

# Regional Economic Development

Weekly Report

15 – 19 October 2018

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Minister for Regional Economic Development

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Under-Secretary for Regional Economic Development



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# 1. Dashboard updates

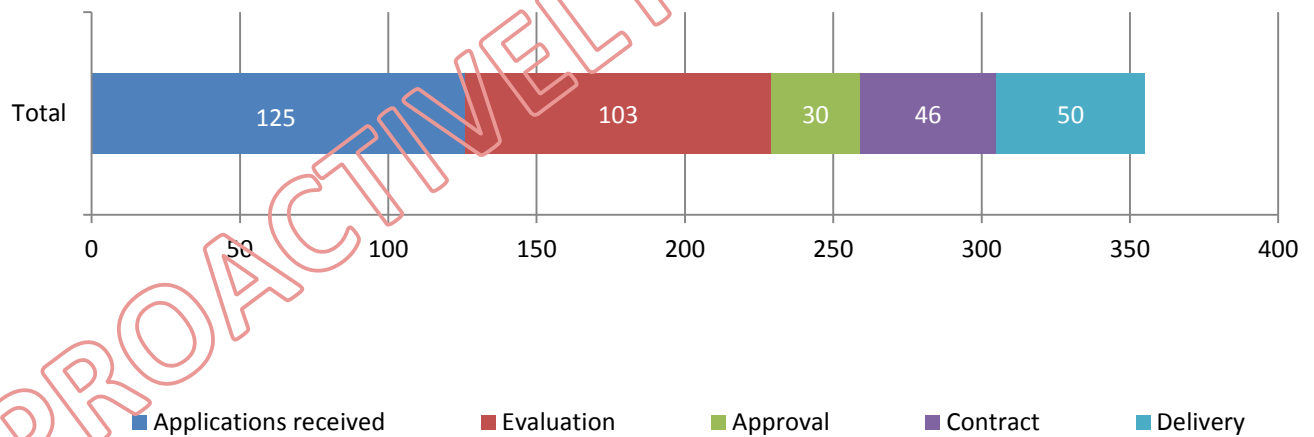
## 1.1 Status of applications

New projects this week	33
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Total number of projects	Expressions of interest (EOI)	Applications
634	280	354

Total funding approved to date	Total funding announced
\$419.3m	\$336.6m

## 1.2 Progress of applications as at 15 October



## 2. Regional Updates

### 2.1 Bay of Plenty

#### PipeDrive update

As at 12 October, 57 applications from the Bay of Plenty have been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 57 are EOIs or applications for funding
- 38 are being assessed
- 8 have been approved
- 3 have been declined
- 3 are on hold
- 5 have been withdrawn.

#### Opōtiki Harbour Project

Subject to RED Minister's approval, we expect to be in a position to announce the Opōtiki Harbour Project investment and associated aquaculture project investments in December 2018.

#### Projects Update

A further Commercial Info of projects associated with tourism, high value horticulture and labour market investment are due for Senior Regional Office approval in October and November.

#### Putauaki Industrial Land Development, Kawerau

Minister Jones will be in Kawerau on October 26 to announce \$2m in funding for a roading project that is the first phase of a major industrial development in the town.

The PDU Communications and Engagement team are working with the Minister's office on event logistics for the day and providing PR and other materials.

**Contact:** Daniel Eakins-Veras, Manager Regional Investment, Privacy of natural persons

### 2.2 West Coast

#### PipeDrive update

As at 16 October, 62 Applications from the West Coast had been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications is:

- 20 are Expressions of Interest or Applications for Funding awaiting assessment
- 6 are being assessed
- 9 have been approved
- 6 have been declined
- 3 are unsupported
- 4 have been withdrawn
- 14 have been put on hold.

#### Regional Activity

Mayors, Chairs and Economic Development agencies from West Coast and Taranaki met in New Plymouth on 16 October to discuss energy, education and tourism sectors.

NetHui Workshops were held in Greymouth and Westport in the week commencing 15 October. These connectivity workshops were an opportunity to bring together people interested in working with technology.

As a result of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the Provincial Development Unit (PDU) and Development West Coast, the new process for Regional Review of Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) applications is now underway. The new Regional Advisory Group has been formed and will meet for the first time on 29 October to prioritise the applications from within the Region. Their advice on prioritising the applications for review will then be taken to the Mayors and Chairs Forum on 14 November.

### Upcoming Announcements

PDU continues to develop the programme and package of West Coast announcements at the visit to the region by the Prime Minister and Minister for Regional Economic Development scheduled for 29 November 2018. The Cabinet paper on a set of Buller District tourism initiatives is scheduled to be considered by DEV on 7 November and a draft for Ministerial consultation was sent to your office on 17 October.

