

Regional Economic Development

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1. Dashboard updates

1.1 Status of applications as at 23 November

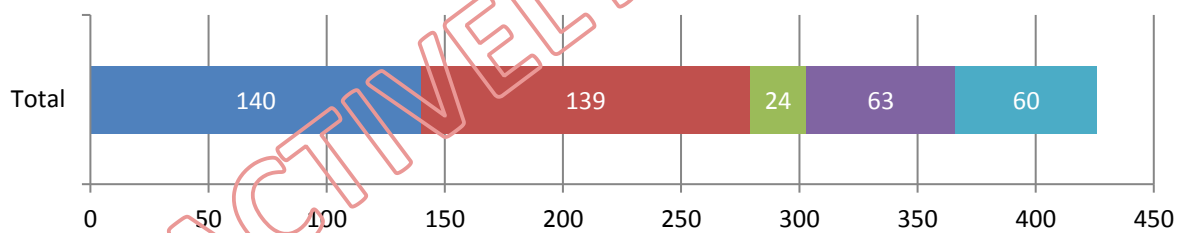
New projects this week	22
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Total number of projects	Expressions of interest (EOI)	Applications
724	298	426

Total funding approved to date	Total funding announced
179 projects for \$561m	94 projects for \$399m

* This figure is accurate as at 31 October 2018 and does not include 1 Billion Trees.

1.2 Progress of applications as at 23 November



■ Applications received
 ■ Evaluation
 ■ Approval
 ■ Contract
 ■ Delivery

2. Regional Updates

2.1 West Coast

PipeDrive update

As at 20 November 2018, 66 applications and Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from the West Coast had been lodged in PipeDrive, consisting of:

- 14 Applications and EOIs awaiting assessment
- 16 were approved
- 7 were declined
- 15 were on hold or needing more information from applicant
- 9 were unsupported EOIs
- 5 were withdrawn

Regional Activity

- On 14 November the USEC visited the West Coast to meet the members of the Provincial Development Unit (PDU) Regional Advisory Panel and to be briefed on the Buller tourism initiatives included in the upcoming Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) investment package for the West Coast.
- The USEC also met with Chief Executives of Buller, Greymouth and Westland District Councils, the Chair and CEO of Development West Coast, the Chairman and Comms Manager of West Coast Regional Council and iwi from Ngati Waewae and was accompanied by the Mayors of Buller, Westland and Greymouth Districts to visit the Kawatiri Dredge in the Greymouth Port which has commenced dredging the lagoon as a result of a \$0.75m PGF grant.
- An energy sector conference/workshop will be held in the region on 27 November to understand the overarching landscape of the energy sector on the West Coast, with a focus on future opportunities and resilience. Sector experts from Taranaki, Trust Power, regional electricity providers, hydrogen specialists, biofuel specialists and waste to energy specialists will be attending. This will give the region and the PDU valuable information to guide future strategy.

Upcoming Announcements

The Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, Minister Shane Jones, Minister Eugenie Sage and Minister Damien O'Connor will announce the \$140m Provincial Growth Fund investment package for the West Coast on 29 November. The event briefing for the announcement is due to Minister Shane Jones on 27 November.

Contact: Kate Styles, Manager Regional Investment (Central/South), Privacy of natural persons

2.2 Manawatū / Whanganui

PipeDrive update

As at 20 November 2018, 59 applications from the Manawatū-Whanganui had been lodged in PipeDrive.

The status of those applications are:

- 17 were approved
- 16 applications are awaiting assessment
- 10 EOIs
- 11 were declined
- 5 are on hold

Regional Activity

- **Team Government Hui:** A meeting of Team Government was convened by the Senior Regional Officials (SRO) this week to: prepare for the next investment package announcements in March 2019; plan forward for the next phase of developments to support the Manawatū-Whanganui region; and identify and establish project teams for each area of development priorities involving different agencies as needed.
- **Spatial Planning for Ruapehu:** \$225k has been approved from the PGF by the SROs to complete the spatial planning work in partnership with our national partners, councils, communities, businesses and tangata whenua. DOC and MBIE are assisting Ruapehu District Council develop the scope of the spatial plan and governance of the programme.
- **PGF Iwi Consultation:** PGF officials will work with iwi to encourage Māori involvement in the region, share information and discuss future potential projects. The meeting will take place over three days from 22 to 30 November.
- **Accelerate 25:** The next Accelerate 25 (A25) Lead Team Meeting is planned for the 14 December 2018. 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.
- **PGF PipeDrive:** Manawatū-Whanganui region has received a higher than usual number of proposals creating a backlog of applications. The PDU team are working through the applications in the order of date received, acknowledging the need to expedite the process so applicants can be advised as soon as possible.
- **SRO Participation:** The Manawatū-Whanganui SRO was present at the Minister's announcement event on the 15th November. The SRO also attended the IAP visitation both at the IAP dinner on the 14th November, and was part of their regional visits on the 15th November including their final event which was a meeting with Horizons and iwi partners to discuss the overall regional development, major regional investments and advice from the IAP on how to think about progressing such development.
- **IAP Regional Visit:** In parallel to the ministerial announcement, members of the IAP also visited the Manawatū-Whanganui region. The visit provided the IAP with the opportunity to view, and hear first-hand from some of the beneficiaries of the PGF about their proposed projects, the positive impact the fund will have on expediting progress and the benefits derive from those projects for the region and New Zealand.

