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Dear Re
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Thank you for email of 30 May 2018 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

“I would like to request information about what the 16 Bay of Plenty applications are for and who they are from, for what sum.”

Enquiries or expressions of interest to the Provincial Growth Fund can be made before an application is made for consideration. Regarding the 16 submitters in the Bay of Plenty region, ten involve enquiries or expressions of interest that may lead to an application. None of the ten yet have an application to the Fund. We apologise for our lack of clarity in our response to your email enquiry.

One proposal is currently being considered by Ministers, and is therefore withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

A list of announced proposals is provided on MBIE’s website, and you can access this information here: [Provincial Growth Fund announcements](#). This online list includes two proposals in the Bay of Plenty – Rail Freight Opportunities - Kawarau/Muapara, and Minginui Nursery. Two further approved proposals in the Bay of Plenty to date are provided in the table below.

Proposal	Received from	Amount approved
Miro Berry Partnerships – develop a business case to outline options for berry fruit businesses	Miro Partnership	\$20,000
Bay of Plenty Action Plan – development and facilitation	Bay of Plenty Regional Council	\$50,000

A sixth proposal will be announced on Friday, 29 June 2018 regarding a further Bay of Plenty proposal. I trust you find this information helpful.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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