**Contact:** Kate Styles, Manager Regional Investment, Privacy of natural persons

## 2.3 Manawatū-Whanganui

### PipeDrive update

As at 16 October 2018, 57 applications from the Manawatū-Whanganui had been lodged in PipeDrive. The status of those applications are:

- 10 approvals
- 9 applications for assessment
- 24 EOs
- 9 have been declined
- 5 are on hold.

### Regional Activity

#### ***Te Tahi O Ratana 100th Year Anniversary:***

On the 8 November 2018, Te Hahi O Ratana will be celebrating their 100th year. This is a very significant and important celebration for the region, especially Māori in the hahi.

### SRO Participation

The SRO, Di Grennell has been actively engaged in the region with two recent days of visits with a focus on Whanganui, Rangitikei and Palmerston North based projects and opportunities. During the Whanganui visit Senior Regional Officials and Provincial Development Unit staff met with Whanganui District Holdings and other partners in the Whanganui Port project for a detailed update briefing. Whanganui District Holdings are also leading the proposal to extend the exiting Aviation Academy into an Advanced Aviation Hub.

The SRO also attended the IAP meeting to ensure there was context for their considerations of proposals for the Manawatū-Whanganui region, and could see the planning for an integrated connected package across the region

## Accelerate 25

The next Accelerate 25 (A25) Lead Team Meeting is planned for 26 October 2018 and the SRO and key senior officials will be in attendance. The SRO has close contact with the Chair of A25 between Lead Team meetings. The focus of interaction with the region is to ensure the proposals being supported through the PGF reflect the priorities of the region.

## Announcement for Minister's Visit

The region is planning an integrated approach to the range of investments in the Manawatū-Whanganui region for November 2018 which will build capacity and capability across sectors and localities plus target infrastructure needed to help lift the region as a whole. These proposals are being processed and should be available for announcement should you be in the region in November 2018.

There are a number of initiatives that focus on skills and employment which will be aligned to the work ready for infrastructure development, and have been given indications of positive support from the private sector.

Due to the volume of applications that are being worked on with stakeholders in the region, the decisions of applications are dependent on SRO, IAP and Ministerial decision. Your office will receive a document which outlines the projects that are under consideration for the announcement package in November 2018.

## Regional Contact

Staff across the Provincial Development Unit, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Ministry of Primary Industries and Te Puni Kōkiri are conscious that there may still be stakeholders in the Manawatū-Whanganui region not yet aware of the potential opportunities of the PGF to support their economic development aspirations. Work is occurring to ensure consistent contact for all stakeholders about the programme.

**Contact:** Kate Styles, Manager Regional Investment, Privacy of natural persons

## 3. Other Updates

### 3.1 Annual Ngā Rauru Kiitahi Ministerial Accord

The Annual Ngā Rauru Kiitahi Ministerial Accord Forum is scheduled for 26 October 2018 10am -12pm.

As the Minister for Regional Economic Development you have been invited to participate in the Ngā Rauru Kiitahi forum. Annual Ministerial Forums with post settlement iwi were initiated in 2003 when the Crown signed an Accord with South Taranaki/Northern Whanganui iwi Ngā Rauru Kiitahi.

This year's forum will be hosted by Minister Mahuta. This agreement provides iwi an annual forum with Ministers and delegates to discuss the health of the Treaty relationship between the parties and matters of strategic importance to iwi. The last forum with Ngā Rauru Kiitahi was held in May 2017.

The agenda for the forum includes an item on the Kaitahi PGF project.

**Contact:** Hinemaua Rikirangi, Director Maori Economic Development, Privacy of natural p

### 3.2 Advice on the cap for the Recognised Seasonal Employer Scheme

MBIE, Immigration New Zealand (INZ), and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) are seeking approval from the Minister for Social Development and Minister of Immigration to increase the Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) cap for the 2018/19 horticulture and viticulture season.

MSD and INZ support a 1,750 increase to the cap, bringing the total national cap to 12,850. However MBIE policy officials support an increase in the cap of 1,500 bringing the total cap to 12,600.

PDU officials understand the paper outlining the above and other options are under active consideration and can provide further comment once those decisions are made.

<b>Contact:</b>	AJ Millward, General Manager, Strategy and Governance.	<small>Privacy of natural persons</small>
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## Appendix 1 – Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meeting / Event	Support
<b>Monday, 22 October 2018</b>	
USEC in Japan	Briefing has been provided
<b>Tuesday, 23 October 2018</b>	
USEC in Japan	Briefing has been provided
<b>Wednesday, 24 October 2018</b>	
DEV report back USEC in Japan Officials Meetings – Minister Jones (3:30pm)	Briefing has been provided
<b>Thursday, 25 October 2018</b>	
Senior Regional Officials meeting Select Committee Meeting (11:30am)	Officials to attend
<b>Friday, 26 October 2018</b>	
Accelerate 25 Lead Team Meeting Minister Jones in Kawerau to announce PGF funding	No briefing requested