Manawatū-Whanganui Package Announcement

On 15 November 2018, Hon Minister Shane Jones announced the investment package for the Manawatū-Whanganui region totalling over \$48 million. The investment in the region includes:

- \$40 million going into a regional freight hub near Palmerston North;
- \$2.8 million into expanding the National Driver Training Centre based at Manfeild, near Fielding;
- \$400,000 in the first stage of an Advanced Aviation Hub at Whanganui Airport; and
- \$4.5 million to improve digital connectivity in the region.

Over 200 guests attended the announcement including representatives from central and local governments, private sector and iwi.

Regional Contact

Manawatū-Whanganui Team Government consists of PDU, MBIE, MPI and TPK to work collaboratively with stakeholders in the Manawatū-Whanganui to identify potential opportunities and development aspirations for PGF support.

Contact: Kate Styles, Manager Regional Investment (Central/South), Privacy of natural persons

2.3 Southland

PipeDrive update

As at 20 November 2018, 38 applications from Southland have been lodged in PipeDrive.

The status of those applications is:

- 17 are being assessed
- 9 have been contracted or are being contracted
- 4 have been declined
- 3 are awaiting further information
- 5 have been withdrawn by the applicant or were unsupported.

Regional Activity

- SROs met with Southland Councils in early October.
- The Head of the PDU attended BusinessNZ Invercargill event and met with representatives of HW Richardson; PowerNet; Southport; Sanford; Matura Valley Milk; Invercargill Licensing Trust; and Longbeach Holdings [who are agencies involved with PGF funded projects]. He also undertook other meetings with Ngai Tahu; Invercargill City Council; Southland Regional Development Strategy and IAP Panel member, Sarah Brown.
- In the coming weeks, the PDU Senior Regional Advisors for the region will be meeting with Regional stakeholders including: Ngāi Tahu; Invercargill City Council; Southland District Council; Gore District Council; Environment Southland; PowerNet; Venture Southland; Invercargill Brewing Company; SouthPort; Auld Distillery; Oreti MAR Limited; HWCP Management; SBS Bank; HW Richardson Group; Invercargill Airport Limited and Stabicraft.

Upcoming Announcements

No upcoming announcements are planned for Southland.

Pre-Pipe Drive

Confidential advice to Government

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3. Other Updates

3.1 Regional Māori Business Meetings

Four regional Māori business meetings in Tauranga, Gisborne, Hastings and Nelson over two weeks saw 205 people attend. Given the mid-week, 9-3pm timeframe, attendance, participation and engagement was very encouraging from communities which included Māori land trusts, Māori-owned SMEs and representatives from local Government and the private sector. Two MEDU staff led the MBIE team which was further complemented by colleagues from Provincial Development Unit, Vision Maturanga and Business.govt.nz. The 2018 series will inform planning for another four or five hui in other regional areas for 2019.

Contact:

Mary McCulloch, Principal Policy Advisor, Privacy of natural persons

Appendix 1 – Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meeting / Event	Support
Monday, 26 November 2018	
Tuesday, 27 November 2018	
USEC Meeting with LGNZ	Briefing due 26/11
Wednesday, 28 November 2018	
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu meeting DairyNZ board meeting DEV: Hold Co (TBC) DEV: Air Connectivity RED Officials Meeting (4:30-5:30pm)	
Thursday, 29 November 2018	
PGF announcement in the West Coast	
USEC Hawke's Bay Visit	
Friday, 30 November 2018	

December

- 4 Minister meeting with Synlait
USEC -- PGF Dinner with PWC & BNZ
CEOs
- 5 RED Officials meeting
- 6 Meeting with Ministers Little and Parker re
Kaipara Harbour environmental
remediation
Independent Advisory Panel meeting
RED Ministers meeting

Appendix 2 – Media & Communications Schedule

Media & Communications Schedule			
Date of Event/ Announcement	Activity	Release Dates	MBIE Contact
29 November	Prime Minister, Minister Jones and Minister Sage to announce package of Provincial Growth Fund investments for the West Coast.	Provided to Minister's Office	Laura Barnsley

