12 Oct 2018	Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan Steering Group future priorities
SJ1688		4 Oct 2018	18 Oct 2018	Northland-Marsden rail infrastructure investment opportunity
SJ1668		28 Sep 2018	19 Oct 2018	Coromandel Adult and Community Education Services
SJ1693		8 Oct 2018	29 Oct 2018	Proposal for PGF funding for motor vehicle bumper recycling / repurposing plant
SJ1719		8 Oct 2018	29 Oct 2018	Matamata-Piako District Council and Te Aroha funding

Appendix 5 – Parliamentary Questions

Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question
PQ 25535 (2018)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	11 Oct 2018	17 Oct 2018	Which projects announced as Provincial Growth Fund recipients do not have a co-contribution of more than 50%?
PQ 25536 (2018)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	11 Oct 2018	17 Oct 2018	Which projects announced as Provincial Growth Fund recipients are solely funded by the Provincial Growth Fund, without any co-contributions?
PQ 25537 (2018)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	11 Oct 2018	17 Oct 2018	What level of co-contribution is required at a minimum before the Provincial Growth Fund will contribute funding to a non-commercial project, as at 11 October 2018?
PQ 25538 (2018)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	11 Oct 2018	17 Oct 2018	Is there any intention to raise the level of the co-contribution required before a project will be considered as a potential recipient of the Provincial Growth Fund?
PQ 25540 (2018)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	11 Oct 2018	17 Oct 2018	What level of co-contribution is required at a minimum before the Provincial Growth Fund will contribute funding to a commercial project, as at 11 October 2018?

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>Partial release which includes the following information:</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/ongoing	Partial release – full release ongoing