### October

- 30 - Meeting with Peter Chrisp, NZTE CE (USEC)
- 31 - RED budget bilateral

### December

- 6 - Independent Advisory Panel meeting

### November

- 1 - AUT Co Starters
- 5 - RED Ministers meeting
- 7 - Cabinet papers
  - Confidential advice to Government
  - Hold Co (TBC)
  - Air Connectivity
- 16 - Independent Advisory Panel meeting
- 22 - Senior Regional Officials meeting
- 29 - West Coast visit



## Appendix 2 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered
1148 18-19	Event briefing for USECs travel to Japan on 22-23 October	USEC	Isabel Poulson	15 Oct 2018
1352 18-19	Information for meeting with Bathurst Resources Ltd (BRL) on 18 October	Minister Jones	Mark Jacobs	15 Oct 2018
1379 18-19	Joint Report: Establishment of Provincial Growth Fund Ltd	Minister Jones	Isabel Poulson	16 Oct 2018
1355 18-19	Confidential advice to Government	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	17 Oct 2018
TBC	Event briefing and speech for the EDNZ Conference, 19 October	Minister Jones	Isabel Poulson	17 Oct 2018
1377 18-19	Final Cabinet Paper: DEV Report Back	Minister Jones	AJ Millward	18 Oct 2018

## Appendix 3 – Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
TBC	Information on the current state of Action Plans	USEC	Isabel Poulson	25 Oct 2018
TBC	EDA Principles Paper	USEC	AJ Millward	26 Oct 2018

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## 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
OIA149	Privacy of natural persons	26 Sep 2018	31 Oct 2018	7 Nov 2018	Drafting	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
OIA156		9 Oct 2018	24 Oct 2018	31 Oct 2018	Consultation	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

## Ministerial OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA160	Privacy of natural persons	11 Oct 2018	31 Oct 2018	6 Nov 2018	Consultation	I would be grateful for information relevant to the Dunedin Waterfront concept as follows: - In whose name was the application made for funding under the Provincial Growth Fund? - What was the date of the application and the amount sought? - Was the design concept commissioned by the applicant? - Does the applicant own the concept, and what sum if any was paid to acquire it? - Who will conduct the feasibility study and assess the business case - and in what time frame? - To whom will the grant of \$820,000 be paid, and when? - Will payment be by lump sum or by instalment? - In ballpark terms, what is the estimated cost of the development?
OIA163		12 Oct 2018	5 Nov 2018	9 Nov 2018	Drafting	Copies of all applications to the Provincial growth Fund from the Kapiti Coast District Council.
OIA166		16 Oct 2018	6 Nov 2018	12 Nov 2018	Consultation	Copy of the following briefing as referenced in WPQ 24490 (2018): 1. Update on PGF Crown Company, 27 September 2018
OIA167		16 Oct 2018	7 Nov 2018	13 Nov 2018	Consultation	Copy of the following briefing as referenced in WPQ 23536 (2018): 1. Status of PGF funding, 19 September 2018

## Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0464	Privacy of natural persons	22 Sep 2018	N/A	19 Oct 2018	Consultation	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	Sign out	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
1819-0485		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

## Departmental OIAs

Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
1819-0275	Privacy of natural persons	23 Aug 2018	1 Nov 2018	8 Nov 2018	Consultation	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
SJ1688	Privacy of natural persons	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	Commercial Information
SJ1719		8 Oct 2018	29 Oct 2018	Matamata-Piako District Council and Te Aroha funding
SJ1732		11 Oct 2018	8 Nov 2018	Commercial Information

## Appendix 5 – Parliamentary Questions

Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question
PQ 25770 (2018)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	15 Oct 2018	19 Oct 2018	What reports, briefings, memos or aides memoire did the Minister receive between 8 October 2018 and 14 October 2018 (both dates inclusive) by title and date?
PQ 25750 (2018)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	15 Oct 2018	19 Oct 2018	What is the name of the Provincial Growth Fund project that the Minister refers to in answer to WPQ 22297 (2018)?
PQ 25843 (2018) – PQ25894 (2018)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	16 Oct 2018	23 Oct 2018	Various (x 54 questions)



## 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><b>Partial release which includes the following information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Briefing - 3286 17-18 Northland Announcements 1 June 2018</li> <li>○ NZTA Twin Coast Discovery Route application</li> <li>○ The Howard League Driver License Initiative application</li> <li>○ 2037 17-18 Recommendations for funding from the Regional Growth Initiative Fund and Provincial Growth Fund – 9 February 2018</li> <li>○ Taranaki Business Cases</li> <li>○ Gisborne Tourism Product Development and Punakaiki Master Plan</li> </ul>		27 September 2018/ongoing	Partial release – full release ongoing