PROACTIVELY RELEASED

Appendix 3 – Completed Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Date delivered

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Appendix 4 – Upcoming Cabinet Papers, Briefings, Aides Memoire & Reports

Tracking number	Title	Minister/ USEC	Signed out by	Due Date
1833 18-19	Briefing for Local Government New Zealand Meeting	USEC	Isabel Poulson	23 Nov
1809 18-19	Briefing for Hawke's Bay visit	USEC	Isabel Poulson	26 Nov
1672 18-19	Event briefing for West Coast Provincial Growth Fund announcements	Minister	Kate Styles	27 Nov
1832 18-19	Briefing for meeting with Minister Mahuta regarding Maori Development and the PGF pipeline	Minister	Isabel Poulson	6 Dec

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Appendix 5 – Official Information Act requests

Ministerial OIAs						
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Status	Request
OIA151	Privacy of natural persons	1 Oct	6 Dec	13 Dec	Drafting	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	26 Nov	29 Nov	Sign Out	Copies: Meeting on matter re: ED agencies & Tourism Infrastructure review
OIA181		5 Nov	26 Nov	3 Dec	Drafting	Copies of all briefings, cabinet papers, agendas and minutes
MOIA 013		2 Nov	20 Nov	20 Nov	Drafting	Copies of documents as referenced in PQ's 25770 and 25125
OIA186		14 Nov	3 Dec	10 Dec	Collating Information	A list of all briefings, reports, aide memoirs, weekly bullets/reports, and memos received by the Minister between 1 October 2018 and 30 October 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	1 Nov	8 Nov	Consultation	Items relating to funding Waitangi National Trust since November 2017
1819-0464		22 Sept	N/A	16 Nov	Consultation	Please provide all records the Ministry has on the Regional Development Funding application for the upgrade of the Russell Wharf
1819-0469		24 Sept	13 Dec	20 Dec	Consultation	All funding applications and advice under Provincial Development Fund 27/08
1819-0485		26 Sept	13 Dec	20 Dec	Consultation	Request complete list all projects announced Provincial Growth Fund 26 Sep
1819-0650		25 Oct	15 Nov	22 Nov	Scoping	How many FTE staff are administering the fund? What is the annual admin cost? What is the annual cost of consultants to review applications?
1819-0664		29 Oct	19 Nov	26 Nov	Consultation	Request for all briefings etc. produced by PDU 23rd Feb-31st March 2018
1819-0672		30 Oct	20 Nov	27 Nov	Consultation	Briefings Request for wider RED Ministers meetings 23 Feb 2018- 30 Oct 2018
1819-0696		31 Oct	21 Nov	28 Nov	Drafting	Business case and feasibility study regarding Oparara Arches
1819-0760		13 Nov	4 Dec	11 Dec	Drafting	Email correspondence between MBIE or the Provincial Development Unit and the Office of Hon Shane Jones in relation to the Manea Footprints of Kupe Cultural Heritage and Education Centre.
1819-0763		15 Nov	5 Dec	12 Dec	Drafting	All communication between MBIE and Horizons Regional Council regarding any application made, or potential application to be made, to the Provincial Growth Fund within the Horizons Region

Appendix 6 – Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial Correspondence				
Tracking Number	Name	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Subject
SJ1768	Privacy of natural persons	2 November	28 November	Regional Economic Development in Steamer Basin, Dunedin
SJ1780		5 November	3 December	Government funding for Blue Mussel research/trials
SJ1844		16 November	14 December	Horticulture and youth employment pathway scheme
SJ1828		15 November	13 December	Update on KT Health application

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Appendix 7 – Parliamentary Questions

Written Parliamentary Questions				
Tracking Number	From	Date received	Due to Minister's Office	Question
PQ 30266 (2018) – PQ 30353 (2018)	Hon Paul Goldsmith	19 November	Sent 22 November	92 x WPOs relating to Whakapapa High-Speed Gondola, Taranaki Crossing, Taranaki Innovation Precincts,

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Appendix 8 – Proactive Release

Documents for Proactive Release				
Tracking Number	Name	Due to Minister's Office	Due for release	Status
DOIA 1819-0488	Minutes From the Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) meetings March to August		26 November 2018	To be Published
1169 18-19	Weekly Report – 28 September 2018		30 November 2018	With Ministers Office
1239 18-19	Weekly Report – 5 October 2018		30 November 2018	With Ministers Office
1330 18-19	Weekly Report – 12 October 2018		30 November 2018	With Ministers Office

Documents Released This Week			
Tracking Number	Request	Sent	Published